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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 NO. 14606

APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY FOR  
APPROVAL OF A SALT WATER DISPOSAL WELL,  
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO,

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EXAMINER HEARING

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BEFORE: DAVID K. BROOKS, Hearing Examiner  
WILLIAM V. JONES, Technical Examiner

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Hearing Examiner, and WILLIAM V. JONES, Technical  
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1                   EXAMINER BROOKS: At this time we will call  
2 Case Number 14606, application of Mewbourne Oil Company  
3 for approval of a salt water disposal well, Eddy County,  
4 New Mexico.

5                   Has this witnesses been sworn?

6                   MR. CARR: May it please the Examiner, Bryan  
7 Montgomery has not.

8                   EXAMINER BROOKS: Okay. Has counsel  
9 announced appearance?

10                  MR. CARR: I don't believe so. May it  
11 please the Examiner. My name is William F. Carr with  
12 the Santa Fe office of Holland & Hart. We represent  
13 Mewbourne Oil Comapany in this matter, and I have two  
14 witnesses.

15                  EXAMINER BROOKS: Very good. Will the  
16 witnesses be sworn.

17                  [Whereupon Bryan Montgomery was duly sworn.]

18                  EXAMINER BROOKS: Proceed.

19                  MR. CARR: Mr. Examiner, it's very painful  
20 for me to advise you at this point in time that we have  
21 a notice error in this case, and that it will have to be  
22 continued to the hearing on March 31st so that  
23 additional notice can be provided.

24                  EXAMINER BROOKS: Well, all this works out  
25 very well with the fact that I have a brief due on

1 April 1st. After March 31st I will be ready to write  
2 all these orders.

3 MR. CARR: And we will help you do that.

4 Mr. Examiner, in this case Mewbourne is seeking  
5 an order authorizing it to use its Fairchild 13 Well,  
6 Number 1 located 660 from the south and west lines of  
7 Section 13, 19 South, 25 East, use this well for a salt  
8 water disposal. As you will see, Mewbourne proposes to  
9 inject as much as 10,000 barrels of water in an  
10 open-hole interval in this well from approximately 7800  
11 feet to 8200 feet.

12 The case has been set for hearing because of the  
13 nature of this well being an open-hole well and also  
14 injecting into a reservoir that in other places has been  
15 productive. In accordance with what we understand to be  
16 the policy of the division, this case needs to come up  
17 for a hearing.

18 With your permission, we would like to go forward  
19 and present our geological and engineering witnesses.  
20 They are here. We can review all technical portions of  
21 the case. And then with your permission on the 31st  
22 I'll present a notice of affidavit.

23 EXAMINER BROOKS: That will be acceptable to  
24 us. Of course, I suppose there's always a possibility  
25 that somebody may appear to protest. But assuming that

1 doesn't happen, I see no problems.

2 MR. CARR: At this time we would like to  
3 call our geological witness Jason Lodge and ask that the  
4 record would reflect that Mr. Lodge has previously  
5 testified today and his credentials as a geologist have  
6 been accepted and that he remains under oath.

7 EXAMINER BROOKS: The record will so  
8 reflect.

9 JASON LODGE  
10 after having been first duly sworn under oath,  
11 was questioned and testified as follows:

12 DIRECT EXAMINATION

13 BY MR. CARR:

14 Q. Mr. Lodge, have you prepared exhibits for  
15 presentation in this case?

16 A. Yes, I have.

17 Q. Can you refer to what has been marked as  
18 Mewbourne Exhibit Number 1 and review it for the  
19 Examiners?

20 A. Yes. This is a structure map. This is the  
21 structure on top of the canyon formation. You can see  
22 the canyon formation dips slightly to the southeast.  
23 Also on this map are production bubbles and what  
24 producing zone they are producing from.

25 An important note, on this page is the purple

1 color, which is Cisco Canyon production in the area  
2 along with the Cisco Canyon production right next to  
3 that well. It also includes a cross section line that  
4 goes through two salt water disposal wells in the area  
5 as well as our proposed salt water disposal well which  
6 is circled in red.

