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3	OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO
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6	CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
7	DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
8	CONSIDERING:
9	Case Nos. 23177, 23179, 23327,
10	23328, 23345, 23614, 23615,
11	23616, 23617, 23688, 23775,
12	23795, 23796, 23797, 23798,
13	23953, 23959, 24005, 24006,
14	24018, 24019, 24020, 24021,
15	24022, 24023, 24024, 24025,
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5	Exhibit A2	Preliminary Approval Letter	83/85
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7	Exhibit A4	Uncommitted Working Interest	83/85
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22	Exhibit A	Mr. Haddock Land Professional	90/92
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1	PROCEEDINGS
2	THE HEARING EXAMINER: 2023, my name
3	is Gregory Chakalian. I am the hearing examiner for
4	the Oil Conservation Division. We are working off of
5	a docket that was emailed to everyone a day or two
6	ago.
7	We are calling Case Nos. 1 through 15.
8	Those are Case Nos. 23614 through 23617, consolidated
9	with 23775, 23 sorry, 24018 through 24027.
10	Appearances, please?
11	MR. RANKIN: Good morning,
12	Mr. Examiner, Adam Rankin appearing on behalf of the
13	Empire I'm sorry, Goodnight Midstream Permian, LLC,
14	with my colleague this morning, Ms. Paula Vance, in
15	each of the cases that you just called.
16	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you.
17	MS. HARDY: Mr. Examiner, Dana Hardy,
18	with Hinkle Shanor on behalf of Empire, and also
19	appearing on behalf of Empire are Ms. Shaheen and
20	Mr. Padilla.
21	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you.
22	Okay. I guess that's everyone here. Where are we
23	with these cases?
24	MR. RANKIN: Mr. Hearing Examiner, if I
25	may jump in here, we have taken some time to continue

1	to confer over discovery issues. I think we've made
2	some substantial progress.
3	Empire has agreed to produce the
4	communications between its expert testifying witnesses
5	and Empire in the course of producing some of those
6	communications, we've identified some additional
7	documents that are responsive.
8	And Empire has and counsel have been
9	working with us to get those documents to us, and they
10	have done so.
11	There's a few additional things that
12	we're working on, including some earlier
13	communications between Empire and its testifying
14	expert witnesses.
15	We have some remaining concerns, and
16	we're hopefully working through to resolve those. I
17	sent an email seeking to confer over some of those
18	remaining issues yesterday to Empire counsel.
19	So we're hoping that we can get those
20	resolved here in short order. Mr. Examiner, just a
21	point of order on this, these cases are, you know,
22	fairly expansive.
23	There's a lot of technical information
24	that's coming to light as a result of the claims and
25	arguments being raised by Empire.

1	And so we are working through to make
2	sure that we have all the information we need so that
3	we can present the agency with the complete picture so
4	they can make a correct and accurate, best decision
5	possible.
6	Now, one thing I wanted before I
7	pass it off, Mr. Examiner, I sent a note over to
8	Empire counsel this morning.
9	We have made a decision to based on
10	the complexity of these cases and the nature of the
11	interests at issue and recent precedent from the
12	commission, we are going to request that a number of
13	these cases be taken up directly to the commission.
14	And I would like if you wouldn't
15	mind, Mr. Examiner, I could just outline what we're
16	going to request and the reasons for it, if you would
17	like, or I can defer that until you have an
18	opportunity to hear from the Empire folks.
19	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. I have a
20	question, and then I'd like to hear what your plan is.
21	My question to you is, what is Goodnight seeking to do
22	in these cases?
23	MR. RANKIN: So, Mr. Examiner, in these
24	cases that Goodnight has filed before the division,
25	essentially, there are five cases. Four of them are

1	for new authorization for new saltwater disposal
2	wells within the EMSU, the Eunice Monument South Unit.
3	One of those applications, the fifth
4	application, is for an increase in the injection rate
5	for an already existing authorize-approved injection
6	well within the Eunice Monument South Unit.
7	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. And
8	before you continue, let me pull up this order that I
9	think has a very big effect on what we're doing here,
10	and I am talking about Order No. 22869.
11	This is an order that was signed in
12	late November by the division director. He may have
13	been acting at that time in his new capacity.
14	I don't remember, but ultimately, this
15	is an order that denies the application of Goodnight
16	Midstream for a saltwater disposal well in an area
17	that already had a waterflood secondary recovery
18	project going on.
19	So, Mr. Rankin, why do you and is
20	that why you would like to take these cases to the
21	commission directly?
22	MR. RANKIN: There's a bunch of
23	reasons, Mr. Examiner. Let me just kind of start with
24	the one you raise. Okay?
25	Within the area that's been defined as

1	the Eunice Monument South Unit, there was preexisting
2	disposal long before this unit was created. The
3	division had authorized produced water disposal within
4	the unit boundaries before there was even a unit,
5	starting in the 1960s. Okay?
6	So the unit came to preexisting
7	disposal in the San Andres Zone. Okay? So that's
8	No. 1.
9	No. 2, we have grave concerns about the
10	basis for the division or, actually, in this case,
11	it was the commission creating the unit and including
12	the San Andres within that zone.
13	So what we were going to do,
14	Mr. Examiner, this is one of the things I wanted to
15	let you know, and I informed counsel this morning.
16	We're going to be filing two
17	applications before the commission to amend existing
18	orders to modify the unitized interval for the Eunice
19	Monument South Unit and to contract the vertical
20	extent of the pool that governs oil production within
21	the unit boundaries.
22	Those are commission orders that were
23	issued back in the '80s, and we had refrained from
24	pursuing to modify those orders for a couple reasons.
25	No. 1, the division has already

1	designated the San Andres in this area for saltwater
2	disposal, and it has already authorized injection into
3	the San Andres for decades, prior to even the
4	unitization of this acreage.
5	So we didn't believe it was necessary
6	at the time to make any adjustments to the unit
7	interval or to the pool on that basis.
8	Now, given the order that was issued by
9	the division in the case you just referenced and the
LO	arguments that are being raised by Empire, we see no
L1	real alternative here but to seek to modify the
L2	unitized interval and the pool boundaries.
L3	For that reason, we're filing these
L4	applications to amend those commission orders. Now,
L5	because those are commission orders, you know, we
L6	believe that it's only appropriate for the commission
L7	to hear those applications.
L8	Given that and given the magnitude of
L9	the interests at play here and the recent precedent
20	from the commission to hear, in the first instance,
21	matters of produced water disposal that
22	affect waste and other policy issues, we're
23	going to be asking the commission to take up all the
24	cases that directly affect production and injection
25	within the boundary of the EMSU.

1	And I can recite to you which are those
2	cases. Now, separately, Empire has, you know, filed
3	for ten applications to revoke Goodnight's injection
4	authority. Of those ten cases, four of them involve
5	injection wells that are within the EMSU boundary.
6	Those cases, those four cases that seek
7	to revoke injection authority within the EMSU
8	boundary, ought to be combined with Goodnight's four
9	cases for new injection within the EMSU boundary and
10	the one case to increase the injection rate authority
11	in one of the wells.
12	So there's a total of nine cases, I
13	believe, plus the two that we're going to be filing
14	that ought to be in our view, be heard initially by
15	the commission.
16	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And what are
17	those case numbers?
18	MR. RANKIN: So the Goodnight cases
19	that would be implicated are Case No. 23614 through
20	23617, 23775, which is the case to increase the
21	injection rate. The Empire cases that would be
22	implicated are Case Nos. 24018, 24019, 24020, and
23	24025.
24	The other six cases that Empire's
25	filed

1	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Hold on,
2	Mr. Rankin, 24018 through 20 25, you said.
3	MR. RANKIN: Yeah. And I'll just
4	restate the Empire cases, 24018, 24019, 24020, and
5	24025.
6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Why did we
7	consolidate all the cases beginning with 24018 through
8	'27 originally?
9	MR. RANKIN: Mr. Examiner, you know, I
10	think, initially, you know, we thought it was a good
11	idea just to handle all these at once, and, in my
12	mind, there were distinctions between the cases that
13	Empire filed.
14	And I was thinking I would handle those
15	as and when we got them consolidated. I would address
16	them at the time, but I think, in light of the
17	magnitude and the complexity of these issues, it's
18	more appropriate to just go ahead and bifurcate them
19	now on the front end.
20	And let me just touch on that real
21	quickly. So as I mentioned, there's a number of these
22	cases that and they're all within the EMSU
23	boundary. Okay?
24	The four of our cases for new disposal,
25	the one for increase injection rate, and then the four

1	in which Empire's seeking to revoke injection
2	authority those all within the EMSU boundary.
3	So all the, you know the issues in
4	those cases regarding rights, unitization, the
5	right to unitize, the pool which is the pool boundary
6	definition, which is limited to the EMSU, all those
7	factors weigh heavily in favor of having those cases
8	be heard together. Okay?
9	Those are all within the EMSU boundary.
10	They're all being governed by the same set of rules,
11	same set of facts, the same underlying, you know,
12	issues, because we're, you know we're seeking to
13	inject directly within the EMSU boundary.
14	And they're arguing they want to do a
15	residual oil recovery within the EMSU boundary. So
16	everything is contained in those cases.
17	Now, the other six cases that Empire
18	has filed to revoke injection authority all deal with
19	existing authorized injection wells outside of the
20	unit boundary at varying distances. Okay?
21	Anywhere from several hundred feet to
22	almost a mile, those wells, No. 1, are outside the
23	unit area of varying distances in a different pool
24	with different pool rules.
25	And so, No. 1, we don't see, you know,
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1	any imminent harm or any imminent reason, any rush to
2	deal with those cases immediately because, No. 1,
3	they're outside the unit boundary.
4	Some of those wells aren't
5	even haven't even drilled and/or are not even
6	injecting yet, and they're various varying
7	distances so there's going to be varying factors.
8	And it's going to be, I mean No. 1,
9	we have to evaluate area of influence in those cases.
10	Whereas cases in the EMSU, we're not going to have to
11	deal with that. It's all within the unit.
12	So there's going to be a different
13	layer of analysis and investigation in those six cases
14	that we don't have to deal with in the EMSU cases.
15	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Let me
16	interrupt you for a moment, Mr. Rankin. Are you
17	planning is your planning on appealing Order
18	No. 22869?
19	MR. RANKIN: Yes, Mr. Examiner. We
20	will be doing so. We have a few days left, and we are
21	sorting out exactly, you know, as we're thinking
22	through the effect of that order and the combination
23	of these cases.
24	So there's a fair bit of, you know,
25	figuring out how best to manage all this. So

1	initially, we did think that it made sense to try to
2	get these all dealt with together, and then we would,
3	you know, segregate them after the fact.
4	But upon further reflection and the
5	evaluation of the, you know, various factors here, in
6	terms of the what evidence would need to be
7	presented and whether it would be more appropriate for
8	the commission or division to hear, we've decided that
9	the best course, and we think this is the more
10	efficient course actually, in terms of speed and
11	time, I mean, I think Empire would prefer this course
12	because it would allow rather than having to have
13	two sets of cases, you know, one heard at the division
14	level and another and then wait for an order, and
15	then, you know, go de novo and do it all over again
16	at the commission, we're proposing to sort of short
17	circuit the process.
18	Of course, it's, you know, up to the
19	discretion of the commission whether to take it, the
20	initial case here, but we're proposing to go directly
21	to the commission and have this heard, you know, at
22	the commission.
23	So it ought to, you know, speed things
24	along in terms of the
25	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay,
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1	thank you, Mr. Rankin. I want to ask John Garcia.
2	Mr. Garcia, based on what you just
3	heard and before we go to Ms. Hardy, who I'm sure has
4	a lot to say about all this, do you have any questions
5	for Mr. Rankin?
6	MR. GARCIA: I do not at this time.
7	THE HEARING EXAMINER: You do not.
8	Okay. Well, Mr. Garcia, what I specifically want to
9	know is what you think of the idea of keeping these
10	six cases filed by Empire to withdraw existing
11	injection authority right outside this unit, what you
12	think of keeping them together with these other cases.
13	MR. GARCIA: Yeah. So I was trying to
14	play catch up in the background on these cases
15	because, typically, I don't deep dive status
16	conferences too much because they're just
17	continuances, you know, negotiation updates.
18	This is probably the first one I've
19	experienced where I guess, it's gone in this depth
20	with these proposals to go straight to OCC [ph].
21	So in the background, I guess, the part
22	I was struggling is, to why are these cases
23	differential? Like, why are we separating them?
24	Again, I haven't like deep-dived. There's, what is
25	it, 20 cases or so, 15 total.

