

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:

Application of Marathon Oil Permian, LLC.  
to Amend Order No. 21113,  
Eddy County, New Mexico Case No. 22197

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2021

EXAMINER HEARING

This matter came on for hearing before the  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, William  
Brancard, Esq. Hearing Examiner, Dylan Rose-Coss,  
Technical Examiner, on Thursday, October 7, 2021,  
via Webex Virtual Conferencing Platform hosted  
by the New Mexico Department of Energy, Minerals and  
Natural Resources

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A P P E A R A N C E S

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1 (Time noted 9:01 a.m.)

2 EXAMINER BRANCARD: With that I call Case 22197,  
3 Marathon Oil Permian.

4 MS. BENNETT: Good Good morning. Deana Bennett  
5 on behalf of Marathon Permian, LLC.

6 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Are there any other  
7 interested persons 22197? (Note: Pause.)

8 Hearing none, Ms. Bennett you may proceed.  
9 (Note: Reporter inquiry.)

10 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Yes. You're very low band  
11 width, if that helps.

12 MS. BENNETT: Thank you. I'll turn my camera  
13 off and hope that that helps.

14 EXAMINER BRANCARD: I think it will.  
15 Please proceed.

16 MS. BENNETT: Thank you.

17 Case No. 22197 involves Marathon's Rick  
18 Vaughn wells, and in this case I submitted the exhibits on  
19 Tuesday through the e-filing portal, and the exhibits are  
20 very similar to the exhibit packets I've discussed today.

21 The first exhibit is the Self-Affirmed  
22 Declaration of Chase Rice, and Mr. Rice is a landman for  
23 Marathon Oil Permian, LLC, and his credentials have been  
24 accepted as a matter of record by the Division. I have  
25 also included with his Declaration copies of the Order

1 issued by the Division granting Marathon's first extension  
2 of time, and a copy of the original Order.

3           And in this case Marathon is again seeking  
4 a one-year extension of time to commence drilling the  
5 initial well under the Order. In this case the timeline  
6 or the deadline for Marathon to commence drilling the  
7 initial well under the Order is currently February 21,  
8 2022, and Marathon asks that the deadline to commence  
9 drilling the initial well be extended to February 21,  
10 2023.

11           The reason for Marathon's request are  
12 similar: Due to Covid, the turndown in market conditions,  
13 and the resulting delays that that has occasioned, as well  
14 as in this case Marathon also needs an APD from BLM and  
15 has not yet received that APD.

16           So for those reasons Marathon is seeking an  
17 extension of time to drill the initial well under the  
18 Order for an additional one year through February 21,  
19 2023.

20           With that I'd ask that the exhibits in Case  
21 22197 be admitted into the record and that this case be  
22 taken under advisement, and I stand for any questions.

23           MR. BRANCARD: Thank you. Mr. Rose-Coss, any  
24 questions?

25           EXAMINER ROSE-COSS: No questions at this time.

1                   EXAMINER BRANCARD:  Are there any other  
2 interested persons for Case 22197?  (Note:  Pause.)

3                   Hearing none, the exhibits will be admitted  
4 into the record and Case 22197 will be taken under  
5 advisement.

6                   Thank you.

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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

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I, MARY THERESE MACFARLANE, New Mexico Reporter

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CCR No. 122, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that on Thursday,

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October 7, 2021, the proceedings in the above-captioned

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and the foregoing pages are a true and correct

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transcription to the best of my ability and control.

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I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am neither employed by

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nor related to nor contracted with (unless excepted by the

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rules) any of the parties or attorneys in this case, and

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that I have no interest whatsoever in the final

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disposition of this case in any court.

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/s/ Mary MacFarlane

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