7 Q. There are two other disposal wells in the  
8 immediate area?

9 A. That is correct.

10 Q. Into this interval?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Let's go to what has been marked Mewbourne  
13 Exhibit Number 2:

14 A. Okay. This is the cross section, A to A prime.  
15 This, again, includes three wells on here. The 14C well  
16 is the Cotton New Mexico Fed Number 1. This was  
17 originally a Morrow well that was converted to a salt  
18 water disposal well in the canyon formation in 1990.  
19 The perms are in red on that well. And they acidized  
20 this well with 12,200 gallons.

21 13M is our proposed salt water disposal well, the  
22 Fairchild 13, which I'll get into in just a second. And  
23 then the 18G is the AM Number 1. This was converted to  
24 a salt water disposal in the canyon formation in 1982,  
25 acidized with 4,000 gallons. And the perf is located in

1 red.

2 On the Fairchild 13, I've included just a couple  
3 things about the reservoir. The reservoir is a  
4 dolomite. It's about 240 feet thick, and it's fairly  
5 porous. It's called the canyon or upper pen formation.  
6 Of note, from about 8,000 to about 8,080 or 70, is the  
7 most porous zone that, in my opinion, will probably take  
8 the most water. And we'll be doing open-hole completion  
9 from about 7800 to the 8200.

10 Q. Will Mewbourne call an engineering witness to  
11 review the C108 application?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. Were Exhibits 1 and 2 prepared by you?

14 A. Yes.

15 MR. CARR: We move the admission into  
16 evidence of Mewbourne Exhibits 1 and 2.

17 EXAMINER BROOKS: 1 and 2 are admitted.  
18 [Exhibits 1 and 2 admitted.]

19 MR. CARR: That concludes my direct  
20 examination of Mr. Lodge.

21 EXAMINER BROOKS: Okay. Mr. Jones?

22 EXAMINER JONES: Mr. Lodge, are there any --  
23 I guess am not following as close as I could. But  
24 within a half mile of this well are there any producing  
25 wells in the canyon?

1 MR. LODGE: To my knowledge, no. But the  
2 engineer will testify more to that.

3 EXAMINER JONES: Okay. Is this called a  
4 cisco or a canyon or --

5 MR. LODGE: This is the canyon.

6 EXAMINER JONES: Cisco is another separate  
7 formation?

8 MR. LODGE: Correct. Above the canyon.

9 EXAMINER JONES: Above. So, I mean, the  
10 cisco canyon and then --

11 MR. LODGE: And it's all lumped into upper  
12 pen as well.

13 EXAMINER JONES: And in this general area,  
14 if you widen your search beyond half a mile, is this an  
15 oil province for the upper pen or is it gas?

16 MR. LODGE: I believe it's oil.

17 EXAMINER JONES: Okay. It's oil and it's  
18 dolomite. It's not a mound or any kind of a reef-type  
19 deal?

20 MR. LODGE: No. It's a dolomite. It's  
21 pretty continuous. You can see by the cross section  
22 throughout the area. And the main producing is the  
23 Dagger Draw field just to the west of where we're at  
24 now, so that's the same formation.

25 EXAMINER JONES: And that's operated by

1 Yates?

2 MR. LODGE: Yates and Nearburg for the most  
3 part, is what I understand.

4 EXAMINER JONES: Okay. And you don't see  
5 this as a look alike to that at all, the Dagger Draw?

6 MR. LODGE: As far as production?

7 EXAMINER JONES: Yeah.

8 MR. LODGE: No. I think you can see on here  
9 that they make a considerable amount of water. Just one  
10 example is in Section 24, this is the Fairchild 24,  
11 which is also a Yeso well now. It was completed in a  
12 canyon formation. It made 188,000 barrels of oil, but  
13 also 5.7 million barrels of water.

14 EXAMINER JONES: Okay.

15 MR. LODGE: So we're right on the edge.  
16 That's why the production company hasn't gone any  
17 further of that Dagger Draw field.

18 EXAMINER JONES: But isn't it true the  
19 Dagger Draw makes a lot of water too?

20 MR. LODGE: It does. But not to my  
21 knowledge not 5.7 in most wells.

22 EXAMINER JONES: And what would be the  
23 solidity of that water?

24 MR. LODGE: I'll have to defer to the  
25 engineer on that.

1                   EXAMINER JONES: Thank you. I don't think I  
2 have any more questions.

3                   EXAMINER BROOKS: Just to make sure I have  
4 the data right here, you're injecting -- you're  
5 proposing to inject 10,000 barrels per day in the  
6 open-hole interval from 7200. What was the base?

