

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

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**APPLICATION OF OXY USA INC. FOR
COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO.**

CASE NO. 20550

APPLICATION

OXY USA Inc. ("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 pooling all uncommitted interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying a standard 640-acre, more or less, horizontal well spacing unit comprised of the E/2 of Sections 20 and 29, Township 24 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. In support of its application, OXY states:

1. OXY USA Inc. (OGRID No. 16696) is a working interest owner in the proposed horizontal spacing unit and has the right to drill thereon.

2. Applicant proposes to dedicate the above-referenced horizontal spacing unit to the following proposed wells:

- The **Salt Flat CC "20-29" Federal Com No. 34H Well**, which will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SE/4 SE/4 (Unit P) of Section 17 to a bottom-hole location in the SW/4 SE/4 (Unit O) of Section 29.
- The **Salt Flat CC "20-29" Federal Com No. 36H Well**, which will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SE/4 SE/4 (Unit P) of Section 17 to a bottom-hole location in the SE/4 SE/4 (Unit P) of Section 29.

- The **Salt Flat CC “20-29” Federal Com No. 38H Well**, which will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SE/4 SW/4 (Unit N) of Section 17 to a bottom-hole location in the SW/4 SE/4 (Unit O) of Section 29.

3. The completed interval for each well will remain within the standard setback as required by the Special Rules for the Purple Sage; Wolfcamp Pool.

3. Applicant has sought and been unable to obtain voluntary agreement for the development of these lands from all of the working interest owners in the subject spacing unit.

5. The pooling of interests will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, will prevent waste, and will protect correlative rights.

6. In order to permit Applicant to obtain its just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, all uncommitted interests in this proposed unit should be pooled and Applicant should be designated the operator of the proposed horizontal well and spacing unit.

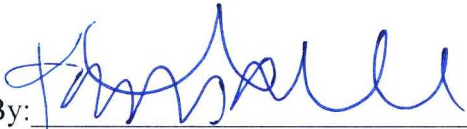
WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on June 13, 2019, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

- A. Pooling all uncommitted interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the proposed spacing unit;
- B. Approving three initial wells in the horizontal well spacing unit;
- C. Authorizing an extension of the normal 120-day period to drill and complete the initial wells;
- D. Designating Applicant as operator of the horizontal spacing unit and the horizontal wells to be drilled thereon;

- E. Authorizing Applicant to recover its costs of drilling, equipping and completing the wells;
- F. 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
- G. Imposing a 200% charge for the risk assumed by Applicant in drilling and completing the wells against any working interest owner who does not voluntarily participate in the drilling of the wells.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTORNEYS FOR OXY USA INC.

CASE 20550 : **Application of OXY USA Inc. for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order pooling all uncommitted interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying a standard 640-acre, more or less, horizontal spacing unit comprised of the E/2 of Sections 20 and 29, Township 24 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant proposes to dedicate the above-referenced spacing unit to the following initial proposed wells:

- The **Salt Flat CC “20-29” Federal Com No. 34H Well**, which will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SE/4 SE/4 (Unit P) of Section 17 to a bottom-hole location in the SW/4 SE/4 (Unit O) of Section 29.
- The **Salt Flat CC “20-29” Federal Com No. 36H Well**, which will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SE/4 SE/4 (Unit P) of Section 17 to a bottom-hole location in the SE/4 SE/4 (Unit P) of Section 29.
- The **Salt Flat CC “20-29” Federal Com No. 38H Well**, which will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SE/4 SW/4 (Unit N) of Section 17 to a bottom-hole location in the SW/4 SE/4 (Unit O) of Section 29.

The completed interval for each well will remain within the standard setback as required by the Special Rules for the Purple Sage; Wolfcamp Pool. Also to be considered will be an extension of the timeframe to drill and complete the initial wells, the cost of drilling and completing said wells, the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, the designation of applicant as operator of the wells, and the 200% charge for risk involved in drilling and completing each well. Said area is located approximately 5 miles east of Malaga, New Mexico.