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1 PROCEEDINGS 2 THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right. Good morning. It is 8:30 on August 26th. This is the 3 regular docket of the Oil Conservation Division. And 4 5 before I start calling the cases on our docket, our technical examiner, John Garcia, who leads our 6 technical team, has an announcement for the parties in 8 the room. Mr. Garcia. 9 MR. GARCIA: Thank you. I just wanted to remind all the parties and all counsel and any 10 11 operators in the room, back on July 9th, OCD released 12 an announcement for upgrades to the C-104, C-105, and 13 the C-102 forms. Those upgrades went into effect 14 August 1st. And after August 1st, the 102 is to be 15 used in all submissions, APDs, hearings, NSLs, et 16 cetera. Reviewing the exhibits of today's docket, the majority of the cases did not use the new 102. 17 accept them today, but I believe next docket would be 18 19 my start of objecting or continuing cases, whichever 20 is the best method due to using, you know, the old version of 102, which is no longer valid. 2.1 That's all 22 I have. 23 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you, 2.4 Mr. Garcia. Before we begin, are there any questions? 25 MS. MCLEAN: I have a question.

1	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Ms. McLean.
2	MS. MCLEAN: Mr. Garcia, it was my
3	understanding that we could keep using the old form
4	102 if the case had been pending before August 1st.
5	Would you like us to start using the new form for
6	those older cases as well?
7	MR. GARCIA: When you say pending, like
8	if it's been submitted for a while or the case has
9	been on the docket for a while?
10	MS. MCLEAN: The case has been on the
11	docket.
12	MR. GARCIA: I would prefer the new 102
13	being used, because we released it on July 9th. The
14	notice with an effective date of August 1st per
15	management. And engineering has been rejecting these
16	for other submissions we get. We have done some VWA
17	with, like, APDs that are pending before the BLM. So
18	I guess we might need to talk offline about your guys'
19	unique situations. But we would prefer to be one of
20	two speeds as much as possible.
21	MS. MCLEAN: Okay.
22	MR. GARCIA: Basically, they're more
23	geared towards horizontal wells. They're probably
24	long overdue, but they have more horizontal well
25	information on them.

1	MS. MCLEAN: Thank you.
2	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So Ms. McLean,
3	are you suggesting that with the application you filed
4	C-102?
5	MS. MCLEAN: No, we typically just
6	attach them as exhibits for the hearing, but we
7	will just only tell the clients the new one from now
8	on.
9	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So you can
10	submit an amended exhibit packet with a cover letter
11	showing that you changed those C-102 to the new one
12	and then Freya will remove the old exhibit packet if
13	that's applicable. Does that sound okay, Mr. Garcia?
14	MR. GARCIA: That'd be preferred.
15	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right.
16	Sounds good. Is there anything further on the C-102s
17	from anyone?
18	MS. BRADFUTE: Mr. Hearing examiner.
19	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Yes.
20	MS. BRADFUTE: Mr. Hearing Examiner and
21	Mr. Garcia, if you have a pooling application that
22	relates to a federal well where the plat that was used
23	before the BLM is on an old C-102, form, should the
24	applicant for the pooling case just use a new C-102,
25	or should they use the C-102 that was submitted with
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1	their APD to BLM?
2	MR. GARCIA: I would prefer the 102 for
3	the hearing packet, but the APD will accept whatever
4	was submitted to BLM.
5	MS. BRADFUTE: Okay.
6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And that's with
7	a lot of multiple operators. Most operators
8	understand the point pretty easily and again, they
9	just let it horizontal vulnerable. They're only, I
10	think, one or two operators that had questions, but
11	for the most part we be using the new 102 for for all
12	submissions.
13	MS. BRADFUTE: Great. Thank you so
14	much.
15	THE HEARING EXAMINER: No problem.
16	Mr. Garcia, anything further on the C-102s?
17	MR. GARCIA: I believe that's it.
18	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right.
19	Thank you, sir. I'm calling case number 24416 E.G.L.
20	Resources. Ms. Hardy, state your name.
21	MS. HARDY: Good morning, Mr. Examiner
22	Dana Hardy with Hinkle Shanor on E.G.L. Resources.
23	MR. FELDEWERT: Good morning,
24	Mr. Examiner. Michael Feldewert, Santa Fe office of
25	Holland & Hart appearing on behalf of EOG Resources,

1	Inc. Then I'm appearing on behalf of MRC Permian
2	Company. And then finally, I'm appearing on behalf of
3	XTO Energy, Inc., who I believe in the pooling
4	exhibits would be identified as Mobile Producing Texas
5	and New Mexico, Inc.
6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you.
7	Okay, Ms. Hardy, since it's your case, how do you want
8	to proceed?
9	MS. HARDY: Mr. Examiner, we did timely
10	file our exhibits last Thursday and the XTO submitted
11	an objection after that. But it's my understanding
12	that now XTO and E.G.L. have reached an agreement
13	under which XTO's entity, which is Mobile, will not be
14	pooled. And XTO is withdrawing its objection to
15	presentation by affidavit. So I'd like to present
16	this case by affidavit today. And if that's
17	acceptable, it's fine if it could be moved to that
18	docket or we can do it now. Either way.
19	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Mr. Feldewert,
20	which of your clients filed an objection?
21	MR. FELDEWERT: XTO Energy, Inc.
22	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Only?
23	MR. FELDEWERT: Only.
24	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. And have
25	you filed a withdrawal objection?

1	MR. FELDEWERT: I did not get a chance
2	to do that before the hearing today, but Ms. Hardy is
3	correct. If they are okay with removing Mobile
4	Producing Texas and New Mexico Inc. from the pooled
5	party list, then we are withdrawing our objection.
6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
7	Mr. Garcia, will you send me a teams chat and let me
8	know whether you are able to review these exhibits?
9	We have a verbal withdrawal of objection. And if
10	you're able to review these exhibits, then I will move
11	this case to the end of today's docket. Aha. Okay.
12	Mr. Garcia says he's already reviewed the exhibits.
13	So we will move 24416 to the end of our docket and we
14	will hear it at that time, Ms. Hardy.
15	MS. HARDY: Thank you very much.
16	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So it'll be a
17	hearing by affidavit and Mr. Feldewert, will you file
18	a withdrawal objection?
19	MR. FELDEWERT: Yes, sir.
20	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Thank
21	you. We're in recess on 24416. I'm calling 24679,
22	24680, and 24681, Tap Rock Operating. Enter
23	appearances please.
24	JENNIFER BRADFUTE: Mr. Hearing
25	Examiner, this is Jennifer Bradfute on behalf of the
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1	applicant, Tap Rock Operating LLC, in all three cases.
2	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you.
3	MR. FELDEWERT: Good morning,
4	Mr. Examiner. Michael Feldewert with the Santa Fe
5	office of Holland & Hart on behalf of MRC Permian
6	Company and we are only in cases 24679 and 24680.
7	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you.
8	MS. KESSLER: Good morning,
9	Mr. Examiner. Jordan Kessler on behalf of EOG
10	Resources, Inc.
11	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Good morning.
12	MS. RYAN: Good morning, Mr. Examiner.
13	Beth Ryan on behalf of COG operating and Concho Oil &
14	Gas.
15	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Good morning.
16	MR. HOLLIDAY: Good morning,
17	Professor Examiner. Ben Holliday on behalf of
18	Cimarex.
19	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I'm sorry,
20	Mr. Holliday, you're representing who?
21	MR. HOLLIDAY: Cimarex.
22	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. It's hard
23	to hear you. Cimarex. I got it. Okay, Ms. Bradfute,
24	these are your cases. How do you want to proceed?
25	MS. BRADFUTE: Yes. Thank you,
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1	Mr. Examiner. So prior to today's hearing date, Tap
2	Rock Operating had agreed to a continuance with
3	Cimarex. Cimarex has issued competing proposal
4	letters to the parties within the unit. And Tap Rock
5	Operating has received those proposal letters and is
6	under the understanding that applications from Cimarex
7	are forthcoming, but we have not yet seen those. So
8	we mutually agreed with Cimarex to a continuance to
9	the October 31st docket.
10	Cimarex's attorney, Mr. Holliday, did
11	file and pay for the motions to continue these three
12	cases. We asked for the October 24th hearing date,
13	which I understand has been vacated. And so, there
14	was a request to update the continuance date to the
15	31st and Mr. Holliday was working on getting
16	submissions over to Freya.
17	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
18	Ms. Bradfute, I think the issue with the motions for
19	continuance was that at first the document was
20	received without a certification of service. Then the
21	document received subsequent, had no signature on it,
22	so we weren't able to accept the continuation, but now
23	I understand. Do any of the other parties so Mr.
24	Holliday, you submitted the documents. Are the
25	positions of all of these parties on your document?

1	MR. HOLLIDAY: Yes, sir. And I spoke
2	with Ms. Tschantz this morning and let her know that
3	we'll be resubmitting those applications for with
4	the proper signature and service.
5	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay, sounds
6	good. As soon as we receive that, we can move this to
7	the October 31st docket. But Ms. Bradfute, I mean,
8	these are your cases. I know that we have competing
9	applications coming. So, Mr. Holliday, when would
10	those be filed in the future. I would have to check
11	with Cimarex. They haven't given me a timeline yet.
12	I would anticipate within the month.
13	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And you're
14	anticipating that because of the 30-day time between
15	the proposal letter and the filing?
16	MR. HOLLIDAY: Yes, sir.
17	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. And
18	Ms. Bradfute, when did you receive those proposals?
19	MS. BRADFUTE: Yeah, approximately two
20	weeks ago, Mr. Examiner.
21	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I see. So in
22	two weeks from now Cimarex could file, if they choose
23	to.
24	MS. BRADFUTE: That is my
25	understanding.

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1	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And here we are,
2	let's see, 22nd. So we're looking at early September.
3	And then Freya, if you received we have only one
4	docket the 12th of September; is that right?
5	MS. TSCHANTZ: Yes, that's correct.
6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So they would be
7	put on the October 3rd docket for a status conference?
8	MS. TSCHANTZ: That is the next docket,
9	yes.
10	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And I'm assuming
11	you're going to want these cases joined; is that right
12	Mr. Holliday?
13	MR. HOLLIDAY: Yes, sir.
14	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And Ms.
15	Bradfute, you wouldn't have an objection to joining
16	these cases, would you?
17	MS. BRADFUTE: No, we would not.
18	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right. And
19	Ms. Bradfute, do you anticipate that the parties will
20	negotiate their way out of a contested hearing or do
21	you think there will be a contested hearing?
22	MS. BRADFUTE: Right now, the parties
23	would like to negotiate their way out of a contested
24	hearing. That is my understanding from correspondence
25	that Tap Rock has received earlier this week from
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1	Cimarex.
2	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And when did you
3	file these cases, Ms. Bradfute?
4	MS. BRADFUTE: These cases were filed
5	in June. I apologize. I don't have the exact date of
6	the filing in front of me, but I believe it was June.
7	And I can find it, if you give me just a moment.
8	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I'll be happy
9	to.
10	MS. BRADFUTE: Thank you. They were
11	filed on June 14th, Mr. Examiner.
12	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right. So
13	it's been two months now. And has there been a
14	continuance in your cases, Ms. Bradfute, since they
15	were filed?
16	MS. BRADFUTE: Yes, there was one prior
17	continuance filed by COG Operating.
18	THE HEARING EXAMINER: When you say COG
19	filed the continuance, they're your cases, so I don't
20	quite understand what you mean.
21	MS. BRADFUTE: That's right. They were
22	the first to file the continuance with COG Operating,
23	but there was one prior continuance filed in my cases.
24	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay, but your
25	position on that was that you so was it a joint

1	continuance?
2	MS. BRADFUTE: It was an unopposed
3	Motion for Continuance.
4	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right.
5	Okay. So we're having another continuance today. The
6	next time we hear this case on October 31st will be
7	the final status conference. There won't be any more
8	time for negotiation at that point?
9	MS. BRADFUTE: Yes. Understood.
10	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. And would
11	the parties, since there are so many parties here,
12	would the parties confer on a November contested
13	hearing date?
14	MS. BRADFUTE: Yes, Mr. Examiner.
15	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Very
16	good. And Freya, do you have any dates that we would
17	propose for a contested hearing in November?
18	MS. TSCHANTZ: Yes. One moment.
19	THE HEARING EXAMINER: We're going to
20	give the parties some dates to discuss.
21	MS. TSCHANTZ: And I believe we have
22	two contested hearing dates already scheduled in
23	November, but we wanted to stack those so that we
24	would have four dockets in November. Those dates
25	would be November 5th and November 20th.

1	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. I heard
2	November 5th and November 20th; is that right?
3	MS. TSCHANTZ: Yes.
4	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. So
5	Ms. Bradfute, we have available November 5th and
6	November 20th to choose from. If the parties are not
7	ready for a status conference on those dates, the
8	cases will be dismissed, and you can refile them after
9	your negotiations are complete. So, Mr. Holliday,
10	we're going to wait for legally sufficient pleadings
11	and then we will move the cases. Now, I'm confused
12	about one thing, Mr. Holliday. Which is your case,
13	the Cimarex case, or do you not have a case?
14	MR. HOLLIDAY: We have not filed our
15	own application yet. We objected
16	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I see. So
17	you're paying for another party's continuance?
18	MR. HOLLIDAY: We just want to be good
19	neighbors.
20	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay, well
21	that's .
22	MR. HOLLIDAY: Yes, sir, we did.
23	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. I wasn't
24	aware that parties did that for each other, but that's
25	interesting. Okay. So, Freya, when you get the
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1	pleading would you then approve the continuances to
2	the October 31st docket, and we'll mark it a final
3	status conference?
4	MS. TSCHANTZ: Yes, I will.
5	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right.
6	Thank you very much. We're in recess on these cases
7	unless there's something else from any of the parties.
8	Not hearing anything.
9	MS. BRADFUTE: No. Thank you,
10	Mr. Examiner.
11	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you
12	Ms. Bradfute. Okay, I'm moving now to 24721 and
13	24736, Cimarex and Pride. Enter parties, please.
14	MR. SAVAGE: Darin Savage with Abadie
15	and Schill appearing on behalf of Cimarex Energy
16	Company.
17	MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, Jim Bruce on
18	behalf of Pride Energy.
19	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Good morning,
20	sir. So Mr. Savage, are these competing cases?
21	MR. SAVAGE: Yes, sir. These are the
22	competing cases for the creation of Wolfbone and
23	they're related to the previous cases. And there are
24	some issues here that we probably should talk about.
25	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Sounds good. I
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1	thought we were going to list these as this is an
2	extension of the contested hearing we had, is it not?
3	MR. SAVAGE: Yes, this is we had a
4	contested hearing on the ruling applications.
5	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Right. And that
6	was July 23rd?
7	MR. SAVAGE: Mr. Bruce, do you
8	remember?
9	MR. BRUCE: Well, it was last year,
LO	Mr. Examiner. The pooling case resulted in the
L1	decision by the division to require a rule for a pool
_2	and I filed my application in this case a little over
L3	a month ago.
L4	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Based on
L5	the information that Mr. Bruce just gave me, I need to
L6	look this up. Give me a minute please. I thought
L7	that we had a hearing on this, July 23rd, and that we
L8	were coming back for some notice issues. But if
L9	that's not right, I need to figure it out.
20	MR. BRUCE: Notice has not been given
21	as to either of these cases yet, because they are
22	anticipated to be continued further down the road.
23	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. So
24	Mr. Savage, recently we had a contested hearing on
25	creating a special pool.

1	MR. SAVAGE: We did.
2	THE HEARING EXAMINER: This is not that
3	case?
4	MR. SAVAGE: That was for resources
5	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Yes.
6	MR. SAVAGE: regarding Cimarex. And
7	that was August 13th.
8	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. So these
9	are cases that have not gone to a hearing yet?
10	MR. SAVAGE: They have not. They're
11	very related to, you know, the creation of the
12	Wolfbone in those other cases.
13	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. So
14	Mr. Savage, where are we with your case? Why are we
15	having a status conference today?
16	MR. SAVAGE: It did surprise me a
17	little bit that was on the docket, but there are some
18	issues that need to be addressed. So we did a
19	Wolfbone application. There was a notice issue that
20	came up last time regarding what pools and formations
21	need to be referenced to satisfy notice. And that was
22	one of the big issues. The other issue was the scope
23	of the case and my application has some references
24	back to the previous pooling application, and it asked
25	for approval of that pooling application. Mr. Bruce

1	is, and he can speak for his application, but it is a
2	little bit leaner. So it looks like it conforms a
3	little bit better to the scope that was discussed in
4	the last hearing.
5	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Give me a
6	minute here. So we received your original filing on
7	July 9. And we received a continuance that was
8	approved. Why did you continue the case?
9	MR. SAVAGE: For the Wolfbone
10	application, Pride and Cimarex, counsel was in
11	discussion about how to proceed on this. We were
12	looking at the order and how to proceed. And we
13	needed some additional time as I remember it.
14	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
15	MR. BRUCE: And Mr. Examiner, I believe
16	the filing date for my application missed the original
17	August hearing. And so, mine was originally set for
18	this hearing.
19	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I understand.
20	I'm going to take a look at the order in this case. I
21	know we have Mr. Garcia here, but I still want to look
22	at the order. Okay. Looks like we have a final order
23	issued April 8, in your underlying case. I think that
24	was 23295, Mr. Savage; is that right?
25	MR. SAVAGE: Yes sir. I believe that's
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1	correct. I don't have it in front of me, but I agree
2	with that.
3	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Let's see
4	if I can take a look at the copy of this order here.
5	Looks like you filed, no, Mr. Bruce filed, and this is
6	in your case. Gives notice of its intent to submit a
7	proposal for a special Wolfbone pool in the area
8	subject to order R23132. Pride intends to confer with
9	Cimarex in an effort to reach agreement on the
10	Wolfbone pool proposal to avoid submission of
11	competing proposals. If possible, streamline the
12	Hasten Rizzo. But there are competing proposals now,
13	is that right?
14	MR. SAVAGE: Yes. And and that was
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1	similarities between the cases. Before I go to you,
2	Mr. Bruce, let me think a little further on this. So
3	one way or another you are going to apply, or you have
4	applied for you have competing proposals to apply
5	for a Wolfbone special pool and now you're trying to
6	decide if you can get together on the issues and file
7	a joint?
8	MR. BRUCE: Yes, sir.
9	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right. A
10	joint case where you're not competing any longer.
11	Yours was filed July, last month. And Mr. Bruce,
12	yours was filed what, right after Cimarex's?
13	MR. BRUCE: That is correct, sir.
14	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right. So
15	where are you in your negotiations?
16	MR. SAVAGE: Well, there there's a
17	number of items that we liked.
18	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I'll deal with
19	the notice issue in just a moment, but and I can
20	deal with that because I've discussed with technical.
21	MR. SAVAGE: So counsel conferred
22	yesterday. And one of the questions we have, we may
23	want to we both have different allocation formulas
24	in those applications. That's the only matter that
25	really would be at issue in a competing situation. So

1	we discussed, you know, putting those allocation
2	formulas in the pooling application that would be
3	filed after that. And that way we could file these
4	and have a clean Wolfbone.
5	We don't see, and obviously I don't,
6	and Mr. Bruce can talk to this, but we didn't discuss
7	not seeing anything in the rules that would prohibit
8	moving the allocation formula into the pooling
9	application. But we would possibly like some feedback
10	if that that is something that the OCD would accept.
11	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right, let's
12	deal with the notice issue first and then I'll go to
13	Mr. Garcia to answer if he wants to, your question
14	just now. In the hearing we had a few weeks ago, the
15	issue was how far out did you need to provide notice?
16	In that case, there were four sections under creation
17	of the special pool. And the parties had agreed that
18	notice would be provided, one mile outside of those
19	four sections. So therefore, it would be a 16-section
20	area of notice. And I think the technical division,
21	reading
22	Freya, can you mute whatever is making
23	that noise? Thank you. I think the technical
24	examiner was unsure of how the rule was written,
25	whether you needed to provide more notice than that.

1	I spoke with the technical team and we're going to go
2	by the more restrictive notice. So the notice that
3	you provided, in the area you provided, is the way we
4	will go in the future. The problem with the notice
5	last time was, of course, the second pool was not
6	noticed. And I know that you have fixed that. And I
7	think we'll hear those cases today or that case today.
8	Is that right Mr. Savage? It's your case.
9	MR. SAVAGE: Which case?
10	THE HEARING EXAMINER: The case that we
11	continued because notice needed to be perfected.
12	MR. SAVAGE: No, that we're
13	submitting the joint application on the 27th.
14	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
15	MR. SAVAGE: Along with the amended
16	hearing packet.
17	THE HEARING EXAMINER: But we issued a
18	notice, the division issued a notice with the
19	corrected legal description, and noticed it on our
20	website. So that 20-day period, would that not be
21	cured now?
22	MR. SAVAGE: I would have to look at
23	that. I'm not I don't I'm not sure if I
24	understand the details of that.
25	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. So either
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1	way that case will come back in several more weeks.
2	MR. SAVAGE: That is correct.
3	THE HEARING EXAMINER: After you've
4	mailed out your notice and published your notice.
5	Okay. All right. So that's not on our docket today.
6	Okay. All right. So that answers one of your
7	questions; right? Mr. Bruce, do you have a question
8	about what I said or are you clear about that?
9	MR. BRUCE: I'm clear about it. Thank
10	you.
11	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Excellent.
12	Excellent. And Mr. Bruce, we didn't have you at the
13	hearing a week or two ago where this issue first came
14	up. But is your legal interpretation of the rule and
15	a special pool creation similar?
16	MR. BRUCE: Yes. From what Mr. Savage
17	told, really no issues with giving notice. So I'm
18	pretty sure I understand the ins and outs. Thank you.
19	Mr. FELDEWERT: Mr. Examiner.
20	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Yeah.
21	MR. FELDEWERT: I think my colleague
22	Adam Rankin was at that hearing.
23	THE HEARING EXAMINER: He was.
24	MR. FELDEWERT: For what it's worth, we
25	totally agree with your interpretation of the rule.

1	That's been our understanding for quite some time.
2	And that is the area of interest, plus one mile.
3	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Perfect.
4	MR. FELDEWERT: So appreciate the
5	clarification.
6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: By all means.
7	Thank you. All right. So Mr. Savage, now you have a
8	question for our technical examiner. Mr. Garcia, do
9	you have an answer for Mr. Savage at this time?
10	MR. GARCIA: Yeah, I have a preferred
11	path forward. I would prefer to hear the special pool
12	as just the special pool, you know, geology,
13	reservoir, engineering dock, vertical extent,
14	horizontal extent. The problem Mr. Savage, with adding
15	allocation front list to special pools is keep in mind
16	any operator who drills in that pool in the future, or
17	near to that pool in the future can request amendments
18	to pools, extending them, contracting them, deleting
19	them, et cetera.
20	I don't know if you want to merge or
21	compulsory pooling allocation methods with a special
22	pool order that can be amended in the future for
23	various reasons. So that's my preferred method is why
24	we wanted them separate. I just don't want to blur
25	compulsory pooling with special polls.

