## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:	Chapter 11
EXTRACTION OIL & GAS, INC.,	Case No. 20-11548 ()
Debtor.	) )
Tax I.D. No. 46-1473923	) )
In re:	) Chapter 11
7N, LLC,	) Case No. 20-11549 ()
Debtor.	)
Tax I.D. No. 37-1764912	)
In re:	) Chapter 11
8 NORTH, LLC,	Case No. 20-11550 ()
Debtor.	) )
Tax I.D. No. 61-1760904	)
In re:	) Chapter 11
AXIS EXPLORATION, LLC,	Case No. 20-11551 ()
Debtor.	) )
Tax I.D. No. 61-1808170	)
In re:	) Chapter 11
EXTRACTION FINANCE CORP.,	Case No. 20-11552 ()
Debtor.	
Tax I.D. No. 81-2987117	)

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In re:	) Chapter 11
MOUNTAINTOP MINERALS, LLC,	Case No. 20-11553 ()
Debtor.	)
Tax I.D. No. 38-3957256	)
In re:	) Chapter 11
NORTHWEST CORRIDOR HOLDINGS, LLC	Case No. 20-11554 ()
Debtor.	) )
Tax I.D. No. 83-2969353	) )
In re:	) Chapter 11
TABLE MOUNTAIN RESOURCES, LLC,	Case No. 20-11555 ()
Debtor.	) )
Tax I.D. No. 30-0995070	) )
In re:	) Chapter 11
XOG SERVICES, LLC,	) Case No. 20-11556 ()
Debtor.	) )
Tax I.D. No. 81-0746915	) )
In re:	) Chapter 11
XTR MIDSTREAM, LLC,	) Case No. 20-11557 ()
Debtor.	) )
Tax I.D. No. 35-2515624	) )

DEBTORS' MOTION FOR ENTRY
OF AN ORDER (I) DIRECTING JOINT ADMINISTRATION
OF THE CHAPTER 11 CASES AND (II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

The above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>") respectfully state the following in support of this motion (this "Motion"):

## **Relief Requested**

1. The Debtors seek entry of an order (the "Order"), substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A: (a) directing procedural consolidation and joint administration of these chapter 11 cases; and (b) granting related relief. Specifically, the Debtors request that the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Court") maintain one file and one docket for all of the jointly administered cases under the case of Extraction Oil & Gas, Inc., and that the cases be administered under a consolidated caption, as follows:

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Debtors.	)	(Jointly Administered)
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2. The Debtors further request that the Court order that the foregoing caption satisfies the requirements set forth in section 342(c)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors also request that a docket entry, substantially similar to the following, be entered on the docket of each of the Debtors other than Extraction Oil & Gas, Inc. to reflect the joint administration of these chapter 11 cases:

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The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: Extraction Oil & Gas, Inc. (3923); 7N, LLC (4912); 8 North, LLC (0904); Axis Exploration, LLC (8170); Extraction Finance Corp. (7117); Mountaintop Minerals, LLC (7256); Northwest Corridor Holdings, LLC (9353); Table Mountain Resources, LLC (5070); XOG Services, LLC (6915); and XTR Midstream, LLC (5624). The location of the Debtors' principal place of business is 370 17th Street, Suite 5300, Denver, Colorado 80202.

An order has been entered in accordance with rule 1015(b) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and rule 1015-1 of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware directing joint administration for procedural purposes only of the chapter 11 cases of: Extraction Oil & Gas, Inc., Case No. 20-11548; 7N, LLC, Case No. 20-11549; 8 North, LLC, Case No. 20-11550; Axis Exploration, LLC, Case No. 20-11551; Extraction Finance Corp., Case No. 20-11552; Mountaintop Minerals, LLC, Case No. 20-11553; Northwest Corridor Holdings, LLC, Case No. 20-11554; Table Mountain Resources, LLC, Case No. 20-11555; XOG Services, LLC, Case No. 20-11556; and XTR Midstream, LLC, Case No. 20-11557. All further pleadings and other papers shall be filed in and all further docket entries shall be made in Case No. 20-11548 (\_\_\_).

