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7	DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
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5		Sean Johnson	40/40
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7		Brian Dombroski	40/40
8	Exhibit C	Self-Affirmed Statement of	
9		Michael Rodriguez	40/40
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13		of Isabella Sikes, Landman	49/49
14	Exhibit B	Self-Affirmed Statement	
15		of Staci Frey, Geologist	49/49
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17		of Notice, James Bruce	49/49
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19	Case No. 24736		
20	Exhibit A	Self-Affirmed Statement	
21		of Isabella Sikes, Landman	50/50
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23		of Staci Frey, Geologist	50/50
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25		of Notice, James Bruce	50/50
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7		Geologist Thomas M. Anderson	n 65/65
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9		of Lawyer Sharon S. Shaheen	65/65
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11	Case No. 24830)	
12	Catamount:		
13	Exhibit A	Self-Affirmed Statement of	
14		Denise Greer, Senior Landmar	ı 75/76
15	Exhibit B	Self-Affirmed Statement	
16		of Paul Spear, Geologist	75/76
17	Exhibit C	Self-Affirmed	
18		Statement of Notice	75/76
19	Exhibit D	Affidavit of	
20		Publication	75/76
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11		of Adams Davenport	80/80
12	Exhibit B	Self-Affirmed Statement	
13		of Dana S. Hardy	80/80
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15	Case No. 24854		
16	Exhibit A	Self-Affirmed Statement	
17		of Rex D. Barker	83/83
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19		of Jonathan Truong	83/83
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б	Exhibit B	Self-Affirmed Statement of	
7		Chris Reudelhuber	87/87
8	Exhibit C	Self-Affirmed Statement of	
9		Dana S. Hardy	87/87
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11	Case No. 24859		
12	Exhibit A	Compulsory Pooling	
13		Checklist	91/91
14	Exhibit B	Self-Affirmed Statement	
15		of Ben Metz, Geologist	91/91
16	Exhibit C	Declaration of Deana Bennett	
17		re: Notice information	91/91
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19	Case No. 24861		
20	Exhibit A	Compulsory Pooling	
21		Checklist	92/92
22	Exhibit B	Self-Affirmed Statement	
23		of Ben Metz, Geologist	92/92
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7		of Dana S. Hardy	95/95
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1 PROCEEDINGS 2 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Good morning, It's 8:30 a.m. These are the hearings of 3 everyone. 4 the Oil Conservation Division. My name is Gregory 5 Chakalian. It is October 10 at 8:30 a.m. We're going 6 to start with line 1, case number 23426, BTA Oil 7 Producers. 8 Entries of appearance, please. 9 MS. HARDY: Good morning, Mr. Examiner. Dana Hardy with Hinkle Shanor, on behalf of BTA Oil 10 11 Producers, LLC. 12 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Good morning. 13 MS. HARDY: Good morning. 14 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, Jim Bruce, on 15 behalf of Texas Standard Oil. 16 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Texas, I'm 17 sorry? MR. BRUCE: Texas Standard Oil. 18 19 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you, sir. 20 Good morning. 21 MR. BRUCE: Good morning. THE HEARING EXAMINER: Are those the 22 only parties that you know of, Ms. Hardy? 23 24 MS. HARDY: Yes. 25 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. What are Page 15

1 we doing with your case? 2 MS. HARDY: So I filed a motion to 3 dismiss BTA's application late yesterday. THE HEARING EXAMINER: Oh. Okay. 4 5 MS. HARDY: So it should take care of 6 the matter, and expecting it to be dismissed. 7 THE HEARING EXAMINER: I'll get an 8 order. I'll sign the order and it'll be over with. 9 So thank you very much. Thank you. 10 MS. HARDY: 11 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay, we are off 12 the record in that case. 13 (Off the record.) 14 THE HEARING EXAMINER: I'm now calling 15 number 2 on our list. It's 24574. It's joined with 16 24575, Marathon Oil Permian. Entries of appearance 17 please. 18 MS. BENNETT: Good morning, Mr. Examiner. Deana Bennett, on behalf of Marathon Oil 19 20 Permian, LLC. 21 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Good morning. 22 MS. SHAHEEN: Good morning. Sharon Shaheen, Santa Fe office of Spencer Fane, on behalf of 23 24 Flat Creek Resources. 25 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Good morning. Page 16

1	MR. RODRIGUEZ: Good morning. Michael
2	Rodriguez, on behalf of Civitas Permian Operating,
3	LLC.
4	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Good morning.
5	Let's start with you, Mr. Rodriguez. Did you file an
6	objection?
7	MR. RODRIGUEZ: No, I did not.
8	THE HEARING EXAMINER: You did not.
9	Are you monitoring?
10	MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yeah. Currently we're
11	monitoring. These cases are all attached to several
12	other cases that are on the docket. And I think Ms.
13	Bennett might be able to speak to that a little bit
14	more.
15	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay, so these
16	cases should be joined, Ms. Bennett, with what other
17	cases?
18	MS. BENNETT: Well, just very
19	quickly
20	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Yeah.
21	MS. BENNETT: I'm going to be
22	dismissing these cases.
23	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Oh.
24	MS. BENNETT: I just received an email
25	from Marathon saying that they've reached an agreement
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1 with Flat Creek, and so that I can dismiss these 2 cases. And so I can tell you which other cases they 3 relate to if you'd like, but I think it might be 4 irrelevant at this point. 5 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Good point. So 6 Mr. Rodriguez, now that you know that these are being 7 dismissed, how does that affect the other cases? 8 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I believe the other 9 cases are set to just be heard as unopposed affidavit 10 cases. 11 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Today? 12 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Today. 13 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Today. Okay. 14 Thank you, Mr. Rodriguez. 15 MR. RODRIGUEZ: And if you'd like. I 16 can point out which case those --17 THE HEARING EXAMINER: It's okay. Not necessary. I understand what's going on. 18 Ms. 19 Shaheen, anything further? 20 MS. SHAHEEN: No, Mr. Examiner. Our 21 cases will go forward by affidavit today. 22 THE HEARING EXAMINER: And you have 23 cases as well? 24 MS. SHAHEEN: Yes. And I can give you 25 the numbers if you like. They're the Jurnegan cases. Page 18

1 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you very 2 much. Okay. So Ms. Bennett, you're going to file motions to dismiss? 3 MS. BENNETT: Yes. I'll file those 4 5 today. Thank you. 6 THE HEARING EXAMINER: You, Ms. 7 Bennett. We're off the record on those cases. 8 (Off the record.) 9 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Let's move to 10 line number 4 through -- 806 is number 4 through 9, it 11 looks like. And those case numbers are 24798 and 12 24800, 803, 804, 805, and 806. Permian Resources. 13 Entries of appearance, please. 14 MS. SHAHEEN: Sharon Shaheen, on behalf 15 of Permian Resources. 16 MS BENNETT: Good morning, Mr. 17 Examiner. Deana Bennett, on behalf of Alpha Energy 18 Partners. 19 MR. FELDEWERT: Good morning, Mr. 20 Examiner. Michael Feldewert, Santa Fe office of 21 Holland & Hart, on behalf of COG Operating, LLC, and 22 Concho Oil & Gas, LLC. 23 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Morning. Mr. 24 Rodriguez, are you involved with -- ? MR. RODRIGUEZ: I'm not. 25 Page 19

1 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. So we 2 have three parties here. 3 Mr. Feldewert, did you file an 4 objection? 5 MR. FELDEWERT: No, sir. 6 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. 7 Ms. Bennett? 8 MS. BENNETT: Yes. Thank you. And I 9 think there might be at least one other party in these 10 cases that is represented by Mr. Bruce. They filed an 11 objection as well. 12 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you, Ms. 13 Bennett. 14 Mr. Bruce? 15 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, I believe I'm 16 representing, I believe -- sorry, my computer was all 17 screwed up when I got up this morning, and I'm 18 operating by the seat of my pants. I -- I think I was 19 representing Red River Energy Partners. 20 THE HEARING EXAMINER: That's correct, 21 Mr. Bruce. It is on my sheet here. I wasn't sure if 22 you were still representing them or not. Did you file 23 an objection? 24 MR. BRUCE: I don't believe I did. 25 It's -- I --Page 20

1 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Well, let's just 2 assume that you did. So, we'll assume that you did. 3 So, Ms. Shaheen, these are your cases. 4 MS. SHAHEEN: Yes, thank you, Mr. 5 Examiner. I spoke with Counsel for Alpha Energy, and she may be able to speak more to this. But I 6 7 understand that Alpha will be sending out competing 8 well proposals. And Permian -- as a result, Permian 9 would propose that we set this for a contested hearing 10 in January. 11 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. That's 12 perfectly fine. Any objections to that, Ms. Bennett? 13 MS. BENNETT: No objection to that. I 14 think that is in line with the timing that it would 15 take for me to get the applications on file. Ι 16 haven't had a chance to coordinate with Alpha about particular dates in January, but I was thinking that's 17 18 where we were headed. THE HEARING EXAMINER: Mr. Feldewert, 19 20 any objections to that? 21 MR. FELDEWERT: No, sir. 22 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. And Mr. 23 Bruce, any objections to a hearing contested in 24 January? 25 MR. BRUCE: No, sir. Page 21

1 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Do you think Red 2 River is going to file competing applications? MR. BRUCE: I do not believe so. 3 Ι 4 think we can assume they're not. 5 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Freya, 6 dates in January? 7 MS. TSCHANTZ: Yes. We have January 8 14th and January 28th. 9 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Excellent. 10 Thank you. Ms. Shaheen, January 14 or January 28? 11 MS. SHAHEEN: I'm going to be asking 12 for another contested hearing in January, and on the 13 14th. So let's go with the 28th on this one. 14 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Or we 15 could, if you think that resolution is still possible, 16 we can do a trailing docket and have both cases. That 17 way possibly your witnesses will already be here? 18 MS. SHAHEEN: That's possible. It's a little complicated, but that's fine. We can shoot for 19 20 January 14th. It would be fine. 21 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Perfect. 22 Freya, could you make a note that we need a pre-hearing order for these cases? It looks 23 24 like there's six cases. 25 Ms. Shaheen, do you anticipate --Page 22

1 Well, I suppose Ms. Bennett, if you're 2 filing competing, would you also file a motion to consolidate? 3 4 MS. BENNETT: I will. 5 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Thank 6 you. And when do you anticipate -- have you sent out 7 proposals yet? 8 MS. BENNETT: No. The proposals are 9 planning to be sent out in the next couple of weeks, 10 which is why --11 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Right. 12 MS. BENNETT: -- then, we're cascading 13 into January. 14 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Makes sense. 15 Thank you. 16 Ms. Shaheen, is there anything else? 17 MS. SHAHEEN: Not from Permian, thank 18 you for --19 THE HEARING EXAMINER: So we'll do January 14th. This will be the first contested 20 21 hearing on that special docket. And if we add your other cases, it'll trail. Okay. Anything else, Mr. 22 23 Feldewert --24 MR. LARSON: Pardon, Mr. Hearing Officer? 25 Page 23

1 THE HEARING EXAMINER: I hear you. 2 MR. LARSON: Hi. I apologize. I had 3 to call from a different phone. I was able to listen 4 on the first one, but apparently no one could hear me. 5 My name is Derek Larson, and I'm 6 appearing on behalf of -- I can list them, but several 7 of the, at this point, unleased owners of property on 8 these cases. And just wanted to --9 THE HEARING EXAMINER: I think I see 10 them, Mr. Larson. Like, Bill Taylor and Harvey 11 Taylor, et cetera? 12 MR. LARSON: Yes, sir. 13 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay --14 MR. LARSON: And I apologize for --15 THE HEARING EXAMINER: That's okay. 16 Have you filed an entry of appearance? 17 MR. LARSON: Yes, I did, as well as an 18 objection to the hearing by affidavit. But having 19 listened now to the resetting in January, that sounds 20 fine. 21 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Oh, good. 22 Excellent. Do you anticipate filing a competing application? 23 24 MR. LARSON: No. 25 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Page 24

