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

## APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Case No. 20269

## **APPLICATION**

Pursuant to NMSA § 70-2-17, Mewbourne Oil Company ("Mewbourne") applies for an order pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in the Third Bone Spring Sand interval of the Bone Spring formation in a 240-acre standard horizontal spacing unit comprised of the S/2 S/2 of Section 11 and the S/2 SW/4 of Section 12, Township 19 South, Range 29 East in Eddy County, New Mexico. In support of its application, COG states:

1. Mewbourne (OGRID No. 14744) is a working interest owner in the S/2 S/2 of Section 11 and the S/2 SW/4 of Section 12 and has the right to drill a well thereon.

2. The horizontal spacing unit will be dedicated to Mewbourne's Sapphire 11/12 B3MN State Com Well #2H well, which will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in Unit M of Section 11 to a last take point in Unit N in Section 12.

3. The completed interval for the well will be orthodox.

4. Mewbourne has undertaken diligent, good-faith efforts to obtain voluntary agreements from all mineral interest owners to participate in the drilling of the well, but has been unable to obtain voluntary agreements from all of the mineral interest owners.

5. The pooling of all uncommitted mineral interests in the Third Bone Spring Sand interval underlying the S/2 S/2 of Section 11 and the S/2 SW/4 of Section 12 will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights.

6. In order to allow Mewbourne to obtain its just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, all uncommitted mineral interests in the horizontal spacing unit should be pooled.

WHEREFORE, Mewbourne requests that this application be set for hearing on March 7, 2019 and that, after notice and hearing, the Division enter an order:

A. Pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in the Third Bone Spring Sand interval underlying the S/2 S/2 of Section 11 and the S/2 SW/4 of Section 12;

B. Designating Mewbourne as the operator of the Sapphire 11/12 B3MN State Com
#2H well;

C. Authorizing Mewbourne to recover its costs of drilling, equipping, and completing the Sapphire 11/12 B3MN State Com #2H well and allocating the costs among the well's working interest owners;

D. Approving the actual operating charges and costs of supervision during drilling and after completion, together with a provision for adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedure; and

E. Imposing a 200% penalty for the risk assumed by Mewbourne in drilling and completing the Sapphire 11/12 B3MN State Com #2H well against any mineral interest owner who does not voluntarily participate in the drilling of the well.

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## **PROPOSED NOTICE**

**Case No.** \_\_\_\_\_\_: Application of Mewbourne Oil Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in the Third Bone Spring Sand interval of the Bone Spring formation in a 240-acre standard horizontal spacing unit comprised of the S/2 S/2 of Section 11 and the S/2 SW/4 of Section 12, Township 19 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, in Eddy County. The horizontal spacing unit will be dedicated to the Sapphire 11/12 B3MN State Com #2H well, a horizontal well with a surface location in Unit M in Section 11 and a last take point in Unit N in Section 12. The completed interval for the well will be orthodox. Also to be considered will be the costs of drilling and completing the well and the allocation of the costs, the designation of Mewbourne Oil Company as the operator of the well, and a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well. The well location is approximately eleven (11) miles south-southwest of Loco Hills, New Mexico.