

**BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
EXAMINER HEARING OCTOBER 9, 2025**

**CASE No. 25515**

*CREEDENCE 21/16 FED COM 556H BS WELL*

**EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**



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

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

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# COMPULSORY POOLING APPLICATION CHECKLIST

**ALL INFORMATION IN THE APPLICATION MUST BE SUPPORTED BY SIGNED AFFIDAVITS**

**Case: 25515**

**APPLICANT'S RESPONSE**

**Date**

**October 9, 2025**

**Applicant**

**Mewbourne Oil Company**

**Designated Operator & OGRID (affiliation if applicable)**

**Mewbourne Oil Company [OGRID 14744]**

**Applicant's Counsel:**

**Holland & Hart LLP**

**Case Title:**

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

**Entries of Appearance/Intervenors:**

**N/A**

**Well Family**

**CREEDENCE 21/16**

**Formation/Pool**

**Formation Name(s) or Vertical Extent:**

**Bone Spring**

**Primary Product (Oil or Gas):**

**Oil**

**Pooling this vertical extent:**

**Bone Spring formation**

**Pool Name and Pool Code (Only if NSP is requested):**

**Corral Canyon; Bone Spring South [13354]**

**Well Location Setback Rules (Only if NSP is Requested):**

**Statewide rules**

**Spacing Unit**

**Type (Horizontal/Vertical)**

**Horizontal**

**Size (Acres)**

**320 acres, more or less**

**Building Blocks:**

**40 acres**

**Orientation:**

**Standup**

**Description: TRS/County**

**W/2 E/2 of Sections 16 and 21, Township 24 South,  
Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico**

**Standard Horizontal Well Spacing Unit (Y/N), If No, describe and  
is approval of non-standard unit requested in this application?**

**Yes**

**Other Situations**

**Depth Severance: Y/N. If yes, description**

**No**

**Proximity Tracts: If yes, description**

**No**

**Proximity Defining Well: if yes, description**

**N/A**

**Applicant's Ownership in Each Tract**

**Exhibit C-2**

**Well(s)**

**Name & API (if assigned), surface and bottom hole location,  
footages, completion target, orientation, completion status  
(standard or non-standard)**

**Add wells as needed**

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**Santa Fe, New Mexico**


**Exhibit No. A**

**Submitted by: Mewbourne Oil Company**

**Hearing Date: October 9, 2025**

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Well #1	<b>Creedence 21/16 Fed Com 556H</b> (API No. Pending) SHL: 100' FNL & 945' FEL (Unit A ) of Section 28 BHL: 100' FNL & 1900' FEL (Unit B) of Section 16 Completion Target: Bone Spring formation Well Orientation: Standup Completion Location expected to be: Standard
Horizontal Well First and Last Take Points	<b>Exhibit C-1</b>
Completion Target (Formation, TVD and MD)	<b>Exhibit C-3</b>
<b>AFE Capex and Operating Costs</b>	
Drilling Supervision/Month \$	<b>\$8,000</b>
Production Supervision/Month \$	<b>\$800</b>
Justification for Supervision Costs	<b>Exhibit C</b>
Requested Risk Charge	<b>200%</b>
<b>Notice of Hearing</b>	
Proposed Notice of Hearing	<b>Exhibit B</b>
Proof of Mailed Notice of Hearing (20 days before hearing)	<b>Exhibit E</b>
Proof of Published Notice of Hearing (10 days before hearing)	<b>Exhibit F</b>
<b>Ownership Determination</b>	
Land Ownership Schematic of the Spacing Unit	<b>Exhibit C-2</b>
Tract List (including lease numbers and owners)	<b>Exhibit C-2</b>
If approval of Non-Standard Spacing Unit is requested, Tract List (including lease numbers and owners) of Tracts subject to notice requirements.	<b>N/A</b>
Pooled Parties (including ownership type)	<b>Exhibit C-2</b>
Unlocatable Parties to be Pooled	<b>N/A</b>
Ownership Depth Severance (including percentage above & below)	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Joinder</b>	
Sample Copy of Proposal Letter	<b>Exhibit C-3</b>
List of Interest Owners (ie Exhibit A of JOA)	<b>Exhibit C-2</b>
Chronology of Contact with Non-Joined Working Interests	<b>Exhibit C-4</b>
Overhead Rates In Proposal Letter	<b>Exhibit C-3</b>
Cost Estimate to Drill and Complete	<b>Exhibit C-3</b>
Cost Estimate to Equip Well	<b>Exhibit C-3</b>
Cost Estimate for Production Facilities	<b>Exhibit C-3</b>
<b>Geology</b>	
Summary (including special considerations)	<b>Exhibit D</b>

Spacing Unit Schematic	Exhibit D-1
Gunbarrel/Lateral Trajectory Schematic	Exhibit D-2
Well Orientation (with rationale)	Exhibit D
Target Formation	Exhibit D, D-3
HSU Cross Section	Exhibit D-2
Depth Severance Discussion	N/A
<b>Forms, Figures and Tables</b>	
C-102	Exhibit C-1
Tracts	Exhibit C-2
Summary of Interests, Unit Recapitulation (Tracts)	Exhibit C-2
General Location Map (including basin)	Exhibit D
Well Bore Location Map	Exhibit D-1
Structure Contour Map - Subsea Depth	Exhibit D-2
Cross Section Location Map (including wells)	Exhibit D-2
Cross Section (including Landing Zone)	Exhibit D-3
<b>Additional Information</b>	
Special Provisions/Stipulations	N/A
<b>CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the information provided in this checklist is complete and accurate.</b>	
<b>Printed Name</b> (Attorney or Party Representative):	Paula M. Vance
<b>Signed Name</b> (Attorney or Party Representative):	
<b>Date:</b>	10/2/2025

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

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

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**APPLICATION**

Mewbourne Oil Company ("Mewbourne" or "Applicant") (OGRID No. 14744), through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this application with the Oil Conservation Division pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978, § 70-2-17, for an order pooling all uncommitted interest owners in a standard 320-acre, more or less, well spacing unit in the Bone Spring formation underlying the W/2 E/2 of Sections 16 and 21, Township 24 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. In support of its application, Mewbourne states:

1. Applicant is a working interest owner in the proposed spacing unit and has the right to drill thereon.
2. Mewbourne seeks to dedicate the above-referenced spacing unit to the proposed **Creedence 21/16 Fed Com 556H** well, to be drilled from a surface hole location in the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A) of Section 28, a first take point in the SW/4 SE/4 (Unit O) of Section 21, and to a bottom hole location in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 16.
3. The completed interval of the well will comply with state setbacks for oil wells.
4. Applicant has sought and been unable to obtain voluntary agreement for the development of these lands from all interest owners in the subject spacing unit.
5. The pooling of interests will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, will prevent waste, and will protect correlative rights.

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Santa Fe, New Mexico  
Exhibit No. B  
Submitted by: Mewbourne Oil Company  
Hearing Date: October 9, 2025  
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WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this matter be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on August 7, 2025, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

- A. Pooling all uncommitted interest owners in the horizontal spacing unit;
- B. Designating Applicant as operator of this spacing unit and the horizontal well to be drilled thereon;
- C. Authorizing Applicant to recover its costs of drilling, completing, and equipping the well;
- D. Approving the actual operating charges and costs of supervision while drilling and after completion, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedures; and
- E. Imposing a 200% charge for the risk assumed by Applicant in drilling and completing the well against any working interest owner who does not voluntarily participate in the drilling of the well.

Respectfully submitted,

HOLLAND & HART LLP

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ATTORNEYS FOR MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY

CASE \_\_\_\_\_: **Application of Mewbourne Oil Company for Compulsory Pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order pooling all uncommitted interest owners in a standard 320-acre, more or less, well spacing unit in the Bone Spring formation underlying the W/2 E/2 of Sections 16 and 21, Township 24 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. Mewbourne seeks to dedicate the above-referenced spacing unit to the proposed **Creedence 21/16 Fed Com 556H** well, to be drilled from a surface hole location in the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A) of Section 28, a first take point in the SW/4 SE/4 (Unit O) of Section 21, and to a bottom hole location in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 16. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the well, the allocation of the cost thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of Applicant as operator, and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling and completing the well. Said area is located approximately 2 miles southwest of Malaga, New Mexico.

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SELF-AFFIRMED STATEMENT OF BROCK DIXON

1. My name is Brock Dixon. I work for Mewbourne Oil Company ("Mewbourne") as a Landman.

2. I have previously testified before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") as an expert witness in petroleum land matters. My credentials as a petroleum landman have been accepted by the Division and made a matter of record.

3. I am familiar with the application filed by Mewbourne in this case, and I am familiar with the status of the lands in the subject area.

4. None of the uncommitted parties in this case have indicated opposition to proceeding by self-affirmed statement and, therefore, I do not expect any opposition at the hearing.

5. Mewbourne seeks an order pooling all uncommitted interest owners in a standard 320-acre, more or less, well spacing unit underlying the W/2 E/2 of Sections 16 and 21, Township 24 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. Mewbourne seeks to initially dedicate the above-referenced spacing unit to the proposed **Credence 21/16 Fed Com 556H** well, to be drilled from a surface hole location in the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A) of Section 28, a first take point in the SW/4 SE/4 (Unit O) of Section 21, and to a bottom hole location in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 16.

