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Florene Davidson Oil Conscrvation 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 application for compulsory pooling, *etc.*, together with a proposed advertisement. Please set this matter for the May 28, 2015 Examiner hearing. Thank you.

Verytruly yours,

James Bruce

Attorney for Devon Energy Production Company, L.P.

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APPLICATION

Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. applies for an order (i) approving a non-standard oil spacing and proration unit in the Bone Spring formation comprised of the E½E½ of Section 35. Township 24 South, Range 28 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 E½E½ of Section 35, and has the right to drill a well thereon.
- 2. Applicant proposes to drill its Willow Lake 35 Fed. Com. Well No. 1H to a depth sufficient to test the Bone Spring formation (Willow Lake-Bone Spring Pool), and seeks to dedicate the E½E½ of Section 35 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 235 feet from the south line and 1300 feet from the east line, and a terminus 330 feet from the north line and 660 feet from the east line, of Section 35.
- 3. Applicant has in good faith sought to obtain the voluntary joinder of all other mineral interest owners in the E½E½ of Section 35 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 E½E½ of Section 35, 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 E½E½ of Section 35 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 E½E½ of Section 35;
- B. Pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the E½E½ of Section 35;
- C. Designating applicant as operator of the well;
- 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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PROPOSED ADVERTISEMENT

Case No. 16305:

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 E/2E/2 of Section 35, Township 24 South, Range 28 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 Willow Lake 35 Fed. Com. Well No. 1H, a horizontal well to be drilled at a surface location 235 feet from the south line and 1300 feet from the east line, with a terminus 330 feet from the north line and 660 feet from the east line, of Section 35. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the well and the allocation of the cost thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation 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 4 miles south-southeast of Malaga, New Mexico.

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