1	MR. SAVAGE: So if I understand that
2	correctly, then it would be appropriate to put the
3	allocation formula into compulsory pooling and have it
4	as part of that and have it completely separate from
5	the Wolfbone application?
6	MR. GARCIA: I think it'd be cleaner,
7	and it'd be preferred. You know, we don't get pool
8	requests often in a hearing. I think we have two in
9	my backlog that I got to review, you know, which are
10	requesting, you know, expansions, contractions, and
11	for vertical wells, which is not common anymore,
12	allowables, how much the well is to produce. So I
13	just I guess maybe third bullet, down the line your
14	compulsion point may get amended for non-compulsory
15	pooling reasons.
16	MR. SAVAGE: Okay. So are you saying
17	there would be an issue with putting our allocation
18	formula in compulsory pooling?
19	MR. GARCIA: No, you could do it in
20	pooling. Just let's not do it to the pool.
21	MR. SAVAGE: Okay. The pool creation.
22	Yes, I agree with that. So that sounds like we can do
23	a clean creation of Wolfbone pool. That would be a
24	clean canvas on which we can then submit competing
25	applications that would create the unit to the

1	specifications of the competing applications.
2	MR. GARCIA: Perfect.
3	MR. SAVAGE: Thank you.
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	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Mr. Savage, I
5	didn't understand what you just said and I'm not sure
6	what you really meant by that. But I think Mr. Garcia
7	is saying when it comes to the application for the
8	special pool, we don't want to see the allocation of
9	production interests as a condition or a factor in
10	that. Now once the special pool is created, when you
11	submit your competing pooling applications there, I
12	think he's saying it's applicable.
13	MR. SAVAGE: I agree with that.
14	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Mr. Garcia, did
15	I get that right?
16	MR. GARCIA: Correct.
17	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay, good.
18	We'll put a note in these cases. So Mr. Savage,
19	Mr. Bruce, when are we going to hearing?
20	MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, originally
21	was going to try in mid October, but it sounds like
22	both Mr. Savage and I either file new applications or
23	file a joint application simply for pool creation.
24	And so, we could work on that over the next couple of
25	weeks. It would probably still be in October, but it
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1	would go to a regular hearing.
2	THE HEARING EXAMINER: When you say "a
3	regular hearing date," do you mean a regular docket?
4	MR. BRUCE: Yes, because what we would
5	want previously was a special hearing docket, like on
6	October October 14th, unless you guys want
7	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. I'm not
8	catching everything you say, but I think I heard you
9	say we have these cases set on an October 14th special
10	docket?
11	MR. BRUCE: Preliminarily, yes. We
12	have spoken with the division about consolidating them
13	for a contested hearing date in October.
14	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Mr. Savage, do
15	we have a pre-hearing order in this case? Should I
16	look for a we do have wait, are you nodding,
17	yes, we have one or not?
18	MS. TSCHANTZ: Mr. Hearing examiner,
19	I'm informally holding October 15th as a possible date
20	for a contested hearing.
21	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Did you say 15
22	or 14?
23	MS. TSCHANTZ: The 15th.
24	THE HEARING EXAMINER: 1-5. Okay. So
25	Mr. Bruce and Mr. Savage, we have a date of October
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1	15th for a special hearing. Now, obviously if you
2	submit a joint application and there's not going to be
3	an allocation formula, maybe it doesn't need to be a
4	contested hearing.
5	MR. SAVAGE: Could that be done just
6	administratively as a submission and
7	THE HEARING EXAMINER: That, I don't
8	know. Mr. Garcia.
9	MR. GARCIA: Full creations have to
10	come through a hearing, I believe.
11	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Perfect, thank
12	you. But we could add that to a regular docket and
13	almost hear it by affidavit, in other words. When
14	will I need to put some sort of limit on this. You
15	said it'd take a couple more weeks to negotiate a
16	joint submission, Mr. Savage and Mr. Bruce?
17	MR. SAVAGE: Yes.
18	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
19	MR. SAVAGE: And then we would have to
20	send out notice, satisfy notice on all that. And we'd
21	submit the application and we'd have to do the notice
22	procedures.
23	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Haven't the
24	parties already done their notice for their individual
25	applications?

1	MR. BRUCE: I have not.
2	MR. SAVAGE: I have not.
3	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Oh, is that not
4	done at the application stage?
5	MR. SAVAGE: It's done. We have 20
6	days before the hearing and 10 business days for
7	publication notice. So if we get a date such as we
8	get on October 15th, then often we will, you know,
9	manage that case and notice at a later time. It's
10	still satisfy notice.
11	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I see. But when
12	you file a case with the division, I feel like I'm
13	learning. I feel like it's day one for me and I feel
14	like I'm learning everything new. When you file a
15	case with the division and you don't know it's
16	contested at that point and you're hoping for a
17	hearing by affidavit, wouldn't you have to notice
18	that?
19	MR. SAVAGE: So when you file an
20	application, you file it 30 days before, so you have
21	your docket set.
22	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Sure.
23	MR. SAVAGE: So then you have to do
24	notice within that window, that tight window of 30
25	days.

1	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Yes.
2	MR. SAVAGE: So you would send out your
3	letter notice within 20 days in publication. So it's
4	a much faster it doesn't allow for any flexibility,
5	but if you have a contested hearing based on filed
6	applications, then you set a date, at a later date,
7	and then you have some flexibility.
8	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I see. So in
9	other words, you knew that this would be contested, so
LO	you didn't do notice. That's what you're saying?
L1	MR. SAVAGE: That's correct.
L2	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Now I
L3	understand. That makes sense. Okay. Well, I don't
L4	know that we're having a contested hearing because the
L5	parties don't know whether they can work out their
L6	differences and file a joint. But I'm going to give
L7	you a deadline. So we'll go two weeks from today.
L8	And I'm going to consider the holiday and add some
L9	days there, too. So give me a minute here. Let's go
20	with the Monday after the first week in September.
21	That would be the 9th. The parties have until the 9th
22	to file a joint pooling application, special pooling,
23	special pool creation application. If the parties
24	file it on the 9th, then you'll do your notice
25	appropriately and we'll put it on a regular docket

1	sometime in October.
2	We have three dockets in October, so
3	you have plenty of room here. If the parties don't
4	file it by the 9th, then I'm expecting that we're
5	going to issue a pre-hearing order and we will have a
6	contested hearing on the 15th, the date Freya
7	mentioned, of October. Anything further on these two
8	cases?
9	MR. SAVAGE: No. sir. Thank you.
10	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you.
11	MR. BRUCE: Thank you.
12	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I'm just going
13	to make some notes. All right. We're in recess on
14	these two cases. We're moving now to case 24279.
15	Riley Permian.
16	MR. PADILLA: Mr. Examiner, Al Padilla
17	for Riley Permian.
18	MR. FELDEWERT: Good morning,
19	Mr. Examiner. Michael Feldewert, with the Santa Fe
20	office of Holland & Hart, appearing on behalf of four
21	entities. It's the MRC Delaware Resources, LLC and
22	MRC Permian Company. And then, also for Colgate
23	Production, LLC and Permian Resources Operating, LLC.
24	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you.
25	MS. HARDY: Mr. Examiner, good morning.

1	Dana Hardy on behalf of V-F Petroleum.
2	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you.
3	Mr. Padilla, this is your case. I see that there's a
4	companion case that's not on today's docket. It looks
5	like this is a continuation of the contested hearing
6	from July 23rd.
7	MR. PADILLA: That's correct,
8	Mr. Examiner. The reason we're here today is to cure
9	a notice problem with the location of the well on the
LO	24279 case.
L1	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So 24280 was
L2	taken under advisement, then?
L3	MR. PADILLA: Yes.
L4	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay, very good.
L5	And the notice, what was the issue on notice?
L6	MR. PADILLA: The notice was an
L7	incorrect location of the well. We had a footage
L8	location from the south line instead of the north
L9	line. So we had to re-advertise and publish, and
20	we've done that. And we've also resubmitted our
21	exhibit package. At the tail end of the exhibit
22	package are the self-affirming statements, mine. And
23	the last two pages is a new self-affirming statement
24	indicating that we have published. And at that time,
25	we also had a problem with that was discovered with

1	Apache Corporation. They haven't entered an
2	appearance in the 20 days. And so and we've
3	corrected the location.
4	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right.
5	Thank you. Mr. Feldewert, do you have anything to say
6	about these cases?
7	MR. FELDEWERT: No, Sir.
8	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
9	Ms. Hardy?
10	MS. HARDY: No, thank you.
11	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right.
12	Sounds good. Mr. Padilla, we had our hearing. Who
13	else was here contesting it?
14	MR. PADILLA: As far as I know,
15	Mr. Feldewert's clients and V-F Petroleum, Ms. Hardy's
16	client.
17	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. All
18	right. Let me see what you have here, submitted. You
19	have 137-page exhibit packet for Riley Permian
20	Operating, and this was submitted it looks like two
21	days ago. And you want me to go to the very end.
22	Have the parties reviewed this exhibit packet?
23	MR. FELDEWERT: Mr. Examiner, I think
24	the only addition was the reformulation of the notice.
25	So we're not concerned.

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1	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. All
2	right. You're not concerned. I agree. Oh, you agree.
3	All right, let me go here to the end and see what we
4	have here. So, Mr. Padilla, you have a new affidavit
5	dated the 20th, you have Exhibit A. Okay. So did you
6	just do the publication, or did you also mail an
7	individual notice?
8	MR. PADILLA: The only entity that we
9	had noticed was Apache.
10	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I see. But you
11	had already mailed them?
12	MR. PADILLA: We had FedExed them
13	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Right.
14	MR. PADILLA: a copy of the
15	application
16	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I remember. And
17	you were waiting to see if they were going to object?
18	MR. PADILLA: Correct.
19	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And they have
20	not.
21	MR. PADILLA: They have not.
22	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right. And
23	now we have the publication and you have here an
24	affidavit. It says it was published July 30th, so
25	that was about a week after our hearing, and the
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1	correction of the legal description. Was it the legal
2	description that was being fixed?
3	MR. PADILLA: It was the well location.
4	We had it I don't know how many feet from the south
5	line. It should have been the same distance from the
6	north Line.
7	THE HEARING EXAMINER: "Applicant seeks
8	an order for a salt water disposal well for the Angel
9	Ranch," blah blah, blah. "Pool code to be drilled at
10	a location 1,320 feet from the north line." Is that
11	the idea?
12	MR. PADILLA: That's correct.
13	THE HEARING EXAMINER: From the north
14	line? I see. "And 1,320 feet from the east line"; is
15	that right?
16	MR. PADILLA: Yes. The only error we
17	had was in the distance from the north line.
18	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Because you put
19	from the south line originally; is that right?
20	MR. PADILLA: We had it from the south
21	line.
22	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right,
23	sounds good. Okay, so this shows that it was
24	published. It was published on the 30th, and today's
25	the 22nd. So I think we clear the 10 day mark with

1	room to spare. Okay. Let me just check my notes in
2	the case to make sure that I concur with what you just
3	said about the only problem. Now, Mr. Padilla, did
4	you have another exhibit packet that we need? Yes,
5	you did. It looks like you have another packet here
6	on 7/17.
7	MR. PADILLA: Correct. And apparently,
8	we filed that together with the pre-hearing statement.
9	So we couldn't separate that in order to substitute
10	the the new exhibit packet.
11	THE HEARING EXAMINER: It's not what I
12	see. I see an 11-page document saying Permian
13	Resources, Riley Permian, Table of Contents exhibits
14	A1, 2, 3, and 4. Why can't we remove this document?
15	MR. PADILLA: I don't have any problem.
16	I just
17	THE HEARING EXAMINER: You remembered
18	it differently. Let me look at your pre-hearing
19	statement. This is Permian. No. Well, I think this
20	is you, Permian Resources Consolidated Pre-Hearing
21	Statement. It's a six-page document. It was filed on
22	the same day.
23	MR. PADILLA: Right.
24	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I believe it's
25	signed by you. Let me look. No, this is Adam Rankin

1	signed this document. So this is not you. I get
2	confused with all the Permian here. Let me take a
3	look at this one. Here's MRC. This is also Mr.
4	Rankin. Mr. Feldewert, why would we have two? We
5	have an MRC Permian company's Consolidated Pre-Hearing
6	Statement and we have a Permian Resources Consolidated
7	Pre-Hearing Statement, both signed by Mr. Rankin.
8	MR. FELDEWERT: Two different clients
9	represented by the same firm?
10	MR. FELDEWERT: Yes.
11	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. And
12	clearly no conflict. Yeah, of course not. Okay.
13	This is Mr. Padilla's pre-hearing statement. This is
14	133-page document. So I'm not sure why we have a
15	MR. PADILLA: The problem, so I
16	understand, Mr. Examiner, is that we filed them
17	together.
18	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I understand
19	that. This is 133-page document that includes your
20	exhibits. So I see that. But then, I also see I
21	just don't know why we have, so and maybe this is
22	not from I have to look again, but this says it was
23	from you. Did you file a pre-hearing statement with
24	exhibits and then file some more exhibits later?
25	MR. PADILLA: There was one exhibit, my
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1	self-affirming statement.
2	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
3	MR. PADILLA: Where we gave notice to
4	Apache Corporation. I think that was dangling out
5	there. We filed that, but it wasn't labeled as an
6	exhibit. It may not have been. I'm not sure.
7	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Did you have a
8	witness? Was it your witness named Chris Canton?
9	MR. PADILLA: No, that was
10	Mr. Feldewert, I mean .
11	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Rankin.
12	MR. PADILLA: Mr. Rankin.
13	THE HEARING EXAMINER: That was Mr.
14	Rankin's?
15	MR. PADILLA: Client.
16	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. All
17	right. I understand. Okay. Let me just look at my
18	notes in this case, since I guess we won't be removing
19	any documents in this case. 24279, now, have you
20	filed your closing argument and your post-hearing
21	submission?
22	MR. PADILLA: I did, yes.
23	THE HEARING EXAMINER: When?
24	MR. PADILLA: Last night.
25	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Last night.
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1	Okay. Freya, did everyone who was involved, did
2	Mr. Rankin also file closing argument and whatever
3	they needed to?
4	MS. TSCHANTZ: Yes, I do have some
5	recent filings in the queue. Joanne Gallegos, that's
6	Mr. Padilla's office, I believe?
7	MR. PADILLA: Yes.
8	MS. TSCHANTZ: Closing statements for
9	both cases.
10	THE HEARING EXAMINER: What about
11	MS. TSCHANTZ: As well as Adam Rankin,
12	both cases.
13	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. And in
14	these post hearing submissions, did you propose, I
15	don't remember what I ordered. But did you include
16	proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law or
17	just closing arguments?
18	MR. PADILLA: Just the closing
19	argument.
20	THE HEARING EXAMINER: That's what was
21	requested?
22	MR. PADILLA: Yes, as far as I know.
23	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Well,
24	sure.
25	MR. PADILLA: I mean, no. I looked at
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1	the transcript to make sure, because you did require
2	findings, conclusions of law and
3	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Other cases,
4	yes.
5	MR. PADILLA: The north.
6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: But I think I
7	leave that up to technical examiner, to determine what
8	would be helpful to them and not for me. So let me
9	look here.
10	MS. HARDY: Mr. Examiner?
11	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Yes.
12	MS. HARDY: I recall that Mr. McClure
13	did not want the party to submit proposed findings and
14	conclusions.
15	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you. And
16	I see Mr. Goetz was involved in this case as well.
17	Okay. Yeah, it was Phil Goetz who just wanted closing
18	arguments. So we're good there. And so basically
19	this case can be taken under advisement, at this
20	point?
21	MS. TSCHANTZ: Yes.
22	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right. So
23	thank you, counsel. We will take this case under
24	advisement.
25	MR. PADILLA: Thank you, Mr. Examiner.

1	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Yes, of course.
2	I am calling 24743. This looks like a notice of
3	violation case. Entries of appearance, please?
4	MS. TREVINO: Christy Trevino for the
5	Oil Conservation Commission.
6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you. Are
7	there any other parties? Counsel, have you had any
8	indication from the respondent that they were going to
9	appear?
10	MS. TREVINO: No. We did have a email
11	response from them, but we had no indication that they
12	had any intention to appear or provide evidence
13	otherwise of the notice violation.
14	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And what did
14 15	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And what did their email say?
15	their email say?
15 16	their email say? MS. TREVINO: Would you like me to read
15 16 17	their email say? MS. TREVINO: Would you like me to read it or
15 16 17	their email say? MS. TREVINO: Would you like me to read it or THE HEARING EXAMINER: Just paraphrase?
15 16 17 18	their email say? MS. TREVINO: Would you like me to read it or THE HEARING EXAMINER: Just paraphrase? MS. TREVINO: He the respondent said
15 16 17 18 19	their email say? MS. TREVINO: Would you like me to read it or THE HEARING EXAMINER: Just paraphrase? MS. TREVINO: He the respondent said that he was working on it, and he had a team working
15 16 17 18 19 20	their email say? MS. TREVINO: Would you like me to read it or THE HEARING EXAMINER: Just paraphrase? MS. TREVINO: He the respondent said that he was working on it, and he had a team working on it, but he hadn't provided any evidence. And we
15 16 17 18 19 20 21	MS. TREVINO: Would you like me to read it or THE HEARING EXAMINER: Just paraphrase? MS. TREVINO: He the respondent said that he was working on it, and he had a team working on it, but he hadn't provided any evidence. And we did check with our engineering team, and there was no
15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	MS. TREVINO: Would you like me to read it or THE HEARING EXAMINER: Just paraphrase? MS. TREVINO: He the respondent said that he was working on it, and he had a team working on it, but he hadn't provided any evidence. And we did check with our engineering team, and there was no evidence of any production reports.

1	MS. TREVINO: Yes, several times.
2	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And they never
3	indicated that they wanted to appear?
4	MS. TREVINO: No.
5	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. All
6	right. Let me take a look at your case, 24743.
7	MS. TREVINO: I will note that I did
8	file a Notice of Errata, yesterday.
9	THE HEARING EXAMINER: A notice of
10	what?
11	MS. TREVINO: Errata.
12	THE HEARING EXAMINER: What is that?
13	MS. TREVINO: Like a notice of an
14	error. I just reorganized the documents. That way
15	there's a little bit better flow today.
16	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I understand.
17	Hold on one minute. Let me just pull up the case, and
18	so I can look at your submission. Do you have your
19	witnesses here?
20	MS. TREVINO: I do.
21	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. And who
22	are your witnesses?
23	MS. TREVINO: I'm going to be calling
24	Mr. Nicholas Karns.
25	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
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1	MS. TREVINO: Ms. Sarah Griego.
2	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
3	MS. TREVINO: And then I'm leaving the
4	option to call Ms. Sheila Apodaca.
5	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
6	MS. TREVINO: But I have arguments that
7	we may not hear.
8	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Sounds good. So
9	I have here, in this case, I have a docketing notice.
10	I have a pre-hearing statement. I have a resume.
11	Mr. Karns has already been admitted as an expert in
12	administrative matters.
13	MS. TREVINO: Understood.
14	THE HEARING EXAMINER: He does need to
15	be qualified again.
16	MS. TREVINO: Okay.
17	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. And I
18	have a Notice of Errata. Okay. So this is the
19	document that has I see. So you have your
20	pre-hearing statement again here. Okay. I am looking
21	for the okay, here we go. You have a table of
22	contents. So you have your CV. All right. We have a
23	notice of violation. We have something from one of
24	your witnesses. We have something from another
25	witness, which you may not call. And then we have, it

1	looks like some notice things here.
2	MS. TREVINO: Yes.
3	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Where is
4	Mr. Karns? I see you mentioned Ms. Griego and Ms.
5	Apodaca, but I don't see where you mentioned Mr. Karns
6	in your table of contents.
7	MS. TREVINO: He will be presenting
8	Exhibit 2, the Notice of Violation.
9	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Perfect.
10	MS. TREVINO: And then, the subsequent
11	documents.
12	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Do you
13	want to make a very brief opening argument?
14	MS. TREVINO: Yes, Mr. Hearing
15	Examiner. This case involves violations regarding 79
16	wells owned and operated by the respondent Northern
17	Pacific. This has been an uncontested case thus far.
18	Northern Pacific has not filed or presented any
19	evidence to suggest these violations have not
20	occurred. Sixty-five wells are out of compliance with
21	19.15.25.8 and thus, are out of compliance with
22	19.15.5.9(A). As for the other 14 wells, they are in
23	plugged, not release status, meaning that they will
24	need to complete the necessary service remediation and
25	reclamation work under the appropriate roles. For all

1	79 of the wells, Northern Pacific has not filed any
2	C-115 reports since April of 2023.
3	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And that C-115
4	is production?
5	MS. TREVINO: Yes, it's production.
6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So in other
7	words, they're not producing?
8	MS. TREVINO: Yes.
9	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. And did
10	you say that they have been plugged and they need to
11	be remediated or neither?
12	MS. TREVINO The 14 of the 79 are in a
13	plugged status, but we have no indication that they've
14	been remediated according to the rules.
15	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And the other
16	so 14 may be plugged but are definitely not
17	remediated. What about the other of the 79?
18	MS. TREVINO: The other ones, the 65s,
19	they're just out of compliance. They are showing up
20	on an inactive well list, and they have not filed any
21	production reports.
22	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So you don't
23	know whether they're plugged or not?
24	MS. TREVINO: Correct.
25	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Very
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1	good.
2	MS. TREVINO: We issued the Notice of
3	Violation June 21st, 2024. And since then, nothing
4	has been filed to indicate the violations have not
5	occurred. And we will be presenting the two
6	witnesses, and then, possibly Ms. Apodaca.
7	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Let's get them
8	all sworn in at the same time.
9	MS. TREVINO: Okay.
10	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Can you have
11	them all come up to the witness stand? We've done
12	this before, so I think they know the drill.
13	Ms. Griego, would you turn on the microphone, please?
14	The green one. And would you all stand a little
15	closer to the microphone please? Would you all raise
16	your right hands, please?
17	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Do you swear or
18	affirm the testimony you are about to give today is
19	the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth
20	under penalty of law?
21	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Would you state
22	and spell your names individually?
23	THE WITNESS: Sara Greigo,
24	S-A-R-A-G-R-I-E-G-O.
25	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you.

1	THE WITNESS: Sheila Apodaca,
2	S-H-E-I-L-A-A-P-O-D-A-C-A.
3	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you.
4	THE WITNESS: I'm Nicholas Karns.
5	N-I-C-H-O-L-A-S. Last name K-A-R-N-S.
6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you. Will
7	you all sit in those white seats so you're close until
8	we call you. Do you want to submit your exhibits at
9	this time?
10	MS. TREVINO: No. I'll submit them as
11	we go through the witnesses, unless you would prefer
12	us to just submit them all.
13	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I mean, unless
14	there's an objection I can take you know, we can go
15	that route. We can go either route. I don't know why
16	it would be necessary for you to have to provide a
17	foundation for each exhibit at this time. But if you
18	prefer to do it that way, we can do it witness by
19	witness.
20	MS. TREVINO: No, we can go ahead and
21	submit them all. All right, I do want to note that
22	I'm going to go out of exhibit order fine. Just so
23	when we get there, it's not
24	THE HEARING EXAMINER: As long as
25	they're all marked.