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6. **Mewbourne Exhibit C-1** contains a draft Form C-102 for the proposed well. This form demonstrates that the completed interval for the well will comply with statewide setbacks for oil wells. The exhibit shows that the well will be assigned to the Corral Canyon; Bone Spring South [13354].

7. **Mewbourne Exhibit C-2** identifies the tracts of land comprising the horizontal spacing unit, the ownership interests in each tract, and ownership interests on a spacing unit basis. The parties Mewbourne seeks to pool are highlighted in yellow.

8. **Mewbourne Exhibit C-3** contains a sample of the well proposal letter and AFEs sent to owners with a working interest. The costs reflected in the AFEs are consistent with what Mewbourne and other operators have incurred for drilling similar horizontal wells in the area in this formation.

9. Mewbourne requests that the overhead and administrative costs for drilling and producing the proposed well be set at \$8,000 per month while drilling and \$800 per month while producing. These costs are consistent with what other operators are charging in this area for similar wells.

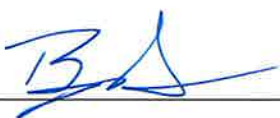
10. **Mewbourne Exhibit C-4** contains a general summary of the contacts with the uncommitted interest owners. As indicated in the exhibit, Mewbourne has made a good faith effort to locate and has had communications with all of the parties that it seeks to pool in this case in an effort to reach voluntary joinder. In my opinion, Mewbourne has undertaken good faith efforts to reach an agreement with the uncommitted interest owners.

11. Mewbourne has provided the law firm of Holland & Hart LLP with the names and addresses of the parties that Mewbourne seeks to pool and instructed that they be notified of this hearing. Mewbourne has conducted a diligent search of all public records in the county where the

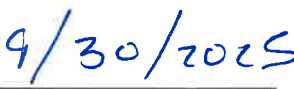
property is located, reviewed telephone directories, and conducted computer searches to locate contact information for each interest owner.

12. **Mewbourne Exhibits C-1 through C-4** were either prepared by me or compiled under my direction and supervision.

13. I affirm under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of New Mexico that the foregoing statements are true and correct. I understand that this self-affirmed statement will be used as written testimony in this case. This statement is made on the date next to my signature below.



Brock Dixon



Date

C-102  Submit Electronically Via OCD Permitting	State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION		Revised July 9, 2024	
			Submittal Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Initial Submittal
				<input type="checkbox"/> Amended Report
		<input type="checkbox"/> As Drilled		

## WELL LOCATION INFORMATION

API Number <b>30-015-55805</b>	Pool Code <b>13354</b>	Pool Name <b>Corral Canyon; Bone Spring South</b>
Property Code	Property Name <b>CREEDENCE 21/16 FED COM</b>	Well Number <b>556H</b>
OGRID No. <b>14744</b>	Operator Name <b>MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY</b>	Ground Level Elevation <b>3006'</b>
Surface Owner: <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Fee <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal <input type="checkbox"/> Federal		Mineral Owner: <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Fee <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal <input type="checkbox"/> Federal

## Surface Location

UL <b>A</b>	Section <b>28</b>	Township <b>24S</b>	Range <b>28E</b>	Lot	Ft. from N/S <b>100 FNL</b>	Ft. from E/W <b>945 FEL</b>	Latitude <b>32.1957240°N</b>	Longitude <b>104.0871403°W</b>	County <b>EDDY</b>
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## Bottom Hole Location

UL <b>B</b>	Section <b>16</b>	Township <b>24S</b>	Range <b>28E</b>	Lot	Ft. from N/S <b>100 FNL</b>	Ft. from E/W <b>1900 FEL</b>	Latitude <b>32.2250810°N</b>	Longitude <b>104.0902178°W</b>	County <b>EDDY</b>
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Dedicated Acres	Infill or Defining Well	Defining Well API	Overlapping Spacing Unit (Y/N)	Consolidation Code
Order Numbers			Well setbacks are under Common Ownership: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

## Kick Off Point (KOP)

UL <b>B</b>	Section <b>28</b>	Township <b>24S</b>	Range <b>28E</b>	Lot	Ft. from N/S <b>473 FNL</b>	Ft. from E/W <b>1900 FEL</b>	Latitude <b>32.1946719°N</b>	Longitude <b>104.0902088°W</b>	County <b>EDDY</b>
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## First Take Point (FTP)

UL <b>O</b>	Section <b>21</b>	Township <b>24S</b>	Range <b>28E</b>	Lot	Ft. from N/S <b>100 FSL</b>	Ft. from E/W <b>1900 FEL</b>	Latitude <b>32.1962465°N</b>	Longitude <b>104.0902350°W</b>	County <b>EDDY</b>
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## Last Take Point (LTP)

UL <b>B</b>	Section <b>16</b>	Township <b>24S</b>	Range <b>28E</b>	Lot	Ft. from N/S <b>100 FNL</b>	Ft. from E/W <b>1900 FEL</b>	Latitude <b>32.2250810°N</b>	Longitude <b>104.0902178°W</b>	County <b>EDDY</b>
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Unitized Area or Area of Uniform Interest	Spacing Unit Type <input type="checkbox"/> Horizontal <input type="checkbox"/> Vertical	Ground Floor Elevation:
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<b>OPERATOR CERTIFICATIONS</b>  <i>I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and, if the well is a vertical or directional well, that this organization either owns a working interest or unleased mineral interest in the land including the proposed bottom hole location or has a right to drill this well at this location pursuant to a contract with an owner of a working interest or unleased mineral interest, or to a voluntary pooling agreement or a compulsory pooling order heretofore entered by the division.</i>  <i>If this well is a horizontal well, I further certify that this organization has received the consent of at least one lessee or owner of a working interest or unleased mineral interest in each tract (in the target pool or formation) in which any part of the well's completed interval will be located or obtained a compulsory pooling order from the division.</i>		<b>SURVEYOR CERTIFICATIONS</b>  <i>I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my belief.</i>	
Signature	Date		
Signature and Seal of Professional Surveyor <i>Robert M. Howett</i>			
Printed Name	Certificate Number <b>19680</b>		
Email Address			

Note: No allowable will be assigned to this completion until all interests have been consolidated or a non-standard unit has been approved by the division.

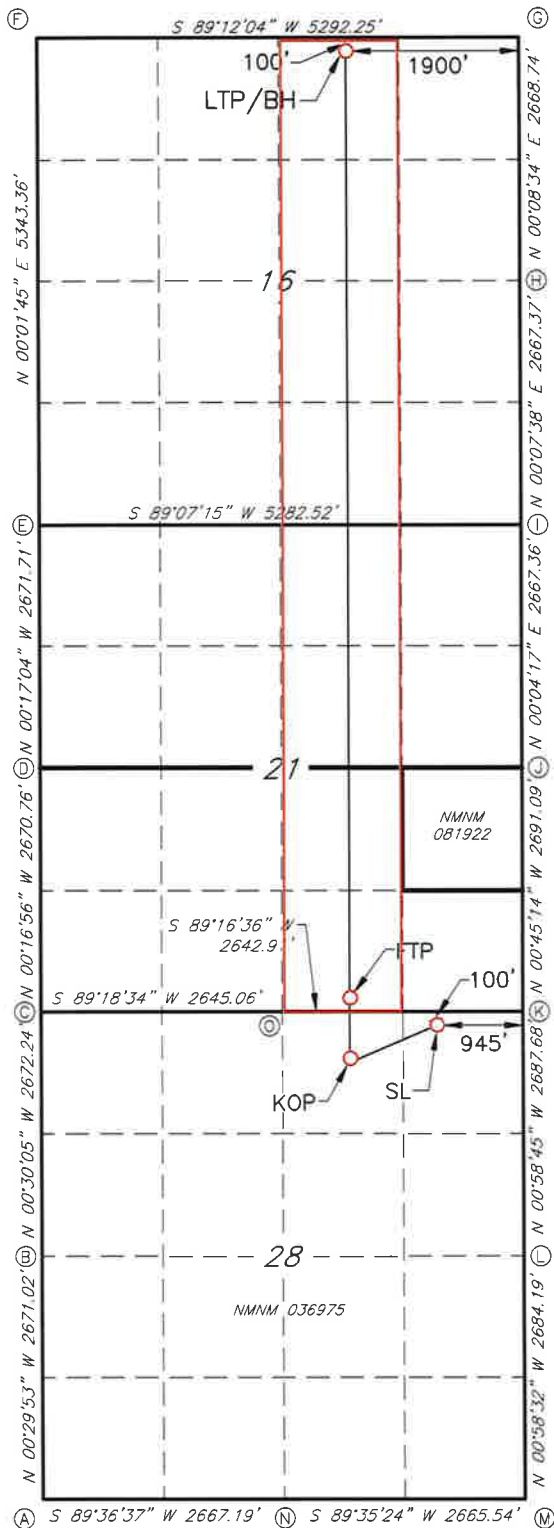
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# ACREAGE DEDICATION PLATS

This grid represents a standard section. You may superimpose a non-standard section, or larger area, over this grid. Operators must outline the dedicated acreage in a red box, clearly show the well surface location and bottom hole location, if it is a directionally drilled, with the dimensions from the section lines in the cardinal directions. If this is a horizontal wellbore show on this plat the location of the First Take Point and Last Take Point, and the point within the Completed interval (other than the First Take Point or Last Take Point) that is closest to any outer boundary of the tract.