1	I know I highlighted the ones
2	Mr. Rankin just said as being separate of what he's
3	talking about. I'm just struggling to play catch up
4	on what's the difference here and why should they be
5	separated.
6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Then, I
7	won't put you in an unfair position of asking you that
8	question. I'll take that part under advisement, and
9	we can talk.
10	MR. GARCIA: Yeah, and I can definitely
11	talk with you on
12	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Offline.
13	MR. GARCIA: on this.
14	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
15	Ms. Hardy, let's start out with the proposition that
16	I'm leaning toward issuing an order referring all of
17	these cases, including the two new ones that we don't
18	know the case numbers, to the commission so that they
19	can hear the appeal of the Order 22869 and hear these
20	cases, 1 through 15, on the docket.
21	What is your thought about that?
22	MS. HARDY: Mr. Examiner, I believe
23	that Goodnight would need to file a request with the
24	commission to accept the cases, and I don't know that
25	the commission would do that.

1	I think that's an issue that would need
2	to be briefed and addressed. I just saw Mr. Rankin's
3	email this morning regarding this issue right when we
4	got on this hearing, and so I haven't had a chance to
5	confer with Empire about their position on the
6	transfer of the cases to the commission.
7	I just don't know at this point what
8	that would be. So I would need to do that, and I
9	think that's an issue that may need to be briefed.
10	I know, in the past, the commission has
11	found that it prefers for the division to hear cases
12	before they are sent up to the commission.
13	I think that, as you've mentioned I
14	think that Order R-22869a, which is the order that the
15	division issued denying Goodnight's application for
16	injection the Baeza [ph] well, is really
17	dispositive of Goodnight's applications in Case
18	Nos. 23614 through 23617, as well as Case 23775, where
19	they're seeking to increase injection into Empire's
20	unitized interval.
21	I think that, really, that order
22	requires those applications be dismissed. It's
23	dispositive. I think the division correctly found
24	that this is a unitized interval.
25	It's been in existence since the '80s

1	and operating as a secondary recovery unit and that
2	injection into the unitized interval impairs the
3	production of hydrocarbons and results in waste.
4	And that's the division's paramount
5	obligation under the Oil and Gas Act is to prevent
6	that from occurring.
7	So I think that the application should
8	be dismissed and that Goodnight can file the
9	applications with the commission that it's talking
10	about and seek to amend the unitized interval.
11	I think that's a heavy burden to bear,
12	and I think it's, basically, a collateral attack on
13	existing orders that have been in existence for many,
14	many years and that many parties have relied on, not
15	just Empire.
16	The interest owners in a unit are
17	relying on the fact that this unit exists and is
18	operating. So that's a heavy burden for Goodnight to
19	undertake, and I think if they want to file those
20	applications, we would respond accordingly.
21	But in the meantime, I think that their
22	new injection application should be dismissed and that
23	Empire's applications to revoke to be consolidated for
24	a hearing for the division.
25	I disagree with Mr. Rankin that the

1	wells inside of the unit and outside of the unit raise
2	different concerns. The geology and engineering
3	evidence is going to be the same or very similar, and
4	the wells outside of the unit are very close to it.
5	And that's part of the basis for the
6	applications to revoke, is that they are impacting the
7	unit. So I don't think it makes sense to separate the
8	wells within the unit from the wells that are outside
9	of the unit
10	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So, Ms. Hardy,
11	if Mr. Rankin so I'm not sure I agree with the
12	rationale that I don't have the authority to refer
13	these cases to the commission but take that aside. I
14	don't think that's critical here.
15	If Mr. Rankin were willing to dismiss
16	his cases, the four plus one, the five cases, that we
17	know and file those directly with the commission along
18	with his appeals of either of those, would you be
19	willing to dismiss your cases, the 24018 through '27,
20	basically, so that the commission can consider all of
21	these issues at one time?
22	MS. HARDY: Is the question whether we
23	would dismiss them and refile with the commission? I
24	don't know that we can do that. I mean, I think I
25	would need to consult with Empire about that.

1	I'm not sure that there's a mechanism
2	to do that under their procedural rules. I know
3	that
4	THE HEARING EXAMINER: The way I look
5	at these the way I look at these cases, Ms. Hardy,
6	is that they're all it's all the same unit, as
7	Mr. Rankin said, or the surrounding area to this unit.
8	They're all impacted by this order that
9	was just issued, which basically changes the playing
10	field for Empire and Goodnight, and it seems that
11	Empire has a dog in this fight before the commission
12	on this appeal of this order.
13	And all the cases really need to be
14	heard together. That's the way I see this.
15	So unless you can tell me why that's
16	wrong, I'm either leaning toward the parties
17	dismissing these cases and refiling them with the
18	commission along with my referral because I do plan on
19	filing the order referring all of these cases, all 15
20	cases, plus these two new ones that haven't even been
21	filed yet, and the appeal, to the commission to deal
22	with this.
23	Is there some reason why you think
24	that's a bad idea?
25	MS. HARDY: I don't think that we would
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1	need to dismiss our applications. I think that's a
2	separate matter. I think that I agree that the cases
3	should be heard together, and certainly, all the
4	pending applications should be heard together.
5	But I don't think that I think that
6	if the cases were referred to the commission, that's
7	certainly one way to go, but I don't think we would
8	dismiss our applications to do that.
9	I think it's a matter of referral, and
10	I know, in other cases, we were in a similar situation
11	where we had an appeal to the commission and also a
12	number of cases that were related that were filed with
13	the division.
14	And this was a separate issue. They
15	were pooling cases [ph]. We had asked the cases be
16	all transferred to the commission, and the commission
17	said they would prefer for the division to hear the
18	division cases and to stay the commission case while
19	the division did that.
20	I don't have that order in front of me,
21	but that's what the commission had done in that
22	situation.
23	THE HEARING EXAMINER: But, Ms. Hardy,
24	are you saying that you don't remember at least one
25	instance in which my predecessor, Bill Brancard [ph],

1	filed an order referring cases to the commission?
2	And I would suspect then, as part of
3	that order referring cases to the commission, that
4	there would also be an order to dismiss the cases in
5	front of the division so they could be heard by the
6	commission.
7	MS. HARDY: I don't know specific
8	instances. I'm sure that probably has happened. I
9	don't think the cases at the division get dismissed,
10	though. I mean, I think they're referred to the
11	commission in that scenario.
12	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I'm wary of
13	having cases pending in front of the division when
14	this order changes the playing field and was issued
15	after these cases were filed.
16	The parties are still we're still in
17	the status conference phase. We're not even ready for
18	a hearing in front of the division. Right?
19	MS. HARDY: I actually think that we
20	are ready for a hearing before the division. We
21	actually submitted all of our hearing exhibits, and
22	the cases were postponed because Goodnight wanted to
23	conduct discovery, so.
24	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Right. Well, so
25	then, they're not ready yet.

MS. HARDY: Well, I think they are from
Empire's perspective. I think we've conducted the
discovery and submitted our hearing exhibits that we
plan to go to hearing on.
THE HEARING EXAMINER: So if the
division hears these cases on the revoking Goodnight's
injection authority, and Goodnight goes on appeal to
the commission and the commission, I don't know, let's
say, upholds this order signed by Director Fuge [ph],
who sits on the commission, you're saying that
wouldn't impact the cases.
I mean, it just doesn't it seems, to
me, that that doesn't seem logical for me.
MS. HARDY: I do think it would impact
the cases, Mr. Examiner. I absolutely agree with you.
I think that the existing order is dispositive, and if
it's upheld, that applies to all of the cases.
THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right, okay.
I want to ask, before I go back to Mr. Rankin I
want to ask Ms. Shaheen. Do you have any feedback on
all of this?
MS. SHAHEEN: Thank you, Mr. Examiner.
I did have one case that was referred to the
commission. It was not dismissed. It was just
referred to the commission.

1	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
2	MS. SHAHEEN: That has been done in the
3	past, but that was one singular case. And that case
4	had actually already been presented to the division,
5	and it was referred to the commission for a final
6	decision.
7	And I was looking for the order, but I
8	wasn't able to pinpoint it in the few minutes that I
9	had. And I'm sorry. What was your initial question
LO	to me?
L1	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Well, just go by
L2	what you just said, when you said it was heard by the
L3	division, so the division collected a bunch of
L4	evidence.
L5	And then are you saying that, before
L6	the commission, the commission just ruled on the
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17 18 19 20 21 22 23	the commission, the commission just ruled on the evidence, the record that was established before the division, or was it a de novo hearing? MS. SHAHEEN: In that case, it was not a de novo hearing because it was not a review de novo because the division had not issued a decision. THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay, okay. And then so, my question to you originally was your

1	you, and I have discussed this with my supervisor, is
2	to refer these cases to the commission so that they
3	can hear the appeal of this order and hear these cases
4	de novo because it doesn't seem efficient to keep
5	these on the docket to have these piecemeal in front
6	of the commission.
7	So that's my sense. And what are your
8	thoughts?
9	MS. SHAHEEN: Well, it does eliminate
10	the opportunity for an appeal or review de novo by the
11	commission.
12	We would be appealing directly to the
13	district court, and I'm sure that whoever was not
14	successful before the commission would be appealing.
15	The other thing is that I'm concerned
16	that it creates more delay.
17	Every day, there are thousands and
18	thousands and thousands of barrels of water that are
19	being injected into the formation, and that is
20	adversely affecting Empire and, its working interest
21	owners and its royalty interest.
22	So that's my concern; it's a continued
23	delay.
24	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. I
25	understand your concern. Mr. Padilla?

1	MR. PADILLA: Well, first of all, I
2	agree with consolidation of these cases because the
3	geology and reservoir [ph] characters are essentially
4	the same.
5	Whether or not some of those wells are
6	outside the unit, they're still impacting the unit.
7	I'm impressed now by the new strategy that Mr. Rankin
8	has enunciated this morning according to the
9	commission and asking to amend the vertical limits,
10	so.
11	In the Baeza [ph] case, I argued that
12	collateral would stop that decision was not really
13	made, but Goodnight, in this case, has challenged
14	the collateral attack without going back to amend
15	the commission order 1984.
16	That order's still good, and that's
17	necessary. So I think that Mr. Rankin is probably
18	correct in going to amend that order. Whether or not
19	at this late date it's appropriate is a different
20	thing.
21	Now, I take that by bifurcating these
22	cases, Goodnight gets a second bite at the apple, and
23	it's probably not that's going to result in a lot
24	of delay if a bifurcation is made.
25	So I think it's appropriate, whether
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1	it's the division or the commission, that they all be
2	heard at the same time without going at it twice.
3	But I haven't had any cases that have
4	been referred to the commission. I've been practicing
5	a long time before the division and the commission.
6	Before that, I don't know that
7	I mean, I think it's the discretion of the hearing
8	examiner to issue an order of referral.
9	But I don't think that dismissal is
10	necessarily appropriate or that we'd have to refile
11	before the commission, but that's your decision.
12	THE HEARING EXAMINER: The order you
13	were talking about from the '80s, what did that
14	order was that order in favor of injection, or what
15	did that order do?
16	MR. PADILLA: That order
17	surprisingly, I was reading the transcript from that
18	case, and I appeared in that case for some minor
19	interests on this.
20	But there was no necessary I mean,
21	the unitization involved both the San Andres and the
22	Grayburg, but primarily the Grayburg. And there was
23	some discussion about, in the hearing, for, I think,
24	make-up water [ph] and a later tertiary recovery from
25	the San Andres.

