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P R O C E E D I N G S
MR. CHAKALIAN: It is 8:15 on February 1, 2024. The start of the hearings for the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division. We are here in person and virtually, and Sheila Apodaca has some announcement for all the parties.

MS. APODACA: Good morning, everybody. Welcome to our home.

So if you haven't signed in already on our Wi-Fi, the password is "securityfirst." It's all one word. It's all lowercase, and "first" is spelled out.

You will need to log into the WebEx hearing if you plan to share documents electronically. That's the only way you'll be able to share them.

Once you are at counsel table, there are microphones. There's a button on the microphone that you will use to mute and unmute yourself.

And if you're going to be, you know, whispering to somebody or shuffling papers or something, please remember to mute yourself when you're not speaking.

And that's it.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Are there any questions regarding what she just announced? Okay. Not hearing
any.
We're going to begin, and I want to mention also that the deputy secretary signed the order referring the cases for Goodnight and Empire to the commission, and they will be heard as a status conference on March -- I think it's 14th. So I just wanted to let everybody know that.

Okay. I am going to call Case No. 1 on our docket, Permian Resources Operating 24003, 24004. Entries of appearance, please.

MS. HARDY: Good morning. Dana Hardy, with Hinkle Shanor, for Permian Resources.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Good morning, Ms. Hardy.

MR. FELDEWERT: Good morning, Mr. Examiner. Michael Feldewert, with the Santa Fe office, for Matador Production Company.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Good morning. We're for a status conference. There was a motion for a continuance to the February 15 --

MS. APODACA: Excuse me. Can we ask counsel to unmute their microphones so that the group picks up their volume?

MR. FELDEWERT: Mute or unmute?
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Unmute.

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MR. FELDEWERT: Unmute. Okay.
MS. APODACA: The light should be green if you're unmuted.

MS. HARDY: Okay. Thank you.
MR. FELDEWERT: I had -- opposite.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. So we've had
entry of appearance for Mr . Feldewert and for
Ms. Hardy. There was a motion for a continuance, and who filed that?

MS. HARDY: I filed that on behalf of Permian Resources.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. And
Mr. Feldewert, is there any reason why it shouldn't be granted?

MR. FELDEWERT: No, sir.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. So the motion is granted.

MS. HARDY: Thank you.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Thank you.
All right. Let's move on to Mewbourne Oil Company, 24140. Entry of appearance, please, Mr. Bruce?

MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, Jim Bruce, of Santa Fe, representing Mewbourne.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Mr. Bruce, is there a
green light on your microphone? Just to make sure. MR. BRUCE: Jim Bruce, Santa Fe, representing Mewbourne.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Thank you. And you
filed a late motion to dismiss?
MR. BRUCE: Yes, I did, Mr. Examiner.
I would be refiling, but the current application needs to be dismissed.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. So that motion is granted. Thank you, Mr. Bruce.

I'm now calling Franklin Mountain Energy. There are several cases that are consolidated for purposes of the hearing. We have $23841,42,43$, and 44.

Entries of appearance, please.
MS. BENNETT: Good morning. Deana Bennett, on behalf of Franklin Mountain Energy.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Good morning, Ms. Bennett.

MR. FELDEWERT: Good morning, Mr. Examiner. Michael Feldewert, Santa Fe office of Holland \& Hart, for COG Operating LLC.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Good morning. Are there any other parties?

MS. HARDY: Yes --

MR. FELDEWERT: -- sorry. And then separately for MRC Permian.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Thank you, sir.
MR. FELDEWERT: I would also note that
I believe this case is related to Cases 23987 and 88 and 24032 through 35.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. Let me write those case numbers down because we didn't have that here.

Will you say that again?
MR. FELDEWERT: 23987 to 88 and then 24032 through 24035, and I believe they were on your docket sheet as Nos. 30 through 34.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Thank you. Okay. So then I'm going to call 23987, 23988, 24032, 24033, 34, and 35. And we have Ms. Bennett, we have Mr. Feldewert, and Ms. Hardy?

MS. HARDY: Yes, Mr. Examiner. Dana Hardy, on behalf Armstrong Energy Partners and Slash Exploration.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Sheila, is there anything you can do about that feedback?

MS. APODACA: Does somebody have their mic unmuted on their laptop? Make sure all your mics are muted on your laptops.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Thank you. Okay. So
Ms. Bennett, these are your cases?
MS. BENNETT: Yes. Well, half --
MR. CHAKALIAN: Some of them --
MS. BENNETT: -- of them are. And just
to be clear, when you first called the cases, you called 23841 to 23844 --

MR. CHAKALIAN: Yes.
MS. BENNETT: -- but 23845 through 23852 are also part of this status conference today.

MR. CHAKALIAN: So let me call those cases, 23845, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52.

And is that the last one, 52?
MS. BENNETT: Yes, it is.
MR. CHAKALIAN: All right. So let me make a note here.

Okay. What are we doing with these --
MR. FELDEWERT: So I was just checking with Ms. Bennett, so the cases she just referenced are the Parallel State.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay.
MR. FELDEWERT: The competing cases to those are the COG Crow State, which are 23980 through 81, and what they call their Moaning Pheasant wells, which is 23982 to 83, which $I$ believe are sequentially

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here on your docket.
MR. CHAKALIAN: I do see them. Thank you, Mr. Feldewert. So I'm also calling 23980 through 23983.

I feel like I should clarify this since there are so many changes to what $I$ just did, so let me start over again.

I'm going to call them as one consolidated mass of cases: 23841 through 23845. Then we have 23846 through 23852. We have 23980 through 23983, 23987, 88, and 24032 through 24035.

Did I capture all the cases?
MS. BENNETT: Yes.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. Good. What are we doing with these cases?

MS. BENNETT: Thank you.
It was my understanding that we had continued all of these cases to today for a final status conference, and unfortunately, I don't have that document right in front of me. But $I$ believe that's what the intention was, to continue these cases to today's docket for a final status conference.

And that's what $I$ would like, is for us to proceed to setting a hearing on these contested cases.

These cases are competing cases covering Sections 23, 26, 35, and 2, and there's a few logistical things that $I$ think we need to discuss about the cases in terms of the status of the cases and then getting them set for a contested hearing.

So the first thing I wanted to note is that the Gold and Parallel cases overlap in the north half north half of Section 35, and I noted that in the Franklin Mountain Energy applications.

But based on recent motion practice regarding the cross and satellite cases, I wanted to have a discussion about those applications today to avoid any, you know, disruptions to the hearing schedule once we get one set.

So that's the first thing $I$ wanted to discuss, is the overlap in the north half north half of Section 35.

The other item I wanted to discuss is that there are some existing overlapping units that neither the Franklin Mountain Energy nor the COG cases reference.

And so I'm interested to see what Mr. Feldewert has to say about that, but there's five Franklin Mountain Energy cases and five COG cases where there are existing overlapping units. But
neither of our applications reference any overlap, and then -- sorry.

MR. CHAKALIAN: So Ms. Bennett, you're trying to avoid the same or a similar situation with insufficient notice?

MS. BENNETT: Yes.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. Great. So why don't you address that, and then we'll go to the parties and see what they have to say. Then we'll go to your second issue.

MS. BENNETT: Okay. And there's still another piece of the issue of notice --

MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay.
MS. BENNETT: -- which is that COG has proposed its -- I believe its Moaning Pheasant and its Vulture cases. I would have to look back at my notes, but those actually overlap in Section 35. And there's no notice, no information in the applications at all about that overlap in Section 35.

So I don't think that there's a need to correct the notice for the overlap between Parallel and Gold because we did provide notice of that in our applications.

But for the five Franklin Mountain Energy applications and the five COG applications
where there was no notice of an overlap, I think at a minimum that those need to be corrected, amended.

But there is -- as I mentioned in some recent motion practice that getting approval of a non-standard unit is not a prerequisite to compulsory pooling.

And so if Mr. Feldewert agrees with me or disagrees, I'd like to know so that we can modify our applications accordingly so that we can avoid any disruptions to the hearing schedule.

MR. CHAKALIAN: So before we go to Mr. Feldewert and then Ms. Hardy on that issue, you are saying that you don't feel notice, either actual or published, would cure a deficiency in the application?

MS. BENNETT: I do think the actual notice would cure the deficiency in the application.

MR. CHAKALIAN: So then you had mentioned that you might amend the application for those five. Okay. So --

MS. BENNETT: And --
MR. CHAKALIAN: -- so that's a Plan B
and a Plan A?
MS. BENNETT: To clarify for the amendments, we could file those amendments as early as

February 6th, which would allow us to be on the March 7th docket, and I'm jumping ahead a little bit here.

The March 7th docket is fairly full, but if the Division were willing to set a special docket date for these hearings, we could have it the following week, March 14 th and 15 th.

That would allow Franklin Mountain
Energy and COG enough time to amend their applications, and Mr. Feldewert might coordinate on exactly what we think we need to do on those five and five but still keep a timely schedule for a hearing. MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. Mr. Feldewert? MR. FELDEWERT: A lot to unpack there. First off, we have what $I$ perceive as two types of notice issues; okay?

One is apparently, the Parallel State Franklin Mountain applications seem to overlap the Gold State spacing units without identifying in the applications that the Parallel's going to overlap the Gold State, and Gold State is going to overlap the Parallel.

All they say is it's going to overlap somewhere in Section 35. It'll affect the working interest owners. Just go figure out where it is; okay? There's no way for those affected working
interest owners to do that, no way.
So the fact that $I$, sitting here because I've talked to Deana, have received what she called actual notice of that; okay?

It does not cure the fact that the public notice does not properly identify it, nor does it address the impact on the other working interest owners who were directly impacted and affected by the overlap for which they have no notice; okay?

Secondly, there are other Bone Springs spacing units out there that have not been identified for purposes of being overlapped -- and I agree with her -- by either party, COG nor Franklin Mountain. That's the second aspect of the lack of public notice.

So there's going to need to be some changes to the applications and to the public notice so that all of the working interest owners have the information they need to understand what's going on.

And I would suggest to you that merely saying "We're going to have an overlapping spacing unit, and it's going to overlap some place in Section 35" does not provide enough information.

You don't know who the operator is. You don't know what wells are involved. You don't know what acreage is involved in the spacing unit.

You don't know to what effect there's going to be an overlap.

And if you don't know that, you don't have enough notice to know whether you need to be involved or not. That's the issue on the overlap of Franklin Mountain.

And I think we both agree that because there are existing spacing units that are operated by other parties that both applications, those sought by COG and those filed by Franklin Mountain, have to be amended, refiled, and new public notice so that we can address those.

So that's where I'm at on the notice issue.

MR. CHAKALIAN: So your cure, then, is to amend the applications and the public notice?

MR. FELDEWERT: Yes, sir.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay.
MR. FELDEWERT: Yes, so that we don't have any notice issues going forward.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. Ms. Hardy?
MS. HARDY: Mr. Examiner, I really don't have a position on these matters on behalf of Armstrong and Slash, but $I$ would like to ask a clarification question of --

off. The green's off. Is green on or off?
MR. CHAKALIAN: Green is on.
MS. APODACA: Green is on.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Thank you.
MS. APODACA: There we go.
MR. FELDEWERT: That does sound better.
MS. HARDY: Okay. Thank you.
MR. CHAKALIAN: So you had a question?
MS. HARDY: I do have a question, and
it's been my understanding that when you have an overlapping spacing unit, you would need to include in your application the existing overlapping unit.

But it sounds like the issue here is also applications that are filed now that overlap and whether that needs to be addressed in the applications; right?

MR. CHAKALIAN: So Ms. Hardy, who is the question directed to?

MS. HARDY: Well, I suppose --
MR. CHAKALIAN: Because $I$ can't answer that question, obviously.

MS. HARDY: Well, I guess I'm asking if that's Mr. Feldewert and Ms. Bennett's position.

MR. CHAKALIAN: All right. Well, let's start with Ms. Bennett.

MS. BENNETT: Thank you. I agree that notice needs to be provided to the overlapping spacing unit operators and working interest owners. The rules do not require any specific identification of the existing or proposed spacing units. They're silent on that.

So the fact that $I$, in the Franklin Mountain Energy applications, identified an overlap and sent the applications to the working interest owners and the operators suffices under the rule.

And there aren't existing spacing units with respect to the first notice issue that Mr. Feldewert is pointing out. There are not existing spacing units. These are proposed overlapping spacing units, so there are no existing spacing units in the first issued notice.

And I find it somewhat ironic that Mr. Feldewert is complaining of the fact that I made a good faith effort to identify the overlap in the Franklin Mountain Energy applications that comply with the rules, yet in their Vulture and Moaning Pheasant applications -- which undisputedly overlap an entire section -- there's not a single mention of the word "overlap."

MR. CHAKALIAN: Before we turn to

Mr. Feldewert for his rebuttal, you said something that I thought was interesting. You said that you identified the working interest owners in the unit, and you sent them actual notice.

MS. BENNETT: We did.
MR. CHAKALIAN: So Mr. Feldewert, just on that piece, I realize that both parties are agreeing to amend the five applications for Franklin Mountain and COG. Why is that insufficient notice?

MR. FELDEWERT: So first off, I'm not aware if the COG applications overlap; okay? They weren't intended to overlap. If they do, that's a mistake, but I'll check on that; okay?

But assuming that they do, then I would agree that you would need to provide notice, that as an operator, okay, you're going to propose overlapping spacing units.

And if you think about it like this, there's one spacing unit, here's another one, and we're going to overlap like this; okay?

You got this group of working interest owners. You got this group of working interest owners. This group of working interest owners is not going to get this application. This group of working interest owners is not going to get this application;
okay?
They're going to get an application as
Ms. Bennett has filed that says "We're going to overlap in Section 35," okay, "but we're not going to tell you where"; okay? They're not going to tell you what wells. You go figure it out.

Now, that means that these working interest owners up here don't know anything about these wells down here nor who the operator is nor what's being overlapped; okay? Same way here.

So if you're going to give
notice -- and she agrees that notice has to be given -- you got to give enough information so that someone looking at the application can ascertain what's being overlapped to what extent and what wells are involved. And if you don't do that, you don't have enough notice.

Secondly, if you have to give notice of an overlapping spacing unit, the affected parties are the parties in this spacing unit and in this spacing unit, which means that your notice should go out to them so that they get notice of the application that you're filing to overlap.

And they get notice of those working interest owners and the spacing units being overlapped
get notice so that they know they're going to be affected. Otherwise, they have no idea.

And simply saying "I'm going to overlap in Section 35" would be like saying "I'm going to pool you for a spacing unit in Section 35, but I'm not going to tell you what acreage is involved."
"I'm not going to tell you about my wells or how many wells I'm going to drill, and I'm not going to tell you where they're going to be located"; okay? And I would submit that's not enough information.

I agree. There's no rule that said what's the magic language. We certainly have benchmarks, as you saw from my motion; okay?

So it seems to me that that is how you would do it, and that is how, when you look at overlapping spacing units, people have done it; okay?

So that's why I don't think
there's -- be enough notice there, and then --
MR. CHAKALIAN: So it's your position
that --
MS. APODACA: Okay. Excuse me.
Hearing Examiner, can you turn your mic back on? And Mr. Feldewert, yours is off, also, so the voice -MR. CHAKALIAN: Thanks --

MS. APODACA: -- quality is pretty low in the room.

