

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: 21861 - 21865

APPLICATION OF TITUS OIL & GAS PRODUCTION
LLC TO AMEND ORDERS R-21381, R-21382,
R-21395, R-21369, R-21370,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF VIRTUAL PROCEEDINGS
EXAMINER HEARING
MAY 6, 2021
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

This matter came on for virtual hearing before
the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, HEARING OFFICER
WILLIAM BRANCARD and TECHNICAL EXAMINER LEONARD LOWE on
Thursday, MAY 6, 2021, through the Webex Platform.

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1 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: So let me call cases
2 8 through -- I'm not sure -- 12, I believe, but you can
3 correct me. We have a series of Titus Oil & Gas proposed
4 amendments, and I'm calling Cases 21861, 21862, 21863,
5 21864, 21865, the Lonesome Dove Wells.

6 We have additional cases from Titus, but I don't
7 know how they want to group those. Montgomery & Andrews?

8 (No audible response.)

9 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Ms. Shaheen, you are
10 muted.

11 MS. SHAHEEN: Good morning, Mr. Examiner and
12 everyone. Sharon Shaheen on behalf of Titus Oil & Gas
13 Production LLC. And I think you are correct, I would like
14 to take these in two separate cases. So I'll address the
15 Lonesome Dove cases first, 21861 through 21865, and then I
16 will come back and do the Cattlemen cases, if that's
17 acceptable.

18 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. Are there
19 any other entries of appearance. It appears we have a party
20 that entered an appearance and withdrew.

21 MR. PADILLA: Mr. Examiner, Ernest L. Padilla for
22 Allar Company. We withdrew the application after Allar
23 communicated with Titus, and so whatever misunderstanding
24 was corrected and/or -- so Allar does not have any
25 objection to these hearings on Titus. I think -- and it

1 goes all the way to Case Number 17.

2 We applied on six cases, but we have withdrawn
3 the entry of appearance, so we don't need to participate any
4 further, thank you.

5 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. Are there
6 any other appearances in these five cases?

7 (No audible response.)

8 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Hearing none, Ms.
9 Shaheen, you may proceed.

10 MS. SHAHEEN: Thank you. It's helpful to take a
11 look at the exhibit packet if you have it handy. Starting
12 on PDF Page 1 in Case Number 21861, Titus seeks to amend
13 Order Number R-21831 that was issued in the original Case
14 21203 in order to extend the time for drilling by one year
15 which would be to July 6 of 2022.

16 Similarly in Case Number 21862, Titus seeks to
17 amend Order R-21832, which was issued in Case 21204 and to
18 extend the time for drilling by one year to July 6, 2022.

19 In Case Number 21863, Titus seeks to amend Order
20 R-21395 issued in original Case 21205 to extend the time for
21 drilling by one year, in this instance, to July 22 of 2022.

22 Similarly, Case Number 21864, Titus seeks to
23 amend Order R-21639 which was issued in original Case Number
24 21206 to extend the time for drilling to July 22, 2022.

25 And the same goes for Case Number 21865, Titus

1 seeks to amend Order R-21370 issued in original Case Number
2 21207 to July 22, 2022.

3 These, these wells are the Lonesome Dove wells,
4 and they concern acreage in Sections 8 and 17, 26 South,
5 Range 35 East.

6 If you turn to PDF Page 2, you will see we
7 organized the exhibits to provide copies of each application
8 in these five cases, copies of each order that was
9 previously issued.

10 And then Exhibit 3 has the sample notice letter
11 for the first two cases, 61 and 62.

12 Exhibit 4 has the sample notice letter for cases
13 63, 64 and 65.

14 There are only a few parties that were pooled
15 under these orders. All of them received notice by
16 certified mail in this case. Nonetheless we published, and
17 that can be found in the affidavit of the notice which is
18 attached as Exhibit C.

19 Titus requests these extensions of time for time
20 to drill for the reasons stated in Mr. John's affidavit
21 which have to do with Covid, market conditions. These are
22 federal wells. They were -- the timing was affected by the
23 executive order that was issued in January 2021.

24 And with that, unless you have questions, I ask
25 that the Division take -- admit these exhibits into the

1 record and take these cases under advisement.

2 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you, Mr. Lowe
3 any questions?

4 TECHNICAL EXAMINER LOWE: No. Not at this time.
5 Thank you.

6 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. Any other
7 comments on these cases, 21861, 62, 63, 64, and 65?

8 (No audible response.)

9 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Hearing none, the
10 exhibits in these cases will be admitted and Cases 21861,
11 21862, 21863, 21864 and 21865 are taken under advisement.
12 Thank you.

13 (Exhibits admitted.)

14 (Taken under advisement.)

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4 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

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

10 I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am neither employed by
11 nor related to any of the parties or attorneys in this case
12 and that I have no interest in the final disposition of this
13 case.

14 I FURTHER CERTIFY that the Virtual Proceeding was
15 of poor to good quality.

16 Dated this 6th day of May 2021.

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/s/ Irene Delgado

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