1	And I think now with the residual oil
2	claim that Empire has, it's the recovery of
3	reserves [ph] in that zone is appropriate without
4	having a whole bunch of new water coming in there
5	that's not necessarily compatible with what's there.
6	And we think it's going to migrate into
7	the Grayburg, and
8	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So, Mr. Padilla,
9	you're saying that the order that Mr. Rankin would be
10	seeking to amend before the commission would be an
11	order that benefits Empire and hinders Goodnight's
12	injection interest. Is that right?
13	MR. PADILLA: Yes. We, of course,
14	would want it to have unitized interval the same,
15	remain the same. We don't want that order, original
16	order, changed.
17	I mean, Goodnight can file something,
18	an application, to amend the vertical limits, but
19	there was no appeal by anyone of that order way back
20	then. And so that unit has existed.
21	The vertical limits, including the
22	Grayburg and the San Andres, are both part of that
23	original order.
24	And now, you have an interloper in
25	here, saying, "Well, we need that to" I know
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1	Mr. Rankin's made some kind of policy argument, which
2	I think is collateral attack, but I don't see that
3	they have an interest, No. 1, in the unit.
4	And now, today is the first time that
5	they've really gone out and said, "Well, maybe we
6	ought to amend that original order, " on whatever basis
7	their application is going to be based on.
8	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
9	Ms. Vance, is Mr. Rankin speaking for you in this
10	case?
11	MS. VANCE: That's correct.
12	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay, very good.
13	I just want to give everyone a chance to tell me what
14	they think.
15	Mr. Rankin, you've heard from, you
16	know, opposing counsel. What do you have to say about
17	what you've heard?
18	MR. RANKIN: Thank you, Mr. Hearing
19	Examiner. Yeah. I mean, I think a couple things. I
20	just want to keep everybody's focus on the history
21	here and the facts.
22	No. 1, there was prior saltwater
23	disposal [ph] injection going back into the '60s in
24	the San Andres within the area defined as the EMSU
25	well before, two decades before, the EMSU was created.

1	Okay, No. 1.
2	The contention that the Baeza [ph]
3	order that you referred to, Mr. Examiner, is
4	dispositive or is controlling in these cases, I think
5	is misplaced. Certainly, it indicates the division's
6	mindset.
7	The facts, evidence, and testimony that
8	were presented at that case are discrete, and
9	wholly they're going to be totally different than
LO	what you're going to see in this set of cases. Okay?
L1	In large part, that's because what
L2	Empire presented at that hearing was minimal. Okay?
L3	There was one witness with almost no technical
L4	evidence. As we cited in the order, there's almost
L5	zero technical evidence, so.
L6	And furthermore, division cases are not
L7	generally held to be precedential in other division
L8	cases, again, in large part here because we got a
L9	different set of evidence and testimony coming
20	forward.
21	Now, setting aside the Baeza [ph] case,
22	obviously I mean, obviously, from our perspective,
23	it does create an issue because it indicates to us a
24	mindset that the division may be having to go into
25	these cases. Okay?

1	And that's a consideration on our part
2	that we have to take into account. Our view is that
3	when we finally present all the facts and evidence,
4	that we will prevail and that we will be permitted to
5	continue to dispose within the San Andres.
6	Now, that may be ultimately a decision
7	for the commission, and it probably ought to be, in
8	the first instance, heard now and decided by the
9	commission.
10	And for that reason, Mr. Examiner, I do
11	believe you have authority to refer matters that you
12	believe are more appropriately heard by the
13	commission. Now, ultimately, it's the commission's
14	discretion to hear that case to take these cases or
15	not.
16	And we can either do it by filing a
17	motion, as Ms. Hardy suggests, or they can be referred
18	by you. I think either way is appropriate. I think
19	the notion that we must dismiss these cases is putting
20	form over function.
21	I think, upon referral and acceptance
22	by the commission, they're off your docket, okay, and
23	there's no need to worry about dismissing them.
24	So I think the appropriate, you know,
25	vehicle here is either for us to file a motion with

1	the commission or for you just to go ahead and refer
2	them, you know.
3	I think either way is fine, and
4	whichever, you know, you ultimately prefer is
5	appropriate. Now
6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Well, let me
7	interrupt you.
8	MR. RANKIN: Yeah.
9	THE HEARING EXAMINER: What I see here,
LO	which was provided by Mr. Garcia, thank you, in cases
L1	that involve applications of Cimarex Energy for
L2	compulsory pooling and Chevron USA [ph] for compulsory
L3	pooling, and the case numbers are 23088 through '91
L4	and then 22871 and '72, there was a motion that was
L5	filed by Cimarex, served on the division's examiner
L6	to it was unopposed to refer the above cases to the
L7	commission.
L8	And the director signed that order,
L9	referring the cases to the commission. That's the
20	route that I would like to take, is that the parties
21	file a stipulated or unopposed, or whatever you want
22	to call it, motion to refer.
23	And I would like all of these cases to
24	go together. I know, Mr. Rankin, you feel that the
25	cases outside the unit are not related closely enough.

1	I feel like they are. I know that the
2	other parties feel like they are. Empire feels like
3	they are. So with that being said, what do you think
4	about that?
5	MR. RANKIN: Mr. Examiner, I appreciate
6	that consideration. Initially, that was my thought,
7	too. Okay? And that's why I was initially proposing
8	to put them all together.
9	Now, I want to point out a couple
10	things. No. 1, there are more parties involved here,
11	okay, than simply Goodnight and Empire. There are two
12	existing saltwater disposal wells operated by
13	Rice [ph] within the EMSU.
14	Those have been injecting for decades.
15	Okay? In addition, Empire has been injecting into the
16	San Andres for disposal as well. Okay?
17	Those are only the wells within the
18	EMSU. There are others outside the boundaries that
19	are implicated as well. In order to keep this
20	streamlined and more direct among the parties who are
21	really at issue, we ought to keep it within the EMSU.
22	That's one reason. Secondly, the idea
23	that the so as to the wells outside the unit, okay,
24	Empire has alleged, on information and belief, that
25	the water that is being injected by Goodnight

1	Midstream into those well, outside, as far as almost a
2	mile away, are already encroaching into the unit
3	boundaries and impairing their ability to do their
4	unit operations.
5	That's a whole other area of
6	demonstration, proof, technical evidence, modeling.
7	That's a whole different body of
8	evidence and testimony that's going to need to be
9	dealt with in those cases, setting aside the fact that
10	there's many other saltwater disposal wells in the
11	same radius outside the EMSU that ought to be included
12	in this discussion as well.
13	So my view is that, whether, you know,
14	the commission ultimately decides that injection in
15	the San Andres is inappropriate or not, it ought to be
16	first addressed within the unit boundaries.
17	Then, after we understand whatever
18	guidance the commission may have to offer, we can
19	separately deal with saltwater disposal outside the
20	unit boundaries on a case-by-case basis, based on
21	analysis of the plume extent and other considerations
22	because those are going to be separate those are
23	going to involve entirely separate facts and evidence
24	because of the distances. Okay?
25	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I understand

1	your perspective. Ms. Shaheen, if I was persuaded by
2	that argument, then it sounds like we would have a
3	hearing on Cases 24021 through '24, '26, and '27. Is
4	that right?
5	MS. SHAHEEN: I am not sure. I think
6	there are also the pending Empire applications that
7	relate to wells within the EMSU as well. I'm not sure
8	of what case numbers relate to those wells within the
9	
	EMSU.
10	But what I would note is that I believe
11	that same type of evidence and modeling will be
12	pertinent to the cases for wells that are within the
13	EMSU. So I think that distinction there is somewhat
14	artificial.
15	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. So,
16	Ms. Hardy, Mr. Rankin is suggesting that we only deal
17	with the cases within the unit and not outside.
18	But it seems to me that you have filed
19	six cases that are right around and those are the
20	cases I just said, 24021, '22, '23, '24, '26, and '27.
21	Is that correct?
22	MS. HARDY: I believe that's correct,
23	Mr. Examiner, but, as I mentioned, I do think that the
24	evidence is going to be the same. I think it's
25	artificial to distinguish.

1	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right.
2	That's a different point.
3	MS. HARDY: Yes.
4	THE HEARING EXAMINER: But let me
5	understand. Those are the six cases that are right
6	around the unit but not inside the unit. Is that
7	correct?
8	MS. HARDY: I would need to confirm
9	those case numbers, but I'm willing to accept
10	Mr. Rankin's representation on that.
11	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Then, if
12	that's the case and we only had an unopposed motion to
13	refer the cases within the unit and not outside the
14	unit, what would be your intent?
15	Would your intent be let's hold a
16	hearing on those cases right outside the unit as
17	quickly as possible?
18	MS. HARDY: I think that all of the
19	cases need to be heard together.
20	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay, okay. All
21	right. That's your position
22	MS. HARDY: Yes, yes.
23	THE HEARING EXAMINER: But, Mr. Rankin,
24	what it sounds to me like is that if you file a
25	motion, that it would be unopposed for the cases
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1	within the unit and opposed for the cases outside the
2	unit.
3	MS. SHAHEEN: If I may, Mr
4	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Yeah, go ahead.
5	Yeah.
6	MS. SHAHEEN: We haven't been able to
7	confer with our client on this at all, and so we can't
8	say one way or another whether that motion would be
9	opposed or unopposed.
10	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. That's a
11	fair point. I'm just going by what I'm hearing in
12	front of me today legally, not from your client.
13	MR. RANKIN: Mr. Examiner, I just want
14	to make one if I may make one response because I
15	want to make sure that it's understood the type of
16	analysis I'm talking about and that's going to be
17	different for cases outside. Okay?
18	At issue within the unit is whether the
19	injection's going to be impacting or impairing ROZ
20	development, unit operations, waterflood, so forth.
21	Okay?
22	That assessment is likely going to be
23	the same whether you're inside or outside. What's
24	different, okay, is whether the injection outside is
25	even reaching, okay, the unit boundaries. Okay?

1	That analysis is unique and different
2	and is going to be different based on each well, based
3	on the distance from each well.
4	There are, as we understand from
5	looking at the technical committee reports [ph] on the
6	unit, there are sand stringers [ph] and variations in
7	the geology within the San Andres, whether it's
8	domesticized [ph] or sand and whether or not how
9	extensive the injection's going to extend out from any
10	given well and the connectivity.
11	Mr. Sweeney [ph] himself, during the
12	Gouza [ph] case, was talking about how, you know,
13	water would be injected.
14	It would pop up in unexpected places in
15	their unitized interval, you know, because as they're
16	injecting water waterflood [ph], they would expect
17	there to be impacts in one well, you know, beneficial
18	impacts in one well.
19	And you would see it someplace else,
20	and that's because the geology in San Andres and some
21	places, is a little bit complex.
22	So as to the wells outside the unit,
23	there's going to be different set of evidence and
24	testimony, and it'll all be taken on a case-by-case
25	basis.