MR. CHAKALIAN: So it's your position that even though Franklin Mountain identified interest owners, they still have to give them enough information so that they can determine if they're going to be overlapped or not?

MR. FELDEWERT: Yes. And I don't understand what she said about notice to interest owners because to my knowledge, as I've seen from the satellite case, if this was a satellite, and this was their cross state, okay, they did not send their cross-state application.

They did not send their satellite application, nor did they send the satellite notice of hearing to the cross-state working interest owners. They didn't do that; okay?

So I don't know what she meant by provided notice to the working interest owners, but they certainly did not get notice of each application; okay?

MR. CHAKALIAN: Well, we're not talking about the cross state and the satellite --

MR. FELDEWERT: Agreed.
MR. CHAKALIAN: -- today, so let me go
back to Ms. Bennett. From what you've just heard, what is your response?

MS. BENNETT: Well, first,
Mr. Feldewert, I acknowledge that there's no requirement in the rule of any certain magic language or specificity. Both of our applications, the Gold and the Parallel applications, each identify the overlap.

Working interest owners and other operators routinely monitor the OCD's website to see if their interests or their proposed interests or purported interests are going to be at issue, so I think it's actually elevating form over substance because there's plenty of notice.

We put it in our captions. We put it in the body of our applications. We put it in our public notice. We put it in the docket, and we identified the section where the overlap is.

Again, these are not existing wells.
There's no existing spacing units. We will be providing notice to the working interest owners in each of the overlapping units, and there was one other point that $I$ was going to make.

Mr. Feldewert noted that this is, like, common practice, to identify the spacing units with
more specificity, and while that may be a common practice, it is not required by the rules.

And there was a recent case where another operator had an overlapping spacing unit and did not even put it in the caption, didn't identify where the overlap was at all, and that was allowed to move forward.

So I'm certainly not unique in this position.

MR. CHAKALIAN: So Ms. Bennett, let's say that there's a claim of insufficient notice. What's the remedy for that?

MS. BENNETT: The claim for insufficient notice would be to have a second hearing on the overlap only. It would not affect pooling.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. Mr. Feldewert, what do you say is the remedy if someone comes later and says "We didn't understand that this meant us"?

MR. FELDEWERT: Yes. You would move to vacate the order and have a new hearing; okay? Which to me is something we should try to avoid; right?

And yes, there's no magic language, but goodness sakes, we got to know the basic things you need to know.

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If you're supposed to notify affected
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working interest owners in overlapping spacing units, that tells me you got to tell them what spacing units are being overlapped, which means you got to identify "This is what I'm proposing, and this is what is going to be overlapped" with some specificity so they got some understanding, not "It's somewhere in Section 35"; okay?

And secondly, if you're going to have a hearing, right, for pooling an overlapping spacing unit, all right, it's two different regulatory requirements, but you got to get approval of the overlapping spacing unit before you can move forward.

And I would submit that you should get approval over the overlapping spacing unit and then pool because then everybody knows what's going on. Otherwise, you're pooling as if there's no overlapping spacing unit.

And I may not have a problem with their spacing unit for pooling purposes if it's just straight pooling and there's no overlapping, but if they're going to take 40 acres out of that proposed spacing unit and overlap it with some other spacing unit and thereby dilute my interest, I'm going to have a problem with pooling at that point in time.

So I don't think you can separate them.

They're intertwined.
MR. CHAKALIAN: So Ms. Bennett, I think
Mr. Feldewert is suggesting that we cannot have a hearing for both the overlap and the pooling at the same time. That's what I think I'm hearing.

MR. FELDEWERT: No. I'm saying you should.

MR. CHAKALIAN: You should?
MR. FELDEWERT: You should.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay, fine.
MR. FELDEWERT: So everybody knows what's going on, so when I'm being pooled, I know my pooling is going to be impacted by the overlap.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. I understand. Thank you. I appreciate it.

So okay. We've had discussion. It sounds like both parties agree or all three parties agree that notice and applications have to be amended for ten basic applications -- five for Franklin Mountain, five for COG -- and that we really need to set a hearing date; yes?

MS. BENNETT: Yes.
MR. CHAKALIAN: I'm going to start with you, Mr. Feldewert, because it sounds like you want more time. And it sounds like Ms. Bennett wants to
bring these to a hearing sooner, and you want later. That's the guess I'm making here.

MR. FELDEWERT: Well, there's one other -- we haven't gotten to this yet -- there's one other wrinkle; okay?

Remember how I said there was a PSA between COG and Matador last time these cases were before? It's supposed to close today; okay? Now, I don't know if it's closing today or not, but it may or may not be. So it'd be closing soon.

As a result, MRC, once they got sufficiently comfortable that they were going to move forward with the agreement with COG, sent out competing well proposals on January 18th. It's their Jack Hammock [ph] and then their Mark McKinley wells; okay?

Those went out on January 18th, so
they're going to need those proposals -- been out to the working interest owners. They're going to need to be digested, okay, and maybe we can get these resolved.

I don't know, but at the very least there's these additional applications that are going out. So my thought is that they would be able to get those filed in March or an April hearing.

MR. CHAKALIAN: So what you're saying is applications that have not been filed yet will be filed, and they will also be consolidated with all of these cases?

MR. FELDEWERT: Yes, sir.
MR. CHAKALIAN: That's what you're saying?

MR. FELDEWERT: That's what I'm saying.
MR. CHAKALIAN: And how do you know
that?
MR. FELDEWERT: Well, because I represented Matador. Yes. Sorry. Yes. MRC Permian, I'm sorry, who will be filing it.

MR. CHAKALIAN: So you'll be filing --
MR. FELDEWERT: Yes. I will be filing
them. I can get them files so that they appear on the first docket in March; right?

No. I can get them filed so they'd appear for the first docket in April, which means we could have a hearing in April.

MR. CHAKALIAN: First docket in April is the 4th, I think, and then we have another one on the 18th. Well, obviously, this would be a special hearing, so correct me because I'm not sure about this.

If something's filed in March, and it appears on the April 4 docket, does that limit when we can have the hearing on those cases?

MR. FELDEWERT: The earliest we could have that hearing would be the April 4th docket.

MR. CHAKALIAN: But we wouldn't be having the hearing on the April 4th docket.

MR. FELDEWERT: Okay.
MR. CHAKALIAN: It'd be a special hearing, but you're saying it would have to be after April 4th?

MR. FELDEWERT: That's what I'm saying. Yes.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. Ms. Bennett?
MS. BENNETT: Thank you, Mr. Examiner. Obviously, this is a frustrating turn of events, and one wonders how the same lawyer can represent competing operators.

Nevertheless, while there is a presumption of allowing 30 days for a proposal letter to be out before an application is filed, it's only a presumption. There's no hard and fast requirement.

That's in Order R13165, and that order specifically states that there's an expectation of 30 days except when there's extenuating circumstances.

And there are extenuating circumstances here.
We've been diligently moving forward trying to get these cases to hearing, and we've been delayed at every step. And this appears to be yet another delay tactic.

Submitting the proposals on January 18th when Mr. Feldewert represented to the Division that this purchase and sale agreement was happening months ago appears to be a delay tactic.

So I would request respectfully that the Division acknowledge or require that the applications be filed for the March 7th docket and that we have a contested hearing on March 14th. Thank you.

MR. FELDEWERT: May I respond?
MR. CHAKALIAN: Well, $I$ have to think.
MR. FELDEWERT: Okay.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Go ahead.
MR. FELDEWERT: So first off, one month is not going to make a difference. Secondly, the purchase and sale agreement is closing, but it is not closed yet.

You can't file an application unless you're an interest owner in the acreage, which means I got to let the deal close, and then you have standing
to file the application.
Because then you're an interest owner in the acreage, which is why $I$ said $I$ could file it in March, because $I$ expect it to be done by then to be on that April docket.

Third, okay, there's not just Franklin Mountain and Matador. There are other working interest owners out there that are being pooled and are being affected. They have not seen this yet.

There's not been an effort to reach an agreement with them on the Matador proposals; okay? They have to have time to digest these proposals and decide which way they want to go. I'm talking about the other working interest owners.

MS. BENNETT: Mr. Hearing Examiner, may
I briefly say --
MR. CHAKALIAN: Yes. And then this will --

MS. BENNETT: Yes. I understand.
MR. CHAKALIAN: -- this is the end of
that, so go ahead.
MS. BENNETT: Mr. Feldewert stated that the deal would close today, which would allow him to file the applications on February 6th, if that's accurate.

Apart from that, if MRC doesn't have standing to file the application, it begs the question of how they have standing to propose the wells in the first place. I don't want to get into that because --

MR. FELDEWERT: I don't think you want to.

MS. BENNETT: -- I want to move forward with the hearing.

But if there's standing to propose, and if the sale is proposed to close today, then there's plenty of time for him to get the applications on file for our March 14th hearing. Thank you.

MR. FELDEWERT: Okay. It's not closing. My understanding is it's going to take until the middle of the month to get it all wrapped up.

MR. CHAKALIAN: The middle of February?
MR. FELDEWERT: Yes, yes.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay.
MR. FELDEWERT: And yes. I mean, did I send out the letters? I told them to send them out prematurely to get things moving as quickly as possible but want to be careful about violating the statute.

MS. BENNETT: Mr. Feldewert did -- and I wrote it down in my notes -- he said it's supposed
to close today.
MR. FELDEWERT: I said it was supposed to close today a couple weeks ago.

MR. CHAKALIAN: We're -- take a break so the parties can discuss this, but I can't have the parties addressing each other. Then it's not going to work.

Ms. Bennett, as much as $I$ would like to get these to a hearing -- and I'm happy to set a special hearing as soon as is allowed under the rules -- I don't see how $I$ can force this to a hearing after listening to Mr. Feldewert and hearing about this new party filing their competing applications in this -- seem to be a waste of time to have the hearing.

So Mr. Feldewert says that he will file these competing applications so that we have this on April 4 docket, and $I$ will set the special hearing in early April between the 4 th and the 18th. So let's look at our calendars and figure out a date that we can have this.

Let me suggest the week of the 8 th through the 12th of April. I think it's better to do it early in the week in case it goes on for several days, so how is April 9 for all three parties?

Ms. Hardy?
MS. HARDY: That's fine with Armstrong and Slash, Your Honor.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. Ms. Bennett?
MS. BENNETT: Apologies. I believe that'll work. Yes. I'm going to commit that it'll work.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. Fine.
Mr. Feldewert?
MR. FELDEWERT: So it'd be a Tuesday, April 9th.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Correct.
MR. FELDEWERT: I'm just checking. Under the standard rule, exhibits would be filed a week ahead of time. No, no. That'd be April $2 n d$, so I think that'll work.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay.
MR. FELDEWERT: Yes.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Now, we're going to have your new cases on the April 4 docket. Do we need to list all of these consolidated cases along with the new cases on the April 4 docket?

MR. FELDEWERT: Well, good question. I have to think about that. I'll raise this question, okay, and let's just keep it simple.

There are Franklin Mountain Gold State cases which have competing applications and their Parallel State cases which have competing application. The Gold State involves Sections 23 and 26 , okay, so 23 and 26, and then their Parallel State involves Sections 35 and Sections 2.

So we have different working interest owners involved. So while we haven't consolidated here for purposes of determining the procedure, it seems to me that we're going to be addressing one or the other first, right, and any other cases.

So I think you're looking at making sure that the affected working interest owners know which cases they're going to be involved in and when they're going to hearing.

So it might make sense to try to have everything moved to the April -- what was that, April 4th? -- and maybe in the process of doing that, we can say "Okay. Here's the Gold State and the competing cases. Here's the Parallel State and the competing cases," and we can keep them in a separate block so we know what interest owners are involved.

So that's a long way of saying I think we -- put them all on the April 4th docket, and I will certainly alert the Division when we file to the case
numbers.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Ms. Bennett?
MS. BENNETT: Thank you. The process that $I$ understand we wouldn't go through is that for the existing cases that we have now that do not need to be amended, those could just be continued to the April 9th docket. They would not need to be re-noticed on April 4th.

And then the new cases that both of us need to file could be set for either March 7th or April 4th. At this point, I'd say April 4th so that we don't have to continue them again, and then we would continue them from April 4th to April 9th.

So they would be heard as a status conference, essentially, on April 4th so that we could then continue them to April 9th, or we could just immediately continue them to April 9th to avoid taking up the Division's time.

And in terms of the working interest owners, the Parallel and Gold overlap, and so those cases are interrelated. And so we would want those cases to be heard together, which I don't think Mr. Feldewert was suggesting bifurcating, but I do think that it's key that we move forward as is.

MR. CHAKALIAN: So then are you
recommending that on the April 4 docket, we list all of the Franklin Mountain and COG cases that we have on today's docket along with the new ones?

Or are you saying those can go directly
to April 9, and only the new cases that Mr. Feldewert is filing on or before March the 6th will be heard on April 4?

MS. BENNETT: Yes and no. I'll start from the beginning.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Good.
MS. BENNETT: The existing COG and Franklin Mountain Energy cases that do not need to be amended will be moved directly to April 9th. The COG and Franklin Mountain Energy cases that need to be amended will be dismissed and refiled, and those would be refiled for April 4th.

And the new MRC applications would be filed for April 4th, and we could then immediately continue those to April 9th so that no cases would need to be heard on April 4th.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Will you identify the cases that will be dismissed and refiled because you are amending the applications?

MS. BENNETT: Will I identify those now?

MR. CHAKALIAN: Yes.
MS. BENNETT: No.
MR. CHAKALIAN: No?
MS. BENNETT: If possible, I'd like to identify those in an e-mail after the hearing --

MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay.
MS. BENNETT: -- but I will identify
those. And I will also confer with Mr. Feldewert on some of the deficiencies in the COG applications.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Then are you
recommending that we don't issue a pre-hearing order based on today's discussion?

MS. BENNETT: I would recommend issuing a pre-hearing order that includes all of the current cases for April 9th, and then Mr. Feldewert and I can coordinate on a motion to amend the pre-hearing order to allow the correct case captions to be included.

But my fear would be if we don't enter a pre-hearing order, even though we are all taking very good notes, that it could slip, and that is not preferred.

MR. CHAKALIAN: And are you also
suggesting that when you amend an application, you have to dismiss it and refile it? You are suggesting that?

MS. BENNETT: Yes. Unfortunately, that's the process.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. All right.
That's fine, so Sheila, we will issue a pre-hearing order. Are you clear on the case numbers in the pre-hearing order?

MS. APODACA: Yes. I think I got them.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. Very good.
Okay. Is there anything else on these cases?

MS. BENNETT: Nothing from me. Thank you very much for your time.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Thank you. Okay. I'm not hearing anything from anyone else. We're going to continue.

I believe the next case is Avant Operating, No. 27 -- I hope I haven't missed anything -- 23970 on the docket.

MR. FELDEWERT: I think you're on No.
21 and --
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay.
MS. BENNETT: No. 20, actually.
MR. FELDEWERT: Or 20, I'm sorry.
Thank you.
MR. CHAKALIAN: No. 20. Thank you.

Okay. I am calling Case 23944 and 23945, and it looks like those are consolidated with 24074, 75, 76, 24101, 24102. Does that capture all the cases?

