

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 Caza Petroleum for  
Compulsory Pooling,  
Lea County, New Mexico Case No. 21565

Application of Caza Petroleum, LLC  
and Casa Operating, LLC for  
approval of an overlapping Spacing  
Unit and to allow two Operators in  
a Certain Well Unit,  
Lea County, New Mexico Case No. 22048

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

STATUS CONFERENCE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2021

This matter came on for hearing before the  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, William  
Brancard, Esq. Hearing Examiner, Kathleen Murphy,  
Technical Examiner, on August 19, 2021, via Webex  
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1 (Time noted 8:38 a.m.)

2 EXAMINER BRANCARD: I now call Cases 21565,  
3 22048, Caza Petroleum.

4 MR. BRUCE: Jim Bruce here on behalf of Caza,  
5 Mr. Examiner.

6 MR. FELDEWERT: May it please the examiner,  
7 Michael Feldewert of the Santa Fe office of Holland & Hart  
8 on behalf of Chisholm Energy Holdings.

9 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. And I have  
10 Advance Energy Partners.

11 MS. HARDY: Yes, Mr. Examiner. Dana Hardy with  
12 the Santa Fe office of Hinkle Shanor on behalf of Advance  
13 Energy Partners.

14 EXAMINER BRANCARD: I think I have COG Operating  
15 in 22048.

16 MS. MUNDS-DRY: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Examiner.  
17 Ocean Munds-Dry here for COG Operating, LLC.

18 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Are there any other  
19 interested parties in Cases 21565 or 22048? (Note:  
20 Pause.)

21 Hearing none, Mr. Bruce how would you like  
22 to proceed?

23 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, just briefly.

24 The first case is a pooling case seeking to  
25 pool a portion of the Bone Spring Formation.

1                   The second case was subsequently filed  
2 because that would cause there to be a half section of  
3 land, two operators in the same pool, and Caza was seeking  
4 an objection.

5                   Now, just very recently the parties have  
6 been in contact and they had some good discussions, and we  
7 think it would be fruitful just to continue these cases --  
8 I forget. Mr. Feldewert mentioned a date and I was  
9 agreeable to that -- to let the parties try to work things  
10 out voluntarily.

11                   EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you.

12                   Mr. Feldewert, did you have a date?

13                   MR. FELDEWERT: Yeah, Mr. Brancard. I mean, I  
14 think this is one of those circumstances where we need a  
15 date just to set, probably, a status conference.

16                   I think what I had suggested was either a  
17 month or two, Jim. I can't remember.

18                   MR. BRUCE: I think you had suggested two  
19 months, and I was amenable to that.

20                   MR. FELDEWERT: I think that's right. Yeah, I  
21 think that makes a lot of sense. I would suggest a status  
22 conference two months out, Mr. Brancard.

23                   EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. Any other  
24 comments from the other parties. Ms. Hardy?

25                   MS. HARDY: No, Mr. Examiner. That's fine with

1 Advance.

2 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Ms. Munds-Dry?

3 MS. MUNDS-DRY: Sounds good to us. Thank you.

4 EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. What are your  
5 dates in October, Marlene?

6 MS. SALVIDREZ: Give me one second.

7 MR. FELDEWERT: I'm going to beat you to it,  
8 Marlene. Looks like the 7th and the 21st, I think.

9 MS. SALVIDREZ: Yes.

10 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Why don't we do October 7th?

11 MR. BRUCE: That's fine with me.

12 MR. FELDEWERT: That makes sense, Mr. Brancard.  
13 Thank you.

14 EXAMINER BRANCARD: And you're thinking status  
15 conference?

16 MR. FELDEWERT: I am, yes.

17 MR. BRUCE: Yes.

18 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. All right. Then I  
19 could just issue a Scheduling Order, then, for this.

20 Any other comments on Cases 21565, 22048?

21 (Note: Pause.) Hearing none, these cases will be  
22 continued to October 7th. Thank you.

23 MR. FELDEWERT: Thank you.

24 MS. HARDY: Thank you.

25 (Time noted 8:42 a.m.)

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3 COUNTY OF TAOS )  
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5 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

6 I, MARY THERESE MACFARLANE, New Mexico Reporter  
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17 disposition of this case in any court.

18 /s/ Mary Macfarlane  
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