

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:

CASE NOS: 21812, 21813,
21814, 21815

APPLICATION OF MATADOR PRODUCTION
COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF VIRTUAL PROCEEDINGS
EXAMINER HEARING
MAY 20, 2021
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

This matter came on for hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, HEARING EXAMINER WILLIAM BRANCARD and TECHNICAL EXAMINER KURT SIMMONS, on Thursday, May 20, 2021, through the Webex Virtual Platform.

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15 SUMMARY OF CASE AND EXHIBITS

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1 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. With that,
2 I think we're ready to start some hearings.

3 Mr. Bruce, you are definitely the star today
4 with a stack of hearings.

5 JAMES BRUCE: I wouldn't quite use that term,
6 but ...

7 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: A number of which
8 we continued, I think, from April. So I think we're
9 going to hear those cases first.

10 So I have a series of proposed amended orders
11 here for Matador Production, and that would be Items 28
12 through 31, Cases 21812, 21813, 21814, and 21815,
13 Matador.

14 And there's an appearance here also from
15 EOG Resources.

16 So Mr. Bruce, you're with Matador for these
17 cases?

18 JAMES BRUCE: Yes, I am.

19 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. And
20 Holland & Hart for EOG?

21 ADAM RANKIN: Good morning, Mr. Examiner. I'm
22 sorry. I could not get the mute button to unmute.

23 Adam Rankin appearing on behalf of
24 EOG Resources -- (sotto voce)

25 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. And,

1 Mr. Rankin, does EOG oppose these cases going forward
2 by affidavit?

3 ADAM RANKIN: EOG does not oppose these cases
4 going forward by affidavit.

5 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you.

6 Mr. Bruce, you may proceed.

7 JAMES BRUCE: Okay. Mr. Examiner, these four
8 cases involve pooling orders covering the Bone Spring
9 formation, collectively covering the north half of
10 Section 21 -- or excuse me -- all of Section 21 and all
11 of Section 22 in 20 South 29 East.

12 It's the usual deal. There's a land man's
13 affidavit in here steady because of the low commodity
14 prices and all other turmoil over the last year-plus.
15 Rigs were laid down, and they stopped -- stopped
16 drilling, but they obviously slowed their drilling
17 process down, so they need additional time.

18 And that's pretty much it.

19 Two other things, the -- Mr. Rankin can
20 confirm this.

21 But the original orders contained an -- the
22 only thing that Matador is asking for is the time
23 extension. And in the original orders, there was a
24 special payment provision for EOG which Matador did not
25 oppose. And we just want to make sure that that is

1 part of -- that is recognized in this proceeding also.

2 The second thing, you know, the exhibit
3 package contains the applications, the original pooling
4 orders, the land man's affidavit, my affidavit of
5 notice.

6 And one thing I owe the division on -- I was
7 doing this rather late Tuesday, maybe early Wednesday
8 morning -- I had to notify about 100 people for these
9 applications, and I did not -- I couldn't schlep
10 together all the green cards and white certified
11 receipts.

12 So I need to get those to you, and I ask
13 permission to do that.

14 And you'll see that everybody received -- you
15 will see, when you get the green cards, that everybody
16 received actual notice for publication notice.
17 Publication notices are about -- they're rather quite
18 lengthy, but there was about 95 or 100 people notified
19 of these applications.

20 So notice is complete. I just need to
21 schlep -- I need to sit down and copy all the hundred
22 notice green cards, which I will do, with your
23 permission.

24 And with that, I move the admission of
25 exhibits and that could be taken under advisement.

1 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you.

2 EOG, any statements, comments?

3 ADAM RANKIN: Mr. Examiner, thank you very
4 much.

5 So we appreciate Mr. Bruce recognizing and
6 just confirming the special pivot provision, and the
7 original order should be carried forward.

8 But other than that, we have no other comments
9 or statements regarding the requested extension.

10 Thank you.

11 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you.

12 Mr. Simmons, any questions?

13 TECHNICAL EXAMINER SIMMONS: No. Everything
14 appears to be in order. I appreciate it. Thank you.

15 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. Thank
16 you.

17 And so with that, we will leave the record
18 open for the submittal of these copies of green cards,
19 which I'm sure Mr. Simmons will carefully examine.

20 JAMES BRUCE: Only if he wants to fall asleep.

21 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: And with that, the
22 exhibits will be admitted, and Cases 21812, 21813,
23 21814, and 21815 will be taken under advisement.

24 JAMES BRUCE: Thank you.

25 (Hearing concluded)

1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO
2 COUNTY OF BERNALILLO

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4 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

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