1	It is in the division's interest, I
2	believe, to allow the commission cases to go forward,
3	get guidance from the commission on injection into the
4	unitized interval, and then we can take those outside
5	cases separately with the guidance from the division.
6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Ms. Hardy?
7	MS. HARDY: Mr. Examiner, I think that
8	it really does only make sense to address all of the
9	cases together. I think the evidence is going to be
10	very, very similar, if not the same.
11	I think that if the cases were referred
12	to the commission together, there's no reason the
13	commission can't consider some of the separate issues
14	that Mr. Rankin's talking about.
15	I don't think that means that the cases
16	need to be heard separately, you know, one set going
17	to the commission, one set staying before the
18	division.
19	I think that's an inefficient use of
20	resources of the division and the commission and of
21	the parties and the witnesses, really.
22	I think the evidence is going to
23	overlap. If Mr. Rankin wants to raise the issues that
24	he's talking about regarding injection outside of the
25	unit versus injection inside the unit, he can

1	certainly do that in one hearing.
2	I don't think that means that there
3	should be separate hearings. I think that's not an
4	efficient use of anyone's time or resources.
5	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
6	Mr. Garcia, do you have anything to add or any
7	questions you want to ask?
8	MR. GARCIA: Yeah. I have a few
9	questions for Mr. Rankin or Ms. Hardy, whoever, I
10	guess, has the answers. How big is this unit
11	acreage-wise is my first question.
12	MR. RANKIN: I think it's on the order
13	of 14,000 acres, but I'll let the Empire folks say.
14	MS. HARDY: I don't have that number in
15	front of me, but that sounds right.
16	MR. GARCIA: That's close enough, and I
17	guess
18	MS. HARDY: It's a large unit.
19	MR. GARCIA: Okay. And these wells
20	that are on the outside of this unit are outside by
21	feet, miles? Like, what's the "outside"?
22	MR. RANKIN: It varies. I've done a
23	fairly careful analysis. It varies from a couple
24	hundred feet, several hundred feet to just under a
25	mile.

1	It appears to me that the Empire folks
2	have, you know, made a demonstration that a mile is
3	their cutoff.
4	MR. GARCIA: Okay.
5	MR. RANKIN: So this is a mile outside
6	of the area.
7	MR. GARCIA: And, I guess, to me,
8	everyone keeps talking about process and what's the
9	most efficient because obviously, your operators are
10	probably pressuring each of you to make their case win
11	and get out why so they can start operating these
12	wells.
13	I guess my question is, if we separate
14	these cases and commission hears the first set, we
15	hear the second set, and those are different answers,
16	are you going most likely just appeal those to the
17	hearing anyways to commission, and they're going to
18	have to hear the whole thing again?
19	I mean, that's kind of my thing
20	because, I think, no matter what, these cases are
21	going to be at commission. It's just is commission
22	hearing them together, or is commission hearing them
23	separately?
24	MR. RANKIN: Thank you, Mr
25	MS. HARDY: That's Mr. Garcia. I
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think that either party the losing party if the
cases are heard separately, the division will
certainly appeal to the commission.
MR. GARCIA: Yeah. I mean, because I
already heard like, I think, it was Ms. Shaheen I
mean, it sounds like you guys aren't even going to be
happy with the commission as I heard you guys say
you're going to appeal to district court, which is,
obviously, you know, allowed.
And part of the process is you can
appeal to district court. So if you guys already
have that mindset, I don't know if we're benefiting
anyone's time by OCD [ph] hearing these cases.
THE HEARING EXAMINER: So, Mr on
the question about the cases outside, okay, I think
there's some concern about efficiency, waste,
administrative, you know, efficiencies here.
What I'm proposing is that those six
cases outside the unit boundary be stayed and not be
heard by the division until there's resolution by the
commission of the injection within the unit boundary.
There's no need for the division to
hurry and hear those six cases at this time. They are
some distance away. Empire has no plans to conduct an

1	They don't even have it in a written
2	plan. They've got no communications, apparently, that
3	discuss how they're going to approach the ROZ in the
4	San Andres because they haven't produced them
5	MR. GARCIA: What's an ROZ again?
6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Residual oil
7	zone. Okay?
8	MR. GARCIA: Okay.
9	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So apparently,
10	there is nothing imminent here. They, themselves, are
11	injecting into the San Andres, and they've been doing
12	it since the '80s.
13	Two other wells operated by Rice [ph]
14	have been injecting into the San Andres since the
15	'60s. A significant volume of produced water has been
16	injected since before the unit was even created.
17	They came to injection in San Andres.
18	There's no imminent harm to the EMSU or Empire for
19	injection outside the unit. Okay?
20	There's no need to rush to decide those
21	cases when what we have before us is a clearly
22	distinguishable set of cases within the unit boundary.
23	So what I'm proposing is to maximize
24	the efficiency here, stay those cases before the
25	division, allow the commission to hear the full set of

1	information, opinions, and testimony as to the
2	injection within the unit, take what the commission
3	rules, apply what is applicable to the injection
4	outside the unit boundary.
5	Those are going to be, you know,
6	different because of the distances. Then, as
7	necessary, we can hear those cases at the division
8	level. They're going to be different, okay, because
9	of the facts.
10	There's going to be some things that
11	are related, and maybe, you know, that guidance will
12	inform the way both parties put on their cases and
13	will inform the way the division hears those cases.
14	But we don't know yet until we have a
15	ruling and order from the commission. So what I'm
16	proposing is to maximize the administrative efficiency
17	here, allow those division cases to be stayed until we
18	have clear guidance from the commission. We can apply
19	what's applicable to those cases and then hear them.
20	Likely, as Ms. Hardy said, no one's
21	going to be happy, and they're going to be appealed to
22	the commission. But those are going to be on a
23	different set of facts and a different, you know
24	and a different set of testimony.
25	So I think what we're proposing is the

1 most efficient way to handle these. 2 MR. GARCIA: And the part that confuses 3 me, I quess, is stay of these cases because you said earlier, they're different factual patterns, different 4 evidence, which I understand you're talking about in the unit, does the injection damage the waterflood, 6 outside of the unit does my plume lateral extent 8 affect it also. 9 Which from a technical side, I see their differences, but even if the commission rules in 10 11 favor of your client, are those factual bases going to 12 be enough for OCC [ph] to make a ruling on the other 13 case that's not going to be appealed because like you just said, they're different factual bases. 14 15 Sixty, 80 years is a long time of 16 injection, especially for, you know, a 1-mile zone. 17 Obviously, everyone's going to be its own facts, you 18 know, completion type, depth, production, how much 19 they're injecting, how much pressure they're 20 injecting. 2.1 Each well's going to be an individual model. I'm assuming they'll probably model them 22 together because they're going to interact with each 23 2.4 other. 25 And I understand -- that they are

1	different aspects, but the administrative side, I just
2	don't see how anyone's going to be happy with an
3	OCD [ph] order.
4	I pretty much am taking this as me and
5	Greg are going to hear these cases. We're going to
6	issue an order are going to read the order, and
7	whoever lost is just going to straight appeal it to
8	OCC [ph], is how I take it, which means your clients
9	and you and us, are just, you know, further delaying
10	this answer.
11	I mean, to me, I take it as going to
12	even appeal the OCC [ph] one to district court
13	rather the outcome, and so I don't think having
14	OCD [ph] hear these cases separate is a thing.
15	I mean, if you want to my
16	recommendation to Gregory is I think the parties, one,
17	need to talk to their clients and make sure the
18	parties know what's going on.
19	But as you guys have the right to file,
20	I don't know the legal word, but the request to go to
21	OCC [ph], the referral or remand, whatever it's
22	called, and in that referral, you can request OCC [ph]
23	to either hear these cases separate or together.
24	But I think either way, OCC [ph] is
25	going to be hearing these cases, and so we can let
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1	OCC [ph] decide based off your request, should they
2	hear these together, or should they hear these
3	separate.
4	I mean, because that's kind of what
5	we're arguing, is they're going to hear it. It's just
6	how do they hear it's kind of the question, and if the
7	commission chair thinks there is enough overlap they
8	should together, he can do so. If he thinks they're
9	separate, he can do that, also. He has that power.
LO	That's my take on this whole thing
L1	is no matter what, they're going there. So it's
L2	how does the commission want to hear these, separate
L3	or together, and I would recommend you put in writing
L4	each of your arguments, why they should be together or
L5	why they shouldn't be.
L6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Ms. Hardy?
L7	MS. HARDY: Mr. Examiner, I think it
L8	does make sense for Mr. Rankin to file a motion that
L9	we would have an opportunity to confer with our client
20	on and then respond.
21	I think we've covered the ground on
22	these applications are all related. I do want to
23	address the fact or Mr. Rankin's argument that the
24	injection wells outside of the unit are not an
25	imminent issue or concern.

They are from Empire's perspective.
That's an urgent issue because the injection outside
of the unit is also impacting the unit, and as
Mr. Rankin said earlier, one of the wells is 200 feet
away.
So this is, you know, all related, and
in addition to the injection that's occurred in the
unit previously, is vastly different in volume from
the injection that Goodnight is conducting and is
proposing to conduct.
Really, it's millions of barrels. So
it's a big difference, and it needs to be addressed as
soon as possible, in one hearing, I believe.
MR. RANKIN: Mr. Examiner, if it's so
imminent, I'm wondering when and what time Empire's
going to be filing applications to revoke Rice
Operating's [ph] authority to inject produced water in
the San Andres within the EMSU and when Empire's going
to be filing applications to revoke the authority of
any other saltwater disposal well within a mile of the
boundaries of the unit.
THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. All
right. Well, we don't have the answers to that, but
what I will decide for today, since it's just a status
conferences, is I'm not going to set another status

1 conference on these cases for now. 2 What I'm going to ask the parties to do is to file a motion. Hopefully, it'll be an unopposed 3 motion. 4 But if it is opposed, let's come up 6 with a time frame so that I can get a motion to refer over to the director and an order over to the director for his consideration on whether he wants to hear all 8 9 of these cases together at the commission level or whether he wants to bifurcate the six cases that are 10 11 right outside the EMSU. 12 Mr. Rankin, when would you be able to file that motion? 13 14 MR. RANKIN: Well, we're working on the 15 applications to amend the unit interval and the pool 16 boundary, and I'd like to get those done first because 17 I see those as being kind of critical. And then I think I would next work on 18 the motions to refer, and our position's going to be 19 that we will ask that only the, you know, cases within 20 2.1 the unit boundary be referred. 22 And we'll make a case for why the others should be stayed at the division. So that's 23 2.4 what we likely will be doing. I guess I need to sort of figure out my timing, but, you know, of course, if 25

you send me a deadline, then I will do my best to
stick to it.
But I think, you know, with the
holidays, I don't know, maybe is the second week of
January too late? I think that's reasonable given
everything that's going on in the world some time.
THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Now, let
me look at this from a different angle.
Ms. Hardy, are you willing to file the
initial motion to refer and to make your argument on
why it all should be, you know, including the six
cases that you filed outside the unit, why that should
be heard by the commission?
Are you in a position to file that
motion?
MS. HARDY: Well, Mr. Examiner, as
Ms. Shaheen mentioned, we haven't conferred with our
client about the position on referral to the
commission.
So I need to do that to find out
whether they agree with that approach. That's why I
had envisioned ranking and filing a motion to
THE HEARING EXAMINER: Ms. Hardy,
I'm confused because a moment ago, you told me that
time is of the essence.