1	MS. TREVINO: Yes.
2	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. They're
3	all marked. So which exhibits are you asking to be
4	entered into evidence?
5	MS. TREVINO: We're asking for Exhibit
6	1, 2, and its subsequent exhibits, and 3, 4, and 5.
7	(Case 24743 Exhibits 1 through 5 were
8	marked for identification.)
9	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Are there
10	any objections? Your exhibits are admitted into
11	evidence.
12	(Case 24743 Exhibits 1 through 5 were
13	marked for identification and received
14	into evidence.)
15	What I would like you to do is with
16	each witness that has provided the exhibits, if you
17	will ask them the appropriate questions so that I know
18	that they're true and accurate copies, that they don't
19	have any changes to make to their exhibits at this
20	time, and that they adopt them under oath, as true and
21	correct.
22	MS. TREVINO: Yes, Mr. Examiner.
23	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Which
24	witness do you want to call first?
25	MS. TREVINO: I will be calling
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1	Ms. Sarah Griego first.
2	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Ms. Griego.
3	WHEREUPON,
4	SARA GRIEGO,
5	called as a witness and previously sworn to tell the
6	truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, was
7	examined and testified as follows:
8	DIRECT EXAMINATION
9	BY MS. TREVINO:
10	Q Good morning, Ms. Griego.
11	A Good morning.
12	Q Please state your name for the record.
13	A Sara Griego.
14	Q And what is your current employment?
15	A I am the law clerk for the General Counsel
16	of the Energy and Natural Resources Department.
17	Q And do your duties include serving pleadings
18	and other documents on behalf of OCD?
19	A Yes.
20	Q Are you familiar with the NOV the basis of
21	this case today?
22	A Yes.
23	Q Did you handle this document or process it
24	in any way?
25	A Yes.
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1	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Which document?
2	MS. TREVINO: And we're going to be
3	referring to Exhibit 3. And I'm going to go ahead and
4	put it on the screen. I apologize. And this will be
5	Exhibit 3, pages 13 through 20.
6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: 13 through 20?
7	MS. TREVINO: Yes.
8	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you.
9	MS. TREVINO: 13 through 20.
10	BY MS. TREVINO:
11	Q And back on the NOV, did you send this out
12	via certified mail?
13	A Yes, I did.
14	Q And are these an email chain of your
15	tracking for the certified mail and through UPS?
16	A Yes.
17	Q Is it a true and accurate description of the
18	documents that you have shared and submitted as it
19	relates to the certified mail?
20	A Yes.
21	Q And no changes have been made?
22	A No.
23	Q And I'm going to go ahead and scroll through
24	them a little bit slower. And would that be the
25	mailing envelope?

1	A	Yes.
2	Q	And then the green card for certified mail?
3	А	Yes.
4	Q	And then would this be the UPS tracking?
5	А	Yes.
6	Q	And then the tracking label?
7	А	Yes.
8	Q	Do you know the status of the tracking? Was
9	it delive	red or returned?
10	А	It was returned.
11	Q	It was. And Ms. Griego, Mr. Santiago Garcia
12	for North	ern Pacific, was identified in these mailing
13	documents	. How did you come about that contact
14	informati	on?
15	А	Off I get it off of the Notice of
16	Violation	that was provided to me.
17	Q	Thank you. No further questions.
18		THE HEARING EXAMINER: Ms. Griego, did
19	you have	any contact with Northern Pacific Oil and
20	Gas?	
21		THE WITNESS: No, I did not.
22		THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. I have no
23	questions	for this witness.
24		MS. TREVINO: Would she be released?
25		THE HEARING EXAMINER: Yes.
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1	MS. TREVINO: Thank you.
2	THE WITNESS: Thank you.
3	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Did you ask her
4	if she adopted this under oath?
5	MS. TREVINO: I did not.
6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Did you ask her
7	if she prepared Exhibit 3?
8	MS. TREVINO: I did not.
9	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Would you ask
10	those two questions?
11	REDIRECT EXAMINATION
12	BY MS. TREVINO:
13	Q Did you prepare Exhibit 3?
14	A No, I did not.
15	Q Did you provide Exhibit 3 to counsel for
16	OCD?
17	A Can you scroll down a little bit? I believe
18	that comes from James Garcia. He is the gentleman
19	that deals with the UPS, and we send it out. We just
20	hand it off to him. He deals with the UPS part and
21	then provides us back with the shipping label from
22	UPS.
23	Q Okay. And do you adopt these documents
24	under oath?
25	A What does that mean, because .
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1	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Let me help. In
2	Exhibit 3, what part do you have personal knowledge
3	of?
4	THE WITNESS: So I did prepare it for
5	UPS, and that's really my extent of it, though.
6	Again, I give that to James Garcia in our mailroom who
7	then takes it further within the UPS part. He
8	again, he's the one that kind of provides the tracking
9	label and all of that. I do the tracking label just
10	for USPS.
11	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And so, you
12	prepared the envelope, you gave it to Mr. Garcia to
13	send out?
14	THE WITNESS: Yes.
15	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And what about
16	the status of the delivery? Is that something you
17	have personal knowledge of?
18	THE WITNESS: Yes, he does provide us
19	with the tracking number. We I was able to look it
20	up and it does say it was not delivered, returned to
21	us.
22	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Oh, it was
23	returned?
24	THE WITNESS: Yes.
25	THE HEARING EXAMINER: But you didn't
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1	get it when it was returned?
2	THE WITNESS: Correct. Oh, all right.
3	Thank you.
4	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I have no
5	further questions for this witness. Thank you, Ms.
6	Griego.
7	THE WITNESS: You're welcome.
8	THE HEARING EXAMINER: You want to call
9	your next witness?
10	MS. TREVINO: Yes. My next witness
11	will be Mr. Nicholas Karns, and he'll testify to
12	Exhibit 2.
13	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Two, and that
14	starts on what page?
15	MS. TREVINO: The Notice of Violation
16	is pages 2 through 5. And then, the subsequent
17	exhibits that he'll testify to are 6 through 12. I'll
18	go ahead and scroll up there.
19	NICHOLAS KARNS,
20	called as a witness and previously sworn to tell the
21	truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth,
22	was examined and testified as follows:
23	DIRECT EXAMINATION
24	BY MS. TREVINO:
25	Q Good morning. Good morning. Mr. Karns, can
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1	you please state your name for the record?
2	A Good morning. My name is Nicholas Karns.
3	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Can you turn on
4	the microphone? Thank you.
5	THE WITNESS: Sorry. Good morning. My
6	name is Nicholas Karns.
7	MS. TREVINO: And Mr. Hearing Examiner,
8	as he's certified by this court, do I need to go
9	through the employments still or
10	THE HEARING EXAMINER: No. I mean, if
11	you feel his duties support the exhibits that are
12	admitted into evidence and his familiarity, his
13	personal knowledge is tied to his duties then, yes, I
14	think you should.
15	BY MS. TREVINO:
16	Q Mr. Karns, what's your current employment?
17	A I'm currently employed with the Oil
18	Conservation Division of EMNRD.
19	Q And what do your duties include?
20	A I am my title is Administrative
21	Compliance Officer. I review applications for new
22	operators, process water haulers. We do production
23	reports, well transfer reports, as well as financial
24	compliance. And that entails notifying legal
25	department, other departments, of non-compliance, when

1	it shows up.
2	Q And I'm going to go ahead and show you
3	Exhibit 2, which is the Notice of Violation.
4	A Yes.
5	Q And do you recognize that?
6	A I do, yes.
7	Q Did you prepare this?
8	A I did, yes.
9	Q I'm going to scroll through it slowly so you
L O	can see all the pages for the NOV. And moving to
L1	Exhibit 2A, the well list, did you prepare this?
L2	A I did, yes.
L3	Q And how is this report prepared?
L4	A It's generated through our e-permitting
L5	database. This particular list is a compilation of
L6	all the wells operated by operator, in this case
L 7	Norther Pacific.
L8	Q And this is a true and accurate description
L9	of the report that you pulled?
20	A This is that's correct.
21	Q And on that date, you pulled it, June 18th,
22	2024?
23	A Yes; correct.
24	Q Do you have any reason to believe that
25	anything has changed on this specific report, on
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1	Exhibit 2A, since you pulled it?
2	A No, I don't.
3	Q Do you know how long these wells have been
4	inactive for?
5	A It was the last C-115 submitted, God, off
6	the top of my head, I'm not sure. It's on one . it's
7	on the next exhibit, I believe. That C-115, that one,
8	yes, 4/21/2023.
9	Q So it's been over a year since they last
10	reported production?
11	A That's correct.
12	Q Would that be a violation of our rules?
13	25.8/25.9?
14	A Yes.
15	Q And is this C-115 created the same way as
16	the inactive well list?
17	A Yes. And different button, same database?
18	Q Yeah. And is this one a true and accurate
19	description of the report that you pulled?
20	A Yes.
21	Q And has anything changed?
22	A As of this morning, when I checked, no,
23	nothing's changed.
24	Q And I'm going to go ahead and oh, not
25	yet. On these reports, can you view wells that are
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1	unplugged at sites, not released status?
2	A Yes.
3	Q And from your understanding, what does that
4	mean?
5	A It means that the well has been plugged.
6	There's been a form submitted showing that the well
7	has been plugged, but the remediation and cleanup
8	hasn't been, you know, stamped by OCD saying that it's
9	clear to go. So in my understanding there, it hasn't
10	been verified that, you know, besides been remediated
11	and equipment's been hauled off, all that.
12	Q And .
13	A That's my understanding, like I'm not a
14	field guy.
15	Q Thank you. And then, I'm going to go ahead
16	and move to Exhibit 2C, the civil penalty calculator.
17	Does this chart, and I'm going to go through it kind
18	of slowly because it is a couple pages. Is this an
19	accurate description of the civil penalties for
20	Northern Pacific?
21	A Yes.
22	Q And did you generate this?
23	A I did, yes.
24	Q And has anything changed regarding the civil
25	penalties?

1	A No.
2	MS. TREVINO: I have no further
3	questions for Mr. Karns.
4	Q I do have to ask him, do you adopt these
5	records under oath?
6	A Yes.
7	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I do have a
8	question. I'm looking at what's been marked as
9	Exhibit 2C, the civil penalty calculator. That was
10	the last exhibit you asked him about, wasn't it?
11	MS. TREVINIO: Yes.
12	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
13	Mr. Karns, how are these civil penalties derived?
14	THE WITNESS: In terms of the amount,
15	how long
16	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Yes.
17	THE WITNESS: The amount's been
18	pre-determined? So the the calculator that we use
19	is just a really intricate Excel sheet. The amounts
20	have all been pre-determined by the formula, which I
21	believe was created by our legal department shortly
22	before my arrival with OCD. I didn't build the
23	calculator.
24	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So
25	THE WITNESS: But I believe the

1	penalties are a derivative of the amount setting rule.
2	THE HEARING EXAMINER: What I'm
3	wondering about is what makes them reasonable? What
4	makes these counties reasonable? I see some of them
5	that are at \$500. I can't tell if 2,500 is a maximum
6	or not. There's many columns here, and I'm trying to
7	understand, but I see that many so could you go
8	through one of them with me and explain how it comes
9	out to the red number at the end?
10	THE WITNESS: As well as I can. I'd be
11	happy to.
12	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So can you pick
13	a line?
14	THE WITNESS: Sure. Yeah, so we look
15	at line one.
16	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
17	THE WITNESS: The the data that I
18	input in the calculator is limited to entering the API
19	number for the well it's in violation. And then,
20	selecting the type of violation. The rules all have a
21	dropdown in the calculator. In this case, I selected
22	5.9, which is non-compliance for the amount of
23	inactive wells allowed. In this case, there are 65
24	inactive wells. They're allowed two, and we we can
25	count, unfortunately this calculator doesn't list them
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1	by line, but there should be for 5.9 non-compliant, 63
2	wells total.
3	And then going down the line
4	horizontally, we mark the you know, how many if
5	there's any like outstanding descriptors for the well,
6	their level of non-compliance. There's there's an
7	option in there for, like, gross negligence, stuff
8	like that. These are all just the standard baseline
9	that I choose. I don't I don't pick anything
10	extra. It generates the total at the end, calculates
11	them line by line, and puts the grand total up in the
12	top left of the report.
13	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I see. It looks
14	to me as though there's no line numbers on this
15	left-hand. It looks to me that when you change the
16	reason from 5.9 to 7.14 to 7.42
17	THE WITNESS: Yeah, it will change the
18	amounts that are calculated at the end.
19	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Right.
20	THE WITNESS: It changes the descriptor
21	in, what is that column three, I guess column C,
22	explaining what the violation is.
23	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And I'm assuming
24	the 5.9 and the 7.14, those are rule numbers. You're
25	leaving up in
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1	THE WITNESS: Correct correct, yes.
2	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So 19.15 point
3	what?
4	THE WITNESS: It's a 17.14. These are
5	the specifics. So we're not talking about the the
6	general non-compliance for activity. We're talking
7	about the specifics. In this case, the specific
8	violations and the penalties being requested were for
9	5.9, which is inactive wells. And 7.14, which is
10	failure to produce C-115 for the monthly production
11	reports.
12	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I see. And then
13	we come to a grand total of what?
14	THE WITNESS: One hundred sixty-one
15	thousand five hundred dollars.
16	THE HEARING EXAMINER: How do you say
17	your last name?
18	MS. TREVINO: You can say Travena or
19	Trevino, if you want.
20	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Counsel, is it
21	your burden to show that the penalties are reasonable?
22	MS. TREVINO: Yes, it is. However, I
23	do believe that we kind of met the threshold here as
24	there is 79 wells that are non-compliant. And in this
25	case, we're only calculating for 63, or 65 and we're
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1	dropping down to 63. And then we're also looking at
2	the days in violation, the days penalized and we're
3	only penalizing for one day. It could aggregate
4	higher based on how long they have been out of
5	compliance. So it is our burden to meet the
6	preponderance of the evidence here, but we, in good
7	faith, are preparing this calculator.
8	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So in other
9	words, you're saying that you could, or I'll guess
10	I'll ask the witness. So, Mr. Karns, you can find
11	them in violation for more than one day?
12	THE WITNESS: That's correct. The
13	this calculator makes, the way that I generate it and
14	fill it out, is basically bare minimum.
15	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Got it.
16	THE WITNESS: Bare minimum in terms of
17	penalty amount.
18	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. So it's
19	your argument that it's fair and reasonable because
20	you could ding them for many more days than one day?
21	MS. TREVINO: We could. However, the
22	division is in the mindset of aiming for compliance
23	rather than penalization.
24	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. It's a
25	good argument. Is there anything left for Mr. Karns
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1	to testify to?
2	MS. TREVINO: I have nothing further.
3	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you.
4	You're excused. And then Ms. Apodaca, what are we
5	doing with that witness?
6	MS. TREVINO: I'm reserving her if
7	necessary. I do have an argument to make in terms of
8	the docketing notice and notice. We sent out the
9	document notice via email and certified mail on July
10	24th, 2024.
11	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Am I looking at
12	an exhibit? I'm not sure what you're talking about.
13	MS. TREVINO: No, not just yet.
14	THE HEARING EXAMINER: No. Okay. So
15	you said don't what now?
16	MS. TREVINO: I can scroll down to have
17	that prepared. Thanks. And I do apologize, some of
18	these documents are kind of funky.
19	And so, for my argument, I'll be
20	arguing for Exhibit 4 and 5.
21	THE HEARING EXAMINER: 4 and 5.
22	MS. TREVINO: Ms. Apodaca had presented
23	or mailed via certified mail to Northern Pacific,
24	Mr. Santio Garcia, the docking notice along with the
25	copy of the NOV, which also had the date of this

1	hearing. And Exhibit 4, her email chain that she
2	provided me when she sent the notice out, the cover
3	page on the mailing documents. And then, Exhibit 5,
4	and I apologize, I'll back up a little bit. This is
5	the read receipt from Mr. Santiago Garcia that he read
6	the Notice of Violation.
7	THE HEARING EXAMINER: What page is
8	that on?
9	MS. TREVINO: This is Exhibit 5, page
10	26.
11	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Let's
12	see. I see it. Okay. I see it.
13	MS. TREVINO: And then, on page 27 we
14	have the delivered notice of the docketing notice
15	along with a copy of NOV.
16	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
17	MS. TREVINO: Mr. Santiago Garcia has
18	responded on page 28, to our notice that we sent, the
19	docketing notice specifically on July 24th.
20	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
21	MS. TREVINO: And the division is going
22	to argue that this is a opposing party statement and
23	should be admitted under that rule, which is the New
24	Mexico Rules of Evidence. And I understand that this
25	is an administrative hearing, but that threshold is

1	much higher. And so, that rule is 11-801. Mr. Garcia
2	has identified as the agent for this operator, and his
3	response would provide actual notice of this hearing,
4	the docking statement and the NOV.
5	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
6	MS. TREVINO: And so, I have nothing
7	further after that, and I proceed to closing.
8	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So why is it
9	that you don't want to call Ms. Apodaca who's been
10	sworn and sitting in this room to bring in any of
11	these exhibits?
12	MS. TREVINO: I was honestly trying to
13	just save her time. I know that she's been sitting
14	here, but I was trying to kind of work around that.
15	And if that wasn't a sufficient argument then I was
16	going to have her here just in case.
17	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Well, there's
18	more here. You have Exhibit 4, and you have Exhibit
19	5. Both exhibits are provided here for notice to
20	Mr. Garcia?
21	MS. TREVINO: Yes.
22	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. You are.
23	And you're saying that his statement, a party deponent
24	is not hearsay, even though hearsay is admissible at
25	an administrative hearing. You're saying that this is

1	evidence of notice and that's why you're not calling
2	Ms. Apodaca?
3	MS. TREVINO: Yes.
4	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. That
5	argument's fine with me. Do you have anything further
6	in your case?
7	MS. TREVINO: Just closing.
8	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Go ahead.
9	MS. TREVINO: The OCB has demonstrated
10	that several attempts have been made to serve the
11	respondent, Northern Pacific, through Mr. Santiago.
12	We have this response from Mr. Santiago that would
13	indicate that he has had actual notice of the
14	proceedings here today. Mr. Karns presented evidence
15	that provided that he has been in violation of our
16	inactive well rule 25.8 and 26.9(A), and the reporting
17	production rule 7.24. Moreover, under 25.10, plugging
18	must be done in accordance with our rules.
19	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Can I stop you
20	for a moment? I'm a little confused. Can you look at
21	something here?
22	MS. TREVINO: Yes.
23	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Well, this says
24	Exhibit 4, and it's your page 25, even though it's
25	page 34 of the PDF. It's your page 25. Now, I
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1	believe this is the certified mail with the NOV that
2	was sent to Mr. Santiago Garcia?
3	MS. TREVINO: On page 25.
4	THE HEARING EXAMINER: It's Exhibit 4,
5	and it's yellow.
6	MS. TREVINO: Okay. This one is the
7	docketing notice.
8	THE HEARING EXAMINER: The docketing
9	notice to give him notice that we would be hearing
10	this case today?
11	MS. TREVINO: Yes.
12	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay, sounds
13	good. So what I don't understand is in his email to
14	you, which is further down, would you go to his email?
15	A little further down, just a little. Yeah.
16	MS. TREVINO: I can see that.
17	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Look at his
18	address there.
19	MS. TREVINO: I see that. The address
20	we used was the address on OCD permitting and this was
21	the first response that we had had this entire time.
22	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Well, that may
23	be that you have a different address than OCD
24	permitting, but there is the addresses he's providing
25	to you. So do you have an argument of how it's

1	sufficient to serve notice at a different address than
2	what you have here from him?
3	MS. TREVINO: Yes. I believe that
4	based on their reporting and being compliant with our
5	rules, the operators must be updating their
6	information as well. We're going off rules in OCD
7	permitting, kind of our standard practice. If
8	Mr. Garcia had responded, potentially we could have
9	had time to recertify him at this address. However,
10	this address hasn't, and in my time here, hasn't come
11	up as an address of service. We also had the we
12	sent it certified mail and Ms. Griego also sent it
13	UPS, which is an additional thing that we aren't
14	needed to do. But in that case, there was no
15	forwarding address. And so, we're going off of what
16	permitting has.
17	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And I understand
18	you are arguing that the rules, the OCD rules require
19	someone to update their address or else they're non-
20	compliant. My concern is that if they're non-
21	compliant, we have to let them know that they're non-
22	compliant. Did you attach anything to this email, to
23	Mr. Garcia, that you responded to?
24	MS. TREVINO: Yes. So before, and I
25	can scroll down, OCD had sent, I had sent several

1	emails to him regarding the docking statement and
2	Mr. Tremaine had also sent it as an attachment along
3	with the certified mail that was sent kind of outside
4	the email chain, by Ms. Apodaca and Ms. Griego.
5	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So you were
6	representing here that you sent the docketing
7	statement to him by email?
8	MS. TREVINO: Yes.
9	THE HEARING EXAMINER: To this email.
10	MS. TREVINO: The one that he responded
11	from.
12	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Right. That's
13	good enough for me. But in the future, I'd be careful
14	with relying on items that are mailed, especially if
15	you get something like this, and it shows that you've
16	mailed it to a different address.
17	MS. TREVINO: Understood.
18	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Is there
19	anything further on this case? I know you were in the
20	middle of your closing statement and I interrupted
21	you.
22	MS. TREVINO: It's okay. I'm just
23	going to try to pick up where I left. With all the
24	evidence presented and some of the questions that you
25	have presented to us, we believe that OCD has met its

1	burden. So today we're going to be requesting a
2	plugging order for sure. Financial assurances and
3	termination of authorization to transport along with
4	the civil penalties indicated in that exhibit.
5	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. So based
6	on the evidence you've provided, I find that there has
7	been a violation, and that the penalty is fair and
8	reasonable. And you prepare an order for me to sign
9	with citations to the exhibits and the conclusions of
10	law, and I'll review it.
11	MS. TREVINO: Yes. Thank you.
12	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you,
13	Ms. Trevino. And then, you Ms. Apodaca and Mr. Karns.
14	All right. We're in recess on this case. Let's move
15	on to many joined cases; 24287, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92,
16	94, 95, 96, 97, 24304, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12
17	and 13. These are Matador Production Company.
18	MR. FELDEWERT: Yes. Mr. Examiner,
19	Michael Feldewert, Santa Fe office of Holland & Hart
20	on behalf of the applicants
21	THE HEARING EXAMINER: MRC Permian.
22	MR. FELDEWERT: MRC Permian.
23	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Who else do we
24	have to enter an appearance?
25	MS. HARDY: Mr. Examiner
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1	MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner.
2	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Go ahead.
3	MS. HARDY: Okay. Dana Hardy with
4	Hinkle Shanor on behalf of E.G.L. Resources and I
5	believe Mr. Bruce is also appearing for E.G.L.
6	Resources.
7	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So, Ms. Hardy,
8	was this a case in which you weren't sure if Mr. Bruce
9	would appear, and so you entered an appearance?
10	MS. HARDY: That's correct.
11	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Very good. So,
12	Mr. Bruce, are you able to represent E.G.L. today?
13	MR. BRUCE: I think we both are. Dana
14	has spoken on that. I would let her proceed. Thank
15	you.
16	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Thank
17	you, Mr. Bruce. Yeah, it's easier to hear Ms. Hardy.
18	Okay. Mr. Feldewert, these are your cases. Were they
19	objected to?
20	MR. MORGAN: Mr. Examiner if I may?
21	Scott Morgan with Cavin & Morgan in Albuquerque on
22	behalf of Strategic Energy Income Fund IV, LP. And we
23	were appearing only in cases 24287 through 24297.
24	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. I didn't
25	catch your name.