7                   MR. LODGE: It's going to be from 7800 to  
8 8200.

9                   EXAMINER BROOKS: 7200 to 8200.

10                  MR. LODGE: Yes.

11                  EXAMINER BROOKS: Okay. And is your  
12 pressure going to be within the standard .2 per foot?

13                  MR. LODGE: I'll defer to the engineer.  
14 He'll speak on that.

15                  EXAMINER BROOKS: Okay. And this is all  
16 within the canyon formation?

17                  MR. LODGE: Correct.

18                  EXAMINER BROOKS: Nothing else for this  
19 witness.

20                  MR. CARR: May it please the Examiners, at  
21 this time we would call Bryan Montgomery.

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1 BRYAN MONTGOMERY

2 after having been first duly sworn under oath,  
3 was questioned and testified as follows:

4 DIRECT EXAMINATION

5 BY MR. CARR:

6 Q. Would you state your name for the record, please?

7 A. Bryan Montgomery.

8 Q. Mr. Montgomery, where you do reside?

9 A. In Tyler, Texas.

10 Q. And by whom are you employed?

11 A. Mewbourne Oil Company.

12 Q. And what is your position with Mewbourne?

13 A. I'm the manager of economics and evaluation.

14 Q. Have you previously testified before the Oil  
15 Conservation Division?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And at the time of that testimony, how were you  
18 qualified? As a petroleum engineer?

19 A. That's correct.

20 Q. Have you previously testified before Examiners  
21 Jones and Brooks?

22 A. Yes, I have.

23 Q. And at that time your credentials were accepted?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Are you familiar with the application filed in

1 this case?

2 A. Yes, I am.

3 Q. And did you participate in the preparation of the  
4 C108 application?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. Are you prepared to review that for the  
7 Examiners?

8 A. Yes.

9 MR. CARR: We tender Mr. Montgomery as an  
10 expert in petroleum engineering.

11 EXAMINER BROOKS: He is so accepted.

12 Q. (By Mr. Carr) Mr. Montgomery, would you refer to  
13 the C108 application, which has been marked Mewbourne  
14 Exhibit 3, and identify that for the Examiners?

15 A. Yes. This is the application that we submitted  
16 for this case. And it has several pages. I don't have  
17 them numbered. I apologize. But I think there are  
18 28 pages.

19 EXAMINER BROOKS: It looks like somebody did  
20 number them.

21 MR. MONTGOMERY: Oh, I'm sorry. I didn't.

22 MR. CARR: I did. They're probably  
23 misnumbered, but I tried.

24 Q. (By Mr. Carr) Mr. Montgomery, in your opinion  
25 does this application contain all information required

1 by four C108?

2 A. Yes, it does.

3 Q. Is this an expansion of an exhibiting project?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Why is Mewbourne seeking this authorization?

6 A. Mewbourne is drilling Yeso-producing wells in the  
7 area, one of which was a case we heard earlier, the 13ML  
8 yet to be drilled. And the Yeso makes a lot of  
9 formation water and it's expensive to haul the water  
10 with trucks to disposal wells. So we are planning to  
11 have our own disposal well to accommodate the Yeso  
12 development.

13 Q. Mr. Montgomery, would you refer to what is  
14 numbered page 7 in Exhibit 3, the area of review map and  
15 review that with the Examiners, please?

16 A. Okay. This shows the location of the subject  
17 well in Section 13 of 19 South, 25 East in Eddy County,  
18 New Mexico. And the well is located 660 feet from the  
19 south and west lines. And it's a dry hole that we will  
20 reenter. And we own the surface rights there.

21 Q. The area of review is indicated on this?

22 A. It is on this same map. The one-half mile area  
23 of review is shown as a circle.

24 Q. And it shows all wells and the ownership for two  
25 miles?

1 A. It does, yes.

2 Q. And the lease ownership is indicated?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Are there other wells that have penetrated the  
5 canyon upper pen within the one-half mile area of  
6 review?

7 A. Yes. There's just one well we heard about  
8 earlier, the Nearburg Fairchild 24, Number 1.

9 Q. And where is that? Do you have a footage  
10 location?

11 A. Yes. That is at 2100 feet from the north line  
12 and 900 feet from the west line of Section 24 in the  
13 same Township 1925.

