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1 (11:18 a.m.)

2 EXAMINER JONES: Let's call Case Numbers
3 16185 and 16186, both titled application of Mewbourne
4 Oil Company for a nonstandard oil spacing and proration
5 unit and compulsory pooling in Eddy County, New Mexico.

6 Call for appearances.

7 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, Jim Bruce of
8 Santa Fe representing the Applicant. I have two
9 witnesses.

10 EXAMINER JONES: There being no other
11 appearances, will the witnesses please stand and the
12 court reporter swear in the witnesses?

13 (Mr. Haden and Mr. Crosby sworn.)

14 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, we'll run through
15 the land testimony in Case 16185, and then the
16 testimony -- the land testimony in 16186, which is
17 pretty similar, will be very brief. And then we'll just
18 have the geologist testify. The geologic exhibits for
19 both cases are the same, so he can just testify once.

20 EXAMINER JONES: That's a wonderful idea.

21 D. PAUL HADEN,
22 after having been previously sworn under oath, was
23 questioned and testified as follows:

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1 DIRECT EXAMINATION

2 BY MR. BRUCE:

3 Q. Would you please state your name and city of
4 residence?

5 A. Paul Haden, Midland, Texas.

6 Q. Who do you work for and in what capacity?

7 A. Mewbourne Oil Company, senior landman.

8 Q. Have you previously testified before the
9 Division?

10 A. Yes, I have.

11 Q. And were your credentials as an expert
12 petroleum landman accepted as a matter of record?

13 A. Yes, they were.

14 Q. And are you familiar with the land matters
15 involved in this application?

16 A. Yes, I am.

17 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, I tender Mr. --

18 Q. (BY MR. BRUCE) For these applications.

19 MR. BRUCE: I tender Mr. Haden as an expert
20 petroleum landman.

21 EXAMINER JONES: Welcome back, Mr. Haden.
22 You're so qualified.

23 THE WITNESS: Thank you. It's been a
24 while.

25 EXAMINER JONES: Yeah. It's been a while.

1 We used to see you all the time.

2 EXAMINER BROOKS: Yes. I was going to
3 observe on that also. Welcome back.

4 THE WITNESS: I've just got a few grayer
5 hairs now.

6 EXAMINER JONES: We all have that.

7 Q. (BY MR. BRUCE) Could you identify Exhibit 1 and
8 describe the lands involved -- lands in the formation
9 involved in this application?

10 A. Exhibit Number 1 is a land plat taken from the
11 Midland Map Company that illustrates the bottom --
12 surface- and the bottom-hole locations, as well as the
13 project area, which is shaded in yellow.

14 Q. And is Exhibit -- the second page of Exhibit 1,
15 is that the Form C-102 for the 1H well?

16 A. Yes, that's correct.

17 Q. What is the -- what is the specific acreage
18 description for that well?

19 A. It's the north half of the northwest quarter of
20 Section 29, also the north half-north half of Section
21 30, all this being in Township 18 South, Range 29 East,
22 Eddy County.

23 Q. And are you seeking to force pool the Bone
24 Spring Formation?

25 A. Yes, we are.

1 **Q. What is Exhibit 2?**

2 A. Exhibit 2 is the tract ownership in the project
3 area. It lists the names of the owners and their
4 percentage interest in each land that's described. At
5 the very bottom of the page, it has the ownership in the
6 project area. It also illustrates the interest owners
7 who are being force pooled, and that's illustrated by
8 asterisks by the names of Chisholm Energy, Inc.,
9 Bursake, LLC and McAnso, LLC.

10 **Q. And referring you to Exhibit 3, what steps have**
11 **you taken to obtain the voluntary joinder in the well?**

12 A. We've sent the owners AFEs and our proposed
13 operating agreement for our proposed working interest
14 unit. It lists the dates on which we sent these and
15 contacted people who are in each company.