1	MR. MORGAN: Scott Morgan.
2	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Scott Morgan.
3	Let me write it.
4	MR. MORGAN: And we filed our
5	pre-hearing statement on Thursday with that objection,
6	but in subsequent communications and Mr. Feldewert can
7	speak to it as well with Matador, we're withdrawing
8	objections to most of these cases. There are four
9	cases, where we are continuing to object. We don't
10	anticipate any sort of testimony or anything on those
11	cases today. And that they can truthfully be set for
12	the next uncontested hearing. We were simply waiting
13	for some more technical data, which has now been
14	provided.
15	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Mr. Morgan, I
16	don't see the party listed on my worksheet. What is
17	the name?
18	MR. MORGAN: Strategic Energy
19	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Strategic
20	Energy.
21	MR. MORGAN: Income IV, LP. And
22	that's in that particular statement.
23	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And you filed an
24	entry. Freya, would you change the layout of this and
25	stop sharing whatever document was being shared?
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1	MS. TSCHANTZ: Yes, I sent a request to
2	Christy Trevino.
3	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Oh, okay.
4	MS. TSCHANTZ: To stop sharing.
5	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you very
6	much.
7	MR. MORGAN: And Mr. Examiner, we were
8	looking at this file early this morning at my office,
9	and we didn't see the objection in the entry in the
10	case file for some reason. And that could be on our
11	end. We did see the pre-hearing statement in there.
12	And so, I'm not sure if that was from my staff, if
13	that was separate emails and some didn't go through.
14	I don't know. But as I mentioned, in our
15	communications with Matador this week, we were
16	planning to withdraw in at least seven of those cases
17	and then agree to continue those. Just the four.
18	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right.
19	Well, first of all I want to see your entry of
20	appearance in at least one case.
21	MR. MORGAN: No, absolutely. And I
22	looked this morning, about 5:00 a.m. and did not see
23	them. But I did see the pre-hearing statement and I'm
24	not sure
25	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I see.

1	MR. MORGAN: And I'm not sure from my
2	staff perspective they were not at the office at
3	5:00 a.m. this morning.
4	THE HEARING EXAMINER: What date did
5	you file your pre-hearing statement?
6	MR. MORGAN: We did, yes, on
7	Thursday.
8	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thursday of last
9	week. So last week. That would be I'll look
10	around the 14th. Well, I'll look at the 15th.
11	MR. MORGAN: Our firm often has the
12	enviable position of being contacted Wednesday night
13	and Thursday morning the week before.
14	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
15	MR. MORGAN: And so
16	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Let me first
17	find Mr. Feldewert's pre-hearing statement filed on
18	the 15th a week ago. So let me now look. And
19	Mr. Feldewert, do you list, let's see, other parties?
20	We have PBEX. We have E.G.L. I don't see I don't
21	think Mr. Feldewert knew that you had entered an
22	appearance; right, Mr. Feldewert?
23	MR. FELDEWERT: Correct.
24	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. When did
25	you enter your appearance, Mr. Morgan?
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1	MR. MORGAN: It should have been on
2	Wednesday or excuse me, Thursday the 15th, as well
3	with that pre-hearing statement. I'm just going to
4	pull that up right now as well.
5	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Well, I'm going
6	to keep looking while you do that as well. I have Ms.
7	Hardy, her entry of appearance on behalf of E.G.L. and
8	PBEX.
9	MS. HARDY: That's correct.
10	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Very good. And
11	I see that you sent this also. You served MRC
12	Permian, PBEX, E.G.L., Avant Operating. Are they a
13	party in this case? I didn't hear an entry of
14	appearance for Avant Operating. Oh, are you
15	representing multiple parties again?
16	MR. FELDEWERT: No, I'm not. There's a
17	little bit of a history here.
18	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I'm sure
19	MR. FELDEWERT: Both Avant and Lario
20	initially appeared and objected to these matters.
21	You'll see go through the entire history. They
22	have since withdrawn their appearance and their
23	objections.
24	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And then, I see
25	that you served Mr. Suazo and Ms. Graham, but it
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1	doesn't say who they're representing. So I'm confused
2	about that. Do you know who they're representing?
3	MR. FELDEWERT: I believe it was Lario.
4	MS. HARDY: Yes, I believe it was. I
5	was serving everyone who had
6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Entered an
7	appearance, at one point or another.
8	MS. HARDY: Right.
9	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Of course. That
10	makes sense. So you didn't know about Mr. Morgan
11	either, and his client. So Mr. Morgan, I'm still
12	looking for your entry of appearance or your
13	pre-hearing statements.
14	MR. MORGAN: So I'm looking at case
15	24289, and that's where I'm seeing it show up. It
16	shows the date stamp of the 16th on this particular
17	file, on this particular case.
18	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So you're not
19	seeing it in all the cases that you you meant to enter
20	an appearance?
21	MR. MORGAN: I'm going back to look at
22	the rest of them right now.
23	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Yes.
24	MR. MORGAN: But I did see it in that
25	one, specifically.

1	THE HEARING EXAMINER? Eighty-nine?
2	MR. MORGAN: Eighty- nine. Yes, 89.
3	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So,
4	Mr. Feldewert, these are your cases; right?
5	MR. FELDEWERT: Yes.
6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All of these
7	cases are yours?
8	MR. FELDEWERT: Yes.
9	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. While
10	Mr. Morgan is and Ms. Bennett, were you entering an
11	appearance, as well, in some of these cases?
12	MS. BENNETT: Thank you, Mr. Examiner.
13	I was just coming up to clarify the state of the
14	record with respect to Avant if the hearing examiner
15	had questions.
16	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Yes.
17	MS. BENNETT: But Mr. Feldewert
18	clarified that for me.
19	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Oh, he did.
20	Okay. So you're not entered in these cases?
21	MS. BENNETT: Not for Avant, but I am
22	still looking through the case files to see if we
23	might be in on behalf of Franklin Mountain Energy.
24	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
25	MS. BENNETT: But I'll let you know in
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1	just a couple minutes.
2	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Perfect.
3	MS. BENNETT: Thank you.
4	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you. But
5	you haven't filed an interim appearance in any of
6	these cases, to this point?
7	MS. BENNETT: That's what I'm reviewing
8	the records for.
9	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Oh, I see.
10	Okay. Mr. Feldewert, why are these such complicated
11	cases? I've never had cases quite this complex
12	before. Everybody else is making a comment. Will you
13	clarify for us, then?
14	MR. FELDEWERT: They have a long
14 15	MR. FELDEWERT: They have a long history.
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15	history.
15 16	history. THE HEARING EXAMINER: Yes, they do.
15 16 17	history. THE HEARING EXAMINER: Yes, they do. Okay.
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15 16 17 18	history. THE HEARING EXAMINER: Yes, they do. Okay. MR. FELDEWERT: There were you may recall, this is the one where I had up on the screen
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15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	history. THE HEARING EXAMINER: Yes, they do. Okay. MR. FELDEWERT: There were you may recall, this is the one where I had up on the screen and there were competing applications to the north and the south of our acreage. There was overlapping competing applications and age. As I told you, some months ago, I thought they were going to be able to

1	parties. So we filed all of our material anticipating
2	that we would be able to go forward by affidavit
3	today. After filing our materials, I know I did
4	receive an entry and objection from them. We also saw
5	their pre-hearing statement.
6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Only on certain
7	cases, though.
8	MR. FELDEWERT: Well, and that's
9	initially they objected to the whole suite of cases.
10	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I see. Okay.
11	MR. FELDEWERT: We subsequently saw
12	that, and we informed them that they were only
13	interest owners in four of the cases. So they have
14	at some point, would have filed a withdrawal of their
15	objection for all but those four cases that we
16	identified in which they are a part.
17	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And which are
18	the four cases that they have a working interest in,
19	24289 and 24290?
20	MR. FELDEWERT: Yes. And then, the
21	other two are 24296 and 24297.
22	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Freya, are you
23	hearing this?.
24	MS. TSCHANTZ: I am.
25	MR. FELDEWERT: I can also help clarify
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1	that it only involves the Art Smith set of cases.
2	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Art Smith.
3	MR. FELDEWERT: Because they only own
4	in tract two, which is in the east half of section
5	three.
6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So then, Mr.
7	Morgan, it sounds to me like if you did enter an
8	appearance or filed a pre-hearing statement in any
9	other case besides these four, that it should be
10	removed.
11	MR. MORGAN: Yes. And we filed that
12	objection, excuse me, the withdrawal of objection
13	yesterday morning on those other seven cases.
14	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Which you don't
15	have an interest in?
16	MR. MORGAN: Which we don't have an
17	interest in, yeah. And after discussions with
18	Matador, that's exactly what we discovered. And so,
19	we think those seven can absolutely move forward today
20	by affidavit.
21	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I don't know
22	that they can, but I understand that there's no
23	objection.
24	MR. MORGAN: We have no objection.
25	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Or any other
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1	party; is that right?
2	MR. MORGAN: Correct.
3	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Correct. And
4	you're looking at me as though we should be able to
5	move forward by affidavit. But if this was a status
6	conference, the technical examiner would not have
7	reviewed your exhibits.
8	MR. FELDEWERT: So if I step back, so
9	number one I hope he reviewed the exhibits.
10	THE HEARING EXAMINER: We do have some
11	hearing by affidavits here on that.
12	MR. FELDEWERT: Okay.
13	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Yes we do.
14	MR. FELDEWERT: And I know that we were
15	in a position to be able to move forward
16	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay, very good.
17	MR. FELDEWERT: on the recently
18	filed objections.
19	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Now I
20	understand. I'm with you now. I understand now.
21	Okay. So we won't be able to move forward today on
22	four cases by hearing, by affidavit. But all the
23	other cases we should be able to.
24	MR. FELDEWERT: Yes, that's my
25	understanding.

1	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Yes. All right.
2	Mr. Morgan, in looking at the four cases that you have
3	an interest in, have you actually filed an entry of
4	appearance?
5	MR. MORGAN: I don't see it in there.
6	I believe that we have. I do see the pre-hearing
7	statement in there that was filed on Thursday.
8	THE HEARING EXAMINER: In the four
9	cases?
10	MR. MORGAN: In those four cases.
11	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. So first
12	of all, please enter an appearance
13	MR. MORGAN: We'll make sure that those
14	show up.
15	THE HEARING EXAMINER: in the four
16	cases. Also send an email to Ms. Tschantz asking her
17	to remove the pre-hearing statements in the other
18	cases that you don't have a working interest in.
19	MR. MORGAN: Absolutely.
20	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right. This
21	is going to be confusing to our technical team if they
22	see something that shouldn't be there.
23	MR. MORGAN: And we'll ensure as well
24	that we'll double check to make sure the withdrawal of
25	those objections show up as well. We'll just remove
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1	them.
2	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Well, they
3	shouldn't be there in the first place?
4	MR. MORGAN: They shouldn't be there.
5	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Yes. So if
6	there isn't normally an objection is filed with an
7	entry of appearance but you don't have that.
8	MR. MORGAN: Yeah, we don't I don't
9	see it in there, just the pre-hearing statement is all
10	it shows for some reason.
11	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So how did you
12	enter an objection in those other cases?
13	MR. MORGAN: So we I mean we emailed
14	them. These are typically my clients, so they didn't
15	have any sort of OGRID number. So we emailed them
16	over. And so, we prepared a separate entry and
17	objection, as well as a pre-hearing statement.
18	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And do you see
19	the objections?
20	MR. MORGAN: I do not. I only see the
21	pre-hearing statements for some reason.
22	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And is there
23	some reason you said your client has an OGRID
24	number; right?
25	MR. MORGAN: Does not. This client
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1	does not.
2	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So you were
3	relying on email? Freya, did you see this email?
4	MS. TSCHANTZ: I'm searching my email
5	right now.
6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. When did
7	you send it?
8	MR. MORGAN: It would've been Thursday
9	evening from my staff, around the same time that the
10	pre-hearing statement was sent, as well.
11	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
12	MS. TSCHANTZ: Do you know who, like,
13	sent it?
14	MR. MORGAN: Probably, I believe it was
15	Anna Williamson.
16	MS. TSCHANTZ: Okay.
17	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. So while
18	we're looking so I've told you to enter an
19	appearance on your four cases. And included in your
20	appearance, you're going to also include the fact that
21	you object?
22	MR. MORGAN: Correct.
23	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So an entry of
24	appearance and notice of objection in the title line,
25	to make it very clear what's going on.

1	MR. MORGAN: Yes. And that's how they
2	were prepared?
3	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Yes.
4	MS. TSCHANTZ: And I did find the
5	email. I uploaded the pre-hearing statement from
6	cases 24287 to 97. But that was the only document
7	that I saw.
8	MR. MORGAN: Okay. But you didn't
9	receive a separate email with the objections it
10	doesn't sound like.
11	MS. TSCHANTZ: I did not.
12	MR. MORGAN: Okay.
13	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And Freya, what
14	case did you say that you uploaded it to?
15	MS. TSCHANTZ: I uploaded the
16	pre-hearing statement to 24287 through 24297.
17	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right, so
18	you're going to be removing it now.
19	MS. TSCHANTZ: Okay.
20	THE HEARING EXAMINER: In all the cases
21	that they're not a party to. They're only a party to
22	89 through 90. So 89, 90, 96, 97.
23	MS. TSCHANTZ: Okay.
24	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Anything else
25	from them in any other case should be removed.

1	MS. TSCHANTZ: Okay.
2	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And we're
3	waiting for them to email an entry of appearance and
4	notice of objection. What are you objecting to?
5	MR. MORGAN: So at this point, my
6	clients hadn't received the technical data that they
7	had requested in order to make an informed decision on
8	whether to participate.
9	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I see. And
10	Mr. Feldewert, did you know that?
11	MR. FELDEWERT: Only when they first
12	contacted us last week. As to what's been going on
13	between the parties before and after that, I'm not
14	privy.
15	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. But as of
16	now you know what the objection is based on?
17	MR. FELDEWERT: We understand that
18	there was some additional information. It's my
19	understanding the client is starting to cooperate.
20	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
21	MR. MORGAN: Yeah, I believe that's all
22	been received. I think it was received on Monday.
23	They did a pretty quick job of getting it to us.
24	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right. So
25	do you anticipate that you'll be withdrawing your

1	objection?
2	MR. MORGAN: I anticipate that we will
3	be withdrawing those objections.
4	THE HEARING EXAMINER: You will. Okay.
5	MR. MORGAN: That's my anticipation.
6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. And Ms.
7	Hardy, do you have any reason why we can't proceed by
8	hearing, by affidavit today, in the other cases?
9	MS. HARDY: No, not from E.G.L. and
10	PBEX's perspective.
11	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Perfect. Thank
12	you. Mr. Feldewert, do you want to prepare? Now, let
13	me ask the technical examiner. Mr. Garcia, if we
14	proceed by affidavit in these other cases, will you
15	have any questions for the witnesses?
16	MR. GARCIA: I do not.
17	THE GROUP: Okay. Can we do this in a
18	sort of a group?
19	MR. FELDEWERT: I have, because of the
20	nature of what's being requested
21	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Yes.
22	MR. FELDEWERT: Split up at four
23	different stages.
24	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Perfect.
25	MR. FELDEWERT: Now with that said, if
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1	you are continuing these four cases, I would ask, they
2	be continued to the next docket.
3	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
4	MR. FELDEWERT: Because they've gotten
5	the technical information.
6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
7	MR. FELDEWERT: I would think there's
8	no reason why we'd be able to proceed by affidavit the
9	remaining four cases at the next docket.
10	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right, so
11	let me circle 89, 90, 96 and 97, and you're going to
12	file a continuance to the next docket.
13	MR. FELDEWERT: I would ask that they
14	would file a continuance.
15	MR. MORGAN: We can file the
16	continuance. Just trying to be good neighbors.
17	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I see. Okay.
18	All right.
19	MR. FELDEWERT: I'm always for saving
20	my client money.
21	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Let me
22	write this down. Strategic Energy. So that'll go to
23	the September 12th docket.
24	MR. FELDEWERT: Thank you.
25	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Today is the
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1	first day I've learned that one company can continue
2	another company's case. However, how will he do that
3	without an OGRID number?
4	MR. MORGAN: I believe there's a
5	separate portal for that where we can do it via email
6	as well. But there's a portal for paying that fee
7	associated.
8	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Ms. Tschantz.
9	MS. TSCHANTZ: That hasn't come up in
10	my experience. So I'd have to look into it further.
11	MR. MORGAN: We will work with her on
12	that. We've done it in the past.
13	THE HEARING EXAMINER: You have?
14	MR. MORGAN: We have.
15	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I've never heard
16	of it before. And I didn't know that it was a
17	practice for one company to pay for another company's
18	continuance.
19	MR. FELDEWERT: It only became a
20	practice when the division initiated these exorbitant
21	court fees.
22	THE HEARING EXAMINER: We have to pay
23	salaries. All right. So why don't you present your
24	cases in the four batches that you want to.
25	MR. FELDEWERT: Thank you. So,
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1	Mr. Examiner, I'm going to focus on the Art Smith
2	cases involving the Bone Spring formation, and the
3	remaining cases there are 24287 to 88. And then,
4	24291 and 92.
5	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
6	MR. FELDEWERT: That involves Bone
7	Spring and Art Smith matters. You'll see that these
8	set of cases seek to create either 320 acres standup
9	spacing units in section 34, and 3, or 160-acre
10	standup spacing units in the west half of section 34
11	due to existing development. I will note that the
12	application was initially filed for approval of
13	overlapping spacing units. But due to notice issues,
14	as we indicated in our pre-hearing statements, we have
15	dismissed that request, and we will pursue those
16	administratively. If I look at case 24287 as an
17	example, which is one of the cases that is proceeding
18	today, you'll see that it has, as in all the other
19	packets, it provides the policy fluid checklist in the
20	application.
21	And then you have Exhibit A, which is
22	from the landman, Mr. Isaac Evans, who has previously
23	testified before the division. And he provides in
24	each case the C-102s for the well. Now you and
25	Mr. Garcia will see that for the two mile wells, in

1	other words, the larger standup spacing units, there's
2	actually two C-102s, because A split up between two
3	different pools.
4	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
5	MR. FELDEWERT: He provides a tract
6	map, he provides a summary of interests identifying
7	the pool parties, which is always either it looks like
8	a group of working interest owners. There's some
9	record title that's being pooled and then a group of
10	overriding royalty owners.
11	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And I'm assuming
12	the C-102s in all of your exhibit packets are the old
13	version?
14	MR. FELDEWERT: They are. Oh, yeah.
15	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Which I know
16	we're making an exception today for.
17	MR. FELDEWERT: Yes. But it was my
18	understanding that we filed them, yes.
19	THE HEARING EXAMINER: But on September
20	12 it sounds like we're not going to be making that
21	exception.
22	MR. FELDEWERT: Let me ask Mr. Garcia
23	if I could have some leeway since we've already filed
24	our exhibits in those cases.
25	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Go ahead.

1	MR. FELDEWERT: If he would allow that
2	to proceed, particularly since they're just drafts.
3	He also provides then the well proposal letter along
4	with the AFE and in his communications with the
5	working interest owners that received approval.
6	Exhibit B in each case is a statement from Commander
7	Parker. He's a geologist for the company and he's
8	also previously testified before the division. He
9	provides the same statement for all of these cases
10	because it's applicable to all of the Bone Spring
11	cases. He provides a locator map, a structure map of
12	cross section reference lines and then a structural
13	cross section using the five wells that he identifies
14	in the construction map. And on that structural cross
15	section he identifies the target zones for the initial
16	art Smith wells.
17	We then provide as Exhibit C, a
18	statement confirming that the application was sent by
19	certified mailed to all parties. And then, Exhibit B
20	is the Affidavit of Publication. So with that I would
21	ask that the exhibits in these four cases be admitted,
22	and that these remaining four cases be taken under
23	advisement.
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1	(Cases 24287, 24288, 24291 and 24292
2	Exhibits A through D were marked for
3	identification.)
4	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. And I'm
5	looking at the Affidavit of Publication, which is from
6	April of this year. And the letter was sent out March
7	29th. So I know Mr. Garcia has no questions for you.
8	So the exhibits in these four cases are received into
9	evidence, and these four cases will be taken under
10	advisement. And were you asking Mr. Garcia for leeway
11	at this time on the C-102s for those four cases that
12	may come to hearing affidavit in September?
13	(Cases 24287, 24288, 24291 and 24292
14	Exhibits A through D were received into
15	evidence.)
16	MR. FELDEWERT: Yes, since we've
17	already filed them.
18	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I understand.
19	Mr. Garcia, do you have a response to that?
20	MR. GARCIA: That's fine. The exhibits
21	are already submitted in our system and reviewed by
22	us. Just for clarity, Mr. Feldewert, I got lost with
23	four cases. Did you just take them under advisement?
24	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Good question.
25	It would 24287, 24288, 24291, 24292.

1	MR. GARCIA: Okay, perfect.
2	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And Mr. Garcia,
3	will you put a note in the four cases that have been
4	objected to, 24289, 90, 96, and 97, that you have made
5	a second exception on those four cases that they can
6	still use the old C-102s?
7	MR. GARCIA: Yes.
8	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right.
9	MR. GARCIA: And I'll talk to my staff,
10	too.
11	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Thank you
12	very much. All right Mr. Feldewert, your next case?
13	MR. FELDEWERT: Yes. It would be,
14	let's see, the remaining cases would be 24294 and
15	24295. This involves the Wolf Camp formation under
16	sections 34 and three for Art Smith wells. Exhibits
17	are similar in both cases. It provides the compulsory
18	pool checklist in the application. We have the
19	same a statement again from Isaac Evans who
20	previously testified he provides a draft C-102 for
21	each well. And it's one pool which just one C-102, a
22	track map, a summary of interest identifying pool
23	parties, a well proposal letter with the AFE, and then
24	a summary of communications with the working interest
25	owners.

1	We then have a statement from
2	Andrew Parker who is a geologist with the company who
3	has previously testified. He provided the same
4	statement in these Wolf Camp cases because it's the
5	same analysis. And so, he provides a locator map, a
6	structure map with cross section lines and then a
7	structural cross section using the logs from the wells
8	that he has identified. And in that structural cross
9	section he provides the target zone for the Art Smith
LO	Wolf Camp place. Exhibit C, again, is a statement
L1	confirming that that notice was sent by certified mail
L2	to the approved parties. And then, Exhibit D is the
L3	David Affidavit of Publication.
L 4	So I would move the admission of the
L5	exhibits in these two cases and ask that these two
L6	cases be taken under advisement.
L7	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Are there any
L8	objections. Not hearing any, your exhibits are
L9	admitted in case 24294 and 95.
20	(Case 24294 and 24295 Exhibits A
21	through D were marked for
22	identification and received into
23	evidence.)
24	And in this case, I actually see
25	Mr. Morgan's document. Looking for a signature here.
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1	Here we are, for Strategic Energy and I think they're
2	alleging that you have not gone through the proper
3	procedure to get voluntary agreements to pull the
4	land, at least as to them. Is that your
5	understanding?
6	MR. FELDEWERT: I can only go by what
7	he has put in there. I don't agree with that.
8	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Right.
9	MR. FELDEWERT: And I think he has
10	indicated that that opinion no longer exists. And I
11	would also say that these cases, they're not even
12	appropriate.
13	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Exactly, that is
14	correct. Yeah.
15	MR. MORGAN: I understand that. But
16	this is the first time I'm able to see what you filed
17	in your pre-hearing statement has not made a good
18	faith effort to voluntarily pool Strategic Energy. Is
19	that your position in the other four cases?
20	MR. MORGAN: Yes. Since that technical
21	data had not been . yeah, had not been received.
22	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Right.
23	MR. MORGAN: Correct.
24	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Oh I see.
25	Because the data had not been received.