Surveyors shall use the latest United States government survey or dependent resurvey. Well locations will be in reference to the New Mexico Principal Meridian. If the land is not surveyed, contact the OCD Engineering Bureau. Independent subdivision surveys will not be acceptable.

## CREEDENCE 21/16 FED COM #556H



### GEODETIC DATA

NAD 83 GRID - NM EAST

### SURFACE LOCATION (SL)

100' FNL & 945' FEL SEC.28

N: 435026.0 - E: 617491.9

LAT: 32.1957240° N

LONG: 104.0871403° W

### KICK OF POINT (KOP)

473' FNL & 1900' FEL SEC.28

N: 434641.1 - E: 616543.6

LAT: 32.1946719° N

LONG: 104.0902088° W

### FIRST TAKE POINT (FTP)

100' FSL & 1900' FEL SEC.21

N: 435213.8 - E: 616534.2

LAT: 32.1962465° N

LONG: 104.0902350° W

### LAST TAKE POINT/BOTTOM HOLE (LTP/BH)

100' FNL & 1900' FEL SEC.16

N: 445703.3 - E: 616515.8

LAT: 32.2250810° N

LONG: 104.0902178° W

### CORNER DATA

NAD 83 GRID - NM EAST

A: FOUND BRASS CAP "1942"

N: 429730.8 - E: 613195.2

I: CALCULATED CORNER

N: 440494.9 - E: 618402.9

B: FOUND BRASS CAP "1942"

N: 432401.1 - E: 613172.0

J: FOUND BRASS CAP "1942"

N: 437828.1 - E: 618399.6

C: FOUND BRASS CAP "1942"

N: 435072.6 - E: 613148.6

K: FOUND BRASS CAP "1942"

N: 435137.9 - E: 618435.0

D: FOUND BRASS CAP "1942"

N: 437742.8 - E: 613135.4

L: FOUND BRASS CAP "1942"

N: 432451.2 - E: 618480.9

E: CALCULATED CORNER

N: 440413.8 - E: 613122.2

M: FOUND BRASS CAP "1942"

N: 429768.0 - E: 618526.6

F: FOUND 10D NAIL

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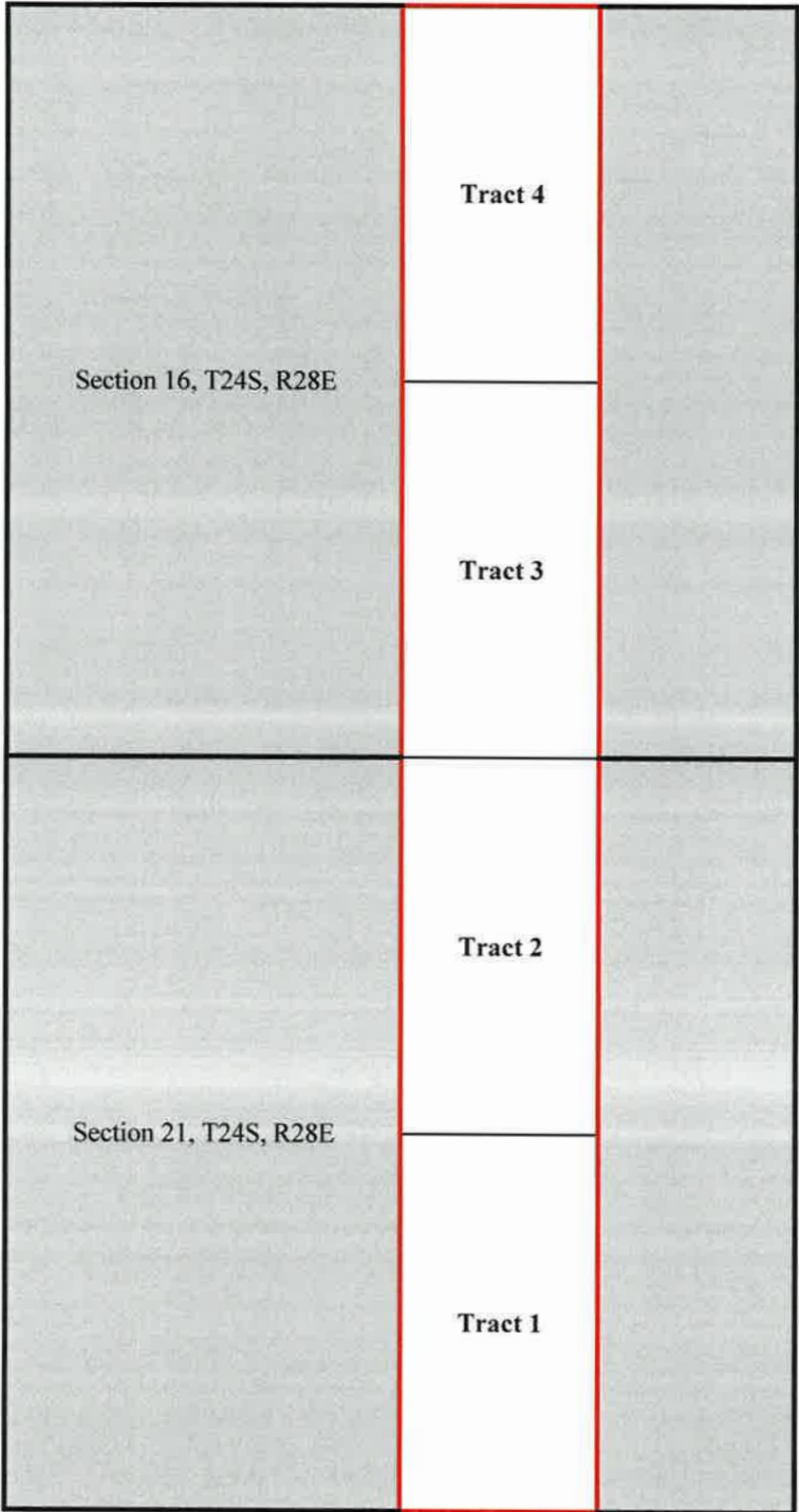
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H: FOUND BRASS CAP "1942"

N: 443161.6 - E: 618408.8

**Section Plat**  
Creedence 21/16 Fed Com #556H  
W/2E/2 of Section 16 & 21, T24S, 28E, Eddy County, NM



**Tract 1: W/2SE/4 of Section 21 - NMNM 036975**

Mewbourne Oil Company

\*Mavros Oil Company, LLC

**Tract 2: W/2NE/4 of Section 21 - Fee Leases**

Mewbourne Oil Company

\*Mavros Oil Company, LLC

\*Joshi Technologies International Inc.

for Elliott Carter Essex

for Pierce Dean Essex

\*James H. Barnett

\*Robert J. Castor

\*Reb Clark

\*Tracy P. Clark

\*Norma Green, as her separate property

**Tract 3: W/2SE/4 of Section 16 - V0-5979-0000**

Mewbourne Oil Company

\*Mavros Oil Company, LLC

\*Tom M. Ragsdale

\*Siana Oil & Gas Co., LLC

**Tract 4: W/2NE/4 of Section 16 - VC-0017-0001**

Mewbourne Oil Company

\*Mavros Oil Company, LLC

**RECAPITULATION FOR**  
**Creedence 21/16 Fed Com #556H**

Tract Number	Acres Committeed	% of Interst in Communitized Area
1	80.00	25.000000%
2	80.00	25.000000%
3	80.00	25.000000%
4	80.00	25.000000%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>320.00</b>	<b>100.000000%</b>

Section 16, T24S, R28E	Tract 4	
	Tract 3	
Section 21, T24S, R28E	Tract 2	
	Tract 1	

**Tract Ownership**

Creedence 21/16 Fed Com #556H

W/2E/2 of Section 16 &amp; 21, T24S, 28E, Eddy County, NM

**W/2E/2 of Sections 16 & 21****Bone Spring Formation:**

<b>Owner</b>	<b>Working Interest %</b>
Mewbourne Oil Company	97.916193%
*Mavros Oil Company, LLC	0.195313%
*Joshi Technologies International Inc.	0.437500%
*James H. Barnett	0.292969%
*Tom M. Ragsdale	0.272727%
*Robert J. Castor	0.234375%
*Reb Clark	0.234375%
*Tracy P. Clark	0.117188%
for Elliott Carter Essex	0.097656%
for Pierce Dean Essex	0.097656%
*Norma Green, as her separate property	0.058594%
*Siana Oil & Gas Co., LLC	0.045454%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.000000%</b>

<b>Total Interest Being Pooled:</b>	<b>2.083807%</b>
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**OWNERSHIP BY TRACT****Tract 1: W/2SE/4 of Section 21**

<b>Owner</b>	<b>Working Interest %</b>
Mewbourne Oil Company	99.804687%
*Mavros Oil Company, LLC	0.195313%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.000000%</b>

**Tract 2: W/2NE/4 of Section 21**

<b>Owner</b>	<b>Working Interest %</b>
Mewbourne Oil Company	93.179687%
*Mavros Oil Company, LLC	0.195313%
*Joshi Technologies International Inc.	1.750000%
*James H. Barnett	1.171875%
*Robert J. Castor	0.937500%
*Reb Clark	0.937500%
*Tracy P. Clark	0.468750%
for Elliott Carter Essex	0.390625%
for Pierce Dean Essex	0.390625%
*Marathon Oil Permian, LLC	0.343750%
*Norma Green, as her separate property	0.234375%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.000000%</b>