1	MR. LARSON: We will likely be we're
2	in the process of negotiating voluntary leases, and I
3	think we'll have that wrapped up in the very near
4	future, certainly by January.
5	THE HEARING EXAMINER: If you do
6	participate in the contested hearing, would you be
7	questioning witnesses, or would you be presenting any
8	of your own?
9	MR. LARSON: Probably not. We just
10	want we do want it to be on the record, and have a
11	full hearing as opposed to by affidavit, so.
12	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. If you
13	still do have an interest in the contested hearing,
14	it'll be in person here in Santa Fe. Do you know
15	that?
16	MR. LARSON: Correct. Yes, sir.
17	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. I wanted
18	to make sure you knew.
19	MR. LARSON: Yes.
20	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Anything
21	further, Mr. Larson?
22	MR. LARSON: No. Thank you.
23	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Yeah, thank you.
24	Mr. Feldewert, if you participate in
25	the contested hearing, would you be presenting any
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1 witnesses? 2 MR. FELDEWERT: Doubtful. 3 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. And Mr. 4 Bruce, would you be presenting any witnesses? 5 MR. BRUCE: I doubt it. 6 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay, thank you. 7 So it sounds like it'll be Ms. Bennett and Ms. Shaheen 8 who'll be carrying the weight of the hearing. 9 MS. SHAHEEN: That sounds right to me. 10 THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right. 11 Excellent. Anything further, Ms. Shaheen? 12 MS. SHAHEEN: Not for me. And thank 13 you. 14 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Ms. Bennett? 15 MS. BENNETT: Nothing further. Thank 16 you so much. 17 THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right. 18 We'll get a pre-hearing order out, and then we'll look 19 for your filings in six weeks or so, and we'll 20 consolidate them and go from there. We're off the 21 record in these cases. 22 (Off the record.) 23 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Moving now to 24 lines 10 -- which is joined with other lines here. It's Flat Creek Resources 24807, 808, 809, and 810. 25 Page 26

1 Entries of appearance, please. 2 MS. SHAHEEN: Sharon Shaheen from the 3 Santa Fe office of Spencer Fane, on behalf of Flat 4 Creek Resources. 5 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you. 6 MS. HARDY: Good morning, Mr. Examiner. 7 Dana Hardy with Hinkle Shanor on behalf of Permian 8 Resources Operating. 9 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you. 10 Okay. Ms. Hardy, did you file an objection? 11 MS. HARDY: Yes, we did object. 12 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Can you tell me 13 why? 14 MS. HARDY: Yes, because Permian 15 Resources owns a significant interest in these basin 16 units and is negotiating with other parties to 17 acquire, or will have, approximately 80 percent of the acreage, which is far more than Flat Creek owns. 18 19 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Yeah. 20 MS. HARDY: And so Permian Resources 21 wants an opportunity to try to reach an agreement or 22 propose its own development plan. 23 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Which way do you 24 think you're going? 25 MS. HARDY: I don't know the answer to Page 27

1 that question right now. 2 THE HEARING EXAMINER: So you may file 3 competing applications if negotiations are not successful? 4 5 MS. HARDY: That's correct. 6 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Ms. 7 Shaheen, how long are you willing to negotiate before 8 you ask me for a setting? 9 MS. SHAHEEN: That's also a good 10 question. I've spoken with Ms. Hardy, and I think it 11 might be helpful for us to set this for a contested 12 hearing in January if that's possible. 13 THE HEARING EXAMINER: This is the case 14 that you were going to ask --15 MS. SHAHEEN: Yes. And it's a little 16 complicated because I'm in the position of probably 17 withdrawing, as I have a conflict, since I also 18 represent Permian. So that --19 THE HEARING EXAMINER: You think you'll 20 be withdrawing from representing Flat Creek? 21 MS. SHAHEEN: Yes. 22 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Then I think what I'll do, Ms. Shaheen, is, let's set these for 23 24 another status conference, maybe next month, in 25 December or November, or something like that. That Page 28

1 way we can see who's representing them and how the 2 negotiations are going with Ms. Hardy's client. And 3 then we can see how serious the parties are about having a contested hearing. Since we're limited to 4 5 the number of contested hearings and technical 6 examiners that we have access to each month, unless 7 something is at an impasse, I'm not going to set a 8 contested hearing. 9 MS. SHAHEEN: That makes perfect sense. 10 THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right. So 11 then would you prefer November or December to have 12 another status conference? 13 MS. SHAHEEN: I think November would be 14 good. 15 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Freya, what are 16 the dates? Is it the 7th and the 21st? 17 MS. TSCHANTZ: We would need to set it on November 21st. That's our status conference 18 docket. 19 20 THE HEARING EXAMINER: That's right. Thank you. Okay. So Ms. Shaheen, while you're still 21 22 representing Flat Creek, would you file a continuance 23 to the November 21st docket? 24 MS. SHAHEEN: I will do that. 25 THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right. Page 29

1	Thank you.
2	Anything further, Ms. Hardy?
3	MS. HARDY: No, thank you.
4	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Very good.
5	We're off the record in those cases.
6	(Off the record.)
7	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Let's move on
8	now to Avant Operating's application. This is line
9	14. It is joined with line 15. It's 24872, 24873.
10	Entries of appearance, please.
11	MR. HOLLIDAY: Good morning, Mr.
12	Examiner. Ben Holliday, on behalf of the applicant,
13	Avant Operating.
14	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Morning.
15	MR. FELDEWERT: Good morning, Mr.
16	Examiner. Michael Feldewert with the Santa Fe office
17	of Holland & Hart, appearing on behalf of Apache
18	Corporation. I'm also appearing on behalf of Permian
19	Resources. And I'm also appearing on behalf of
20	Mewbourne Oil Company.
21	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you.
22	MS. HATLEY: Good morning, Mr.
23	Examiner. Keri Hatley appearing on behalf of
24	ConocoPhillips.
25	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I didn't quite
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1 get your name. Would you say it again? 2 MS. HATLEY: Yes. Keri, K-E-R-I, 3 Hatley, H-A-T-L-E-Y. 4 THE HEARING EXAMINER: And what firm 5 are you with? 6 MS. HATLEY: ConocoPhillips. 7 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you. Ms. 8 Hatley, did you file an objection? 9 MS. HATLEY: No, sir. 10 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay, thank you. 11 And so, are you monitoring? 12 MS. HATLEY: Yes. 13 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you, Ms. 14 Hadley. 15 Mr. Feldewert, did you file an 16 objection? 17 MR. FELDEWERT: Yes, sir. Well, let me 18 step back. Apache Corporation filed an objection. Permian Resources filed an objection. But, I was told 19 20 this morning that Permian Resources can now withdraw 21 its objection. 22 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. 23 MR. FELDEWERT: So we won't be doing that. Mewbourne is evaluating its position in these 24 25 matters.

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	THE HEARING EXAMINER: But you're
2	maintaining a past objection?
3	MR. FELDEWERT: Yes.
4	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. So we
5	still have an objection. Mr. Holliday, how do you
6	want to proceed?
7	MR. HOLLIDAY: I would prefer that we
8	set this for a status conference. It sounds like
9	there's an opportunity to resolve this. If we could
10	set it for a status conference on the December docket,
11	that would be preferable.
12	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Preferable to
13	the November docket?
14	MR. HOLLIDAY: Yes.
15	THE HEARING EXAMINER: When did you
16	file these cases?
17	MR. HOLLIDAY: These cases were
18	filed I actually have entered an appearance on
19	behalf of the party that filed the cases. I believe
20	these were filed in September.
21	THE HEARING EXAMINER: September. All
22	right. So they're not very old then. So you would
23	prefer the December docket, and Freya, that would be
24	December what?
25	MS. TSCHANTZ: The 19th.
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1	THE HEARING EXAMINER: December 19.
2	All right. So, Mr. Holliday, that should give you two
3	months to negotiate. And if by that time it doesn't
4	look good, then we'll set these for a contested
5	hearing.
6	We could even set them in January, so
7	you might want to think about dates in January. We
8	already offered another party dates on January 14 and
9	28, so you might think about those dates for a
10	contested hearing if your negotiations don't pan out.
11	MR. HOLLIDAY: Yes, sir.
12	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Freya,
13	would you say it again? December what?
14	MS. TSCHANTZ: December 19th.
15	THE HEARING EXAMINER: 19th, thank you,
16	status conference.
17	So Mr. Holliday, would you move these
18	two cases to the December 19 docket?
19	MR. HOLLIDAY: Yes, sir.
20	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right, thank
21	you. Anything further, Mr. Holliday?
22	MR. HOLLIDAY: No, thank you.
23	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Mr. Feldewert?
24	MR. FELDEWERT: No, thank you.
25	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right.
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1 And Ms. Hatley? 2 MS. HATLEY: No, thank you. 3 THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right. 4 Well, thank you. We're off the record. 5 (Off the record.) 6 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Calling now, 7 line 16, Civitas Permian, at 24713. 8 Entries of appearance, please. 9 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Good morning, Michael 10 Rodriguez, on behalf of Civitas Permian Operating, 11 LLC. 12 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you. 13 MS. HARDY: Good morning, Mr. Examiner. 14 Dana Hardy with Hinkle Shanor, on behalf of 3R 15 Operating. 16 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you. 17 MR. SAVAGE: Good morning, Mr. Hearing 18 Examiner. Darin Savage with Abadie & Schill, 19 appearing on behalf of Cimarex Energy. 20 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Mr. -- is there 21 more? 22 MS. BENNETT: Yes. 23 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Oh. 24 MS. BENNETT: Good morning, Mr. 25 Examiner. Deana Bennett, on behalf of Marathon Oil Page 34

1 Permian, LLC. 2 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Have you 3 actually filed an entry of appearance? MS. BENNETT: I did. I filed it 4 5 yesterday. 6 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Oh, yesterday. 7 Okay. 8 MS. BENNETT: I also entered my 9 appearance orally, on September 12th. 10 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you. And 11 you're representing who? 12 MS. BENNETT: Marathon Oil Permian. THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you. Ms. 13 Bennett, did you file an objection? 14 15 MS. BENNETT: I did not. THE HEARING EXAMINER: You did not. 16 17 Mr. Savage? 18 MR. SAVAGE: Did not, thank you. 19 THE HEARING EXAMINER: You said no? 20 MR. SAVAGE: No. 21 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. All 22 right, Mr. Rodriguez? 23 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you. Would you 24 like me to present the abbreviated version of --25 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Page 35

1 MR. RODRIGUEZ: So in case number 2 24713, the land witness in this case is Sean Johnson, 3 who has previously testified before the Division as an 4 expert in petroleum land matters. However, the 5 geologist in this case, who is Brian Dombroski, has 6 not previously testified before the Division and attaches Exhibit B1, his resume, for review. 7 8 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Is he here with 9 us? 10 MR. RODRIGUEZ: He is. 11 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Let's get him 12 sworn in. Dombroski? 13 MR. DOMBROSKI: Dombroski. Yes, sir. 14 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Can you say it 15 again, please? 16 MR. DOMBROSKI: Dombroski. 17 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Would you spell 18 your name for the record? 19 MR. DOMBROSKI: Brian, B-R-I-A-N, 20 Dombroski, D-O-M-B-R-O-S-K-I. 21 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. And what 22 field of expertise are you seeking to be qualified 23 before this Division? 24 MR. DOMBROSKI: Geology. Petroleum 25 geology. Page 36

