

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
PRE-HEARING DOCKET 37-20

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF VIRTUAL PROCEEDINGS

PRE-HEARING TRANSCRIPT

OCTOBER 8, 2020

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

BEFORE: FELICIA ORTH, HEARING EXAMINER
LEONARD LOWE, TECHNICAL EXAMINER
KURT SIMMONS, TECHNICAL EXAMINER

This matter came on for hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, HEARING OFFICER FELICIA ORTH and TECHNICAL EXAMINERS KURT SIMMONS and LEONARD LOWE, on Thursday, October 8, 2020, through the Webex Virtual Platform.

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1 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: Good morning, everyone.
2 This is Felicia Orth. I'm the hearing officer appointed by
3 the director of the Oil Conservation Division to conduct
4 hearings in the cases listed on the docket you will find on
5 the OCD hearing page.

6 The hearings will be conducted under the Oil
7 Conservation Division regulations. In the event the session
8 gets interrupted by technical difficulties or mischief,
9 please go to your e-mails and we will find a way of
10 continuing the hearing session. We have on the line some
11 technical -- oops, excuse me for just a moment.

12 Marlene, this is Felicia. Webex is telling me
13 that I cannot record on the server because I have exceeded
14 the recording storage allocation for my site. Is there a
15 way that you can record this rather than me?

16 MS. SANDOVAL: That is very strange. Can you try
17 to give me the host and then you try and record.

18 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: Certainly. Hold on.
19 Apologize for the technical difficulties, folks, we need to
20 figure this out.

21 MS. SANDOVAL: Where do I go to record? The top
22 right-hand corner. Right.

23 (Discussion off the record.)

24 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: I would like to continue
25 the session then with the understanding that Cisco Webex is

1 not allowing us to record until Ms. Sandoval seeks IT help.
2 And rather than wait for that help, Ms. Delgado will be both
3 recording and transcribing this event and making a
4 transcript.

5 So, let me start at the beginning. Thank you for
6 hanging in there with us. This is Felicia Orth, the Hearing
7 Officer appointed by the director of the Oil Conservation
8 Division to conduct hearings on the Oil Conservation
9 Division docket for today, October 8.

10 The hearing is being recorded and transcribed by
11 Irene Delgado, and a transcript will be made from, from this
12 session. We have some technical examiners with us this
13 morning. Kurt Simmons and Leonard Lowe have joined us as
14 technical examiners. Particularly Mr. Simmons may be asking
15 you questions.

16 We, we do have 44 matters on the docket this
17 morning, but it looks longer than it really is because, for
18 example, the last 15 of these matters, as I understand it,
19 will be heard at once, and we have some other consolidated
20 matters which appear to be primarily affidavit cases and
21 status conferences.

22 In connection with status conferences, let me
23 offer one thing. During the last session we were scheduling
24 hearings in January 2021 because I didn't have earlier dates
25 for the contested hearings. A couple of dates have now

1 opened up.

2 So just for your consideration, December 4, which
3 follows the December 3 regular docket, is open. And
4 December 10 and 11, which would be one off, that is to say
5 there is no regular docket that week, are also available in
6 the event that is helpful to anyone wishing to wrap
7 something up before the end of the year.

8 So it appears the usual suspects are on. We have
9 two call-in users, if there is nothing else we need to talk
10 about before we begin, I will call the first two cases.

11 (Docket matters called and completed.)

12 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: Is there anything else we
13 should talk about? We have actually come to the end of our
14 regular docket this morning.

15 (No audible response.)

16 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: No? All right. We will
17 get the Cisco Webex recording matter figured out before next
18 time, but thank you for your patience that first five
19 minutes this morning. Have a terrific weekend. We will
20 talk to you again in two weeks. Thank you.

21 MR. FELDEWERT: Bye.

22 MS. BENNETT: Bye.

23 (Concluded.)

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4 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

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6 I, IRENE DELGADO, New Mexico Certified Court
7 Reporter, CCR 253, do hereby certify that I reported the
8 foregoing virtual proceedings in stenographic shorthand and
9 that the foregoing pages are a true and correct transcript
10 of those proceedings to the best of my ability.

11 I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am neither employed by
12 nor related to any of the parties or attorneys in this case
13 and that I have no interest in the final disposition of this
14 case.

15 I FURTHER CERTIFY that the Virtual Proceeding was
16 of poor to good quality.

17 Dated this 8th day of October 2020.

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/s/ Irene Delgado

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