

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: 20831

APPLICATION OF CENTENNIAL RESOURCE
PRODUCTION LLC, FOR COMPULSORY, NON-STANDARD
SPACING AND PRORATION UNIT,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NOS: 20861, 20862

APPLICATION OF V-F PETROLEUM INC.
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF VIRTUAL PROCEEDINGS

EXAMINER HEARING

May 28, 2020

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

This matter came on for virtual hearing before
the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, EXAMINERS FELICIA
ORTH, KATHLEEN MURPHY, DYLAN COSS, SCOTT COX and BAYLEN
LAMKIN on Thursday, May 28, 2020, through the New Mexico
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CASE CALLED

STATUS CONFERENCE

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1 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: Moving then to Matter 19.

2 This is Case Number 20831. Centennial is the applicant,
3 compulsory pooling application for a well named Margarita
4 36.

5 Is that you, Mr. Feldewert, from Holland & Hart?

6 MR. FELDEWERT: (No audio.)

7 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: You are muted.

8 MR. FELDEWERT: Sorry about that. Yes, Madam
9 Examiner, Michael Feldewert from the Santa Fe office of
10 Holland & Hart appearing on behalf of Centennial Resource
11 Production LLC.

12 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: Thank you very much. And
13 Ms. Shaheen, are you here for V-F Petroleum Fuel Product
14 Energy and (unclear audio).

15 MS. SHAHEEN: Yes, Madam Examiner, I am. And
16 this Centennial case is competing with the V-F Petroleum
17 20 -- I think it's 661 and 20662 on the docket following
18 this Centennial case.

19 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: Yes. That's right,
20 that's why I grouped them. So the other case numbers are
21 20861 and 20862, V-F Petroleum, the applicant in each case,
22 compulsory pooling applications. The well names are Getty
23 1, and we have you, Ms. Shaheen, as applicant's counsel, and
24 then Centennial, I assume you, Mr. Feldewert, entered an
25 appearance in each of those?

1 MR. FELDEWERT: Correct, Madam Examiner.

2 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: All right.

3 Okay. I also noted that prehearing statements
4 had been filed by the applicants -- by Centennial, excuse
5 me, in all three matters, and that V-F Petroleum and others
6 had also filed prehearing statements. So are we doing a
7 status conference this morning?

8 MR. FELDEWERT: Well, I -- I had hoped to view
9 this as a prehearing conference, Madam Examiner. As you
10 know, we have been trying to get this case -- these
11 competing cases scheduled for hearing. I think it was like
12 April, I saw the hearing in May and V-F filed an opposed
13 motion stating they did not have consent to a virtual
14 hearing on competing applications at this time, and stating
15 it's not fair to present its witnesses in audio and visual
16 formats as required by the Division's notice.

17 As a result, we did (unclear audio) scheduled
18 hearing in May and these cases were bumped to today's
19 docket, for what I hoped would be for the purpose of
20 scheduling a virtual hearing. Ms. Shaheen, and I have
21 conferred. I requested a hearing in June. Ms. Shaheen
22 indicated that her client did not want to go to hearing any
23 earlier than perhaps late July.

24 So recognizing my leverage was limited here, I
25 conceded to a hearing in late July, and I actually drafted a

1 prehearing order, as you and I had previously discussed in
2 another case, for the purposes of sending it to you, leaving
3 the hearing date blank.

4 I sent that to Ms. Shaheen, and she and I have
5 conferred about it. I think, as far as I know, there is
6 no -- there is no longer or not any issues associated with
7 that, so I'm hoping to be able to present it to you after
8 this hearing so that you can make whatever changes you need
9 to make to the prehearing order and get this matter
10 scheduled for a hearing in late July.

11 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: All right. Thank you,
12 Mr. Feldewert. Ms. Shaheen?

13 MS. SHAHEEN: Thank you, Madam Examiner. Mr.
14 Feldewert is correct, I don't believe we have any issues
15 with the prehearing order that he's proposed, although we
16 want to consider whether there is a need for another
17 prehearing conference to address logistical issues and also
18 whether there may be a need for post -- excuse me -- for
19 pretrial motions. So I'm going to confer with my client in
20 that regard and get back with Mr. Feldewert about that.

21 He is correct that we are requesting a date in
22 late July -- in part, I will take this on myself -- in part,
23 I'm hoping to be out of state for the first couple of weeks
24 in July. So I think we are in agreement. I will continue
25 to confer with Mr. Feldewert so we can get a prehearing

1 order to you as soon as possible.

