

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

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

CASE NOS. 15057 and 15061

APPLICATION OF DEVON ENERGY COMPANY, LP,  
FOR A NON-STANDARD OIL SPACING AND PRORATION UNIT,  
AND COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

EXAMINER HEARING

DOCKET NO. 40-13

BEFORE: PHILLIP O. GOETZE, Hearing Officer  
DAVID K. BROOKS, Legal Examiner  
MICHAEL McMILLAN, Hearing Officer

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This matter came on for hearing before the  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, PHILLIP GOETZE,  
Hearing Examiner, DAVID K. BROOKS, Legal Examiner, and  
MICHAEL McMILLAN on THURSDAY, December 5, 2013, at the  
New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources  
Department, 1220 South Street Francis Drive, Room 102,  
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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*Devon Energy Production*

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1 MR. EXAMINER: Very well. Then we will go  
2 to the first case, case 15061, application of Devon  
3 Energy Production Company, LP, for a non-standard oil  
4 spacing and proration unit and compulsory pooling, Lea  
5 County, New Mexico.

6 And you have wished this to be consolidated with  
7 case 15057?

8 MR. BRUCE: Yes, sir.

9 MR. EXAMINER: Okay. We will also hear at  
10 this time case 15057, which is application of Devon  
11 Energy Production Company, LP, for a non-standard oil  
12 spacing and proration unit and compulsory pooling, Lea  
13 County, New Mexico.

14 Call for appearances.

15 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, Jim Bruce of  
16 Santa Fe representing the applicant. I am submitting  
17 this matter by affidavit, and I thank the division for  
18 allowing me to do that. My clients were afraid they  
19 wouldn't be able to get back to Oklahoma City today. I  
20 do have them available by phone if you have any  
21 questions, but I have submitted some documents to you.  
22 And with that, if I could just run through them?

23 MR. EXAMINER: Proceed. ✓

24 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, the first  
25 Exhibit Number 1 is the verified statement of the

1 landman for Devon. If you turn back a few pages you'll  
2 come to attachment A to the exhibit.

3 And both of these cases involve the south half  
4 south half of section 14 of 17 south, 32 east. The next  
5 couple of pages are the C102s for the well. One of  
6 them, the number 8 well, is -- I want to make sure --  
7 they're both in the Maljamar, west Maljamar-Yeso pool.  
8 The first well, number 8, will test the Blinebry  
9 formation or Blinebry member of the Yeso. And the  
10 second well, the number BAE 14, fed com number 7 well  
11 will test the Paddock member of the Yeso group. You can  
12 see that the APDs were approved because they do have API  
13 numbers on the C102s.

14 If you go back to Exhibit 1, page 2, it lists the  
15 parties being pooled. And they're primarily small  
16 unleased mineral interest owners. Devon does expect  
17 some of these interest owners to sign oil and gas  
18 leases, but at this point they have not. So Devon at  
19 this point seeks the pooling of all these listed mineral  
20 interest owners.

21 The well proposal letters are contained as  
22 Exhibits B1 and B2. Exhibits C1 and C2 are the AFEs for  
23 the wells. They are approximately 5.6 or \$5.8 million.  
24 Devon requests that 200 percent risk charge. The  
25 overhead rates requested are 7500 a month for a drilling

1 well and 750 a month for a producing well.

2 The normal exhibits used in the force pooling are  
3 attached to Exhibit 1. Exhibit 2 is the affidavit of  
4 John Green, who is the geologist. Attached to his  
5 affidavit is the usual structure plat. The isopach and  
6 cross section, showing that the Yeso zones, both the  
7 Blinebry and the Paddock, are continuous across the well  
8 unit, and they more or less equally contribute to  
9 production.

10 The Devon has a number of lay down wells actually  
11 already permitted and planned in section 14. The Yeso  
12 is one of the zones where it really doesn't matter with  
13 respect to unit orientation as to which type of well is  
14 more productive. As a matter of fact, COG is drilling  
15 stand-up well units to the north in section 11, which  
16 actually extend down into the north half north half of  
17 section 14. That was a subject of a hearing at the  
18 division about a month or two ago.

19 As I said, the affidavit of the geologist gives  
20 the thickness of the Blinebry and the Paddock zones, the  
21 approximate depths of the horizontal wellbores, and  
22 there is no faulting or any other type of issue that  
23 would prevent horizontal drilling in these quarter  
24 quarter sections.

25 Also attached are the drilling prognoses for each

1 of the wells. Whoever did these, for a change, did  
2 something smart putting the -- actually measuring out  
3 the end of the curve so you can actually tell  
4 approximately where the productive interval of the  
5 wellbore will begin. And even though the surface  
6 location is unorthodox both of the wells will be  
7 orthodox for the entire productive interval of the  
8 wellbores.

9 The geologist's affidavit also indicates that the  
10 wells will have eight completion stages and sets forth  
11 the approximate amounts of the sand and the gallons of  
12 water, which will be used in these wells in the  
13 fractured treatment.

14 The landman's affidavit does set forth the offset  
15 working interest owners or operators to these two wells.  
16 Exhibits 3A and 3B are simply the affidavits of notice  
17 regarding notice to the parties being pooled in each  
18 case. And Exhibits 4A and 4B are the affidavits of  
19 notice to the offset interest owners in each of these  
20 two cases.

21 And with that, I think these affidavits contain  
22 all of the information normally set forth in the pooling  
23 hearing, and I would move the admission of Exhibits 1  
24 through 4B.

25 [Exhibits 1 through 4B admitted into evidence.]

1 MR. EXAMINER: Exhibits 1 through 4B are so  
2 accepted.

3 Mr. Brooks, do you have any questions?

4 MR. BROOKS: I have no questions.

5 MR. EXAMINER: Mr. McMillan, do you have any  
6 questions?

7 MR. McMILLAN: No questions.

8 MR. EXAMINER: Just one question. Halcon  
9 Resources, they have not been responsive? Are they --

10 MR. BRUCE: They have not been responsive.  
11 I talked with the landman yesterday. They expected all  
12 of the people -- if you'll look at the landman's  
13 affidavit, the five people listed after Halcon  
14 Resources, they still expect them to sign a lease. And  
15 Halcon has not been responsive, and they don't know if  
16 they're going to lease or not.

17 MR. EXAMINER: Okay. So they have not come  
18 back with any kind of an offer or anything like that?

19 MR. BRUCE: No.

20 MR. EXAMINER: Okay. Very good. And you  
21 will inform us if we do have changes?

22 MR. BRUCE: I will.

23 MR. EXAMINER: Well, with that we will say  
24 we will take case 15061 and case 15057 under advisement.

25 And with that we wish Mr. Brooks a successful

1 career as we end this docket hearing. ✓

2 [The hearing concluded at 10:36 AM.]

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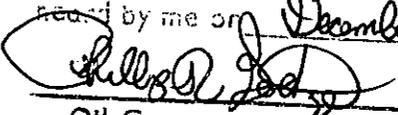
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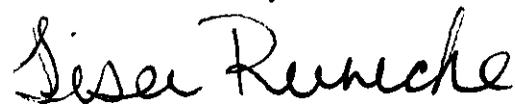
  
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