#### Jurisdiction and Venue

- 3. The Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference* from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, dated February 29, 2012 (the "Amended Standing Order"). The Debtors confirm their consent, pursuant to rule 7008 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules") and rule 9013-1(f) of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Bankruptcy Local Rules"), to the entry of a final order by the Court in connection with this Motion to the extent that it is later determined that the Court, absent consent of the parties, cannot enter final orders or judgments in connection herewith consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution.
  - 4. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
- 5. The bases for the relief requested herein are section 105(a) of chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), Bankruptcy Rule 1015(b), and Bankruptcy Local Rule 1015-1 and 9013-1(m).
- 6. On June 14, 2020 (the "<u>Petition Date</u>"), each Debtor filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. A detailed description surrounding the facts and

circumstances of these chapter 11 cases is set forth in the Declaration of Matthew R. Owens, Co-Founder, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Debtors, in Support of Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Motions (the "First Day Declaration"), filed contemporaneously with this Motion and incorporated by reference herein.

7. The Debtors are operating their businesses and managing their properties as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. No request for the appointment of a trustee or examiner has been made in these chapter 11 cases, and no committees have been appointed or designated.

#### **Basis for Relief**

- 8. Bankruptcy Rule 1015(b) provides, in pertinent part, that "[i]f . . . two or more petitions are pending in the same court by or against . . . a debtor and an affiliate, the court may order a joint administration of the estates." Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1015. The ten Debtor entities that commenced chapter 11 cases are "affiliates" as that term is defined in section 101(2) of the Bankruptcy Code. Accordingly, the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules authorize the Court to grant the relief requested herein.
- 9. Further, Bankruptcy Local Rule 1015-1 provides additional authority for the Court to order joint administration of these chapter 11 cases:

An order of joint administration may be entered, without notice and an opportunity for hearing, upon the filing of a motion for joint administration pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1015, supported by an affidavit, declaration, or verification, which establishes that the joint administration of two or more cases pending in the Court under title 11 is warranted and will ease the administrative burden for the Court and the parties. An order of joint administration entered in accordance with this Local Rule may be reconsidered upon motion of any party in interest at any time. An order of joint administration under this Local Rule is for procedural purposes only and shall not cause a "substantive" consolidation of the respective debtors' estates.

Del. Bankr. L.R. 1015-1.

- 10. Joint administration is generally non-controversial, and courts in this jurisdiction routinely order joint administration in cases with multiple related debtors. *See*, *e.g.*, *In re Longview Power*, *LLC*, No. 20-10951 (BLS) (Bankr. D. Del. Apr. 15, 2020) (directing joint administration of a chapter 11 case); *In re Bluestem Brands, Inc.*, No. 20-10566 (MFW) (Bankr. D. Del Mar. 10, 2020) (same); *In re Clover Technologies Group, LLC*, No. 19-12680 (KBO) (Bankr. D. Del. Dec. 18, 2020) (same); *In re Anna Holdings, Inc.*, No. 19-12551 (CSS) (Bankr. D. Del. Dec. 3, 2019) (same); *In re Destination Maternity Corp.*, No. 19-12256 (BLS) (Bankr. D. Del. Oct. 22, 2019) (same).<sup>2</sup>.
- 11. Given the integrated nature of the Debtors' operations, joint administration of these chapter 11 cases will provide significant administrative convenience without harming the substantive rights of any party in interest. Many of the motions, hearings, and orders in these chapter 11 cases will affect each Debtor entity. The entry of an order directing joint administration of these chapter 11 cases will reduce fees and costs by avoiding duplicative filings and objections. Joint administration also will allow the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware (the "U.S. Trustee") and all parties in interest to monitor these chapter 11 cases with greater ease and efficiency.
- 12. Moreover, joint administration will not adversely affect the Debtors' respective constituencies because this Motion seeks only administrative, not substantive, consolidation of the Debtors' estates. Parties in interest will not be harmed by the relief requested; instead, parties in interest will benefit from the cost reductions associated with the joint administration of these chapter 11 cases. Accordingly, the Debtors submit that the joint administration of these

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Because of the voluminous nature of the orders cited herein, such orders have not been attached to this Motion. Copies of these orders are available upon request to the Debtors' proposed counsel.

chapter 11 cases is in the best interests of their estates, their creditors, and all other parties in interest.

