

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: 22586 - 22591

APPLICATIONS OF DEVON ENERGY PRODUCTION COMPANY, L.P.
FOR HORIZONTAL SPACING UNITS
AND COMPULSORY POOLING,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NOS: 22641 - 22644

APPLICATIONS OF MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF VIRTUAL PROCEEDINGS
EXAMINER HEARING
MAY 19, 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 LEONARD LOWE on
Thursday, May 19, 2022, through the Webex Platform.

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STATUS CONFERENCE

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1 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. We have a
2 number of cases together coming up on a status conference,
3 Devon Energy and Mewbourne. This is Items 23 through 32 on
4 the worksheet. These are Cases 22586, 22587, 22588, 22589,
5 22590, 22591, and Cases 22641, 22642, 22643, 22644. Let's
6 start with Devon Energy Production.

7 MR. SAVAGE: Good morning, Mr. Examiner, Darin
8 Savage with Abadie & Schill on behalf of Devon Production
9 Company.

10 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. Mewbourne
11 Oil Company.

12 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, Jim Bruce on behalf of
13 Mewbourne.

14 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: We have an entry for
15 some of these cases from COG Operating?

16 (No audible response.)

17 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Miss Ryan, are you
18 still there? Well, let's start with the applicants. We had
19 a prehearing order. It was vacated. Where are we? Mr.
20 Savage?

21 MR. SAVAGE: Thank you, Mr. Examiner. As I
22 understand it, the parties are in negotiations and
23 negotiations are active and they are making progress. We
24 are hoping for a resolution, but these cases are still
25 contested and we would like to set a date at your

1 convenience.

2 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Set a date for
3 hearing or status conference?

4 MR. SAVAGE: Mr. Bruce, what would you prefer, a
5 status conference? Devon would prefer a hearing date be
6 established.

7 MR. BRUCE: That would be fine.

8 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Miss Ryan, are you
9 with us?

10 MS. RYAN: I'm here. I didn't have these on my
11 list. I'm not sure we are in these cases.

12 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: You are in the
13 Mewbourne Cases 22641, 642, 643 --

14 MS. RYAN: Yes, sir. Sorry, I thought we were
15 still talking about the Burton Flats.

16 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: They are part of it.

17 MS. RYAN: Oh, okay.

18 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: But you are not part
19 of it.

20 MS. RYAN: So appearing for COG Operating, Beth
21 Ryan, thank you.

22 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Do you have any
23 position on hearing or status conference.

24 MS. RYAN: We are fine for this to be set for
25 hearing in July.

1 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. So how about
2 if we set a July 21 date for a hearing?

3 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, although I will be
4 available by phone for things such as status conferences, I
5 will be out of state, and I just will not be available for a
6 long hearing on the 21st, so I would prefer some other date.

7 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Well, we can take a
8 risk and try for July 7. Are you available then Mr. Bruce?

9 MR. BRUCE: I'm available any time but the 21st.
10 Like I said, for simple matters I can get on the phone and
11 deal with status conferences, but July 7 -- or what's the
12 next available one, August 4 or something like that?

13 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Mr. Savage, July 7 or
14 August 4?

15 MR. SAVAGE: Devon would prefer July 7. We would
16 like to move on this.

17 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Let's set this then
18 for July 7, and I will issue a prehearing order. Are there
19 any other objections or concerns with these cases?

20 (No audible response.)

21 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Hearing none, so we
22 are set for a hearing on July 7.

23 MR. SAVAGE: Thank you.

24 (Concluded.)

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2 COUNTY OF BERNALILLO

3 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

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5 foregoing virtual proceedings in stenographic shorthand and
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11 case.

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14 Dated this 19th day of May 2022.

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/s/ Irene Delgado

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