**Tract 3: W/2SE/4 of Section 16**

<b>Owner</b>	<b>Working Interest %</b>
Mewbourne Oil Company	98.531960%
*Mavros Oil Company, LLC	0.195313%
*Tom M. Ragsdale	1.090909%
*Siana Oil & Gas Co., LLC	0.181818%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.000000%</b>

**Tract 4: W/2NE/4 of Section 16**

<b>Owner</b>	<b>Working Interest %</b>
Mewbourne Oil Company	99.804687%
*Mavros Oil Company, LLC	0.195313%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.000000%</b>

\*Owners being pooled

**MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY**

500 West Texas, Suite 1020  
Midland, Texas 79701  
Phone (432) 682-3715

June 25, 2025

Certified Mail

Working Interest Owner  
Address  
City, State Zip

Re: Creedence 21-16/Kansas 28/33 Working Interest Unit  
E/2 of Section 16, E/2 of Section 21, E/2 of Section 28 and  
E/2 of Section 33, T24S, R28E, Eddy County, New Mexico

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Mewbourne Oil Company ("MOC"), as Operator, hereby proposes creating a working interest unit comprising the E/2 of Section 16, E/2 of Section 21, E/2 of Section 28, and E/2 of Section 33, T24S, R28E, Eddy County, New Mexico. As part of the initial development, MOC also proposes drilling the following wells:

- 1) CREEDENCE 21/16 FED COM #556H – API #pending  
Surface Location: 100' FNL & 945' FEL (Section 28, T24S, R28E)  
Bottom Hole Location: 100' FNL & 1900' FEL (Section 16, T24S, R28E)  
Proposed Total Vertical Depth: 8604'  
Proposed Total Measured Depth: 19100'  
Target: Harkey Sand
  
- 2) CREEDENCE 21/16 FED COM #558 – API #pending  
Surface Location: 100' FNL & 905' FEL (Section 28, T24S, R28E)  
Bottom Hole Location: 100' FNL & 600' FEL (Section 16, T24S, R28E)  
Proposed Total Vertical Depth: 8624'  
Proposed Total Measured Depth: 19100'  
Target: Harkey Sand
  
- 3) KANSAS 28/33 FED COM #556H – API #pending  
Surface Location: 100' FNL & 925' FEL (Section 28, T24S, R28E)  
Bottom Hole Location: 100' FSL & 1900' FEL (Section 33, T24S, R28E)  
Proposed Total Vertical Depth: 8604'  
Proposed Total Measured Depth: 18950'  
Target: Harkey Sand

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- 4) KANSAS 28/33 FED COM #558H – API #pending  
Surface Location: 100' FNL & 885' FEL (Section 28, T24S, R28E)  
Bottom Hole Location: 100' FSL & 600' FEL (Section 16, T24S, R28E)  
Proposed Total Vertical Depth: 8634'  
Proposed Total Measured Depth: 18950'  
Target: Harkey Sand

The wells are planned to be pad drilled with the first well tentatively planned to spud 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2025 depending on rig availability and commodity prices. In the event you elect to participate in the above referenced wells, please execute previously sent Revised Exhibit "A" Letter and the enclosed AFEs before returning them to the undersigned within thirty (30) days. The Operating Agreement referenced in the Revised Exhibit "A" Letter provides a drilling well rate of \$8,000 and a producing well rate of \$800 respectively subject to III.4. on page 10 of Exhibit "C" Accounting Procedure Joint Operations. Please enclose your most current well information requirements so that we may supply well data when available.

Please contact me at (432) 682-3715 or via email at [tjolly@mewbourne.com](mailto:tjolly@mewbourne.com) if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

**MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY**



Tyler Jolly  
Landman

Enclosures

# MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY

## AUTHORIZATION FOR EXPENDITURE

Well Name: CREEDENCE 21/16 FED COM #556H (H3OB)		Prospect: KANSAS 28	
Location: SL: 100 FNL & 945 FEL (28); BHL: 100 FNL & 1900 FEL (16)		County: Eddy	ST: NM
Sec. 28	Blk:	Survey:	TWP: 24S RNG: 28E Prop. TVD: 8604 TMD: 19100
<b>INTANGIBLE COSTS 0180</b>			
Regulatory Permits & Surveys	0180-0100	\$20,000	0180-0200
Location / Road / Site / Preparation	0180-0105	\$35,000	0180-0205 \$35,000
Location / Restoration	0180-0106	\$200,000	0180-0206 \$60,000
Daywork / Turnkey / Footage Drilling 16 days drlg @ \$26000/d	0180-0110	\$444,300	0180-0210
Fuel 1700 gal/day @ \$3.9/gal	0180-0114	\$113,300	0180-0214 \$68,000
Alternate Fuels	0180-0115		0180-0215 \$152,000
Mud, Chemical & Additives	0180-0120	\$55,000	0180-0220
Mud - Specialized	0180-0121	\$185,000	0180-0221
Horizontal Drillout Services			0180-0222 \$222,000
Stimulation Toe Preparation			0180-0223 \$24,000
Cementing	0180-0125	\$200,000	0180-0225
Logging & Wireline Services	0180-0130	\$29,000	0180-0230 \$371,000
Casing / Tubing / Snubbing Services	0180-0134	\$50,000	0180-0234
Mud Logging	0180-0137	\$15,000	
Stimulation 61 Stg 25.3 MM gal / 25.3 MM lb			0180-0241 \$1,862,000
Stimulation Rentals & Other			0180-0242 \$463,000
Water & Other 50% PW @ \$0.10/bbl f/ CWMS & 50% PW @ \$	0180-0145	\$40,000	0180-0245 \$74,000
Bits	0180-0148	\$64,100	0180-0248 \$5,000
Inspection & Repair Services	0180-0150	\$50,000	0180-0250 \$5,000
Misc. Air & Pumping Services	0180-0154		0180-0254 \$10,000
Testing & Flowback Services	0180-0158	\$12,000	0180-0258 \$24,000
Completion / Workover Rig			0180-0260 \$10,500
Rig Mobilization	0180-0164	\$113,000	
Transportation	0180-0165	\$30,000	0180-0265 \$60,000
Welding, Construction & Maint. Services	0180-0168	\$4,000	0180-0268 \$16,500
Contract Services & Supervision	0180-0170	\$125,400	0180-0270 \$50,000
Directional Services Includes Vertical Control	0180-0175	\$350,000	
Equipment Rental	0180-0180	\$119,800	0180-0280 \$150,000
Well / Lease Legal	0180-0184	\$5,000	0180-0284
Well / Lease Insurance	0180-0185	\$4,900	0180-0285
Intangible Supplies	0180-0188	\$25,000	0180-0288 \$1,000
Damages	0180-0190	\$10,000	0180-0290 \$10,000
Pipeline Interconnect, ROW Easements	0180-0192		0180-0292 \$42,000
Company Supervision	0180-0195	\$79,200	0180-0295 \$28,800
Overhead Fixed Rate	0180-0196	\$10,000	0180-0296 \$20,000
Contingencies 5% (TCP) 5% (CC)	0180-0199	\$119,400	0180-0299 \$188,200
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,508,400</b>	<b>\$3,952,000</b>
<b>TANGIBLE COSTS 0181</b>			
Casing (19.1" - 30")	0181-0793		
Casing (10.1" - 19.0") 700' - 13 3/8" 54.5# J-55 ST&C @ \$42.93/ft	0181-0794	\$32,100	
Casing (8.1" - 10.0") 2400' - 9 5/8" 40# HCL80 LT&C @ \$35.11/ft	0181-0795	\$90,000	
Casing (6.1" - 8.0") 8050' - 7" 29# HCP-110 LT&C @ \$30.17/ft	0181-0796	\$259,400	
Casing (4.1" - 6.0") 11250' - 4 1/2" 13.5# P-110 CDC-HTQ @ \$17.99/ft			0181-0797 \$216,100
Tubing 7800' - 2 7/8" 6.5# L-80 IPC Tbg @ \$10.75/ft			0181-0798 \$89,600
Drilling Head	0181-0860	\$50,000	
Tubing Head & Upper Section			0181-0870 \$30,000
Horizontal Completion Tools Completion Liner Hanger			0181-0871 \$75,000
Subsurface Equip. & Artificial Lift			0181-0880 \$25,000
Service Pumps (1/6) TP/CP/CIRC PUMP			0181-0886 \$7,000
Storage Tanks (1/6) (8)OT/(7)WT/(1)GB			0181-0890 \$61,000
Emissions Control Equipment (1/6) (3)VRT/(1)VRU/(1)FLARE/(3)KO/(1)AIR			0181-0892 \$87,000
Separation / Treating Equipment (1/6) (1)BULK H SEP/(2)TEST H SEP/(3)V SEP/(2)VHT/(1)H			0181-0895 \$79,000
Automation Metering Equipment			0181-0898 \$83,000
Oil/Gas Pipeline-Pipe/Valves&Misc			0181-0900 \$33,000
Water Pipeline-Pipe/Valves & Misc			0181-0901
On-site Valves/Fittings/Lines&Misc			0181-0906 \$154,000
Wellhead Flowlines - Construction			0181-0907 \$181,000
Cathodic Protection			0181-0908 \$260,000
Electrical Installation			0181-0909 \$87,000
Equipment Installation			0181-0910 \$52,000
Oil/Gas Pipeline - Construction			0181-0920
Water Pipeline - Construction			0181-0921
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$431,500</b>	<b>\$1,519,700</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,939,900</b>	<b>\$5,471,700</b>
<b>TOTAL WELL COST</b>		<b>\$8,411,600</b>	
Insurance procured for the Joint Account by Operator			
<input type="checkbox"/> Opt-in: I elect to be covered by Operator's Extra Expense, Commercial General Liability, Pollution Legal Liability, and Excess/Umbrella insurance Policies, and will pay my proportionate share of the premiums associated with these insurance coverages through joint account billings.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Opt-out: I elect to purchase my own policies for well control and other insurance requirements, or to self-insure (if applicable). By opting-out, I recognize I will be responsible for my own coverage and will not be afforded protection under operator's policies.			
If neither box is checked above, non-operating working interest owner elects to be covered by Operator's insurance.			
Joint owner agrees that item 0180-0245 will be provided by operator, if available, at the specified rate. Operator reserves the right to adjust the rate due to a change in market conditions.			
Prepared by: Ryan McDaniel		Date: 6/9/2025	
Company Approval: <i>m. whitte</i>		Date: 6/11/2025	
Joint Owner Interest: Amount:		Signature:	
Joint Owner Name:			

