

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:

Application of COG Operating LLC,
for Compulsory pooling,
Lea County, New Mexico

Case No. 22076

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

EXAMINER HEARING

AUGUST 5, 2021

This matter came on for hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, William Brancard, Esq. Hearing Examiner, Baylen Lamkin, Technical Examiner, on August 5, 2021 through the Webex Virtual Conferencing Platform hosted by the New Mexico Department of Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources.

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1 (Time noted 9:31 a.m.)

2 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Now Item 32 on our agenda
3 today, Case 22076, COG Operating, LLC. Hinkle Shanor.

4 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Michael Rodriguez with Hinkle
5 Shanor on behalf of Applicant COG Operating, LLC.

6 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. Any other
7 interested persons in Case 22076? (Note: Pause.)
8 Hearing none, Mr. Rodriguez you may proceed.

9 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

10 In this case COG is seeking an Order
11 pooling all uncommitted mineral interests within the top
12 of the Wolfcamp Formation to a measured depth of 10,408
13 feet, underlying a 963.36-acre, more or less, standard
14 horizontal spacing unit comprised of Lots 1 through 4 in
15 the east half/west half, which is the west half equivalent
16 of Sections 19, 30 and 31, Township 25 South, Range 28
17 East, in Eddy County, New Mexico.

18 Ms. Jessica Pontiff is the geologist who is
19 testifying in this matter. Ms. Pontiff has not testified
20 before the Division, and as such a copy of her resume is
21 attached as Exhibit A-1. And I'd also like to spell Ms.
22 Pontiff's first and last name for the court reporter.

23 It is J-e-s-s-i-c-a, P-o-n-t-i-f-f.

24 With that, I request that Ms. Pontiff's
25 credentials be accepted into the record and the Division

1 qualify Ms. Pontiff as an expert in petroleum geology
2 matters.

3 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Are there any objections?
4 (Note: Pause.) Hearing none, your witness is qualified
5 as an expert.

6 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

7 As addressed in the landman's affidavit
8 there is depth severance that exists in the Wolfcamp
9 Formation underlying the unit, and accordingly COG seeks
10 to pool all uncommitted mineral interests from the top of
11 the Wolfcamp Formation to a measured depth of 10,408 feet.

12 And the case packet submitted to the
13 Division contains the Compulsory Pooling Checklist;
14 Exhibit A which is the landman's testimony, which includes
15 the related landman exhibits;

16 Exhibit B, which is the geologist's
17 testimony, which also includes related geology exhibits;

18 Attachments A-6 and A-7 of Exhibit A also
19 include the sample Notice of Hearing letter, the green
20 cards, an Affidavit of Publication, which reflect that all
21 those requirements have been met.

22 With that I ask that Exhibits A, A-1
23 through A-7, B, B-1 through B-3, be admitted into the
24 record, and Case No. 22076 be taken under advisement.

25 (Note: Reporter inquiry re sound breakthrough.)

1 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you, Ms. Macfarlane.
2 I was going to say the same thing.

3 Q. All right. Any questions? Mr. Lamkin, any
4 questions?

5 EXAMINER LAMKIN: I don't have any questions.
6 Thank you.

7 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you.

8 Mr. Rodriguez, are we talking a three-mile
9 lateral here?

10 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I don't believe so, but, uh, let
11 me take a look.

12 EXAMINER BRANCARD: You're covering three
13 sections.

14 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes, that might be the case.
15 Yes, I do believe that is the case. (Note: Pause.) Yes.

16 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. Pretty exciting.

17 And so for Case 22076, are there any other
18 comments from any other interested persons? (Note:
19 Pause.) Hearing none, the exhibits are accepted into the
20 record and Case 22076 is taken under advisement.

21 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

22 THE COURT: Thank you.

23 (Time noted 9:36 a.m.)

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5 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

6 I, MARY THERESE MACFARLANE, New Mexico Reporter
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