

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

IN THE MATTTTER OF THE HEARING CALLED
BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR
THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY
TO RE-OPEN CASE 21496 FOR COMPULSORY
POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Case No. 21964

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

EXAMINER HEARING

THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2021

This matter came on for hearing before the
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, Legal
Examiner William Brancard, Technical Examiner
Leonard Lowe, on Thursday, June 17, 2021, via
the Webex Virtual Conferencing Platform.

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1 (Time noted 9:23 a.m.)

2 EXAMINER BRANCARD: With that I'm going to call
3 case 21908, OXY USA, Inc. Holland & Hart.

4 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner there is one more
5 Mewbourne case.

6 EXAMINER BRANCARD: I'm sorry. You're correct,
7 Mr. Bruce. I jumped ahead. 14 is Case 21964, Mewbourne
8 Oil Company. Mr. Bruce.

9 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, this well was
10 originally force pooled about a year ago under Case No.
11 21222 and order R-21353 was issued. The well was never
12 drilled and so the Order expired on June 9th, but it was
13 one of the old form Orders where we were not allowed to
14 seek an extension of the Order for good cause shown. So
15 this is a whole new pooling application identical to the
16 other one.

17 And so Exhibit 1 is the Application.

18 No. 2 is the Landman's Affidavit. It's
19 actually the landman's affidavit for Case No. 21222, and
20 everything is identical. Nothing new has happened, so
21 that's why I'm submitting that.

22 Same thing for the geology.

23 Mewbourne is seeking to force pool the
24 south half/south half of Sections 9 and 10, 20 South, 29
25 East as to the Wolfcamp Formation, and this describes the

1 Wolfcamp geology in this area.

2 Again, nothing has changed in the geology,
3 so I just attached the old information.

4 Exhibit 4 is my affidavit of Notice, and
5 all of the parties originally pooled were again notified
6 of this hearing. A few green slips didn't come back. I
7 think I did pick up yesterday a few more green slips, but
8 they are not in the exhibit package.

9 But everybody was notified by Publication
10 of Notice. That's marked Exhibit 5.

11 Then Exhibit 6 is the Pooling Application
12 Checklist, which is virtually the same as the original
13 Pooling Application Checklist but I updated it as to the
14 case number and the hearing date.

15 So I believe the exhibit package is
16 complete, and thereby I request the admission of
17 Exhibits 1 through 6 and ask that the matter be taken
18 under advisement.

19 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you.

20 Mr. Lowe, any questions?

21 EXAMINER LOWE: Mr. Bruce.

22 MR. BRUCE: Yes.

23 EXAMINER LOWE: I notice in your exhibits that
24 you're referencing another Case 21222 and 21221.

25 MR. BRUCE: Yes. In the landman exhibits and

1 the geologic exhibits. That well was subject to a
2 different Order and that well was drilled and completed,
3 so there's no need to worry about that particular case.

4 EXAMINER LOWE: Okay. It also looks like
5 there's -- there are two exhibits here for this case. Is
6 that the same scenario as the previous cases, redundancy?

7 MR. BRUCE: Yes.

8 EXAMINER LOWE: One appears to be not as big is
9 the other one so suspect we will keep the larger document
10 and dispose of the smaller document. Is this correct?

11 MR. BRUCE: Okay.

12 EXAMINER LOWE: I need to look at it and I'll
13 verify with you prior to approving either/or.

14 MR. BRUCE: Thank you.

15 EXAMINER LOWE: Thank you. That's all I have.

16 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. Are there any
17 other parties interested in Case 21964? (Note: Pause.)
18 Hearing none, Mr. Bruce what was the prior Order that
19 expired? Do you have a number of that?

20 MR. BRUCE: Yeah. It is -- it is -- oops. I'm
21 in the wrong part of the file.

22 The order number was R-21353.

23 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. And that's Case --
24 because, as Mr. Lowe pointed out, your exhibit, because
25 it's your old exhibit, referenced two cases.

1 MR. BRUCE: Yeah, I put on the two cases at one
2 time together. As I said, Case 21221 we are not speaking
3 anything about that because that Order has been complied
4 with.

5 EXAMINER BRANCARD: So that well has been
6 drilled.

7 MR. BRUCE: Yes.

8 EXAMINER BRANCARD: So it's 21222.

9 MR. BRUCE: Is what we're concerned with, yes.

10 EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. We may want to
11 make a note of it in the Order just so it's clear for the
12 record that we're replacing that old Order with this one.
13 I mean, it's gone but we just need to maybe make that
14 clear.

15 MR. BRUCE: Yes. Fine with me.

16 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you.

17 With that the exhibits in Case 21964 are
18 taken -- are admitted and the case is taken under
19 advisement.

20 MR. BRUCE: Thank you.

21 EXAMINER BRANCARD: I think we are going to take
22 a short break here to help our court reporter out, so if
23 we can get back here by 9:40, that would be great.

24 (Time noted 9:31 a.m.)

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