**Summary of Communications**  
**Creedence 21/16 Fed Com #556H**  
**W/2E/2 of Sections 21 & 16, T24S, R28E**  
**Eddy County, New Mexico**

**Mavros Oil Company, LLC:**

**06/26/2025:** Well proposals and revision to Exhibit A regarding the JOA dated 06/01/2025 were sent.

**07/10/2025:** I received the executed revision to Exhibit A regarding the JOA dated 06/01/2020.

**07/14/2025:** Communitization Agreements and signature pages were sent to the above listed party for the above listed well via certified mail.

**07/29/2025:** Communitization Agreements and signature pages were delivered to the above listed party for the above listed well.

**Joshi Technologies International Inc.:**

**06/26/2025:** Well Proposal to the above listed party for above captioned well was sent.

**06/30/2025:** Well Proposal to the above listed party for above captioned well was delivered.

**07/14/2025:** Communitization Agreement and signature pages were sent to the above listed party for above captioned well.

**07/31/2025:** Communitization Agreement and signature pages were delivered to the above listed party for the above captioned well.

**09/11/2025:** Called their front office and the receptionist answered the phone. She claimed there was nobody there to help at the moment and would call me back.

**James H. Barnett:**

**06/26/2025:** Well proposals and revision to Exhibit A regarding the JOA dated 06/01/2025 were sent.

**06/30/2025:** Well proposals and revision to Exhibit A regarding the JOA dated 06/01/2025 were delivered.

**07/04/2025:** I received the executed revision to Exhibit A but did not receive the JOA signature itself.

**07/14/2025:** Communitization Agreements and signature pages were sent to the party via certified mail.

**08/11/2025:** I received executed Communitization Agreements signature pages by the party.

**09/11/2025:** I talked to James Barnett, and he said he would get the OA signature sent over. I still have not seen them.

**Tom M. Ragsdale:**

**06/26/2025:** Well proposals were sent via certified mail to the above listed party for the above listed well.

**07/14/2025:** Communitization Agreements and signature pages were sent to the above listed party via certified mail.

**08/12/2025:** Email correspondence with Garrett Martin regarding well proposals to the above listed party for above captioned well.

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**Siana Oil and Gas Co., LLC:**

**06/26/2025:** Well proposals were sent via certified mail to the above listed party for the above listed well.

**07/14/2025:** Communitization Agreements and signature pages were sent to the above listed party via certified mail.

**08/12/2025:** Email correspondence with Garrett Martin regarding well proposals to the above listed party for above captioned well.

**Robert J. Castor:**

**06/26/2025:** Well proposals were sent via certified mail to the above listed party for the above listed well.

**07/31/2025:** Well proposal to the above listed party for above captioned well was rejected and sent back.

**08/06/2025:** I found a new address and sent the well proposal to the above listed party for above captioned well.

**09/11/2025:** Well proposal to the above listed party for above captioned well was rejected and sent back.

**Reb Clark:**

**07/08/2025:** Well Proposal to the above listed party for above captioned wells were delivered.

**08/04/2025:** Communitization Agreement and signature pages were delivered to the above listed party for the above listed well.

**Tracy P. Clark:**

**06/26/2025:** Well proposals were sent via certified mail to the above listed party for the above listed well.

**08/09/2025:** Well proposal to the above listed party for above captioned well was rejected and sent back.

**08/25/2025:** I sent the well proposals to a new address to the above listed party for above captioned well.

**09/04/2025:** Well proposals to the above-listed party for the above-listed wells were delivered.

**Southwest Bank, Trustee for the David Essex trust for Elliott Carter Essex:**

**08/07/2025:** Email Correspondence with Scott Tomlinson regarding the Operating Agreement for the wells captioned above, Ratification to the Exhibit A, and Communitization Agreements.

**09/09/2025:** Email Correspondence with Drew McEachern regarding the Operating Agreement for the wells captioned above, Ratification to the Exhibit A, and Communitization Agreements.

**09/30/2025:** Email Correspondence with Drew McEachern claiming the documents were executed and he was working on getting them sent to us.

**Southwest Bank, Trustee for the David Essex trust for Pierce Dean Essex:**

**08/07/2025:** Email Correspondence with Scott Tomlinson regarding the Operating Agreement for the wells captioned above, Ratification to the Exhibit A, and Communitization Agreements.

**09/09/2025:** Email Correspondence with Drew McEachern regarding the Operating Agreement for the wells captioned above, Ratification to the Exhibit A, and Communitization Agreements.

**09/30/2025:** Email Correspondence with Drew McEachern claiming the documents were executed and he was working on getting them sent to us.

**Norma Green, as her separate property:**

**06/26/2025:** Well proposals and revision to Exhibit A regarding the JOA dated 06/01/2025 were sent.

**06/28/2025:** Well proposals and revision to Exhibit A regarding the JOA dated 06/01/2025 were delivered.

**07/04/2025:** I received the executed revision to Exhibit A but did not receive the JOA signature itself.

**07/31/2025:** Communitization Agreements and signature pages were sent to the party via certified mail.

**08/19/2025:** I received executed Communitization Agreements signature pages by the party.

**09/11/2025:** I called Norma Green but was sent to voicemail.

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

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

**CASE NO. 25515**

**SELF-AFFIRMED STATEMENT OF TYLER HILL**

1. My name is Tyler Hill. I work for Mewbourne Oil Company ("Mewbourne") as a Geologist.
2. I have previously testified before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") as an expert witness in petroleum geology. My credentials as an expert in petroleum geology have been accepted by the Division and made a matter of record.
3. I am familiar with the application filed by Mewbourne in this case, and I have conducted a geologic study of the lands in the subject area. Mewbourne is targeting the Bone Spring formation in this case.
4. **Mewbourne Exhibit D-1** is a general locator map.
5. **Mewbourne Exhibit D-2** is a subsea structure map that I prepared for the Bone Spring. The contour intervals are 50 feet. The area comprising the proposed spacing unit is outlined in black with the approximate location and orientation of the initial well noted with a solid green line. The structure map shows the targeted formation gently dipping to the east. The structure appears consistent across the proposed spacing unit, and I do not observe any faulting, pinch outs, or other geologic impediments to drilling horizontal wells.
6. Mewbourne Exhibit D-2 also shows a line of cross-section through the proposed horizontal spacing unit from A to A'. I chose the logs from these wells to create the cross-section

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because they penetrate the targeted interval, are of good quality and have been subjected to petrophysical analysis of the targeted interval. In my opinion, these well logs are representative of the geology in the subject area.

7. **Mewbourne Exhibit D-3** is a stratigraphic cross-section that I prepared using the logs from the representative wells shown in Mewbourne Exhibit D-2. Each well on the cross-section contains gamma ray, resistivity, and porosity logs. The target interval for the proposed well is marked on the cross-section with a solid red line. The cross-section demonstrates that the targeted interval is continuous across the proposed spacing unit.

8. In my opinion, standup orientation of the proposed well is the appropriate orientation for horizontal well development in this area.

9. Based on my geologic study, the Bone Spring formation underlying the subject area is suitable for development by horizontal wells and the acreage comprising the proposed spacing unit will contribute more-or-less equally to the production from the wellbore. I have not identified any geologic impediments to drilling horizontal wells in the area of the spacing unit proposed.

10. In my opinion, horizontal drilling will be the most efficient method to develop this acreage, to prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, and to result in the greatest ultimate recovery, and that approving Mewbourne's application will be in the best interest of conservation, the prevention of waste, and protection of correlative rights.

11. **Mewbourne Exhibits D-1 through D-3** were either prepared by me or compiled under my direction and supervision.

