

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:

APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE OIL
COMPANY FOR A NONSTANDARD OIL
SPACING AND PRORATION UNIT AND
COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 15141

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

EXAMINER HEARING

May 29, 2014

Santa Fe, New Mexico

BEFORE: PHILLIP GOETZE, CHIEF EXAMINER
GABRIEL WADE, LEGAL EXAMINER

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This matter came on for hearing before the
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, Phillip Goetze,
Chief Examiner, and Gabriel Wade, Legal Examiner, on
Thursday, May 29, 2014, at the New Mexico Energy,
Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Wendell Chino
Building, 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Porter Hall,
Room 102, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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Mewbourne Oil Company Exhibit Number 1

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1 (8:49 a.m.)

2 EXAMINER GOETZE: Let's go to Case 15141,
3 application of Mewbourne Oil Company for a nonstandard
4 oil spacing and proration unit and compulsory pooling,
5 Eddy County, New Mexico.

6 Call for appearances.

7 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, Jim Bruce of
8 Santa Fe representing the Applicant. I just have one
9 witness in this matter.

10 EXAMINER GOETZE: Very good. Your
11 witness -- will you stand, state your name and be sworn
12 in?

13 MR. MITCHELL: Corey Mitchell.

14 EXAMINER GOETZE: And are there no other
15 appearances for this case.

16 Very well. Mr. Bruce, continue on.

17 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, this case
18 involves the True Grit 8 B3BO Fed Com Well #1. There
19 was a prior pooling case on this matter. The order is
20 R-13815. Right about the time that order was entered --
21 and I'll have Mr. Mitchell testify about this -- we
22 discovered there were a couple of additional parties who
23 needed to be notified.

24 EXAMINER GOETZE: Amazing how they come out
25 of the woodwork. Very good. Continue.

1 COREY MITCHELL,
2 after having been previously sworn under oath, was
3 questioned and testified as follows:

4 DIRECT EXAMINATION

5 BY MR. BRUCE:

6 Q. Mr. Mitchell, who do you work for and in what
7 capacity?

8 A. I work for Mewbourne Oil Company as a landman.

9 Q. And have you previously testified before the
10 Division?

11 A. I have.

12 Q. Were your credentials as an expert landman
13 accepted as a matter of record?

14 A. Yes, sir.

15 Q. And are you familiar with the land matters
16 involved in this case?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. Mr. Mitchell, could you refer to Exhibit --
19 what I've submitted as Exhibit 1? What happened after
20 the last hearing with respect to and looking at the
21 names on the list, Lawrence Elkins?

22 A. After the last hearing, I continued my search
23 to find some of these individuals that we were unable to
24 locate. I contacted an individual by the name of Larry
25 Elkins, who was currently under lease, trying to locate

1 some of these lost family members of his.

2 Q. The Elkins family is quite large?

3 A. Yes, sir. And at which time he informed me
4 that we had an individual named Lawrence Elkins that we
5 were assuming was the same as Larry Elkins, and that was
6 not the case. He told me Lawrence was a different
7 Elkins. So we had to contact Lawrence to try to lease
8 him. I believe he is deceased now.

9 Q. So the mail to him was returned?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 MR. BRUCE: And then Dave and Jim Elkins,
12 Mr. Examiner, in the last hearing, I submitted materials
13 that showed that the letters to them came back, so I
14 added them to the Affidavit of Publication.

15 EXAMINER GOETZE: Very good.

16 MR. BRUCE: And so with those three parties
17 who we needed to pool, I would submit the Affidavit of
18 Publication marked as Exhibit 1 and ask that the matter
19 be taken under advisement.

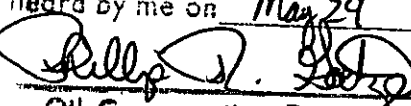
20 EXAMINER GOETZE: Exhibit 1 is accepted.

21 (Mewbourne Oil Company Exhibit Number 1
22 was offered and admitted into evidence.)

23 EXAMINER GOETZE: And I have no questions
24 for this witness, so Case 15141 is taken under
25 advisement.

(Case Number 15141 concludes, 8:52 a.m.)

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I do hereby certify that the foregoing is
a complete record of the proceedings in
the Examiner hearing of Case No. 15141
heard by me on May 29 2014
 , Examiner
Oil Conservation Division

1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO
2 COUNTY OF BERNALILLO

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4 CERTIFICATE OF COURT REPORTER

5 I, MARY C. HANKINS, New Mexico Certified
6 Court Reporter No. 20, and Registered Professional
7 Reporter, do hereby certify that I reported the
8 foregoing proceedings in stenographic shorthand and that
9 the foregoing pages are a true and correct transcript of
10 those proceedings that were reduced to printed form by
11 me to the best of my ability.

12 I FURTHER CERTIFY that the Reporter's
13 Record of the proceedings truly and accurately reflects
14 the exhibits, if any, offered by the respective parties.

15 I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am neither
16 employed by nor related to any of the parties or
17 attorneys in this case and that I have no interest in
18 the final disposition of this case.

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