

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:

Application of Catena Resources  
Operating, LLC, to Amend  
Order No. R-21434  
Lea County, New Mexico                      Case No. 22138

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

EXAMINER HEARING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

This matter came on for hearing before the  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, William  
Brancard, Esq. Hearing Examiner, Kurt Simmons,  
Technical Examiner, on September 9, 2021, via Webex  
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I N D E X O F E X H I B I T S

NO.	DESCRIPTION	ADMITTED
A	Application	4
B	Affidavit of Cato Clark, Landman	4
C	Notice Affidavit	4

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

2 EXAMINER BRANCARD: With that we will move to  
3 Case 22138, again Catena Resources.

4 MS. LUCK. Good morning again. Kaitlyn Luck  
5 with the Santa Fe office of Holland and Hart for Catena  
6 Resources Operating in this case.

7 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. Any other  
8 interested parties in Case 22138? (Note: Pause.)

9 Hearing none, you may proceed, Ms. Luck.

10 MS. LUCK: Thank you. Again in this case,  
11 similar to the prior case, Catena understood there would  
12 be no opposition and filed with the Division its exhibits  
13 on Tuesday.

14 As set forth in Exhibit A Catena is seeking  
15 to pool -- Catena is seeking to extend the drilling  
16 deadline under the Pooling Order. The Pooling Order is  
17 Division order R-21434, which was entered on August 18th  
18 2020.

19 This case approved a standard 480-acre  
20 spacing unit in the southwest quarter of Section 33 in  
21 Township 18 South, Range 35 East, and in the west half of  
22 Section 4 in Township 19 South, Range 35 East. And this  
23 is all in Lea County, New Mexico.

24 The spacing unit that was approved is in  
25 the Wolfcamp Formation and is Dedicated to the initial

1 Alpha 183533 1H well, and the details of that well are  
2 provided in Catena's Exhibit B.

3 As indicated in the past case the deadline  
4 to commence drilling expired on August 18th of 2021, but  
5 the application was filed prior to the expiration of the  
6 drilling deadline so Catena is seeking to extend the  
7 drilling deadline to August 18th of 2022.

8 Again, as in the prior case, Catena hasn't  
9 required any of the pooled parties to elect or pay and is  
10 simply seeking to extend this drilling deadline to allow  
11 for sufficient time for the wells to be drilled under its  
12 drilling schedule.

13 So with that, if there aren't any questions  
14 I move the admission of Catena Exhibits A through C and  
15 request that this case be taken under advisement.

16 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. Mr. Simmons, any  
17 questions?

18 EXAMINER SIMMONS: No. Everything appears to be  
19 in order. Thank you.

20 EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. Once again, any  
21 other comments on Case 22138? (Note: Pause.) Hearing  
22 none, the exhibits will be admitted into the record and  
23 Case 22138 will be taken under advisement.

24 MS. LUCK: Thank you.

25 (Time noted 9:38 a.m.)

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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

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I, MARY THERESE Macfarlane, New Mexico Reporter

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September 9, 2021, the proceedings in the above-captioned

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nor related to nor contracted with (unless excepted by the

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rules) any of the parties or attorneys in this case, and

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that I have no interest whatsoever in the final

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disposition of this case in any court.

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/s/ Mary Macfarlane

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MARY THERESE Macfarlane, CCR

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