MR. FELDEWERT: Yes, sir.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. Great. May I have entries of appearance?

MR. FELDEWERT: Mr. Examiner, Michael Feldewert, with the Santa Fe office of Holland \& Hart, for MRC Permian.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Thank you.
MS. SHAHEEN: Mr. Examiner, Sharon Shaheen, with Montgomery \& Andrews, on behalf of Pride Energy.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Good morning.
MS. SHAHEEN: Good morning.
MR. CHAKALIAN: And Ms. Shaheen, why don't we start with you? This is a status conference. What are we here to achieve?

MS. SHAHEEN: I understand that the parties have been conferring, and I believe Pride would prefer that these cases be continued now to another status conference on March 7th, if Matador is amendable to that.

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MR. CHAKALIAN: Did you say March 7th?
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MS. SHAHEEN: March 7th.
MR. CHAKALIAN: You said March 7th?
MS. SHAHEEN: I believe that's the
first March docket --
MR. CHAKALIAN: I don't have all of my screens available down here. When were these cases filed?

MS. SHAHEEN: That is a good question, and it's something that $I$ would have to get back to you about. But $I$ think it's been in the last six months, I want to say --

MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. And
Mr. Feldewert, are Matador's competing with Pride?
MR. FELDEWERT: Yes, sir.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. And when were yours filed?

MR. FELDEWERT: I don't remember, but March 7th would be the first docket in March.

And we have no objection. We believe that there are productive settlement discussions taking place, so we have no problem continuing the matters to March 7th.

MR. CHAKALIAN: And Sheila, did you suggest that March 7 , since we have three contested hearings, that it might not be the best docket to move
things to?
MS. APODACA: That's true. We do have the three contested, so probably no more hearings.

Maybe a status conference would be okay, but --
MR. CHAKALIAN: That's what they're asking for, is a status conference.

MS. APODACA: Yeah.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. Well, once you file continuances, we will move these to the March 7th docket for a status conference.

MS. SHAHEEN: Perfect.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Is there anything else? No?

MS. SHAHEEN: Thank you.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Very good. Thank you.
MR. FELDEWERT: Thank you.
MR. CHAKALIAN: So now let's go to Item No. 27 on our docket, which is Avant Operating. Looks like we have two cases, 23970 and 71. Entries of appearance, please.

MS. BENNETT: Good morning, Mr. Examiner. Deana Bennett, on behalf of Avant Operating.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Good morning --
MR. FELDEWERT: Good morning,

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Mr. Examiner. Michael Feldewert, from the Santa Fe office of Holland \& Hart, appearance on behalf of COG Operating LLC and also MRC Permian.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Thank you. And we're here for a status conference, Ms. Bennett?

MS. BENNETT: Yes, thank you. Franklin Mountain Energy submitted applications for these cases, and COG operating objected to the cases moving forward by affidavit. And recently -- sorry, Avant.

And recently, MRC also objected to the cases going by affidavit, and so we're here today to set a date for a contested hearing.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Mr. Feldewert?
MR. FELDEWERT: Yes. MRC Permian has sent out competing well proposals in January, so they went out January $18 t h$; right? So those are being sent out to the working interest owners.

In my mind, there needs to be some discussions, right, between the parties and the working interest owners about the competing well proposals.

I'm not aware of any leases or anything
like that expiring, so I don't think we need an immediate -- we can have another status conference. That would be my preference.

But I don't know what Ms. Bennett wants to do, but it seems to me there ought to be some time for the parties to discuss.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Are you suggesting that
you will be filing competing -- you are --
MR. FELDEWERT: Yes.
MR. CHAKALIAN: When would you be
filing those?
MR. FELDEWERT: So we'd be filing them in March. Yes. It'd be March for the April docket. That'd be the April 4th, so I would suggest a status conference on April 4th.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Ms. Bennett?
MS. BENNETT: Thank you, Mr. Hearing Examiner.

There actually are lease expiration issues. There are two leases that are expiring, and the first one is set to expire in September.

And while that might seem like a ways away, if we don't go to hearing until April based on the information we just learned, there still needs to be time for the orders to be issued.

And so there is not as much time as Mr. Feldewert would suggest, so I would prefer a contested hearing in early April.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Well, we have a contested hearing already the week between the two dockets, so we can't have another one in that week. Sheila, the docket for the 18th, how busy is that?

MS. APODACA: That one is available.
MR. CHAKALIAN: So why don't we issue a pre-hearing order setting a contested hearing for these cases April 18th?

MS. APODACA: April 18th. Okay.
MS. BENNETT: Thank you very much.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Thank you,
Mr. Feldewert.
I am now calling COG Operating, and these are Cases 23987, 88. And then it looks like we have 24032,33 , I think, 34 , and 35 . Does that cover it, Mr. Feldewert?

MR. FELDEWERT: Yes. But we've already addressed these.

MR. CHAKALIAN: We've addressed these.
MR. FELDEWERT: Yes.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Along with the other massive cases in the beginning?

MR. FELDEWERT: Correct.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. I am now calling

EGL Resources, 24043, 44, 24152, 24153. Entries of appearance, please.

MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, Jim Bruce, on behalf of EGL.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Mr. Bruce.
MS. BENNETT: Mr. Examiner, Deana Bennett, on behalf of Franklin. Deana Bennett, on behalf of Franklin Mountain Energy.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Thank you.
MR. FELDEWERT: Mr. Examiner, Michael Feldewert, with the Santa Fe office of Holland \& Hart, appearing on behalf of $C O G$ Operating and MRC Permian.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Thank you. Have I captured all the cases in this matter?

MR. BRUCE: All the existing cases. I would ask the other counsel if they plan on filing counterapplications.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. We'll get to that in just a moment, but $I$ have captured all the case numbers today?

MR. BRUCE: Yes.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. Mr. Bruce, what are we doing?

MR. BRUCE: These are pooling cases, and all these other parties objected to a hearing by
affidavit. I don't know why.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. So your goal is
to set a hearing?
MR. BRUCE: Yes.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. And when would you like the hearing?

MR. BRUCE: I know the Division has a lot of upcoming cases. I don't know that there's a huge rush to go to hearing, but whatever works for everybody.

MR. CHAKALIAN: So if we set these for the April 18 docket, that would work for you --

MR. BRUCE: Sure.
MR. CHAKALIAN: -- for a contested hearing?

Okay. Ms. Bennett?
MS. BENNETT: That's fine. Thank you.
MR. CHAKALIAN: That's fine with you.
Are you filing anything to compete?
MS. BENNETT: No, not that I'm aware of. In fact, Franklin Mountain Energy had filed competing applications, which we have since dismissed.

MR. CHAKALIAN: But you still object to their going forward --

MS. BENNETT: Yes.

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    MR. CHAKALIAN: -- with
    affidavit -- okay. Thank you.
    Mr. Feldewert?
    MR. FELDEWERT: Is Franklin Mountain
    going to refile?
                            MS. BENNETT: Mr. Hearing Examiner, I
don't know if Franklin Mountain is going to refile.
                            MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. Thank you.
Mr. Feldewert?
                    MR. FELDEWERT: Mr. Examiner, Matador
has sent out competing well proposals on January 18th.
They're called their Jim Roth [ph] wells; okay? So
there will be competing applications.
                    And these spacing units proposed have
actually overlapped with not only these cases, but the
last case we had -- Avant -- Explorer wells. So they
are going to be interrelated, so it seems to me that
April 18th would make sense.
                            MR. CHAKALIAN: All right. Then Sheila
will issue a pre-hearing order. This is the third one
for these four cases, and it looks like they'll be
joined by some new applications filed by Mr. Feldewert
by the deadline of March 6th.
                    Is that right?
                    MR. FELDEWERT: Yes, sir.
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MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. All right.
Excellent. Mr. Bruce, is there anything else?
MR. BRUCE: I have nothing,
Mr. Examiner.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Sorry?
MR. BRUCE: I am fine with that.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Is there anything else?
MR. BRUCE: No.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. Mr. Feldewert?
MR. FELDEWERT: I guess I'll let
Franklin Mountain decide what they're going to do. Yes.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. I am now calling
No. 39 on the docket. It is Marathon Oil, 24085. Entries of appearance, please.

MR. PARROT: Good morning. This is James Parrot, of Beatty \& Wozniak, representing Marathon.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Thank you. Good morning. Are there any other parties that you know of?

MR. SAVAGE: Good morning,
Mr. Examiner. Darin Savage, of Abadie \& Schill, on behalf of Cimarex Energy Company.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Just two parties?

MR. PARROT: I believe so. Yes.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. Very good. What are we here for today to achieve?

MR. PARROT: So I believe Cimarex has filed a notice of objections, presentation by affidavit. I'm sorry -- has, and Cimarex have also.

And I believe -- although Mr. Savage can confirm -- that there will be a competing application, so Marathon would appreciate having a hearing date set as soon as possible.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Mr. Savage?
MR. SAVAGE: Yes, Mr. Examiner. There are some -- what Cimarex believes are critical technical issues regarding drilling operations.

There are some mandated drilling pad locations mandated by the BLM that Cimarex has within one of the sections, and we want to avoid any issues such as potential collisions.

So as I understand it, Cimarex's engineers have been talking with the other party's engineers, and there needs to be some discussions along those lines to resolve these matters. If they're not resolved, then we would have to address these issues at a hearing.

So I would like to give sufficient time

for the engineers to resolve these matters and see if it can move forward in that regard.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Mr. Parrot?
MR. PARROT: Thank you. Yes. I
believe that Proterra [ph] has sent over -- surveys to Marathon and that the technical staffs are in coordination regarding the collision issues to get those resolved.

I wouldn't anticipate that that resolution would take a significant amount of time unless this matter is pushed out for a hearing to a much, much later date. As you know, negotiations can often tend to fill the space there at the end in time.

So these wells are on the late Q3, early Q4 drill schedule, and as has been mentioned a couple times today, after contested hearings, orders can take a while. So if we're pushing this out much past the March hearings, we're going to start to get pretty crunched on -- schedules, so we would prefer a date in March, if that'd be possible.

And also note that the issues that the companies are working to resolve, the collision issues that Mr. Savage mentioned, those are technical operational issues that the companies are to resolve between themselves.


MR. SAVAGE: No, thank you.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. Thank you. I'm now calling No. 40 and 41 on our docket, Permian Oilfield Partners, and the Case Nos. 24124 and 25. Entry of appearance, please.

MS. BENNETT: Good morning. Deana Bennett, Modrall Sperling, on behalf of Permian Oilfield Partners.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Good morning.
MR. RANKIN: Good morning. Adam Rankin, appearing on behalf of MRC Permian Company and Matador Production Company, with the Santa Fe office of Holland \& Hart.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Good morning, Mr. Rankin and Ms. Bennett. We're here for a status conference.

MS. HARDY: Mr. Examiner, apologies.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Thank you.
MS. HARDY: Dana Hardy, with Hinkle Shanor, on behalf of Avant Operating LLC in Case No. 24125.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. So we have three parties, but these are your cases, Ms. Bennett?

MS. BENNETT: They are, thank you.
MR. CHAKALIAN: How are we proceeding?

MS. BENNETT: Mr. Hearing Examiner, Permian Oilfield Partners submitted these two applications seeking approval of saltwater disposal wells.

And I don't want to call them companion cases, but we were before the Division several months ago on some saltwater disposal wells that Permian Oilfield Partners had proposed and that Matador objected to.

And so now we're in round two of that process, and these are two new wells that Permian Oilfield Partners has proposed. And Permian Oilfield Partners would like to go to a hearing on these as soon as possible. I am sure you're tired of that refrain from me, but it's a constant one.

So in considering options, Permian Oilfield Partners would prefer March 7th or March 21st. I know you'll be hearing from Mr. Rankin about that, but those are the dates that Permian Oilfield Partners would prefer.

I know that earlier today there was some discussion about the March 7th docket being full, and so that could militate in favor of a special docket, like March $14 t h$, for a special hearing on these two cases.

And for the record, Avant Operating has entered an appearance in one of the cases, and Modrall Sperling and myself also represent Avant. And so I will be speaking with Permian Oilfield Partners this afternoon to see what, if anything, I may need to do with respect to that particular case.

But irrespective of whether I have to withdraw from that case or not, we're here today to talk about setting a hearing date, and I'd like to get that on the record. And then $I$ can deal with any logistical issues after the fact.

MR. CHAKALIAN: These saltwater disposal proposals, are they affected by the November order that was signed by our director?

MS. BENNETT: I'm not familiar with the November order signed by the director. I apologize.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Can you speak to that? No?

Mr. Rankin, can you speak --
MR. RANKIN: Maybe if I'm prompted and reminded a little bit, maybe I --

MR. CHAKALIAN: This had to do with the San Andreas formation, and this had to do with -MR. RANKIN: Okay.

MR. CHAKALIAN: -- no. This is not
affected by that.
MS. HARDY: No, no.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. Thank you.
Okay. Very good. So Ms. Hardy?
MS. HARDY: Mr. Examiner, I believe that Avant's witnesses have conflicts with the other dates in March and potentially early April, so I think we would propose to set the contested hearing on May 2nd, if possible.

MR. CHAKALIAN: And why May $2 n d ?$
MS. HARDY: Because our witnesses are available on that day.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Why specifically the 2nd? Is that a docket day?

MS. HARDY: That's a docket --
MR. CHAKALIAN: That is a docket day.
MS. HARDY: I believe I have that correct; right? Okay. I think that's the first May docket.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Thank you. Is that all, Ms. Hardy?

MS. HARDY: Yes, thank you.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. Thank you. So
in other words, the soonest you could go to a hearing would be May $2 n d ?$

MS. HARDY: That's correct.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Very good. Thank you.
Mr. Rankin?
MR. RANKIN: Yes, Mr. Examiner. Thank you. We have conferred with Ms. Bennett about dates. March 7th is full, and -- also has contested hearings on March 14th.

Second part of March, I will not be available, and then we've got contested cases in the early part of April. And so I've confirmed with Matador that May 2 nd does work for them, so that would be our preference as well.

MS. BENNETT: Mr. Examiner, may we respond?

MR. CHAKALIAN: Please.
MS. BENNETT: I would up the ante and propose February dates. The applications are ripe. I understand that the reason why some of the witnesses are not available is because of spring break, and there are no spring breaks in February that I'm aware of.

And so I would request that we have a hearing, a special docket date or hear these on the February -- I believe it's February 18th. I don't have the dates right in front of me -- February 15th
docket or a special docket date shortly thereafter.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Ms. Hardy?
MS. HARDY: Mr. Examiner, I would need to confirm with my witnesses to see if they're available.

I think that the February 15th docket would be a problem due to conflicts, but $I$ could inquire about a special docket date with them. But I don't know their availability at this point.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay.
MS. HARDY: I know that May 2 nd works. I also know that they may require some time to get ready for this hearing. I mean, February's pretty --

MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. Mr. Rankin?
MR. RANKIN: Well, $I$ was going to just say, I mean, there's a lot going on, and maybe there's a business urgency for Permian Oilfield Partners.

Nevertheless, there is going to be some requirements to get this ready for hearing on our end, and there's a lot that is also already scheduled.

