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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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PREHEARING PROCEEDINGS  
June 16, 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 HEARING OFFICER DYLAN ROSE-COSS on Thursday, June 16, 2022, through the Webex Platform.

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1 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Good morning.  
2 It is June 16, 2022. My name is William Brancard.  
3 I'm the hearing examiner for the New Mexico Oil  
4 Conservation Division. And today's hearings, we  
5 have as the Technical Examiner Mr. Dylan Rose-Coss.

6 As always, the worksheet for today's final  
7 docket is posted on our website. There are 50 cases  
8 listed.

9 Mr. Rose-Coss, any discussion before we  
10 get going?

11 MR. ROSE-COSS: No, sir.

12 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Just checking  
13 if you're awake there, okay. All right. Good to  
14 see you've got a tie on. Beautiful.

15 All right. So I have to apologize in  
16 advance. Today might be a little bit of a dumpster  
17 fire. Having once lived in Manhattan, I know what  
18 that is.

19 Our building, the Chino building is  
20 largely without power. And the State Fire Marshal  
21 has kicked everybody out of the building for two  
22 weeks. So I'm not at the broadcast studios. I'm  
23 broadcasting live from my house strapped to my comfy  
24 chair with weak WiFi and hopefully this will go  
25 okay.

1 THE COURT REPORTER: Mr. Hearing Examiner,  
2 I don't know if you can hear me, but it is --

3 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: (Audio cut out)  
4 on the docket today is -- I'm sorry?

5 THE COURT REPORTER: We're having  
6 trouble -- well, I'm having trouble hearing you.

7 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: I -- I can't  
8 hear you.

9 THE COURT REPORTER: It's lagging.

10 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Ms. Castillo?  
11 I will go without video, see if that helps.

12 All right. So today we have 50 cases, as  
13 I mentioned. There are the late filed motions to  
14 start with, a few status conference and then  
15 hearings, and then we end with a motion hearing.

16 I need to start by discussing the fact  
17 that we're having a lot of problems with late filed  
18 documentation here. We're going to start with late  
19 filed motions. But more of an issue is for cases  
20 that you intend to have to be heard by affidavit, we  
21 have a policy, been posted on the website for at  
22 least two years, that says that exhibits must be  
23 filed 5 p.m. the Tuesday before the hearing.

24 We have 20 some-odd cases that are  
25 actually new, getting ready to be heard today. Of

1 those, 22 were not filed by Tuesday 5 p.m. I will  
2 roughly split the baby today. Those cases that  
3 actually got something filed yesterday, we will  
4 hear. Those cases where we had nothing filed by  
5 5 p.m. yesterday, will be continued. And I will now  
6 read the numbers of the cases that are going to be  
7 continued. These cases will be continued to  
8 July 21.

9           The Case Numbers are 22683, 22684, 22685,  
10 22686, 22723, 22724, 22725, 22726, 22769, 22770, and  
11 22696. All these cases that I've just read will be  
12 continued to July 21. There's no room on the  
13 July 7th docket to hear any cases. In fact, at this  
14 point, if all the contested hearings go ahead that  
15 are scheduled July 7th will be there until Bastille  
16 Day.

17           So with that, we will start with our  
18 docket today.

19           (Proceedings concluded at 8:23 a.m.)

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Date: June 16, 2022

/s/ Edwina Castillo

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