

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

**APPLICATION OF HIGH PLAINS NATURAL
RESOURCES, LLC, TO EXTEND TIME TO COMMENCE
DRILLING OPERATIONS UNDER ORDER NOS.
R-22915 AND R-22915-A,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

CASE NO. _____

APPLICATION

High Plains Natural Resources, LLC (“High Plains” or “Applicant”) files this application with the Oil Conservation Division (“Division”) requesting a one-year extension of time to commence drilling operations under Order Nos. R-22915 and R-22915-A. In support of this application, High Plains states the following.

1. High Plains Natural Resources, LLC is the successor in interest to Steward Energy II, LLC (“Steward”).
2. The Division entered Order No. R-22915 (“Order”) in Case No. 23578 on October 20, 2023. The Order: pooled all uncommitted interests in the San Andres formation underlying a 265.00-acre, more or less, standard horizontal spacing unit comprised of the E/2 of irregular Section 11, Township 13 South, Range 38 East, Lea County, New Mexico (“Unit”); dedicated the Unit to the Gale Federal 2H well (“Well”); and designated Steward Energy II, LLC as operator of the Unit and Well.
3. On December 12, 2024, the Division entered Order No. R-22915-A in Case No. 24870, granting an extension of time to commence drilling operations until October 20, 2025.
4. Applicant’s ability to commence drilling the Well has been delayed due to High Plain’s acquisition of Steward’s assets and the need to integrate the Unit into its drilling schedule.

5. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the Division extend the deadline to commence drilling the Well until October 20, 2026.

6. Good cause exists for the requested extension.

7. Applicant further requests that the Division designate Burk Royalty Co., LTD (OGRID No. 3053) as operator of the Unit and Well.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on November 13, 2025, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division extend the deadline to commence drilling the Well under the Order until October 20, 2026, and designate Burk Royalty Co., LTD as operator of the Unit and Well.

Respectfully submitted,

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