So I mean, I think our preference would be just give her the schedules to have it set for May 2nd. Yes.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Well, do we know who the technical examiner would be for a saltwater
disposal contested hearing? Garcia.
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah --
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. I'm going to let
the parties confer and get back to me by the end of tomorrow. Tomorrow is the 2nd of February.

By the close of business, I'm asking
the parties to provide a date either in late
February -- I can make late February happen -- or May 2nd, but it sounds like the parties need to work that out between themselves.

So once that happens, we will issue a pre-hearing order to that effect.

Anything else on this case?
MS. BENNETT: Thank you very much.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Thank you. I'm now calling cases -- well, looks like one case -- 24141 is No. 42 on our docket, Apache Corporation.

MR. FELDEWERT: May it please the examiner, Michael Feldewert, from the Santa Fe office of Holland \& Hart.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Mr. Feldewert.
MS. HARDY: And Dana Hardy, with Hinkle Shanor, for Avant Operating LLC.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Ms. Hardy --
MR. KIEFABER: Good morning. Robert

Kiefaber, with Steptoe \& Johnson PLLC, on behalf of Northern Oil and Gas.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Thank you, sir. I didn't catch your name.

MR. KIEFABER: Sure. It's Robert. The
last name is Kiefaber, $K-I-E-F-A-B-E-R$. I'm an attorney with Steptoe \& Johnson appearing on behalf of our client, Northern Oil and Gas.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Welcome, Mr. Kiefaber.
Mr. Feldewert, is this your case?
MR. FELDEWERT: Yes, sir.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. Great. We're here for a status conference. How are we proceeding?

MR. FELDEWERT: Well, Ms. Hardy's
client --
MR. CHAKALIAN: I think your microphone's off.

MR. FELDEWERT: Thank you. See,
Ms. Hardy has objected on behalf of Avant, and they had submitted competing well proposals in June for their Grayling [ph] wells. But there's been no applications filed, so I'm not sure where we are.

MS. HARDY: Mr. Examiner, we are filing competing applications by February 6th. They will be initially set on the March 7th docket, so I've been
requesting a contested hearing date on the competing applications.

And again, due to the availability issues for Avant's witnesses that were also mentioned in the prior case, $I$ think we would be requesting a contested hearing on May $2 n d$.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. Mr. Kiefaber?
MR. KIEFABER: Yes. No objection at
this point.
MR. CHAKALIAN: So are you just monitoring this case?

MR. KIEFABER: We are monitoring this case at this time. Yes.

MR. CHAKALIAN: But you'll be participating in the hearing?

MR. KIEFABER: That is correct. I will confer with my client. We will most likely participate in the hearing on May $2 n d$, and $I$ don't see any conflict on May 2 nd at this time.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Will you be presenting witnesses?

MR. KIEFABER: I do not believe so.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Thank you, sir.
Mr. Feldewert, would you be available for a May 2 nd contested hearing?

MR. FELDEWERT: Well, let's see. If she's filing them on March 7th, then we could have a contested hearing in the first docket in April.

MR. CHAKALIAN: But I don't think Ms. Hardy's witnesses are available in April.

MR. FELDEWERT: Not at all in --
MS. HARDY: They're not available on the first docket. If we had a special docket set, I could find out their availability.

MR. CHAKALIAN: I'd rather just set it for May 2 nd at this point instead of setting another special docket without knowing for sure that your witnesses are either available or they're not available.

So we'll issue a pre-hearing order setting this for a May 2nd contested hearing. Is there anything else, Mr. Feldewert?

MR. FELDEWERT: No, sir. Thank you.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Thank you.
MS. HARDY: Thank you.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Ms. Hardy, thank you.
Mr. Kiefaber, anything else?
MR. KIEFABER: Nothing further. Thank you.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Thank you, sir. I'm
now calling No. 43 on our docket, Marathon Oil 24150, and it looks like it's 24151. Entries of appearance, please.

MS. BENNETT: Good morning. Deana
Bennett, Modrall Sperling, on behalf of Marathon Oil Permian.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Thank you.
MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, Jim Bruce. I'm representing Red River Energy Partners.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Thank you. Okay. Mr. Bruce, did you object to this case going forward by affidavit?

MR. BRUCE: Yes, I did, Mr. Examiner. I don't think there's a huge fight involved insofar as I know. There will not be counterapplications.

The problem was that my clients did not receive the well proposals or even get notice of the hearing, and they didn't know until last Friday or Monday. And they just really want time to discuss with Marathon.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Ms. Bennett?
MS. BENNETT: Thank you. I agree with Mr. Bruce that this should not be a terribly contested situation.

And so with that, $I$ would request that
we -- on March 7th, either a status conference, or if Marathon and Red River have reached an agreement that Marathon would be allowed to proceed by affidavit.

MR. BRUCE: That's fine with me.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. So Ms. Bennett, we'll set this for a status conference on March 7 after you file continuances.

Mr. Bruce, anything else?
MR. BRUCE: No, sir.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay --
MS. BENNETT: Mr. Hearing Examiner, just to be clear, if we are able to reach an agreement, we'll be able to proceed by affidavit on March 7th?

MR. CHAKALIAN: I don't think so.
March 7 is a busy docket with a contested hearing. So we'll have a status conference March 7, and then we could hear it by affidavit on the 21st.

MS. BENNETT: Okay.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Or would you rather just continue these to the 21 st for a hearing by affidavit and skip the status conference?

MS. BENNETT: That would be my preference, to continue them to March 21 st with the goal of having an uncontested hearing.

Of course, I cannot predict how
negotiations will go and if we'll be in a position at that point to move forward.

But if we aren't, Mr. Bruce's objection to our cases will still be on record, and we would still not be able to proceed at that point.

So I think that's a good middle ground, but I'm, of course, interested in hearing what Mr. Bruce has to say about that.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Well, Ms. Bennett, if you're not sure how negotiations are going to go between now and March, it seems that a status conference on March 7th makes sense so that if there still is an objection in place, we can set a contested hearing instead of just -- it seems that's the better way to go.

MS. BENNETT: That's fine. Thank you.
MR. CHAKALIAN: That's how we'll do it, is March 7th status conference, and Mr. Bruce will see you then.

MS. BENNETT: Thank you.
MR. BRUCE: Thank you.
MR. CHAKALIAN: So I'm now calling
Nos. 45 and 46 on our docket for a status conference. This is Avant Operating 24118, 24119. Ms. Bennett?

MS. BENNETT: Good morning,
Mr. Examiner. Deana Bennett, on behalf of Avant Operating.

MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, Jim Bruce, on behalf of EGL Resources and PBEX.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Thank you.
MS. HARDY: And Dana Hardy, with Hinkle
Shanor, on behalf of COG Operating and Concho Oil \& Gas.

MR. CHAKALIAN: It's because Mr. Bruce's mic is picking you up --

MS. HARDY: Yes.
MR. CHAKALIAN: -- at the same time, so I'll tell you what. Since there's three people sitting here, please turn your mic off if you're not speaking.

Okay. Are there any other entries of appearance besides --

MS. BENNETT: Yes.
MR. CHAKALIAN: -- Hardy's?
MS. BENNETT: Yes, Mr. Examiner. Deana
Bennett, from Modrall Sperling, on behalf of Durango Production Company.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. So you're
representing Avant and Durango?

MS. BENNETT: Yes.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Yes. Thank you. Okay.
So we're here for a status conference. Does that mean, Mr. Bruce, that you objected to this going forward by affidavit?

MR. BRUCE: Originally, I did, and I owe an apology to Ms. Bennett.

EGL has filed competing applications. Those are Nos. 24154 and 24155. I meant to file those in time for this hearing, and $I$ was dealing with four different groups of cases for EGL. And it slipped through the cracks, somehow, and --

MR. CHAKALIAN: Mr. Bruce, may I have those competing case numbers again?

MR. BRUCE: 24154 and 55.
MR. CHAKALIAN: And when did you file those?

MR. BRUCE: They're set for March 7th.
MR. CHAKALIAN: For what, a status conference?

MR. BRUCE: Well, they're new applications, so they're not set for anything at this point. But they are set for a hearing.

MR. CHAKALIAN: They're set for a hearing by affidavit?

MR. BRUCE: Well, that hasn't happened yet, but they are set for a hearing. But we haven't gotten around to discussing it.

Ms. Bennett wants a hearing as early as possible, and $I$ have no objection to her request. So it's just to set the hearing date.

MR. CHAKALIAN: So Mr. Bruce, I'm
confused. How can something be on the docket without having some status with the --

MR. BRUCE: They were filed after the deadline for this hearing.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Right.
MR. BRUCE: So they're just like on a regular docket, you know. Well, there is no order. There was no scheduling order or pre-hearing order, so they're just set for a hearing.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Sheila, can you look up Case 24154 and tell me what you have it set for on -- you said March 7th?

MR. BRUCE: March 7th.
MR. CHAKALIAN: March 7th.
MS. APODACA: Okay. I'll look it up, but if there's been no objection filed, it would be set as a hearing by affidavit.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Right. So it would be
set for a hearing by affidavit.
MR. BRUCE: Well, I know Ms. Bennett objects to it.

MS. BENNETT: Mr. Examiner, if I could
provide --
MR. CHAKALIAN: Yes.
MS. BENNETT: -- a little context.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Thank you.
MS. BENNETT: We had a status
conference on these cases a couple of months ago.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Which cases?
MS. BENNETT: I'm sorry. The Avant cases.

MR. CHAKALIAN: 24118 and 19?
MS. BENNETT: 19, yes. And at that status conference, Mr. Bruce did say that he would be filing applications, and at that status conference, we discussed continuing the Avant cases to today to discuss a contested hearing either in late February or on March 7th.

And we had discussed late February because the applications would've been right as of today, but they were filed on January 5th, I think it was. So they're ripe for the March 7th docket.

So the ability to have a contested case
in February has disappeared, and so we're left with March 7th, which is what we discussed at the status conference two months ago or three months ago.

And so I have been proceeding under the expectation that we would be having a contested hearing on March 7th for the Avant cases -- 24118 and 24119 -- and the newly filed EGL cases -- 24154 and 24155 -- which was what we discussed at the prior status conference.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Sheila, the cases that Ms. Bennett is referring to, are those one of the three contested hearings that we have on March 7th?

While she's looking that up, Ms. Hardy?
MS. HARDY: Mr. Examiner, we're
monitoring these cases, so $I$ don't have an opinion.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Thank you.
MS. HARDY: Thank you.
MS. APODACA: Okay. So I didn't get
the case numbers she was talking about, but the three that we have set are 23858. And then there are several cases along with them, and then there's 23853 to 57, 23863 to 67. That's all one hearing, and then the third hearing is 23936 through 23938.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Thank you. So
Ms. Bennett, we don't have room March 7th for another

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contested hearing, and you will be filing an objection to Mr. Bruce's competing applications, 24154 and 55; right?

MS. BENNETT: Yes. Yes, I will.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. Very good. So we will consolidate, Sheila, 24118 and 119 with 24154 and 24155, and we will set those for a contested hearing.

Do we have room on the second docket in
March?
MS. APODACA: Yes. There's room on that one.

MR. CHAKALIAN: So we'll set it for the second docket in March, which would be the 21 st --

MR. BRUCE: Thank you.
MR. CHAKALIAN: -- for a contested
hearing.
Well, Sheila, can we issue a pre-hearing order that includes these new cases if we haven't had a -- I guess we can, can't we?

MS. APODACA: So I'll issue the notice of hearing for March 7th after --

MR. CHAKALIAN: Not March 7th.
MS. APODACA: So -- but if -- if the new cases are already on the March 7th docket, then

I'll notice them, and then after they've been noticed, then we can continue them to another date.

MR. CHAKALIAN: I don't know that I'm asking to continue them. I think it's fine to have a status conference once we get the objection from Ms. Bennett.

What I'm asking you is on the pre-hearing order for 24118 and 24119 , can we include 24154 and 55, setting those four cases for a contested hearing on the March 21st docket?

MS. APODACA: I'm not sure 'cause they do have to be noticed for a first time, and they'll have to be on the March 2nd --

MR. CHAKALIAN: Ms. Bennett, do you understand what I'm asking?

MS. BENNETT: I think $I$ do, and to clarify, I have objected to 24154 and 24155 on behalf of Durango Production. I just haven't had a chance to do that yet for Avant, so there is an objection of record in those two cases.

So to the extent that the question is whether those cases can be put on the docket on a pre-hearing order because they have not yet been contested, they have been contested.

MR. CHAKALIAN: The question was not
whether the contesting would affect could they be put on the pre-hearing order. It was since we haven't had the initial hearing for them yet, could they be put on a pre-hearing order?

MS. BENNETT: Yes, they can. We have done that a number of times today and in the past.

MR. CHAKALIAN: All right.
MS. BENNETT: And so, yes, in my opinion, that is an appropriate next step. We will need to file continuances to our own end to make it happen in the system, but $I$ believe that filing a pre-hearing order is appropriate.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. Mr. Bruce?
MR. BRUCE: I agree with her.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. Ms. Hardy?
MS. HARDY: That's fine with COG.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. Thank you. So Sheila, would you change the setting on the March 7 docket for the new cases, 24154 and 55? Would you change the status to a status conference from a hearing by affidavit?

MS. APODACA: Okay.
MR. CHAKALIAN: And then we'll issue a pre-hearing order for the four cases to be heard March 21st as a contested hearing.

MS. APODACA: Okay. Got it.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. Excellent.
Anything else on these two cases or four cases?
MR. BRUCE: And then at March 7th, I'll
file a continuance.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Perfect. But
Mr. Bruce, you still want to have a status conference on that day; right?

MR. BRUCE: Well, it'll take about 30 seconds. Yes.

MR. CHAKALIAN: So we'll still have a status conference that day?

MR. BRUCE: Yes.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. Very good. Thank you, sir.

I'm calling Mewbourne Oil Company, No. 47 on our docket, 24146, and it's consolidated with 24147,48 , and 49. Entries of appearance?

MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, Jim Bruce, on behalf of Mewbourne.

MR. FELDEWERT: Mr. Examiner, Michael Feldewert, Santa Fe office of Holland \& Hart, on behalf of MRC Delaware Resources LLC.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Thank you, gentlemen. Is there an objection to proceeding by affidavit?

MR. FELDEWERT: Yes.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. Mr. Bruce?
MR. BRUCE: That's all I know.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Well, what do you want to do?

MR. BRUCE: Well, set it for a hearing. I was wondering, Mr. Feldewert, whether you are filing a counterapplication.

MR. FELDEWERT: Yes. MRC has actually sent out the competing well proposals January 24 th, so it's the Matt Clifton wells.

MR. BRUCE: Okay.
MR. FELDEWERT: And they compete directly with the Mewbourne wells.

So my suggestion would be to maybe set this for a status conference so the parties can sit down, look at the competing proposals, and decide if we really need to have a contested hearing since you've set so many contested hearings already --

MR. CHAKALIAN: What docket are you recommending a status conference for these cases?

MR. FELDEWERT: Let's see. We filed in March, so April docket. So we filed --

MR. BRUCE: Which date?
MR. FELDEWERT: The April docket. Just
because we're filing in March, so it'd be the April -MR. BRUCE: April 5?

MR. CHAKALIAN: It's April 4.
MR. BRUCE: Four, okay.
MR. CHAKALIAN: That'll be the first docket in April.