1	MS. HARDY: It is, Mr. Examiner, but I
2	still feel like I need to confer with my client.
3	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I'm not arguing
4	about
5	MS. HARDY: Yeah.
6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: conferring
7	with your client at all. Obviously, that's something
8	you need to do.
9	But you did say that your client is
10	concerned about, you know, the interruption of the
11	secondary recovery by saltwater injection both within
12	the unit and right outside the unit.
13	MS. HARDY: Yes.
14	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Having these
15	issues go to the commission without having to go
16	through an entire process at the division, which will
17	take months, months, and months to do, would seem to
18	be in the benefit to your client.
19	So let's say that your client is in
20	favor of the referral. Would you be at a would you
21	prefer to file the motion and let Mr. Rankin file a
22	response to your motion?
23	MS. HARDY: Sure.
24	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay, all right.
25	When would you be what is a reasonable deadline for
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1	your motion?
2	MS. HARDY: Looking at the calendar
3	here, I would expect that we could get a motion filed,
4	assuming Empire agrees to go that route, by the end of
5	next week.
6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay, that's
7	fine with me.
8	MS. HARDY: The 29th.
9	THE HEARING EXAMINER: That's fine with
LO	me, and then, Mr. Rankin, I know that you are busy
L1	with other applications that you just mentioned.
L2	But if they're able to file their
L3	motion by the 29th, would the 5th of January give you
L4	enough time to respond to it?
L5	MR. RANKIN: No. No. There's no way,
L6	sorry. I mean, the applications are due. We got
L7	hearings set. There's no way
L8	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
L9	MR. RANKIN: I mean, there's just
20	I'm already, you know, working over ten hours a day
21	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So you're saying
22	then that the 12th of January is a deadline for you.
23	MR. RANKIN: Let me just see, the next
24	hearing
25	THE HEARING EXAMINER: The next hearing
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1	is the 4th.
2	MR. RANKIN: The 4th, the 19th, you
3	know, I would love if I could have until that Friday,
4	Mr. Examiner, to the 15th.
5	That would just give me the cushion to
6	make sure I have, you know there's a significant
7	burden that I have of the division cases
8	THE HEARING EXAMINER: that's the
9	12th of that's the 12th of January
10	MR. RANKIN: Yeah. So I'm asking for
11	the 15th.
12	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Because you want
13	to take the weekend, all right, then I'm going to give
14	Ms. Hardy
15	MR. RANKIN: Oh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry.
16	Thank you, one moment. Let me get to the right month,
17	apologize. Thank you for drawing that to my
18	attention.
19	So you're saying that they would be
20	filing theirs by the 39th by the 29th, which is the
21	Friday, and that, yeah, I think two weeks okay, the
22	12th fine. I think that would be fine.
23	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. So,
24	Ms. Hardy, you're okay with the 29th.
25	MS. HARDY: Well, if Mr. Rankin if
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1	we're going to push out the schedule, I'd rather not
2	file the 29th. It is the holidays next week.
3	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
4	MS. HARDY: I was proposing that in the
5	interest of, you know, an expedited process.
6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I gather that.
7	Okay. So here's what I'm going to do. We'll split
8	the difference.
9	Ms. Hardy, I'm going to give you a
10	deadline of the 3rd of January. That'll give you an
11	extra half a week so that you don't feel quite as
12	rushed, and, Mr. Rankin, we'll keep your deadline on
13	the 12th. And there won't be a reply.
14	There won't be a reply allowed in this
15	motion and response, and I will issue an order after
16	conferring with the director shortly thereafter so
17	that we can move these off to the commission, whether
18	they be all together or whether they be most of
19	them and the rest of them stay.
20	I don't know how that'll play out yet.
21	It'll depend on your motion and the response. So are
22	we done with these cases for today?
23	MR. RANKIN: Yeah. If I may just make
24	one comment, you know, out of professional courtesy,
25	given the holidays, I'm happy if Ms. Hardy or

1	Mr. Padilla or Ms. Shaheen reach out to me and ask for
2	a little extra time.
3	I will, without hesitation, grant it.
4	So you know, given the fact that it is the holidays,
5	you know, two days here or there isn't going to make a
6	big difference.
7	So I'm happy, you know, to allow them a
8	little extra time to get their motion completed. Just
9	I want to say that out of the gate.
10	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Right. And you
11	mean and still keep your response by the 12th.
12	MR. RANKIN: It depends on how much
13	time they want more, but I would expect they would
14	grant the same professional courtesy to us as well,
15	given that they've got, you know, three firms working
16	on it.
17	If we need a little extra time, I'm
18	sure they would be willing to oblige.
19	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. But I'm
20	setting a deadline because I want to make a decision
21	along with the
22	MR. RANKIN: Understood.
23	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So, Ms. Hardy,
24	and, Ms. Shaheen, and, Mr. Padilla, you have until the
25	close of business on the 3rd of January to file your

1	motion.
2	And, Mr. Rankin, you have until the
3	close of business on the 12th to file your response.
4	All right. That being said, I want to
5	take a five-minute break before we move on to new
6	cases. So it's 9:22; we'll be back at 9:27. Thank
7	you.
8	(Off the record.)
9	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. We're
10	back. It is 9:27 a.m., and we will continue with the
11	hearing docket. I am calling Cases 16 through 20 on
12	the docket. That would be 23177, 23179, 23345, 23327.
13	I hope I got them all. Appearances, please?
14	MS. HARDY: Mr. Examiner, Dana Hardy,
15	with Hinkle Shanor on behalf of Mewbourne Oil Company.
16	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And did I get
17	the consolidated cases right, or am I still missing
18	some cases here?
19	MS. HARDY: I believe it should be
20	through the case that's listed No. 20 on the docket,
21	23328. I don't know if you got that one as well.
22	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I don't think I
23	did. Thank you, 23328 is also being called. Okay.
24	So thank you, Ms. Hardy.
25	MS. SHAHEEN: Good morning, again,
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1	Sharon Shaheen, Montgomery & Andrews, on behalf of
2	Pride Energy Company.
3	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right.
4	Thank you.
5	MR. FELDEWERT: Good morning,
6	Mr. Examiner, Michael Feldewert, Santa Fe Office of
7	Holland & Hart here for MRC Permian, Matador
8	Production Company, and separately then for XTO
9	Energy, Inc.
10	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay, thank you.
11	So we're here for a status conference
12	MS. RYAN: Mr. Examiner? Mr. Examiner,
13	Beth Ryan, on behalf of COG Operating, thank you.
14	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you,
15	Ms. Ryan.
16	MS. BENNETT: Good morning,
17	Mr. Examiner, Deana Bennett from Modrall Sperling on
18	behalf of Marathon Oil Permian, LLC.
19	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. So I have
20	these cases as 23177 through '79, 23345, and 23327 and
21	'28. So do we have all the parties at this point?
22	It looks like we do. Okay. Who wants
23	to start off with where we're going with these cases?
24	MS. HARDY: Mr. Examiner, I'm happy to
25	start off.

1	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Great.
2	MS. HARDY: Mewbourne's applications
3	compete with Pride's applications. I know the parties
4	have been working for some time to try to reach a
5	resolution.
6	I think negotiations are still ongoing,
7	but at this point, I believe that the division
8	previously indicated that you would like to set these
9	for a contested hearing, given the amount of time
10	they've been on the docket.
11	And it's my understanding that Pride
12	also has made that request. So if that's the well,
13	Ms. Shaheen communicated with me that that's what they
14	would request.
15	So if that's the preference, then I
16	think we would propose to have these cases set for
17	contested hearing in mid-February or after
18	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I have
19	notes Ms. Hardy, I have notes from an October 5th
20	docket hearing where Pride said that they were ready
21	to proceed to hearing by affidavit in Cases 23327 and
22	'28. So, Ms. Shaheen, was that correct?
23	MS. SHAHEEN: We were hopeful. The
24	parties, I understand, have actually reached an
25	agreement but have been unable to paper it up for some

1	reason.
2	We're very hopeful that it will get
3	papered up soon. We would like to set it for a
4	contested hearing on February 1st as an incentive to
5	get, I believe, it's Mewbourne and Marathon who are
6	papering up this resolution.
7	So we would be prepared to go to a
8	contested hearing. Ideally, even if it's not
9	completely papered up, I may reach out to counsel and
10	see whether Mewbourne and Marathon would be willing to
11	allow us to go forward by affidavit even if it's not
12	fully papered up on February 1st.
13	But if we could set it for a contested
14	hearing on February 1st, I think it would prompt the
15	parties to get the deal done, if you will.
16	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So,
17	Mr. Feldewert, are negotiations almost finished?
18	MR. FELDEWERT: So I can't speak to
19	that because it doesn't involve either one of my
20	clients in this
21	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I thought you
22	were so, Ms. Bennett, then, are you representing
23	MS. BENNETT: Yes, I represent
24	Marathon.
25	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.

1	MS. BENNETT: And I cannot I do not
2	know if they're as close as Ms. Shaheen is saying. I
3	just don't have an answer on that either way.
4	I do know that they're in discussions,
5	but I haven't been privy to those discussions and
6	don't know the status of them.
7	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So it sounds to
8	me like these, one, two, three, four these five
9	cases should be set for a contested hearing in
10	February, and then if a deal is struck, then we'll go
11	by affidavit. Is that right, Ms. Shaheen?
12	MS. SHAHEEN: I think so. We would go
13	forward as a contested hearing if the deal is not
14	finalized, and we would go forward by affidavit if it
15	has been finalized.
16	THE HEARING EXAMINER: But,
17	Ms. Shaheen, what I'm confused about is my notes and
18	statements made during the October 5th docket were
19	related only to '27 and '28 and not to the Mewbourne
20	applications to proceed by affidavit.
21	So even if a deal was struck, would the
22	Mewbourne application still be contested?
23	MS. SHAHEEN: No, I'm not sure exactly
24	which of the Mewbourne applications are competing with
25	Pride's.

1	But I think that part of the resolution
2	of the issue is that Pride will be operating the east
3	half, and Mewbourne will be operating the west half.
4	So Mewbourne would dismiss any cases
5	that it has in the east half, and we wouldn't object
6	to their operations in their application to operate in
7	the west half, so.
8	And I apologize. I don't know which
9	numbers of Mewbourne relate to the east half and the
10	west half, but Ms. Hardy may be able to help us out
11	there.
12	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Well,
13	let's find a date. I don't think we can do the
14	beginning of February, but I think we can do
15	mid- February.
16	We don't have a we don't have a
17	prehearing order in place on these cases. Do we?
18	MS. HARDY: We do not. I believe we
19	had one at one point, but it was vacated so the
20	parties could continue their negotiations.
21	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. So,
22	Ms. Apodaca, are you willing to commit to the
23	February for a contested hearing? That would be
24	February 15th if my calendar is correct.
25	MS. APODACA: Yes, there's room on that
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1	docket.
2	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay, good. So
3	then, we will get you a prehearing order for these
4	five cases to be heard on the 15th after the regularly
5	scheduled docket for a contested hearing. Is there
6	anything left with these cases?
7	MS. HARDY: Not from Mewbourne,
8	Mr. Examiner.
9	MS. SHAHEEN: And not from Pride, thank
10	you.
11	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. So
12	February 15th, a contested hearing, a prehearing order
13	will be issued. Okay. Ms. Bennett, I would like to
14	talk about an email you sent me. This is as good a
15	time as any.
16	This has to do with a whole bunch of
17	Franklin Mountain cases. I know those are not on
18	today's status conference with COG, but I think we
19	have counsel for COG, Ms. Ryan, with us here as well.
20	So I just wanted to mention that there
21	were supposed to be some motions to vacate, a
22	prehearing order filed by parties. We don't have
23	those yet. What's the status of those?
24	MS. BENNETT: Thank you, Mr. Hearing
25	Examiner, and, actually, Mr. Feldewert is representing