### **Notice**

13. Notice of the hearing on the relief requested in this Motion will be provided by the Debtors in accordance and compliance with Bankruptcy Rules 4001 and 9014, as well as the Bankruptcy Local Rules, and is sufficient under the circumstances. Without limiting the foregoing, due notice will be afforded, whether by facsimile, electronic mail, overnight courier or hand delivery, to parties-in-interest, including: (a) the U.S. Trustee for the District of Delaware; (b) the holders of the 30 largest unsecured claims against the Debtors (on a consolidated basis); (c) the administrative agent under the Debtors' prepetition senior credit facility or, in lieu thereof, counsel thereto; (d) the lenders under the Debtors' prepetition senior credit facility or, in lieu thereof, counsel thereto; (e) lenders under the Debtors' debtor-inpossession financing facilities or, in lieu thereof, counsel thereto; (f) the administrative agent under the Debtors' debtor-in-possession financing facilities or, in lieu thereof, counsel thereto; (g) the indenture trustee for the Debtors' prepetition senior notes or, in lieu thereof, counsel thereto; (h) the holders of the Debtors' prepetition senior notes or, in lieu thereof, counsel thereto; (i) the ad hoc group of holders of the Debtors' preferred equity or, in lieu thereof, counsel thereto; (i) the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Delaware; (k) the Internal Revenue Service; (1) the United States Securities and Exchange Commission; (m) the state attorneys general for states in which the Debtors conduct business; and (n) any party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002. The Debtors submit that, in light of the nature of the relief requested, no other or further notice need be given.

## No Prior Request

14. No prior motion for the relief requested herein has been made to this or any other court.

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WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request that the Court enter an Order, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, granting the relief requested in this Motion and granting such other and further relief as is appropriate under the circumstances.

Dated: June 15, 2020 Wilmington, Delaware /s/ Richard W. Riley

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## Exhibit A

**Proposed Order** 

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Upon the motion (the "Motion")1 of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") for entry of an order (this "Order") (a) directing the joint administration of the Debtors' chapter 11 cases for procedural purposes only and (b) granting related relief, all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and upon the First Day Declaration; and this Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the Amended Standing Order; and that this Court may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and this Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Motion in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found that the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and this Court having found that the Debtors' notice of the Motion and opportunity for a hearing on the Motion were appropriate under the circumstances and no other notice need be provided; and this Court having reviewed the Motion and having heard the statements in support of the relief requested therein at a hearing before this Court (the "Hearing"); and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion and at the Hearing establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before this Court; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Motion is granted as set forth herein.
- 2. The above-captioned chapter 11 cases are consolidated for procedural purposes only and shall be jointly administered by the Court under Case No. 20-11548 (\_\_\_).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

3. The caption of the jointly administered cases should read as follows:

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- 6. The Debtors shall maintain, and the Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware shall keep, one consolidated docket, one file, and one consolidated service list for these chapter 11 cases.
- 7. Nothing contained in the Motion or this Order shall be deemed or construed as directing or otherwise effecting a substantive consolidation of these chapter 11 cases and this Order shall be without prejudice to the rights of the Debtors to seek entry of an order substantively consolidating their respective cases.
- 8. Notice of the Motion as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of such Motion and the requirements of the Bankruptcy Rules and the Bankruptcy Local Rules are satisfied by such notice.
- 9. Notwithstanding any Bankruptcy Rule to the contrary, the terms and conditions of this Order are immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.
- 10. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Order in accordance with the Motion.
- 11. This Court retains exclusive jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.