So Mr. Bruce, you've heard that they are filing competing well proposals or applications -- sorry -- and we will consolidate those competing well applications with these cases once we get them. And we will set all the cases for a status conference on April 4.

Does that work for you?
MR. BRUCE: Thank you. Yes.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. All right.
Thank you. Anything else, Mr. Bruce? Anything else on these cases?

MR. BRUCE: No, sir.
MR. CHAKALIAN: And Mr. Feldewert?
MR. FELDEWERT: Thank you.
MR. CHAKALIAN: You're welcome.
Okay. We are now going to have some hearings, so we're going to start with No. 51 on our docket, 23551, Nordstrand Engineering. Entry of appearance?

MS. SHAHEEN: Sharon Shaheen, Montgomery \& Andrews, on behalf of Nordstrand.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Ms. Shaheen, are you ready to proceed?

MS. SHAHEEN: I believe I was expecting Mr. Moore here on behalf of the State Land Office. I don't know if he's on video --

MR. CHAKALIAN: I don't know. He hasn't made his presence known to me.

MS. SHAHEEN: Okay. And I believe the last time we had a hearing in this, the Division attorney, Mr. Tremaine, was also present, but it doesn't appear that he's here today either.

So I'll move forward by affidavit. I'll just preface this by -- the issue that had arisen previously is that Nordstrand has some inactive wells that were the subject of a judgment that was entered against Nordstrand which Nordstrand has satisfied.

And those wells are due to be plugged by the State Land Office, but they have not yet been plugged. That was an impediment to approval of this application at that time.

All that said, I'm happy to present this by affidavit and ask the Division take it under advisement. In this matter, Nordstrand seeks --

MR. CHAKALIAN: Ms. Shaheen --
MS. SHAHEEN: Yes?
MR. CHAKALIAN: -- are you going to be sharing your screen?

MS. SHAHEEN: I can if you like. It'd just take me a second to log into the WebEx.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Do you need her to share her screen?

MS. THOMPSON: Not for this case.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Not for this case.
Okay. Ms. Shaheen, I think the technical examiner has your exhibits and is able to question. Are your witnesses available?

MS. SHAHEEN: My witness is not available today. He's ill, and so is not available to join us today.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. So the technical examiner, Ms. Thompson, says that that's fine, but I think typically, we would want your witnesses to be available.

They have the ability to testify
remotely if that helps you, or they can come here. We have a witness box from now on where witnesses can testify from under oath.

But if that's not necessary today, then
we'll proceed, so please go ahead.
MS. SHAHEEN: Okay. Thank you.
In this case, Nordstrand seeks to have an order issued from the Division approving a unilateral change in operator from Northern Pacific Oil \& Gas to Nordstrand for the Bull Moose 2 State Com No. 1H, which is located in the top half of Section 2, Township 8 South, Ranch 37 East, in Roosevelt County, New Mexico.

In the alternative, Nordstrand asked that the Division be authorized to plug and abandon the well.

Nordstrand was the lessee of record for the New Mexico Oil \& Gas lease on which the well is located. Nordstrand, Northern Pacific entered into an assignment and bill of sale for the lease in December 2020. However, no assignment of the lease was approved by the commissioner.

The applicant retained record title to the lease, and the lease was subsequently canceled on March 26, 2021.

The State Land Office requested that Nordstrand plug the well and otherwise comply with its obligations under the lease, but on May 12, 2020, in a belated approval, the Division approved the change of
operator for the well from Nordstrand to Northern Pacific.

The State Land Office requested that Nordstrand and Northern Pacific plug the well and reclaim the site. We've attached that correspondence as Exhibit A6.

On February 14th, the commissioner initiated a lawsuit against Nordstrand and Northern Pacific seeking an injunction requiring Nordstrand and Northern Pacific to plug the well.

Nordstrand conferred with Northern Pacific and requested that they sign a change of operator. However, Northern Pacific has not agreed to do so.

Nordstrand intends to plug the well when it is able to do so, and therefore seeks an order for unilateral change in operator from Northern Pacific to Nordstrand.

Upon approval of this application, Nordstrand will obtain the necessary writ of entry from the State Land Office, plug the well, and reclaim the site.

Approving this request would prevent waste, protect -- rights, and allow Nordstrand to comply with State Land Office requirements.

Therefore, Northern Pacific requests that the Division take this case under advisement, remove Northern Pacific as operator, and designate Nordstrand as operator of record for the well.

With that, I would ask that the exhibits -- which are all correspondence and assignments and the lease, I believe, which are at issue here -- ask that the Division accept these Exhibits A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, and A6 into the record, and A7. Admit those into the record and take this case under advisement.
(Exhibit A1 through Exhibit A7 were marked for identification.)

MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. Ms. Shaheen, I'm looking through your exhibits, and $I$ wonder when were they filed?

MS. SHAHEEN: They were filed on June the 29th.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Let me find them. I have a supplemental pre-hearing statement filed June 29, and I have your exhibits. Okay. I found them.

Okay. So are there any objections to taking into evidence Exhibits A1 through A7 and Exhibit B?

Is that correct, Ms. Shaheen? Are
those all the exhibits?
MS. SHAHEEN: Yes. That is correct.
(Exhibit $B$ was marked for
identification.)
MR. CHAKALIAN: I'm not hearing any
objection, so Exhibits A1 through A7 and Exhibit B are admitted into evidence.
(Exhibit A1 through Exhibit A7 and
Exhibit $B$ were received into evidence.)
MR. CHAKALIAN: I'm going to turn to our technical examiner for any questions.

MS. THOMPSON: I have no questions for the case at the moment.

MS. SHAHEEN: Thank you.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Thank you. I see that Mr. Tremaine has joined us. Mr. Tremaine, are there any objections to any of the exhibits or to take this case under advisement?

MR. TREMAINE: No.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. Okay. Was there anything else that you came down about this case --

MR. TREMAINE: Simply observing,
Mr. Hearing Examiner.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Thank you, sir.
Ms. Shaheen, this case will be taken under advisement.

MS. SHAHEEN: Thank you.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Thank you. Okay. That concludes Nordstrand Engineering change of operator case.

And we're going to move on to Case No. 52 on our docket, 23823, Texas Standard Operating LLC, and it looks like we might also be hearing 23824 at the same time.

Entries of appearance, please?
MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, Jim Bruce, on behalf of Texas Standard.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Ms. Hardy?
MS. HARDY: Yes, Mr. Examiner. Dana Hardy, on behalf of Armstrong Energy Corporation and Slash Exploration.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Are there any objections to proceeding by affidavit?

MS. HARDY: Yes, Mr. Examiner. I believe Mr. Bruce had requested a status conference, and my clients agree with that approach.

We didn't file an objection because Mr. Bruce had requested a status conference, so we were accepting to have a status conference.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Very good. I see that
it does show Mr. Bruce filed a request for a status
conference. Was it late? Is that why --
MR. BRUCE: It was filed Monday
afternoon.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. That must be why it's over here. Okay.

So we're not having a hearing by
affidavit in these cases. We are here for a status conference.

Mr. Bruce, what can we do?
MR. BRUCE: Yes, Mr. Examiner. These cases were originally filed for September, and there's a lot of working interest owners.

And they've all been among discussions among themselves, and the cases have been continued months to months to months. And now they're starting to age, and I know you don't like that very much.

So Ms. Hardy and I were in touch. I was originally going to request another one-month continuance, but $I$ would rather have it set for a possible contested hearing, which, of course, would be down the road quite a while.

But that would give the parties sufficient time to hopefully reach final resolution.

MR. CHAKALIAN: So before I turn to Ms. Hardy, Mr. Bruce, how fruitful are these
discussions?
MR. BRUCE: Well, I know on behalf of my client, they've been fruitful with parties who are not represented by Ms. Hardy, but both her clients and mine have been in discussions. Just haven't come to terms yet.

And I would hope another maybe two and a half months or something would -- I would like to set it for a contested hearing with the ability to reset it for a hearing by affidavit if the parties come to terms.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. Ms. Hardy?
MS. HARDY: That's fine with Armstrong and Slash, Mr. Examiner.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Are there other parties besides you two?

MR. BRUCE: They haven't entered appearances, but they're all out there discussing this stuff with each other.

Not only these other non-entered parties have been in discussions with my client, but I'm sure they've been in discussions with Armstrong Energy, who is one of the primary larger interest owners.

> MR. CHAKALIAN: Are you planning on
filing competing applications?
MS. HARDY: We are not, Mr. Examiner.
MR. CHAKALIAN: And are you planning on
filing an objection?
MS. HARDY: I think that Armstrong and
Slash would like more time to reach an agreement.
So regardless of whether that's
accomplished through a continuance or a contested hearing date down the road, it then gets converted to affidavit.

MR. CHAKALIAN: So Mr. Bruce, I'll set this for a final status conference --

MR. BRUCE: Okay.
MR. CHAKALIAN: -- and not any hearing yet with the idea that the parties have a little bit more time to discuss. They can come to some sort of resolution or decide that they're at an impasse and that we need a contested hearing.

MR. BRUCE: Okay. And if that's the case, rather than have it set two and a half, three months down the road, I'd probably rather have a short status conference in a month and a half or something like --

MR. CHAKALIAN: Well, what date are you asking for?

MR. BRUCE: March 21.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Fine. You will have to
file the continuances, of course --
MR. BRUCE: Certainly.
MR. CHAKALIAN: -- but we will then move these to the March 21 st docket for a status conference. Does that sound fair, Ms. Hardy?

MS. HARDY: That is fine. Thank you.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Is there anything else from the parties?

MR. BRUCE: No, sir.
MR. CHAKALIAN: No. All right. Let's move on.

Case No. 54 and 55 on the docket, Oxy USA Inc., 23917, 23918. Entries of appearance, please?

Is there a motion to continue?
MS. VANCE: Yes. Sorry, Mr. Hearing Officer.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Very good.
MS. VANCE: We're switching places here. Paula Vance, on behalf of Oxy, with the Santa Fe office of Holland \& Hart.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay, Ms. Vance. You filed a late motion to continue. Where are you with
these cases?
MS. VANCE: Yes, and I apologize. We filed the motion to continue as expeditiously as possible.

Yes. So we would like to continue for another two weeks, and we're actually hoping to be able to dismiss the cases. And that's why it was a late file.

But if we could just move it another two weeks out, I think that either we will be moving forward or we will be dismissing.

MR. CHAKALIAN: So in two weeks on the 15th of February, we will have a status conference on these two cases?

MS. VANCE: No.
MR. CHAKALIAN: No.
MS. VANCE: We'll be moving forward by affidavit. Otherwise, we may be dismissing the cases.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Very good.
MS. HARDY: Mr. Examiner, apologies.
Dana Hardy, on behalf of COG Operating in these two cases.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. I'm sorry.
MS. HARDY: It's musical chairs --
MS. VANCE: Yes.

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    MS. HARDY: -- today.
    MS. VANCE: Sorry, Dana.
    MR. CHAKALIAN: And what did you want
    to tell me about these cases?
                            MS. HARDY: I don't have anything to
    add. Thank you. Just wanted to enter my appearance.
                            MR. CHAKALIAN: So Ms. Vance, so you
    have filed motions through the portal, and I think
    Sheila just needs to approve them and take them out to
    the docket in two weeks.
                            So we will do that. It's granted.
Thank you very much.
    MS. VANCE: Thank you.
    MR. CHAKALIAN: Thank you.
    Okay. We're now moving to COG
    Operating. We have a hearing by affidavit because it
    looks like XTO withdrew their objection, and who is
    representing COG?
    MS. HARDY: Me. Dana Hardy --
    MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay.
    MS. HARDY: -- on behalf of COG. Thank
you.
    MR. CHAKALIAN: All right, Ms. Hardy.
    Are you going to be sharing your screen?
    MS. HARDY: I was not planning to --
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    MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. That's fine. And do you have witnesses available for questions?

MS. HARDY: I don't believe my witnesses are available. I was planning just to present this by affidavit, but if there are questions, I can contact them.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. I think the parties are going to have to start having their witnesses available, because if the technical examiner has a question, you're not under oath. You're not competent to answer the questions.

So I think all these cases by affidavit, $I$ mean, they can appear remotely, but you have to have your witnesses available.

MS. HARDY: Okay. And in the past, I think we've just presented by affidavit whether they were available or not, so --

MR. CHAKALIAN: But if the --
MS. HARDY: -- oftentimes --
MR. CHAKALIAN: -- technical
examiner -- I mean, you're an attorney; right?
MS. HARDY: Yes.
MR. CHAKALIAN: So you know that you can't answer the question.

MS. HARDY: And in the past, typically,
if the attorneys couldn't answer a question, we would obtain the information from our clients and provide it after the hearing. That was often the practice, but --

MR. CHAKALIAN: I understand.
MS. HARDY: Yes.
MR. CHAKALIAN: I think that my preference is that when you know you're going ahead by hearing by affidavit -- or obviously, a contested hearing, but even in affidavit situations -- that you have your witnesses log in if they don't appear here in case the technical examiner or myself has a question or another party has a question.

MS. HARDY: Understood.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. Thank you.
MS. HARDY: We can do that going forward.

MR. CHAKALIAN: But please proceed.
MS. HARDY: Thank you.
MS. VANCE: Mr. Hearing Examiner, Paula Vance, with the Santa Fe office of Holland \& Hart, on behalf of XTO.

We did withdraw our objection, but I just want to, you know, make sure that I've appeared on behalf of XTO on record.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Thank you, Ms. Vance. Ms. Hardy?

MS. HARDY: Thank you.
In this case COG seeks an order pooling all uncommitted interest in the Bone Spring formation underlying a 1,440 acre more or less non-standard horizontal spacing unit comprised of the west half and west half east half of Sections 3, 10, and 15, Township 26 South, Range 29 East in Eddy County and proposes to dedicate the unit to the Rock Jelly Federal Com 703 H and 704 H wells.

We have provided with our hearing exhibits the testimony and exhibits of Gianna Romero, the land professional, and geologist Chris Wray.

Ms. Romero provides the standard land exhibits, the $C-102$, the plat of tracts, tract ownership, and pool party information, and that is included in Exhibit A3.

She also provides a map of the non-standard spacing unit and the surrounding tracts and identifies the owners in those tracts, and that is Exhibit A4.

Mr. Wray provides a location map, a Bone Spring structure map, cross section map, and stratigraphic cross section.

Our notice information is included in Exhibit C. We have provided the notice letters that were sent to the interest owners in the unit as well as the offset tract owners. We have provided charts of the notice information and the certified mail receipts, and we did timely publish notice as well. So with that, unless there are questions, $I$ would request that the exhibits be admitted and that the case be taken under advisement. Thank you.
(Exhibit A, Exhibit B, and Exhibit C were marked for identification.)

MR. CHAKALIAN: Ms. Vance, do you object to any of these exhibits?

MS. VANCE: No.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. And I see that both of your witnesses have testified before the Division and have been accepted as experts in their field.

And so I will admit Exhibit A and its subparts, $B$ and its subparts -- I have a small screen now -- Exhibit $C$ and its subparts into evidence and turn to our technical examiner to see if there's any questions.
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(Exhibit A, Exhibit B, and Exhibit C were received into evidence.)

