## STATE OF NEW MEXICO

## ENERGY, MINERALS, AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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

Application of Spur Energy.

Partners for Compulsory Pooling Case Nos. 21926, 21927,

Lea County, New Mexico 21928, 21929
21931, 21997
21998, 21999,
22027, 22028

## REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

## STATUS CONFERENCE

AUGUST 5, 2021

This matter came on for hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, William Brancard, Esq. Hearing Examiner, Baylen Lamkin Technical Examiner, on August 5, 2021, via Webex Virtual Conferencing Platform hosted by the New Mexico Department of Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources.

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- 1 (Time noted 8:19 a.m.)
- 2 EXAMINER BRANCARD: With that we will move to
- 3 our first items on the agenda. There are 10 items. These
- 4 are the first 10 on our list, and I'm calling Case No.
- 5 21926, -27, -28, -29, -31, -97, -98, -99, and 22027 22028.
- 6 Do we an entry of appearance for Spur
- 7 Energy Partners?
- 8 MS. HARDY: Yes. Good morning, Mr. Examiner.
- 9 Dana Hardy with the Santa fe office of Hinkle Shanor on
- 10 behalf of Spur Energy Partners.
- 11 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. Do we have an
- 12 Entry of Appearance for ConocoPhillips.
- MR. RANKIN: Good morning, Mr. Examiner. Adam
- 14 Rankin with the law firm of Holland & Hart in Santa Fe
- 15 appearing on behalf of ConocoPhillips in these cases.
- 16 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. Chevron USA.
- 17 MR. DeBRINE: Good morning, Mr. Examiner. This
- 18 is Earl Debrine on behalf of Chevron.
- 19 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. And I have an entry
- 20 in one of the cases for Yates Holding.
- 21 Mr. Padilla, I believe that's you. Is that
- 22 correct?
- 23 MR. PADILLA: Ernest Padilla Law Firm on behalf
- 24 of Yates Brothers, a General Partnership, instead of Yates
- 25 Holding. We're just in this case on a side issue, and we

1 don't intend to participate in the hearing in a big way.

- 2 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you.
- Ms. Hardy, will you start us off. Where
- 4 are we going with these cases?
- 5 MS. HARDY: Sure. Thank you, Mr. Examiner.
- 6 Spur and ConocoPhillips have been
- 7 negotiating on an agreement and we are optimistic that an
- 8 agreement will be reached, but it hasn't been reached yet.
- 9 And so at this point we would like to go ahead and that
- 10 have the cases set for a contested hearing, probably I'm
- 11 guessing October, in the event an agreement is not
- 12 reached.
- So that's where we are at this point.
- 14 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. I will say we are
- 15 pretty booked up already September and October for a
- 16 contested hearing, so we might be looking at November if
- it actually is going to be contested.
- 18 Mr. Rankin --
- 19 MR. RANKIN: Mr. Examiner, I don't have a
- 20 different understanding of the circumstances for these
- 21 matters. I do believe that the parties are diligently
- 22 working towards resolution. I do think as far as dates
- 23 go, you know if the end of October could work, that would
- 24 be a time frame that would work for ConocoPhillips, either
- 25 the 21st or 22nd. But I understand that the Division is

- 1 concerned about having an overflow docket.
- 2 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Mr. DeBrine?
- 3 MR. DeBRINE: We're happy with whatever hearing
- 4 date the Division will set.
- 5 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you.
- I assume the same for you, Mr. Padilla.
- 7 MR. PADILLA: Yes.
- 8 EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. So, Marlene,
- 9 what are our dates in late October and early November?
- MR. SALVIDREZ: So we have November 4th open.
- 11 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. Since this is
- 12 potentially a contested hearing, I think we will set it
- 13 then for November 4th.
- 14 Any comments from the parties?
- 15 MS. HARDY: Not from Spur, Mr. Examiner. Thank
- 16 you.
- MR. RANKIN: None from ConocoPhillips. Thank
- 18 you, Mr. Examiner.
- 19 MR. DeBRINE: Nothing for Chevron. Thank you.
- 20 EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. Then we will set
- 21 this for November 4th. I believe we already have a
- 22 Prehearing Order, so I can just amend that and get that
- 23 out to the parties. Thank you. Anything further in these
- 24 10 cases? Hearing none, thank you.
- 25 (Time 8:21 a.m.)

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