

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

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

CASE NOS: 21683 - 21686

APPLICATION OF MATADOR PRODUCTION COMPANY
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF VIRTUAL PROCEEDINGS
EXAMINER HEARING
JULY 15, 2021
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

This matter came on for virtual hearing before
the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, HEARING OFFICER
WILLIAM BRANCARD and TECHNICAL EXAMINER DEAN McCLURE on
Thursday, July 15, 2021, through the Webex Platform.

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1 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: With that I will call
2 Cases Number 8 beginning Case 21683, 21684, 21685, 21686,
3 Matador Production Company. Entry of appearance for
4 Matador?

5 MR. FELDEWERT: May it please the Examiner,
6 Michael Feldewert with the Santa Fe office of Holland & Hart
7 appearing on behalf of the applicant.

8 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. And we
9 have EGL Resources. Is that Mr. Padilla?

10 MR. PADILLA: Can you hear me now?

11 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: I can hear you now.

12 MR. PADILLA: Good. Ernest L. Padilla for EGL
13 Resources.

14 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: And I think I saw a
15 late entry from EOG Resources.

16 MR. RITTENHOUSE: Yes, that's correct. This is
17 Joby Rittenhouse with Beatty & Wozniak appearing on behalf
18 of EOG Resources.

19 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: If I understand
20 today's e-mail correctly, Cimarex entered its appearance,
21 but it has withdrawn that entry of appearance. Mr. Savage?

22 MR. SAVAGE: That's correct. Cimarex's interest
23 is in the EGL case, and we will wait until we receive notice
24 before they do an entry of appearance in that case.

25 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. Are there

1 any other entries of appearances in case 21683, 684, 685,
2 686?

3 (No response.)

4 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Hearing none, Mr.
5 Feldewert where are we going with these cases?

6 MR. FELDEWERT: Mr. Brancard, the competing EGL
7 cases that resulted in these matters being moved off to a
8 contested docket have -- Mr. Padilla has dismissed them and
9 now refiled them.

10 I believe they will appear, correct me if I'm
11 wrong, they will now appear on the September docket. The
12 parties have been in discussion. But at this point the --
13 you know, the cases will be still competing. We don't see
14 an immediate need to have a, to have a contested hearing
15 given that the parties are and have been in discussions. So
16 that's where Matador stands with respect to its cases.

17 MR. PADILLA: Mr. Examiner, Mr. Feldewert's
18 representations are correct. We're -- we refiled these
19 applications, withdrew the original ones, and EGL has
20 restructured its drilling plan in the same area, so our
21 refiled cases are not up for hearing until September. I
22 know that yesterday we were sending out notices for the
23 hearing, so that's where we are.

24 And I assume, based on the hearings, the settings
25 that are being, that our case to be set for some time in

1 September or October. That's for a contested hearing if we
2 go that far, but they are negotiating.

3 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Mr. Padilla, do you
4 have the case numbers for the EGL cases?

5 MR. PADILLA: You know -- hold on.

6 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: While we are waiting,
7 Mr. Rittenhouse, do you have a position on these cases?

8 MR. RITTENHOUSE: No, sir. My client has not
9 received notice of the Matador cases here and was not aware
10 that EGL had refiled, so I appreciate you asking about these
11 case numbers.

12 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you.

13 MR. PADILLA: Let me just pull it up off the
14 computer. I don't have that up.

15 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: I can throw out a
16 date of October 21. Would that be okay, Mr. Feldewert?

17 MR. FELDEWERT: That's fine with Matador. I
18 think it was Mr. Padilla that was asking for a status
19 conference.

20 MR. PADILLA: That's fine with me, but let me
21 tell you the case numbers, the new case numbers are 22083,
22 to 22084, and those are Bone Spring and Wolfcamp
23 applications.

24 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: So just two cases
25 that were filed?

1 MR. PADILLA: Two cases, the first involves four
2 Bone Spring wells and the second involves two Wolfcamp
3 wells.

4 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Mr. Feldewert, okay
5 if we consolidate with the EGL cases?

6 MR. FELDEWERT: Certainly, Mr. Examiner, that
7 makes a lot of sense.

8 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: I will then do a
9 prehearing order for hearing on October 21 for these four, I
10 believe, Matador cases and then the two EGL cases. Are
11 there any further comments or concerns on that?

12 (No response.)

13 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Mr. Rittenhouse?

14 MR. PADILLA: We have two cases. I thought you
15 said two wells.

16 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: No, two cases.

17 MR. RITTENHOUSE: No concerns from EOG.

18 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. We will
19 do October 21 for these cases. And I will ask finally if
20 there are any other interested persons, any other comments
21 on 21683, 21684, 21685, 21866.

22 (No response.)

23 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Hearing none, the
24 contested hearing case will be scheduled for October 21.
25 There will be a prehearing order issued and please file

1 continuances. Thank you.

2 MR. PADILLA: Mr. Examiner, let me ask a
3 clarifying question.

4 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Certainly.

5 MR. PADILLA: In terms of making -- filing
6 continuances, our case is not up yet, but we filed a
7 continuance anyway; right?

8 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: I think that's right.
9 Marlene, since their cases haven't been scheduled yet --

10 MS. SALVIDREZ: So these two cases are actually
11 on the August 5 docket.

12 MR. PADILLA: Oh.

13 MS. SALVIDREZ: So they were noticed so, yes, you
14 can file continuances.

15 MR. PADILLA: Okay, got it.

16 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: We move fast around
17 here.

18 (Concluded.)

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17 Dated this 15th day of July 2021.

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/s/ Irene Delgado

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