1	MR. MORGAN: Exactly.
2	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I see. Okay.
3	All right. So these two cases will be taken under
4	advisement and then your remaining cases 24304 through
5	the end.
6	MR. FELDEWERT: Yeah. So again I split
7	them up by formation. Okay. So Strategic Growth was
8	not involved in these cases.
9	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Right. I
10	understood that.
11	MR. FELDEWERT: So the first set of
12	cases would be what we call the Jim Rolfe Bone Spring
13	wells, which is 24304 TO 24309. Exhibits again are
14	similar in all of these six cases. We a statement
15	from Isaac Evans, again a landman who's previously
16	testified. He provides a draft C-102s for each well.
17	And it's a single pool, so there's only one C-102. He
18	provides a tract map showing the area, a summary of
19	interest identifying the pool parties, which includes
20	working interest owners, record title owners, and an
21	overriding royalty interest owners. Provides a sample
22	of well proposal letter along with the AFE and any
23	summary of communications with working interest owners
24	that pool. Exhibit B is from Andrew Parker, a
25	geologist who again has previously testified before

the division. He provided the same statement in all
six of these cases, because the analysis was
identical. He provides a locator map, a structured
map with the cross section reference lines, and then a
structural cross section using the logs from the four
wells and he's identified.

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And then on there, structural cross section identifies the target zones for the six initial general Bone Spring wells. Exhibit C is a statement confirming that the application was sent by certified mail to pool parties. You will note that there are two letters in there. We had an initial mailing in March, and we found some additional owners and sent a second letter directed at those additional owners. Similarly, exhibit D is an affidavit of publication and there's actually two affidavits to accommodate the second round of notice. So with that we would move the admission of these exhibits into evidence, and ask that these six cases be taken under advisement.

THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Are there any objections to these exhibits? Not hearing any, your exhibits in these cases, 24304 through 24309 are admitted into evidence. And these cases will be taken under advisement. That leaves us with 24310 through

1	24313?
2	(Cases 24304 to 24309 Exhibits A
3	through D were marked for
4	identification and received into
5	evidence.)
6	MR. FELDEWERT: Yes, sir. Again, these
7	are single pool in the Wolf Camp formation in sections
8	22 and 27 in 18 South 34 east of county for the
9	Jim Rolfe Camp well. Exhibits are similar to what
L O	we've previously seen. We have compulsory fluid check
L1	list and an application. We have a statement from
L2	Isaac Evans who has previously testified with the same
L3	set of exhibits we previously discussed. The only
L4	difference here is that we had two Wolf camp pools.
L 5	So there are two C-102s in each case that allocate the
L6	acreage to the two Wolf camp pools. We then the same
L7	or a similar statement from Andrew Parker, who again
L8	has previously testified. His statement is the same
L9	for all four of these cases because he's analyzing the
20	Wolf Camp formation. And he provides that locator
21	map, a structure map with cross-referenced lines and a
22	structural cross section that identifies the target
23	zone for the initial four Jim Rolfe for Wolf Camp
24	wells.
25	We then have Exhibit C, which is a
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1	statement confirming that notice was sent to the
2	parties to be pooled. Again, we have two letters for
3	the regions I had previously articulated in the last
4	case set of cases. And then Exhibit D contains
5	Affidavits of Publication. Again, there are two
6	affidavits because they are addressed to an initial
7	set of parties to be pooled and a second set that was
8	subsequently discovered. So with that, I would move
9	the admission of these exhibits in all four of these
LO	cases and ask if these four cases be taken into
L1	advisement.
L2	Are there any objections? Not hearing
L3	any, these exhibits in case numbers 24310 through
L4	24313 are admitted into evidence and the cases are
L5	taken under advisement. Thank you.
L6	(Cases 24310 to 24313 Exhibits A
L7	through D were marked for
L8	identification and received into
L9	evidence.)
20	MR. FELDEWERT: Thank you. And thank
21	you for the accommodation for the accommodation of the
22	C-102s.
23	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I'm calling now
24	2444, 43, 45, 54, and 56, Franklin Mountain Energy
25	cases.

1	MS. BENNETT: Good morning,
2	Mr. Examiner. Deana Bennett on behalf of Franklin
3	Mountain Energy.
4	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Good morning.
5	MR. FELDEWERT: Good morning,
6	Mr. Examiner. Michael Feldewert, Santa Fe Office of
7	Holland & Hart appearing behalf of XTO Energy, Inc.
8	MS. BENNETT: Thank you.
9	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Are there any
10	other parties that you know of Ms. Bennett?
11	MS. BENNETT: Not that I know of.
12	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Excellent. How
13	do you want to proceed?
14	MS. BENNETT: I'd like to proceed by
15	affidavit.
16	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay, great.
17	MS. BENNETT: Yeah.
18	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Was there an
19	objection, Mr. Feldewert?
20	MR. FELDEWERT: XTO has no objection to
21	them proceeding by affidavit.
22	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Fantastic. Do
23	you want to present them all four together or are you
24	separating them?
25	MS. BENNETT: I'd like to present them
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1	together.
2	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Perfect. Go
3	right ahead.
4	MS. BENNETT: And these four cases
5	which are 24443, 24445, 24454, and 24456, Franklin
6	Mountain Energy 3, is seeking an order from the
7	division, pooling uncommitted working, uncommitted
8	mineral interests. And together these four cases
9	cover the east half of sections 27 and 34, township
- 0	18, south range 35 east. And they cover both the Bone
L1	Spring and the Wolf Camp. We timely filed exhibits
L2	and our exhibit packets are very similar. I'll just
L3	run through one of them quickly for the division's
L4	enjoyment. The first exhibit in all of our exhibit
L5	packets is the compulsory pooling checklist followed
L6	by the application. We've then included the
L7	self-affirmed statement of Don Johnson, who's
-8	previously testified before the division and has
_9	credentials have been accepted as a matter of record.
20	And behind his self affirmed statements are the usual
21	land exhibits.
22	The next tab is the self-affirmed
23	statement of Ben Kessel. He's the director of geology
24	for Franklin Mountain Energy 3. And he's previously
25	testified before the division and his credentials have

1	been accepted as a matter of record. And behind his
2	declaration are the usual geology exhibits. And then
3	Exhibit 3 my self-affirmed Statement of Notice where I
4	affirm that notice was timely provided. So that's the
5	outline of the exhibits for all three cases. So if
6	the division's preference is for me to seek to admit
7	them in each case individually. I'm happy to do that.
8	THE HEARING EXAMINER: No, not
9	necessary. So are you seeking to have them all
10	exhibits?
11	MS. BENNETT: Yes.
12	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
13	MS. BENNETT: At time I'd like to ask
14	that the exhibits in case 24443, 24445, 24454, and
15	24456 be admitted into the record.
16	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Any objections?
17	MR. FELDEWERT: No objection.
18	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Your exhibits
19	are admitted in all four cases. Mr. Garcia, do you
20	have any questions on these cases?
21	(Cases 24443, 24445, 24454 and 24456
22	Exhibits 1, 2 and 3 were marked for
23	identification.)
24	MR. GARCIA: I do not.
25	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Excellent.
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1	1	They're taken under advisement. Thank you.
2	2	MS. BENNETT: Thank you. And just to
3	3	confirm, we have the old form C-102s in here, too.
4	4	And it's my understanding that that's okay?
5	5	THE HEARING EXAMINER: For today it is,
6	6	yeah.
7	7	MS. BENNETT: And may I ask a
8	8	clarifying question for some cases that we have coming
9	9	up on August 27th, or can I discuss that with you on
10	10	the break?
11	11	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Sure. August
12		th
12	12	27 , we have a special docket.
13	12	27, we have a special docker.
13	13	MS. BENNETT: Yes, you do. August
14	13	MS. BENNETT: Tes, you do. August
14	14	27th, let me take a look at it. Hold on. Mr. Garcia,
1 -	14	2/th, let me take a look at it. Hold on. Mr. Garcia,
15	1 -	who is the technical assertance for Assert 27th?
1.0	15	who is the technical examiner for August 27th?
16	1.6	MD CARCIA: I believe it vill be been
1 7	16	MR. GARCIA: I believe it will be Dean.
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1.0	17	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Dean. Okay.
18	1.0	Ict me get to that August 27th . Ilm mulling up the
1.0	18	Let me get to that August 27th. I'm pulling up the
19	1.0	
2.0	19	docket. One moment. Okay. And we're going to have
20	20	Dan Maglana and the best and the second
0.1	20	Dean McClure as our technical examiner. And these are
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0.0	21	Franklin Mountain Energy 3 compulsory pooling ball
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23	0.2	
0.4	23	then 05, 06, then Matador. Would that be
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0.5	24	Mr. Feldewert?
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	25	MR. FELDEWERT: Yes, sir.
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1	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I see. Okay.
2	And what is your question?
3	MS. BENNETT: Two things. First of
4	all, we previously submitted our exhibit packets for
5	those cases. And so, I'd like to request the
6	division's .
7	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Sure.
8	MS. BENNETT: courtesy to let us use
9	the C-102s that were previously submitted.
10	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. And while
11	Mr. Garcia's thinking about that, what's your other
12	question?
13	MS. BENNETT: My other request or my
14	other comment is that the cases that are set for
15	August 27th were originally protested both by Ameredev
16	for half of the cases and by Matador, MRC, excuse me,
17	for the other half of the cases. And those objections
18	have now been withdrawn. And so, I was proposing to
19	Mr. Feldewert that I submit a Motion to Vacate or
20	amend the current pre-hearing order to transform the
21	hearing into a hearing by affidavit.
22	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And then, we can
23	move it to a different docket?
24	MS. BENNETT: If you'd like to we can,
25	or we can leave it on August 27th, your preference,

1	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I think the
2	preference for the division is to conserve resources
3	for technical examiners. And so, all of these cases,
4	and how many so I'm confused though, because we
5	have Franklin Mountain Energy cases and then we have
6	it looks like competing applications.
7	MR. FELDEWERT: If I may, we as a
8	result
9	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Yes.
10	MR. FELDEWERT: Ms. Bennett just
11	explained we have now dismissed our competing
12	application.
13	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I see it here.
14	Here
15	MR. FELDEWERT: We are still in the
16	case. I may have questions. I don't know, but it
17	shouldn't be very long. In fact .
18	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
19	MR. FELDEWERT: I would not use that
20	as a reason to keep it on the current date.
21	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I understand.
22	MS. BENNETT: Mr. Examiner, I will note
23	that Franklin Mountain Energy 3 intends to have
24	witnesses present.
25	MR. FELDEWERT: Yes.

1	MS. BENNETT: And they have already
2	booked their travel for August 27th thinking that we
3	would be sticking with that day even for an
4	uncontested hearing. I can check with them to see if
5	they can change their travel arrangements, but they
6	did already book flights to be here on August 27th.
7	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I understand
8	perfectly. If we have a hearing by affidavit, I mean
9	it's certainly I mean even if it was a contested
10	hearing, they don't have to be here. Would they
11	prefer not to come at all?
12	MS. BENNETT: Their preference is to
13	come.
14	THE HEARING EXAMINER: They would like
15	to come?
16	MS. BENNETT: Yes.
17	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
18	MS. BENNETT: I'm happy to confer with
19	them on the break about this wrinkle.
20	THE HEARING EXAMINER: If they want to
21	come, we'll have the hearing. It sounds like it'll be
22	a lot easier for the technical team. I know we're
23	trying to conserve resources with the technical team.
24	So, Mr. Garcia, two issues for you to
25	chime in on. Number one, these cases going to hearing
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1	on the 27th, you said will be hearings by affidavit
2	and not contested. Is it permissible for them to
3	retain the use of the old C-102?
4	MR. GARCIA: Yeah, I believe Dean's
5	starting to review the cases already. Cases wide we
6	just go start pushing new C-102s. And you know, if
7	you tell me when that date has started so I will
8	MR. GARCIA: I would say the 29th.
9	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Right. Sounds
10	good. So yes. Well, the parties know at this point,
11	so I'll help enforce that. But when it comes to the
12	hearing that day, would there be a problem for Mr.
13	McClure to be the technical examiner if we keep the
14	date of the 27th of August?
15	MR. GARCIA: No, we've already
16	scheduled meetings around it. It got reported.
17	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. So then,
18	Ms. Bennett, yes, we will make an exception on the
19	C-102s. And yes, we will have the hearing here in
20	Pecos Hall for your witnesses to attend on the 27th.
21	And that starts at 8:30; is that correct?
22	MS. BENNETT: That's correct.
23	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right, well
24	they're coming a long way for a very short hearing,
25	but that's fine.

1	MS. BENNETT: Thank you.
2	THE HEARING EXAMINER: That's fine.
3	Okay, so we take these other cases under advisement.
4	Okay.
5	MS. BENNETT: Thank you.
6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And thank you.
7	Calling now Ms. Bennett. Looks like we have some more
8	of your cases, Ms. Pena. Okay, I'm calling now 24467,
9	68, 69, and 70. The four cases, they're joined. Are
10	you ready for a hearing by affidavit?
11	MS. PENA: I am, yes.
12	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right.
13	Parties enter an appearance there.
14	MS. PENA: Yaritha Pena with Modrall
15	Sperling on behalf of Franklin Mountain Energy 3.
16	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you.
17	MR. FELDEWERT: Michael Feldewert,
18	Santa Fe office of Holland & Hart on behalf of XTO
19	Energy, Inc.
20	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Had you filed an
21	objection that you've now withdrawn?
22	MR. FELDEWERT: We no longer object. I
23	don't think we filed an objection. We do not object
24	to these matters proceeding by affidavit.
25	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Ms. Pena, is
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1	that the only other party that you know of?
2	MS. PENA: That I'm aware of, yes.
3	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Please proceed.
4	MS. PENA: Okay. I will present all
5	four of these in a brief fashion.
6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Perfect.
7	MS. PENA: All four of these cases are
8	companion cases encompassing all of irregular section
9	2, section 11 and the respective sections in the north
10	half, and north half south half of section 14, in
11	township 19, south range 35 east, in Lee County, New
12	Mexico. All four applications seek to dedicate their
13	respective species units to four Bone Spring nexus bed
14	wells. We timely filed exhibits last week in each of
15	these cases. And the exhibit packet is the same in
16	all four. Exhibit A contains the compulsory pulling
17	checklist and behind tab B contains the affidavit of
18	Mr. Jon Rutledge, who has not previously testified
19	before the division. And we now seek to admit him as
20	a expert in petroleum land matters. We have included
21	his credentials in his affidavit on Exhibit B and his
22	resume is included on Exhibit BE.
23	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And he's here to
24	testify?
25	MS. PENA: He is.

1	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right. So
2	for some reason my VPN is not connecting, so I can't
3	see, maybe I can get to it another way. Let me see if
4	I can go through the public portal or I can restart.
5	You know what, I'm just going to restart my computer.
6	So let's take a five minute break before we hear from
7	your witness. And I'll restart my computer and hope
8	that that fixes it. All right, we're off the record.
9	Thank you.
10	(Off the record.)
11	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay, we're back
12	on the record. It's 10:45 a.m. on August 22nd. And
13	Ms. Pena, do you have Mr. Rutledge available?
14	MS. PENA: Yes, he is.
15	THE HEARING EXAMINER: He was on a team
16	call. Would you ask him to turn on his camera?
17	MS. PENA: Could you turn on your
18	camera Mr. Rutledge? I don't know if my mic is
19	working.
20	THE HEARING EXAMINER: You want to say
21	it again.
22	MS. PENA: Mr. Rutledge. We're also
23	not on the screen. Oh, maybe because . I don't
24	think
25	THE HEARING EXAMINER: There's no one
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1	there.
2	MS. PENA: Yeah. He's not ready to .
3	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Let's go back on
4	recess and until Ms. Tschantz is ready.
5	(Off the record.)
6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Good. All
7	right. It is 10:49 a.m. We had a little housekeeping
8	to deal with. We're back on the record now. We are
9	going to qualify Mr. Jon Rutledge as an expert once we
10	get him on the camera and sworn in.
11	MS. PENA: Mr. Rutledge, do you mind
12	turning on the camera? There you are.
13	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Mr.
14	Rutledge, you're seeking to be admitted as an expert
15	in what field?
16	MR. RUTLEDGE: Landman, sir.
17	THE HEARING OFFICER: Landman. Okay,
18	very good. Would you raise your right hand.
19	WHEREUPON,
20	JON RUTLEDGE
21	called as a witness and having been first duly sworn
22	to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but
23	the truth, under penalty of law, was examined and
24	testified as follows:
25	THE WITNESS: I do.

1	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. What
2	education do you have that goes toward Landman?
3	THE WITNESS: Yes, sir. I've been on
4	Landman for the past 14 years. Strong background in
5	title examination, negotiation and acquisition of land
6	rights, preparation and submission of administrative
7	land related documents to ensure compliance with the
8	rules and regulations.
9	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. And the
10	question was what education do you have that goes to
11	that expertise?
12	THE WITNESS: Oh, yes sir. Graduated
13	from the University of Colorado, economics degree.
14	Okay. And when was that?
15	THE WITNESS: I I graduated in 2008.
16	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. And since
17	then you've been working in as a landman, for who?
18	THE WITNESS: For the past year for
19	Franklin Mountain Energy. And previous TOC Land
20	services.
21	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. I'm just
22	reviewing your did you prepare this resume?
23	THE WITNESS: Yes sir, I did.
24	THE HEARING EXAMINER: You did. All
25	right. All right, Mr. Rutledge, you are hereby
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qualified as an expert in petroleum landman issues before this division. Ms. Pena.

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MS. PENA: Thank you. Following
Mr. Rutledge's affidavit in tab B are the standard
land exhibits. A note that I would also like to make
on the record is in exhibit B, three of each case
under the unit situation, there are a total of four
parties listed for one percentage. And through FAME
they have had a little bit of a title issue dispute.
So they list four parties under that percentage, but
they have executed a letter of agreement between FME
and XTO, who seems to be the operator in charge of
that percentage. So they will be moving forward with
a letter of agreement in that regard.

The rest of the exhibits behind tab B are the standard land exhibits. Exhibits in tab C, I apologize, contain the affidavit of Ben Kessel, the director of geology for Franklin, who has previously testified before the division, and his standard geology exhibits. In tab D that contains the standard notice exhibits including the declaration of Ms. Bennett that shows that we timely noticed and published for these cases. At this point I would ask that the exhibits for all four cases in 24467 through 24470 be admitted into the record and that the cases

1	be taken under advisement.
2	(Cases 24467 to 24470 Exhibits Tab A
3	through Tab D were marked for
4	identification.)
5	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I'm looking at
6	Mr. Kessel's affidavit and what I don't see is the
7	typical language that I see in an affidavit. Do you
8	want to look at it?
9	MS. PENA: Yes, I'm there.
10	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Do you see what
11	I'm talking about?
12	MS. PENA: Are you talking about the
13	language that he's previously testified before the
14	division?
15	THE HEARING EXAMINER: No, no.
16	MS. PENA: Okay. The language that
17	typically goes at the end of the affidavit that talks
18	about how they attest under penalty of law that this
19	is true.
20	MS. PENA: So this is an affidavit and
21	we have them notarize the affidavit.
22	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
23	MS. PENA: So on page of 31 and 63 of
24	the PDF, they're all notarized.
25	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
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1	MS. PENA: So they're not a
2	self-affirmed declaration for these set of cases.
3	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you for
4	the clarification.
5	MS. PENA: Of course.
6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Are there
7	any objections to these exhibits in these four cases?
8	MR. FELDEWERT: Mr. Examiner, I do have
9	a question.
10	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Well, are
11	you objecting to the exhibit or
12	MR. FELDEWERT: No. So let me
13	rephrase. I have no objection to exhibits, but I do
14	have a question from Mr. Rutledge.
15	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Fine. Let's
16	deal with the admission. So there's no objection to
17	the admission of your exhibits in these four cases.
18	So your exhibits are hereby admitted as evidence in
19	these four cases. Mr. Feldewert, is your question to
20	Mr. Rutledge about a particular case or all four
21	cases?
22	(Cases 24467 to 24470 Exhibits Tab A
23	through Tab D were were received into
24	evidence.)
25	MR. FELDEWERT: I think it applies to
	Daga 126
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1	all four, but I can use just one exhibit.
2	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Please
3	proceed.
4	CROSS-EXAMINATION
5	BY MR. FELDEWERT:
6	Q I'm looking at page 19 of a 63-page PDF for
7	case 244669, Mr. Rutledge, at issue, part of your
8	exhibit B3. Let me know when you're there.
9	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Summary of it.
10	THE WITNESS: Yes sir, I'm there.
11	BY MR. FELDEWERT:
12	Q Okay. And you prepared this, correct?
13	A Yes, I did.
14	Q All right. And I think there was discussion
15	that you had four parties listed for that 9.1%
16	interest.
17	A Yes sir.
18	Q And I understand that that's because there
19	is a title dispute amongst these four parties?
20	A Yes. It goes back to an old operating
21	agreement that XTO appears to be the successor in
22	interest to. So it's kind of a contractual versus
23	operating rights.
24	Q Okay. You mentioned that you had some sort
25	of letter agreement with XTO. Does that letter

