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

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 15160 (Reopened) ORDER NO. R-13865-A

APPLICATION OF CHEVRON U. S. A. INC. TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-13865 TO POOL ADDITIONAL MINERAL INTERESTS IN THE APPROVED SPACING AND PRORATION UNIT, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

### ORDER OF THE DIVISION

### **BY THE DIVISION:**

This case came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on November 20, 2014, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner William V. Jones.

NOW, on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record and the recommendations of the Examiner,

#### **FINDS THAT:**

- (1) Due public notice has been given, and the Division has jurisdiction of this case and of the subject matter.
- (2) Upon the application of Chevron U. S. A. Inc. ("Chevron", OGRID 4323), in Case No. 15160, the Division issued Order No. R-13865 on July 23, 2014, creating a 160-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit and project area in the North Red Hills-Bone Spring Pool (Code 96434) consisting of the W/2 W/2 of Section 14, Township 24 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, and pooling uncommitted interests in that spacing unit ("the Unit").
- (3) Chevron is operator of the Gramma Ridge 14 24 34 Well No. 2H (API No. 30-025-41731) which is dedicated to this Unit.
- (4) Chevron has recently discovered additional mineral interests in the Unit that were not notified and pooled under Case No. 15160.
- (5) Chevron appeared at the hearing with attorney and landman who testified that one additional interest owner has an interest within the Unit area. That owner could not be located; therefore, notice of the hearing was published in the Lovington Leader

newspaper on November 6, 2014. Exhibits 8 and 9 were admitted and contain (i) an affidavit as to these facts and (ii) a copy of the newspaper notice.

- No other party appeared at the hearing, or otherwise opposed the granting of this application.
- In order to protect correlative rights and prevent waste, Chevron's request to have these interests pooled according to all terms and conditions of Order No. R-13865 should be approved.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- Pursuant to the application of Chevron U. S. A. Inc., the additional interests as detailed in Exhibit 8 of this Case No. 15160 (Reopened) are hereby pooled and are subject to all terms and conditions within Division Order No. R-13865.
- All provisions of Division Order No. R-13865 remain in full force and (2) effect.
- Jurisdiction of this case is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

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