# BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OF COPSERING DIVISION

APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE OIL 2016 JUN 22 P 4: 15 COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING AND AN UNORTHODOX WELL LOCATION, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO. Case No

Case No. 15516

#### **APPLICATION**

Mewbourne Oil Company applies for an order pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the E½ of Section 34, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico, and approving an unorthodox gas well location, and in support thereof, states:

1. Applicant is an interest owner in the  $E\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 34, and has the right to drill a well thereon.

2. Applicant proposes to drill its Yardbirds 34 W2OB Fee Well No. 1H to a depth sufficient to test the Wolfcamp formation. Applicant seeks to dedicate to the E½ of Section 34 to the well in the Wolfcamp formation to form a standard 320 acre gas spacing and proration unit. The well is a horizontal well with a surface location 150 feet from the south line and 2310 feet from the east line, and a terminus-330 feet from the north line and 2160 feet from the east line, of Section 34. The producing interval is unorthodox under the rules governing the South Culebra Bluff-Wolfcamp Gas Pool.

3. Applicant has in good faith sought to obtain the voluntary joinder of all other mineral interest owners in the E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of Section 34 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 in the E½ of Section 34, pursuant to NMSA 1978 §70-2-17.

5. The pooling of all mineral interests underlying the  $E\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 34, and approval of the unorthodox well location, 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. Pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the  $E\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 34;

B. Approving the unorthodox well location;

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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Attorney for Mewbourne Oil Company

#### PROPOSED ADVERTISEMENT

## Case No. 155/6 :

Application of Mewbourne Oil Company for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Mewbourne Oil Company seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the E/2 of Section 34, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, to form a standard 320 acre gas spacing and proration unit. The unit will be dedicated to the Yardbirds 34 W2OB Fee Well No. 1H, a horizontal well with a surface location 150 feet from the south line and 2310 feet from the east line, and a terminus 330 feet from the north line and 2160 feet from the east line, of Section 34. The producing interval will be unorthodox. 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 2-1/2 miles north of Malaga, New Mexico.

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#### IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

#### APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING AND AN UNORTHODOX WELL LOCATION, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case No. 15,516

#### **PRE-HEARING STATEMENT**

This pre-hearing statement is submitted by applicant as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

#### APPEARANCES

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STATEMENT OF THE CASE

#### APPLICANT

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### **OPPONENT**

#### **PROPOSED EVIDENCE**

#### APPLICANT

## **WITNESSES**

**Clayton Pearson** 

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10 min.

#### **EXHIBITS**

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Nate Cless (geologist)

(landman)

15 min.

Approx. 4

**OPPONENT** 

<u>WITNESSES</u>

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### **EXHIBITS**

## **PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

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