1	agreement address when you will be asked to make an
2	election and pay their fair share? Or does that
3	letter agreement address what the percentage is going
4	to be in that circumstance given the title dispute, or
5	does it address both?
6	Q I believe it just addresses the election to
7	participate and cash it all at that time.
8	A Okay.
9	Q What percentage do you anticipate asking XTO
10	to pay its share of, given the title dispute?
11	A Yeah, it would be that 9.101251 percent.
12	Q So at this time, even though there's a title
13	dispute, the company anticipates requiring XTO to make
14	it pay its 9.102 percent share of the costs?
15	A That's my understanding, yes sir.
16	Q Okay. And can you understand that XTO may
17	have a concern about doing that given the title
18	dispute?
19	A Yes, sir. I can see that.
20	Q Okay. And so, if XTO requests it, will the
21	company delay XTO's requirement to pay its share of
22	the well cost until after this title dispute is
23	resolved?
24	A I think that's fair.
25	Q You think it's fair? You think the company
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1	will agree to that, as the land representative here?
2	A I think they would.
3	Q Okay. All right. With that representation,
4	I appreciate your time.
5	A Yes sir.
6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Does that end
7	your questions, Mr. Feldewert?
8	MR. FELDEWERT: Yes.
9	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Mr. Garcia, do
10	you have any questions for these cases?
11	MR. GARCIA: Just one question. Adding
12	on to Mr. Feldewert's question, does that extension
13	also apply to the other parties listed under that 9.1
14	percent?
15	THE WITNESS: Yes sir, it would.
16	MR. GARCIA: Okay. Have they been in
17	contact about what percentage they actually owe?
18	THE WITNESS: We have been in contact
19	with them, yes.
20	MR. GARCIA: Okay. And been, I guess,
21	clear with them that still looking out the details,
22	but you don't provide them their exact percentages
23	that they own when it's resolved?
24	THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
25	MR. GARCIA: All right. No questions.
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1	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right.
2	Thank you.
3	MR. GARCIA: No further questions.
4	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So, Mr. Garcia,
5	without the information that you just asked about, are
6	we still able to take the case under advisement?
7	MR. GARCIA: Honestly, I don't know.
8	That's why I was trying to figure out. It's I
9	mean, title disputes are outside of OCD jurisdiction,
10	but asking someone to be completely pooled for a
11	percentage they don't know is interesting. Because
12	they can't make a judgment call if they're
13	participating in this well or not, if they don't know
14	how much they owe.
15	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So can they
16	MR. GARCIA: We would prefer to
17	continue it until the title dispute is resolved, which
18	I know may be some time. But I don't know how we can
19	expect a party to pick if they're wanting to be a
20	committed party or not.
21	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Let me ask a
22	couple of questions. Mr. Rutledge.
23	THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
24	THE HEARING EXAMINER: When do you
25	anticipate resolving this title dispute?
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1	THE WITNESS: I don't have a good
2	timeline on that. Again, I think it's going to be
3	negotiations between all parties about the chain of
4	title, and where those gaps are. You know, ultimately
5	this could ultimately end in a quiet time dispute.
6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And that could
7	take some time; right?
8	THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
9	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Well, I mean, I
10	understand Mr. Garcia's concern and, of course, XTO's
11	concern as well. Ms. Pena, you're asking the division
12	to take this under advisement; right?
13	MS. PENA: I am. As in many cases in
14	pooling cases, there is title issue disputes that are
15	ongoing. And we've noticed, and FME has sent out
16	their well proposals to all four parties involved and
17	they're aware of the potential percentage that are
18	implicated in these matters. And no one has received,
19	or we haven't received an objection from these
20	parties. I would like to ask a redirect question to
21	Mr. Garcia.
22	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Oh please, go
23	right ahead.
24	MS. PENA: Mr. Rutledge. I'm sorry.
25	//

1 CROSS-EXAMINATION 2. BY MS. PENA: 3 Mr. Rutledge, in your letter agreement with 0 4 XTO, they're aware of the potential percentage that 5 they have? 6 Α They're aware of the certain percentage they I don't think we -- we discussed that in the 8 letter agreement. 9 0 Between the letter agreement. What have you discussed with XTO regarding moving forward from this 10 11 pooling order or pooling application? 12 In what regard? Α 13 0 In the letter to elect to participate, 14 they're aware that there's other three parties 15 involved in the title dispute. 16 I discussed with their landman many months 17 ago about the contractual interest versus the operating rights. 18 19 And they agreed to the letter? Q 20 Α Yes, they did. 2.1 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Ms. Pena, do 22 they have that in writing the agreement that he just 23 mentioned? 2.4 BY MS. PENA: 25 Mr. Rutledge, do you have the letter 0 Page 142

1	agreement signed by XTO?
2	A I do.
3	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And what about
4	the other parties? Because Mr. Garcia is concerned
5	about not just XTO, whose counsel is here in front of
6	us, but these other three parties, do we have
7	agreement in the same way?
8	THE witness: We do not have a slide
9	letter agreement with those parties. No, sir.
10	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. So what
11	I'm understanding is of the four parties that are
12	involved in the title dispute, you have an agreement
13	in writing with XTO that their interest could be
14	anywhere between what, 1 percent and 9 percent; is
15	that the idea?
16	THE witness: No, I I think it's
17	it's an issue of whether XTO owns that full 9 percent
18	or whether the other parties own that 9 percent.
19	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So XTO may own
20	no percent then?
21	THE WITNESS: Yes, sir; that's correct.
22	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Or they may own
23	all 9 percent?
24	THE WITNESS: That is correct.
25	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I see. And
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1	you're able to submit that letter from XTO
2	acknowledging this agreement?
3	THE WITNESS: I can submit the letter
4	agreement, yes, sir. Ms. Pena.
5	MS. PENA: Yes, we can amend the
6	exhibit packet to include that letter.
7	THE WITNESS: I don't think you need to
8	actually amend the packet in this case. Why don't you
9	just file a supplemental exhibit in this case? I
10	don't know what your, I don't what would it be, "F",
11	"G", what would it be?
12	MS. PENA: I can add it to his land
13	exhibit tab.
14	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Oh, perfect.
15	MS. PENA: It would be B9, in this
16	case.
17	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Would you
18	include a cover letter with that?
19	MS. PENA: Yes.
20	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. So we're
21	going to keep the hearing record open in these four
22	cases to receive that letter. Mr. Garcia, would that
23	letter help you?
24	MR. GARCIA: Yes, for XTO. I guess I
25	can cover my other issues with questions, if I may?
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1	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Yes, please go
2	ahead. Yes.
3	MR. GARCIA: Have you been in contact
4	with the other three parties and they're aware that
5	their percentage can range anywhere from zero to 9.1
6	percent?
7	THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
8	MR. GARCIA: Okay. And they had no
9	objection to that?
10	THE WITNESS: They did not appear to,
11	no.
12	MR. GARCIA: I believe I could resolve
13	my concerns with those questions, Mr. Examiner.
14	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right, thank
15	you Mr. Garcia. So we will take this case under
16	advisement once we receive the supplemental Exhibit
17	в9.
18	MS. PENA: Yes.
19	THE HEARING EXAMINER: B9, and with the
20	cover letter to explain why you're submitting this.
21	So we'll keep the record open. How long will it take
22	for you to submit that?
23	MS. PENA: If I can have until Monday.
24	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Perfect.
25	Monday.

1	MR. FELDEWERT: Mr. Examiner, if I may?
2	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Yes.
3	MR. FELDEWERT: The only comment I
4	would have is that I believe the letter agreement does
5	not address the payment obligation under an election
6	to participate under the pooling order. But it's my
7	understanding from Mr. Rutledge that they will not
8	require XTO to pay a share of cost. In other words,
9	they can make an election, but they won't require them
10	to pay a share of the cost until they get the title
11	issue resolved. That's my understanding. Is that
12	correct Mr. Rutledge?
13	THE WITNESS: That is correct, sir.
14	MR. FELDEWERT: Okay. In that case
15	then we would not object to the matter being taken
16	under advisement.
17	THE HEARING EXAMINER: That sounds
18	good. So, Mr. Rutledge, when you provide that letter
19	showing that XTO has agreed to whatever you said they
20	agreed to, I'd like a cover letter from you showing
21	what Mr. Feldewert just asked you to be the case.
22	THE WITNESS: Understood.
23	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. And Ms.
24	Pena, please have Mr. Rutledge submit it either as a
25	self-affirmed statement or as an affidavit.

1	MS. PENA: Yes.
2	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So we can take
3	it as fact.
4	MS. PENA: Yes, we will.
5	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And so, Monday
6	still okay with you for that?
7	MS. PENA: Yes.
8	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. So that's
9	the 26th of August?
10	MS. PENA: Yes.
11	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right. So,
12	Mr. Garcia and Franklin Mountain, we will hold the
13	administrative record open, the hearing record in this
14	case until close of business August 26th to get a
15	supplemental exhibit. There will be two supplemental
16	exhibits, a B9 and a B10. B9 will have this letter
17	agreement that is signed by XTO and B10 will be a
18	self-affirmed or an affidavit statement from Mr.
19	Rutledge stating what he just told Mr. Feldewert
20	during this hearing, regarding the election?
21	MS. PENA: Yes, that's correct. Thank
22	you.
23	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay, excellent.
24	These cases are in recess. We now move to number 37
25	on our docket, which is Mewbourne Oil. And it's not

1	joined with 24552, but are you presenting these cases
2	today by affidavit?
3	MS. MCLEAN: Yes, I am.
4	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Please enter
5	your appearance.
6	MS. MCLEAN: Jackie McLean with Hinkle
7	Shanor on behalf Mewbourne.
8	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Is there there
9	anyone else?
10	MS. MCLEAN: I believe Ms. Shaheen is
11	in, too.
12	MS. SHAHEEN: Sharon Shaheen on behalf
13	of Permian Resources.
14	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And Ms. Shaheen,
15	did you now, I called 24551. But Ms. McLean, is
16	this joined with 52, or not?
17	MS. MCLEAN: It is not Mr. Examiner.
18	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Is not. Do you
19	prefer to do it individually?
20	MS. MCLEAN: I think so.
21	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. There are
22	different areas and also Ms. Shaheen is not part of
23	the other one.
24	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Perfect.
25	Ms. Shaheen, did you object to these, at some point?
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1	MS. SHAHEEN: We did file an objection
2	to presentation by affidavit but have since withdrawn
3	that with the understanding that neither OXY nor any
4	OXY entity is being pooled in this proceeding.
5	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay, perfect.
6	Thank you. Have you reviewed the exhibits in this
7	case?
8	MS. SHAHEEN: I have reviewed them. I
9	haven't reviewed the ones that were filed. And again,
10	assuming that OXY is not being pooled, and that is
11	reflected or not reflected in the exhibits, depending
12	on how you look at it, then we have no objection to
13	the exhibits.
14	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. I have a
15	question about representation. It looks like it do
16	you know a Spencer Fane?
17	MS. SHAHEEN: Yes. Montgomery &
18	Andrews merged with Spencer Fane as of August 1st.
19	And we are still trying to catch up with the filing of
20	the name change for our firm.
21	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. But there
22	was no other entry of appearance for Permian. It's
23	always been you?
24	MS. SHAHEEN: It's always been me.
25	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Perfect. And
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1	then, Ms. McLean, will you have your witness, I guess
2	it'd be your landman so that Ms. Shaheen can ask that
3	question about OXY not being pooled?
4	MS. MCLEAN: Yes. And I can also .
5	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Oh, okay.
6	MS. MCLEAN: say so on August 19th
7	we filed an amended exhibit packet and in the cover
8	letter we say that Exhibit A removes OXY from being
9	pooled.
10	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Perfect. Ms.
11	Shaheen, would you review that while we get started
12	here and then you can let me know if there's an
13	objection?
14	MS. SHAHEEN: I will do that.
15	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right,
16	sounds good. Ms. McLean.
17	MS. MCLEAN: Thank you. In case number
18	24551, Mewbourne applies for an order pooling all
19	uncommitted interest in the Bone Spring formation in a
20	1,920-acre spacing unit comprised of sections 10, 11
21	and 12, township 20, south range 27, east in Eddy
22	County. And in this application Mewbourne's also
23	seeking approval of a non-standard oil spacing unit
24	with this application. The exhibit packet submitted
25	to the division includes a compulsory pooling

1	checklist. Exhibit A, the self-affirmed statement of
2	Braxton Blanford and accompanying land exhibits. And
3	Mr. Blanford has previously testified. Exhibit B,
4	self-affirmed statement of Charles Crosby and his
5	geology exhibits. Mr. Crosby has also previously
6	testified. And then, Exhibit C, the notice exhibit.
7	And for these, Mr. Bruce sent out the
8	notice letters and cause of notice to be published.
9	We have reviewed that and can attest that the letters
10	were sent out to the interested parties and notices
11	published timely on July 13th, 2024. And with that I
12	ask that exhibits A, B, and C and all sub exhibits be
13	admitted into the record in case number 24551 and that
14	the case be taken under advisement.
15	(Case 24551 Exhibits A through C were
16	marked for identification.)
17	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Ms. Shaheen?
18	MS. SHAHEEN: Yes, I'm having trouble
19	finding what Ms. McClean was talking about with
20	respect to a letter saying that they're not pooling.
21	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Oh, she was
22	saying that there's a cover letter saying that they're
23	not being pooled, but then I think there's what,
24	exhibit A?
25	MS. MCLEAN: Yes. So the first page of
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1	the pleading is just a Notice of Amended Exhibit where
2	we describe what has been revised in the exhibits. So
3	it should be the first page of that document that was
4	filed.
5	MS. SHAHEEN: You know what, I'm
6	wondering if it's been released.
7	MS. MCLEAN: I have it right now. It
8	says released to imaging on 8/20/2024.
9	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And I'm looking
10	at it, too.
11	MS. SHAHEEN: Oh, are you?
12	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I am looking at
13	it, yes.
14	MS. SHAHEEN: I'm not finding it.
15	Okay.
16	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Now,
17	Ms. Shaheen, I am looking at if you look at page 15
18	of 48, you'll see exhibit A.
19	MS. SHAHEEN: 15 of 48. Okay.
20	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And Ms. McLean,
21	would you direct Ms. Shaheen to the proper
22	MS. MCLEAN: Yes. So then, on page 16,
23	which is the second page of exhibit A, there are
24	parties that will be pooled, highlighted in yellow.
25	We put on the bottom also parties to be pooled are

1	highlighted in yellow. And in the self-affirmed
2	statement it says that parties to be pooled are
3	highlighted in yellow. OXY is not highlighted in
4	yellow.
5	MS. SHAHEEN: Okay. Now I'm looking at
6	the correct document. And we have no objection to
7	admission of these exhibits and the division taking
8	this case under advice.
9	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you. Your
10	exhibits are admitted into evidence. Mr. Garcia, are
11	there any questions for this case?
12	(Case 24551 Exhibits A through C were
13	received into evidence.)
14	MR. GARCIA: Yes, I don't think so.
15	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. And are
16	you going to ask questions to the landman or the
17	geologist or are these directed about notice?
18	MR. GARCIA: One will be to the
19	landman, and if I may one might be direct to counsel.
20	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right,
21	perfect. Let's start with the landman. Ms. McLean,
22	do you have the landman?
23	MS. MCLEAN: He should be on? I
24	don't
25	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Mr. Blanford,
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1	are you with us?
2	MR. BLANFORD: Yes, can you hear me?
3	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I can now. Will
4	you turn on your screen please?
5	MR. BLANFORD: Yes.
6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you, sir.
7	MR. BLANFORD: Hold on one second.
8	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Mr. Blandford, I
9	think maybe you have a cover over your there you
10	go. There you go. Will you raise it? There you go.
11	Perfect. Thank you.
12	Would you raise your right hand,
13	please?
14	WHEREUPON,
15	BRAXTON BLANFORD,
16	called as a witness and having been first duly sworn
17	to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but
18	the truth, under penalty of law, was examined and
19	testified as follows:
20	THE WITNESS: I do.
21	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you,
22	Mr. Garcia?
23	MR. GARCIA: Yeah, I'm sorry. Let me
24	screen share if I may.
25	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Please.
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1	MR. GARCIA: Mr. Blanford, can you see
2	my screen now?
3	THE WITNESS: I can.
4	MR. GARCIA: But I just wanted to
5	confirm this is your exhibit in the blue boxes showing
6	your preferred spacing unit for the non-standard
7	spacing unit, correct?
8	THE WITNESS: Yes. That that's the
9	spacing unit. All sections 10, 11, and 12 and then
10	the red is the affected acreage.
11	MR. GARCIA: Okay. And then I know
12	this is not your exhibit, but this is the geology
13	exhibit. And I just want to make sure it's your
14	spacing unit, as long as we are reviewing. He has
15	this black box, outlined which is half of those three
16	sections we just discussed and has it marked as
17	probation unit. So this is not then the NSPS you are
18	requesting in your plan affidavit, correct?
19	THE WITNESS: Right.
20	MR. GARCIA: Okay, just wanted to
21	clarify.
22	THE WITNESS: Yeah, that that I
23	would that is probably that way because the two
24	wells in this case are the the 622 and 624, the
25	north app wells. So it looks like that's what he's
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1	done there.
2	MR. GARCIA: Yeah, I figured, you know,
3	geology and landman difference. Just wanted to make
4	sure your exhibit's the one we're proceeding with on
5	the NSPS. That's all my questions, Mr. Examiner, for
6	the landman.
7	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. And so,
8	Mr. Garcia, are you going to want one of those
9	exhibits to be corrected?
10	MR. GARCIA: I don't think it's needed.
11	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
12	MR. GARCIA: If the landman testifies
13	to the NSPS size.
14	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
15	MR. GARCIA: I just wanted to make sure
16	for my peace of mind.
17	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And did you have
18	a question for counsel?
19	MR. GARCIA: I do, if I may.
20	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Please.
21	MR. GARCIA: I have to say some of my
22	thought now. Typically, when we do non-standard
23	probation cases, especially this size, which is full
24	or standard spacing units, about a year, year and a
25	half ago OCD started requiring proof prevention of
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1	waste for NSPS that are this large. Did you have any
2	exhibits in your packet today, for your client, that
3	shows that? Typically, that involves something along
4	those lines of land acreage savings, like less
5	disturbance of consolidated facilities, emissions
6	reductions, and/or monetary value reductions? Do we
7	have anything on that today,
8	MS. MCLEAN: Mr. Garcia, we do have in
9	his self-affirmed statement at paragraph 11 that
10	Mewbourne's request for approval of a non-standard
11	spacing unit will allow it to consolidate service
12	facilities and will consequently prevent surface,
13	environmental, and economic waves. And so, as a
14	result we're requesting the non-standard spacing unit.
15	MR. GARCIA: Sorry. Do you know what
16	page that is in the PDF?
17	THE HEARING EXAMINER: It's page 6.
18	MS. MCLEAN: It's on page 6, paragraph
19	11.
20	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Do you guys have
21	any actual numbers on the reduction it is? Because
22	consolidating facilities is not a non-standard
23	operation evaluation for us. It's typically beyond
24	that request for this. You can consolidate facilities
25	all day long for us and be without an NSP.

1	MS. MCLEAN: I would have to defer to
2	Mewbourne on actual numbers. But we can get that and
3	get it to you to supplement, if you would like.
4	MR. GARCIA: I would appreciate it,
5	because trying to keep MSPs and units from lowering
6	those lines and the NSP requires proof of permission
7	in most.
8	MS. MCLEAN: And would you like that
9	submitted as a separate exhibit?
10	MR. GARCIA: I will defer to
11	Mr. Examiner take whatever the correct legal means is.
12	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you. Will
13	that be a landman exhibit or a geology exhibit?
14	MS. MCLEAN: I would have to it
15	should be land, I would think.
16	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. So then,
17	we have Mr. Blanford here.
18	MS. MCLEAN: He could if he has
19	the
20	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Mr. Blanford,
21	can you turn on your screen again, please?
22	Mr. Blanford, did you hear what Mr. Garcia was asking
23	for?
24	THE WITNESS: The asking for it
25	wasn't specifically related to the cost savings?
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1	MR. GARCIA: Cost savings reduction of
2	acreage that's being consolidated with facility
3	construction and then emissions reductions.
4	Typically, there's some sort of emissions reductions
5	in consolidated facilities as well.
6	THE WITNESS: Right. I I do not
7	have exact numbers. I would need to circle up with
8	some guys over here and get those to you.
9	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So, Mr. Garcia,
10	I want to write down exactly what you're looking for.
11	So I heard something about cost savings, is that the
12	first thing you're looking for?
13	MR. GARCIA: That's correct. So cost
14	savings on, if the NSP is approved, how much money
15	would the operator save by consolidating facilities
16	versus if it was not approved?
17	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I see. Very
18	good.
19	MR. GARCIA: And then same question
20	with land acreage disturbance. You know, they may
21	need to disturb the 60 percent reduction because they
22	can consolidate facilities now.
23	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I get it.
24	MR. GARCIA: You know, acreage served
25	if approved, acreage served, if not approved, what
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1	that difference is. And then same thing with VOC
2	emissions, methane, et cetera.
3	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So I have three
4	savings. If this is approved, the non-standard
5	spacing, that's what this is; right?
6	MR. GARCIA: Correct.
7	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right. If
8	the non-standard spacing is approved, show us how
9	you're going to save costs by consolidating
10	facilities, first of all. Number two, show us how
11	your emissions are going to be reduced, your VOC
12	emissions. And finally, show us how your land acreage
13	disturbance is going to be reduced.
14	MR. GARCIA: Correct.
15	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Those are the
16	three things that you're looking for.
17	MR. GARCIA: Yeah.
18	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay, perfect.
19	MR. GARCIA: And for your knowledge,
20	Mr. Examiner, NSPs require proof of prevention release
21	to be approved. Consolidated facilities is not one of
22	these criteria. It's more of a unit thing, which OCD
23	saw jurisdictional units for primary development.
24	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I see. Okay.
25	Good. But in this case you want that?