MS. THOMPSON: I have no questions on
this case.
MR. CHAKALIAN: This case will be taken under advisement. Thank you, Ms. Hardy.

MS. HARDY: Thank you very much.
MR. CHAKALIAN: I'm now calling Case No. 57. It is Mewbourne Oil Company. We are having a hearing by affidavit. The case number is 24015.

MS. VANCE: Good morning, again, Mr. Hearing Officer. Paula Vance, with the Santa Fe office of Holland \& Hart, on behalf of Mewbourne.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Ms. Vance.
MS. VANCE: Yes.
MR. CHAKALIAN: And are there any other parties?

Ms. Vance, are you aware of any other parties? It looks like there are, but --

MS. VANCE: There are. I believe it's Ms. Kessler with EOG and then Ms. Shaheen.

MS. SHAHEEN: Yes. My apologies -MS. VANCE: Permian, I believe --

MR. CHAKALIAN: Ms. Kessler, are you with us this morning? I know you're not here in the
room, but are you with us?
Okay. Ms. Kessler's not here, but we have Ms. Shaheen.

MS. SHAHEEN: Thank you. Sharon
Shaheen, Montgomery \& Andrews, on behalf of Permian Resources Operating.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Welcome. Now, do you have any objection to this case going forward by affidavit?

MS. SHAHEEN: We do not, with the understanding that Permian Resources is not being pooled in this matter.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. And have you had a chance to look at the exhibits in this case?

MS. SHAHEEN: I have, and it does not indicate that Permian is being pooled in this matter.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. Great. And are you going to object to any of the exhibits being admitted into evidence?

MS. SHAHEEN: No objection.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Thank you. Ms. Vance?
MS. VANCE: Yes. Thank you,
Mr. Hearing Examiner.
I did want to start by saying we do need to perfect notice to the BLM and the SLO on this
with regards to the overlap and the NSP approval, but I'd like to present the case and then just continue a month to perfect notice on those two parties.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Let me check with the technical examiner. Does that work for you?

MS. THOMPSON: Yes.
MR. CHAKALIAN: All right. The answer was yes, so let me pull this case up -- it's 24015 -- while you are presenting. Go right ahead.

MS. VANCE: Thank you, Mr. Hearing examiner.

So in Case 24015, Mewbourne seeks approval of a non-standard overlapping 632.79 acre more or less spacing unit or spacing unit in the Bone Spring formation, and the pool is the Hack Berry Bone Spring North. And the pool code is 97056.

And that is underlying the south half of Section 1, Township 19, Range 30 East, and the south half of Section 6, Township 19 South, Range 31 East, and that is all in Eddy County, New Mexico, and pooling all of the uncommitted interest therein.

And Mewbourne seeks to dedicate this spacing unit or initially dedicate it to the proposed Tin Man Fed Com 616H and 618H.

In this case, we have included a copy
of the application. We've provided the compulsory pooling checklist as well as the self-affirmed statement of Tyler Jolly, who is the landman, and Justin Roeder, who is the geologist.

Both Mr. Jolly and Mr. Roeder have previously testified before the Division, and their credentials have been accepted as a matter of record. And Mr. Jolly's statement, it's Exhibit C, and we've included sub-exhibits, all of the standard stuff, so the $C-102$, land tract map, a list of the uncommitted owners where we've highlighted the parties to be pooled, a sample well proposal with the AFEs and a chronology of contacts.

But we've also included an overlapping diagram with regards to the approval of the overlap, and then we have also included a diagram for approval of the non-standard spacing unit and identified the parties that we noticed.

There's also in Mr. Jolly's statement an explanation as to why we're seeking approval of that NSP.

Following that, we have Mr. Roeder's statement, which is -- sorry. Give it a second there to catch up -- so Mr. Roeder's statement is Exhibit D, and we've got all of the standard sub-exhibits for
geology, which includes the locator map, the subsea structure map, cross-section map, and the stratigraphic cross section.

In this case, Mr. Roeder did not
observe any faulting, pinch-outs, or other geologic impediments to the horizontal drilling of these wells.

And then we have the notice, a
self-affirmed statement from myself, and a sample copy of the notice from my colleague, Mr. Feldewert, that was timely mailed on November 17, 2023, and then a affidavit of notice of publication, which was timely published on November 22, 2023.

And unless there are any questions, I would ask that the exhibits and sub-exhibits be admitted into the record and that the case stay open so that we can perfect notice, but other than that, be taken under advisement.
(Exhibits A through $F$ were marked for identification.)

MR. CHAKALIAN: So specifically what is the issue with the notice so $I$ can flag it?

MS. VANCE: Sure. So for the overlap and for the NSP, because we have state and federal lands, affected parties were involved, state and federal lands. They are affected parties, and they
require notice. And so we need to provide notice to them.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Do you mean actual notice or constructive notice?

MS. VANCE: Actual notice.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Actual. But you've identified them?

MS. VANCE: Well, yes. The BLM and the State Land Office.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Those are the two parties?

MS. VANCE: Yes. That's correct.
MR. CHAKALIAN: The only two parties?
MS. VANCE: That's --
MR. CHAKALIAN: And have you already sent the actual notice?

MS. VANCE: We will do that this week. We will do the -- either today or tomorrow and send notice and --

MR. CHAKALIAN: So you're sending out actual notice to the BLM and the State Land Office today or tomorrow, and you're asking to have this case continued until what docket?

MS. VANCE: It would be the first docket in March, so the March 7th docket.

MR. CHAKALIAN: First docket in March is full.

MS. VANCE: Okay. Well, it's only perfecting notice, so it should be very, very short.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Yes. But first docket in March is full.

MS. VANCE: I would ask very kindly to just sneak in there a very short hearing to perfect notice.

MR. CHAKALIAN: When did you realize that the BLM and the State Land Office were parties? MS. VANCE: This week. Well, I knew that they did but knew we wanted to try and go to hearing and at least present the case and then be able to continue to perfect this small piece. That should not take long on the docket if we go to the March 7th docket.

MR. CHAKALIAN: And you're saying that you wouldn't be ready for the docket in two weeks because why?

MS. VANCE: Because it requires at least 20 days.

MR. CHAKALIAN: So you have to give actual notice to a party at least 20 days before a hearing?

MS. VANCE: That's correct.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Well, I'm not in favor of adding anything else to the March 7 docket, as I've already stated, but we can schedule a very quick special hearing.

MS. VANCE: I am in favor of that and would be very appreciative.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. And I need to wait until Sheila comes back. She just left the room, so --

MS. KESSLER: Mr. Hearing Examiner, I apologize for interrupting. May I take this opportunity to enter my appearance?

MR. CHAKALIAN: Ms. Kessler?
MS. KESSLER: Thank you. This is Jordan Kessler, on behalf of EOG, just -- for monitoring purposes. But $I$ wanted to enter it for the record.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Thank you. Thank you.
Ms. Vance, if we hold a special
five-minute hearing on the 5th of March two days before the docket that's full, does that give enough time to notice your parties?

MS. VANCE: Yes, Mr. Hearing Officer,
it should.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. I haven't admitted your exhibits into evidence yet, so let's deal with that first.

Is there any objection to the admission of Mewbourne's Exhibit A, B, C, D, and their subparts? I think there's also -- let me just make sure I'm not missing anything here -- and $F$ into evidence?

Okay. They are so admitted.
(Exhibit A through Exhibit $F$ were received into evidence.)

MR. CHAKALIAN: Ms. Shaheen, do you have any questions for Ms. Vance?

MS. SHAHEEN: I do not.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. Thank you. I'm going to turn to the technical examiner.

MS. THOMPSON: Yes. I have one question, Ms. Vance.

When it came to the notice for the offset parties, I saw the two separate lists, and I just wanted to make sure that that list for the offset parties was actually noticed since I didn't see it, like, in the same format, I guess, as your other notice lists with the tracking numbers and stuff like that.

MS. VANCE: Yes. Sorry. Yes. So we
listed the parties in -- I believe it's Exhibit C6, which relates to the NSP, and then under Exhibit E, I have the tracking information.

And if you were to compare the two, you'll see that all the parties that are listed in Exhibit C6 are also listed in Exhibit E.

There's just a lot of overlap between the parties who were noticed for the NSP as well as the overlap and the compulsory pooling, so we just provided all of this in one packet.

MS. THOMPSON: That's the last of my questions. Thank you.

MR. CHAKALIAN: At the special hearing on March 5th, what will you be presenting?

MS. VANCE: I'll provide tracking information to show that we have sent out the notice to the BLM and SLO, similar to the mailing report that we provided in Exhibit E.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Sheila, we have to continue this case to perfect notice to the BLM and to the State Land Office.

And since there's no room on March 7 and Ms. Vance is asking that this is heard before March 21st, I had suggested that we have a special hearing on March 5th, which we could hold virtually,
and it would be all of maybe five minutes unless there is a party that enters an appearance and objects to something.

Let me ask the parties at this point.
I wanted to let you know that when you came back.
Ms. Shaheen, let me start with you. Do we have to issue a pre-hearing order for that?

MS. SHAHEEN: I don't believe so. I
think you could just continue it so long as you had a court reporter available.

MR. CHAKALIAN: But would we have to provide notice to the public in some way?

MS. SHAHEEN: Well, I believe Ms. Bennett cleared that up at our last hearing, and I don't -- let me see if $I$ have the rule --

MR. CHAKALIAN: I remember what she said.

MS. SHAHEEN: Yes.
MR. CHAKALIAN: I remember what she said, that once it's on the docket, if it gets continued, it's up to the parties to figure it out. But yes, I remember that.

So Ms. Vance, then it sounds like we're not issuing anything. We're just literally going to come back on the record on March 5th.

MS. VANCE: That's correct, and with the mailing that $I$ send out, I will put the special hearing date of March 5th.

MR. CHAKALIAN: And Sheila, will you be issuing a WebEx link for that?

MS. APODACA: Yes.
MR. CHAKALIAN: So would you then provide that to Ms. Vance so that she can include that?

MS. APODACA: Yes. I'll prepare the normal docket and publish that, too, on our website.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. That's, I think, the part that $I$ was missing, so thank you. That helps.

Okay. Then Ms. Vance, is there anything else on this case?

MS. VANCE: There is not.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. Then this case will not be taken under advisement at this point. We're going to leave the evidentiary record open for supplemental information from Ms. Vance and Mewbourne Oil Company, and we will conduct a special hearing on March 5th --

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MS. APODACA: Sure.

MR. CHAKALIAN: -- at 9 a.m. to conclude this hearing. Anything else?

MS. VANCE: No, Mr. Hearing Officer.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. And Ms. Vance, when are you going to file those exhibits?

MS. VANCE: Give me just one moment to look at the schedule.

MR. CHAKALIAN: March 5th is a Tuesday.
MS. VANCE: We would probably file it maybe the Wednesday or Thursday before.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay.
MS. THOMPSON: It would have to be no later than the 14 th.

MR. CHAKALIAN: 14 th? Why the 14 th?
MS. THOMPSON: For the 20 -day notice; right? So --

MR. CHAKALIAN: I meant file the exhibit into evidence so that we could consider it.

MS. THOMPSON: Yes. She would have to publish no later than the 14 th.

MR. CHAKALIAN: That's publish --
MS. THOMPSON: Yes.
MR. CHAKALIAN: They're sending it out today or tomorrow.

MS. THOMPSON: Okay. Okay.

MR. CHAKALIAN: What I meant was the green cards or whatever we missed that --

MS. THOMPSON: Yes --
MR. CHAKALIAN: You were saying?
MS. VANCE: I just wanted to confirm.
Do I need to refile the entire hearing packet, or can I just do that as a supplement?

MR. CHAKALIAN: It's my preference to have all the exhibits together.

Yes, all but what you are submitting in a few weeks will have already been admitted, but you'll just seek to admit the new exhibits. But I would like one package.

So did you say when you would be filing those?

MS. VANCE: Yes. So either the 28th or the $29 t h$ of February.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. All right. So the deadline to file the exhibits to conclude this hearing is the $29 t h$ of February by close of business, and we will pick this back up 9 a.m., March 5th. Thank you.

MS. VANCE: Thank you.
MR. CHAKALIAN: We are going to move to
Strata Production. Actually, it is 10:15. Let's take
a ten-minute break, and we'll come back on the record for Case No. 58 on our docket. Thank you.
(Off the record.)
MR. CHAKALIAN: We're back on the record. It is 10:25 on February 1st. These are the hearings for the Oil Conservation Division. We are calling No. 58 on the docket, 24063 , Strata Production.

MS. SHAHEEN: Thank you, Mr. Examiner. Sharon Shaheen, Montgomery \& Andrews, on behalf of Strata Production Company.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Thank you. And what are we doing here today?

MS. SHAHEEN: This case was previously heard on the second docket in January, and it was continued solely for the purpose of allowing the publication period to run.

It was previously published on January 4th, but there was a holiday in between. And so we have now added that one day, and in addition, BLM has received notice by FedEx.

So you previously admitted the exhibits into the record, and we now ask that the case be taken under advisement.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Let's turn to the
technical examiner and see if she has any questions.
MS. THOMPSON: I have no questions for this case.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Thank you. This case
will be taken under advisement. Thank you --
MS. SHAHEEN: Thank you.
MR. CHAKALIAN: -- Ms. Shaheen. We're
now calling Chevron USA, Case No. 24095.
MS. VANCE: Good morning, again,
Mr. Hearing Officer. Paula Vance, with the Santa Fe office of Holland \& Hart, on behalf of Chevron.

MR. CHAKALIAN: And I don't see any other parties entered on this case, and you're here for a hearing by affidavit. So please proceed.

MS. VANCE: Give me just one moment. All right. Sorry about that.

So yes. In this case, we actually presented the companion case at the beginning of January at the first hearing in January, and we continued this case to perfect notice on an overlap.

And so I did file a supplement showing
that the notice to that operator of that existing spacing unit, that we perfected that.

We did that as a supplement rather than
filing an entirely new hearing packet because we did
not include it as a part of the application process, so $I$ was just keeping it separate and clean.

But if you prefer me to refile, I will do that, and $I$ can do that this afternoon.

MR. CHAKALIAN: I appreciate why you
filed it separately.
But for everyone, please, if you're going to file an amended packet or a supplemented packet or supplementary exhibits, please just refile the entire exhibit packet again and indicate with a cover letter what has been amended or supplemented for the technical examiner's -- but please continue.

MS. VANCE: Thank you, Mr. Hearing Examiner. So at least you will see that we did file on Tuesday a supplement. It's supplemental Exhibit G. So in this case, in Case 24095, Chevron seeks to pool the uncommitted interest and a portion of the Bone Spring formation, and the pool is the Cedar Canyon Bone Spring. And the pool code is 11520.

And that portion is from beneath the base of the first Bone Spring to the base of the Bone Spring formation, and that is underlying a 640 acre more or less horizontal well spacing unit comprised of the east half of Section 5, Township 24 South, Range 29 East, and the east half of Section 32, Township 23

South, Range 29 East. And that's all in Eddy County, New Mexico.

And Chevron seeks to initially dedicate this spacing unit to the CBSE532 Federal Com 201H, $202 \mathrm{H}, 203 \mathrm{H}$, and 251H. And I'll note that the 202 H is a proximity well, so we're using proximity tracts to create the larger spacing in the unit in this case.

