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Florene Davidson
Oil Conservation Division
1220 South St. Francis Drive
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Case 16209

Dear Florene:

Enclosed for filing, on behalf of Matador Production Company, is an application for a non-standard spacing and proration unit and compulsory pooling, together with a proposed advertisement. Please set this matter for the June 14, 2018 Examiner hearing. Thank you.

Very Iruly yours,

James Bruce

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## Parties Being Pooled

EOG Resources, Inc. 5509 Champions Drive Midland, Texas 79706

## BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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APPLICATION OF MATADOR PRODUCTION COMPANY FOR A NON-STANDARD SPACING AND PRORATION UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case No. 16209

## **APPLICATION**

Matador Production Company applies for an order (i) approving a 160-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit in the Bone Spring formation comprised of the W½W½ of Section 9, Township 20 South, Range 35 East, N.M.P.M., Lea 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 operator in the  $W_2/W_2/V_3$  of Section 9, and has the right to drill a well thereon.
- 2. Applicant proposes to drill the Coach Joe Fed. Com. Well No. 121H to a depth sufficient to test the Bone Spring formation. Applicant seeks to dedicate the W½W½ of Section 9 to the well to form a non-standard 160-acre oil spacing and proration unit (project area) in the Bone Spring formation. The well is a horizontal well with a surface location in the NW¼NW¼, and a terminus in the SW¼SW¼, of Section 9. The producing interval will be orthodox.
- 3. Applicant has in good faith sought to obtain the voluntary joinder of all other mineral interest owners in the W½W½ of Section 9 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 Bone Spring formation underlying the W1/2W1/2 of Section 9, pursuant to NMSA 1978 §§70-2-17, 18.

5. Approval of the non-standard unit, and the pooling of all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the W½W½ of Section 9, 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 W½W½ of Section 9;
- B. Pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the W½W½ of Section 9;
- C. Designating applicant as operator of the well;
- D. Considering the cost of drilling and completing the well, and allocating the costs 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. 16209 :

Application of Matador Production Company for a non-standard spacing and proration unit and compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks: an order approving a 160-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit (project area) in the Bone Spring formation comprised of the W/2W/2 of Section 9, Township 20 South, Range 35 East, NMPM. Applicant further seeks the pooling of all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the non-standard spacing and proration unit (project area). The unit will be dedicated to the Coach Joe Fed. Com. Well No. 121H, a horizontal well with a surface location in the NW/4NW/4, and a terminus in the SW/4SW/4, of Section 9. The producing interval will be orthodox. 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 13-1/2 miles northwest of Oil Center, New Mexico.

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