16 **Q. And behind the first page of Exhibit 3, is**
17 **there -- are there copies of correspondence, the**
18 **letters, emails, et cetera, between you and the interest**
19 **owners?**

20 A. Yes, there is.

21 **Q. And notes of telephone calls?**

22 A. Right.

23 **Q. Have any of these parties indicated that they**
24 **will voluntarily join in the well?**

25 A. Chisholm Energy hasn't indicated one way or the

1 other. Bursake and McAnso say they will be nonconsent,
2 that they will either join in our operating agreement or
3 render us a term assignment of their interest.

4 **Q. If you come to terms with any of these parties,**
5 **will you notify the Division?**

6 A. Yes, I will.

7 **Q. And all of the parties in the well unit are**
8 **locatable; are they not?**

9 A. Yes, they are.

10 **Q. And in your opinion, have you made a good-faith**
11 **effort to obtain the voluntary joinder of these interest**
12 **owners in the proposed well?**

13 A. We think we have.

14 **Q. What is Exhibit 4?**

15 A. Exhibit 4 is the AFE.

16 **Q. And what is the cost of the proposed well?**

17 A. The total well cost for the Pavo Frio 29/30
18 B2CD Fed Com 1H is \$7,012,500.

19 **Q. And is that amount fair and reasonable and in**
20 **line with the cost of other similar wells drilled in**
21 **this area of New Mexico?**

22 A. Yes, it is. We've drilled a number of wells in
23 this area.

24 **Q. And so Mewbourne has a good handle on the well**
25 **costs?**

1 A. Yes, we do.

2 Q. Do you request that Mewbourne be appointed
3 operator of the well?

4 A. We do so request.

5 Q. And what is your recommendation for the amounts
6 which Mewbourne should be paid for supervision and
7 administrative expenses?

8 A. For drilling per month, \$7,500, and for a
9 producing well rate monthly, \$750.

10 Q. And are these amounts equivalent to those
11 normally charged by Mewbourne and other operators in
12 this area for similar wells?

13 A. Yes, they are.

14 Q. Are these rates also set forth in your JOA?

15 A. Yes, that's correct.

16 Q. And do you request that the rates be adjusted
17 periodically as provided by the COPAS accounting
18 procedure?

19 A. Yes, we do.

20 Q. Does Mewbourne request the maximum cost plus
21 200 percent risk charge if any interest owner goes
22 nonconsent in the well?

23 A. Yes, we do.

24 Q. And were the interest owners being pooled
25 notified of this hearing?

1 A. Yes, they were.

2 **Q. And is Exhibit 5 my certified letter to the**
3 **interest owners?**

4 A. That is correct.

5 MR. BRUCE: And, Mr. Examiner, all parties
6 did receive actual notice.

7 **Q. (BY MR. BRUCE) Mr. Haden, McAnso and Bursake**
8 **are located at the same address; are they not?**

9 A. Yes, they are.

10 **Q. And is Exhibit 6A a list of all offset working**
11 **interest owners or operators to this well unit?**

12 A. Yes, that is correct.

13 MR. BRUCE: And, once again, Mr. Examiner,
14 I do not have all the green cards back from these
15 interest owners, so I would ask that both matters be
16 continued two weeks to complete notice.

17 EXAMINER JONES: Okay.

18 **Q. (BY MR. BRUCE) Were Exhibits 1 through 6A**
19 **either prepared by you or under your supervision or**
20 **compiled from company business records?**

21 A. Yes, they were.

22 **Q. And in your opinion, is the granting of this**
23 **application in the interest of conservation and the**
24 **prevention of waste?**

25 A. Yes.

1 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, I move the
2 admission of Exhibits 1 through 6A.

3 EXAMINER JONES: Exhibits 1 through 6A are
4 admitted.

5 (Mewbourne Oil Company Exhibit Numbers 1
6 through 6A are offered and admitted into
7 evidence.)

