

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

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

APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY,  
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,  
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO.: 22244

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF VIRTUAL PROCEEDINGS  
EXAMINER HEARING  
DECEMBER 16 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 KATHLEEN MURPHY on  
Thursday, December 16, 2021, through the Webex Platform.

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9 I N D E X

10 CASE CALLED

11 SUMMARY OF CASE AND EXHIBITS 03

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1                   HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: With that I call case  
2   22244, Mewbourne Oil Company.

3                   MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, Jim Bruce for the  
4   applicant.

5                   HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. I do not  
6   see any other entries of appearance. Are there any other  
7   entries right now for Case 22244?

8                   (No audible response.)

9                   HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Hearing none, Mr.  
10   Bruce, you may proceed.

11                  MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, in this case Mewbourne  
12   seeks to force pool the well unit adjoining that of the  
13   prior case. It's the S/2 NW/4 of Section 16, and the S/2  
14   N/2 of Section 17 in 18, 28, for the Pappy 16/17 E2 FE 1-H  
15   well.

16                  Exhibit package contains the usual landman's  
17   affidavit, contains the usual land plats, ownership lists,  
18   proposal letters, and AFES. The geologist affidavit is  
19   identical to the one presented in the last case showing the  
20   Second Bone Spring interval being pooled is continuous  
21   across the well unit. And the quarter-quarter section  
22   should contribute more or less equally to production.

23                  And I have Exhibit 4, the affidavit of mailing  
24   and an affidavit of publication. In this one I did get back  
25   one mailing, and I don't understand why, I got back a letter

1 from Marathon Oil stating that there was an insufficient  
2 address, which I don't understand because I have been  
3 sending mail to that address for about four or five years  
4 now.

5 But regardless, everybody received either actual  
6 notice or publication notice. Exhibit 5 is the affidavit of  
7 publication. Exhibit 6 is the pooling checklist, and I must  
8 say that insofar as the notice letter, I did send out a  
9 prior notice letter, but I -- I forget what it is off the  
10 top of my head, but there was an error in that letter, and  
11 that's why I continued these cases and resent mail notice.  
12 So most of these people have gotten notice twice by this  
13 time, once in October and once in November.

14 The other thing is, I will, after this hearing, I  
15 will refile Exhibit 6. There's one minor error in the  
16 pooling checklist. I put the orientation as west to east  
17 when it is actually east to west. Very minor, but I will  
18 correct that, and I will attach a notice describing what the  
19 error was.

20 But with that, I move the admission of Exhibits 1  
21 through 6 and ask that the case be taken under advisement.

22 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. Ms.  
23 Murphy, any questions?

24 TECHNICAL EXAMINER MURPHY: No questions. Thank  
25 you.

1                   HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. So, Mr.  
2     Bruce, we need a revised checklist. Anything else we need  
3     here?

4                   MR. BRUCE: I don't think so.

5                   HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Always interesting  
6     with newspaper notices, you did manage to confirm that the  
7     World Alliance for Peace in the UK got the notice, but --

8                   MR. BRUCE: Yeah, there are a lot of strange  
9     addresses in this one.

10                  HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. Any other  
11     interested persons for Case Number 22244?

12                  (No audible response.)

13                  HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Hearing none, the  
14     exhibits will be admitted into the record and Case 22244  
15     will be taken under advisement with the need to provide a  
16     revised checklist before we can issue an order. Thank you.

17                  (Exhibits admitted.)

18                  (Taken under advisement.)

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4 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE  
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9 foregoing pages are a true and correct transcript of those  
10 proceedings to the best of my ability.

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12 nor related to any of the parties or attorneys in this case  
13 and that I have no interest in the final disposition of this  
14 case.

15 I FURTHER CERTIFY that the Virtual Proceeding was  
16 of reasonable quality.

17 Dated this 16th day of December 2021.  
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19 /s/ Paul Baca

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