14 Q. Is page 8 of Exhibit 3 a wellbore schematic for  
15 that well?

16 A. Yes, it is.

17 Q. And does the schematic contain all information  
18 required by the C108 on that well?

19 A. It does. So at the top, right corner there's a  
20 chronological history of what was done to that well,  
21 what was tested. The bottom, right-hand side will show  
22 details of perforations, treatments, squeeze cementing  
23 jobs, production tests. And the far left side will be a  
24 good place to look at the casing that is within the  
25 well.

1           Currently this well is producing from the Yeso  
2 and it's a vertical well. And it shows also that this  
3 canyon zone is well isolated in this well.

4           Q. Are there other oil productive zones in this  
5 area?

6           A. There are.

7           Q. And what are they?

8           A. Well, I've mentioned the Yeso. That would be the  
9 next one shallower than the canyon for the most part.  
10 And then deeper we have, I believe, it's the Strawn. Of  
11 course, below that we have some Morrow production out  
12 here too.

13          Q. Could you refer to pages 3 through 5 of  
14 Exhibit 3, the diagrammatic sketch and the injection  
15 data sheets and review Mewbourne's plans for the  
16 proposed injection well?

17          A. We plan to complete this well by reentering --  
18 the well has casing set 9 and 5/8s casings set at  
19 1173 feet. That was cemented to surface. We will  
20 reenter this well and go back into the open hole where  
21 the well was left in that condition and we will go down  
22 to 8200 feet drilling and then set 7-inch casing and  
23 cement to the surface. The casing won't be set at  
24 8200 feet. It will be set at 7800 feet, and that will  
25 allow us an open-hole completion as shown on this cross

1 section from 7800 feet down to 8200 feet to inject into  
2 this dolomite.

3 We'll then run tubing. We've got on here  
4 2 and 7/8s tubing but the size of the casing allows us  
5 to change it to 3 and 1/2 inch tubing if we need to. It  
6 will be internally lined with plastic. And we'll use a  
7 nickel plated placard and set that down as close to the  
8 7800 feet as possible. We have it shown here as  
9 7700 feet. And then we'll fill the annulus with the  
10 fluid.

11 Q. So you can test the well in accordance with the  
12 federal underground injection control program?

13 A. That's correct.

14 Q. The C108 is supposed to contain schematic plans  
15 of all plugged and abandoned wells within the area of  
16 review. Is the only plugged and abandoned well within  
17 this area the Nearburg well that we've previously  
18 discussed?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And that schematic contains all plugging detail?

21 A. It does.

22 Q. Is that well adequately plugged, in your opinion,  
23 to assure that it will not become a vehicle for  
24 migration of injected fluids out of some --

25 A. Yes, it is. It has multiple plugs above and

1 below the zone, the canyon zone, that was production  
2 tested.

3 Q. Mr. Montgomery, what volumes do you propose to  
4 inject?

5 A. We're asking for a maximum daily rate of 10,000  
6 barrels of water per day. But we may have more of an  
7 average rate of 5,000 barrels of water per day in the  
8 early stages.

9 Q. Is this a closed system?

10 A. It is.

11 Q. And are you going to be injecting under pressure?

12 A. Possibly.

13 Q. Would a pressure limitation of 2/10s per pound to  
14 the top of the injection interval be adequate for  
15 Mewbourne's purposes?

16 A. Yes, it will.

17 Q. What do you estimate the average injection  
18 pressure to be or do you know?

19 A. It's unknown. From what we've found from other  
20 wells that inject into this formation, you can inject  
21 quite a bit in a vacuum with no pressure at all. So  
22 right at this point in time we're not sure.

23 Q. Do you have a maximum pressure limitation that  
24 would correspond to that 2/10s --

25 A. Yes. That would be 1,684 PSI on the surface.

1 Q. If increases above that are required, would  
2 Mewbourne justify those to the division with witness  
3 tests?

4 A. Yes, we would.

5 Q. What is the source of the water that Mewbourne  
6 will be injecting in this well?

7 A. This will be the Yeso formation water produced  
8 from Mewbourne wells.

9 Q. If we look at Exhibit 3, pages 10 -- would you  
10 just explain what is contained in pages 10 through 28?

11 A. Those are the pages that show the water analysis.  
12 If we look at page 10 there's sort of a good summary of  
13 what's to follow. There's water analysis for two  
14 horizontal producers that Mewbourne has. You can see on  
15 page 10 the first well would be the Mewbourne Oil  
16 Company Wyatt Draw 18/19LD, Number 1H, which is to the  
17 east of this proposed injection well. And then the  
18 Wyatt Draw 24/25LE 1H, which is just south of this  
19 location.

