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

Dear Florene:

Enclosed for filing, on behalf of Mewbourne Oil Company, are an application for a non-standard unit and compulsory pooling, together with a proposed advertisement. Please set the application for the May 17, 2018 Examiner hearing. Thank you.

Case 16135

Very truly yours,

James Bruce

Attorney for Mewbourne Oil Company

### Parties Notified

Lou E. Matson, widow of Don D. Matson 401 Helen Greathouse Circle, Apt 326 Midland, TX 79707

Lou Ellen Reneau Matson, Trustee of the Marital Trust 401 Helen Greathouse Circle, Apt 326 Midland, TX 79707

Heirs and/or devisees of Don D. Matson, deceased 600 Helen Greathouse Cir. Midland, TX 79707

-or-401 Helen Greathouse Circle, Apt 326 Midland, TX 79707 (*Publish Notice*)

Ruth D. Roberts 2518 Lockheed Dr. Midland, TX 79701 -or-P.O. Box 6368 Austin, TX 78762

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Heirs and/or devisees of R. C. Roberts, deceased Address Unknown Last Known Address: P.O. Box 640, Gilmer, TX 75644 (returned unclaimed) (Publish Notice)

Estate of Dorothy Holder Roberts, deceased 418 Forest Hills Drive League City, TX 77573 (*Publish Notice*)

The following appear to be the heirs and/or devisees of Dorothy Holder Roberts:

Wesley Keith Roberts 418 Forest Hills Drive League City, TX 77573

Karen Roberts 891 Winding Trail Holly Lake Ranch, TX 75765

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

# APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY TO RE-OPEN CASE NO. 16002 FOR A NON-STANDARD GAS SPACING AND PRORATION UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

#### APPLICATION

Case No. 16002 (re-opened)

Mewbourne Oil Company applies for an order (i) approving a non-standard spacing and proration unit in the Wolfcamp formation comprised of the N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of Section 9 and the N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of Section 8, Township 24 South, Range 28 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico, and (ii) pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the non-standard unit, and in

support thereof, states:

1. Applicant is an interest owner in the N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of Section 9 and the N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of Section 8, and has the right to drill a well thereon.

Applicant proposes to drill the following wells to test the Wolfcamp formation:
(a) The Chicago 9/8 WOHE Fee Com. Well No. 1H, a horizontal well with a surface location in the SE¼NE¼ of 9, and a terminus in the SW¼NW¼ of Section 8. The beginning and end of the producing interval will be orthodox; and

(b) The Chicago 9/8 W2HE Fee Com. Well No. 2H, a horizontal well with a surface location in the SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of 9, and a terminus in the SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 8. The beginning and end of the producing interval will be orthodox.

Applicant seeks to dedicate the N $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 9 and the N $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 8 to the wells to form a

non-standard 640 acre gas spacing and proration unit in the Wolfcamp formation.

3. Applicant has in good faith sought to obtain the voluntary joinder of all other mineral interest owners in the N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of Section 9 and the N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of Section 8 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 Wolfcamp formation underlying the N½ of Section 9 and the N½ of Section 8, pursuant to NMSA 1978

§§70-2-17, 18.

order:

5. Approval of the non-standard spacing and proration unit, and the pooling of all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of Section 9 and the N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of Section 8, 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

A. Approving a non-standard gas spacing and proration unit (project area) in the Wolfcamp formation comprised of the N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of Section 9 and the N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of Section 8;

B. Pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the  $N\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 9 and the  $N\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 8;

C. Designating applicant as operator of the wells;

D. Considering the cost of drilling and completing the wells, and allocating the cost among the wells' 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 wells in

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the event a working interest owner elects not to participate in the wells.

Respectfully submitted,

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