12. I affirm under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of New Mexico that the foregoing statements are true and correct. I understand that this self-affirmed statement will be

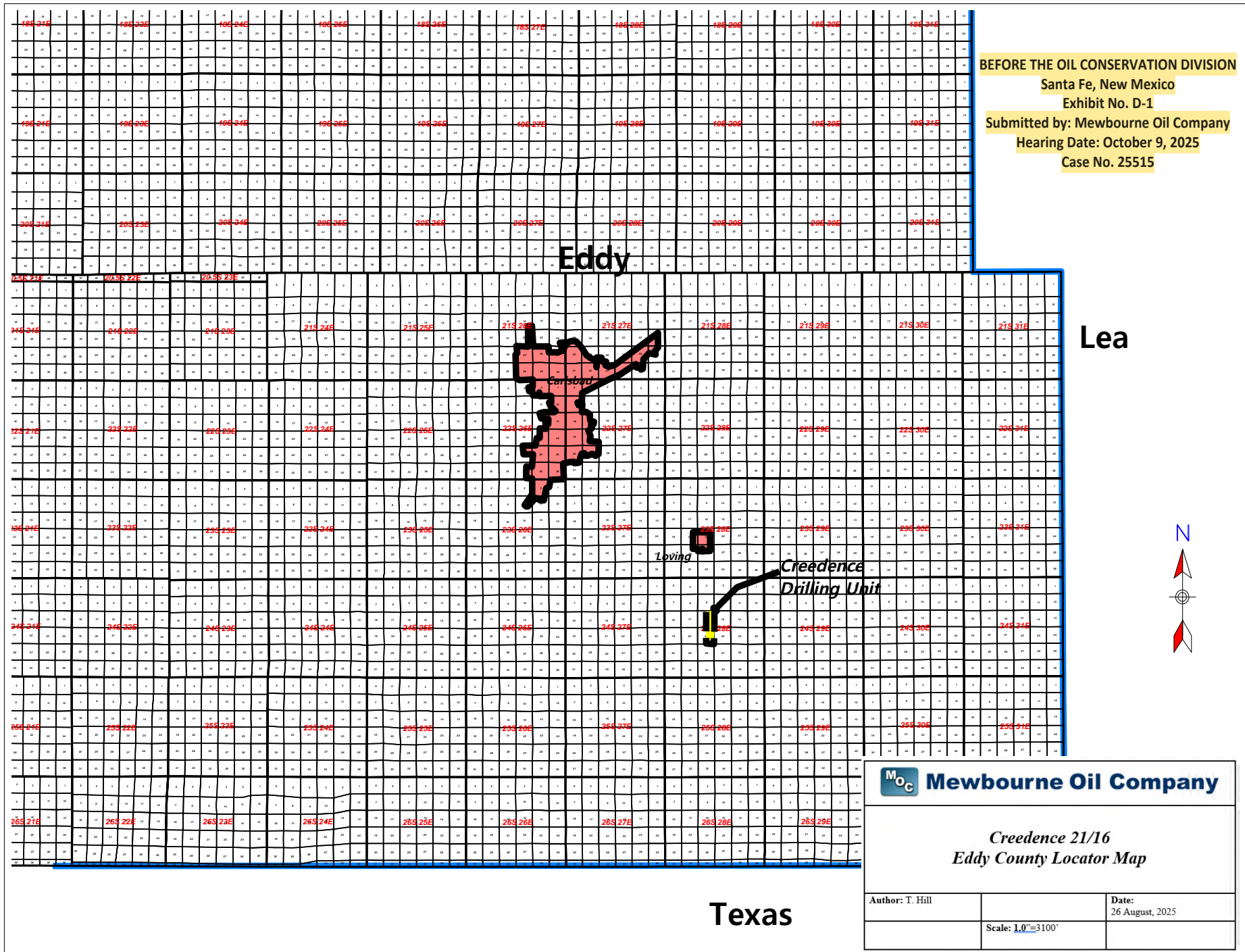
used as written testimony in this case. This statement is made on the date next to my signature below.