2 I did have a couple of questions about the
3 logistics of it. I don't know if this is the right time or
4 not, but just trying to envision how, how -- is there any
5 way to move forward, particularly with respect to exhibits,
6 whether the Division anticipates everyone having exhibits
7 there electronically themselves each alone, or whether the
8 Division is anticipating some sort of video presentation of
9 the exhibits during the hearing itself, while the parties
10 are cross-examining.

11 I don't know if you have had an opportunity to
12 consider that, but I did have that question and thought I
13 would ask it today.

14 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: Well, thank you for
15 the -- thank you for the question, actually, Ms. Shaheen. I
16 have a few e-mails, things are evolving. Let me just share
17 a few things I think are important about exhibits. One is
18 that they be submitted before the hearing so that everyone
19 has it in hand before the hearing with the potential
20 exception of -- of, I don't know, surrebuttal exhibits or
21 some things that might have to be presented after, after
22 hearing another party's evidence.

23 But I want to discourage any recantation of
24 exhibits that wouldn't come in before the hearing, at least
25 a little bit. Certainly having the exhibits available,

1 these would cross-examine (unclear audio) questions a
2 presenter, and I think it would be good if, for example, in
3 the hearing we could share a screen allowing someone to
4 refer to an exhibit during the examination.

5 I imagine that that will be technically possible
6 by late July. At this moment, other than using, for
7 example, this Webex mechanism or Zoom mechanism, I'm not
8 sure how to assure that it would happen other than through,
9 for example, a mechanism like this.

10 As I understand it, it might be possible by late
11 July for us to accommodate both people in person and
12 virtually, but we won't, again, be certain about that until
13 we get closer to that date.

14 In the meantime, I want to encourage you to send
15 me the prehearing order when you have it as finished as you
16 can have it between yourselves, and then I will set up a,
17 not private, but not a Thursday morning session with you, a
18 prehearing conference so we can actually get the order
19 finalized. I will do that after I get the order via e-mail.

20 EXAMINER MURPHY: Madam Examiner?

21 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: Ms. Murphy.

22 EXAMINER MURPHY: I do have a little insight on
23 this. If you noticed on that ad that goes across with the
24 mute and unmute button, there is a share content, and you
25 should be able to show the PDF exhibits and talk along and

1 explain them.

2 So we do this in the teams meetings and in Zoom,
3 and you see that button there in the Webex, so it is
4 available for you to show the PDF, discuss what page you're
5 on and just go through as if you are in a regular hearing
6 with your exhibits being shown on that TV screen just like
7 we would be in Porter Hall.

8 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: All right. Thank you.

9 MR. FELDEWERT: Just a point of clarification,
10 Madam Examiner, I believe all I need to do -- is it okay,
11 once I get the approval from Ms. Shaheen, to go ahead and
12 e-mail to you, to the OCD Division, a Word version of the
13 pretrial order so that you can easily modify as needed to
14 fit whatever the Division wants to utilize?

15 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: Thank you. That's an
16 excellent, excellent point. Word is always good.

17 MR. FELDEWERT: And then secondly, do you
18 envision perhaps since we are shooting for the end of July,
19 perhaps having this matter placed again on the second docket
20 in June for the purpose of providing an update on where we
21 stand in having virtual hearings and to address whatever
22 other questions that may arise between now and then? Would
23 that be helpful?

24 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: So let me talk with the
25 Division staff about that. Because once, once we are

1 marching toward hearing, I'm not sure that it needs to be
2 included on another docket. That is to say, we may be able
3 to do more targeted meetings, me and you and Ms. Shaheen and
4 whoever else needs to be involved.

5 Let me check with the staff about that, and one
6 of us will get back to you. I'm hoping we can just go, if
7 you will, off-line to discuss your case.

8 MR. FELDEWERT: So then I will -- my task will be
9 to confer with Ms. Shaheen one more time and try to get to
10 you possibly today or tomorrow what we put together as a
11 prehearing order.

12 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: Thank you.

13 Ms. Shaheen, anything further?

14 MS. SHAHEEN: No, Madam Examiner. Thank you for
15 the clarification.

16 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: Thank you. All right.
17 So thank you both and wait for the prehearing order.

18 MR. FELDEWERT: Thank you.

19 (Status conference concluded.)
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