

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: )  
)  
IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING OF THE OIL )  
CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR AN ORDER )  
CREATING AND EXTENDING CERTAIN POOLS IN )  
CHAVES AND EDDY COUNTIES, NEW MEXICO )  
)

CASE NO. 12,504

ORIGINAL

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

EXAMINER HEARING

BEFORE: MARK ASHLEY, Hearing Examiner

October 5th, 2000

Santa Fe, New Mexico

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This matter came on for hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, MARK ASHLEY, Hearing Examiner on Thursday, October 5th, 2000, at the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Porter Hall, 2040 South Pacheco, Santa Fe, New Mexico, Steven T. Brenner, Certified Court Reporter No. 7 for the State of New Mexico.

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## APPLICANT'S WITNESS:

BRYAN G. ARRANT (District Geologist, NMOCD,  
 Artesia District Office - District 2)

Direct Examination by Ms. Hebert 3  
 Examination by Examiner Ashley

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## A P P E A R A N C E S

## FOR THE DIVISION:

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 Legal Counsel to the Division  
 2040 South Pacheco  
 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

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1           WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were had at  
2 10:01 a.m.:

3           EXAMINER ASHLEY: At this time the Division calls  
4 Case 12,504.

5           MS. HEBERT: Mr. Examiner, Lyn Hebert appearing  
6 on behalf of the Oil Conservation Division, and I have one  
7 witness in this case.

8           EXAMINER ASHLEY: Any additional appearances?  
9 Will the witness please rise to be sworn in?  
10 (Thereupon, the witness was sworn.)

11           EXAMINER ASHLEY: Mr. Arrant, could you take the  
12 witness stand, please?

13                           BRYAN G. ARRANT,  
14 the witness herein, after having been first duly sworn upon  
15 his oath, was examined and testified as follows:

16                           DIRECT EXAMINATION

17 BY MS. HEBERT:

18           Q.    Would you please state your name for the  
19 Examiner?

20           A.    My name is Bryan Arrant, and the last name is  
21 spelled A-r-r-a-n-t.

22           Q.    Mr. Arrant, where are you employed?

23           A.    With the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division in  
24 Artesia, New Mexico.

25           Q.    And what is your position with the Division?

1 A. Currently I'm district geologist.

2 Q. And have you testified before the Division  
3 Hearing Examiners before?

4 A. No, ma'am, I have not.

5 Q. Would you provide the Hearing Examiner a brief  
6 description of your experience and education?

7 A. I graduated from Texas Tech University in 1974  
8 with a bachelor of science in geology, and shortly after  
9 that I was contract with -- as a wellsite geologist from  
10 1981 through 1985. From 1985 through 1995, I was a  
11 geologist and geotech with Nearburg Producing Company. And  
12 from 1995 to present, except for a period of eight months,  
13 I was -- I'm currently employed as District Geologist with  
14 the OCD.

15 MS. HEBERT: Mr. Examiner, we would submit Mr.  
16 Arrant as an expert in petroleum geology. Are his  
17 qualifications accepted?

18 EXAMINER ASHLEY: They are.

19 MS. HEBERT: That's a relief.

20 Now, this is the part that I'm going to need a  
21 little help here, probably.

22 THE WITNESS: Okay.

23 Q. (By Ms. Hebert) You have come to the hearing,  
24 and have you prepared these exhibits that have been  
25 presented to the Hearing Examiner?

1           A.    Yes, ma'am, I have.  Roughly on a monthly basis,  
2 part of duties is to prepare a nomenclature for exhibit,  
3 for the creation and extension of oil and gas pools.

4           Q.    And are these exhibits individually marked?  I  
5 don't see any indication -- Mr. Hearing Examiner, do you  
6 have markings for these exhibits, or are they just a  
7 package that you would accept?

8           EXAMINER ASHLEY:  We'll just accept them as a  
9 package.

10          Q.    (By Ms. Hebert)  Mr. Arrant, would you go through  
11 the exhibits and describe what you want the Hearing  
12 Examiner to do as far as the nomenclature and the creation  
13 of the pools?

14          A.    Sure.  Would you like this done individually  
15 through -- all the ones, (a) through --

16          EXAMINER ASHLEY:  I don't think that's necessary.

17          MS. HEBERT:  Okay, I guess not.

18          THE WITNESS:  But after my review of each  
19 individual exhibit, there's roughly six oil and gas  
20 creations, and the rest being extensions of oil and gas  
21 creations after my review, and I've determined that they  
22 adhere to the rules and regulations of the New Mexico Oil  
23 Conservation Division.  I determine if these pools should  
24 be created or extended.

25          Q.    (By Ms. Hebert)  And would the creation and

1 extension of these pools be in the best interest of  
2 preventing waste in the State of New Mexico?

3 A. Yes, ma'am, they would.

4 MS. HEBERT: Mr. Hearing Examiner, we have  
5 nothing further.

6 EXAMINER ASHLEY: That sounds good to me, I have  
7 nothing further as well.

8 Thank you, Mr. Arrant.

9 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

10 EXAMINER ASHLEY: There being nothing further in  
11 this case, Case 12,504 will be taken under advisement.

12 And that concludes today's hearing.

13 (Thereupon, these proceedings were concluded at  
14 10:08 a.m.)

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17 I hereby certify that the foregoing is  
18 a complete record of the proceedings in  
the Examiner hearing of Case No. 12504  
heard by me on 10-5-00

19 Mark R. Kelly Examiner  
20 Off Conservation Division  
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CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

STATE OF NEW MEXICO )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF SANTA FE )

I, Steven T. Brenner, Certified Court Reporter and Notary Public, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing transcript of proceedings before the Oil Conservation Division was reported by me; that I transcribed my notes; and that the foregoing is a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am not a relative or employee of any of the parties or attorneys involved in this matter and that I have no personal interest in the final disposition of this matter.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL October 11th, 2000.



STEVEN T. BRENNER  
CCR No. 7

My commission expires: October 14, 2002