

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:

Applications of Mewbourne Oil Company for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico	Case Nos. 22633, 22634, 22635, 22636
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## REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2022

## STATUS CONFERENCE

This matter came on for hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, William Brancard, Esq. Hearing Examiners, John Garcia Technical Examiner, on Thursday, April 7, 2022, via Webex Virtual Conferencing Platform hosted by the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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

2 EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. The next on the  
3 list for a status conference are four cases of Mewbourne  
4 Oil Company, 22633, 22634, 22635, 22636, Mewbourne Oil  
5 Company.

6 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, this is Jim Bruce.  
7 I'm representing Mewbourne in these cases now. Earlier I  
8 just filed my Entries of Appearance.

9 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Only as in today?

10 MR. BRUCE: As in today, yeah.

11 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay.

12 MR. RANKIN: Mr. Examiner, may it please the  
13 Division, Adam Rankin with the Santa Fe office of Holland  
14 and Hart appearing on behalf of COG in these cases.

15 EXAMINER RANKIN: let me check in.

16 Ms. Hardy, has Hinkle withdrawn from these  
17 cases?

18 MS. HARDY: Mr. Examiner, we will be withdrawing  
19 since Mr. Bruce is entering his appearance. Thank you.

20 EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. It's my  
21 understanding that COG has objected to these cases going  
22 forward by affidavit. Mr. Rankin will COG be filing  
23 competing cases or do you just want to negotiate?

24 MR. RANKIN: Mr. Examiner, COG will be filing  
25 competing cases. It has issued competing well proposals

1     that involve Section 27 in these cases.   So we will be  
2     filing in short order competing oil pooling applications  
3     so that we can get these cases ripe and set for a  
4     contested hearing.

5                 EXAMINER BRANCARD:   Any idea when you might be  
6     files those cases?

7                 MR. RANKIN:   Well, Mr. Examiner, in light of the  
8     fact that we did just issue the Well Proposals, but we  
9     understand that these are competing cases so we will be  
10    preparing applications in short order, expedited basis.  
11    So I expect that barring unforeseen circumstances we  
12    should be filing these next week.

13                EXAMINER BRANCARD:   Marlene, what docket would  
14    that get them on?

15                MS. SALVIDREZ:   The June docket.   I think it's  
16    June 2nd.

17                EXAMINER BRANCARD:   Mr. Bruce, are you prepared  
18    for a contested hearing?

19                MR. BRUCE:   Yes, we are.

20                EXAMINER BRANCARD:   All right.

21                         Why don't we -- since you are early on the  
22    list today, why don't we set you up as a June 2nd  
23    contested hearing.

24                         Will that work, Mr. Rankin?

25                MR. RANKIN:   Mr. Examiner, I just need to

1 confirm with the client, but I expect that would valued  
2 work. That would make the cases ripe.

3 The only thing I would point -- let's see.  
4 I think that should be enough time for the parties for the  
5 normal course of negotiations, based on the Well Proposals  
6 and for the cases to be ripe, certainly that should work.  
7 But barring any conflicts with COG, I think that docket  
8 should work just fine.

9 EXAMINER BRANCARD: You know, June is already  
10 filling up, as usual, so we could easily put this into  
11 July if that would give you a little more time to  
12 negotiate.

13 Mr. Rankin: I think if necessary we could  
14 request a continuance, but I think at this point we should  
15 take the June 2nd contested docket.

16 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay with you, Mr. Bruce?

17 MR. BRUCE: Yes.

18 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Any other interested  
19 personses here on Cases 22633, -634, -635, -636?

20 Hearing none, they will be set for a  
21 hearing on June 2nd and we will issue a Prehearing Order.

22 MR. RANKIN: Thank you.

23 (Time noted 8:32 a.m.)

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