

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

**APPLICATIONS OF TAP ROCK RESOURCES, LLC
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

**Case No. 21609
Case No. 21610**

**APPLICATIONS OF MATADOR PRODUCTION COMPANY
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

**Case No. 21631
Case No. 21632**

PROCEDURAL ORDER

This Order follows a series of pleadings filed by the parties. The Oil Conservation Division (“Division”) Hearing Examiner (“Examiner”) finds that:

1. The Examiner previously issued a Pre-Hearing Order on January 29, 2021, which was amended twice (“Pre-Hearing Order”). The Pre-Hearing Order set a contested hearing date of August 20, 2021.

2. Since the issuance of the Pre-Hearing Order, Case Nos. 21654 and 21655, which were subject to the Pre-Hearing Order, have been dismissed.

3. On August 5, 2021, Matador Production Company (“Matador”) filed a Motion to Vacate Second Amended Pre-Hearing Order or, In the Alternative, To Have Case Nos. 22110 and 22111 Added to the Pre-Hearing Order and Set for Hearing on August 20, 2021 (“Matador Motion”). Matador stated that it had filed two additional cases (Case Nos. 22110 and 22111) which pertain to the above referenced cases and that Matador had just obtained new counsel and would need more time to prepare for a hearing. Since then, Matador has informed the Examiner that its new counsel has withdrawn and it is in search of another counsel.

4. On August 9, 2021, Tap Rock Resources, LLC (“Tap Rock”) filed both a Response to the Matador Motion and a Motion to Dismiss Matador Case Nos. 21631 and 21632. On the one hand, Tap Rock argues that the Matador Motion should be denied and the hearing should go forward, and on the other hand, Tap Rock argues that there is no longer a need for Matador’s cases (or for the hearing) since Tap Rock will be dismissing its cases.

The Examiner orders that:

1. The hearing scheduled for August 20, 2021 is cancelled.
2. The Pre-Hearing Order is vacated.

3. Matador Case Nos. 22110 and 22111 are currently scheduled for hearing on September 9, 2021. If any of the above cases remain, a status conference can be held at that time.

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Date: August 10, 2021