20 We also have this new well we're hoping to drill  
21 in 13 that we talked about in a previous case. And then  
22 also on here we have the Nearburg B and B, Number 4, as  
23 representing the Cisco canyon water, just to get ahead a  
24 little bit about the compatibility issues and what we're  
25 going to be injecting into. So we have water samples

1 from both the Yeso and the Cisco canyon to follow up and  
2 also an analysis of the compatibility of those waters.

3 Q. Based on your work, do you anticipate any  
4 compatibility issues with this injection?

5 A. No, we do not.

6 Q. Are there fresh water zones in the area?

7 A. There are.

8 Q. And what are they?

9 A. They are unnamed. We have inspected in the field  
10 and gotten samples from all that we could. And they are  
11 also contained in this C108. In following after  
12 page 10, they probably don't go any deeper than  
13 750 feet.

14 Q. Have you examined the available geologic and  
15 engineering data on this subject area?

16 A. I have.

17 Q. As a result of that examination, have you found  
18 any evidence of the following sort of the hydrologic  
19 connections between the injection zone and any  
20 underground source of drinking water?

21 A. I have found nothing to that.

22 Q. And in your opinion, will approval of this  
23 application be in the best interest of conservation,  
24 prevention of waste, and protection of correlative  
25 rights?

1 A. Yes, it will.

2 Q. Was Exhibit Number 3 prepared by you?

3 A. Yes.

4 MR. CARR: May it please the Examiners, at  
5 this time I move the admission into evidence of  
6 Mewbourne Exhibit Number 3.

7 EXAMINER BROOKS: Exhibit 3 is admitted.

8 [Exhibit 3 admitted.]

9 MR. CARR: And that concludes my direct  
10 examination of Mr. Montgomery.

11 EXAMINER BROOKS: Mr. Jones?

12 EXAMINER JONES: Mr. Montgomery, so  
13 Mewbourne owns the surface; is that correct?

14 MR. MONTGOMERY: That's correct.

15 EXAMINER JONES: And the well is a dry hole?

16 MR. MONTGOMERY: That's correct.

17 EXAMINER JONES: Do you mind sending us a  
18 diagram of -- I know you've got the data in here. But  
19 we usually ask for a diagram of the well the way it is  
20 right now.

21 MR. MONTGOMERY: Sure. Absolutely.

22 EXAMINER JONES: If you don't mind.

23 MR. MONTGOMERY: No. I have one. I didn't  
24 put it with the C108.

25 EXAMINER JONES: And is this in the Podash

1 area at all?

2 MR. MONTGOMERY: No, it is not.

3 EXAMINER JONES: And it's not to the reef.

4 MR. MONTGOMERY: That's correct.

5 EXAMINER JONES: And the tubing you want an  
6 option of at least 3 and 1/2 inch.

7 MR. LODGE: That's correct.

8 EXAMINER JONES: Or non-specified in the  
9 permit so you can do whatever you want as far as size.

10 MR. MONTGOMERY: Right. I think that would  
11 be a good way to write the order. Right.

12 EXAMINER JONES: Okay. And this Fairchild  
13 424, what was the results when they perfed it and  
14 acidized it? Do you know? Obviously they capped the  
15 plug, but --

16 MR. MONTGOMERY: Well, this well was one  
17 that was talked about prior and is on the cross section.  
18 It produced several years out of the canyon at a very  
19 high water cut.

20 EXAMINER JONES: Okay. That was it.

21 MR. MONTGOMERY: Yeah.

22 EXAMINER JONES: And that was this zone?

23 MR. MONTGOMERY: Yes.

24 EXAMINER JONES: That was talked about.

25 Okay. And that's on this cross section.

1 MR. MONTGOMERY: It is. And I might add  
2 there are two other wells within 3 miles that inject in  
3 this same canyon formation water from the Yeso and from  
4 the Dagger Draw field. In addition, in this Dagger Draw  
5 field Yates was permitted to try to water flood this  
6 zone and inject in wells. That did not prove to be  
7 beneficial in the water flood. And they had begun  
8 plugging out many of the wells in the Dagger Draw field.