So in the hearing packet, we have included a copy of the application. We've provided the compulsory pooling checklist as well as the self-affirmed statements of landman Douglas Crawford and geologist Efren Mendez, both of whom have previously testified before the Division, and their credentials have been accepted as a matter of record.

Mr. Crawford's statement is Exhibit C and includes all of the required sub-exhibits, including the $C-102 s$, the land tract map, and uncommitted interest owners showing with an asterisk who is being pooled.

We have also included -- because there is a depth severance -- a vertical offset, so the interest owners in the vertical offset, we've provided a breakdown of the interest in that same sub-exhibit, which is Sub-Exhibit C2.

And then we have the sample well
proposal letter and AFEs, and that's followed by the chronology of contacts.

Then we have Mr. Mendez's statement, which is Exhibit $D$, and along with that, we have the project locator map, subsea structure map, cross-section map, and stratigraphic cross section.

And then we've also included the type log for the Chochiti 32C, which was used as a reference in depicting the portion of the Bone Spring for which we're pooling.

And so Mr. Mendez, he did not observe any faulting pinch-outs or other geologic impediments to the horizontal drilling of these wells.

And then last, we have my self-affirmed statement of notice with a sample of the notice letter that was sent timely on December 15, 2023, and also an affidavit of notice of publication, which was timely published on December 19, 2023.

And unless there are any questions, I would ask that the exhibits and sub-exhibits be admitted into the record and that this case be taken under advisement at this time.
(Exhibit A through Exhibit F were marked for identification.)

MR. CHAKALIAN: Can you pull up the
exhibits from early January? And then we'll deal with your supplemental Exhibit G.

So we have a request to admit into evidence Exhibits A, B, C, D, E, and F, and their subparts, and I don't hear --

MS. APODACA: Mr. Chakalian, your mic is off.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Thank you, Sheila.
We have a request to admit Exhibits A, B, C, D, E, and F, and their subparts into evidence. Is there any objection? Not hearing any. They are admitted into evidence.
(Exhibit A through Exhibit F were received into evidence.)

And now we go to the supplemental Exhibit G.
(Exhibit $G$ was marked for
identification.)
And is there an interjection to admitting Exhibit $G$ into evidence? Not hearing any. Exhibit $G$ is admitted into evidence, and we'll turn to our technical examiner.
(Exhibit $G$ was received into evidence.)
MS. THOMPSON: I have one question.
Just that notice -- and I may have been overlooking
it -- did you notify the State Land Office or the BLM on any of this?

MS. VANCE: Let me double check. And that's just with regards to the overlap?

MS. THOMPSON: Yes.
MS. VANCE: I am not sure, but I do have Mr . Crawford on the line, the landman. Let me look at the notice packet one more time.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Ms. Vance, if you need a few minutes to review, we can come back to this case after the next one.

MS. VANCE: That works for me. Thank you.

MR. CHAKALIAN: We will go off the record in Case 24095 for a little bit until Ms. Vance can research that question and maybe confer with her witness.

I'm going to call Tascosa Energy Partners, 24120 , No. 60 on our docket.

MS. MCLEAN: Good morning. Jackie McLean, on behalf of Tascosa Energy Partners.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Good morning, Ms. McLean. Are there any other parties in this case?

MS. MCLEAN: No, Mr. Examiner.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. And we're here

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for a hearing by affidavit?
MS. MCLEAN: That's correct.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Please proceed.
MS. MCLEAN: Thank you. In Case
No. 24120, Tascosa is seeking an order extending the deadline to commence drilling the well authorized by Order No. R22482 until January 12, 2025.

And that order had pooled all
uncommitted interest in the Bone Spring formation underlying a 639.65 acre more or less standard horizontal spacing unit comprised of the north half of Section 19, Township 20, Range 27 East, and the north half of Section 24, Township 20 South, Range 26 East in Eddy County, New Mexico, and designated Tascosa as the operator of the unit in the Le Mans 2419 State Com No. 301, 302, and 303 H wells.

And in this case, Tascosa is requesting that the Division extend the deadline to commence drilling the wells until January 12, 2025, because of delays due to an offset development and Tascosa's need to avoid potential conflicts with simultaneous drilling operations.

And the exhibit packet submitted to the Division for this case includes Exhibit A, which is the testimony of landman John Shoberg.

He has previously testified before the Division as an expert in petroleum matters, and attached to his testimony are the application and proposed notice of hearing and a copy of the order we're seeking to extend.

And then Exhibit B, notice testimony and related exhibits that includes a sample notice letter sent to the parties, a chart that sets out when the notice was sent to the interested parties and when we received the return, copies of the certified mail green cards and white slips, as well as an affidavit of publication that shows that we timely published on January 14, 2024.

And if there are any questions, I'm happy to answer them and ask that Exhibits $A$ and $B$ be admitted into the record and that Case No. 24120 be taken under advisement.
(Exhibit A and Exhibit $B$ were marked
for identification.)
MR. CHAKALIAN: Are there any objections to taking these exhibits into evidence? Not hearing any. They are admitted into evidence.
(Exhibit $A$ and Exhibit $B$ were received into evidence.)

Let's turn to our technical examiner.

MS. THOMPSON: I have no questions for this case. Thank you.

MS. MCLEAN: Thank you.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. So Ms. McLean, Exhibits A and B and their subparts are your only exhibits?

MS. MCLEAN: That's correct.
MR. CHAKALIAN: And I just want to make sure that the affidavits are in order. Give me one minute.

So there's only one affidavit from the witness John Shoberg?

MS. MCLEAN: Correct.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay.
MS. MCLEAN: That's correct.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. And I see he's been qualified as an expert before this Division, so thank you. This case will be taken under advisement.

MS. MCLEAN: Thank you.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Ms. Vance, have you had enough time, or would you like some more?

MS. VANCE: I'm prepared to answer the question.

MR. CHAKALIAN: You are ready.
MS. VANCE: Yes.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. Let's go back to 24095, and Ms. Vance?

MS. VANCE: So I would ask that this one also get continued to the $3 / 5$ special hearing to perfect notice to the State Land Office, if possible, on the overlap.

MR. CHAKALIAN: I don't see Sheila.
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: She's hiding
behind --
MR. CHAKALIAN: There you are. Sheila, Chevron is asking that Case 24095 be added to our little mini special docket. That is going to be virtual only --

MS. APODACA: Okay.
MR. CHAKALIAN: -- on March the 5th at
9 a.m. to perfect notice to the BLM and State Land Office both?

MS. VANCE: Just the State Land Office --

MR. CHAKALIAN: State Land Office.
MS. VANCE: -- because the existing spacing unit is on state lands.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Good catch. So is that possible?

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MS. APODACA: Yes --
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MR. CHAKALIAN: Very good. Then Case No. 24095 is not taken under advisement while we wait for Ms. Vance to perfect notice to the State Land Office, which we will hear on the 5th.

MS. VANCE: Thank you, Mr. Hearing Officer.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Thank you. We're now going to Case No. 61 on our docket, BTA Oil Producers. Entry of appearance?

MS. MCLEAN: Yes. Jackie McLean, on behalf of BTA Oil Producers.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Ms. McLean, and I don't see any other parties here. Are you ready for your hearing by affidavit?

MS. MCLEAN: Yes, Mr. Examiner.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. Please proceed.
MS. MCLEAN: Thank you. In Case
No. 24128, BTA applies for an order pooling all uncommitted interest in the Bone Spring formation underlying a 640 acre more or less standard horizontal spacing unit comprised of the south half of Sections 3 and 4, Township 23 South, Range 34 East, in Lea County, New Mexico.

And BTA seeks to dedicate this unit to the Bobwhite 2230443 Fed Com No. 1H, 2H, 3H, 4H, and

5H wells, and this is a proximity tract unit.
So the completed interval of the No. 2 H
well will be located within 330 feet of the quarter quarter section line separating the south half south half and north half south half of Sections 3 and 4 to allow for the creation of the 640-acre unit.

The exhibit packet that was submitted to the Division for Case No. 24128 includes a compulsory pooling checklist in Exhibit A, which is the land testimony of Adams Davenport, and he has testified previously as an expert in petroleum land matters.

And then we have all the related land exhibits, including the application, proposed notice, C-102s for the wells, a plot of tracts, pooled parties list, a law proposal letter, AFEs, and a summary of communications.

Then we have Exhibit B, geology testimony of Darin Dolezal, and he has also previously testified before the Division as an expert geologist. His attached geology exhibits include project location map, subsea structure map, stratigraphic cross section, and gross isopach maps.

And then Exhibit $C$, notice, testimony, and related notice exhibits, which includes a sample
notice letter that was sent to the parties, copies of the green cards and white slips, and an affidavit of publication for January 10, 2024.

And with that, $I$ ask that Exhibits A, $B$, and $C$ be admitted into the record and that Case 24128 be taken under advisement.
(Exhibit A, Exhibit B, and Exhibit C were marked for identification.)

Thank you, Ms. McLean. Exhibits A, B, C, and their subparts, is there any objection? Hearing none, they are so admitted.
(Exhibit A, Exhibit B, and Exhibit C were received into evidence.)

MR. CHAKALIAN: Ms. Thompson?
MS. THOMPSON: I have no questions for this case.

MS. MCLEAN: Thank you.
MR. CHAKALIAN: This case is going to be taken under advisement. Thank you, Ms. McLean.

Ms. Vance, going back to your two cases, I wanted to clear something up. This is Case 24015 and 24120 [sic].

MS. VANCE: That's not me. Do you mean 24095 and 24015?

MR. CHAKALIAN: I wrote down --

MS. THOMPSON: That should be 24015 and --

MR. CHAKALIAN: That's what I wrote. MS. THOMPSON: -- 24095.

MR. CHAKALIAN: That's what I wrote. Ms. Vance, I wrote down 24015, Mewbourne Oil, and 24120 -- no, 24095. Thank you.

MS. THOMPSON: Yes.
MR. CHAKALIAN: 24095, yes. That is what $I$ meant. And when $I$ remember the question, $I$ will ask you. We'll come back to it. Let's move on.

So we're moving on to Matador Production, No. 62 on our docket, 24129. Entries of appearance?

MS. VANCE: Paula Vance, with the Santa Fe office of Holland \& Hart, on behalf of MRC Hat Mesa LLC.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Thank you. And I don't see any other parties entering in this case, and this is a hearing by affidavit. So please proceed.

MS. VANCE: Thank you, Mr. Hearing Examiner.

So in Case No. 24129, MRC seeks pooling all uncommitted interests in the Wolfcamp formation. It's a Wildcat pool, so $I$ won't spell out all the
numbers associated with the pool name. But the pool code is 98033.

And that's underlying a standard 762.81-acre horizontal well spacing unit, and that's comprised of the west half of Section 6, Township 22 South, Range 33 East, and the west half of Section 31 in the southwest quarter of Section 30 , Township 21 South, Range 33 East. And that's in Lea County, New Mexico.

And MRC seeks to initially dedicate the spacing unit to the Paul Flowers State Com 205 H , and I would note that that is a proximity well utilizing proximity tracts creating the larger spacing unit.

In this case we have included a copy of the application in which we requested that Matador Production Company be the designated operator.

Sorry. I'm going to pause for a second because it looks like you might have a question. No? Okay. Just wanted to double --

We've also provided a copy of the compulsory pooling checklist as well as the self-affirmed statement of landman David Johns and then an affidavit for geologist Blake Herber, both of whom have previously testified before the Division, and their credentials have been accepted as a matter
of record.
Mr. Johns' statement is Exhibit C, and we've also included all of the standard landman sub-exhibits, including the $C-102$, the land tract map, a list of uncommitted interest work or uncommitted working interest owners that are highlighted, showing who we'd like to pool, and a list of the overwrites that we were seeking to pool, as well as sample well proposal with the AFEs and the chronology of contacts.

This is followed by Mr. Herber's
affidavit, which is Exhibit D. It includes the locator map, subsea structure map, and cross-section map, as well as the stratigraphic cross section.

In this case Mr. Herber did not observe any faulting, pinch-outs, or other geologic impediments to the horizontal drilling of this well. And then lastly is Exhibit E, a self-affirmed statement of notice and a sample copy of the notice letter that went out and was timely mailed on January 12, 2024; and Exhibit F, which is the affidavit of notice of publication, which was timely published on January 17, 2024.

And unless there are any questions, I would ask that the exhibits and sub-exhibits be admitted into the record and that the case be taken
under advisement at this time.
(Exhibit A through Exhibit F were marked for identification.)

MR. CHAKALIAN: Are there any
objections to taking $A, B, C, D, E$, and $F$, and their subparts into evidence? Not hearing any. They are so admitted.
(Exhibit A through Exhibit F were
received into evidence.)
Please proceed, Ms. Thompson.
MS. THOMPSON: I have no questions for this case.

MR. CHAKALIAN: And Ms. Vance, did you mention whether Mr. Johns and Herber had been qualified as experts before this Division?

MS. VANCE: They have --
MR. CHAKALIAN: Perfect.
MS. VANCE: -- and their credentials
have been accepted as a matter of record.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Thank you. This case will be taken under advisement, and we will move on to Strata Production. Looks like there's two cases that are being presented today for a hearing by affidavit, 24130, 24131.
Entry of appearance?

MS. SHAHEEN: Thank you, Mr. Examiner. Sharon Shaheen, Montgomery \& Andrews, on behalf of Strata Production.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Ms. Shaheen.
MS. SHAHEEN: In these two cases, 24130
and 24131 , Strata seeks to pool standard 320 -acre units, and in Case No. 24130, the south half of the north half of Sections 27 and 28, Township 23 South, Range 30 East. That spacing unit will be dedicated to Eeyore 2728 HEL Fed Com 2H.

In Case No. 24131, Strata seeks to pool a standard 320 -acre unit in the north half of the south half of Sections 27 and 28, 23 South, Range 30 East, and that spacing unit will be dedicated to the Eeyore 2728 ILL Fed Com 3H well.

We did submit two separate exhibit packages. Both of them are set up the same. The landman exhibit is Exhibit A, and Mr. Krakauskas has previously testified before the division and had his credentials accepted as a matter of record. We include the usual exhibits for the landman, A1 through A8.

The geologist affidavit is attached as Exhibit B. Mr. Kelley has likewise had his credentials admitted as an expert as a matter of
record, and we include the usual geologist exhibits, Exhibits B1 through B6.

And finally, in each package in both cases, we attach Exhibit $C$, which is my affirmation of notice.

I note that the only party that is being pooled here is $W P X$-- and they did receive notice by mail -- as well as BLM because these are federal leases.

With that, $I$ would ask that in Case No. 24130 that Exhibits $A, B$, and $C$ be admitted into their record along with their subparts and that Case No. 24130 be taken under advisement.
(Exhibit A, Exhibit B, and Exhibit C were marked for identification.)

MR. CHAKALIAN: Thank you, Ms. Shaheen. Are there any objections? Not hearing any. Exhibits A, B, C and their subparts are admitted into evidence.
(Exhibit A, Exhibit B, and Exhibit C were received into evidence.)