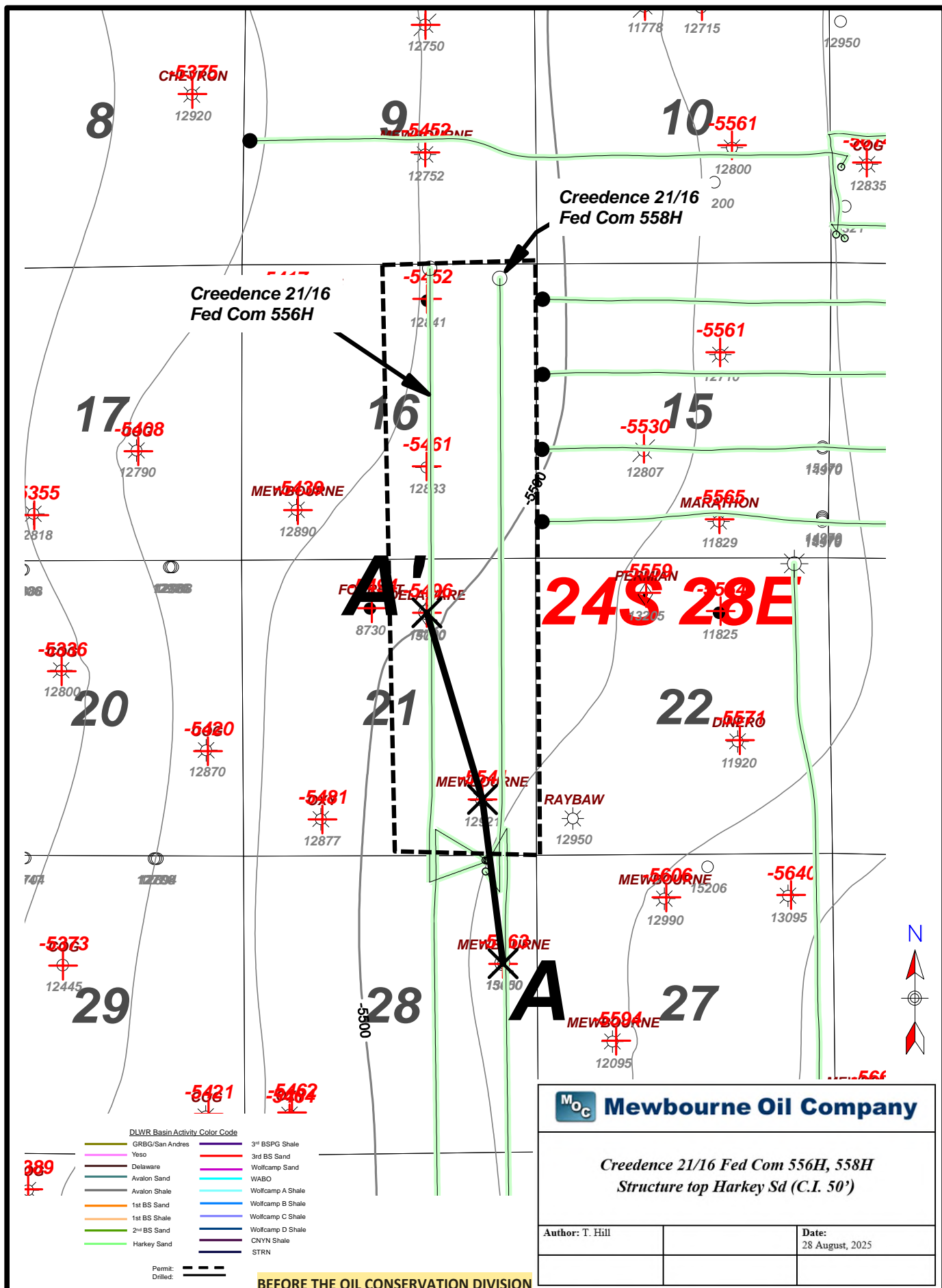
Tyler Hill

Tyler Hill

8/29/25

Date





## Kansas/Creedence

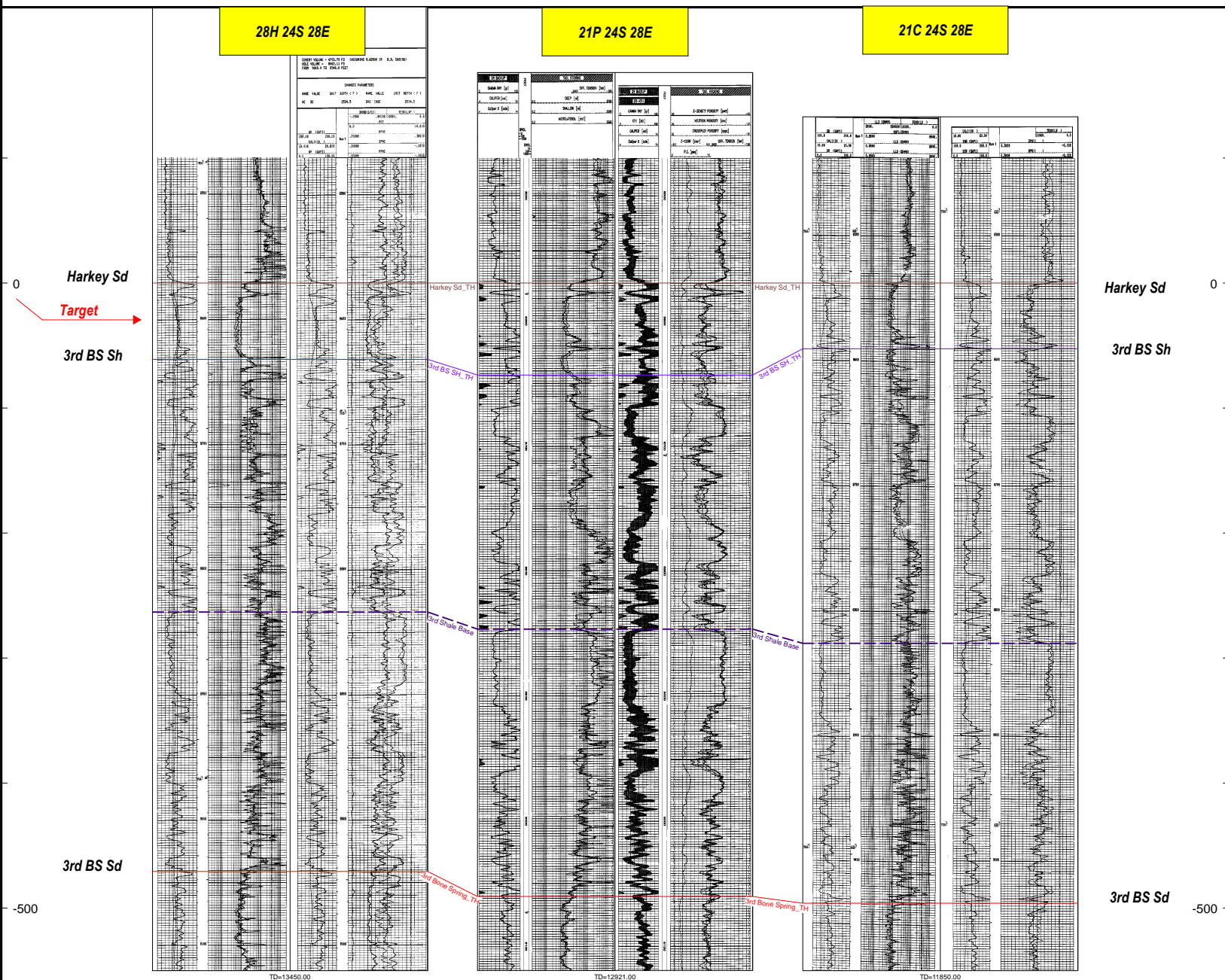
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SANTA FE ENR OP PRTN  
SALT DRAW 28 FEDE 001  
1980 FNL/660 FEL  
Datum=3007.00  
Reference=KB  
TWP: 24 S - Range: 28 E - Sec. 28

300153353100  
OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN  
OPL NEW ZIPPER FEDE 001  
6900 FSL 990 FEL  
Datum=3029.00  
Reference=KB  
TWP: 24 S - Range: 28 E - Sec. 21

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PARDOE FARMS 21 001  
990 FNL/1980 FEL  
Datum=3042.00  
Reference=KB  
TWP: 24 S - Range: 28 E - Sec. 21



Kansas/Creedence

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**SELF-AFFIRMED STATEMENT OF  
PAULA M. VANCE**

1. I am attorney in fact and authorized representative of Mewbourne Oil Company (“MOC”), the Applicant herein. I have personal knowledge of the matter addressed herein and am competent to provide this self-affirmed statement.

2. The above-referenced application and notice of the hearing on this application was sent by certified mail to the locatable affected parties on the date set forth in the letter attached hereto.

3. The spreadsheet attached hereto contains the names of the parties to whom notice was provided.

4. The spreadsheet attached hereto contains the information provided by the United States Postal Service on the status of the delivery of this notice as of September 29, 2025.

5. I caused a notice to be published to all parties subject to these proceedings. An affidavit of publication from the publication’s legal clerk with a copy of the notice of publication is attached herein.

6. I affirm under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of New Mexico that the foregoing statements are true and correct. I understand that this self-affirmed statement will be used as written testimony in this case. This statement is made on the date next to my signature below.

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Submitted by: Mewbourne Oil Company  
Hearing Date: October 9, 2025  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Paula M. Vance

10/01/25

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Date



**Paula M. Vance**  
**Associate**  
**Phone** (505) 988-4421  
**Fax** (505) 819-5579  
pmvance@hollandhart.com

July 18, 2025

**VIA CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**CERTIFIED RECEIPT REQUESTED**

**TO: ALL INTEREST OWNERS SUBJECT TO POOLING PROCEEDINGS**

**Re: Application of Mewbourne Oil Company for Compulsory Pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico: Creedence 21/16 Fed Com 556H well**

Greetings:

This letter is to advise you that Mewbourne Oil Company has filed the enclosed application with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division. A hearing has been requested before a Division Examiner on August 7, 2025, and the status of the hearing can be monitored through the Division's website at <https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/ocd/>.

**It is anticipated that hearings will be held in a hybrid format with both in-person and virtual participation options. The meeting will be held in the Pecos Hall Hearing Room at the Wendall Chino Building, 1st Floor, 1220 South St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, New Mexico. To participate virtually in the hearing, see the instructions posted on the OCD Hearings website: <https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/ocd/hearing-info/>.**

You are not required to attend this hearing, but as an owner of an interest that may be affected by this application, you may appear and present testimony. Failure to appear at that time and become a party of record will preclude you from challenging the matter at a later date. Parties appearing in cases are required to file a Pre-hearing Statement four business days in advance of a scheduled hearing that complies with the provisions of NMAC 19.15.4.13.B.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Tyler Jolly at (432) 682-3715, or at [tjolly@mewbourne.com](mailto:tjolly@mewbourne.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paula M. Vance'.

Paula M. Vance  
**ATTORNEY FOR MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY**

**Location**  
110 North Guadalupe, Suite 1  
Santa Fe, NM 87501-1849

**Mailing Address**  
P.O. Box 2208  
Santa Fe, NM 87504-2208

**Contact**  
p: 505.988.4421 | f: 505.983.6043  
[www.hollandhart.com](http://www.hollandhart.com)

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**Paula M. Vance**  
**Associate**  
**Phone** (505) 988-4421  
**Email** pmvance@hollandhart.com

September 10, 2025

**VIA CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**CERTIFIED RECEIPT REQUESTED**

**TO: ALL INTEREST OWNERS SUBJECT TO POOLING PROCEEDINGS**

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paula M. Vance".

Paula M. Vance  
**ATTORNEY FOR MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY**

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Idaho	New Mexico	Wyoming

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Postal Delivery Report

9414811898765441944917	Bahnhof Holdings, LP	PO Box 10505	Midland	TX	79702-7505	Your item was picked up at the post office at 8:49 am on July 28, 2025 in MIDLAND, TX 79701.
9414811898765441944962	Ben R. Taylor, Trustee of the Ben Taylor Living Trust	PO Box 101266	Fort Worth	TX	76185-1266	Your item was picked up at the post office at 1:31 pm on July 24, 2025 in FORT WORTH, TX 76109.
9414811898765441944924	Blanco Holdings I, Ltd.	PO Box 36530	Houston	TX	77236-6530	Your item has been delivered and is available at a PO Box at 9:18 am on July 24, 2025 in HOUSTON, TX 77074.
9414811898765441944900	Brett Taylor	2040 Crown View Dr	Kerrville	TX	78028-8927	Your item was picked up at a postal facility at 10:45 am on July 25, 2025 in KERRVILLE, TX 78028.
9414811898765441944993	Burch576, LLC	PO Box 10505	Midland	TX	79702-7505	Your item was picked up at the post office at 8:49 am on July 28, 2025 in MIDLAND, TX 79701.
9414811898765441944948	C.D. Ray Exploration, LLC	PO Box 51608	Midland	TX	79710-1608	Your package will arrive later than expected, but is still on its way. It is currently in transit to the next facility.
9414811898765441944986	COG Operating LLC	600 W Illinois Ave	Midland	TX	79701-4882	Your item was picked up at a postal facility at 7:50 am on July 25, 2025 in MIDLAND, TX 79701.
9414811898765441944931	COG Production LLC	600 W Illinois Ave	Midland	TX	79701-4882	Your item was picked up at a postal facility at 7:50 am on July 25, 2025 in MIDLAND, TX 79701.
9414811898765441944979	Dinero Energy Corporation	PO Box 10505	Midland	TX	79702-7505	Your item was picked up at the post office at 8:49 am on July 28, 2025 in MIDLAND, TX 79701.
9414811898765441944610	Escondido6154, LLC	PO Box 10505	Midland	TX	79702-7505	Your item was picked up at the post office at 8:49 am on July 28, 2025 in MIDLAND, TX 79701.