1	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Petroleum
2	geology. Okay. While I'm pulling up the exhibits for
3	this case, can you briefly talk about your education
4	and then go into your experience?
5	MR. DOMBROSKI: Yes, sir. I I got a
6	undergrad and master's degree from North Carolina
7	State. Did exploration for lithium in the mountains
8	of North Carolina straight out of school. Went to
9	Chesapeake Energy and worked there for approximately
10	ten years. Did drilled more than 100 wells in
11	the primarily in the Fort Worth Basin. Did
12	exploration and as well as science.
13	From there moved to Galvanic Energy.
14	Started a lithium that's a lithium exploration
15	company. And then most recently went to Novo Oil $\&$
16	Gas. Worked there for six years in the Northern
17	Delaware Basin, specifically. Drilled a number of
18	wells. And then finally when when Novo sold, was
19	hired as a contractor with Blue Ox, which became part
20	of Civitas. And that's where I currently am.
21	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Thank
22	you. Mr. Rodriguez, I'm looking for your exhibits in
23	this case, 24713. I'm in the right case number.
24	MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes. I'm sorry there
25	was an amended exhibit packet that was submitted
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1	that.
2	THE HEARING EXAMINER: No wonder. Let
3	me figure out which it is, because I also have entries
4	of appearance, and we don't list the documents,
5	unfortunately, by what they are, so we literally have
6	to click on each one to figure out what it is. Okay,
7	I think I found it. It's a 38-page document in which
8	you have an Exhibit B and B1?
9	MR. RODRIGUEZ: That is correct.
10	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So can you help
11	me with what page is Exhibit B1 on?
12	MR. RODRIGUEZ: About 28, I believe.
13	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you.
14	MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.
15	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So Mr.
16	Dombroski, while you were giving me an overview of
17	your education and your experience, I heard that you
18	drilled wells, but I wasn't sure in what capacity you
19	were. So I'm looking now at your resume because I
20	didn't get what I needed from what you told me.
21	MR. DOMBROSKI: Okay.
22	THE HEARING EXAMINER: But I see that
23	you were a geologist at these companies.
24	MR. DOMBROSKI: Yes, sir.
25	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So now I'm
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1 putting two and two together, and I'm getting what I So thank you, sir. You are hereby qualified as 2 need. 3 an expert in petroleum geology before this Division from here on in. 4 Thank you. 5 MR. DOMBROSKI: 6 THE HEARING EXAMINER: So while we have 7 you here, let me ask our technical examiner, Mr. 8 Garcia, are you with us? 9 MR. GARCIA: Yeah, sorry. 10 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you. Do 11 you have any questions in this case? 12 MR. GARCIA: T do not. THE HEARING EXAMINER: You do not. 13 14 Okay. So thank you, Mr. Dombroski. We don't need to 15 put you under oath and ask you any questions today. 16 MR. DOMBROSKI: Okay. 17 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you for 18 your participation. Mr. Rodriguez, you've heard that 19 we don't have any technical questions. You want to 20 give me just a very quick wrap-up on your exhibits and 21 ask them to be entered so we can move on? 22 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Absolutely. Exhibit C contains the notice testimony and exhibits, where the 23 24 notice of hearing letters are demonstrated to be sent out July 19, 2024, and the affidavit of publication 25

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1 was published July 25, 2024. And at this point, I 2 request the exhibits and related sub-exhibits be admitted into the record in case 24713, and the case 3 be taken under advisement. 4 5 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Perfect. Any 6 objections? 7 MS. BENNETT: No objections. 8 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. 9 MS. SAVAGE: No objections. 10 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you. 11 MR. SAVAGE: No objection, thank you. 12 THE HEARING EXAMINER: These exhibits 13 are admitted to evidence, and your case is taken under advisement. 14 15 (24713 Exhibit A, Exhibit B and Exhibit 16 C were marked for identification and 17 received into evidence.) 18 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you. 19 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you, Mr. 20 Rodriguez. 21 Okay, let's move on to cases 17 22 through -- well, let's just say 17 and 18 for now. 23 This is Cimarex Energy. Wait a second. They're 24 joined together by the two different companies, so I'm 25 not sure -- I'm going to call them anyway. 24721 and Page 40

1 24736. Entries of appearance, please. 2 MR. SAVAGE: Good morning, Mr. 3 Examiner. Darin Savage with Abadie & Schill, 4 appearing on behalf of Cimarex Energy Company. 5 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you. And 6 who is --7 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, Jim Bruce, 8 representing Pride Energy Company. 9 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Okay, 10 very good. Thank you. So these cases are joined for 11 what reason, Mr. Savage? 12 MR. SAVAGE: These are a joint 13 application for the creation of Wolfbone for Cimarex 14 and Pride Energy. 15 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Is this a 16 special pool application? 17 MR. SAVAGE: This is a special pool 18 application, that's correct. 19 THE HEARING EXAMINER: And is this 20 similar to the one we did last -- it is similar. 21 MR. SAVAGE: Is somewhat similar. 22 Subject lands are not as broad. But it is similar. 23 And the orders that were issued requesting it are very similar. 24 25 THE HEARING EXAMINER: What order Page 41

1 number was that? 2 MR. SAVAGE: I'm looking through our exhibits that we submitted, and that would be order 3 R23132. 4 5 THE HEARING EXAMINER: That's a little fast for me; R what? 6 7 MR. SAVAGE: R23132. 8 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. So in 9 that order, was that competing compulsory pooling applications at one time? 10 11 MR. SAVAGE: That is correct. 12 THE HEARING EXAMINER: And did the 13 technical team deny in favor of creating a special pool? 14 15 MR. SAVAGE: That's correct. 16 THE HEARING EXAMINER: It's identical 17 to the other cases we dealt? 18 MR. SAVAGE: Yeah, it's pretty close. 19 There are some details that are different. 20 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. So have 21 you and Mr. Bruce filed a joint application for a 22 special pool? 23 MR. SAVAGE: We filed a joint application, and we filed a joint hearing packet. 24 25 THE HEARING EXAMINER: You did, okay. Page 42

1 Mr. Garcia, do we need a hearing packet 2 for the joint application? 3 MR. GARCIA: I believe the exhibit --4 they submitted are all we need. 5 THE HEARING EXAMINER: I'm sorry, I 6 didn't hear you, Mr. Garcia. 7 MR. GARCIA: I believe they submitted 8 the exhibits that we would need for --9 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. 10 MR. GARCIA: -- this case. 11 THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right. Let me take a look at them. 12 13 So Mr. Savage, I'll pull up your case, 14 24721. 15 Mr. Bruce, do you want to tell me 16 anything while I'm pulling up this exhibit packet? 17 No, Mr. Examiner. MR. BRUCE: But 18 there's one little sticking point that we can get to 19 at the end, but basically Cimarex and Pride agreed on 20 everything. And in this case, finally, we sent out 21 notice to all the necessary parties for the special 22 pool rules. 23 THE HEARING EXAMINER: So what's the 24 sticking point? 25 It's not really a sticking MR. BRUCE: Page 43

1 point. It's just a difference. The application file 2 stipulated that a certain well log would be used to define the pool and define the upper and lower extent 3 of the pool. Cimarex's geologist has said that the 4 5 upper limit should be a little higher and the lower limit should be a little lower. Since we're dealing 6 7 with, number one, the same well log, and number two, 8 everybody's looking for the top and the bottom, I'm 9 not going to make a big fight out of that. I did include the well log, and perhaps 10 11 the technical examiners would like to look at that and 12 make a determination as to which depths are correct, 13 but that point isn't worth fighting over. So whatever the Division decides is fine with everybody. 14 15 Thank you, Mr. THE HEARING EXAMINER: 16 Bruce. Mr. Bruce, these are joint exhibits, so are 17 you saying that you have reviewed them, and that you're asking for these exhibits in tabs 1, 2, and 3, 18 19 and 4, to be admitted into evidence? 20 MR. BRUCE: Yes, Mr. Examiner. The 21 affidavit of Matthew Pride was developed by Pride. 22 And then even though the parties conferred on notice, I actually sent out all the notices, so that was Pride 23 24 also. But yes, the other exhibits, submitted by Cimarex, are perfectly fine with me. Mr. Savage 25

1 shared those with me before the hearing. 2 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. So are 3 you saying that your only witness in here is Mr. Pride? 4 5 MR. BRUCE: Correct. 6 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. And has 7 he been qualified as an expert for the Division? 8 MR. BRUCE: He's a landman and just 9 general oil and gas operator. He's part owner of 10 Pride Energy Company, surprisingly, and he's had a lot 11 of practical experience in all aspects. But yes, he 12 is an expert. 13 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. The 14 question was, has he been accepted as an expert in his 15 field before this Division previously? 16 MR. BRUCE: Yes. 17 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. 18 MR. BRUCE: And he --19 THE HEARING EXAMINER: And does it say 20 that in the affidavit? 21 MR. BRUCE: Oh boy, I --22 THE HEARING EXAMINER: I can look. 23 MR. BRUCE: I think it does. 24 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Mr. Bruce, I can 25 look at it. I just thought you might know. And you Page 45

1 said that you did the notice on this. When were the 2 letters sent out? 3 MR. BRUCE: Letters were sent out -and I'm not in front of the computer and I don't 4 5 have --6 THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right. I'll 7 look myself. It's okay. I thought you might know. 8 No worries. 9 MR. BRUCE: Thank you --10 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you, Mr. 11 Bruce. I'll take care of it. Thank you, Mr. Bruce. 12 Mr. Savage, since you're here in the 13 room with me is Isabella Sikes your witness? 14 MR. SAVAGE: That's correct. She's a 15 landman for Cimarex. 16 THE HEARING EXAMINER: And has she 17 been --MR. SAVAGE: And she has --18 19 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. 20 MR. SAVAGE: -- and the exhibit describes that. And I point out on Matthew Pride's 21 22 statement, paragraph 2 --23 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. 24 MR. SAVAGE: -- also describes him as 25 being qualified. Page 46

1 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Perfect. And 2 then what about Ms. Staci Frey? 3 MR. SAVAGE: Staci Frey is a geologist, 4 and she also has testified previously. 5 THE HEARING EXAMINER: So all of the 6 experts in the exhibits have been qualified in their fields before this Division, great. Can you tell me, 7 8 when were the notice letters sent out? 9 MR. SAVAGE: So Mr. Bruce took care of It's in his affidavit. Pull it up here. 10 that. 11 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you. 12 MR. SAVAGE: Also, if I could add, 13 Exhibit B1 gives the vertical extent that we discussed 14 as a sticking point. We asked that the OCD consider 15 the depths that Ms. Frey provided in her exhibits as 16 they consider the vertical extent of these. 17 THE HEARING EXAMINER: We'll get to 18 Mr. --19 MR. SAVAGE: Okay. 20 THE HEARING EXAMINER: -- Garcia, and his questions in a minute. I'm just trying to find 21 22 out if the notice was sent out timely. 23 Mr. Bruce may be MR. SAVAGE: Yeah. 24 able to speak to this better than myself. But according to his exhibit notice, statement of notice, 25 Page 47

1 it looks like that all the letters were timely. 2 THE HEARING EXAMINER: I see September 19 is the date on the letter, so that would work for 3 today. It's 20 days, isn't it? Twenty calendar days? 4 5 MR. SAVAGE: It's 20 calendar days, and 6 then the publication, which we also did, is ten 7 business days. 8 THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right. 9 Well, let me make sure that the 19th is 20 calendar 10 days. Give me a minute. 11 MR. SAVAGE: Yes. 12 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Yes, it's one 13 And then the publish date? day to spare. 14 MR. SAVAGE: Down at the last exhibit. 15 Looks like that was September 25th. 16 THE HEARING EXAMINER: And that's 17 ten --18 MR. SAVAGE: Business days. 19 THE HEARING EXAMINER: -- business 20 days. I wonder if that will work. You said it was the 25th, didn't you? 21 22 MR. SAVAGE: Beginning with the issue dated September 25, 2024, ending with the issue dated 23 24 September 25, 2024. 25 THE HEARING EXAMINER: I see it. Thank Page 48

