

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 AND APPROVAL  
OF NON-STANDARD SPACING UNIT  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Case No. 22847

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF VIRTUAL PROCEEDINGS  
NOTICE ISSUES RELATED TO NONSTANDARD SPACING UNIT  
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: We'll call case  
2   22847. COG Operating.

3                   MS. HARDY: Good morning, Mr. Examiner,  
4   this is Dana Hardy with the Santa Fe office of  
5   Hinkle Shanor on behalf of COG Operating, LLC.

6                   HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Can I have an  
7   entry of appearance for MRC Permian?

8                   MR. BRUCE: Yes, Mr. Examiner, Jim Bruce  
9   on behalf of MRC. And I'm not objecting to the  
10   proceedings going ahead by affidavit.

11                  HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Thank you.

12                  So Ms. Hardy, this a continuation from  
13   June 2nd. Again, notice issues related to a  
14   nonstandard spacing unit?

15                  MS. HARDY: That's correct, Mr. Examiner.

16                  Actually, I think, it is a notice issue  
17   but it was solely due to the delay in the newspaper  
18   publication. So we had continued it to allow that  
19   notice period to run and that has occurred and no  
20   other parties have objected or entered an  
21   appearance.

22                  So unless there are questions, I would ask  
23   that the exhibits be accepted and that the case be  
24   take under advisement. And COG does have plans to  
25   drill these wells beginning, I think, within the

1 next month and so we had requested an expedited  
2 order and we understand how busy of the Division is,  
3 but I wanted to mention that request again and we  
4 would really appreciate receiving an order soon, as  
5 soon as possible. Thank you.

6 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Thank you.

7 Mr. Rose-Coss, any questions?

8 MR. ROSE-COSS: No questions.

9 I opened up the case file and saw that  
10 there was an additional information submitted. But  
11 it was just to allow the paper, as to the lapse or  
12 more time sensitive that happened, that explains it.  
13 So I guess we're good.

14 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Thank you. All  
15 right. With that, are there any other interested  
16 persons, then, for Case 22847?

17 Hearing none, whatever exhibits there are  
18 will be admitted in the record. And Case 22847 will  
19 be taken under advisement.

20 MS. HARDY: Thank you, very much.

21 (Proceedings concluded at 8:41 a.m.)

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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

I certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript from the record of proceedings in the above-entitled matter. I further certify that the transcript fees and format comply with those prescribed by the Court and the Judicial Conference of the United States.

Date: June 16, 2022

/s/ Edwina Castillo

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