9 So we know this well will take water, the zone  
10 will take water. It will be a good injection well.  
11 Marbob has a recent well to the south that's just  
12 outside this map.

13 EXAMINER JONES: To the south?

14 MR. MONTGOMERY: Yeah. It may be on that  
15 map, Section 30. I'm not sure if we went that far  
16 south.

17 EXAMINER JONES: So this is a Marbob map in  
18 Section 30.

19 MR. MONTGOMERY: Yes. Now Concho. And now  
20 it's an injector, unit letter F.

21 EXAMINER JONES: And that's a canyon  
22 disposal?

23 MR. MONTGOMERY: That's right.

24 EXAMINER JONES: And this SWD in Section 18,  
25 is that a canyon disposal also?

1 MR. MONTGOMERY: It is. And then there's  
2 one in 17 just one mile east that's not on the map.

3 EXAMINER JONES: Okay.

4 MR. MONTGOMERY: It's a canyon also. And  
5 those were drilled to try to produce canyon. They were  
6 just too high water. They didn't produce at all  
7 actually.

8 EXAMINER JONES: They keep trying?

9 MR. MONTGOMERY: Sure. It's a good field.

10 EXAMINER JONES: It doesn't have an oil and  
11 gas oil-water contact? It's just high in water?

12 MR. MONTGOMERY: I think so. I think there  
13 may be pockets and it may be a heterogenous and  
14 difficult to pick a single contact. As you mentioned  
15 earlier, even the main part of the field makes a lot of  
16 water.

17 EXAMINER JONES: But they were able to  
18 handle it in the Dagger Draw somehow?

19 MR. MONTGOMERY: And it was less water.  
20 This is down dipping and certainly more water.

21 EXAMINER JONES: And this SWD in Section 14,  
22 is that canyon also?

23 MR. MONTGOMERY: Yes. I believe that  
24 produced in the canyon just for a very short period of  
25 time. It's a canyon injector though, to answer your

1 question.

2 EXAMINER JONES: Okay. And on your  
3 open-hole interval, you plan to -- do they recover  
4 piping? They never set pipe on that one?

5 MR. MONTGOMERY: I believe they never set  
6 pipe on this well.

7 EXAMINER JONES: So you're going to clean  
8 out to 8200?

9 MR. MONTGOMERY: Right.

10 EXAMINER JONES: Is there a plug there  
11 already?

12 MR. MONTGOMERY: There are cement plugs to  
13 clean out, yes. I'll send you that diagram that will  
14 have those.

15 EXAMINER JONES: Okay. And then you're  
16 going to set the seven inch with an external packer or  
17 an open-hole packer?

18 MR. MONTGOMERY: That's correct. And try to  
19 cement to the surface.

20 EXAMINER JONES: You've got a good packer at  
21 that depth?

22 MR. MONTGOMERY: We do. If you look on the  
23 cross section you'll see how it's a very tight  
24 limestone. The porosity is almost 0. So we feel good  
25 about that.

1 EXAMINER JONES: I see it. This DMDC, Cisco  
2 Canyon 4 well, I think that's the name of it. That one,  
3 it says Cisco canyon, does that mean it's perforated and  
4 producing from the Cisco and the canyon?

5 MR. MONTGOMERY: I think when the commission  
6 looks at this it's all just called upper pen. And I  
7 think I put Cisco canyon on there because it may say  
8 that on the B and B Number 4 also. But in inspecting  
9 that, it's the same dolomite interval that would be  
10 correlative to this interval and all the production in  
11 the main field, Nearburg well in Section 22.

12 EXAMINER JONES: That's in Section 22?

13 MR. MONTGOMERY: Yes. We were able to  
14 obtain a water sample.

15 EXAMINER JONES: Okay. So there's a history  
16 of permitting these to disposing the canyon. Now, the  
17 water is going into these other wells. Were they canyon  
18 waters going back into canyon?

19 MR. MONTGOMERY: No. The well in  
20 Section 30, the Marbob well, is strictly Yeso water  
21 going into canyon reservoir.

