

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

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

CASE NOS: 21080 through 21083

APPLICATION OF APACHE CORPORATION  
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

EXAMINER HEARING

MARCH 5, 2020

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

This matter came on for hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, EXAMINERS FELICIA ORTH KATHLEEN MURPHY, PHILLIP GOETZE on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at the New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department, Wendell Chino Building, 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Porter Hall, Room 102, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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1 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: Thank you. All right.

2 Let's begin with Case 21080, 81, 82 and 83. I assume they  
3 will be consolidated for purposes of presentation since  
4 these are compulsory pooling cases relating to wells  
5 Dustbowl 1.

6 Appearances please.

7 MR. HOUGH: Good morning Lance Hough from the law  
8 firm of Modrall Sperling on behalf of Apache Corporation. I  
9 will pass out these packets here because I am allowed to  
10 present these cases all together consolidated.

11 These are applications for compulsory pooling in  
12 Lea County, specifically Sections 11 and 14, Township 19  
13 South, Range 32 East, and to the extent necessary to  
14 identify, the landman and geologist have not previously  
15 testified before the Division, I have included their  
16 qualifications as well as their resume, so if it's necessary  
17 I can qualify to testify regarding their respective  
18 expertise.

19 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: Okay, thank you for  
20 presenting those.

21 MR. HOUGH: As provided, behind Tab B is my  
22 affidavit, which also included with that is the notice,  
23 status of mailing and affidavit of publication demonstrating  
24 that the cases are in compliance with the notice  
25 requirements. So with that, unless the Division has any

1 questions or concerns, I just request that the affidavit and  
2 corresponding exhibits be admitted and that the case be  
3 taken under advisement.

4 (Exhibits offered.)

5 EXAMINER MURPHY: Timely notice?

6 MR. HOUGH: Yes. Notice was sent on February 10,  
7 so I think 24 days ago, and then publication was published  
8 February 12 which is 11 days.

9 EXAMINER MURPHY: And your checklist, they look  
10 good. Thank you.

11 MR. HOUGH: Yes.

12 EXAMINER MURPHY: Sometimes the checklists have  
13 been coming in and as they add more wells the font  
14 decreases.

15 MR. HOUGH: I tried to avoid that unless I can,  
16 but there are four separate checklists, one for each case.

17 EXAMINER MURPHY: How you avoid that, there is a  
18 tool in Excel, and it's called print area and you extend the  
19 print area. So, great, I have no further questions.

20 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: Mr. Goetze?

21 EXAMINER GOETZE: No questions, thank you.

22 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: Thank very much,  
23 Mr. Hough. We will take it under advisement.

24 (Taken under advisement.)

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1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
2 COUNTY OF BERNALILLO

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4 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

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6 I, IRENE DELGADO, New Mexico Certified Court  
7 Reporter, CCR 253, do hereby certify that I reported the  
8 foregoing proceedings in stenographic shorthand and that the  
9 foregoing pages are a true and correct transcript of those  
10 proceedings that were reduced to printed form by me to the  
11 best of my ability.

12 I FURTHER CERTIFY that the Reporter's Record of  
13 the proceedings truly and accurately reflects the exhibits,  
14 if any, offered by the respective parties.

15 I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am neither employed by  
16 nor related to any of the parties or attorneys in this case  
17 and that I have no interest in the final disposition of this  
18 case.

19 Dated this 5th of March 2020.

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