

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

IN THE MATTTTER OF THE HEARING CALLED
BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR
THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 20676

STATUS CONFERENCE ON THE APPLICATION
OF TAP ROCK RESOURCES, LLC, FOR
COMPULSORY POOLING IN EDDY COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

EXAMINER HEARING

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2020

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

This matter came on for hearing before the
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, FELICIA ORTH Hearing
Examiner, and Technical Examiners SCOTT COX and DEAN
McCLURE on Thursday, August 20, 2020, via Webex Video
conferencing

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14 STATEMENT BY MR. BRUCE:

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(Note: No exhibits marked.)

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1 (Time noted 8:53 a.m.)

2 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: All Right. Then let's
3 move, then, to Case 20676. Tap Rock Resources is the
4 Applicant. It's a Compulsory Pooling Application. The
5 well name is Painted Pole.

6 Mr. Bruce?

7 MR. BRUCE: Yes, I'm here for Tap Rock.

8 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: All right. Thank you.

9 And then we have COG. Is Ms. Munz-Drei or
10 Mr. Rodriguez with us?

11 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes, Michael Rodriguez with COG
12 Operating.

13 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: Good morning.

14 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Good morning.

15 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: All righty. So how
16 does --

17 Oh, first let me pause to see if there are
18 any other entries of appearance.

19 (Note: Pause.) No. Okay.

20 I have us down for a status conference, and
21 I note that it is related to Cases 21422 and 21421.

22 Let's see here.

23 I'm going to mute you briefly,

24 Mr. Rodriguez.

25 Uhm, Mr. Bruce, would you like to start us

1 off?

2 MR. BRUCE: Uhm, well, Tap Rock and COG have
3 competing plans. Tap Rock -- this case has been continued
4 for quite some time, this 20676, and Tap Rock and COG have
5 been in talks with each other. COG just recently
6 dismissed its original competing Pooling Applications and
7 filed two more which are set for September 10th, I
8 believe.

9 Is that correct, Mr. Rodriguez?

10 MR. RODRIGUEZ: That's correct.

11 MR. BRUCE: And so after that obviously the COG
12 cases would have to be continued to a mutually agreeable
13 hearing date together with the Tap Rock case, unless
14 sometime between now and whenever the hearing occurs they
15 reach voluntary agreement.

16 THE SPECIAL MASTER: Okay.

17 Uh, so would you like to discuss the dates
18 further? You've heard, presumably, discussion just now.
19 The earliest dates now for a contested hearing would be
20 December 3rd and December 17th. Would you like to explore
21 those dates with your clients and then submit a prehearing
22 Order?

23 MR. BRUCE: I think, you know, along with COG,
24 whatever date works for them would work for us.

25 MR. RODRIGUEZ: That sounds good for COG. I'll

1 take these dates back to our witnesses and see what we can
2 work out.

3 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: All right. Thank you.

4 If there's nothing else, I will wait for
5 your Hearing Order.

6 (Time noted 9:05 a.m.)

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