22 EXAMINER JONES: Do you know how long ago  
23 that one was permitted?

24 MR. MONTGOMERY: About two years ago maybe,  
25 a year and a half. It's new. And then the well in 18

1 for many years was taking Cisco canyon water in a Cisco  
2 canyon zone. That dropped off dramatically when it was  
3 sold by Nearburg to a commercial in salt water person.  
4 They began just trucking all kinds of water into it.

5 EXAMINER JONES: So it's a commercial  
6 disposal well?

7 MR. MONTGOMERY: It's commercial, right.  
8 Mesquite is the operator. And what happened was there  
9 was very little water. When you look at the injection  
10 records you see very little water injection for the last  
11 few years until the Mewbourne Oil Company begin drilling  
12 out here. Then it starts to go up. Well, that's Yeso  
13 water. That's our Yeso water. So we just like to make  
14 our own disposal instead of using the commercial  
15 disposal.

16 EXAMINER JONES: Okay. I'm not going to ask  
17 anymore questions.

18 EXAMINER BROOKS: Well, you should ask all  
19 you want to because you're the guy that knows about this  
20 stuff.

21 I just want to make clear -- I just want to clear  
22 certain facts. The well you're proposing to inject into  
23 is this Fairchild 24, Number 1?

24 MR. MONTGOMERY: 13, Number 1.

25 EXAMINER BROOKS: Oh, 13.

1 MR. MONTGOMERY: There are two Fairchilds.  
2 It's very difficult to keep things straight with the two  
3 well names.

4 EXAMINER BROOKS: Okay. You've got the  
5 diagram of the Fairchild, Number 24 well.

6 MR. MONTGOMERY: I do, right, because it  
7 penetrated the canyon.

8 EXAMINER BROOKS: Do you have a Mewbourne  
9 diagram of how you propose to construct the injection  
10 well?

11 MR. MONTGOMERY: I'm going to send that in.

12 EXAMINER BROOKS: Okay. Very good. So 14,  
13 Number 1, is that this well that's at A prime? No,  
14 that's in 18. Is that the well that's at A on here on  
15 the cross section?

16 MR. MONTGOMERY: No. That's another well  
17 that I haven't talked about yet. That's the cotton mix  
18 in Section 14. It's a current injector disposal well in  
19 the Cisco canyon.

20 EXAMINER BROOKS: The 14, Number 1 is the  
21 injector?

22 MR. MONTGOMERY: That's an injector.

23 EXAMINER BROOKS: Well, now, which one is  
24 the one you're applying for?

25 MR. MONTGOMERY: 13M, the middle one.

1 EXAMINER BROOKS: 13M, okay. It's on the  
2 middle one.

3 MR. MONTGOMERY: Right.

4 MR. CARR: And, Mr. Examiner, if I may, on  
5 page 5 of Exhibit 3 is the proposed wellbore diagram for  
6 the injection.

7 EXAMINER BROOKS: Oh, okay. That's what I  
8 was looking for.

9 MR. CARR: We're going to submit the current  
10 instruction of that well.

11 EXAMINER BROOKS: Okay. Very good. Now,  
12 which of these wells are producing now?

13 MR. MONTGOMERY: Okay. If you look at the  
14 big production map that you've got in front of you, we  
15 have in Section 24, there are wells in the west half.  
16 The first well I want to point out would be the well  
17 with the two different colored symbols on it.

18 EXAMINER BROOKS: Yeah. That purple and --

19 MR. MONTGOMERY: The purple and pink looking  
20 color. That is a well that is producing now in the  
21 Yeso, which is the lighter colored pink. It used to  
22 produce in the canyon.

23 EXAMINER BROOKS: It's no longer producing  
24 in the canyon?

25 MR. MONTGOMERY: Right. And I have provided

1 the plugged wellbore diagram in the C108.

2 EXAMINER BROOKS: That's in 24. Which well  
3 is that?

4 MR. MONTGOMERY: That's the Fairchild 24,  
5 Number 1 operated by Nearburg.

6 EXAMINER BROOKS: Fairchild 24, Number 1.  
7 Okay. And then you've got another one in 24 that's in  
8 the Yeso.

9 MR. MONTGOMERY: That's correct. So just  
10 south of that there is a well that is a vertical well  
11 that Mewbourne drilled. We call that the Wyatt Draw  
12 24L, Number 1. And that's just due south of the  
13 Fairchild well, a little to the west.

