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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: 22633, 22634
22635, 22636

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

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF VIRTUAL PROCEEDINGS
EXAMINER HEARING
AUGUST 4, 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 JOHN GARCIA on
Thursday, August 4, 2022, through the Webex Platform.

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1 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. All right. So
2 let's try to get these last two cases in here. We are on
3 Items 52 through 55, and we may have already resolved these,
4 cases 22633, 22634, 22635, 22636, Mewbourne Oil Company.

5 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, Jim Bruce representing
6 Mewbourne Oil Company.

7 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. These
8 were part of a competing application which may no longer be
9 competing, but we have an entry from COG Operating.

10 MR. RANKIN: Adam Rankin, with the Santa Fe
11 office of Holland & Hart appearing on behalf of COG
12 Operating LLC in these cases.

13 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: BTA Oil Producers?

14 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, Jim Bruce entering an
15 appearance for BTA. When the cases were contested, BTA was
16 supporting Mewborne, but even though the contested cases are
17 gone, I'm still entering an appearance for BTA.

18 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Yes, you did a very
19 unusual maneuver, entering an appearance for one party
20 within the pleading you submitted for a different party.

21 MR. BRUCE: I did that simply so I didn't have to
22 file four documents -- eight documents with the OCD rather
23 than four documents.

24 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. Are there any
25 other interested persons for cases 22633, 634, 635, 636.

1 (No audible response.)

2 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Hearing none, Mr.
3 Bruce, so I raised a notice issue earlier today about the --
4 what appear to be unlocatable parties that COG had located
5 in another case located just north.

6 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, if I may start off,
7 three resolvable issues. One is the notice that you just
8 mentioned, and I will -- the cases will have to be
9 continued so I can give notice to the new addresses and also
10 advise my client to try to get ahold of the people to settle
11 the matter with them.

12 Number 2, I received the publication affidavit
13 from the Hobbs newspaper on Tuesday, and I had it in my
14 clammy little meat hooks and it vanished somehow. I did
15 submit in the exhibit packages the original notice from the
16 newspaper when they agreed to publish it, but nonetheless
17 I'm hoping to find that original affidavit.

18 And then Number 3, even though I got that
19 proposed notice to the newspaper on the same date as I did
20 those previous Matador cases that we presented earlier, the
21 notice was not published until a day after the publication
22 deadline.

23 And so it's up to you. I can present them and
24 then continue them, or I can continue them, and since they
25 are not opposed, I would ask that they be continued to

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1 September 1. Whether you want me to present them now or
2 make the day shorter and just continue them so I can take
3 care of the (unclear audio) of this case, it's totally up to
4 you.

5 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. So
6 September 1 will be enough time for you to --

7 MR. BRUCE: Yeah, that's more than 20 days so I
8 can get certified notice out to the two locatable parties,
9 and hopefully I can dig up and cure the publication date and
10 hopefully I can find that publication affidavit somewhere
11 along the way.

12 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. Well, why
13 don't we just continue these case to the September 1.

14 MR. BRUCE: Okay.

15 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Clean up the record.

16 MR. BRUCE: Yes. And one final thing, Mr.
17 Examiner, if I could directly address Mr. Baca for just a
18 few seconds.

19 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Sure. I don't think
20 he can talk to you, but he can maybe wave at you.

21 MR. BRUCE: It's just a personal message. First
22 of all, Paul, I hope you are doing well, and I wanted you to
23 know that just a few minutes ago a certain Mr. James
24 Sullivan walked into my office, I won't put him on the
25 phone, but he said to say hi. So Jamie says hi to you as

1 well I do. Thank you.

2 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. All
3 right. So with that, cases 22633, 22634, 22635, 22636 will
4 be continued to September 1.

5 MR. BRUCE: Thank you, Mr. Examiner.

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