

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 MATADOR PRODUCTION COMPANY
TO AMEND ORDER NOS. R21666, R-21667,
R-21668 and R-21669, R-21784, R-21785
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Nos. 22683, 22684, 22685, 22686,
22769, 22770

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF VIRTUAL PROCEEDINGS
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This matter came on for virtual hearing
before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division,
HEARING OFFICER WILLIAM BRANCARD and TECHNICAL HEARING
OFFICER LEONARD LOWE on Thursday, July 21, 2022,
through the Webex Platform.

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1 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Okay. We are now
2 on Items 45 through 48. I'm not sure if you want to
3 keep continuing on these, include the other cases after
4 that following the same wells, but we'll find out.

5 Cases 22683, 22684, 22685, 22686, Matador
6 Production Company.

7 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, Jim Bruce
8 representing Matador and I would ask that the next two
9 cases be included. They're all in the same sections.

10 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Okay. So with
11 that, we will open it up for Cases 22769, 22770, also
12 Matador Production.

13 MR. BRUCE: And Jim Bruce appearing on behalf
14 of Matador.

15 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Thank you.

16 At this point, I have no other entries of
17 appearance. Is there anyone else here for cases
18 22683, 684, 685, 686, 769, 770?

19 Hearing none, you may proceed, Mr. Bruce.

20 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, in these cases
21 collectively, just to keep things short, Mewbourne
22 applies for orders amending the pooling orders
23 identified in the various applications which all
24 involve either the Bone Spring formations or the
25 Wolfcamp formation in 320-acre well units comprised of

1 stand-up units in Sections 3 and 10 of 22 South 32
2 East.

3 Without going through each and every one,
4 each exhibit package contains the application and
5 proposed notice, the original pooling order, a
6 landman's affidavit by Robert Helbing who has
7 previously testified before the Division.

8 And as to all of the cases, the reason for
9 the -- what Matador is requesting is an extension of
10 one year on each order in order to commence the
11 drilling of the wells simply because BLM -- and I
12 confirmed this yesterday -- has yet to issue APDs on
13 all of these various wells. And so Matador does not
14 have the right to drill them and they've not been given
15 the API number, and so all of these various cases, we
16 just request the year be tacked on the original date of
17 the prior pooling order.

18 And then as to notice, the only party being
19 pooled -- or the only party pooled in the original
20 pooling cases was ConocoPhillips Company, and they were
21 given notice of all of these matters and green cards
22 were returned and so notice is complete.

23 And so on each of these matters, I move the
24 admission of Exhibits 1 through 4, and ask that the
25 matter be taken under advisement.

1 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Thank you.

2 Mr. Lowe, questions?

3 TECHNICAL EXAMINER LOWE: Mr. Bruce, I'm
4 looking at your exhibits here and I just want to
5 understand, I guess, where's -- was there an extension
6 request for a one-year extension previously approved
7 before or in a previous time frame or is this the first
8 time?

9 MR. BRUCE: No. This is the first request
10 for an extension on each of these. The original
11 pooling order were entered in 2021.

12 TECHNICAL EXAMINER LOWE: Okay. I'm still
13 looking through one of the exhibits here. Bear with
14 me.

15 Okay. Those are my questions. Thank you.

16 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Thank you.

17 Are there any other interested persons for
18 cases 22683, 684, 685, 686, 769, 770?

19 Hearing none, the exhibits will be admitted
20 into the record and these cases will be taken under
21 advisement.

22 MR. BRUCE: Thank you.

23 (Proceedings concluded.)
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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

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