

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: 22605-22608

APPLICATION OF E.G.L. RESOURCES,
INC. OPERATING FOR COMPULSORY
POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NOS: 23007-23009

APPLICATIONS OF EOG RESOURCES, INC.
FOR APPROVAL OF AN OVERLAPPING HORIZONTAL
WELL SPACING UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF VIRTUAL PROCEEDINGS
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WILLIAM BRANCARD and TECHNICAL EXAMINER JOHN GARCIA on
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1 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Next we are on items
2 10 through 13, these are 22605, 22606, 22607, 22608, EGL
3 Resources.

4 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, Jim Bruce representing
5 EGL.

6 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: And just to make
7 things confusing, EOG Resources.

8 MR. FELDEWERT: Good morning, Mr. Examiner,
9 Michael Feldewert of the Santa Fe office of Holland & Hart.

10 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Are there any other
11 interested persons for Case 22605, 606, 607, 608.

12 (No audible response.)

13 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Hearing none,
14 there's -- there are cases allegedly appearing on the
15 September 1 docket from EOG, Mr. Feldewert.

16 MR. FELDEWERT: No longer allegedly,
17 Mr. Brancard. They have been filed and they are case number
18 23007, 23008 and 23009. It would be the EOG Goldfinger
19 Wells.

20 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Seriously?

21 MR. FELDEWERT: Seriously.

22 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Goldfinger versus
23 Moonraker?

24 MR. FELDEWERT: Yes.

25 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Those are competing

1 with the four cases I have just listed here from EGL. Is
2 that correct, Mr. Feldewert?

3 MR. FELDEWERT: Yes, sir.

4 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: And it is your goal
5 to have all these cases be heard at the same time on
6 September 1; is that correct?

7 MR. FELDEWERT: On whatever docket is available
8 before the Division, yes.

9 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. Mr.
10 Bruce?

11 MR. BRUCE: I agree with Mr. Feldewert. I mean,
12 I -- the parties have been in discussions for quite some
13 time, and EOG finally filed its applications. I do believe
14 they are still in discussions, but we would like this put on
15 the next available docket that the Division can afford to
16 hear the case.

17 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. So for a
18 contested docket then, I guess really October 6 is what we
19 are looking at.

20 MR. BRUCE: I can't do that, Mr. Examiner. The
21 reason why is I am in town that date, but in the afternoon I
22 have a couple of medical appointments that I have been -- I
23 had to book out three months in advance with the medical
24 system being what it is these days, and they are mid
25 afternoon appointments, and I don't mind starting the

1 hearing if that's necessary, but I would have to leave that
2 afternoon to get to the ophthalmologist and another doctor.

3 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Well, you know, let's
4 take a risk here and let's just do it then September 1.
5 Will that work, Mr. Bruce?

6 MR. BRUCE: That would work.

7 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: We already have EOG
8 cases on that docket. Obviously, if you all are not quite
9 ready, you can file for a continuance.

10 MR. BRUCE: And I have filed continuances, Mr.
11 Examiner, to the September 1 docket because Mr. Feldewert
12 said that his cases would be on that docket, so all the
13 continuances are already in place.

14 MS. SALVIDREZ: I need to check that because I
15 think you filed another motion without --

16 MR. BRUCE: I will double check.

17 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. For the
18 record that was Marlene.

19 MR. BRUCE: Oh.

20 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: We will schedule it
21 then for a contested hearing on September 1. These will be
22 cases 22605, 606, 607, 608, and we will merge them with EOG
23 cases 23007, 008, 009. Are there any other interested
24 persons in these cases today?

25 (No audible response.)

1 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: We will issue a
2 prehearing order then for September 1. Thank you.

3 MR. FELDEWERT: Thank you.

4 (Docket hearings held.)

5 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, before I forget, I did
6 check on those Moonraker and Goldfinger cases, I did check
7 on July 20, although I recognize a status conference would
8 heard on August 4, I did file a motion which was approved by
9 the Division to continue EGL's cases to September 1.

10 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. You are on top
11 of the game, Mr. Bruce.

12 MS. SALVIDREZ: Sorry, this is Marlene. I just
13 researched that and he did file that, but that was to put
14 them on today's docket.

15 MR. BRUCE: No, no, no, no, no, no. I apologize,
16 but, no. If you look at the last paragraph, I requested
17 they be -- they be placed on the September 1 docket. The
18 final sentence I said that I know that there is a request
19 for a status conference, and I said that's okay, but I did
20 move to continue them to September 1.

21 MS. SALVIDREZ: Okay. So they wouldn't have been
22 put on today's docket if you didn't file that continuance.
23 So I will go ahead and move them, but you didn't have them
24 on today's docket, you hadn't filed a continuance from the
25 last hearing. So I will do that this time, but you all need

1 to file continuances for the docket you request for them to
2 be on.

3 MR. BRUCE: Okay, I apologize.

4 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. Thank you.

5 (Concluded.)
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