

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

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PRE-HEARING PROCEEDINGS

EXAMINER HEARING

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2020

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

This matter came on for hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, FELICIA ORTH, Hearing Examiner, SCOTT COX, Technical Examiner, and DEAN McCLURE, Technical Examiner, on Thursday, August 20, 2020, Via Webex Video conferencing

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1 (Time noted 8:30 a.m.).

2 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: Good morning. My name
3 is Felicia Orth. I am a hearing examiner appointed by the
4 Director of the Oil Conservation Division to conduct
5 hearings this morning, August 20th. The docket has been
6 posted on the Web page. You'll find it there.

7 The hearing session is being recorded and
8 transcribed by Irene Delgado (Mary Macfarlane), Paul Baca
9 Court Reporters. We also have a number of staff on the
10 call. Our technical examiners this morning will be Scott
11 Cox and Dean McClure.

12 Please generally keep yourself muted. I
13 have muted everyone as they came into the room. If they
14 were not already muted, please keep yourself muted until
15 it is your time to speak or I call on you.

16 In the event the hearing session is
17 interrupted by technical difficulties or mischief, please
18 do go to your emails and we will have another way of
19 participating in a hearing session today.

20 Two reminders before I begin calling the
21 cases. One refers to a Notice issued a little more than a
22 year ago about continuances of cases set for hearing
23 before the OCD. I've been asked by management to enforce
24 the Notice, which is to say the Motions for Continuances
25 must be made at least 48 hours prior to the hearing to

1 avoid dismissal without prejudice, such that the matter
2 has to be refiled. And I'm hoping no one here is going to
3 step forward to be made an example of, serve as a
4 cautionary tale for the others.

5 And the other thing I'm asked to remind
6 folks about is the timely submission of exhibits, which
7 are supposed to come in by the Tuesday before the Thursday
8 session by 5:00. The technical examiners in particular
9 review those exhibits before each hearing session and need
10 time to do that.

11 So let's begin then. I will call the cases
12 in the order in which they are set out on the docket. We
13 do have a few lawyers who need to be participating in
14 another event before the OCC this morning, the Oil
15 Conservation Commission, and so although I've tried to put
16 any matter in which those three lawyers are involved
17 closer to the front of the docket, I will say that was all
18 but two matters, and so if we get close to 11:00 and we
19 need to make some other adjustment, please do speak up.

20 (Time noted 8:47 a.m.)

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5 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

6 I, MARY THERESE MACFARLANE, New Mexico Reporter
7 CCR No. 122, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that on Thursday, August
8 20, 2020, the proceedings in the above-captioned matter
9 were taken before me; that I did report in stenographic
10 shorthand the proceedings set forth herein, and the
11 foregoing pages are a true and correct transcription to
12 the best of my ability and control.

13 I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am neither employed by
14 nor related to nor contracted with (unless excepted by the
15 rules) any of the parties or attorneys in this case, and
16 that I have no interest whatsoever in the final
17 disposition of this case in any court.

18 /s/ Mary Macfarlane
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