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 NOS. 20773

20774 20777

APPLICATION OF FRANKLIN MOUNTAIN ENERGY, LLC, FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO:

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

EXAMINER HEARING

October 17, 2019

Santa Fe, New Mexico

BEFORE: LEONARD LOWE, HEARING EXAMINER

PHILLIP GOETZE, EXAMINER DEAN MCCLURE, EXAMINER

BILL BRANCARD, LEGAL EXAMINER

ALSO PRESENT: Marlene Salvidrez

This matter came on for hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, Leonard Lowe, Chief Examiner; Phillip Goetze, Technical Examiner; and Dean McClure, Examiner, on Thursday, October 17, 2019, at the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Wendell Chino Building, 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Porter Hall, Room 102, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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- 1 (Commenced at 8:36 a.m.)
- 2 EXAMINER LOWE: We will now call cases
- 3 Number 207 -- we will consolidate these cases, 20773,
- 4 20774 and 20777.
- 5 Call for appearance.
- 6 MS. BENNETT: Good morning, Mr. Examiner.
- 7 Deana Bennett from Modrall Sperling on behalf of
- 8 Franklin Mountain Energy.
- 9 MR. BRUCE: Jim Bruce of Santa Fe
- 10 representing BTA Oil Producers, LLC.
- 11 MR. FELDEWERT: And Mr. Examiner, Michael
- 12 Feldewert with the Santa Fe Office of Holland & Hart,
- 13 appearing on behalf of XTO Energy, Inc.
- 14 EXAMINER LOWE: Okay. You may proceed.
- MS. BENNETT: Thank you.
- Mr. Examiner, these cases were
- 17 consolidated for hearing on September 5th and were
- 18 continued for the limited purpose of completing notice.
- 19 We needed to notify the overwriting royalty interest
- 20 owners. There was a title issue that was resolved. And
- 21 so we asked that these cases be continued to today's
- 22 date for us to complete notice.
- 23 And so what you have in front of you is an
- 24 affidavit that I prepared that includes the list of the
- 25 names of the overwriting royalty interest owners. The

- 1 next sheets are the certified mailing lists that we
- 2 prepare and take to the post office. The next sheet are
- 3 the status of the deliveries. And then finally, at the
- 4 very end, is an affidavits of publication showing that
- 5 notice of this hearing today was published.
- 6 And so with that, I would ask that Exhibit
- 7 Number 10Supp be admitted into the record in Case
- 8 Number 20773, 20774 and 20777?
- 9 EXAMINER LOWE: Exhibit 10?
- MS. BENNETT: Yes.
- 11 EXAMINER LOWE: Okay. Exhibit 10 will be
- 12 accepted for the cases.
- 13 (Exhibit Number 10, marked for
- identification.)
- MS. BENNETT: Thank you.
- 16 EXAMINER LOWE: Any questions? Any --
- 17 MALE: No objection.
- 18 EXAMINER LOWE: We will be taking this
- 19 case under advisement.
- MS. BENNETT: Thank you.
- 21 And, actually, I should note that when I
- 22 put these cases on, the landman testified that Franklin
- 23 Mountain Energy's anticipation is to begin drilling
- 24 these wells in December. And at that hearing I also
- 25 agreed to prepare the Exhibit As for the orders, which I

Page 5 emailed to Kathleen Murphy yesterday. And so, again, I 1 would request that these orders be issued as quickly as 3 possible to accommodate the drilling schedule for Franklin Mountain energy. 4 5 EXAMINER LOWE: Okay. We will try our 6 best to meet those --MS. BENNETT: Definitely appreciate that. 8 EXAMINER LOWE: -- meet that request. 9 EXAMINER GOETZE: After all, it Mr. Jones 10 who heard them so --MS. BENNETT: Yes, it was. Yes. 11 12 EXAMINER LOWE: Okay. Well, we will take the following case under advisement 20773, 20774 and 13 14 20777. Thank you. 15 MS. BENNETT: 16 EXAMINER LOWE: Thank you. 17 (Concluded at 8:40 a.m.) ***** 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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- 2 COUNTY OF BERNALILLO

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- 16 and that I have no interest in the final disposition of
- 17 this case.
- DATED THIS 31st day of October, 2019.

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