1	MD CADCIA: Dorfort
	MR. GARCIA: Perfect.
2	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Perfect.
3	So, Mr. Blanford, there are three data points that
4	Mr. Garcia is asking for. Do you understand all
5	three?
6	THE WITNESS: Yes. He wants the
7	numbers on what what cost savings, land acreage
8	disturbance and the amount of emissions reduced.
9	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. That's
10	correct, right, Mr. Garcia?
11	MR. GARCIA: Correct.
12	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right. So,
13	Mr. Blanford, when will you be able to provide that,
14	so we can take this case under advisement?
15	THE WITNESS: I can work on getting
16	that today, so.
17	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. So, Ms.
18	McLean, it sounds like you'll have this soon. When do
19	you want me to expect that you'll send it, so I can
20	close the record?
21	MS. MCLEAN: Monday, the 26th.
22	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Monday. Okay.
23	Very good. I think that's the 26th, is that right?
24	MS. MCLEAN: Correct.
25	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right, so we
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1	have August 26th. I would like this to be an exhibit
2	of the landman's because he's attesting to this as
3	true and accurate. So please present an amended
4	exhibit packet with a cover letter to explain why you
5	are amending it. Once we get that by the close of
6	business on the 26th, we will take this case under
7	advisement. Mr. Garcia, anything further on this
8	case?
9	MS. GARCIA: Not on this case.
10	All right, very good. Ms. McLean, are
11	you ready to proceed to your next case, 24552?
12	MS. MCLEAN: I am.
13	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And your
14	appearance, please?
15	MS. MCLEAN: Jackie McClean of Hinkle
16	Shanor on behalf of Mewbourne Company.
17	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And do we have
18	any other parties entering?
19	MS. MCLEAN: Not in this case.
20	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Very
21	good. So go right ahead.
22	MS. MCLEAN: In case number 24552,
23	Mewbourne applies for an order pooling all uncommitted
24	interests in the Bone Spring formation and a 1,924.32
25	acres spacing unit, comprised of sections 1, 2, and 3,
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1	township 20, south range 27 East, in Eddy County. And
2	in this one Mewbourne is also seeking approval of a
3	non-standard horizontal spacing unit with the
4	application. So I anticipate we'll have the same
5	question. The exhibit packet that we did submit
6	includes the compulsory pooling checklist,
7	self-affirmed statement of Braxton Blanford, and
8	geologist Charles Crosby, as well. And then Exhibit C
9	is the notice exhibits.
L O	And again, these were sent out by
L1	Jim Bruce, but we have reviewed and can attest that
L2	the letters were sent to interested parties and
L3	publication was made on July 13th, 2024. And I'd ask
L 4	that exhibits A, B, and C and all sub exhibits be
L5	admitted into record and that case 24552 be taken
L6	under advisement. Thank you.
L7	Are there any objections? Not
L8	hearing any, the exhibits are admitted into evidence.
L9	Mr. Garcia, do you have the same issue with this case?
20	(Case 24552 Exhibits A, B and C were
21	marked for identification and received
22	into evidence.)
23	MR. GARCIA: Yes. And same list.
24	So Mr. Blanford, please turn on your
25	screen. Mr. Blanford, we're going to need the same

1	information for this case as we did for the other
2	case. Is that acceptable to you?
3	THE WITNESS: Yes.
4	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. I think
5	you said yes.
6	THE WITNESS: Yes, I did.
7	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you. And
8	same timeframe for this or is that going to delay you?
9	THE WITNESS: No, I believe I should be
10	able to do the same timeframe.
11	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay, very good.
12	Thank you. You can turn your camera off again. So,
13	Ms. McClean, we will keep the record open for the same
14	amount of time for this case, expecting the same
15	amended exhibit packet with the landman exhibit being
16	added, cover letter. And then, we'll take it under
17	advisement once we get that August 26th close of
18	business.
19	MS. MCLEAN: Okay. We will do that.
20	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right, thank
21	you. Well, we're in recess on these two cases. I'm
22	now moving to 24602 and 24604, Ameredev Operating.
23	Enter appearances, please.
24	MS. VANCE: Yes, good morning,
25	Mr. Hearing Examiner, Mr. Garcia. Paula Vance on

1	behalf of the applicant Ameredev Operating, LLC.
2	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Please
3	proceed.
4	MS. VANCE: Thank you, Mr. Hearing
5	Examiner. And I will present these as consolidated
6	cases. All of the acreage for both of these cases is
7	within township 26, south range 36 east, Lee County,
8	New Mexico. And specifically, in case 24602 Ameredev
9	is seeking to pool the interest in a standard
10	320-acre, more or less horizontal well spacing unit,
11	comprised of the west half of the east half of
12	sections 3 and 10. And dedicate this to the Pimento
13	Fed Com 26-36-03 11TH. And then, in case number
14	24604, Ameredev seeks to pool the interest in a
15	standard 320 acre spacing, more or less horizontal
16	well spacing unit. And that would be comprised of the
17	east half east half of sections 3 and 10 and dedicate
18	this to the Pimento Feck Com 26-36-03 117H. And both
19	of those it would be pooling in the Wolf Camp and it's
20	a Wildcat Wolf Camp pool. And that pool code is
21	98234.
22	In these cases we have included a copy
23	of the application. We've provided the compulsory
24	pooling checklist as well as the self-affirmed
25	statements of Landman, Brandon Fortezza and geologist,

1	Parker Foy, both whom have previously testified before
2	the division and the credentials have been accepted as
3	a matter of record. Mr. Forteza's statement is
4	Exhibit C, and that includes all of the standard land
5	exhibits. And then, Mr. Foy's statement is Exhibit D,
6	and that includes all of the standard sub exhibits for
7	geology. In this case, Mr. Foy did not observe any
8	faulting pinch outs or other geologic impediments to
9	the horizontal drilling of these wells.
10	And then, lastly we have Exhibit E,
11	which is my self-affirmed statement of notice with a
12	sample copy of the notice letter that went out, and
13	that was on August 2nd, 2024. And then, a copy of the
14	Affidavit of Notice of Publication, which is Exhibit
15	F. And that was timely published on August 6th, 2024.
16	And I would note we redid, you'll see that these are,
17	revised hearing packets and that is because we redid
18	the notice. We needed to redo the notice in these and
19	that's why we continued. And you'll see that there
20	are revised hearing packets in both of those cases.
21	And on the cover letter we point out each of the
22	exhibits that we swapped out.
23	And just to highlight which ones those
24	are, in both cases it would be a revised Exhibit CH,
25	which is the pooling exhibit. A revised Exhibit CH,

1	which is the chronology of contacts. And then the
2	notice both the letter notice, and the Affidavit of
3	Notice of Publication. So revised Exhibits E and F.
4	Unless there are any questions, I would ask that all
5	exhibits and sub exhibits for both cases be taken
6	under advisement be admitted into the record and
7	that these cases be taken under advisement. We'll
8	standby by for questions.
9	(Cases 24602 and 24604 Exhibits A
10	through F were marked for
11	identification.)
12	THE HEARING EXAMINER: When did you
13	file the initial exhibit packet?
14	MS. VANCE: I would have to check the
15	case file to see .
16	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Let me see. If
17	it's easy to find, I can find it. Okay, on 7/5. I see
18	it.
19	MS. VANCE: Yes.
20	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So Freya, would
21	you remove the exhibit packet filed on 7/5?
22	MS. TSCHANTZ: Yes.
23	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right. In
24	both cases?
25	MS. TSCHANTZ: Yes.
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1	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right.
2	Thank you. All right. So are there any objections to
3	these exhibits admitted into evidence? Not hearing
4	any, these exhibits are admitted into evidence. Mr.
5	Garcia, do you have any questions In cases 24602 and
6	24604?
7	(Cases 24602 and 24604 Exhibits A
8	through F were received into evidence.)
9	MR. GARCIA: I do not.
10	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay, very good.
11	These two cases are taken under advisement. Thank
12	you.
13	MS. VANCE: Thank you, Mr. Hearing
14	Examiner.
15	THE HEARING EXAMINER: We're now moving
16	to some Mewbourne Oil cases, 24655, 56, 57, and 58.
17	Enter an appearance, please.
18	MS. MCLEAN: McClain with Hinkel Shanor
19	on behalf of Mewbourne Oil Company.
20	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you. Are
21	there any other parties?
22	MS. MCLEAN: Not in these cases.
23	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Not in these
24	cases. Okay. So would you like to present them as a
25	group?

1	MS. MCLEAN: Yes.
2	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Excellent,
3	please.
4	MS. MCLEAN: Thank you. In case
5	numbers 24655, 56, 57, and 58, Mewbourne seeks to pool
6	uncommitted entrance in the Bone Spring and Wolf Camp
7	formations in all of section 33, in the east half half
8	and southwest quarter of section 28, township 21,
9	south range 32 east, in Lee County. And with these
LO	Mewbourne has already applied for and received
L1	administrative approval for these to be non-standard
L2	horizontal spacing units. In case numbers 24657 and
L3	24658, Mewbourne is also requesting that order numbers
L4	R22924, R22925, and R22926 be vacated. And these
L5	orders cover much of the acreage as a subject of these
L6	current applications. And since these orders were
L7	entered last year, Mewbourne's drilling plans have
L8	changed.
L9	The exhibit packet submitted to the
20	division for these cases include the compulsory
21	pooling checklist, Exhibit A is the self-affirmed
22	statement of Adriana Salgado and accompanying land
23	exhibits. And she has previously testified before the
24	division. Exhibit B is the self-affirmed statement of
25	Tyler Hill and his corresponding geology exhibits.
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1	Mr. Hill has also previously testified before the
2	division. And then, Exhibit C, the notice exhibits.
3	And for these Mr. Bruce also sent out notice that we
4	have reviewed. And notice letters were sent to
5	interested parties, and it was published on July 10th,
6	2024. So I ask that Exhibits A, B, and C and all sub
7	exhibits be admitted into the record. And that case
8	numbers 24655 through 24658 be taken under advisement.
9	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Are there any
10	objections? Not hearing any, cases 24655, 56, 57 and
11	58 are all admitted with the exhibit packets into
12	evidence. And are there any questions, Mr. Garcia, on
13	these four cases?
14	(Cases 24655 to 24658 Exhibits A
15	through C were marked for
16	identification and received into
17	evidence.)
18	MR. GARCIA: No questions.
19	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you.
20	These four cases will be taken under advisement. I'm
21	now going to call two cases that are on the docket
22	24705 and 24706, Mewbourne Oil, but I'm also calling
23	24703 and 24704, which are not on the docket, but
24	which will be continued to this docket, after the
25	hearing is over. Enter your appearance, please?
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1	MS. MCLEAN: Yes, Jackie McClain on
2	behalf of Mewbourne. Well, would you like us to
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	present 24703 and 04 first, or 24705 and 706?
4	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Are they
5	related?
6	MS. MCLEAN: No, they are not.
7	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So 03 and 04,
8	are they related to each other?
9	MS. MCLEAN: Yes.
10	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Those are. What
11	about 05 and 06, are they related to each other?
12	MS. MCLEAN: Yes, they are.
13	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Either way.
14	Present them in either order you want.
15	MS. HARDY: Mr. Examiner, thank you.
16	Dana Hardy, Hinkle Shanor. I will present to your
17	cases 24703 and 24704.
18	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And are there
19	any other parties in this case?
20	MS. HARDY: There are not.
21	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay, very good.
22	Please proceed.
23	MS. HARDY: And, Mr. Examiner, these
24	cases were heard on the last docket and were continued
25	to today so that we can provide the Affidavits of
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1	Publication, because those were not available at the
2	time.
3	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Yes.
4	MS. HARDY: So we have provided those.
5	We filed our amended exhibits and those show that we
6	timely published notice on July 27th. We did also
7	submit amended exhibits because the technical examiner
8	of the last hearing had requested that we remove the
9	exhibit stickers from several exhibits and relocate
10	them. So we also did that and provided those. So at
11	this point, I would just ask that the exhibits be
12	admitted to the record and these two cases be taken
13	under advisement.
14	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay, let me
14 15	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay, let me just review this. So Exhibits 2A, C and D were
15	just review this. So Exhibits 2A, C and D were
15 16	just review this. So Exhibits 2A, C and D were resubmitted without stickers, is that the idea?
15 16 17	just review this. So Exhibits 2A, C and D were resubmitted without stickers, is that the idea? MS. HARDY: That's correct.
15 16 17 18	just review this. So Exhibits 2A, C and D were resubmitted without stickers, is that the idea? MS. HARDY: That's correct. THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right. And
15 16 17 18	just review this. So Exhibits 2A, C and D were resubmitted without stickers, is that the idea? MS. HARDY: That's correct. THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right. And then we have the Affidavit of Publication at the end.
15 16 17 18 19	just review this. So Exhibits 2A, C and D were resubmitted without stickers, is that the idea? MS. HARDY: That's correct. THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right. And then we have the Affidavit of Publication at the end. Let me take a look. And Exhibit 5 is what I'm looking
15 16 17 18 19 20 21	just review this. So Exhibits 2A, C and D were resubmitted without stickers, is that the idea? MS. HARDY: That's correct. THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right. And then we have the Affidavit of Publication at the end. Let me take a look. And Exhibit 5 is what I'm looking at; is that right?
15 16 17 18 19 20 21	just review this. So Exhibits 2A, C and D were resubmitted without stickers, is that the idea? MS. HARDY: That's correct. THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right. And then we have the Affidavit of Publication at the end. Let me take a look. And Exhibit 5 is what I'm looking at; is that right? MS. HARDY: C5, yes.
15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	just review this. So Exhibits 2A, C and D were resubmitted without stickers, is that the idea? MS. HARDY: That's correct. THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right. And then we have the Affidavit of Publication at the end. Let me take a look. And Exhibit 5 is what I'm looking at; is that right? MS. HARDY: C5, yes. THE HEARING EXAMINER: Perfect. And

1	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Looks like it
2	was published on July 27th. So there's been plenty of
3	time to perfect that notice. Are there any
4	objections? Not hearing any, these exhibits in these
5	two cases are admitted into evidence. Well, Mr.
6	Garcia, are there any questions on these two cases?
7	(Cases 24703 and 24704 Exhibits 1
8	through 6 were marked for
9	identification and received into
10	evidence.)
11	MR. GARCIA: No questions.
12	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Excellent. So
13	cases 24703 and 24704 are taken under advisement. And
14	now 05 and 06, please.
15	MS. VANCE: Thank you.
16	MS. MCLEAN: Yes, Jackie McLean for
17	Mewbourne in 24705 and 24706. And in these cases,
18	Mewbourne is seeking to pool uncommitted interest in
19	the Bone Spring and Wolf Camp formations in all of
20	section 27, 28, and 29, in township 20, south range 27
21	east, in Eddy County and Mewbourne has applied for
22	administrative approval for these non-standard spacing
23	units. So that's not requested in this application.
24	And then, in case number 24705, Mewbourne's also
25	requesting that order numbers R22327 and R22328 be

1	vacated due to a change of drilling plans since those
2	orders were entered, the exhibit packets that were
3	submitted in these cases include the compulsory
4	pulling checklist.
5	Exhibit A is the self-affirmed
6	statement of Braxton Blanford and accompanying land
7	exhibits. He has previously testified before.
8	Exhibit B, geology exhibit including the self-affirmed
9	statement of Charles Crosby, who has previously
10	testified before the division, as well. And Exhibit
11	C, notice exhibits. And for these, Mr. Bruce sent out
12	the letters we've reviewed. And the letters were
13	sent out to the interested parties and notice was
14	published on July 27th, 2024. So with that I ask that
15	exhibits A, B, C and all sub exhibits be admitted to
16	the record and that case number is 24705 and 24706 be
17	taken under advisement.
18	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Are there any
19	objections? Not hearing any, your exhibits in both
20	cases are admitted into evidence. Mr. Garcia, any
21	questions on these two cases?
22	(Cases 24705 and 24706 Exhibits A, B,
23	and C were marked for identification
24	and received into evidence.)
25	MR. GARCIA: No questions.

1	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you.
2	These two cases are taken under advisement. And
3	Ms. McLean, if I'm not mistaken, we had a case that
4	was a status conference that we're now going to hear
5	as a hearing by affidavit. What case number was that?
6	MS. MCLEAN: Oh, for that.
7	MS. HARDY: That is case number 24416.
8	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Yeah, the very
9	first case of the day. Okay.
10	MS. HARDY: Yes.
11	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. We'll
12	call that at the end, 24416. Okay. So thank you.
13	I'm now moving on to case 24709, Chevron USA.
14	MR. SAVAGE: Good morning, Mr. Hearing
15	Examiner. Good morning Mr. Technical examiner.
16	Darin Savage, with Abadie & Schill appearing on behalf
17	of Chevron USA, Incorporated.
18	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Please
19	proceed.
20	MR. SAVAGE: Mr. Hearing Examiner, this
21	case was continued to today, it was originally heard
22	on August 8th and basically it was continued to cure
23	the publication notice, which was two days late. So I
24	believe that would be cured at this point. You also
25	asked us to submit an amended hearing packet and that

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1	was to address the spacing unit, and we did that.
2	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Let me take a
3	look. The last thing I have filed in this case, now
4	we are talking about 24709; right?
5	MR. SAVAGE: 24709.
6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: The last thing I
7	have filed in this case was an unopposed Motion for
8	Continuance.
9	MR. SAVAGE: Correct.
10	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. So let me
11	go back in time. I have a notice of filing an amended
12	hearing packet. It was filed on the 15th. Chevron
13	USA submits attached hereto Exhibit 1. Chevron has
14	amended the hearing packet to include a revised
15	compulsory pooling checklist that lists the acreage of
16	the unit of the spacing unit section. Okay. And
17	that's what the technical examiner told you to
18	MR. SAVAGE: Yes sir.
19	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So that's here.
20	And now, I'm looking for your publication; is that
21	right?
22	MR. SAVAGE: The publication is Exhibit
23	C3.
24	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I see that it's
25	July 27, which is obviously more than 10 days before
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1	today. So that's cured. Is there anything further on
2	this?
3	MR. SAVAGE: I don't believe so.
4	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right. Are
5	there any objections to this amended hearing packet?
6	Not hearing any, the amended packet is entered as
7	evidence. Mr. Garcia, any questions in 24709?
8	(Case 24709 Exhibits A through C were
9	marked for identification and received
10	into evidence.)
11	MR. GARCIA: No questions.
12	All right, thank you. This case is
13	taken under advisement. Mr. Savage, thank you. I'm
14	calling E.G.L. Resources 24719 and 24720.
15	MS. HARDY: Mr. Examiner, Dana Hardy
16	with Hinkle Shanor on behalf of E.G.L. Resources.
17	MR. FELDEWERT: Thank you,
18	Mr. Examiner. Michael Feldewert, Santa Fe of Holland
19	& Hart for MRC Permian Company.
20	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you. Now,
21	it looks like Ms. Kessler might be representing EOG.
22	I don't know if she's with us.
23	MS. HARDY: She let me know that she
24	was going to not be on this part of the hearing and
25	that she does not object.

1	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Perfect. Did
2	she object at one time?
3	MS. HARDY: She did not.
4	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Mr. Feldewert,
5	did you object at one time?
6	MR. FELDEWERT: I don't believe so.
7	And we have no objection to them proceeding by
8	affidavit.
9	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right.
L O	Thank you. Ms. Hardy.
L1	MS. HARDY: In case number 24719, EOG
L2	seeks an order pooling uncommitted interest in the
L3	first Bone Spring interval of the Bone Spring
L4	formation underlying a 640-acre, more or less standard
L5	horizontal spacing unit comprised of the east half of
L6	sections 24 and 25, township 18, south range 32 east,
L7	in Lee County and proposes to dedicate the unit to the
L8	LAK 24-25 Fed Com 10TH, 102H, and 103H files. And due
L9	to a depth severance, we are seeking to pool only the
20	first Bone Spring from the top of the formation to a
21	depth of approximately 8,700 feet. TVD. In case
22	number 24720 E.G.L. seeks to pool a limited interest
23	in the second Bone Spring, underlying the same
24	acreage. That unit will be dedicated to the LAK 24-25
25	Fed Com 20TH, 203H and 205H wells. And again, due to

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     from a depth of approximately 8,700 feet to 9,580 feet
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     self-affirmed statements of Matthew Langhoff and
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     geologist, Matthew Pardee. Mr. Langhoff has
     previously testified as an expert before the division
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     and provides his standard land exhibits. Mr. Pardee
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     has not previously testified before the division.
     We've provided his resume as Exhibit BE. He has a
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     bachelor's degree in geoscience, has taken courses
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     toward a master's in geophysics, and has worked as a
13
     geologist in the petroleum industry since 2013. And I
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     would request that he be accepted as an expert in
15
     petroleum geology. I do believe he's available.
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                    THE HEARING EXAMINER: Mr. Pardee, would
17
     you turn on your camera?
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                    MR. PARDEE:
                                 Yes.
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                    THE HEARING EXAMINER:
                                            Thank you.
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     Would you raise your right hand, please?
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1	WHEREUPON,
2	MATTHEW PARDEE,
3	called as a witness and having been first duly sworn
4	to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but
5	the truth, under penalty of perjury, was examined and
6	testified as follows:
7	THE WITNESS: Yes, I do.
8	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right.
9	Thank you. You're seeking to be admitted as a
10	petroleum geologist?
11	THE WITNESS: That's correct. All
12	right. Can you outline your experience? I'm not
13	looking at your resume right now. So just verbally
14	explain to me how your education and experience
15	qualifies you as a petroleum geologist?
16	THE WITNESS: Yes, sir. I got my
17	bachelor's in science from Salem State University in
18	Massachusetts. I focused on geophysics there. After
19	that I got a job with Chesapeake Energy, out in
20	Oklahoma City. I worked there for about six months,
21	mud logging in the field, and then promoted to Geotech
22	inhouse in Oklahoma. While in Oklahoma was . I got my
23	masters in Oklahoma State University. It was cut
24	short. From there, I went to Gloster, for a
25	contractor for hospital resources and subsequently was

1	picked up by PBX thereafter as the geologist.
2	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I'm able to hear
3	most of what you were saying, but not all of it. What
4	is your title now?
5	THE WITNESS: Resources.
6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: PBS resources.
7	Is that part of E.G.L.?
8	THE WITNESS: I believe we are a
9	subsidiary of E.G.L. or vice versa, yes.
10	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I see. Okay.
11	And are your job duties now?
12	THE WITNESS: I handle everything from
13	evaluating acquisition divestitures, to our
14	development models, to putting together acquisition
15	proposals for exploratory for exploratory assets as
16	well as all of our operations, whether it be gesturing
17	or geology.
18	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I'm trying to
19	qualify you as a petroleum geologist. So would you
20	give me that answer again focusing on petroleum
21	geology?
22	THE WITNESS: Yes, sir. So I go
23	through I use all of our well log data using my
24	geologic software. Where needed I will calculate our
25	physics logs, correlate all of our well logs and

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     physics into a geologic model being both depositional
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     as well as reservoir quality. And then, provide those
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     examples to our reservoir engineering team,
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     engineering teams to give them my input on applicants
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     we should or should not acquire.
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                    THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Thank you
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     Mr. Pardee. You're hereby qualified as a petroleum
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     geologist before this division from here on in.
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     Ms. Hardy.
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                    MS. HARDY:
                                 Thank you. Mr. Examiner,
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     Exhibit C includes my notice affidavit and the
12
     associated sub exhibits. We did provide notice to all
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     of the affected parties, and we did timely publish
     notice on August 6th. So with that, unless there are
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     questions, I would request that the exhibits and sub
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     exhibits be admitted to the record and that these
     cases be taken under advisement.
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                    THE HEARING EXAMINER: Are there any
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     objections?
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                    MR. FELDEWERT:
                                     Thank you.
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     exhibits are admitted in both cases. Mr. Garcia, any
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     questions?
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1	(Cases 24719 and 24720 Exhibits A
2	through C were marked for
3	identification and received into
4	evidence.)
5	MR. GARCIA: No questions.
6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you.
7	These two cases are taken under advisement. Thank
8	you. We have two cases left. We have COG Operating
9	24745.
10	MS. VANCE: Good morning again,
11	Mr. Hearing Examiner, Mr. Garcia. Paula Vance with
12	the Santa Fe office of Holland & Hart on behalf of the
13	applicant COG Operating, LLC.
14	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So this is an
15	amendment case?
16	MS. VANCE: Yes, it's an extension.
17	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Yes.
18	MS. VANCE: It's a request for an
19	extension.
20	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Please just
21	focus on good cause and notice.
22	MS. VANCE: Okay, I will jump straight
23	to those exhibits then.
24	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you.
25	MS. VANCE: So Exhibit C is the
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1	self-affirmed statement of Shelly Klingler. And I
2	believe it's in paragraph 4 that she addresses good
3	cause. COG is addressing some logistical requirements
4	for electrical and pipeline connection and gathering
5	systems. We did provide an updated pooling exhibit.
6	I believe it's Mewbourne's interest previously pooled.
7	Was sold to Waterloo and that is also spelled out in
8	her statement. And then, as far as the notice, that
9	would be exhibit D. And included is my self-affirmed
LO	statement of notice. All of the parties, if you look
L1	at the mailing report, received the letter notice
L2	which was dated August 2nd, 2024. So we did not
L3	include the NOP. And unless there are any questions,
L 4	I would ask that the exhibits be admitted into the
L5	record and that the case be taken under advisement.
L6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Are there any
L7	objections? Not hearing any, these exhibits are
L8	admitted in this case.
L9	(Case 24745 Exhibits A through D were
20	marked for identification and received
21	into evidence.)
22	Mr. Garcia, are there any questions?
23	It looks like there is.
24	MR. GARCIA: That might be me learning.
25	Ms. Vance, I guess I would . I don't how to phrase
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this question. When that interest is sold, is it
assumed that it is sold already pooled. I I guess
I'm just curious how it works.
MS. VANCE: It's subject to the pooling
order; correct.
MR. GARCIA: Okay. So you're not
seeking to pool an additional price, you're just
seeking for just the Rolfe exemption?
MS. VANCE: Yes, that's correct.
MR. GARCIA: Okay, perfect. Sorry,
never no one's ever talked to me about how it just
sold, gets sold and if it's subject to it or not?
MS. VANCE: That's correct.
THE HEARING EXAMINER: Mr. Garcia, do
you have any questions for the landman about good
cause?
MR. GARCIA: I don't believe so. I saw
an affidavit.
THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
Wonderful. Well, thank you, Mr. Garcia. This case
will be taken under advisement. And we conclude
today's docket with our first case 24416. We've
already had entries of appearance. Ms. Hardy.
MS. HARDY: Mr. Examiner, prior to that
case there is one case, which is 24753.