14 EXAMINER BROOKS: Now, is that the well with  
15 the bubble in 25?

16 MR. MONTGOMERY: No. It's the well with the  
17 bubble in 24. It's a vertical Yeso producing well.

18 EXAMINER BROOKS: Okay. That's a Yeso only  
19 producing well?

20 MR. MONTGOMERY: That's correct. We drilled  
21 it on the Yeso.

22 EXAMINER BROOKS: I guess I'm not as  
23 concerned about the wells in Yeso. Now, over in 23  
24 you've got one that was completed in a bunch of  
25 formations.

1 MR. MONTGOMERY: Yes. And it was tested in  
2 the canyon. It just happens to be outside the half a  
3 mile range. But I'm very familiar with that well too if  
4 you want to talk about it.

5 EXAMINER BROOKS: Well, what is that well?

6 MR. MONTGOMERY: That's called the Terino.

7 EXAMINER BROOKS: How is that spelled?

8 MR. MONTGOMERY: T-e-r-i-n-o, 23, Number 1.  
9 And it's operated by Nearburg, and they have recompleted  
10 it to the Yeso.

11 EXAMINER BROOKS: And so it has been  
12 plugged?

13 MR. MONTGOMERY: It's been adequately  
14 plugged in the canyon, yes.

15 EXAMINER BROOKS: Okay. And then way down  
16 in 26 you've got what looks like another Cisco canyon  
17 well?

18 MR. MONTGOMERY: Yes.

19 EXAMINER BROOKS: And what well is that?

20 MR. MONTGOMERY: I have to dig into my  
21 notes, the well name. But by the look at the cumulative  
22 production next to the bubble, it made almost all water.  
23 So 100 barrels of oil but over 87,000 barrels of water.

24 Okay. That's called the Morris, M-o-r-r-i-s,  
25 Arco, A-r-c-o 26.

1 EXAMINER BROOKS: Okay. Then you've got a  
2 Cisco well up in 14. That's other than the one today?

3 MR. MONTGOMERY: Yes.

4 EXAMINER BROOKS: And that one produced --  
5 yeah, that one produced again a large amount of water.

6 MR. MONTGOMERY: That's correct.

7 EXAMINER BROOKS: And what is that well?

8 MR. MONTGOMERY: Let's see if I have that  
9 one with me. I don't have that one handy in my notes  
10 but I can get that one for you. I think it's probably a  
11 plugged canyon well, to be honest. But it may be still  
12 producing. Let me dig through my --

13 EXAMINER BROOKS: Okay. I'd like to be able  
14 to identify that one. And then the well at A is the  
15 well -- are you still looking? Because I don't want to  
16 ask you questions.

17 MR. MONTGOMERY: No. I cannot find that  
18 well.

19 EXAMINER BROOKS: Okay. The well at A is  
20 the 14C?

21 MR. MONTGOMERY: Yes.

22 EXAMINER BROOKS: And what's the name of  
23 that one?

24 MR. MONTGOMERY: That one is Cotton MX.

25 EXAMINER BROOKS: Cotton MX.

1 MR. MONTGOMERY: Federal Number 1.

2 EXAMINER BROOKS: Federal Number 1.

3 MR. MONTGOMERY: And it's currently  
4 injecting in the canyon, operated by Yates.

5 EXAMINER BROOKS: Okay. So it's no longer  
6 producing?

7 MR. MONTGOMERY: That's correct.

8 EXAMINER BROOKS: And I believe that covers  
9 all the ones that are of interest here.

10 Okay. Now, your application is to inject the  
11 previous up to 10,000 barrels per day?

12 MR. MONTGOMERY: That's correct.

13 EXAMINER BROOKS: And you're asking for the  
14 standard pressure gradient of .2 PSI per foot?

15 MR. MONTGOMERY: Yes, we are.

16 EXAMINER BROOKS: Okay. And I guess that's  
17 basically all I need to go into at this point.

18 MR. CARR: Mr. Examiner, that concludes our  
19 presentation. We would request the case be continued to  
20 March 31st.

21 EXAMINER BROOKS: Very good. Case Number  
22 14606 will be continued to March 31st for purposes of  
23 notice.

24 [Case 14606 was continued at 10:11 AM.]

25 I certify that the foregoing is a complete record of the proceedings in the Examiner hearing of Case No. 14606. Heard by me on 3-3-11

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