1	COG in these cases, and he's on.
2	But also, they're and Ms. Hinkle
3	I mean, Ms. Hinkle? Ms. Hardy is on, and she
4	represents Slash [ph] and Armstrong Energy [ph] in
5	these cases.
6	And I don't believe Jordan Kessler's
7	on, but she represents EOG [ph] in a couple of the
8	cases, so just for the record.
9	But I'm, even as we speak, preparing a
10	proposed motion to vacate the prehearing orders that I
11	intend to circulate to the counsel I just mentioned
12	with the goal of getting that filed today or tomorrow.
13	And then also I'm preparing I
14	coordinated with Mr. Feldewert yesterday about filing
15	continuances, and we each have a number of
16	continuances that we need to file.
17	And it's my understanding, at least, or
18	it's aspirational, that we include in our motions for
19	continuance the other case numbers that will be set
20	for the status conference as well so that you all have
21	that in the continuance motions.
22	So I've been preparing a form of
23	continuance motion that I plan to circulate to
24	Mr. Feldewert today and see if we can just each kind
25	of follow that form so that you have the information

1	you need.
2	So the motion to vacate, the prehearing
3	orders, and the continuances should be filed in short
4	order.
5	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. So then
6	these cases, and I'm speaking of Cases 23841, '42,
7	'43, '44, '45, 23852, 24032 through '35, 23987, '88,
8	23980 through '8.
9	So all these cases, many of them, are
10	set for a contested hearing on January 4th. That's
11	why I'm asking about this motion to vacate the
12	prehearing order that is in place now.
13	And you are representing that your
14	motion is going to set all of these cases for a status
15	conference on February 1st.
16	MS. BENNETT: Yes.
17	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And what else
18	are you asking? What else will you be asking for in
19	your motion?
20	MS. BENNETT: The motion will be to
21	vacate the prehearing orders and set the cases for
22	status conference on February 1st. Those are the only
23	two things.
24	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. And since
25	I'm going to be out next week on vacation, I think
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1	Ms. Apodaca will be able to, as long as these are
2	filed along with the she can administratively move
3	those to the February 1st docket.
4	And we will I don't know. Do I need
5	to issue an order vacating the prehearing order?
6	MS. BENNETT: Yes.
7	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I do.
8	MS. BENNETT: I can prepare a proposed
9	motion
10	THE HEARING EXAMINER: That'd be great.
11	Thank you.
12	MS. BENNETT: vacating the
13	prehearing order, and I can prepare a proposed
14	prehearing order setting all these cases for a status
15	conference on February 1st, if you think
16	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So if I'm
17	vacating a prehearing order and then reissuing a
18	prehearing order, I don't know that that's necessary.
19	Is it?
20	MS. BENNETT: Okay, good question. I'm
21	not sure if that's necessary either.
22	I suppose as long as we all know that
23	these cases are consolidated for purposes of the
24	status conference on February 1st, then there's
25	perhaps nothing more needed to do on your end.

1	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Great. I'll
2	just grant the motion and vacate the prehearing order.
3	And then after the February 1st status
4	conference, we can issue an amended prehearing order
5	at that time, depending on how we're moving forward.
6	Is there any objection to that, to taking that route?
7	MR. FELDEWERT: No, so it sounds like
8	we do need to file continuances for each of our
9	respective
10	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Yes.
11	MR. FELDEWERT: Okay, got it.
12	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Or else Sheila
13	won't be able to move them.
14	MR. FELDEWERT: Got it. Okay.
15	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Okay. Is
16	there anything left? Okay. Well, that was not on the
17	docket, but I needed to deal with that because we have
18	January 4th coming up.
19	And I won't be here next week. So
20	thank you for indulging me on that. Okay. So
21	MS. BENNETT: got it, thank you.
22	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. So I
23	think we dealt with all the cases up until Case No. 21
24	on the docket, which is 23959, COG Operating. We're
25	here for a status conference, I think.

1	MS. HARDY: Mr. Examiner, that's
2	correct, Dana Hardy with Hinkle Shanor on behalf of
3	COG Operating.
4	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. What are
5	we doing with this case?
6	MS. HARDY: Mr. Examiner, I believe
7	Mr. Feldewert is appearing.
8	MR. FELDEWERT: Yes, I'm appearing for
9	XTO Energy, Inc.
10	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And you objected
11	to affidavit. Is that right?
12	MR. FELDEWERT: Yes, sir.
13	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay, very good.
14	Where are we going with this case, Ms. Hardy?
15	MS. HARDY: Mr. Examiner, COG would
16	like to have this case set for a contested hearing as
17	soon as possible. They have been negotiating with XTO
18	since September 1st when they sent their well
19	proposals [ph].
20	It's COG's view that the parties are
21	very close to an agreement, and there's no reason to
22	delay. And at this point, XTO has not brought
23	competing applications.
24	So this should be a short hearing, and
25	we'd like it to be set as soon as possible. I don't
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1	think additional time is required. COG's ready to
2	commence drilling these wells.
3	In fact, other related wells have
4	already been heard, other related pooling cases. So
5	that's where COG's coming from.
6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you.
7	Mr. Feldewert?
8	MR. FELDEWERT: I think Ms. Hardy's
9	right. They're close to an agreement which would
10	avoid the filing of competing well proposals, so.
11	But, you know, if they need if they
12	feel like they need to set it for a contested hearing,
13	I understand that. I don't think they're there's
14	an immediate deadline.
15	My understanding is they're going to be
16	drilling in May. So we have time. So I don't know
17	what your docket looks like, you know, whether it's
18	February, March.
19	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Ms. Apodaca, do
20	we have room on the February 15th docket?
21	MS. APODACA: We do.
22	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. We'll
23	issue a prehearing order setting this case for a
24	contested hearing February 15th.
25	MS. HARDY: Mr. Examiner, is there any
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1	possibility of February 1st?
2	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I don't know.
3	Ms. Apodaca?
4	MS. APODACA: There's room on
5	February 1st, also.
6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: There is room
7	there.
8	MS. APODACA: So far, there is.
9	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Mr. Feldewert,
10	would you be ready for a February 1st contested
11	hearing?
12	MR. FELDEWERT: If we have to, yes.
13	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Ms. Hardy, does
14	that give you enough time to complete your
15	negotiations?
16	MS. HARDY: Yes. It would,
17	Mr. Examiner.
18	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right.
19	We'll set it for February 1st. So, Ms. Apodaca, would
20	you issue a prehearing order for February 1st?
21	MS. APODACA: Yes.
22	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Is there
23	anything left for these cases?
24	MS. HARDY: Not from COG.
25	MR. FELDEWERT: No.

1	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay, very good.
2	We're going to move on to the first hearing. This is
3	Mewbourne Oil's application. It looks like for an
4	amendment to an order. Mr. Bruce, are you with us?
5	MR. BRUCE: Yes, sir.
6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay, very good.
7	I'm calling Case No. 23688. I think that case stands
8	alone. Does it not?
9	MR. BRUCE: Yes.
10	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay, very good.
11	And then, do we have other party appearances?
12	MR. RANKIN: Mr. Examiner, Adam Rankin,
13	appearing on behalf of Colgate and Permian Resources
14	in this case.
15	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay, thank you.
16	MR. SAVAGE: Mr. Hearing Examiner, good
17	morning, Darin Savage with Abadie & Schill on behalf
18	of Cimarex Energy Company.
19	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Cimarex, okay,
20	very good. Do we have anyone else? Mr. Bruce?
21	MR. BRUCE: Yes, Mr. Examiner. This is
22	a compulsory pooling application.
23	Upfront, I would note that, at one
24	point, there was a the application actually sought
25	to vacate an order that covered part of this well unit
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1	that had been obtained by Permian and Colgate.
2	But the parties have come to a
3	resolution on that, and I believe that particular
4	order has or case has been dismissed. It was up at
5	the commission level.
6	And then, Cimarex had some matters that
7	conflicted with the Permian application also, and I
8	think all those kind of went the way of the dinosaur.
9	And so this matter should be unopposed.
10	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Is that correct,
11	Mr. Savage, and, Mr. Rankin? Is it unopposed?
12	MR. RANKIN: That is correct. Thank
13	you.
14	MR. SAVAGE: Correct, Mr. Examiner. We
14 15	MR. SAVAGE: Correct, Mr. Examiner. We have filed I'm not sure if the order's been entered
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1	of objection?
2	MR. SAVAGE: I don't remember objecting
3	to this.
4	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Oh, okay. Okay.
5	MR. SAVAGE: But I can certainly
6	double-check that, and I'll be glad to file anything I
7	need to file to get this to go forward.
8	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I don't know
9	that you do. So you're saying you never objected.
10	MR. SAVAGE: I don't believe so,
11	Mr. Hearing Examiner, but if we could, let's proceed.
12	And I'll verify that.
13	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Sounds good.
14	Mr. Bruce, I'm seeing you have Exhibits 1 through 7,
15	with sort of a light green color page.
16	And then you also have Part 1 or
17	light blue, Part 1 of 2 is light blue, 1 through 7
18	MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, there are
19	seven exhibits total for this case. The blue one is
20	Part 1 of 2 that contains Exhibits 1, 2, and 3.
21	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
22	MR. BRUCE: And then the green-covered
23	one is Part 2 of 2 with Exhibits 4 through 7.
24	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Very good, okay.
25	Why don't you proceed?

1	MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, in this case,
2	Mewbourne seeks to pool the north half, north half of
3	Sections 3 and 4 in Township 20 South, Range 29 East,
4	for purposes of drilling a third Bone Spring well at
5	Judge 3/4 B3AD at Town Wall No. 1H.
6	Exhibit 1 is the Pooling Checklist.
7	Exhibit 2 is the Landman's Affidavit containing the
8	usual exhibits, and I won't go through them quickly.
9	(Exhibit 1 and Exhibit 2 were marked
10	for identification.)
11	Just if anybody has any questions, it
12	contains all the usual requests and all the usual
13	data. Exhibit 3 is the Geologist's Affidavit, and it
14	contains a structure map, cross section.
15	(Exhibit 3 was marked for
16	identification.)
17	And it does show that the other Bone
18	Spring wells out here are all so it is a proper
19	orientation for the well.
20	Exhibit 4 is my Affidavit of Notice
21	with the letters and return receipts, Exhibit 5, the
22	Certified Notice Spreadsheet, 6, the Affidavit of
23	Publication, and then finally, Exhibit 7, is the
24	Application and Proposed Notice.
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1	(Exhibit 4 through Exhibit 7 were
2	marked for identification.)
3	The order that Mewbourne originally
4	sought to vacate is R-21575, for your notes, but with
5	that, I think all the exhibits are complete and notice
6	is complete.
7	And I would move the admission of
8	Exhibits 1 through 7, plus the subparts of Exhibits 2,
9	3, and 4, and ask that the matter be taken under
10	advisement.
11	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you,
12	Mr. Bruce. Are there any objections to exhibits being
13	taken into evidence?
14	MR. RANKIN: No objection.
15	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you,
16	Mr. Rankin. Not hearing any objections, Exhibits 1, 2
17	and its subparts, 3 and its subparts, 4, 4A, 5, 6, and
18	7, are admitted into evidence. Mr. Garcia?
19	(Exhibit 1 through Exhibit 7 were
20	received into evidence.)
21	MR. GARCIA: Mr. Bruce, the other three
22	dredge [ph] wells that are to the south, those orders
23	have already been issued.
24	
	MR. BRUCE: Yes, sir. I don't have the
25	MR. BRUCE: Yes, sir. I don't have the numbers in front of me, but

