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

APPLICATION OF OXY USA WTP LIMITED PARTNERSHIP FOR A NON-STANDARD SPACING AND PRORATION UNIT, AND COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NOT 15702

<u>APPLICATION</u>

OXY USA WTP Limited Partnership (OXY) through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this application with the Oil Conservation Division pursuant to the provisions of N M Stat Ann § 70-2-17, for an order (1) creating a 320 acre non standard spacing and proration unit comprised of the S/2 N/2 of Section 9 and the S/2 N/2 of Section 10, Township 19 South, Range 29 East NMPM Eddy County New Mexico and (2) pooling all uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying this acreage. In support of its application, OXY states

- 1 OXY USA WTP Limited Partnership (OGRID No 192463) is a working interest owner in the proposed non-standard spacing and proration unit and has the right to drill thereon
- OXY proposes to dedicate the above referenced spacing and proration unit as the project area for two proposed wells the proposed Turkey Track 9-10 State No 22H Well and the proposed Turkey Track 9-10 State No 32H Well to be simultaneously drilled and completed in the Bone Spring formation. These two stacked horizontal wells will be pad drilled from a surface location in the SE/4 NE/4 (Unit H) of Section 8 to a standard bottom hole location in SE/4 NE/4 (Unit H) of Section 10. The

completed interval for each well will remain within the 330 foot standard offset required by the Statewide Rules set forth in 19 15 15 NMAC

- 3 OXY has sought and been unable to obtain voluntary agreement for the development of these lands from all of the interest owners in the subject spacing unit
- 4 The pooling of interests will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells will prevent waste and will protect correlative rights
- In order to permit OXY to obtain it's just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, all uncommitted interests in this non standard spacing unit should be pooled and OXY USA WTP Limited Partnership should be designated the operator of the two proposed horizontal wells and spacing unit

WHEREFORE OXY requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on May 25, 2017 and, after notice and hearing as required by law the Division enter an order

- A Creating a 320 acre spacing and proration unit comprised of the S/2 N/2 of Section 9 and the S/2 N/2 of Section 10, Township 19 South Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County New Mexico
- B Pooling all uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation in the non-standard spacing and proration unit
- C Designating OXY USA WTP Limited Partnership operator of this nonstandard spacing unit and the horizontal well to be drilled thereon,
- D Authorizing OXY to recover its costs of drilling, equipping and completing the well

- Approving the actual operating charges and costs of supervision while drilling and after completion together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedures, and
- F Imposing a 200% penalty for the risk assumed by OXY in drilling and completing the well against any working interest owner who does not voluntarily participate in the drilling of the well

Respectfully submitted

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CASE <u>1570</u>2

Application of OXY USA WTP Limited Partnership for a nonstandard spacing and proration unit and compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico Applicant in the above styled cause seeks an order (1) creating a 320-acre spacing and proration unit comprised of the S/2 N/2 of Section 9 and the S/2 N/2 of Section 10, Township 19 South Range 29 East, NMPM Eddy County New Mexico and (2) pooling all uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying this acreage Said non-standard unit is to be dedicated to two initial wells applicant's proposed **Turkey** Track 9-10 State No 22H Well and the proposed Turkey Track 9-10 State No 32H Well which will be simultaneously drilled and These two horizontal wells will be drilled from a completed surface location in the SE/4 NE/4 (Unit H) of Section 8 to a standard bottom hole location in SE/4 NE/4 (Unit H) of Section 10 The completed interval for each well will remain within the 330 foot standard offset required by the Division's rules Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing each well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision designation of OXY USA WTP Limited Partnership as operator of the well and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling said well Said area is located approximately 25 miles north of Malaga N M