8 MR. BRUCE: And I pass the witness.

9 EXAMINER JONES: Mr. Lowe? Ask the same
10 question I was going ask. Go ahead (laughter).

11 CROSS-EXAMINATION

12 BY EXAMINER LOWE:

13 Q. I'm just trying to verify your letter, in
14 Exhibit 3, for the 1H well. It's in the same surface
15 location and bottom-hole location?

16 A. Yes. In the letters, it has the surface- and
17 bottom-hole locations for both of these wells. We
18 proposed them at the same time.

19 Q. Okay. I'll just -- that's all I've got for
20 now.

21 EXAMINER JONES: So the same bottom-hole
22 location?

23 EXAMINER LOWE: I don't know. I'm reading
24 two different locations, but I'm trying to make sure I'm
25 reading the right one. It says 2,921 from the north

1 line. This one says 550.

2 EXAMINER JONES: We haven't had him here
3 for many years. Don't let him go without asking these
4 questions.

5 THE WITNESS: Right.

6 EXAMINER JONES: He might not come back.

7 EXAMINER LOWE: 2,500 from the east line,
8 and the C-102 says -- okay. I've got it.

9 EXAMINER JONES: Would you please clarify
10 it for me then? So the bottom-hole location is in Lot
11 Number 2?

12 THE WITNESS: I think that's a typo.

13 EXAMINER LOWE: That's a typo?

14 THE WITNESS: Yeah. It should be 500 feet
15 from the north.

16 EXAMINER LOWE: Okay. I was reading both
17 paragraphs, and I think I got it right.

18 THE WITNESS: Yes. I just noticed that
19 earlier today.

20 MR. BRUCE: Yeah. The surface location is
21 slightly --

22 EXAMINER LOWE: So which one is the right
23 one? The C-102?

24 EXAMINER JONES: No.

25 THE WITNESS: The correct surface- and

1 bottom-hole locations, those are referenced on the AFEs.

2 EXAMINER LOWE: Okay. That's all I've got.
3 Thank you.

4 THE WITNESS: Uh-huh.

5 CROSS-EXAMINATION

6 BY EXAMINER BROOKS:

7 Q. Are the surface- and bottom-hole locations in
8 the C-102 correct, or are they not correct?

9 A. One is not correct. The surface location is
10 correct. The bottom-hole location as listed on the B2CD
11 well is not correct.

12 Q. And what should it be?

13 A. 500 feet from the north line of 30.

14 Q. 500 from the north line of 30?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. So the diagram is not correct?

17 A. The diagram is not correct.

18 MR. BRUCE: The proposal letter was
19 correct.

20 EXAMINER BROOKS: Okay. Very good. I'm
21 not going to mark this thing up. I'm going to let the
22 testimony in the record correct it.

23 Q. (BY EXAMINER BROOKS) I have to ask you about
24 overrides.

25 A. There are some overriding royalty interest

1 owners.

2 Q. And are they bound by a compulsory pooling
3 clause in the lease or have otherwise granted compulsory
4 pooling authority to Mewbourne?

5 A. They will be under our communitization
6 agreement.

7 Q. Okay. That's right. This is state -- this is
8 state acreage.

9 A. This is all federal.

10 Q. Federal. Okay. The Feds are pretty consistent
11 about making sure everybody joins --

12 A. Correct.

13 Q. -- unlike the State Land Office --

14 A. Right.

15 Q. -- on the communitization agreements.

16 Okay. Thank you.

17 CROSS-EXAMINATION

18 BY EXAMINER JONES:

19 Q. So when I prepared for this case, I put the
20 surface location for these in B and G, but basically the
21 correct one should be on the AFEs?

