

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, 21685  
22103, 22104

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

CASE NOS: 22083, 22084

APPLICATIONS OF CHISHOLM ENERGY OPERATING, LLC  
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF VIRTUAL PROCEEDINGS  
EXAMINER HEARING  
MARCH 3, 2022  
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, March 3, 2022, through the Webex Platform.

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1 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: With that I will call  
2 the first six cases, Cases 21683, 21685, 22103, 22104,  
3 22083, 22084. Let's start with Matador Production.

4 MR. FELDEWERT: Good morning, Mr. Examiner,  
5 Michael Feldewert with the Santa Fe office of Holland &  
6 Hart.

7 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Good morning. And  
8 then I think we have Chisholm Energy Company Operating, I'm  
9 sorry, which is substituted for EGL Resources.

10 MR. PADILLA: Mr. Examiner, Ernest L. Padilla for  
11 Chisholm.

12 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. So we  
13 have some entries of appearance from EOG Resources.

14 MR. RITTENHOUSE: This is Joby Rittenhouse with  
15 Beatty & Wozniak appearing on behalf of EOG.

16 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Good to see you,  
17 Mr. Rittenhouse. Is this going to be your last hearing?

18 MR. RITTENHOUSE: Yes, sir, it is.

19 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: We have enjoyed  
20 working with over this time and best of luck with your  
21 future endeavors.

22 MR. RITTENHOUSE: Thank you. I appreciate it.

23 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: XTO Energy?

24 (No audible response.)

25 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Holland & Hart?

1 MR. FELDEWERT: May it please the Examiner,  
2 Michael Feldewert with the Santa Fe office of Holland & Hart  
3 here on behalf of XTO.

4 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: I have Cimarex  
5 Energy.

6 MR. SAVAGE: Good morning, Mr. Hearing Examiner,  
7 Darin Savage for Cimarex Energy Company.

8 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. Are there  
9 any other entries of appearance for Cases 21683, 685, 22103,  
10 104, 22083 and 84.

11 (No audible response.)

12 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Hearing none, I think  
13 we have been gathering every two months for a status  
14 conference on this group of cases. Let me start with you,  
15 Mr. Feldewert. Update, please?

16 MR. FELDEWERT: Mr. Examiner, my understanding is  
17 the parties are still in discussions, I think. I don't know  
18 whether there is going to be an additional change in the  
19 potential applicant or operator for the EGO cases, but from  
20 Matador's perspective, I think another status conference  
21 would be preferred over setting this matter for a hearing  
22 because from our perspective we still believe that an  
23 agreement can be reached.

24 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you.  
25 Mr. Padilla?

1                   MR. PADILLA: To tell you the truth, I don't  
2 know. I think the parties keep wanting to postpone. They  
3 told me a hearing in May would be all right, but a status  
4 conference probably would be okay.

5                   HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you for your  
6 honesty. Mr. Rittenhouse?

7                   MR. RITTENHOUSE: No objection from EOG in terms  
8 of setting it as a status conference.

9                   HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you.  
10 Mr. Savage?

11                   MR. SAVAGE: No objection.

12                   HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. All  
13 right. Why don't we set this for a status conference on  
14 May 5?

15                   (No audible response.)

16                   HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Keeping with our  
17 tradition of every two months.

18                   MR. FELDEWERT: Thank you, Mr. Examiner.

19                   (Concluded.)

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4 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

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8 foregoing virtual proceedings in stenographic shorthand and  
9 that the foregoing pages are a true and correct transcript  
10 of those proceedings to the best of my ability.

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12 nor related to any of the parties or attorneys in this case  
13 and that I have no interest in the final disposition of this  
14 case.

15 I FURTHER CERTIFY that the Virtual Proceeding was  
16 of extremely poor to good quality.

17 Dated this 3rd day of March 2022.

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/s/ Irene Delgado

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