

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

**APPLICATION OF CIMAREX  
ENERGY CO. FOR COMPULSORY  
POOLING, LEA COUNTY,  
NEW MEXICO**

CASE NO. 20656

**APPLICATION**

Cimarex Energy Co. ("Cimarex"), OGRID Number 215099, through its undersigned attorneys, hereby makes an application to the Oil Conservation Division pursuant to the provisions of NMSA (1978), Section 70-2-17, for an order pooling all uncommitted mineral interests within a Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit underlying the W/2 E/2 of Sections 21 and 28, Township 19 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. In support of this application, Cimarex states as follows:

1. Cimarex is an interest owner in the subject lands and has a right to drill a well thereon.
2. Cimarex seeks to dedicate the W/2 E/2 of Sections 21 and 28, Township 19 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico to form a 320-acre, more or less, spacing unit.
3. Cimarex plans to drill the **Mescalero Ridge 21 Fed Com 2H** well to a depth sufficient to test the Bone Spring formation. This well is a horizontal well with an intended surface hole location of 544' FNL and 2020' FEL of Section 21, Township 19 South, Range 34 East, Lea County, and an intended bottom hole location of 100' FSL and 1980' FEL of Section 28, Township 19 South, Range 34 East, Lea County.
4. This well is proposed to be drilled vertically to a depth of approximately 10,810' to the Bone Spring formation and laterally in a southerly direction within the formation to the referenced bottom hole location.

5. This well will be located within the Quail Ridge, Bone Spring Pool (Pool ID: 50460) and will comply with the Division's setback requirements.

6. Cimarex sought, but has been unable to obtain, a voluntary agreement from all interest owners in the Bone Spring formation underlying the proposed spacing unit to participate in the drilling of the well or to otherwise commit their interests to the well.

7. The creation of a horizontal spacing unit and the pooling of all interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the proposed unit will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, Cimarex requests this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on August 8, 2019, and after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order:

A. Creating a horizontal spacing unit in the Bone Spring formation comprised of W/2 E/2 of Sections 21 and 28, Township 19 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico;

B. Pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying a horizontal spacing unit within the W/2 E/2 of Sections 21 and 28, Township 19 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico;

C. Designating Cimarex as operator of this unit and the well to be drilled thereon;

D. Authorizing Cimarex to recover its costs of drilling, equipping and completing this well;

E. Approving actual operating charges and costs charged for supervision, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedure;

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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**CASE NO. \_\_\_\_: Application of Cimarex Energy Co. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order from the Division: (1) to the extent necessary, approving the creation of a 320-acre, more or less, Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit; and, (2) pooling all uncommitted mineral interests within a Bone Spring horizontal spacing unit underlying the W/2 E/2 of Sections 21 and 28, Township 19 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. This spacing unit will be dedicated to the **Mescalero Ridge 21 Fed Com 2H** well, to be horizontally drilled. The producing area for this well will be orthodox. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well, the allocation of these costs as well as the actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of Cimarex as operator of the well, and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 25 miles west of Hobbs, New Mexico.