22 A. Yes, that's correct.

23 Q. We'll look at the AFE.

24 A. Should we do a sundry notice to correct this?

25 Q. Yes.

1 A. Yeah.

2 Q. Yeah.

3 And so basically you probably said, This is
4 all state, no BLM or fee.

5 A. It's all federal.

6 Q. It's all federal because it's oil and gas
7 reserved?

8 A. Right.

9 Q. Okay. OGR.

10 And so how many -- how many tracts -- you
11 told us probably. I apologize.

12 A. Are you talking about --

13 Q. How many separately owned tracts in each one of
14 these individual proposals?

15 A. Yes. It has --

16 Q. You actually have them listed.

17 A. Yes. It has the tract ownership.

18 MR. BRUCE: Exhibit 2.

19 EXAMINER JONES: There's three of them, I
20 think.

21 THE WITNESS: Yeah. And each one of these
22 cases has their own set of tract ownership. That's
23 basically the only difference.

24 EXAMINER JONES: Okay. Okay.

25 THE WITNESS: This is in the Palmillo East;

1 Bone Spring.

2 Q. (BY EXAMINER JONES) Say again.

3 A. This is in the Palmillo East; Bone Spring Oil
4 Pool, Pool Code 49553.

5 Q. And it's on the C-102s; is that right?

6 MR. BRUCE: It's not on the C-102s.

7 EXAMINER JONES: Thanks very much.

8 MR. BRUCE: Move on to 16186.

9 DIRECT EXAMINATION

10 BY MR. BRUCE:

11 Q. Mr. Haden, is Exhibit 1 simply the land plat
12 and C-102 for the 2nd Bone, the Pavo Frio 29/30 B2FE Fed
13 Com #1H?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And the well unit for that is just immediately
16 to the south of the prior case?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. South half-north half of Section 30 and south
19 half-northwest quarter of Section 29?

20 A. Correct. The land plat for that second well
21 sets forth the project area.

22 Q. And, again, you're seeking to force pool the
23 Bone Spring Formation?

24 A. Yes, we are.

25 Q. In the same -- this is the East Palmillo; Bone

1 Spring Pool?

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. And does Exhibit 2 set forth the tracts
4 involved and the ownership in these tracts?

5 A. Yes, it does.

6 Q. And in this case, there are two tracts involved
7 as opposed to the prior case?

8 A. Correct. It also sets forth the owners being
9 pooled.

10 Q. They're the same as in the prior case?

11 A. Exactly the same.

12 Q. And, again, your proposal letter to these
13 interest owners covered both wells, and that's set forth
14 in Exhibit 3, correct?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. And is, basically, Exhibit 3 identical to that
17 submitted with the prior case?

18 A. Yes, it is.

19 Q. And in your opinion, have you made a good-faith
20 effort to obtain the voluntary joinder of the interest
21 owners in the well?

22 A. Yes, we have.

23 Q. And is Exhibit 4 the AFE for this well?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And what is the well cost?

1 A. The estimated well costs for this particular
2 well is \$7,013,300.

3 **Q. And is that a fair and reasonable well cost?**

4 A. We believe it is.

5 **Q. And what overhead rates do you request in this
6 case?**

7 A. The same as the prior case, 7,500 for drilling,
8 750 for producing.

9 **Q. And are those fair and reasonable and in line
10 with what other operators charge in this area?**

11 A. Yes, they are.

12 **Q. Again, those are rates set forth in your JOA?**

13 A. That's correct.

14 **Q. And do you request that Mewbourne be appointed
15 operator of the well?**

16 A. Yes, we do.

17 **Q. And do you request the maximum risk charge in
18 the event someone goes nonconsent in the well?**

19 A. Yes, we do.

20 **Q. And was notice given to the three parties being
21 pooled?**

22 A. Yes, they were.

23 **Q. And is that reflected in Exhibit 5, my notice
24 letter?**

25 A. Yes, that's correct.

1 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, all three parties
2 received actual notice.

3 Q. (BY MR. BRUCE) And finally, is Exhibit 6A my --
4 not mine -- a listing of the offset operators to the
5 proposed well?

6 A. Yes, it is.

7 Q. And was notice sent to them?

8 A. Yes. Notice was sent to them.

9 MR. BRUCE: And, again, Mr. Examiner,
10 notice is incomplete, so I'd ask that the matter be
11 continued.

12 EXAMINER JONES: Okay.

13 Q. (BY MR. BRUCE) Mr. Haden, were Exhibits 1
14 through 6A prepared by you or under your supervision or
15 compiled from company business records?