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9414811898765441944665	Fasken Land & Minerals, Ltd.	6101 Holiday Hill Rd	Midland	TX	79707-1631	Your item was delivered to an individual at the address at 8:57 am on July 24, 2025 in MIDLAND, TX 79707.
9414811898765441944603	James H. Barnett	2509 Regency Oaks	Midland	TX	79705-1823	Your item was picked up at a postal facility at 9:33 am on July 31, 2025 in MIDLAND, TX 79705.
9414811898765441944696	James J. Braniff, III	4021 Piping Rock Ln	Houston	TX	77027-3916	Your item was returned to the sender on July 28, 2025 at 8:09 pm in HOUSTON, TX 77027 because of an incomplete address.
9414811898765441944641	James Moring	177 Bridgewater Cir	Midland	TX	79707-6112	Your package will arrive later than expected, but is still on its way. It is currently in transit to the next facility.
9414811898765441944689	Jane B. Ramsland Oil & Gas Partnership, LP	PO Box 10505	Midland	TX	79702-7505	Your item was picked up at the post office at 8:49 am on July 28, 2025 in MIDLAND, TX 79701.
9414811898765441944634	Jessica Seligman	249 Windsor St	Lake Charles	LA	70605-6641	Your item was delivered to an individual at the address at 11:05 am on July 24, 2025 in LAKE CHARLES, LA 70605.
9414811898765441944672	Joshi Technologies International, Inc.	5801 E 41st St Ste 603	Tulsa	OK	74135-5628	Your item was delivered to the front desk, reception area, or mail room at 9:59 am on July 24, 2025 in TULSA, OK 74135.
9414811898765441944115	Jukebox Interests, LLC	2726 Bissonnet St Unit 240-448	Houston	TX	77005-1319	Your item was delivered to the front desk, reception area, or mail room at 12:18 pm on July 31, 2025 in HOUSTON, TX 77005.
9414811898765441944153	KCK Energy LLC	20405 State Highway 249 Ste 820	Houston	TX	77070-2893	Your item was delivered to an individual at the address at 11:41 am on July 24, 2025 in HOUSTON, TX 77070.

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9414811898765441944122	Ken Seligman	512 Buckeye Ave	Princeton	TX	75407-2459	Your item was delivered to an individual at the address at 1:56 pm on July 24, 2025 in PRINCETON, TX 75407.
9414811898765441944191	Kennedy Minerals Ltd.	500 W Texas Ave Ste 655	Midland	TX	79701-4240	Your item was delivered to an individual at the address at 3:30 pm on July 24, 2025 in MIDLAND, TX 79701.
9414811898765441944184	Kevin M. Cokinos	5718 Westheimer Rd Ste 900	Houston	TX	77057-5757	Your item was delivered to the front desk, reception area, or mail room at 3:11 pm on July 28, 2025 in HOUSTON, TX 77057.
9414811898765441944139	Linda Skinner	7714 Marquette St	Dallas	TX	75225-4413	Your item was delivered to an individual at the address at 12:01 pm on July 24, 2025 in DALLAS, TX 75225.
9414811898765441944313	Locker Brothers	PO Box 300423	Austin	TX	78703-0008	Your item has been delivered and is available at a PO Box at 10:46 am on July 24, 2025 in AUSTIN, TX 78705.
9414811898765441944351	M. Craig Clark and Kendall H. Clark	PO Box 50635	Midland	TX	79710-0635	Your package will arrive later than expected, but is still on its way. It is currently in transit to the next facility.
9414811898765441944368	Marshall & Winston, Inc.	6 Desta Dr Ste 3100	Midland	TX	79705-5538	Your item was delivered to an individual at the address at 9:10 am on July 24, 2025 in MIDLAND, TX 79705.
9414811898765441944320	Mavros Oil Company, LLC	4000 N Big Spring St Ste 310 Attn Monique Jolly	Midland	TX	79705-4628	Your item has been delivered to an agent and left with an individual at the address at 10:17 am on July 24, 2025 in MIDLAND, TX 79705.
9414811898765441944306	Mitchell Exploration, Inc.	6902 Homestead Blvd	Midland	TX	79707-5086	Your item was delivered to an individual at the address at 11:06 am on July 24, 2025 in MIDLAND, TX 79707.

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9414811898765441944399	Norma D. Green	5121 King Richards Row	Midland	TX	79707-1581	Your item was delivered to an individual at the address at 9:49 am on July 24, 2025 in MIDLAND, TX 79707.
9414811898765441944344	Northern Oil and Gas, Inc.	4350 Baker Rd Ste 400	Minnetonka	MN	55343-8628	Your item was delivered to the front desk, reception area, or mail room at 10:01 am on July 24, 2025 in HOPKINS, MN 55343.
9414811898765441944382	Quanah Exploration LLC	515 Tradewinds Blvd	Midland	TX	79706-2968	Your item was delivered to an individual at the address at 11:28 am on July 24, 2025 in MIDLAND, TX 79706.
9414811898765441944337	R. Miller Houghton	3114 Gulf Ave	Midland	TX	79705-8205	Your item was picked up at a postal facility at 10:47 am on July 25, 2025 in MIDLAND, TX 79705.
9414811898765441944375	Reb Clark	PO Box 2039	Midland	TX	79702-2039	Your item was picked up at a postal facility at 10:25 am on August 4, 2025 in MIDLAND, TX 79701.
9414811898765441944016	Robert Castor	3309 N Northwest Dr	Hobbs	NM	88240-1063	Your item has been delivered to the original sender at 4:23 pm on September 5, 2025 in SANTA FE, NM 87501.
9414811898765441944054	Royal Oak Oil & Gas, LLC	11510 Montmarte Blvd	Houston	TX	77082-2764	Your item was delivered to an individual at the address at 3:51 pm on July 24, 2025 in HOUSTON, TX 77082.
9414811898765441944061	Shane Kail	2812 Frontier Dr	Midland	TX	79705-6107	Your item was picked up at a postal facility at 12:06 pm on July 25, 2025 in MIDLAND, TX 79705.
9414811898765441944009	T.I.G. Properties L.P.	PO Box 10508	Midland	TX	79702-7508	Your item was picked up at a postal facility at 1:39 pm on August 4, 2025 in MIDLAND, TX 79701.
9414811898765441944092	TBO Oil & Gas LLC	PO Box 10502	Midland	TX	79702-7502	Your item was picked up at the post office at 10:50 am on August 1, 2025 in MIDLAND, TX 79701.

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9414811898765441944047	The Estate of David Harper Essex	214 W Texas Ave Ste 100	Midland	TX	79701-4614	Your item was delivered to an individual at the address at 2:04 pm on July 24, 2025 in MIDLAND, TX 79701.
9414811898765441944085	Tom M. Ragsdale	400 N Sam Houston Pkwy E Ste 601	Houston	TX	77060-3500	Your item has been delivered to the original sender at 10:17 am on July 31, 2025 in SANTA FE, NM 87501.
9414811898765441944030	Tracy P. Clark	PO Box 52067	Midland	TX	79710-2067	Your item was delivered to an individual at the address at 10:27 am on August 6, 2025 in SANTA FE, NM 87501.
9414811898765441944078	Vonnie Khuu Wenck	2859 Panagard Dr	Houston	TX	77082-1859	Your package will arrive later than expected, but is still on its way. It is currently in transit to the next facility.
9414811898765441944412	Wellington Hotwells	5599 San Felipe St Ste 110	Houston	TX	77056-2761	We were unable to deliver your package at 4:03 pm on July 24, 2025 in HOUSTON, TX 77056 because the business was closed. We will redeliver on the next business day. No action needed.

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9414811898765474244190	EOG Resources, Inc.	5509 Champions Dr	Midland	TX	79706-2843	Your item has been delivered to an agent. The item was picked up at USPS at 9:15 am on September 15, 2025 in MIDLAND, TX 79706.
9414811898765474244145	HJJW Interest, LP	505 N Big Spring St	Midland	TX	79701-4301	Your item has been delivered to the original sender at 10:58 am on September 22, 2025 in SANTA FE, NM 87501.
9414811898765474244183	MEMO Interest, LP	505 N Big Spring St	Midland	TX	79701-4301	Your item has been delivered to the original sender at 10:58 am on September 22, 2025 in SANTA FE, NM 87501.
9414811898765474244138	Occidental Permian Limited Partnership	5 Greenway Plz Ste 110	Houston	TX	77046-0521	Your item has been delivered to an agent at the front desk, reception, or mail room at 1:15 pm on September 15, 2025 in HOUSTON, TX 77046.
9414811898765474244176	Siana Oil and Gas Co., LLC	400 N Sam Houston Pkwy E Ste 601	Houston	TX	77060-3500	Your package will arrive later than expected, but is still on its way. It is currently in transit to the next facility.
9414811898765474244312	South West Bank, Trustee for the David Essex Trust for Elliott Carter Essex	601 N Marienfeld St Ste 504	Midland	TX	79701-4365	Your item was picked up at the post office at 11:38 am on September 23, 2025 in MIDLAND, TX 79701.
9414811898765474244350	South West Bank, Trustee for the David Essex Trust for Pierce Dean Essex	601 N Marienfeld St Ste 504	Midland	TX	79701-4365	Your item was picked up at the post office at 11:38 am on September 23, 2025 in MIDLAND, TX 79701.
9414811898765474244367	Tracy P. Clark	PO Box 1441	Midland	TX	79702-1441	Your item was picked up at the post office at 9:46 am on September 19, 2025 in MIDLAND, TX 79701.

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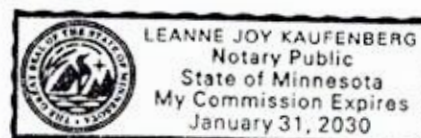
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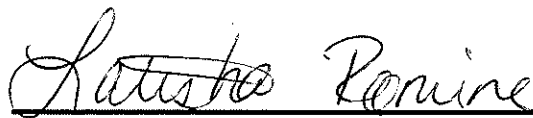
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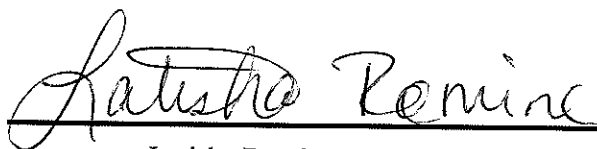
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