1	you. Yep, one day to spare.
2	MR. SAVAGE: Okay.
3	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I'll never
4	understand why you guys cut this so close. Really, I
5	don't understand it but that's not for me to
6	understand. Anyway. Okay. So we see notice is good.
7	Do you want to ask to admit these now, Mr. Savage, so
8	we can get to Mr. Garcia's questions?
9	MR. SAVAGE: I will do it, yes. I ask
10	the Division to admit to the record Exhibits A, B, and
11	C, and all sub-exhibits in these two particular cases.
12	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you.
13	Okay. So are there any objections?
14	Mr. Rodriguez, any objections? Didn't
15	you enter an appearance in this case? No, I guess you
16	didn't. Nope. Excuse me, Mr. Rodriguez. Didn't mean
17	to make you nervous.
18	MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.
19	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. I'm not
20	hearing any objections, so the exhibits are admitted
21	into evidence.
22	(24721 Exhibit A, Exhibit B and Exhibit
23	C were marked for identification and
24	received into evidence.)
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(24736 Exhibit A, Exhibit B and Exhibit 1 C were marked for identification and 2 received into evidence.) 3 This is a joint exhibit, and it applies 4 5 to both cases, as we've said. 6 I'm going to turn now to Mr. Garcia. 7 MR. GARCIA: My original question was 8 why there were two different depths, but now I 9 understand why. So I guess, Mr. Savage, I'll start 10 with you. Your client just wants the pool to be from 11 the base of the third Bone Springs to the base of the 12 Wolfcamp Bay? 13 MR. SAVAGE: That is correct. And Ms. 14 Frey is online and available for any questions also, 15 as well as the landman witness. But yes, it's top of 16 the third Bone Spring to the base of the Wolfcamp Bay. 17 The top of the -- virtual MR. GARCIA: connectivity interruption -- and then, Mr. Bruce, your 18 19 client is also on top of third Bone Springs to the 20 base of Wolfcamp Bay? 21 MR. BRUCE: Yeah. The nomenclature is 22 the same, it's just that what are those depths? And 23 as a result, in Mr. Pride's affidavit, we include the 24 type log from the subject well. That's so the Division can look at it and maybe decide which one 25

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1 they should go with. 2 MR. GARCIA: Yeah, I quess more of a 3 statement than a question. I understand why the geologists are picking the long tops. Reading logs is 4 5 a science, but it's also an art form. And I don't 6 think I've ever seen two geologists pick the same top. 7 Since you guys have a difference in opinion on the top, I'll probably just have OCD's geologist pick the 8 9 top in this case. If there's no objections to that. 10 MR. BRUCE: No objection here. 11 MR. SAVAGE: No objection. MR. GARCIA: Okay. Yeah, I'll get with 12 13 our geologists. And, you know, they've been working the area for decades, and have them read some logs and 14 15 pick the tops. But you guys agree on the formations 16 and the formations are going to dip and dive anyways, 17 so. 18 Okay. I don't believe I have any other 19 questions, Mr. Examiner. 20 THE HEARING EXAMINER: So, Mr. Garcia, 21 this is in regards to order number R23132. Did you 22 hear that? 23 MR. GARCIA: Yeah. And I issued that 24 order too. 25 THE HEARING EXAMINER: I figured. Page 51

1	MR. GARCIA: It was forever ago. But I
2	remember it.
3	THE HEARING EXAMINER: How do you
4	foresee proceeding once you decide about the special
5	pool?
6	MR. GARCIA: We'll issue an order in
7	the special pool separately of the compulsory pooling
8	order, just to keep the record clean for future,
9	because pools can be amended and changed as time
10	develops. And then, I would foresee the Division, on
11	our own merit, not coming to hearings, just reopening
12	those cases and issuing an order on, you know, based
13	on the testimony that was presented, whenever that
14	order was issued.
15	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you, Mr.
16	Garcia.
17	Mr. Savage, anything further?
18	MR. SAVAGE: Yes. At the previous
19	status conference, there was a discussion about
20	allocation formula and where to place the allocation
21	formula. And usually you place the allocation formula
22	in the Wolfbone application, or the application for
23	the special pool. It was agreed to keep the Wolfbone
24	application clean. Both parties have different
25	allocation formulas on this, so we inquired about if
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1 the OC would like the allocation formula to be in a pooling application. And I believe, Mr. Garcia, that 2 was the OCD's preference on that. 3 So there needs to be, as I would 4 5 understand that based on those on that discussion and 6 the in the final understanding, that we need some kind of -- I don't know if it would be an amended 7 8 application, or if it would be a supplement to an 9 application. But there needs to be some kind of procedural mechanism to get the allocation formula 10 before the Division. And I also think that's a notice 11 12 issue that would need to go to owners. 13 Now, I'm all for expediting this, and if there's a way to do that and provide notice, then, 14 15 you know, perhaps the OCD can make a ruling without 16 any kind of substantial hearing, based on the previous 17 record. The other point that makes this a 18 little bit difficult is that Pride did their pooling 19 20 applications for the Wolfcamp only. And that was during the application notice. And Cimarex did their 21 22 application for the Bone Spring only. So when notices were sent out with the application, both formations 23 were not listed. Now that's a little bit different 24 from the previous. So if the Division could provide 25

1 some guidance on those that would be appreciated. 2 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Before, Mr. Garcia chimes in, let's hear from Mr. Bruce about the 3 allocation table and notice, et cetera. 4 5 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, in Pride's 6 original application it was just a straight pooling 7 application of the Wolfcamp, so there was no 8 allocation. And to date, the working interest owners 9 have never been given notice of any potential allegation of production between the third Bone Spring 10 11 zone and the upper Wolfcamp zone. 12 So anything, whether it's a forced 13 pooling proceeding or some other proceeding, the working interest owners, in the unit acreage, which 14 15 will initially comprise the well unit that both 16 Cimarex and Pride force pools, we'll need to give 17 notice to all of the interest orders there. 18 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you, Mr. 19 Bruce. 20 Mr. Savage, so it sounds to me like the 21 initial applications were distinct in their notice, 22 one being only in the Bone Spring and the other only 23 in the Wolfcamp. 24 MR. SAVAGE: That's correct. 25 THE HEARING EXAMINER: So it sounds Page 54

1	like if the Division approves the special pool, you'd
2	have to do notice all over again.
3	MR. SAVAGE: I think you would have to
4	do some form of notice to account for that. I
5	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay, hold on
6	now. Let me finish my questions. That being said,
7	did you include competing allocation tables in your
8	original applications or not?
9	MR. SAVAGE: So we did separate
10	applications, originally, separate applications for
11	the Wolfbone pool. And in those original
12	applications, we did account for the allocation
13	formula. And I even included as an exhibit an example
14	of a revised or amended pooling application for going
15	forward.
16	Then we had the hearing on the
17	previous on the other case, and it was determined
18	that that was all beyond the scope. So we submitted a
19	new joint application, and we did not include the
20	allocation formula or tables for that application, but
21	to an application for the Wolfbone. And that was
22	based on a conversation with the Division that they
23	said they would prefer the allocation formula to be in
24	a pooling application.
25	And so we assumed that there would be

1	some kind of amended pooling application that would
2	provide for an allocation. Now, the allocation is
3	pretty straightforward. It would be easily, I
4	believe, and if Mr. Bruce would agree, that would be
5	described within a paragraph.
6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
7	So, Mr. Garcia, you hear the issues
8	going on here. It sounds like we have an issue with
9	the allocation table and with notice.
10	MR. GARCIA: Correct.
11	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So if you do
12	approve the Wolfbone special pool, how do you want to
13	proceed, knowing now that there's notice issues and
14	allocation table issues?
15	MR. GARCIA: I don't know the best
16	legal means or terminology for it, but if there's
17	issues with the cases, and if the approval of the
18	Wolfbone is going to change their notices or their
19	plans geologically, I mean, they can refile exhibits
20	and re-notice. And, I mean, if the parties want, they
21	can re-hold a contested hearing. I don't know if
22	that's the preferred method, but if there's going to
23	be debates about allocation and stuff like that too,
24	they may need to go back to give that another hearing.
25	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.

1 Mr. Savage? 2 MR. SAVAGE: Can Mr. Bruce and I confer --3 4 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Of course. 5 MR. SAVAGE: -- and provide some 6 feedback? Maybe like a short motion that would 7 request a procedure for going forward? 8 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Sure. 9 MR. SAVAGE: If that would be --THE HEARING EXAMINER: It sounds like 10 11 no matter what, you're going to have to re-notice. So 12 we're going to need more evidence one way or another. 13 Whether that means we have to have a hearing or not is a different situation. It sounds like the allocation 14 15 tables -- now, once there is a Wolfbone special pools 16 created, would that necessarily change both party's 17 allocation tables? MR. SAVAGE: I don't believe so. 18 19 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. 20 Mr. Bruce? 21 No. Even though Pride's MR. BRUCE: 22 has not been formally proposed, Mr. Savage knows basically what it is. But obviously all the working 23 24 interest owners in the 328th, or pool, need to be notified of what the allocations would be. 25

1	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. You're
2	still talking about notice, but I'm talking about
3	would there be competing allocation tables if a
4	special
5	MR. BRUCE: Yes.
6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: pool is
7	granted? That's my question to you.
8	MR. BRUCE: Yes.
9	THE HEARING EXAMINER: There would be
10	competing okay. Well, if there is competing, then,
11	I mean, we still don't necessarily have to have a
12	hearing. The parties can submit their competing
13	allocation tables and show that they've provided
14	sufficient notice. And then Mr. Garcia and the
15	technical team can include that evidence with their
16	review of the compulsory pooling applications and
17	decide who has the best one.
18	MR. SAVAGE: If I may, I'm wondering if
19	we could do an approach similar to, like, a closing
20	statement?
21	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Mm-hmm.
22	MR. SAVAGE: A closing statement that
23	has exhibits. The only difficulty with that is, like
24	if one of the parties saw exhibits for the first time.
25	And you'd have to see exhibits up front, have an
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1	opportunity to address them, and then go straight to
2	the closing statement. And I think that would
3	expedite it.
4	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
5	MR. SAVAGE: And I think we could
6	probably avoid the major substance of a hearing.
7	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Mr. Bruce?
8	MR. BRUCE: It sounds like I have no
9	problems with that.
10	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I think what I
11	understand you're saying, Mr. Savage, is that once Mr.
12	Garcia and his team issue an order on the Wolfbone,
13	then the parties would have a certain amount of time
14	after that to submit exhibits, and share exhibits with
15	each other, showing notice and showing the special
16	allocation table. The parties can then have another
17	period of time after that to submit written closing
18	arguments on that. That's what you're saying?
19	MR. SAVAGE: Mm-hmm. And that would
20	put everything before the Division.
21	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Right.
22	And Mr. Garcia, would you find that
23	helpful?
24	MR. GARCIA: Yeah, I have no issues
25	with any of that.
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1 THE HEARING EXAMINER: You said you 2 have no issue. 3 MR. GARCIA: Yep. 4 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. 5 MR. GARCIA: That works. 6 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Thank 7 you, sir. Okay. So that's what we'll do. That's 8 what we'll do. I think it all depends on when the 9 order comes out for the special pool. Mr. Garcia, I 10 know you don't like to be put on the spot like this, 11 but is there any estimate on when that might happen? 12 MR. GARCIA: Probably early 2025, 13 because we're still working --14 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. 15 MR. GARCIA: -- on, what is it, the 16 August 8th docket, I think, we're on. 17 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. 18 MR. GARCIA: Yeah, by early 2025, I'd 19 hope. 20 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. 21 So Mr. Savage and Mr. Bruce, I'll put 22 the onus on you. Once the order comes out, why don't you file a motion to reopen the record in the original 23 And I don't know what the case numbers were 24 cases. that brought us order number R23132. 25

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1 Once you file a motion, a joint motion, 2 to reopen the hearing record in both of those cases, and I will set deadlines for submission of notice 3 exhibits, and submission of competing allocation 4 5 tables. And then we'll set a deadline for your review and closing argument. Does that seem fair? 6 7 MR. SAVAGE: Okay. 8 MR. BRUCE: Yep. 9 MR. GARCIA: That sounds good, yeah. 10 Thank you. 11 THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right. 12 Okay. I have my notes to that effect. It's up to the 13 parties to file that joint motion in early 2025 when that new order comes out. And is there anything 14 15 further, Mr. Savage or Mr. Bruce? 16 MR. SAVAGE: Not from Cimarex. Thank 17 you. 18 MR. BRUCE: Nope. 19 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. 20 Then Mr. Garcia, can we take this case 21 under advisement? 22 MR. GARCIA: Yes. 23 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay, very good. 24 Thank you, gentlemen. 25 Okay, we're off the record in that Page 61

