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Case 15195

August 19, 2014

Florene Davidson Oil Conservation Division 1220 South St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Dear Florene:

Enclosed for filing, on behalf of Devon Energy Production Company, L.P., are an original and one copy of an application for compulsory pooling, *etc.*, together with a proposed advertisement. The advertisement has also been e-mailed to the Division. Please set this matter for the September 18, 2014 Examiner hearing. Thank you.

Ver / truly yours,

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Attorney for Devon Energy Production Company, L.P.

## PERSONS BEING NOTIFIED

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Linn Energy Holdings, LLC Suite 5100 600 Travis Street Houston, Texas 77002

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#### **BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

### APPLICATION OF DEVON ENERGY PRODUCTION COMPANY, L.P. FOR A NON-STANDARD OIL SPACING AND PRORATION UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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Case No. \_ 15195

#### **APPLICATION**

Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. applies for an order (i) approving a nonstandard oil spacing and proration unit in the Bone Spring formation comprised of the W½E½ of Section 1, Township 23 South, Range 31 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico, and (ii) pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the non-standard unit, and in support thereof, states:

1. Applicant is an interest owner in the  $W_{2}E_{2}$  of Section 1, and has the right to drill a well thereon.

2. Applicant proposes to drill its Tomb Raider 1 Fed. Com. Well No. 1H to a depth sufficient to test the Bone Spring formation, and seeks to dedicate the  $W\frac{1}{2}E\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 1 to the well to form a non-standard 160 acre oil spacing and proration unit (project area) for any formations and/or pools developed on 40 acre spacing within that vertical extent. The well will be a horizontal well, with a surface location 200 feet from the north line and 2005 feet from the east line, and a terminus 330 feet from the south line and 1980 feet from the east line, of Section 1.

3. Applicant has in good faith sought to obtain the voluntary joinder of all other mineral interest owners in the  $W^{1/2}E^{1/2}$  of Section 1 for the purposes set forth herein.

4. Although applicant attempted to obtain voluntary agreements from all mineral interest owners to participate in the drilling of the well or to otherwise commit their interests to the well, certain interest owners have failed or refused to join in dedicating their interests.

Therefore, applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interest owners underlying the  $W_{2}E_{2}$  of Section 1, as set forth above, pursuant to NMSA 1978 §§70-2-17, 18.

5. Approval of the non-standard unit and the pooling of all mineral interests underlying the  $W_{2}E_{2}$  of Section 1 will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, applicant requests that, after notice and hearing, the Division enter its order:

A. Approving a non-standard oil spacing and proration unit (project area) in the Bone Spring formation comprised of the W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of Section 1;

B. Pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the  $W^{1/2}E^{1/2}$  of Section 1;

C. Designating applicant as operator of the well;

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D. Considering the cost of drilling and completing the well, and allocating the cost among the well's working interest owners;

E. Approving actual operating charges and costs charged for supervision, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedure; and

F. Setting a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well in the event a working interest owner elects not to participate in the well.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attorney for Devon Energy Production Company, L.P.

#### PROPOSED ADVERTISEMENT

# Case No. 15195:

Application of Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. for a non-standard oil spacing and proration unit and compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. seeks an order approving a 160-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit (project area) in the Bone Spring formation comprised of the W/2E/2 of Section 1, Township 23 South, Range 31 East, NMPM. Applicant further seeks the pooling of all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the non-standard unit, for any formations and/or pools developed on 40 acre spacing within that vertical extent. The unit is to be dedicated to the Tomb Raider 1 Fed. Com. Well No. 1H, a horizontal well to be drilled at a surface location 200 feet from the north line and 2005 feet from the east line, with a terminus 330 feet from the south line and 1980 feet from the east line, of Section 1. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the well and the allocation of applicant as operator of the well, and a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well. The unit is located approximately 21-1/2 miles east-northeast of Malaga, New Mexico.