MR. CHAKALIAN: Ms. Thompson?
MS. THOMPSON: I have no questions for these cases.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay.
MS. SHAHEEN: Thank you. And in Case

No. 24131, I would also ask that Exhibits A, B, and C, and their subparts be admitted into the record and that Case No. 24131 be taken under advisement.
(Exhibit A, Exhibit B, and Exhibit C were marked for identification.) MR. CHAKALIAN: Are there any objections? Not hearing any. Exhibits A, B, and C, and their subparts are admitted into evidence.
(Exhibit A, Exhibit B, and Exhibit C were received into evidence.)

Ms. Thompson?
MS. THOMPSON: No questions.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Ms. Shaheen, both Cases
23130 and -- no, 24131 are taken under advisement. Thank you.

MS. SHAHEEN: Thank you.
MR. CHAKALIAN: We're now calling Case 24132, Mewbourne Oil Company.

MS. VANCE: Hello, again, Mr. Hearing Officer. Paula Vance, with the Santa Fe office of Holland \& Hart, on behalf of Mewbourne Oil Company.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Please proceed, Ms. Vance.

MS. VANCE: Thank you, Mr. Hearing
Examiner.

So in Case 24132, Mewbourne seeks approval of a non-standard overlapping 1280 acre more or less horizontal well spacing unit in the Bone Spring formation, and the pool name is the Tamano Bone Spring. And the pool code is 58040 .

And that's underlying Sections 23 and 24, Township 18 South, Range 31 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, and pooling all the uncommitted interest therein. And Mewbourne seeks to initially dedicate this spacing unit to the proposed Neato Bandito Fed Com 511H, 513H, 515H, and the 517H.

In this case, we have included a copy of the application. We've provided the compulsory pooling checklist as well as the self-affirmed statements of landman Ariana Rodrigues and geologist Charles Crosby, both of whom have previously testified before the Division, and their credentials have been accepted as a matter of record.

Ms. Rodrigues, her statement is Exhibit $C$ and includes all the requisite landman sub-exhibits, the $C-102$ land tract map, a list of the uncommitted interest owners, and she's highlighted and read those interest owners that we were seeking to pool as well as the sample well proposal and AFEs and a chronology of contacts.

And because we are seeking approval of the overlap, we've also included an overlap diagram to show the existing spacing unit in relation to the proposed spacing unit and then also an NSP diagram and a list of the noticed parties that we provided notice to for the NSP. And also in her statement is an explanation for the request for the NSP.

This is followed by Mr. Crosby's statement, which is Exhibit D, and includes a locator map, subsea structure, and cross section map, and then the stratigraphic cross section sub-exhibits in this case.

Mr. Crosby did not observe any faulting pinch-outs or other geologic impediments to the horizontal drilling of these wells.

And then lastly, we have Exhibit E, which is a self-affirmed statement of notice from myself followed by a copy sample of the notice letter that went out and was timely mailed on January 12, 2024, as well as the affidavit of notice of publication, which is Exhibit $F$ and was timely published on January 18, 2024.

And unless there are any questions, I would ask that the exhibits and sub-exhibits be admitted into the record and that this case be taken
under advisement at this time.
(Exhibit A through Exhibit $F$ were marked for identification.)

MR. CHAKALIAN: Are there any
objections to these exhibits being admitted into evidence? Not hearing any. Exhibit A, B, C, D, E, and $F$, and their subparts are admitted.
(Exhibit A through Exhibit $F$ were
received into evidence.)
Ms. Thompson?
MS. THOMPSON: Same questions as last time. So as far as notice, $I$ see that you didn't notify the BLM. I'm assuming they're the only ones affected by that overlap --

MS. VANCE: In terms of royalty
interest --
MS. THOMPSON: As far as royalty
interest owners? Okay.
And then the offset parties were also notified in that list of --

MS. VANCE: That's correct, and because, you know, different from the previous Mewbourne case, they --

MS. THOMPSON: Yes.
MS. VANCE: -- you'll see I have
separate notice letters --
MS. THOMPSON: Yes.
MS. VANCE: -- in Exhibit E. I'm happy
to walk through those really quick.
MS. THOMPSON: Can you, please?
MS. VANCE: Yes. So if you go to page 41, you'll see that that is notice of the hearing, and that's on page 41 of the PDF.

MS. THOMPSON: Okay.
MS. VANCE: And that's followed by the mailing report for the parties that received notice of the hearing for the overlap and NSP and the compulsory pooling.

This is followed by notice to just the operators of the wells for the existing spacing units, and that is on page 43 or starting on page 43. And there were two operators that we provided notice to because there were two existing spacing units.

And then lastly, we provided notice to the affected parties to the geographic offset that was a copy that was for both the approval of the overlap as well as the NSP -- the affected parties there, and that's on page 46.

And you'll see that the BLM was provided notice for both of those particular pieces of
the application as well as the other parties listed, which are the offsets to the proposed spacing unit.

MS. THOMPSON: I have no other
questions. Thank you.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Ms. Vance, this case will be taken under advisement.

And I did remember the question that I wanted to ask you in Case No. 24015 and 24095 , the two cases that we're going to hear March 5th at 9 a.m.

I didn't want you to misunderstand that we would be continuing those cases. I wanted to make sure that you understood that you should continue those cases to the March 5th special hearing docket.

MS. VANCE: Understood.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay.
MS. VANCE: We'll file the continuances.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Excellent. Thank you.
Okay. We are down to our last five cases. Case No. 66, Devon Energy. It looks like all these cases are Devon Energy.

Ms. Vance, are they all yours?
MS. VANCE: That's correct, Mr. Hearing Examiner, and I'm just making a quick note.

MR. CHAKALIAN: Sure. Go ahead. So

| 1 | I'm calling Case 24135, 24138, 24136, 24137, and |
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| 2 | 24139. |
| 3 | MS. VANCE: Hello, again, Mr. Hearing |
| 4 | Examiner. Paula Vance, with the Santa Fe office of |
| 5 | Holland \& Hart, on behalf of Devon. |
| 6 | MR. CHAKALIAN: And Ms. Vance, I don't |
| 7 | see any other parties entering an appearance in these |
| 8 | cases. |
| 9 | MS. VANCE: I don't believe that there |
| 10 | are any. |
| 11 | MR. CHAKALIAN: And they're all hearing |
| 12 | by affidavits? |
| 13 | MS. VANCE: That's correct. |
| 14 | MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. Very good. And |
| 15 | they're all the same Boll Weevil well name family. |
| 16 | And I wonder whether you could present |
| 17 | them all as a group, and then we can go through each |
| 18 | one and admit exhibits and go for questions. |
| 19 | MS. VANCE: Well, two of them are Bone |
| 20 | Spring, and three of them are Wolfcamp. So I thought |
| 21 | it might make sense to -- |
| 22 | MR. CHAKALIAN: Perfect. |
| 23 | MS. THOMPSON: Okay. |
| 24 | MR. CHAKALIAN: Sounds good. Thank |
| 25 | you. |
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MS. VANCE: So I'll start with the Bone Spring. So in Cases 24135 and 24138, Devon seeks to pool all uncommitted interest in the Bone Spring formation. Again, it's a Wildcat. I won't give you all the fun groups of letters and numbers, but the pool code is 96672.

And that's underlying acreage all in Township 26 South, Range 34 East, and that's in Lea County, New Mexico.

Specifically, in Case 24135, Devon seeks to pool a 235.99-acre standard horizontal spacing unit comprised of the west half west half of Section 27 and the northwest quarter northwest quarter in Lot 4 of Irregular Section 34 -- and that would be the west half northwest quarter equivalent -- and initially dedicate this spacing unit to the Boll Weevil Fed Com 1H.

And then in Case 24138, Devon seeks to pool a 235.93 -acre standard horizontal well spacing unit, and that's comprised of the east half of the west half of Section 27 and the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter in Lot 3 of Irregular Section 34 -- which would be the east half of the north quarter equivalent -- and initially dedicate this spacing unit to the Boll Weevil Fed Com 4H well.

In these cases, we have included a copy of the applications, provided the compulsory pooling checklist, as well as the self-affirmed statements of landman Daniel Brunsman and geologist Matthew Myer, both of whom have previously testified before the Division, and their credentials have been accepted as a matter of record.

So Mr. Brunsman's statement is Exhibit C. It includes the $C-102 s$, the land tract map, a list of uncommitted interest owners, and the parties we seek to pool -- which are highlighted in yellow -- a sample well proposal letter and AFEs, and a chronology of contacts.

This is followed by Mr. Myer's
statement, which is Exhibit D, and includes a locator map, a subsea structure and cross-section map, as well as an isopach map, and then a stratigraphic cross section, and a gun barrel diagram.

In these cases, Mr. Myer did not observe any faulting, pinch-outs, or other geologic impediments to the horizontal drilling of these wells.

And then we have Exhibit E, which is my self-affirmed statement of notice and a sample copy of the notice letter that was timely mailed on January 12, 2024, and Exhibit $F$, which is the notice of
publication or affidavit of notice of publication which was timely published on January 16, 2024.

And unless there are any questions, I would ask that all exhibits and sub-exhibits be admitted into the record and that the cases be taken under advisement at this time.
(Exhibit A through Exhibit $F$ were
marked for identification.)
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. Let's go case by case.

MS. VANCE: Sure.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Which case do you want to start?

MS. VANCE: Either is fine with me.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. So I'm looking at exhibits in Case No. 24135, and I see Exhibits A, B, C, D, E, and F.

Are there any objections to these exhibits being admitted into evidence? Not hearing any. They are so admitted.
(Exhibit A through Exhibit F were
received into evidence.)
I have a question for you. I was able to see that Daniel Brunsman had been accepted as an expert in the past, but has Matthew Myer been accepted

| 1 | as well? |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2 | MS. VANCE: Yes, he has. |
| 3 | MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. Ms. Thompson, |
| 4 | this specific case? |
| 5 | MS. THOMPSON: I have no questions for |
| 6 | this case. |
| 7 | MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. 24135 is |
| 8 | therefore taken under advisement. We now go to Case |
| 9 | No. 24138. |
| 10 | MS. VANCE: Yes. |
| 11 | MR. CHAKALIAN: Let me pull that one |
| 12 | up. And once again, I see Exhibits A, B, C, D, and E, |
| 13 | and $F$, and their subparts. |
| 14 | (Exhibit A through Exhibit F were |
| 15 | marked for identification.) |
| 16 | Are there any objections? Not hearing |
| 17 | any. They are so admitted. |
| 18 | (Exhibit A through Exhibit F were |
| 19 | received into evidence.) |
| 20 | Ms. Thompson? |
| 21 | MS. THOMPSON: I have no questions in |
| 22 | this case. |
| 23 | MR. CHAKALIAN: Okay. Ms. Vance, this |
| 24 | case, 24138, is taken under advisement. |
| 25 | And now were you going to present the |
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Cases 136, 137, and 139?
MS. VANCE: That's correct, Mr. Hearing
Examiner.
MR. CHAKALIAN: Go right ahead.
MS. VANCE: Okay. So in Cases 24136, 24137, and 24139, Devon seeks to pool all uncommitted interest in the Wolfcamp formation, and that's the Javelina Wolfcamp Southwest pool name. And then the pool code is 96776.

And that's underlying acreage in Township 26 South, Range 34 East, and that's in Lea County, New Mexico.

Specifically, in Case 24136, Devon seeks to pool a 235.99 -acre standard horizontal well spacing unit, and that's comprised of the west half west half of Section 27 and the northwest quarter northwest quarter in Lot 4 of Irregular Section 34 -- which would be the west half of the northwest quarter equivalent -- and initially dedicate this spacing unit to the Boll Weevil Fed Com 2H.

Then in Case 24137, Devon seeks to pool a 235.93-acre standard horizontal well spacing unit, and that's comprised of the east half of the west half of Section 27 in the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter in Lot 3 of Irregular Section

34 -- which is the east half of the northwest quarter equivalent -- and initially dedicate this spacing unit to the Boll Weevil Fed Com 3H.

And then in Case 24139, Devon seeks to pool a 235.87 -acre standard horizontal well spacing unit, and that's comprised of the west half of the east half of Section 27 and the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter in Lot 2 of Irregular Section 34 -- which is the west half of the northeast quarter equivalent -- and initially dedicate this spacing unit to the Boll Weevil Fed Com 5H, 6H, and 10 H .

And I will note that the $3 \mathrm{H}, 5 \mathrm{H}$, and $10 H$ are at a nonstandard location. They encroach 330 feet. However, the ownership is uniform, and so Devon has filed a C-103 attesting to that. And that's been communicated to the technical examiner, Mr. Lowe.

So in these cases, we have included a copy of the application, provided the compulsory pooling checklist, as well as the self-affirmed statements of landman Daniel Brunsman and geologist Matthew Myer, both of whom have previously testified before the Division, and their credentials have accepted as a matter of record.

Mr. Brunsman's statement is Exhibit C and includes the C-102s, the land tract map, a list of
uncommitted interest owners with the parties to be pooled highlighted in yellow, and then a sample copy of the well proposal and AFEs as well as the chronology of contacts.

And then this is followed by Mr. Myer's statement, which is Exhibit D, and includes the locator map, the subsea structure and cross-section map, as well as an isopach map, the stratigraphic cross section, and a gun barrel diagram.

And in these cases, Mr. Myer did not observe any faulting, pinch-outs, or other geologic impediments to the horizontal drilling of these wells.

And then lastly, we have Exhibit E, which is the self-affirmed statement of notice from myself with a sample copy of the notice that was timely mailed on January 12, 2024, and then Exhibit F, which is the affidavit of notice of publication which was timely published on January 16, 2024.

And unless there are any questions, I would ask that the exhibits and sub-exhibits be admitted into the record and that these cases be taken under advisement at this time.
(Exhibit A through Exhibit F were marked for identification.)

MR. CHAKALIAN: I'll start with Case
24136. Any objections to the exhibits in this case? Not hearing any. Exhibits $A, B, C, D, E$, and $F$, and their subparts are admitted into evidence.
(Exhibit A through Exhibit F were
received into evidence.)
Ms. Thompson?
MS. THOMPSON: No questions.
MR. CHAKALIAN: This case is taken under advisement.

Let me make my way to the next case. That would be 24137. In this case, I see Exhibits A, B, C, D, E, and $F$, and subparts.
(Exhibit A through Exhibit F were
marked for identification.)
Are there any objections? Not hearing any. These exhibits are so admitted.
(Exhibit A through Exhibit F were
received into evidence.)
Ms. Thompson?
MS. THOMPSON: No questions.
MR. CHAKALIAN: This case will be taken under advisement.

And the last case of the day, 24139, I see exhibits $A, B, C, D, E$, and $F$. I see the same landman and geologist experts.


I, JAMES COGSWELL, the officer before whom
the foregoing proceedings were taken, do hereby certify that any witness(es) in the foregoing proceedings, prior to testifying, were duly sworn; that the proceedings were recorded by me and thereafter reduced to typewriting by a qualified transcriptionist; that said digital audio recording of said proceedings are a true and accurate record to the best of my knowledge, skills, and ability; that I am neither counsel for, related to, nor employed by any of the parties to the action in which this was taken; and, further, that $I$ am not a relative or employee of any counsel or attorney employed by the parties hereto, nor financially or otherwise interested in the outcome of this action.


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Notary Public in and for the State of New Mexico

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