1 case. 2 (Off the record.) 3 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Let's now move to lines 19 through 23. That is Flat Creek Resources 4 5 24732, 33, 34, 35, and 72. 6 Entries of appearance, please. 7 Sharon Shaheen from the MS. SHAHEEN: Santa Fe office of Spencer Fane on behalf of Flat 8 9 Creek Resources. Thank you. 10 THE HEARING EXAMINER: 11 MS. HARDY: Mr. Examiner, Dana Hardy 12 with Hinkle Shanor, on behalf of 3R Operating, and 3R 13 is the successor and interest to Murchison Oil and 14 Gas. 15 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you. 16 MR. SAVAGE: Darin Savage with Abadie & 17 Schill, appearing on behalf of Cimarex Energy. 18 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you. 19 MS. BENNETT: Deana Bennett, on behalf 20 of Marathon Oil Permian, LLC. 21 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you. 22 I'm --23 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I'm sorry, Mr. 24 Examiner. Michael Rodriguez, on behalf of Civitas Permian Operating, LLC, and we entered appearances in 25 Page 62

1	items 21 through 23.
2	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you, Mr.
3	Rodriguez. I'm just going to go through the parties
4	and ask. Mr. Rodriguez, did you file an objection?
5	And if you did, did you withdraw it?
6	MR. RODRIGUEZ: No objection.
7	THE HEARING EXAMINER: No objection.
8	Ms. Bennett?
9	MS. BENNETT: Thank you, Mr. Examiner.
10	Marathon did object to the earlier iteration of these
11	cases, but did not object to these cases moving
12	forward. And the cases that I discussed earlier today
13	that I'm going to be dismissing were the cases that
14	competed with these cases and with the Civitas case
15	that Mr. Rodriguez put up earlier today. So I'm still
16	in the cases, monitoring for Marathon, but no
17	objection to proceeding by affidavit.
18	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you.
19	Mr. Savage?
20	MR. SAVAGE: No objection to proceeding
21	by affidavit.
22	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you.
23	And Ms. Hardy?
24	MS. HARDY: No objection.
25	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right.
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1 Ms. Shaheen? 2 MS. SHAHEEN: Thank you, Mr. Examiner. We filed our exhibits with the usual self-affirmed 3 statements of the landman, Michael Gregory, and the 4 5 geologist, Thomas M. Anderson. Both have previously testified and been qualified in their fields. 6 The exhibits also contain my statement 7 8 regarding notice. The notice letter was sent out on 9 September 20th, which is exactly ten business -sorry, 20 calendar days. And the publication was 10 11 published on September 26, 2024, which is exactly ten 12 business days. And with that, I would ask for the exhibits to be admitted into the record, along with 13 the sub-exhibits. 14 15 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you. Let 16 me take a look at your exhibit packet. I see one filed on the 3rd of October, so it's timely. I see 17 Exhibits A, B, and C, plus typical checklists, 18 19 application, et cetera. Are there any objections to these exhibits? 20 21 MS. BENNETT: No objections. 22 MR. SAVAGE: No objection. 23 MR. RODRIGUEZ: No objection. 24 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Ms. Hardy? 25 MS. HARDY: No objection. Page 64

1 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Your mic is off. 2 But I heard, "No objection." Thank you. Okay. Ms. Shaheen, your exhibits in 3 these five cases are admitted into evidence, under the 4 5 representations you made about the timely notice. 6 (24732/33/34/35, 24772, Exhibit A, 7 Exhibit B and Exhibit C were marked for 8 identification and received into 9 evidence.) Let's go to Mr. Garcia. Mr. Garcia? 10 11 MR. GARCIA: I have a few questions. 12 So I'm turning my case numbers. 13 THE HEARING EXAMINER: 24732, 33, 34, 14 35, and then 24772. 15 MR. GARCIA: Okay. Ms. Shaheen, is 16 your landman with us today? 17 MS. SHAHEEN: Yes, he is. Mr. Gregory should be on. 18 19 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Mr. Gregory, 20 would you turn on your camera? Thank you. 21 MR. GREGORY: Okay. Can y'all hear me? 22 THE HEARING EXAMINER: We can. Would you state and spell your name for the record? 23 24 MR. GREGORY: Yes. It is Michael 25 Gregory, M-I-C-H-A-E-L G-R-E-G-O-R-Y. Page 65

1 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Would you raise 2 your right hand? Do you swear or affirm under penalty 3 of perjury that the testimony you're about to give is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth? 4 5 MR. GREGORY: I do. 6 THE HEARING EXAMINER: And just to 7 reiterate what Ms. Shaheen represented, you have been 8 qualified as a landman expert before this Division? 9 MR. GREGORY: Yes, sir. 10 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay, very good. 11 Mr. Garcia? 12 MR. GARCIA: Good morning. I had a 13 question on case 24732, and then case 24772. PDF page 14 74 of your exhibit packet, it shows all the tracts, 15 and it shows in the right corner that that BLM lease 16 is still pending? 17 MR. GREGORY: Yes. 18 MR. GARCIA: Is that still pending as 19 of today? 20 MR. GREGORY: It is still pending as of 21 today. WPX Energy was the lessee of that BLM lease, 22 and then missed a rental payment in 2022. And so they've been seeking reinstatement of the lease since 23 2022. And it's currently in a pending status with 24 BLM. I have been working with WPX on this, and 25

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1 keeping tabs on their reinstatement efforts. And WPX 2 has indicated their support of us, including this lease in the unit, should they be successful with 3 reinstatement. But yes, it still is in pending 4 5 status. 6 MR. GARCIA: And do you have a 7 foreseeable timeline on when that will be resolved? 8 MR. GREGORY: They've been referencing 9 sometime in 2025. I think it's a joint committee meeting. BLM mentioned that there is a handful of 10 11 reinstatement efforts, and it was their goal to get --12 to get those completed, I think, by the -- the Q3 13 lease sale of next year, which is in July. And so that -- that's all the information I have on -- on --14 15 on their timing. 16 MR. GARCIA: Yeah, I guess what I'm 17 struggling at is, your application asked for these two cases, for the OCD to compulsory pool 320 acres or 240 18 acres. And I'm not sure if OCD should do that, or 19 20 even can do that. And I'm not sure how the other interest owners would know, because depending on if 21 22 it's 320 or 240, their interest changes, and the costs they're subject to pay change. And so I don't know if 23 24 these cases, I guess, are really ripe for OCD to be 25 hearing them at this point.

1 MS. SHAHEEN: If I may interject here, 2 I did, in our pre-hearing statement, took the 3 opportunity to explain previous instances in which the Division has issued orders approving alternative 4 5 spacing units. And I'm happy to go through those or 6 you can take a look at the pre-hearing statement. I think the most recent example of when I'm aware of an 7 8 alternative approval actually had to do with Flat 9 Creek Resources cases involving the Rena 7 wells. And let me see if I can find that order number. 10 Order 11 numbers R-22845, 22846, and 22847. 12 In addition, the Division recognizes 13 authority to approve alternative wells in case numbers Those were the applications for the 14 20897-20899. 15 interstate wells that were filed by Titus. And then I 16 also identified a number of orders in the pre-hearing 17 statement, where the Division has issued orders approving alternatives for various vertical wells. 18 19 This is all in your pre-MR. GARCIA: 20 hearing statement? 21 MS. SHAHEEN: Yes. 22 MR. GARCIA: Okay. I just found it, 23 page 7. 24 MS. SHAHEEN: I believe it starts on 25 page 6. Page 68

1	MR. GARCIA: Yeah. I guess some of
2	these are heavily before my time, 1982.
3	MS. SHAHEEN: Yes, the vertical wells
4	would probably be before you were born.
5	MR. GARCIA: Okay. I guess I'll look
б	into these more.
7	Does Flat Creek have a plan on how they
8	are going to notify the Division and interest owners
9	on which development plan is ultimately, I guess, the
10	successful one for which acreage was pooled?
11	MR. GREGORY: Yes. We would we
12	would repropose the wells, you know, upon receiving an
13	order, and then upon knowing if we would include that
14	pending deal and tract or not. I'll note that in my
15	initial well proposals, we did describe this
16	alternative scenario, and so, you know, these owners
17	are aware via that proposal that there could be two
18	different options here with with how how the
19	how long their laterals would end up being.
20	MR. GARCIA: And no interest owner's
21	objected to either proposal?
22	MR. GREGORY: No, sir.
23	MR. GARCIA: Okay.
24	Mr. Hearing Examiner, I guess I would
25	have to look at some of these older orders, because I
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1 have not seen these other cases before, to see what 2 OCD decided in situations like this in the past. So 3 I'm not sure, I quess, the legal path for these. 4 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Well, I think, 5 just thinking out loud, we can take these cases under 6 advisement. It sounds like you have issues with two of the five cases? 7 8 MR. GARCIA: Correct. That's where the 9 questions were around, was 24732 and 24772. THE HEARING EXAMINER: So it sounds to 10 11 me like you don't have the same issue with 33, 34, and 12 35? 13 MR. GARCIA: Correct, no issues there. 14 THE HEARING EXAMINER: And do you have 15 any questions for the witnesses in those three cases? 16 MR. GARCIA: No questions. 17 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. 18 MR. GARCIA: Those are standard cases, 19 no leases pending. 20 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Well, from a 21 hearing perspective, it sounds like we can close the 22 hearing record. I don't hear that you need to have any amended exhibits admitted into evidence here in 23 24 any of the cases. And I think it's up to you on 25 whether you'll approve or deny the applications as you

1 have them now. So I don't think there's anything left 2 to do in these cases. Ms. Shaheen? 3 4 MS. SHAHEEN: Not that I'm aware of. 5 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. So Mr. 6 Garcia, I believe we can take these under advisement, 7 and the ball is in your court. 8 MR. GARCIA: That works for me. 9 And thank you, Ms. Shaheen, for including that history of similar cases. 10 11 MS. SHAHEEN: Thank you. The question 12 has come up before. 13 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Thank 14 you. 15 Thank you, Mr. Gregory, for your 16 participation today. 17 We are off the record in those cases. They're taken under advisement. 18 19 (Off the record.) 20 THE HEARING EXAMINER: We're now going 21 to move on to line 24 on our docket. It is case 22 number 24830, Catamount Energy. 23 Entries of appearance, please. 24 MR. FELDEWERT: Good morning, Mr. 25 Examiner. Michael Feldewert of the Santa Fe office of Page 71

1 Holland & Hart, on behalf of the applicant. 2 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Mr. Feldewert, I 3 don't see any other parties? 4 MR. FELDEWERT: No. 5 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Very 6 good. Please proceed. 7 MR. FELDEWERT: Sure. We submitted our 8 hearing packet for this matter, which consists of 82 9 pages. And I would invite you to turn to page 16 --10 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Give me a 11 minute. 12 MR. FELDEWERT: -- of the 82-page PDF, 13 while I talk about what we're creating here. 14 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Hold on 15 one second before you continue. Let me --16 MR. FELDEWERT: Sure. 17 THE HEARING EXAMINER: -- pull up your 18 exhibit pack so we're looking at the same thing. 19 MR. FELDEWERT: And this would be the 20 second page of Exhibit A1, page 16 of the 82-page PDF. 21 THE HEARING EXAMINER: And I'm on page 22 16, so please proceed. 23 Sure. So in this MR. FELDEWERT: matter, the company seeks to pool a 1,941-acre non-24 standard horizontal well spacing unit, and in Mancos 25 Page 72

formation, which would involve the Basin Mancos Gas Pool, underlying a portion, section 9, on the left side, all of sections 10 and 11 in the middle of this outline on page 16, and then a portion, section 12, for the three horizontal wells that are depicted with the lime green lines on here.

