

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS, AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
PRE-HEARING DOCKET 06-20

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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FEBRUARY 20, 2020

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

BEFORE: FELICIA ORTH, CHIEF EXAMINER
LEONARD LOWE, TECHNICAL EXAMINER
DYLAN COSS, TECHNICAL EXAMINER
PHILLIP GOETZE
ERIC AMES, LEGAL EXAMINER

This matter came on for hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, EXAMINERS FELICIA ORTH, DYLAN COSS, LEONARD LOWE and LEGAL EXAMINER ERIC AMES, on Thursday, February 20, 2020, at the New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department, Wendell Chino Building, 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Porter Hall, Room 102, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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1 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: Let's prepare to begin,
2 please. All righty. Good morning. My name is Felicia
3 Orth. I'm the hearing officer appointed by the director of
4 the Oil Conservation Division to conduct hearings this
5 morning.

6 Please look on the back table -- and by the way,
7 we did begin about ten minutes late as a result of the
8 traffic snarl related to the accident down the street. And
9 if there is someone who should be here who is not here,
10 please let me know when we get to the case that involves
11 them.

12 On the back table you will find the complete
13 docket prepared by Marlene Saavedra. These are the cases
14 that have been continued, dismissed, et cetera. This is the
15 document that you would be looking at if you would like to
16 see the cases that we will be calling this morning or today
17 and the order in which -- at least roughly the order in
18 which I will be calling them.

19 I followed up with Mr. Rankin, and we will just
20 switch the order of 15 and 17, but that's because one of
21 them will have a witness and one of them won't, so we will
22 take the ones that don't involve witnesses first.

23 So as you can see here, we have 14 matters. The
24 first 14 matters involve an update which is essentially a
25 status conference. I will call the first set of them first.

1 This is Ridge Runner Resource applications, and then the
2 Marathon applications are below that.

3 Now, just a couple of things, there were two
4 matters on the full docket which, as I understand it, are
5 competing claims with the 14 you see there. Their numbers
6 are 20374 and 20375, I believe they should be part of this
7 update, if I understand correctly.

8 MS. LUCK: Katelyn Luck with the Santa Fe office
9 of Holland & Hart on behalf of WPX Resources, and those two
10 cases, 20374 and 20375, and these two cases we are no longer
11 competing with the still pending Ridge Runner and Marathon
12 cases because they involve acreage. Those other
13 applications have been dismissed and refiled, so that's why
14 we have asked to continue the WPX cases.

15 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: To a subsequent hearing
16 date?

17 MS. LUCK: To a separate hearing date, and then
18 we will proceed with the pooling on those two cases
19 separately.

20 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: All right. Thank you
21 very much. All right. And the other thing is, I do have a
22 couple of draft prehearing orders, and we would like to make
23 sure that, as you make your appearances and give the update,
24 that we are on the same page around what will be expected
25 once these prehearing orders are entered. But we will get

1 to this after appearances.

2 (Prehearing concluded.)

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3 I, IRENE DELGADO, certify that I reported the
4 proceedings in the above-transcribed pages, that pages
5 numbered 1 through 4 are a true and correct transcript of my
6 stenographic notes and were reduced to typewritten
7 transcript through Computer-Aided Transcription, and that on
8 the date I reported these proceedings I was a New Mexico
9 Certified Court Reporter.

10 Dated at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 20th day of
11 February 2020.

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