

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 Tap Rock Resources	Case No. 21568
for Compulsory Pooling,	Case No. 21572
Lea County, New Mexico	Case No. 21771

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

STATUS CONFERENCE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021

This matter came on for hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, William Brancard, Esq. Hearing Examiner, Leonard Lowe, Technical Examiner, on Thursday, September 23, 2021, via Webex Virtual Conferencing Platform hosted by the New Mexico Department of Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources

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1 (Time noted 8:26 a.m.)

2 EXAMINER BRANCARD: With that let's call the
3 next three cases and try to figure out where we are.

4 Case 21568, 21572, 21771, Tap Rock
5 Resources.

6 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, Jim Bruce representing
7 Tap Rock is here.

8 MR. DeBRINE: Good morning, Mr. Examiner. Earl
9 DeBrine with Modrall Sperling representing Chevron and
10 Cimarex.

11 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. Are there any
12 other interested persons in Cases 21568, -572, -771?

13 Mr. DeBrine, you said you're representing
14 both Chevron and Cimarex?

15 MR. DeBRINE: Correct.

16 EXAMINER BRANCARD: So we had a contested
17 hearing set. COG decided to drop their cases, so where
18 are we going now with this?

19 Mr. Bruce, I assume you want to get a
20 hearing soon.

21 MR. BRUCE: Yeah, whenever. That's my only
22 point.

23 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. Mr. DeBrine, what is
24 the issue here for Chevron -- or is it Cimarex?

25 MR. DeBRINE: It's primarily Chevron, Mr.

1 Examiner. They are opposing the applications, and the
2 matter needs to be set for a contested hearing.

3 EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. Is Chevron going
4 to file its own applications?

5 MR. DeBRINE: At this time I don't believe so.
6 We have two sections that we think can better develop the
7 resources in this area and don't need to compulsory pool
8 any parties in order to develop our units.

9 EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. I had set forth
10 the idea of December 2nd because that's the next opening
11 for us here.

12 Mr. Bruce?

13 MR. BRUCE: That's fine with me, Mr. Examiner.

14 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Mr. DeBrine?

15 MR. DeBRINE: That doesn't work for us, Mr.
16 Examiner. We would prefer the later date in December.

17 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Marlene, are we already
18 getting busy on the 16th?

19 MS. SALVIDREZ: The 16th is full, so it's up to
20 you if you want to add three more cases. The next one
21 would be January 6th.

22 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Let's do December 16th.

23 All right. Then I guess I need to issue a
24 new Prehearing Order, because I think I vacated the old
25 one.

1 MR. BRUCE: I think that's right.

2 EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. So any other
3 comments on Cases 21568, -572, -771? (Note: Pause.) If
4 not, they will be continued the to December 16th, and I
5 will issue a Prehearing Order to that effect.

6 Thank you everyone.

7 MR. DeBRINE: Thank you, Mr. Examiner.

8 MR. BRUCE: Thank you.

9 (Time noted 8:29 a.m.)

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