This Basin Mancos, the gas pool, was created back in 2008 by Division order R12984. It provides for a 320-acre spacing, but with the subsequently adopted horizontal well rules, the spacing unit, or the building blocks, for this gas pool can be either quarter sections or half sections.

Now when you look at this, you'll see that this proposed non-standard spacing unit borders the state of Colorado. It also involves development under the Navajo Lake. You'll also see, in sections 11 and 14, a meandering blue line. That's because the spacing unit runs from San Juan County into Rio Arriba County.

20 One of the reasons for the non-standard 21 spacing unit is not only because of the unique land 22 configuration here, but also you have, on the far 23 left, in what would be the southeast quarter 24 equivalent of section 9, you have an existing federal 25 exploratory unit called the Allison unit. And then

1 all the way over in the right-hand side, you'll see 2 acreage excluded in the southwest quarter of section 3 12, because that is unleased federal acreage and, as Ms. Greer testified, the BLM could not indicate if or 4 5 when that acreage would be put up for lease. So that's the circumstance involved here, and why they're 6 seeking a non-standard spacing unit for these three 7 8 initial horizontal wells.

9 We've submitted, in our hearing package, a self-affirmed statement of Denise Greer as 10 11 Exhibit A. She has previously testified. And she 12 provided these, not only these maps, but the C102s. 13 And then Exhibit A3 is an extensive and complicated 14 tract map, because you're dealing with lots here 15 around the Navajo Lake area. She's identified in that 16 exhibit, the owners that they seek to pool, in red, 17 and you'll see that they're very small interest 18 owners.

Also included a list of overriding royalty interest owners that the company seeks to pool. She also provides, in well proposal letter, a multiple page chronology of contacts. And then finally A6, in her statement, is a tract showing the quarter section or equivalent notice area for the nonstandard spacing unit and a list of those affected

parties.

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2	We then have provided with Exhibit B,
3	the self-affirmed statement of Paul Spear. He is a
4	senior geologist in Aztec, New Mexico. This is the
5	first time he's testified before the Division.
б	Exhibit B1 identifies his educational background and
7	work history, and we believe these credentials qualify
8	him to testify as an expert in petroleum geology.
9	He has provided for you a structure map
10	as Exhibit B2, across the proposed spacing unit.
11	Exhibit B3 shows the well logs and their locations
12	that he used for his stratigraphic cross section. And
13	then B4 consists of a stratigraphic cross section,
14	which identifies the target interval in this Mancos
15	formation. Exhibit C is our affidavit of notice,
16	certified mail to the affected parties.
17	And then finally, Exhibit D are two
18	affidavits of publication, one for a newspaper in San
19	Juan County, and one for a newspaper in Rio Arriba
20	County.
21	(24830 Catamount Exhibit A through
22	Exhibit D were marked for
23	identification.)
24	I believe, Mr. Garcia, you may recall
25	this unique acreage configuration because the company
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1 pursued a similar spacing unit, non-standard spacing 2 unit, for the basin Fruitland coal formation back in August of 2022, which was the ultimate subject of 3 order R22434. 4 5 So with that, we ask that these 6 exhibits be accepted into the record and that this 7 matter be taken under advisement. 8 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Are there any 9 objections? Not hearing any, the exhibits are admitted into evidence. 10 11 (24830 Catamount Exhibit A through 12 Exhibit D were received into evidence.) 13 Mr. Spear, are you with us? 14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: He is on. 15 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Excellent. 16 MR. SPEAR: Yes, I'm here. Sorry about 17 that. 18 THE HEARING EXAMINER: I see you, 19 Mr. Spear. Would you raise your right hand, please? 20 Would you state and spell your name before I swear you 21 in? 22 MR. SPEAR: Paul Spear, P-A-U-L 23 S-P-E-A-R. 24 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Do you swear or affirm under penalty of perjury, that the testimony 25 Page 76

1 you're about to give is the truth, the whole truth, 2 and nothing but truth? MR. SPEAR: 3 Yes. 4 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Did you 5 prepare this CV that I have here on page 16? 6 Actually, I don't know if it's on page 16. Excuse me, 7 it's page 52, I apologize. We're at 53. 8 MR. SPEAR: Yes, I did. 9 THE HEARING EXAMINER: You did prepare 10 it? Okay. I've reviewed it. You are hereby 11 qualified as an expert as a petroleum geologist before 12 this Division from here on in. Let's go to Mr. 13 Garcia. Mr. Garcia, do you have any questions in this 14 case? 15 No questions. MR. GARCIA: 16 Thank you, Mr. Feldewert, for pointing 17 out the NSP exhibit. I could not find it yesterday. But I see it now. And I do remember these cases 18 19 because it's a far drive up to that part of the lake. 20 MR. FELDEWERT: Yes, sir. 21 MR. GARCIA: But no questions, Mr. 22 Examiner. 23 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you. 2.4 Thank you, Mr. Speer. And Mr. Feldewert, the case is taken under advisement. 25

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1 MR. FELDEWERT: Thank you. 2 MR. SPEAR: Thank you. 3 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Let's move on to case number 25, 26, and -- well, now I'm not sure 4 5 about that. So let me call BTA Oil Producers, 24851, 6 24852, and it looks like it's joined with 24853, which 7 I don't see on our docket today. Entries of 8 appearance, please. 9 MS. HARDY: Mr. Examiner, Dana Hardy, with Hinkle Shanor, on behalf of BTA Oil Producers, 10 11 LLC. 12 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you. What 13 happened to case 24853? 14 MS. HARDY: We filed a motion to 15 continue 24853 to the next docket, because we had to 16 clarify a notice issue. 17 THE HEARING EXAMINER: So then, Freya, 18 would you un-join that case, because I think we're 19 hearing the other two cases today by affidavit, and 20 it's just going to confuse me next time. 21 MS. TSCHANTZ: Sure. 22 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. 23 So, Ms. Hardy, are there any other 24 parties that you know of? 25 MS. HARDY: They're not. Page 78

1 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Not, okay. Would you please present your cases? 2 3 MS. HARDY: Sure. Thank you. 4 THE HEARING EXAMINER: They are your 5 amended cases, aren't they? 6 MS. HARDY: They are. In both cases, 7 BTA is seeking a one-year extension of two pooling 8 orders due to gas takeaway limitations. This is the 9 first extension request. Our land witness, Adam 10 Davenport, has previously testified and been qualified 11 as an expert in petroleum land matters. Our notice 12 letter, which is provided in Exhibit B, was sent 13 timely on September 16, 2024, and we also timely published on September 22, 2024. 14 15 So unless there are questions, I ask 16 that these two cases be taken under advisement and 17 that the exhibits be admitted into the record. 18 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you, Ms. 19 Hardy. I thought you alluded to the "good cause." 20 But I'm not sure what it is. 21 MS. HARDY: The good cause, Mr. 22 Examiner, are gas takeaway constraints. Their ability to drill the wells has been delayed because they need 23 24 to have gas takeaway in place to avoid flaring before they do that. And Mr. Davenport's affidavit says that 25

1	additional gas takeaway capacity is expected to be
2	operational during the second quarter of 2025.
3	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Thank
4	you. So without objection, your exhibits are admitted
5	into evidence.
6	(24851 Exhibit A and Exhibit B were
7	marked for identification and received
8	into evidence.)
9	(24852 Exhibit A and Exhibit B were
10	marked for identification and received
11	into evidence.)
12	Mr. Garcia, any questions on this case?
13	MR. GARCIA: No questions.
14	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Or these two
15	cases? Excuse me.
16	MR. GARCIA: No questions.
17	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay, very good.
18	So the exhibits were admitted into 24851, 24852, and
19	these two cases will be taken under advisement.
20	Thank you, Ms. Hardy.
21	MS. HARDY: Thank you.
22	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay, moving on
23	now to BTA Oil Producers, line 27 of our docket,
24	24854.
25	MS. HARDY: Dana Hardy on behalf of
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1	BTA.
2	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Any other
3	parties?
4	MS. HARDY: No, Mr. Examiner.
5	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Please proceed.
6	MS. HARDY: Thank you. This is a
7	pooling case involving the Pennsylvanian Shale
8	formation. Our land witness, Rex Barker, has
9	previously testified and been qualified as an expert
10	in petroleum land matters.
11	Our geology expert, Witness Jonathan
12	Truong, has not previously testified before the
13	Division. We did provide his CV, along with his
14	affidavit. He is available if there are questions,
15	and I would request that he be qualified as an expert.
16	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Mr. Truong, are
17	you with us?
18	MR. TRUONG: Yes, sir.
19	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Excellent.
20	Would you state and spell your name for the record?
21	MR. TRUONG: Jonathan Truong.
22	J-O-N-A-T-H-A-N, Truong, T-R-U-O-N-G.
23	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Do you know to
24	turn on your camera, Mr. Truong?
25	MR. TRUONG: Yes, sorry.
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1	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Very good. No,
2	you're fine.
3	Would you raise your right hand,
4	please? Do you swear or affirm under penalty of
5	perjury that the testimony you're about to give is the
6	truth, the whole truth, and nothing but truth?
7	MR. TRUONG: I do.
8	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. I have
9	not had a chance to review your CV, or your resume, as
10	you call it. First of all, what field are you seeking
11	to be qualified?
12	MR. TRUONG: Petroleum geology.
13	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Thank
14	you. Would you give me a rundown of your education
15	and experience in the industry that would support that
16	expertise?
17	MR. TRUONG: Yes, sir. I got my
18	undergraduate in petroleum engineering from Texas A&M,
19	and then proceeded to get a master's in geology and
20	geophysics from LSU. I have eight years of experience
21	within oil and gas, six of those within the field of
22	geology. Most recently worked as a working as a
23	geologist at BTA Oil Producers, spanning from
24	exploration, acquisition, development, mostly in
25	the the Permian basin.

1 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you, Mr. 2 Truong. You are hereby qualified as an expert as a 3 petroleum geologist before this Division. 4 Ms. Hardy, when was this notice sent 5 out? MS. HARDY: Mr. Examiner, we are only 6 7 pooling one party, and our notice letter was sent on 8 September 24, 2024, and it was received. We did also 9 timely publish on September 19th. THE HEARING EXAMINER: Perfect. 10 Thank 11 you, Ms. Hardy. 12 Are there any objections to these 13 exhibits. These exhibits are admitted into evidence. (24854 Exhibit A, Exhibit B and Exhibit 14 15 C were marked for identification and 16 received into evidence.) Mr. Garcia, any questions? 17 18 MR. GARCIA: One question that just popped up this morning. Ms. Hardy, is there a 19 20 difference in the exhibit packets? One was submitted 21 on 10/2 and then we had one pop up yesterday, on 22 October 9th. 23 MS. HARDY: Yes. Mr. Examiner -- thank 24 you for mentioning that. We did file amended 25 exhibits. We submitted them on Monday, and we Page 83

1 corrected the pool code and the checklist. So that 2 was the only difference. 3 THE HEARING EXAMINER: So, Freya, would you remove the exhibit packet that was filed on 10/2, 4 5 please? 6 MS. TSCHANTZ: Yes. 7 THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right, thank 8 you. 9 Anything else, Mr. Garcia? MR. GARCIA: No. 10 11 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Wonderful. 12 We'll take this case under advisement. 13 Thank you, Mr. Truong and Ms. Hardy. 14 MS. HARDY: Thank you. 15 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Moving on to 16 line 28 through 33. These are Permian Resource 17 applications, case numbers 24855, 56, 57, 58, 24862 and 63. 18 19 Entries of appearance, please. 20 MS. HARDY: Mr. Examiner, Dana Hardy with Hinkle Shanor on behalf of Permian Resources 21 22 Operating. 23 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Good morning. 24 MS. HARDY: Good morning. 25 MR. DISHONG: Good morning, Mr. Hearing Page 84

1 Examiner --2 MR. DISHONG: Good morning, Mr. 3 Hearing --4 MS. HARDY: And I --5 MR. DISHONG: Oh, I'm sorry. 6 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Go ahead. 7 MR. DISHONG: Good morning, Mr. Hearing 8 Examiner. My name is Matt Dishong. I'm here with R. 9 Reese & Associates, and we appear on behalf of Northern Oil and Gas, and we are just monitoring. 10 11 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Would you 12 turn on your camera, sir? 13 MR. DISHONG: Yes, sir. Sorry, I 14 didn't know anyone else wanted to see me. 15 THE HEARING EXAMINER: I like to see 16 people, preferably in person, but I understand. Did 17 you file an objection and withdraw it, or did you not ever file an objection? 18 19 MR. DISHONG: No, we're not objecting. 20 THE HEARING EXAMINER: You never 21 objected. So you're just monitoring? 22 MR. DISHONG: Yes, sir. 23 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Very good. Have 24 you had a chance to review the exhibits that were 25 filed in these cases?