16 A. Yes, they were.

17 Q. And in your opinion, is the granting of this
18 application in the interest of conservation and the
19 prevention of waste?

20 A. We believe so. Yes.

21 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, we move the
22 admission of Exhibits 1 through 6A in Case 16186.

23 EXAMINER JONES: Exhibits 1 through 6A are
24 admitted.

25 (Mewbourne Oil Company Exhibit Numbers 1

1 through 6A are offered and admitted into
2 evidence.)

3 EXAMINER JONES: Mr. Lowe?

4 CROSS-EXAMINATION

5 BY EXAMINER LOWE:

6 Q. Same question for this one. Your location --
7 is the correct one based off of your AFE, as far as your
8 bottom-hole and --

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. -- surface-hole location?

11 Your letter and your AFE appear to be the
12 same, but your C-102 is off.

13 A. Right. There, again, we have a problem.

14 Q. So your C-102 is the erroneous one?

15 A. Right.

16 Q. Okay.

17 EXAMINER JONES: So it is in unit letter G,
18 then, for the surface-hole location?

19 MR. BRUCE: (Indicating.)

20 EXAMINER JONES: Just like the application
21 said.

22 MR. BRUCE: For once I'm right.

23 EXAMINER BROOKS: I think it would be very
24 good to clarify this, because I don't know who will be
25 looking at the record or how they would know. But would

1 you take responsibility to provide amended C-102s and
2 file them with the -- with the -- in the case -- give
3 them to us to file in the case file because I'm
4 concerned. If there are erroneous C-102s in the case
5 file, it's going to confuse people where the well is.

6 THE WITNESS: Yes.

7 MR. BRUCE: We will do that.

8 EXAMINER LOWE: That's all I've got. Thank
9 you.

10 THE WITNESS: Uh-huh.

11 CROSS-EXAMINATION

12 BY EXAMINER BROOKS:

13 Q. Okay. I have the same question about
14 overrides. Same answer?

15 A. Same answer.

16 Q. You're relying on federal com agreements?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. It's all federal lands?

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 Q. Technically, I'm not sure that excuses you from
21 having to give notice, but I'm not going to say
22 otherwise, because I do believe the BLM is pretty
23 consistent with requiring all interests to be joined.

24 A. Right. And all the interest owners will be
25 sent a Division order for signature, too, once

1 production is established.

2 Q. Yeah. Yeah. Of course, a Division order
3 doesn't waive a defect in the interest, but the
4 communitization agreement -- if they sign the
5 communitization agreement, they're bound by it, I
6 believe.

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. Okay. Signed or ratified. Okay.

9 EXAMINER JONES: Thanks a lot, Mr. Haden.

10 THE WITNESS: Sure.

11 CHARLES CROSBY,

12 after having been previously sworn under oath, was
13 questioned and testified as follows:

14 DIRECT EXAMINATION

15 BY MR. BRUCE:

16 Q. Please state your name and address for the
17 record.

18 A. Charles Crosby.

19 Q. And where do you reside?

20 A. Midland, Texas.

21 Q. Who do you work for and in what capacity?

22 A. I'm a geologist for Mewbourne Oil Company.

23 Q. Have you previously testified before the
24 Division?

25 A. Yes, I have.

1 **Q. And were your credentials as an expert**
2 **petroleum geologist accepted as a matter of record?**

3 A. Yes.

4 **Q. And finally, Mr. Crosby, are you familiar with**
5 **the geology involved in both applications today?**

6 A. Yes.

7 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, I tender
8 Mr. Crosby as an expert petroleum geologist.

