

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

**APPLICATION OF WPX ENERGY PRODUCTION, LLC FOR APPROVAL OF THE  
RODEO UNIT AND FOR ALLOWANCE OF 330 FOOT SETBACKS FROM THE  
EXTERIOR OF THE PROPOSED UNIT, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**CASE NO. 15618**

**AMENDED APPLICATION**

WPX ENERGY PRODUCTION, LLC, ("WPX") through its undersigned attorneys, files this amended application with the Oil Conservation Division for an order (1) approving it's Rodeo Unit; and (2) allowing for 330 foot setbacks from the exterior of the proposed Unit. In support of its application, WPX states:

1. The proposed Unit Area for the Rodeo Unit consists of approximately 7,208.63 acres, more or less, of Federal, State, and Allotted Indian lands situated in:

**Township 22 North, Range 8 West, NMPM**

Section 6: Lots 3-5, SE/4NW/4

**Township 22 North, Range 9 West, NMPM**

Section 1: Lots 1-4, S/2N/2, S/2

Section 2: Lots 1-4, S/2N/2, S/2

Section 3: S/2

Section 10: All

Section 11: All

Section 12: All

**Township 23 North, Range 8 West, NMPM**

Section 20: All

Section 29: N/2

Section 30: Lots 1-4, E/2W/2, E/2

Section 31: Lots 1-4, E/2W/2, E/2

Section 32: All

**Township 23 North, Range 9 West, NMPM**

Section 36: All

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2. WPX (OGRID No. 120782) is the designated operator under the Unit Agreement. The unitized interval includes the Mancos formation from the top of the Mancos formation at a depth of 3,524 feet down to the stratigraphic equivalent of the top of the Graneros formation at a measured depth of 5,359 feet as encountered in the North Chaco #7 well in Section 30, Township 23 North, Range 8 West, N.M.P.M. (API 30-045-05068).

3. Applicant expects for the Unit Agreement to be approved by a sufficient percentage of the interest owners within the proposed Unit Area to provide effective control of unit operations.

4. Applicant expects to receive preliminary approval of the Unit Agreement from the Bureau of Land Management, the State Land Office, and the Federal Indian Minerals Office. Applicant will also be in contact with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division's District 3 Office regarding this application prior to the hearing date.

5. The entire Unit Area will be developed and operated as a single Participating Area.

6. The Unit Area is currently subject to the Special Rules and Regulations for the Basin Mancos Gas Pool (Pool Code 97232) adopted in 2008 under Division Order R-12984.

7. Rule C of the Special Rules for the Basin Mancos Gas Pool requires wells to be located no closer than 660 feet to the outer boundary of a spacing unit, or in this case the outer boundary of the project area.

8. In order to allow for the most efficient horizontal well development pattern, and to effectively drain the reserves in the unitized formation underlying the Unit Area, WPX requests that the Division allow for 330 foot setbacks from the exterior of the proposed unit.

9. Notice of this Application will be provided to the affected parties in the spacing units offsetting the proposed Unit Area, as well as the working interest owners, and Indian Allottees within the unitized area.

10. WPX will also cause notice of this application to be published in local newspapers of general circulation in San Juan County, New Mexico.

11. Approval of this Application will be in the best interest of conservation, the prevention of waste and the protection of correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, WPX Energy Production, LLC requests that this Application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on February 16, 2017, and that after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order granting this Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CASE 15618:**

**Amended Application Of WPX Energy Production, LLC For Approval Of The Rodeo Unit And For Allowance Of 330 Foot Setbacks From The Exterior Of The Proposed Unit, San Juan County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks approval of its Rodeo Unit consisting of approximately 7,208.63 acres, more or less, of Federal, State, and Allotted Indian lands situated in all or parts of the Section 6, Township 22 North, Range 8 West, Sections 1-3 and 10-12, Township 22 North, Range 9 West, Sections 20 and 29-32, Township 23 North, Range 8 West, and Section 36, Township 23 North, Range 9 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico. The unitized interval includes the Mancos formation from the top of the Mancos formation at a depth of 3,524 feet down to the stratigraphic equivalent of the top of the Graneros formation at a measured depth of 5,359 feet as encountered in the North Chaco #7 well in Section 30, Township 23 North, Range 8 West, N.M.P.M. (API 30-045-05068). In addition, Applicant seeks an order that will allow for wells to be located anywhere within the proposed Unit Area so long as the completed interval is no closer than 330 feet from the outer boundary of the proposed Unit. The subject acreage is located approximately 6 miles southwest of Nageezi, New Mexico.

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**PRE-HEARING STATEMENT**

This pre-hearing statement is submitted by WPX Energy Production, LLC ("WPX") as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

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**STATEMENT OF THE CASE**

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The acreage that WPX seeks to unitize is currently within the Basin Mancos Gas Pool (97232), which is subject to the Special Rules and Regulations adopted in 2008 under Division Order R-12984. Rule C of the Special Rules for the Basin Mancos Gas Pool requires wells to be located no closer than 660 feet to the outer boundary of a spacing unit, or in this case the outer boundary of the Unit Area. To allow for the most efficient horizontal well development pattern, WPX requests that the allow horizontal wells to be located anywhere within the Unit Area so long as the completed interval remains at least 330 feet from the outer boundary of the Rodeo Unit.

**APPLICANT'S PROPOSED EVIDENCE**

<b>WITNESS Name and Expertise</b>	<b>ESTIMATED TIME</b>	<b>EXHIBITS</b>
Brennan West, Landman	Approx. 15 minutes	Approx. 7
Trevor Gates, Geologist	Approx. 15 minutes	Approx. 5

**PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

None at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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