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1 MR. DISHONG: Yes, sir. 2 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay, good. Are 3 there any objections to receiving them as evidence? 4 MR. DISHONG: No, sir. 5 THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right. Will 6 you have any questions for any of the witnesses in Permian Resources? 7 8 MR. DISHONG: No, sir. 9 THE HEARING EXAMINER: You will not. 10 Okay. Thank you, Mr. Dishong. 11 Ms. Hardy? 12 Thank you, Mr. Examiner. MS. HARDY: 13 These are pooling cases that involve the first and 14 third Bone Spring intervals of the Bone Spring 15 formation. Our witnesses are Ryan Curry [ph] for 16 land, and Chris Reudelhuber for geology. Both 17 previously testified before the Division, and been 18 recognized as experts. Our notice letter was timely 19 sent on September 17, 2024, and we timely published on 20 September 20, 2024. 21 So with that, unless there are 22 questions, I request that the exhibits be admitted and 23 that the case be taken under advisement. 24 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okav. 25 Are there any other objections besides Page 86

1 Mr. Dishong's party? Not hearing any, your exhibits 2 in both -- well, not both, in all cases, all five cases, are admitted into evidence. 3 (24855/56/57/58, 24862/63 Exhibit A, 4 5 Exhibit B and Exhibit C were marked for identification and received into 6 7 evidence.) 8 Mr. Garcia, are there any questions for 9 any Permian witness? 10 MR. GARCIA: No questions. 11 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. 12 Ms. Hardy, your cases are taken under 13 advisement. 14 And it was good meeting you, Mr. 15 Dishonq. Thank you. 16 MR. DISHONG: Thank you. 17 MS. HARDY: Thank you. THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Moving on 18 19 to Franklin Mountain Energy, we have two cases, 24859, 20 24861. It is line 34 and 35 on our docket. 21 MS. PENA: Good morning, Mr. Hearing 22 Examiner. Yarithza Pena with Modrall Sperling, on behalf of Franklin Mountain Energy. 23 24 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Good morning, 25 Ms. Pena. Are there any other parties that you know Page 87

1	of?
2	MS. PENA: Not that I am aware of.
3	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Very good.
4	Would you please proceed?
5	MS. PENA: Yes. I have a quick
6	question, as well, that involves these cases. So
7	these involve the Gold State wells and there are
8	companion cases with Gold State wells that were heard
9	on June 26th. They were originally a contested
10	hearing, and they were heard with the Golden Parallel
11	wells. And at the time they were heard as affidavit
12	hearings as MRC told us that morning that they were
13	going to be dismissing their cases. And they
14	dismissed their cases on October 9th.
15	And as Mr. Garcia mentioned earlier
16	today in the docket, he said that they were getting
17	ready to review the August hearings, or August
18	applications. So we were just wondering if these
19	cases would be taken under advisement, since back in
20	August, MRC dismissed their cases, and at the time
21	with our affidavit hearing, that was the caveat.
22	So we're just checking in on those
23	cases.
24	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. So you're
25	not asking about these cases today? You're asking
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1 about older cases? 2 MS. PENA: Older cases that are 3 companion cases with these. THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Companion 4 5 cases. Okay. Let's get through the hearing on these. And do you have case numbers for Mr. Garcia? 6 7 MS. PENA: I do. 8 THE HEARING EXAMINER: What case 9 numbers are they? MS. PENA: So the Gold cases were 10 11 24356, and 24358 through 24360. And the Parallel well 12 cases that were heard at the same time were 24348, 13 24350 through 55, and 24362. 14 THE HEARING EXAMINER: You lost me. 15 MS. PENA: Okay. 16 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Maybe Mr. Garcia 17 is keeping up with you, but I'm certainly not. 18 MS. PENA: All right. 19 THE HEARING EXAMINER: So are you 20 saying that you presented cases by affidavit on June 21 26th? 22 MS. PENA: Yes. 23 THE HEARING EXAMINER: That is what you 24 said. How many cases were there that you presented by 25 affidavit?

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1 MS. PENA: They're ten, I believe. 2 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Ten? 3 MS. PENA: Yes. 4 THE HEARING EXAMINER: And these are not competing cases, because the competing cases were 5 dismissed? 6 7 MS. PENA: Yes. But at the time of the 8 hearing, they hadn't been dismissed yet. 9 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Right. Ι understand. But we took them under advisement as of 10 11 the June 26th date? 12 MS. PENA: Once MRC were to dismiss 13 their cases, which happened in August. 14 THE HEARING EXAMINER: But we heard 15 them in June by affidavit? 16 MS. PENA: Yes. 17 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. And you 18 heard today that Mr. Garcia is working on August 19 cases, so you're wondering what happened to these 20 cases? 21 MS. PENA: Yes. 22 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Well, we'll give him some time to look them up. Whether he 23 24 needs it or not, I don't know. But why don't you 25 present your evidence in these two cases --Page 90

1 MS. PENA: Absolutely. 2 THE HEARING EXAMINER: -- and we'll get 3 through these, and then we'll find out. 4 MS. PENA: Yes. Thank you so much. 5 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okav. 6 MS. PENA: So in 24859 and 24861, 7 Franklin seeks an order pooling all committed 8 interests into Bone Spring standard safety units. We 9 timely filed similar exhibit packets in both of these cases, with a standard set of exhibits. 10 11 The landman is Don Johnson, who has 12 previously testified before the Division. And the 13 geologist is Ben Metz, who has also previously testified before the Division. Our notice exhibits 14 15 are on tab C, and our sample notice letter was sent 16 out on September 18, 2024. And our publication was on September 22, 2024. 17 I would ask that the exhibits in both 18 these cases be admitted into the record and that these 19 20 two cases are also taken under advisement. 21 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Are there any 22 objections to the exhibits? Not hearing any, your 23 exhibits in both cases are admitted into evidence. (24859 Exhibit A, Exhibit B and Exhibit 24 25 C were marked for identification and Page 91

1 received into evidence.) 2 (24861 Exhibit A, Exhibit B and Exhibit C were marked for identification and 3 received into evidence.) 4 5 Mr. Garcia, do you have any questions 6 in these two cases? 7 MR. GARCIA: No questions. 8 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay, very good. 9 So these two cases are taken under advisement, Ms. Pena. 10 11 MS. PENA: Thank you. 12 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Mr. Garcia, did 13 you hear the question about ten cases that were heard by affidavit on June 26? 14 15 MR. GARCIA: I believe so, and I think 16 I got all the case numbers down. If I may screen 17 share real quick, I guess. 18 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you. 19 MR. GARCIA: Is it all these cases? 20 MS. PENA: Yes, that is correct. 21 MR. GARCIA: Okay. Like I said, I caught most of them but I missed the second half. 22 23 And then your question is just, what is the status of the order on these things? 24 25 MS. PENA: Yes, that's our question. Page 92

1	MR. GARCIA: All right. I will follow
2	up with you because I'll have to go check where
3	they're at, because they should have been issued. If
4	not, that might be my fault, to be honest. It might
5	have got missed when I was reviewing cases.
6	We had a transition in staff lately,
7	and I think Mr. Coderaff [ph] knows, like he had
8	two cases I let slip through the cracks, and these
9	might have been similar. So I will follow up with an
10	email to you on it.
11	MS. PENA: Okay. Thank you so much. I
12	appreciate it.
13	MR. GARCIA: No problem.
14	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Ms. Pena, were
15	you saying that the competing cases were dismissed
16	months after the hearing?
17	MS. PENA: Yes.
18	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So, Mr. Garcia,
19	I wonder whether the fact that the competing cases
20	weren't dismissed until months after in some way put
21	them on hold?
22	MR. GARCIA: It could have, because
23	competing cases, we wait for the transcripts for sure,
24	and then we take our time in reviewing those. And so
25	they tend to be slower. I might have just missed the
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1 dismissal of the competing cases come through. 2 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Perfect. MR. GARCIA: I'll look into them. 3 4 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Well, now Ms. 5 Pena has added two more cases to those ten, so there 6 are 12 now that are companion it looks like. 7 Thank you very much, Ms. Pena. 8 We're off the record. 9 (Off the record.) 10 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Calling line 36. 11 It is 24870, Steward Energy. 12 Entries of appearance, please. 13 MS. HARDY: Mr. Examiner, Dana Hardy 14 with Hinkle Shanor, on behalf of Stewart Energy. 15 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Do you know of 16 any other parties? 17 MS. HARDY: There are no other parties. THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you. 18 19 Please proceed. 20 MS. HARDY: Thank you. In this case, 21 Steward seeks a one-year extension of time to commence 22 drilling operations under the pooling order, due to gas prices and takeaway limitations. This is the 23 first extension for these this order. Our land 24 witness, Taylor Warren, has previously testified 25 Page 94

1 before the Division, and been recognized as an expert 2 witness in petroleum land matters. Our notice letter was timely sent on September 19, 2024. And we timely 3 published on September 24, 2024. 4 5 So with that, I request that the exhibits be admitted and that the case be taken under 6 7 advisement. 8 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you. Are 9 there any objections to these exhibits? These exhibits are admitted into evidence. 10 11 (24870 Exhibit A and Exhibit B were 12 marked for identification and received 13 into evidence.) 14 Mr. Garcia, do you have any questions 15 in this case? 16 MR. GARCIA: No questions. 17 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Very good. This case is taken under advisement. Thank you, Ms. Hardy. 18 19 MS. HARDY: Thank you. 20 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Moving now to 21 248 -- actually that may conclude our docket because 22 Freya, this case, 24833, COG Operating, this motion to reopen, I understand that -- well, it's on the docket; 23 I'll call it. 24 25 I'm calling case 24833, COG Operating. Page 95

1 Entries of appearance, please. 2 MS. HARDY: Dana Hardy with Hinkle 3 Shanor, on behalf of COG Operating. THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you. 4 5 MR. SUAZO: Good morning, Mr. Hearing Miguel Suazo with the Santa Fe office of 6 Examiner. 7 Beatty & Wozniak, on behalf of XTO Energy. 8 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you. And 9 did you file the motion, sir? MR. SUAZO: Yes, Mr. Hearing Examiner. 10 11 We filed an amended version this morning, just noting 12 COG's opposition to the motion filed. 13 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. So let's talk about it for a moment. 14 15 MR. SUAZO: Sure. 16 THE HEARING EXAMINER: I skimmed 17 your --18 Mr. Garcia, do you have anything that you wanted to talk about in this? Or you can sign off 19 20 if you don't. 21 MR. GARCIA: I have no major items with 22 this. 23 THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right. 24 Well, thank you for your participation, Mr. Garcia. 25 MR. GARCIA: Thank you. Page 96

1	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Mr.
2	Suazo, I skimmed through, but why don't you briefly
3	restate your motion?
4	MR. SUAZO: Sure. So our client
5	contacted us to represent them at this hearing, which
6	they expected to be today on the 10th. And when we
7	started our preparations for the hearing, we realized
8	that it had actually occurred on the 3rd. The reason
9	for the belief that it was going to be held today was
10	because the letter from COG indicated it was going to
11	be held that day and it turned out it was not.
12	And so after conferring with Ms. Hardy,
13	essentially what we would like to have happen is for
14	this matter to be set for a status conference and
15	continued to October 31st. And we're optimistic that
16	the parties will be able to resolve their issues by
17	that time, hopefully.
18	THE HEARING EXAMINER: In thinking
19	about your motion yesterday, and I know that you filed
20	an amended motion to comply with the request from the
21	hearing bureau, and any time you file a motion, please
22	put in the position of every other party, because we
23	don't know whether it's opposed. I mean, we assume
24	it's opposed, but we don't know that it's opposed.
25	And if it's not opposed, please include a proposed