9 EXAMINER JONES: He's an expert in
10 petroleum geology.

11 **Q. (BY MR. BRUCE) Mr. Crosby, are the geologic**
12 **exhibits contained in the folders for both cases exactly**
13 **the same?**

14 A. Yes.

15 **Q. So let's just pick 16185 and start with Exhibit**
16 **7. What does that reflect?**

17 A. This is a map of the project area. Shown here
18 is a structure contour map at the base of the 2nd Bone
19 Spring Sandstone shown by the red contour lines. This
20 exhibits continuous, consistent structural dip to the
21 east-southeast. Also shown here is a net thickness
22 isopach of the Lower 2nd Bone Spring Sandstone shown by
23 the green infill contours.

24 Also highlighted are 2nd Bone Spring Sand
25 horizontals shown by the green lines, as well as our

1 proposed wells shown by the dashed green arrows within
2 their respective proration units.

3 And finally there is also a cross section
4 reference line labeled "A to A prime."

5 **Q. Are the wells on cross section older, deeper**
6 **gas wells?**

7 A. Yes. Mostly Atoka and Morrow, I believe.

8 **Q. Let's move on to your cross-section, Exhibit 8.**
9 **Discuss that, please.**

10 A. This is the previously mentioned cross section,
11 A to A prime. This is representative of the 2nd Bone
12 Spring Sand in the project area. Our delineated 2nd
13 Bone Spring Sand intervals are labeled in between the
14 logs themselves with the target interval shown -- or our
15 proposed landing point shown by the red arrow within the
16 Lower 2nd Bone Spring Sandstone here labeled "2nd Bone
17 Spring C." And this just exhibits that this zone of the
18 2nd Bone Spring Sand is continuous throughout the area.

19 **Q. And based on Exhibits 7 and 8, in your opinion,**
20 **will each quarter-quarter section in each well unit**
21 **contribute more or less equally to production?**

22 A. Yes.

23 **Q. And is there any faulting in this area?**

24 A. No.

25 **Q. What is Exhibit 9?**

1 A. So this is a table of the previously mentioned
2 highlighted 2nd Bone Spring horizontals in the area.
3 This just shows some location and production statistics
4 for the wells. And this just highlights that the
5 east-west orientation in this particular area, the wells
6 did perform better.

7 **Q. And finally, what are Exhibits 10 and 11?**

8 A. These are just survey statistics for the
9 proposed wells also showing surface location and
10 bottom-hole location. But I believe with the confusion
11 earlier, we'll just have everyone refer to the AFE for
12 the correct surface- and bottom-hole locations.

13 **Q. I believe these are the correct ones also.**

14 **But were Exhibits 7 through 11 in each case**
15 **prepared by you or under your supervision or compiled**
16 **from company business records?**

17 A. Yes.

18 **Q. And in your opinion, is the granting of these**
19 **two applications in the interest of conservation and the**
20 **prevention of waste?**

21 A. Yes.

22 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, I move the
23 admission of Exhibits 7 through 11 in each case.

24 EXAMINER JONES: Exhibits 7 through 11 in
25 both cases, 16185 and 16186, are admitted.

1 (Mewbourne Oil Company Exhibit Numbers 7
2 through 11 are offered and admitted into
3 evidence.)

4 EXAMINER JONES: And, Mr. Lowe?

5 CROSS-EXAMINATION

6 BY EXAMINER LOWE:

7 Q. Just a quick question. On your Exhibit 9,
8 where do you gather your data to generate this table?

9 A. This is primarily from the OCD Web site well
10 search.

11 Q. Okay. And this is all based on --

12 Okay. That's all I've got. Thank you.

13 EXAMINER BROOKS: No questions.

14 EXAMINER JONES: I really don't have any
15 questions either, but thanks.

16 THE WITNESS: Thanks.

17 EXAMINER JONES: Thanks for coming.

18 So with that, we'll continue these two
19 cases, 16185 and 16186 until June 14th, and we'll resume
20 at 2:00.

21 (Case Numbers 16185 and 16186 conclude,
22 11:46 a.m.)

23 (Recess, 11:46 a.m. to 2:05 p.m.)

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2 COUNTY OF BERNALILLO

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