1	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Where do you see
2	that on the docket?
3	MS. HARDY: It's the very last page.
4	There's Permian Resources, the Koalas, number 51.
5	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I don't see that
6	on my docket. Do you have it on your docket?
7	MS. HARDY: There's the last page with
8	one case.
9	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Ah, yes. You're
10	right. There it is.
11	MS. HARDY: We're almost done.
12	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Well, 24416. So
13	let's deal with that case first. Ms. Hardy.
14	MS. HARDY: Okay, thank you. Let me
15	just pull that up. In this case, E.G.L. seeks to rule
16	a committed interest. Hold on, let me just I'm
17	sorry. I need to get to the right case number. I was
18	prepared to present the
19	THE HEARING EXAMINER: 24753.
20	MS. HARDY: Yes.
21	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Sorry.
22	MS. HARDY: Okay. In this case, E.G.L.
23	seeks an order pooling on committed interest in the
24	Bone Spring underlying a 640-acre standard horizontal
25	spacing unit comprised of the west half of sections 10
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1	and 15, township 18, south range 33 east, in the
2	county. And proposes to dedicate the unit to the
3	Smithers 10-15 Fed Com 102H, 103H, 201H and 203H
4	wells. Our exhibits include the self-affirmed
5	statements of Landman, Matthew Langhoff and geologist
6	Matthew Pardee, both of whom have now testified
7	previously as experts before the division.
8	Mr. Langhoff provides the standard land exhibits and
9	then Mr. Pardee provides the standard geology
10	exhibits. Our notice information is included in
11	Exhibit C. And we did provide notice to all of the
12	effective parties and we also timely published notice.
13	So with that, unless there are questions, I request
14	that the case be taken under advisement and that the
15	exhibits be accepted.
16	(Case 24416 Exhibits A, B, and C were
17	marked for identification.)
18	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you.
19	Mr. Feldewert, I do see where you had filed an
20	objection just two days ago. And it's your
21	representation that you're withdrawing that objection.
22	MR. FELDEWERT: It's with the
23	understanding, and I guess we need to get it
24	confirmed, that Mobil Producing Texas and NM, Inc is
25	being removed from the pooling part of this.

1	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And that would
2	be the landman who testified to that; is that correct:
3	MR. FELDEWERT: Yes.
4	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay, fine. So
5	we'll get the landman up so you can ask that question.
6	So let's do that first before we admit these
7	documents. Because as I see it, you still have an
8	objection here and we need to deal with that so that
9	you can remove it.
10	Mr. Langhoff, would you please raise
11	your right hand?
12	MR. LANGHOFF: Yes, sir.
13	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you, sir.
14	WHEREUPON,
15	MATTHEW LANGHOFF,
16	called as a witness and having been first duly sworn
17	to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but
18	the truth, under penalty of law, was examined and
19	testified as follows:
20	THE WITNESS: Yes.
21	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right. Now,
22	Mr. Feldewert.
23	CROSS-EXAMINATION
24	BY MR. FELDEWERT:
25	Q Mr. Langhoff, does the company intend to
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1	file an amended pooling party list that will remove
2	XTO's entity from the pooling list?
3	A Yes, sir. Ms. Hardy has that, and that
4	should be filed.
5	Q Okay. And that would be Mobil Producing
6	Texas and NM, Inc; correct?
7	A That is correct.
8	Q And there's no other XTO entity that was on
9	your list other than that entity?
10	A That is correct.
11	Q Okay.
12	MR. FELDEWERT: So with the
13	representation that that is being filed, then we
14	remove our objection.
15	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right. Will
16	you be filing a document removing your objection?
17	MR. FELDEWERT: Yes.
18	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right.
19	Good. So, Ms. Hardy, there's no objection to your
20	exhibits, however, the record will stay open for you
21	to file an amended exhibit packet with this new
22	document from your landman showing an amended pooling
23	party checklist, removing XTS subsidiary or whatever
24	you call it, mobile production, et cetera. Okay.
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1	(Case 24416 Exhibits A through C were
2	received into evidence.)
3	MS. HARDY: Thank you.
4	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right. When
5	can you file it.
6	MS. HARDY: I believe we can do that
7	today.
8	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Today. Okay.
9	How about we say tomorrow, close of business?
10	MS. HARDY: That's perfect.
11	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right, so
12	Mr. Langhoff, you heard all that; right?
13	THE WITNESS: Yes.
14	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right.
15	Thank you for your participation. We have a deadline
16	of 8/23 for the amended exhibit packet. What exhibit
17	will be amended by the way?
18	MS. HARDY: It's exhibit A.
19	THE HEARING EXAMINER: A?
20	MS. HARDY: Yes.
21	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you. All
22	right, we're in recess in this case. Thank you. Now
23	24753.
24	MR. GARCIA: Mr. Examiner.
25	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Uh, oh. Yes.
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1	MR. GARCIA: Quick question on the last
2	case too, if I may.
3	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Please.
4	MR. GARCIA: For the landman.
5	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Oh, for the
6	landman. All right. Well, were' not in recess. Come
7	back.
8	MR. GARCIA: All right. It's a minor
9	question.
10	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay, we're back
11	on the record. We're back on the record for a
12	question from Mr. Garcia to Mr. Langhoff.
13	MR. GARCIA: Mr. Langhoff, in your
14	affidavit you say your overhead rate will be 7,500 a
15	month while drilling, 750 a month while producing.
16	Your checklist you filed has different numbers in
17	them. So as you're revising your exhibits, can you
18	update whichever one's correct?
19	THE WITNESS: Yes sir.
20	MR. GARCIA: And, I guess, can you
21	answer which one's correct too, for the record? Your
22	checklist shows 9,800 for the drilling production.
23	THE WITNESS: That 9,000 is what we're
24	going with in more recent development. So it will be
25	corrected to reflect 9,900.

1	MR. GARCIA: Okay. Your testimony says
2	7,500.
3	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So maybe,
4	Ms. Hardy, if you could remind him of that, too.
5	THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
6	MS. HARDY. We will do that.
7	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So what document
8	will have the 9,000 replacing the 7500?
9	MS. HARDY: That is in Mr. Langhoff's
10	Exhibit A.
11	THE HEARING EXAMINER: His affidavit?
12	MS. HARDY: His affidavit; correct.
13	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. So he'll
14	have to submit a new affidavit then?
15	MS. HARDY: Yes.
16	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. All
17	right. Not 7,500. Okay. Excellent. Thank you,
18	Mr. Langhoff. Thank you Mr. Garcia. We'll leave the
19	hearing record open until tomorrow, close of business
20	for those two documents to be amended. Thank you.
21	Okay, now we are at the last case of
22	the day, 24753. Enter an appearance, please.
23	MS. HARDY: Dana Hardy with Hinkle
24	Shanor on behalf of Colgate Production.
25	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you.

1 Please proceed. 2 MS. HARDY: Thank you. Colqate 3 requests a one-year year extension of time in this case to commence drilling the wells authorized by 4 5 order number R22837, which includes the Koala 9 Fed 6 Com wells. Colgate is requesting an extension so that the wells in the second Bone Spring formation can be 8 uniformly developed with projects and offset acreage. 9 They are going to drill the wells at the same time to avoid parent child effects on the wells, which would 10 11 lead to a decreased ultimate recovery in waste. 12 it's a contemporaneous development situation that's 13 resulted in the need for an extension of the joined deadline. 14 15 THE HEARING EXAMINER: So that's the 16 good cause? 17 MS. HARDY: That's the good cause. 18 Thank you. And we provided the sworn statement of 19 Landman, Travis Macha in support of the application. 20 He has previously testified as an expert before the 2.1 My notice affidavit is Exhibit B. 22 notified the parties who originally were notified of 23 the first case, the first polling case, and did timely 2.4 publish on August 8th. So with that, I would request 25 that the exhibits be admitted and that the case be

1	taken under advisement.
2	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And the good
3	causes in paragraph 6, I believe of the affidavit.
4	MS. HARDY: That is correct. All
5	right.
6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Excellent. Are
7	there any objections? Not hearing any, your exhibits
8	are admitted. Mr. Garcia, any questions on this case?
9	(Case 24753 Exhibits A and B were
10	marked for identification and received
11	into evidence.)
12	MR. GARCIA: No questions.
13	THE HEARING EXAMINER: This case is
14	taken under advisement and Mr. Feldberg
15	MR. FELDEWERT: No, go ahead. I got
16	another matter.
17	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Great. This
18	case is taken under advisement.
19	MS. HARDY: Thank you.
20	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Mr. Feldewert.
21	MR. FELDEWERT: Thank you,
22	Mr. Examiner. There's a matter that's not on the
23	docket that Ms. Bennett and I would like to address
24	with you. We represent the only two parties in the
25	case.

1	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Let me call the
2	case.
3	MR. FELDEWERT: Okay. It involves a
4	number of cases.
5	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Ah, it's one of
6	these.
7	MR. FELDEWERT: Yeah, it's one of
8	these. So the initial case number is 24457.
9	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right. Let
10	me get to it. I think we have a system now that we
11	join cases and I'll be able to see what
12	MR. FELDEWERT: If you go into the case
13	file, you'll see an amended pre-hearing order at the
14	end of that case file on 24457. So that provides all
15	the case numbers for you.
16	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Perfect. Let me
17	get to it. And I believe that you feel there's some
18	benefit in doing this in person, then filing a motion.
19	MR. FELDEWERT: Yes.
20	THE HEARING EXAMINER: You'll be more
21	persuasive in person.
22	MR. FELDEWERT: Well, I think it would
23	be more efficient, especially mindful of your efforts
24	to save administrative efficiency.
25	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Of course. I
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1	see I issued an amended pre-hearing order in these
2	cases.
3	MR. FELDEWERT: Yes.
4	THE HEARING EXAMINER: So let me call
5	the cases. We have case numbers 24457, 59, and 79,
6	24460, 62, 63, 24778 through 24783 and 24784 through
7	24790. Entries of appearance, please.
8	MR. FELDEWERT: Mr. Examiner,
9	Michael Feldewert, Santa Fe office of Holland & Hart
10	on behalf of MRC Permian Company.
11	MS. BENNET: Good morning.
12	Deana Bennett on behalf of Franklin Mountain Energy 3.
13	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you. Are
14	there any other parties that you know of?
15	MS. BENNETT: Not that I know of.
16	THE HEARING EXAMINER: You're the only
17	parties? Okay. Perfect. What is the issue?
18	MR. FELDEWERT: Mr. Examiner, as you
19	know, MRC and Franklin Mountain had a history of being
20	able to resolve their issues. We had this set for a
21	contested hearing on September 10th. Both parties
22	have recently filed amended well have filed well
23	proposals that are different from what they were
24	initially filed, in part to try to reach a resolution.
25	From our perspective, we remain hopeful that that's

1	going to result in a resolution. So Ms. Bennett and I
2	have visited with our clients. Both clients believe
3	it would be fruitful to vacate the September 10th
4	hearing and set the matters for status conference on
5	September 12th, at which time we'll be able to apprise
6	you of our efforts to reach a voluntary agreement
7	under these new proposals and hopefully avoid a
8	resetting of a contested hearing.
9	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Let me
LO	see a few things about these cases. So this number is
L1	the lowest number I'm going to see when it was
L2	originally filed. Originally it was filed in April.
L3	So this case is four months old.
L4	MS. BENNETT: One, I mean, some of
L4 L5	MS. BENNETT: One, I mean, some of them.
L5	them.
L5 L6	them. MR. FELDEWERT: Yeah.
L5 L6 L7	them. MR. FELDEWERT: Yeah. THE HEARING EXAMINER: This original
L5 L6 L7 L8	them. MR. FELDEWERT: Yeah. THE HEARING EXAMINER: This original case is four months old. And if I look at my notes on
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L5 L6 L7 L8 L9	them. MR. FELDEWERT: Yeah. THE HEARING EXAMINER: This original case is four months old. And if I look at my notes on these cases okay. I see my notes on these cases. Okay. Let me hear from both parties. I'll start with
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L5 L6 L7 L8 L9 20 21 22	MR. FELDEWERT: Yeah. THE HEARING EXAMINER: This original case is four months old. And if I look at my notes on these cases okay. I see my notes on these cases. Okay. Let me hear from both parties. I'll start with you, Mr. Feldewert. If we come back on September 12 and we find out that, you know, the differences have not been resolved, what are you going to want to do?

1	we would anticipate a contested hearing. If they're
2	close to an agreement, then we would ask for a
3	continuance to allow the agreement to get finalized.
4	The other thing that's going to come into play here
5	is, it's my understanding that in light of these new
6	well proposals, if we need to proceed to hearing,
7	Franklin Mountain is going to have to refile an
8	application anyway. So the older cases most likely
9	are going to be dismissed.
10	You'll see that if you go into the
11	history here, it's not torture. We actually filed
12	recently some a new application and dismissed the
13	prior application.
14	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I saw that.
15	MR. FELDEWERT: Okay. So there has
	MR. FELDEWERT: Okay. So there has been a lot of movement here. The parties are engaged
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15 16	been a lot of movement here. The parties are engaged
15 16 17	been a lot of movement here. The parties are engaged in extensive effort, both substantively and
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15 16 17 18 19 20 21	been a lot of movement here. The parties are engaged in extensive effort, both substantively and procedurally to get themselves in a position where we can either resolve the matter or place the new contested hearing cases for a docket. THE HEARING EXAMINER: So, Ms. Bennett, you have the oldest cases.
15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	been a lot of movement here. The parties are engaged in extensive effort, both substantively and procedurally to get themselves in a position where we can either resolve the matter or place the new contested hearing cases for a docket. THE HEARING EXAMINER: So, Ms. Bennett, you have the oldest cases. MS. BENNETT: Yes.

1	original application where you're asking for a
2	compulsory pooling and to the extent necessary an
3	overlapping spacing unit. What are the issues here?
4	MS. BENNETT: Thank you. So the issues
5	are that Franklin Mountain Energy and MRC have
6	competing applications. And originally, the competing
7	applications were for three mile laterals. And it's
8	my understanding that MRC's most recent applications
9	are for two mile laterals. And Franklin Mountain
10	Energy recently sent out proposal letters for the Wolf
11	Camp. That will be two mile laterals. But it's my
12	understanding that they're not going to amend their
13	Bone Spring cases. So I don't have the case numbers
14	right in front of me, but what I can say is that
15	certain of those older cases will remain, and certain
16	of them will be dismissed and replaced with new
17	applications that I'm going to be filing shortly for
18	the October 3rd, I think, docket.
19	And so, while I'm generally in
20	agreement with what Mr. Feldewert said, it's Franklin
21	Mountain Energy's goal to set a contested hearing on
22	the September 12th status conference date for a
23	contested hearing, in hopefully, October. Now, I
24	recognize that the parties, as Mr. Feldewert has said,
25	have a long history of working things out. And so,
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1	fingers crossed, but there's also benefit in having a
2	contested hearing date set, so that we can keep moving
3	to final.
4	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Now, I'm
5	inclined to agree with your position that if I vacate
6	September 10 now, that we reset these cases for a
7	final status conference in September 12. So either we
8	go to hearing in October, either contested hearing or
9	a hearing by affidavit, either way, because obviously
10	we won't be able to hear the cases on the 12th of
11	September. The next docket won't be until the 3rd of
12	October.
13	So either we're going to hear these by
14	affidavit in October, or we hear them by contested
15	cases, or the parties are going to dismiss their cases
16	and we will wait for the parties to finish
17	negotiations before we take these cases up. I'm
18	uncomfortable about keeping April cases on the docket
19	that long. It'll be half a year by that point.
20	Mr. Feldewert, is there anything further?
21	MR. FELDEWERT: No.
22	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Ms.
23	Bennett, anything further?
24	MS. BENNETT: No.
25	THE HEARING EXAMINER: No. Okay. So
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1	Freya, are the cases give me a minute. I want to
2	check to see how this looks in our system because it
3	may be that the parties have to continue the cases out
4	of the September 10 docket. So give me a minute here
5	to look. Oh, yes. We do have a number of cases
6	already in the September 10 docket. The division
7	won't be moving those. That'll be up to Matador or
8	MRC as you say, and Franklin Mountain, depending on
9	whose cases they are or how they want to be good
10	neighbors with each other. To move these cases to the
11	September 12 docket Freya, how busy is a September
12	12 docket?
13	MS. TSCHANTZ: Let me check. One
14	moment.
15	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you. And
16	it looks like it's only MRC Permian's cases, Mr.
17	Feldewert that are on the September 10th docket.
18	That's what
19	MR. FELDEWERT: No. It may be a factor
20	of your pre-hearing order. It's only recent, the
21	amended amended pre-hearing order
22	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Yes.
23	MR. FELDEWERT: is only recent to
24	this issue. But you'll see that that pre-hearing
25	order, that you amended one that you

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1	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Yes.
2	MR. FELDEWERT: executed lists all
3	the cases that should be on the September 10th docket.
4	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Well, I know
5	that it lists the cases, but it's up to the parties to
6	continue their cases into that docket and they have
7	not been.
8	MR. FELDEWERT: So, Ms. Bennett, I
9	guess you end up saving your client some money. So
10	unfortunately, the person who did it correctly is
11	unfortunately going to pay a bit more, but there we
12	have it. So Mr. Feldewert, please move all of the
13	cases that are on the amended pre-hearing order that
14	are here in the September 10 docket, move them all
15	over to September 12 for a status conference.
16	MR. FELDEWERT: Okay.
17	THE HEARING EXAMINER: And actually,
18	I'm looking further, Mr. Feldewert. Your cases were
19	dismissed, at least some of them. Let me see how many
20	of these are dismissed. So you know, actually, they
21	are all dismissed.
22	MR. FELDEWERT: My assumption is that
23	all of those cases that were on
24	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Yes.
25	MR. FELDEWERT: that are listed on
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1	the September 10th docket should have been all the
2	cases that were recently dismissed.
3	THE HEARING EXAMINER: They were.
4	MR. FELDEWERT: Which means that I may
5	have saved my client some money.
6	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Yes.
7	MR. FELDEWERT: Now, when we refiled
8	our cases, we refiled them for the September 10th
9	docket. So when I filed the application, I listed the
10	September 10th docket, anticipating that we were going
11	to go to a contested here.
12	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Yes.
13	MR. FELDEWERT: So I am going to have
14	to move those .
15	THE HEARING EXAMINER: I see.
16	MR. FELDEWERT: from the September
17	10th docket to the September 12th docket.
18	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Well, you may
19	have filed them to I don't know if Freya has
20	processed
21	MR. FELDEWERT: Well, maybe I'm
22	THE HEARING EXAMINER: them or not.
23	Because they're not actually on the September 10
24	special docket. So Freya, can you tell me where MRC
25	Permian's cases are, that he filed?

1	MS. TSCHANTZ: Do you have one case
2	that I can look up. There's 74 cases on the September
3	12th docket.
4	THE HEARING EXAMINER: 24778.
5	MS. TSCHANTZ: That application is on
6	the September 12th docket.
7	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
8	MR. FELDEWERT: I won't complain.
9	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Yeah. So,
10	Freya, 24778 through 83, are they all on the September
11	12th docket?
12	MS. TSCHANTZ: Yes.
13	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. What
14	about 24784 through 9?
15	MS. TSCHANTZ: Also September 12th.
16	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Well, you got
17	lucky. Somehow you read my mind that we were going to
18	continue or not continue, but vacate.
19	MR. FELDEWERT: Pure luck.
20	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Yeah, I guess it
21	was. I think the parties should file a joint motion
22	restating what you said to me today so that it's in
23	the imaging system, why I'm doing what I'm doing. I'm
24	not going to file an order vacating the amended pre-
25	hearing order. But I do want a joint motion with your

1	cases that I just went over 778 through 783, 784
2	through 790, which are already on the September 12th
3	docket. So please file that along with these other
4	cases.
5	Now, Ms. Bennett, you have six cases
6	here, 57, 59, 79, 60, 62, and 63. As you know, none
7	of them are on the September 10 special docket. I
8	don't know where they are. Freya, will you look on
9	the September 12th docket and see if any of
10	Ms. Bennett's cases are there? I'll give you the
11	numbers again if you want.
12	MS. TSCHANTZ: I have the pre-hearing
13	order.
14	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Oh, fantastic.
15	MR. FELDEWERT: Mr. Examiner, while
16	she's looking that up
17	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Yes.
18	MR. FELDEWERT: I think procedurally we
19	probably need to file either a Motion to Vacate the
20	pre-hearing order and reset.
21	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
22	MR. FELDEWERT: Or a notice based on
23	your ruling today. That might be the most efficient
24	way.
25	THE HEARING EXAMINER: A notice.
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1	MR. FELDEWERT: Okay.
2	THE HEARING EXAMINER: A joint notice.
3	MR. FELDEWERT: Okay.
4	THE HEARING EXAMINER: We'll put them
5	in all the right case numbers.
6	MR. FELDEWERT: Okay.
7	MS. TSCHANTZ: It looks like those
8	cases are awaiting a motion to continue. They're not
9	on a specific docket yet.
10	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Are they all
11	joined together in our system?
12	MS. TSCHANTZ: Yes.
13	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.
14	MS. TSCHANTZ: I have quite a few.
15	Yes, they're all jointed.
16	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. So, Ms.
17	Bennett, would you file motions for continuances in
18	those six cases to get them on the September 12th
19	docket?
20	MS. BENNETT: I will.
21	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Thank
22	you. And Freya, how crowded is the docket now?
23	MS. TSCANTZ: Non-continued cases,
24	there were 74.
25	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right.
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1	Well, we're only
2	MR. FELDEWERT: It won't take very
3	long.
4	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Right? We're
5	checking in with the parties to see how your
6	negotiations are going. Freya, will you mark that as
7	a final status conference?
8	MS. TSCHANTZ: Yes.
9	THE HEARING EXAMINER: All right.
10	Thank you. Does that address the party's issues?
11	MS. BENNETT: Yes.
12	THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Good.
13	Then we're off the record in those cases. Did you
14	have anything else?
15	THE HEARING EXAMINER: No. We're good.
16	This hearing is concluded, and we are off the record.
17	Thank you.
18	(Whereupon, at 12:11 p.m., the
19	proceeding was concluded.)
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