1	order for
2	MR. SUAZO: Sure.
3	THE HEARING EXAMINER: That being said,
4	we also did notice that the entry of appearance that
5	you made in writing was on September 30th.
6	MR. SUAZO: Correct.
7	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And I believe
8	that the Division published notice correctly for the
9	October 3rd docket. What I wonder is, do you review
10	those notices from the Division?
11	MR. SUAZO: We do. I commit the
12	time well, and still, the client has not asked to
13	object. I think they're interested in the docket.
14	And I'm not sure that we were really expecting to
15	actually actively represent the client on the 10th,
16	until we got further directed from them.
17	So there was a little bit of a
18	disconnect between the notice and what was actually
19	being asked of us. So I think that was kind of a
20	cause for the lag and the late realization that the
21	case had actually been heard on October 3rd.
22	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And when the
23	case was called on the 3rd and Ms. Hardy proceeded by
24	affidavit
25	Is that right, Ms. Hardy?
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1 MS. HARDY: That's correct. 2 THE HEARING EXAMINER: I thought so. Т 3 don't remember that specifically. But were you in attendance? 4 5 MR. SUAZO: No. 6 THE HEARING EXAMINER: You were not. 7 Okay. 8 Ms. Hardy? 9 MS. HARDY: Mr. Examiner, as Mr. Suazo 10 said, I am cautiously optimistic that the parties can 11 reach an agreement on this issue. But as you've 12 pointed out, the entry of appearance was filed on 13 September 30th, and I communicated by email with Ms. 14 Graham and Mr. Suazo that day about whether they plan 15 to object at the hearing on Thursday, which would have 16 been the 3rd. And then I know my partner, Ms. McLean, 17 spoke with Ms. Graham immediately after the hearing on the 3rd about the fact that it had occurred, because 18 Ms. Graham called Ms. McLean. 19 20 So XTO's counsel was aware of the 21 hearing and was also aware immediately afterwards that 22 it happened, but didn't file this motion until yesterday. And, as you noted, hadn't contacted us 23 24 regarding the motion. 25 So we do oppose the motion for those Page 99

1 reasons, and we would like to hopefully reach an 2 agreement. But if that doesn't work, we would file a 3 response and have the motion considered or request that it be considered on October 31st, on that docket. 4 5 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. So we'll 6 talk about a time frame for a response in just a 7 moment. 8 Mr. Suazo, and of course I didn't know 9 that Ms. Hardy communicated with someone in your office, again, alerting them to the fact that the 10 11 hearing was going to occur on the 3rd, several days 12 before it occurred. So what do you have to say to 13 that? MR. SUAZO: So I think the disconnect 14 15 there is that, yes, we did receive an email asking if 16 we were going to object or oppose. And we didn't know 17 what the client's position was at that time. And we clarified that, still thinking that the hearing was 18 19 actually going to be today on the 10th. That's what 20 was not clear on the communications. We were 21 expecting this to occur today, not on the 3rd. 22 THE HEARING EXAMINER: I understand. 23 And Ms. Hardy, are you saying that in 24 your email you reiterated that the hearing was going 25 to be on the 3rd?

1 MS. HARDY: The email, sent on 2 September 30th, and I have it here, states "Can you 3 please confirm that XTO does not object to COG proceeding by affidavit on Thursday." 4 5 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okav. 6 MS. HARDY: Didn't say the date of the 7 Thursday, but it was sent a couple days prior to that 8 Thursday. 9 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Ι understand. 10 11 MS. HARDY: Yeah. 12 THE HEARING EXAMINER: And I understand the confusion. 13 14 Mr. Suazo, as you know, this is an 15 opposed motion, so I'm not doing anything at this 16 point. I'm going to wait for Ms. Hardy to file a 17 response, or to let me know that there is no response, 18 that the parties have negotiated successfully and that 19 you won't be filing a response. I would assume at 20 that point, you would withdraw your motion? 21 MR. SUAZO: Right. 22 THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right. 23 MR. SUAZO: We are prepared to proceed 24 down that path, yes, assuming we get the clear from 25 the client.

1 THE HEARING EXAMINER: So is there a 2 rule, or I think I saw a rule in your motion, that 3 allows you to reopen a case? 4 MR. SUAZO: Yes. 5 THE HEARING EXAMINER: The question in my mind is that since the Division properly noticed 6 7 the case for the 3rd of October, I understand you got 8 a letter from --9 And who sent that letter, Ms. Hardy? MS. HARDY: It was the hearing notice 10 11 letter sent by my office to XTO. 12 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Hearing notice 13 I'm not familiar because that happens between letter. parties. So I'm not --14 15 MS. HARDY: Yeah. It's just our 16 standard hearing notice letter. And it was timely 17 sent --18 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Right. 19 MS. HARDY: -- more than 20 days before 20 October 3rd but there was a typo in the letter stating 21 that --22 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. So parties typically send out notices to each other? 23 24 MR. SUAZO: Correct. 25 THE HEARING EXAMINER: So parties don't Page 102

1 rely on the notice that the Division posts? 2 MR. SUAZO: It's not that they don't, it's just that there's various sources of information. 3 4 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. 5 MR. SUAZO: And so if we're taking it 6 based on the letter from the other side, that, "Okay, 7 this is when the hearing is, " and that goes to the client, they tell us, "Okay, the hearing's on this 8 9 date." You know, there's a lot of dockets going on. 10 In retrospect, of course, we should have looked at 11 that a little more closely. But I think under the 12 circumstances, it was reasonable for the client to believe that they only needed our services on the 13 14 10th. 15 THE HEARING EXAMINER: So the letter 16 that your office sent, Ms. Hardy, goes directly to the client. Is it sent from your client to their client? 17 18 MS. HARDY: No. It's sent by my office 19 to the parties who are being pooled. It's our pooling 20 notice letter. 21 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Oh, it's a 22 pooling notice letter? 23 MS. HARDY: Yes. 24 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Which is 25 different than a proposal? Page 103

1 MR. SUAZO: Yeah. 2 MS. HARDY: Correct. 3 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay, all right. The short course is in in a week and half, so I'll be 4 more fluid with all of this after the short course in 5 6 Houston. At least I hope so. But, at what point do 7 you send out this letter? 8 MS. HARDY: That letter is sent at 9 least 20 days prior to the hearing date by certified mail. 10 11 THE HEARING EXAMINER: By certified 12 mail? 13 MS. HARDY: Correct. 14 THE HEARING EXAMINER: What is the 15 purpose of it? 16 MS. HARDY: It is the letter that 17 notifies the parties of the day that the application is set for hearing. 18 19 THE HEARING EXAMINER: And Freya, when 20 do you send the notice for the docket, when you're 21 sending out notice for a new -- because this was a new 22 case --23 Is that right, Ms. Hardy? 24 MS. HARDY: That's right. 25 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Freya, Page 104

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when do you send that out? 1 2 MS. TSCHANTZ: Twenty days in advance 3 of the hearing. 4 THE HEARING EXAMINER: And you send it 5 to the attorneys only, not the parties, right? 6 MS. TSCHANTZ: I send it to everyone 7 who's signed up for our distribution list, and also 8 post it to the website. 9 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Well, 10 our -- what is the name of your client, Mr. Suazo? 11 MR. SUAZO: XTO Energy. 12 THE HEARING EXAMINER: XTO Energy. 13 Freya, is XTO Energy on the distribution list? 14 15 MS. TSCHANTZ: I would have to check. 16 There is about 200 contacts. 17 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Ms. Hardy or Mr. Suazo, do you know if the distribution list includes 18 entities besides law firms? 19 20 MR. SUAZO: It does. MS. HARDY: It does this Mr. Examiner, 21 22 yes. 23 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Mr. Suazo, do 24 you know if XTO is on that list? 25 MR. SUAZO: I would need --Page 105

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1 THE HEARING EXAMINER: You don't know. 2 MR. SUAZO: I don't know. THE HEARING EXAMINER: You don't know. 3 4 All right. I'll wait for Ms. -- I mean either way, I 5 understand that they -- even if they did get Ms. 6 Tschantz's notice, there was confusion based on Ms. 7 Hardy's letter. I will hope that the parties 8 negotiate this out. 9 So let's talk about deadlines for your response. You're asking for the October 31st docket? 10 MR. SUAZO: 11 Yes. 12 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. And why 13 are you asking for that docket, as opposed to the November docket? 14 15 MR. SUAZO: Based upon conversations 16 with the client, they think that they're pretty close 17 to working out the situation. THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. So what 18 19 is the situation, by the way? 20 MR. SUAZO: I think they're working on 21 a JOA and they just need a little more time to pin down those details. I think there are some other 22 23 issues with associated acreage. I'm not really privy 24 to those details. 25 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Page 106

1 MR. SUAZO: But that's my understanding 2 of the situation. 3 THE HEARING EXAMINER: And correct me if I'm wrong, but if they do achieve a JOA with Ms. 4 5 Hardy's client, it would take them out of the 6 compulsory pooling order? 7 Right. MR. SUAZO: 8 MS. HARDY: That's right, correct. 9 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. And 10 that's what they're hoping for? 11 MR. SUAZO: Correct. 12 THE HEARING EXAMINER: They don't want 13 to be forced pooled? 14 MR. SUAZO: That's right. 15 THE HEARING EXAMINER: I understand. 16 Ms. Hardy, do you have an objection to 17 the October 31st docket? 18 MS. HARDY: I do not. 19 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Very 20 good. When would you like to file your response? 21 MS. HARDY: If we could file it on Monday, October 28th --22 23 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. 24 MS. HARDY: -- that would be great, 25 because it may not be necessary. Page 107

1	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Yeah. You'll
2	let me know?
3	MS. HARDY: Yes.
4	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right, along
5	with Mr. Suazo. Either party can file something
6	letting us know, you know, "We've cleared up our
7	differences. We don't need to be on the docket." So
8	we'll remove you. But we will expect well, it's
9	Ms. Hardy's case, and she would have to put it on the
10	docket. It's been taken under advisement, so the
11	hearing record is closed.
12	Freya, how does that work? This case
13	is closed in the hearing bureau. How does it get
14	reopened if necessary and put on a docket?
15	MS. TSCHANTZ: I had to reopen it just
16	to add it to today's docket, so it is in a position to
17	be added to a later docket.
18	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. So it's
19	been reopened?
20	MS. TSCHANTZ: Yes.
21	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
22	Ms. Hardy, if you're not able to
23	resolve the JOA, and if this case will be heard on
24	October 31st, I'll depend on you to continue it into
25	that docket. I don't know who pays for that, but
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1 that's between the parties, who's going to pay for 2 that fee. Please file your response by close of business on Monday, October 28th. I'll consider it. 3 4 If you have a reply. You can do it verbally --5 MR. SUAZO: Okav. 6 THE HEARING EXAMINER: -- at the status 7 conference. And we'll see how the parties are 8 proceeding. But I'll come to some sort of decision on 9 October 31st on the motion --10 MR. SUAZO: Okay. 11 THE HEARING EXAMINER: -- based on your 12 exhibits, and based on the response. But I understand 13 more about it now than I did yesterday when I first 14 saw your motion. 15 Is there anything further from the 16 parties? 17 MS. HARDY: No. Thank you. 18 MR. SUAZO: No. Thank you, Mr. Examiner. 19 20 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you. We're in recess on that case. And I believe that 21 22 concludes all of our cases today. Thank you, everyone. We're off the record. 23 24 (Whereupon, at 10:07 a.m., the 25 proceeding was concluded.) Page 109

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