

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 COG Operating, LLC, for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico	Case Nos. 21734 21735 21736 21737
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REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2022

MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE

This matter came on for hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, William Brancard, Esq., Hearing Examiner, Leonard Lowe Technical Examiner, on Thursday, March 17, 2022, via Webex Virtual Conferencing Platform hosted by the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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1 (Time noted 8:21 a.m.)

2 EXAMINER BRANCARD: So with that I will call  
3 Items 4 through 7. These will be Cases 21734, 21735,  
4 21736, 21737, COG Operating, LLC.

5 MS. RYAN: Good morning, Mr. Examiner. Beth  
6 Ryan on behalf of COG Operating in these cases.

7 EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. And the only  
8 other party I have that's not listed that has not  
9 withdrawn is Foran Oil Company.

10 MR. BRUCE: Yes, Mr. Examiner. Jim Bruce on  
11 behalf of Foran. I'd just say up front Foran just entered  
12 an appearance. They are not objecting to anything and I  
13 just saw late yesterday the Motion for Continuance, and  
14 Foran has no objection to that.

15 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. I will just ask if  
16 there are any other appearances or reappearances in Cases  
17 21734, -735, -736, -737?

18 Hearing a little background noise there,  
19 but...

20 MS. RYAN: Mr. Examiner, I want to apologize for  
21 our late-filed Motion for Continuance. Obviously that  
22 wasn't planned. And so we beg forgiveness. I'm wearing  
23 my St. Patrick's day green today begging for forgiveness  
24 on that.

25 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Well, thank you.

1 MS. RYAN: If that helps.

2 EXAMINER BRANCARD: This was a case that  
3 involved an opposed contested hearing for this date.  
4 Obviously it appears that the contestees have dropped out.  
5 Is that correct, Ms. Ryan?

6 MS. RYAN: That's correct. This is no longer a  
7 contested matter.

8 EXAMINER BRANCARD: So what we need, in that  
9 case, is not just a Motion to Continue but you should have  
10 filed a Motion to Vacate the Prehearing Order.

11 MS. RYAN: Okay.

12 EXAMINER BRANCARD: We had all sorts of  
13 deadlines in there that have come and gone.

14 So are there any other concerns with Cases  
15 21734, -735, -736, -737?

16 Hearing none, it will be continued -- what  
17 was the date you requested, Ms. Ryan?

18 MS. RYAN: May 5th.

19 EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right.

20 MS. RYAN: Mr. Examiner -- I'm sorry, go ahead.

21 EXAMINER BRANCARD: You're hoping to go by  
22 affidavit on that date?

23 MS. RYAN: Yes, sir.

24 EXAMINER BRANCARD: I'm sorry, what else?

25 MS. RYAN: I just had a housekeeping matter if

1 you were completed with the cases.

2 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Not yet.

3 So I will issue a Scheduling Order in this  
4 matter which will vacate the Prehearing Order, and we'll  
5 schedule a normal hearing for May 5th without any  
6 Prehearing Order.

7 MS. RYAN: Thank you very much.

8 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Yes. Thank you for wearing  
9 green. I am wearing my tie from Dublin.

10 MS. RYAN: All right.

11 Yes, sir. I wanted to just note, for you  
12 and the rest of the people on the call, Joby Rittenhouse  
13 has joined ConocoPhillips and he will be appearing for  
14 ConocoPhillips and the Concho entities on occasion in the  
15 future, so I just wanted to bring him to your attention.

16 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. Hope you work  
17 out any conflicts he might have with his prior firm so  
18 that we don't get crosswise here.

19 MS. RYAN: That's the plan.

20 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you, very much, Ms.  
21 Ryan.

22 Good to see you again, Mr. Rittenhouse.

23 MR. RITTENHOUSE: Yes, sir. Good to see you,  
24 Bill.

25 EXAMINER BRANCARD: So with that, Cases 21734,

1 -735, -736, -737 are scheduled for hearing on May 5th, and  
2 I will issue a Scheduling Order.

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

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