1	MR. GARCIA: I see
2	MR. BRUCE: okay.
3	MR. GARCIA: I just wanted to make sure
4	that those orders correlated to those order numbers
5	correlated to the other spacing units, I guess.
6	MR. BRUCE: Correct.
7	MR. GARCIA: And then, I'm assuming
8	because, Mr. Rankin, you are here on behalf of
9	Colgate, you have no objection to vacating Colgate's
10	order.
11	MR. RANKIN: Correct, Mr. Examiner. We
12	filed a notice of stipulated dismissal in that case.
13	I'm just going to pull it up here.
14	It was either everything's a blur to
15	me these days, but I believe that we filed it and
16	served, actually, as it turns out, this week, I think.
17	And it seeks to dismiss or stipulates a
18	dismissal of Order No. R-21575.
19	MR. GARCIA: Okay. I think that's all
20	my questions. Thank you, Mr
21	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Mr. Garcia,
22	okay. You're done with your questions. Mr. Rankin, I
23	don't see that motion or that notice. What did you
24	title it?
25	MR. RANKIN: It's in a different case
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1	file, Mr. Examiner. It's an overlapping case. So you
2	wouldn't see it in Mr case. Okay? It's in a
3	different overlapping case. Yeah.
4	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Thank
5	you. And so, Mr. Bruce, we'll take this case
6	advisement, and we will now move on to another amended
7	application or application for amendment, 23795.
8	MR. BRUCE: Yes, the four cases should
9	be together here.
10	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Oh, because
11	you're just presenting Affidavits of Publication from
12	another hearing.
13	MR. BRUCE: That is correct.
14	THE HEARING EXAMINER: thank you,
15	sir. So I'm calling 23795, '96, '97, and '98. Thank
16	you, Mr. Bruce. Do we have any other counsel present
17	besides yourself for these cases?
18	MR. BRUCE: No, we do not.
19	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
20	Mr. Bruce, we're here to get some additional
21	information from you.
22	MR. BRUCE: This will be very brief. I
23	have only two things. I filed this was heard back
24	in mid-November, or maybe it was or, yeah, that is
25	correct. And I messed up one of the Publication

1	Notices.
2	So I asked that it be continued to this
3	date, and so attached are exhibits, submitted as
4	Exhibits 6A and 6B are the Affidavits and Publication
5	from the Carlsbad newspaper and the Hobbs newspaper.
6	(Exhibit 6A and Exhibit 6B were marked
7	for identification.)
8	There are two affidavits because part
9	of the lands are in Eddy County, and part of the lands
10	are in Lea County.
11	And with that, notice is complete, and
12	I'd ask that Exhibit 6A and 6B be admitted into the
13	record, and the matter be taken
14	THE HEARING EXAMINER: okay.
15	Mr. Bruce, I'm looking for the exhibits you filed. So
16	help me find what you're talking about.
17	MR. BRUCE: They have orange covers on
18	them. I filed one in each case file.
19	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Hold on a
20	second. Let me find it, 23795, okay, '795. I'm going
21	to look at 23795 as an example. Okay. I do see an
22	orange, and, Mr. Garcia, I'm sure you see it as well.
23	And I do see 6A and 6B. Mr. Garcia,
24	have you had a chance to look at these exhibits?
25	MR. GARCIA: I have.

1	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Any questions on
2	these exhibits?
3	MR. GARCIA: Yeah. I just have one
4	question, Mr. Bruce. On Cases 23795 and '796, it
5	looks like you guys are trying to additionally pool a
6	Riverhill [ph] company, Riverhill Energy
7	Corporation [ph].
8	MR. BRUCE: Yeah. There were two
9	yeah, there were two entities that I don't have
10	that right in front of me right now, but they received
11	actual notice.
12	So Riverhill [ph] actual notice, and
13	that's in the file that the filing that was done in
14	October.
15	MR. GARCIA: Okay. I was just looking
16	because okay, because you guys started talking with
17	them on $4/24$. We heard this case on $4/20$. So
18	you time.
19	MR. BRUCE: Correct. I think that's
20	right. Yeah.
21	MR. GARCIA: Okay. When I first saw
22	that date, it looked like you guys had communicated
23	prior to the order being issued, which is true, but it
24	looked like you missed the hearing by four days, I
25	guess.

So I guess my question is, since you
guys started talking right after hearing but before
order was issued, how to let us know about it?
MR. BRUCE: Now, excuse me. Again,
what was that?
MR. GARCIA: The original case was
heard on April 20th. You guys started having
communication with Riverhill [ph] on April 24th. We
didn't issue an order until like May.
So I guess I'm just curious on why it's
been so long since we were still reviewing the case
when you started communicating to them, so. I guess
in the future
MR. BRUCE: I see. I see what you're
saying. Yeah. We filed the case, and then we filed
an amendment to add additional parties. And that's
these four cases. There was something heard in the
spring, and then these came up later.
MR. GARCIA: Okay, yeah. I have no
other questions for now other than if, in the future,
we can consolidate some of the exhibit packets
MR. BRUCE: okay, will do.
THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right. And,
Mr. Bruce, I'm looking through each of the four cases,
and I do find the notice of filing an additional
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1	document. So I am going to receive into evidence
2	Exhibits 6A and 6B in Case Nos. 23798, 23797, 23796,
3	and 23795.
4	(Exhibit 6A and Exhibit 6B were
5	received into evidence.)
6	Is there anything left for us to do,
7	Mr. Bruce?
8	MR. BRUCE: The only thing is I would
9	wish Merry Christmas to you and the division personnel
10	and all my friend attorneys still listening in. Have
11	a good weekend.
12	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Merry Christmas
13	to you, too, and these four cases will be taken under
14	advisement.
15	MR. BRUCE: Thanks.
16	THE HEARING EXAMINER: You're welcome.
17	I am calling Case No. 27 on the docket. That is
18	23953. It is a Mewbourne Oil case.
19	MR. FELDEWERT: Good morning,
20	Mr. Examiner, Michael Feldewert, Santa Fe Office of
21	Holland & Hart, and here on behalf of the applicant.
22	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Are we
23	proceeding by hearing by affidavit?
24	MR. FELDEWERT: Yes, sir, by
25	Self-Affirmed Statement.

1	THE HEARING EXAMINER: By a
2	Self-Affirming Statement, okay. So please, proceed.
3	MR. FELDEWERT: Sure. So you'll see
4	from the filings in this particular case Mewbourne
5	seeks an order approving what they call a "Cousin
6	Eddy [ph] Federal Unit," which consists of
7	approximately 9,612 acres of state and federal lands,
8	some of which are situated in Eddy County and some of
9	which are situated in Lea County.
10	This is a purely voluntary unit for
11	purposes of primary development of this acreage, and
12	under the unit agreement, they will form a unit that
13	will cover all depths below the top of the Bone Spring
14	formation, with the initial development targets being
15	various intervals within the Bone Spring formation and
16	the Wolfcamp formation.
17	You'll see that our exhibit package
18	includes the application, and then it includes an
19	Exhibit A, which is the statement, Self-Affirmed
20	Statement, of Mewbourne's Landman in this matter, who
21	has attached to the statement the proposed unit
22	agreement which has been, as she testified, given
23	preliminary approval by both the Bureau of Land
24	Management and the State Land Office.
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1	(Exhibit A was marked for
2	identification.)
3	She's also attached them as
4	Exhibits A2, the Approval Letters from both the State
5	Land Office Preliminary Approval Letters from both
6	the State Land Office and the BLM, Bureau of Land
7	Management; that's Exhibits A2 and A3.
8	(Exhibit A2 and Exhibit A3 were marked
9	for identification.)
10	And then Exhibit A4 is a list of the
11	Uncommitted Working Interest Owners. We gave them
12	notice of this hearing since they're not committed
13	yet, but they anticipate commitment from these parties
14	eventually.
15	(Exhibit A4 was marked for
16	identification.)
17	Exhibit B, then, if the Geology or
18	Statement from the Geologist who has provided you the
19	structure map for both the Bone Spring and the
20	Wolfcamp formations, which are the initial primary
21	targets, and you'll see that within each of these
22	maps, he's outlined with a red dash the proposed unit
23	area.
24	(Exhibit B was marked for
25	identification.)
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1	And just so you know, the brown wells
2	that you see in there are Delaware wells. They're not
3	Bone Spring or Wolfcamp wells.
4	Exhibit B3, it contains Stratigraphic
5	Cross Sections that he has put together from A-A Prime
6	for the intervals, and then they include not only A-A
7	Prime but another one for B-B Prime and then another
8	one from C-C Prime. So he's actually provided you
9	three structural cross sections.
10	(Exhibit B3 was marked for
11	identification.)
12	And then finally, Exhibit C is the
13	affidavit from my office indicating that notice was
14	provided by certified mail to the, at that time, it
15	was the uncommitted working interest owners.
16	(Exhibit C was marked for
17	identification.)
18	You'll see that the list is larger and
19	includes more parties than the two remaining ones,
20	which are OXY and MRC Hat [ph] that have not committed
21	yet but they received actual notice.
22	And any other key interest owners that
23	you see on there, at this point, have already
24	committed to the unit.
25	We have an Exhibit D in there, which is
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1	the Affidavits of Publication for both Eddy County and
2	Lea County. They were published on different dates in
3	November, which is why we continued this matter to
4	now.
5	(Exhibit D was marked for
6	identification.)
7	But you'll see that those are really
8	not needed because the two remaining working interest
9	owners we identified, OXY and MRC [ph], received
10	actual notice, and they're the only two remaining
11	working interest owners that are not committed.
12	So with that, we would move the
13	admission of Exhibits A, B, C, and D, and we ask that
14	this application for the voluntary unit be taken under
15	advisement by the division.
16	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Thank
17	you, Mr. Feldewert. Exhibits A, subparts, B,
18	subparts, C, and D are all admitted into evidence.
19	(Exhibit A through Exhibit D were
20	received into evidence.)
21	Mr. Garcia, any questions?
22	MR. GARCIA: I have a question. It
23	might be a personal learning question, Mr. Feldewert.
24	The unit's typically voluntary, as you said.
25	When you have uncommitted interests, do
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1	you just keep negotiating with them, or do you
2	eventually have to compulsory pool them or
3	MR. FELDEWERT: No. As Mr. Chakalian
4	knows, we had a discussion about statutory units at
5	the last docket, and that is the only mechanism
6	available to force parties into a unit.
7	And those statutory units are limited
8	to units per secondary recovery, you know. You can't
9	use it for primary recovery like we have here.
10	What happens is if, for whatever
11	reason, the working interest owners don't commit to
12	the unit, then you have what you call "windows" within
13	the unit that are not committed.
14	MR. GARCIA: Okay
15	MR. FELDEWERT: And those windows then
16	are developed on a spacing unit basis as they're
17	developed with the uncommitted working interest owner
18	receiving its share based on the spacing unit, and the
19	remaining acreage that would be committed to the unit
20	that would be shared on a unit basis.
21	MR. GARCIA: Okay. Yeah, I guess it
22	just caught me off guard when I saw "unopposed"
23	because I always thought they were committed
24	MR. FELDEWERT: Yeah. No, you can't
25	force them in. So you know, it's voluntary

