

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:

Application of Catena Resources
Operating, LLC, to Amend
Order No. R-21433
Lea County, New Mexico Case No. 22137

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

EXAMINER HEARING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

This matter came on for hearing before the
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, William
Brancard, Esq. Hearing Examiner, Kurt Simmons,
Technical Examiner, on September 9, 2021, via Webex
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C	Notice Affidavit	5
D	Notice of Publication	5

1 (Time noted 9:32 a.m.)

2 EXAMINER BRANCARD: With that we'll move to Item
3 No. 29, Case 22137, Catena Resources.

4 MS. LUCK: Good morning, Mr. Hearing Examiner --
5 sorry about that.

6 Kaitlyn Luck with the Santa Fe Office of
7 Holland and Hart on behalf of the applicant in these
8 cases, Catena Resources.

9 EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. Any other
10 interested persons for Case 22137?

11 Hearing none, Ms. Luck you may proceed.

12 I assume you're doing this by itself, you
13 are not combining it with the other cases. Is that
14 correct?

15 MS. LUCK: I would prefer to just present these
16 separately. It should only take a few moments because
17 they are very simple.

18 EXAMINER BRANCARD: That's fine. Please
19 proceed.

20 MS. LUCK: Thank you. (Note: Pause.)

21 Okay. Sorry about that, for the delay.

22 In this case Catena Resources is seeking to
23 amend the Division's Order R-21433, which was previously
24 entered by the Division in Case No. 21351. This Order
25 approved a standard 640-acre spacing unit in the east half

1 of Sections 19 and 30. This is all in Township 18 South,
2 Range 25 East in Lea County, New Mexico.

3 This Order approved a Wolfcamp spacing unit
4 and dedicated to the Rope 1H well. The details for that
5 well are provided in Catena's Exhibit A, which was filed
6 with the Division on Tuesday.

7 As reflected in Exhibit A, Catena is
8 seeking a one-year drilling extension in this case because
9 of the downturn during 2020 and Catena's change of
10 management, which has led to the Drill Schedule being
11 extended for this well.

12 So as you'll note in the affidavit, the
13 drilling provision expired on August 18th of 2021 but our
14 application was filed before that, so Catena is now
15 seeking an extension until August 18th of 2022.

16 And none of the parties that have been
17 pooled under this Order have been required to elect and
18 pay, and so that's why we are seeking to extend it at this
19 point.

20 So I would move the admission of Catena
21 Exhibits A, B and C and request that this case be taken
22 under advisement.

23 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. Mr. Simmons, any
24 questions?

25 EXAMINER SIMMONS: No, it appears to be in

1 order. Thank you.

2 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. Any other
3 interested persons for Case 22137? (Note: Pause.)

4 Hearing none, we will admit the exhibits
5 and take this case under advisement. And yes, you just
6 did get the application in under the wire.

7 MS. LUCK: Thank you.

8 (Time noted 9:35 a.m.)

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rules) any of the parties or attorneys in this case, and

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that I have no interest whatsoever in the final

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disposition of this case in any court.

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/s/ Mary Macfarlane

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