1	MR. GARCIA: with that, and it makes
2	sense. I guess, I just ask, if somehow negotiations
3	break down and they don't commit, you know, would you
4	just give us an update, I guess, on this, or, I
5	guess I'm not sure how that would affect our order.
6	But
7	MR. FELDEWERT: Yeah. I think your
8	order requires the submission of a final approval
9	letter and the unit agreement with the signatory
10	parties, so at least traditionally, it has. So you
11	would have that.
12	MR. GARCIA: Okay.
13	MR. FELDEWERT: I mean, but my
14	understanding is there going to commit. They just
15	haven't done it yet.
16	MR. GARCIA: Yeah. I was just curious
17	because it caught me off guard because I'm used to
18	units coming through, everyone's onboard.
19	MR. FELDEWERT: Yeah, yeah. And, you
20	know, and I do want to say with one caveat.
21	I mean, you have to demonstrate to the
22	BLM and the State Land Office that you have sufficient
23	working interest control to effectively conduct unit
24	operations.
25	So you know, you do pay attention to
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1	the uncommitted interests, but here, they got
2	sufficient interests for the BLM and the State Land
3	Office to proceed with unit operations even if these
4	two working interest owners don't voluntarily commit.
5	MR. GARCIA: Yeah, yeah. Thank you,
6	though.
7	MR. FELDEWERT: Yeah.
8	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Does that
9	conclude your presentation for this case,
10	Mr. Feldewert?
11	MR. FELDEWERT: Yes, sir.
12	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
13	Mr. Garcia doesn't have any other questions, neither
14	do I. So this case will be taken under advisement.
15	We're now going to call 24005.
16	Mr. Feldewert, is this your case?
17	MS. MCLEAN: Hi. This is
18	MR. FELDEWERT: No.
19	MS. MCLEAN: Hi, Jackie McLean from
20	Hinkle Shanor on behalf of Permian Resources.
21	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Good morning,
22	Ms. McLean.
23	MS. MCLEAN: Good morning.
24	MR. FELDEWERT: Good morning,
25	Mr. Examiner. I am on this case in the sense that I
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1	am appearing for I've appeared for MRC Permian
2	Company.
3	I'm also going to appear for MRC
4	Delaware Resources, LLC, which is the entity listed by
5	the applicant in their exhibits.
6	And I think the only thing I would
7	point out, Ms. McLean, is that I understand from the
8	representation that MRC Delaware Resources does not
9	have a working interest and that it has a record title
10	interest and then an override.
11	So we appreciate receiving that
12	information, and we have no objection to this matter
13	proceeding by affidavit.
14	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
15	Ms. McLean?
16	MS. MCLEAN: Thank you. And I also
17	just wanted to mention that we had intended to present
18	24005 and 24006 together this morning.
19	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Yes, please,
20	proceed.
21	MS. MCLEAN: Thank you. In Case
22	Nos. 24005 and 24006, Permian Resources is seeking to
23	pool all uncommitted interest in the Bone Spring
24	formation in the south half of Sections 8 and 9,
25	Township 19 South, Range 28 East, in Eddy County.

1	And more specifically, Case No. 24005
2	concerns pooling all uncommitted interests in the Bone
3	Spring formation underlying a 320-acre, more or less
4	standard horizontal spacing unit comprised of the
5	north half, south half of Sections 8 and 9.
6	And that unit would be dedicated to the
7	Klondike 9 State Com No. 123H and No. 133H Walls.
8	And then, in Case No. 24006, Permian
9	Resources' application seeks to pool all uncommitted
10	interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying a
11	320-acre, more or less standard horizontal spacing
12	unit comprised of the south half, south half of
13	Sections 8 and 9, Township 19 South, Range 28 East.
14	And that unit would be dedicated to the
15	Klondike 9 State Com No. 124H and No. 134H Walls.
16	The exhibit packets that were submitted
17	to the division for Case Nos. 24005 and 24006 contain
18	Exhibit A, the Land Professional Testimony of Mark
19	Haddock.
20	(Exhibit A was marked for
21	identification.)
22	Mr. Haddock has testified previously
23	and is an expert in petroleum land matters. And
24	attached to his testimony are the standard land
25	exhibits, plat of tracts, owner interests, pooled
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1	parties, well proposal letters, and AFEs, and a
2	summary of communications.
3	We have Exhibit B, Geology Testimony of
4	Christopher Canton, who has also previously testified
5	before the division as an expert in petroleum geology.
6	(Exhibit B was marked for
7	identification.)
8	And Mr. Canton's geology exhibits
9	include a regional locator map, cross section map,
10	Bone Spring subsea structure [ph] maps, stratigraphic
11	cross section, and a gun barrel [ph] development plan.
12	Finally, we have Exhibit C, which is
13	Notice Testimony and related exhibits, that show when
14	the notice letter was sent to the parties to be
15	pooled, copies of all the certified mail green cards,
16	and white slip returns, and an Affidavit of
17	Publication that shows we timely published notice on
18	November 21, 2023.
19	(Exhibit C was marked for
20	identification.)
21	And I'm happy to answer any questions
22	and ask that Exhibits A, B, and C be admitted into the
23	record in Case Nos. 24005 and 24006 and that these
24	cases be taken under advisement.
25	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Let's start with
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1	24005, Ms. McLean. Are there any objections to these
2	exhibits?
3	MR. FELDEWERT: No, sir.
4	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
5	Exhibits A, B, C, and their subparts are admitted into
6	evidence. Mr. Garcia?
7	(Exhibit A, Exhibit B, and Exhibit C
8	were received into evidence.)
9	MR. GARCIA: I don't have any
10	questions.
11	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Now,
12	let's go to all right. This case will be taken
13	under advisement. Now, let's go to 24006, and that
14	takes me a moment to get to, so.
15	Okay. Now, Ms. McLean, we have
16	Exhibits A, B, C, and subparts. Any objections,
17	Mr. Feldewert?
18	MR. FELDEWERT: No, sir.
19	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Exhibits A, B,
20	C, and their subparts are admitted into evidence.
21	Mr. Garcia, any questions?
22	(Exhibit A, Exhibit B, and Exhibit C
23	were received into evidence.)
24	MR. GARCIA: No questions.
25	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
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1	Ms. McLean, both cases will be taken under advisement.
2	Thank you for your presentation.
3	MS. MCLEAN: Thank you, Mr. Hearing
4	Examiner.
5	MR. FELDEWERT: Mr. Chakalian,
6	Mr. Garcia, and, Ms. Apodaca, I'm done for the day.
7	I'm going to wish you a Merry Christmas enjoy the
8	time off.
9	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Merry Christmas.
10	MR. FELDEWERT: We'll make sure we
11	we'll make sure we file a bunch of motions for you
12	next week, Mr. Chakalian.
13	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Appreciate it,
14	and finally, we are calling Case No. 30 on the docket.
15	It is Case 24030.
16	MS. VANCE: That's correct. Good
17	morning, Mr. Hearing Examiner, Paula Vance with the
18	Santa Fe Office of Holland & Hart on behalf of the
19	applicant.
20	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Good morning,
21	and I think you're proceeding by affidavit. Is that
22	correct?
23	MS. VANCE: That's correct. I'm not
24	sure if you want me to go ahead and start.
25	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I do, yes.

1	MS. VANCE: So I previously presented
2	this case at the last hearing, and in this instance,
3	we were just here because I needed to continue the
4	case to perfect the Notice of Publication.
5	Unfortunately, the newspaper was unable
6	to publish in time to meet the ten business days, and
7	so we have met that time frame now.
8	We have perfected the notice
9	requirement, and since I already presented it at the
10	last hearing, I would just ask that this case be taken
11	under advisement at this time.
12	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So I'm looking
13	at your exhibits that were filed for the hearing two
14	weeks ago. Which exhibit are you talking about?
15	MS. VANCE: It is Exhibit F; it is the
16	very last page.
17	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Let me
18	get to it, and, Mr. Garcia, I didn't know if you've
19	had a chance to look at Exhibit F.
20	MR. GARCIA: I don't remember what F
21	is, so let me go there real quick.
22	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Ms. Vance, what
23	page number of the PDF would that be?
24	MS. VANCE: I believe it should be the
25	last page, Page 23.

1	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay, the
2	Affidavit of Publication
3	MS. VANCE: That's correct.
4	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I'm looking
5	for there it is. So it's in the bottom right
6	corner where it says "Exhibit No. F." Okay. So,
7	Ms. Vance, would you demonstrate here why this was not
8	sufficient on December 7th and why it is now?
9	MS. VANCE: So I believe we were, if
10	I'm doing my dates correctly, we presented at the
11	December 7th, and this publication was for
12	November 24th. And we were required to publish by
13	November 22nd if memory serves me right.
14	And so we just needed to allow that
15	time to lapse to meet that ten-day business time
16	frame.
17	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Mr. Garcia?
18	MR. GARCIA: I'm okay with the
19	notice
20	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Are there any
21	other questions on this case?
22	MR. GARCIA: Yeah. I guess I'm just
23	confused on why your contract pool depth from most
24	of the Bone Springs to 300 feet now.
25	MS. VANCE: Sure, I'm happy to explain.
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1	I gave a brief summary of it at the initial hearing on
2	December 7th. Essentially, we previously pooled in a
3	different case, which was from the top of the Bone
4	Spring to, I believe, it was the entire Bone Spring in
5	a different case.
6	And then, in the last hearing, I
7	presented a case in which we pooled a 2-mile well
8	overlapping that previous case that we had an order
9	for, and so the case I presented in conjunction with
10	this case at the December 7th hearing was just for the
11	first Bone Spring.
12	And so in this case or in that
13	previous case, what we wanted to do was just pool the
14	second Bone Spring. Essentially, it's just separating
15	out the two spacing units.
16	I probably butchered trying to explain
17	that, but just for clarity, we have pooled a 2-mile
18	well in the first Bone Spring.
19	And that she be Case 24029, which I
20	presented at the December 7th hearing, and then this
21	case is to contract the vertical extent that was
22	pooled in a different case, which was originally
23	Case 23395.
24	And in that case, it was a 2 1/2-mile
25	Bone Spring well, and so essentially, these will be a

1	1-mile well in the first Bone Spring and then a
2	2 1/2-mile well in the second Bone Spring without
3	having overlap, just pooling the different targets for
4	those spacing units.
5	MR. GARCIA: Okay, so. Yeah, I see
6	what you're saying. It's just, I guess, different,
7	so.
8	MS. VANCE: Yes.
9	MR. GARCIA: Okay. That's all my
10	questions.
11	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Ms. Vance, part
12	of the problem here is that we don't have the
13	transcript from December 7th. That's why I asked you
14	to go back over that again.
15	And, Ms. Apodaca, do we normally have
16	the transcript two weeks later posted?
17	MS. APODACA: Typically, I think they
18	have two weeks to get it to us, and earlier this week,
19	I was talking with the court reporter. They had
20	questions on names of witnesses and stuff.
21	So I think we should be getting it
22	soon.
23	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. And then
24	that transcript is posted to every case that was heard
25	at that time.

1	MS. APODACA: Yes.
2	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Okay.
3	Ms. Vance, there's no more questions, and you've
4	perfected your notice. So this case will be taken
5	under advisement. Merry Christmas to you.
6	MS. VANCE: Merry Christmas to you.
7	Thank you, and hopefully, I explained that well. Have
8	a wonderful afternoon.
9	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you.
10	Okay. This concludes today's Oil Conservation
11	Division Hearing Docket, and Merry Christmas to anyone
12	who is still on.
13	And I see Ms. Bennett
14	MS. BENNETT: everybody.
15	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Ms. Bennett, did
16	you have something else to no, there you go. Okay.
17	All right. John, I'm going to sign off.
18	MR. GARCIA: Thank you.
19	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Take care.
20	MR. GARCIA: You, too.
21	(Whereupon, the meeting concluded at
22	10:17 a.m.)
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