

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
to Amend Order No. R-21486
Eddy County, New Mexico

Case No. 22198

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 9:04 a.m.)

2 EXAMINER BRANCARD: With that I call Case 22198,
3 Marathon Oil Permian.

4 MS. BENNETT: Thank you. This is Deana Bennett
5 on behalf of Marathon Oil Permian, LLC.

6 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Are there any other
7 interested persons for Case 22198? (Note: Pause.)
8 Hearing none, you may proceed, Ms. Bennett.

9 MS. BENNETT: Thank you. Case 22198 involves
10 Marathon's Fiddle Firewells, and in this case Marathon is
11 requesting a one-year extension of time to commence
12 drilling the initial wells under the Order. This is
13 Marathon's first request under this Order.

14 And I did submit the exhibits through the
15 portal, and included with the exhibits are the Declaration
16 of Clayton W. Rule, and Mr. Rule is a landman at Marathon
17 and he has previously testified before the Division and
18 his credential have been accepted as a matter of record.

19 Behind his Declaration I have included the
20 original Order, Order 21486, which Marathon is seeking to
21 re-open to amend to allow Marathon an additional one year
22 to commence drilling the initial well under the Order.
23 And then Exhibit 3 is my Notice Affidavit showing that
24 Notice of this hearing was timely mailed and published.

25 In this case, like the other cases,

1 Marathon is seeking an extension of time due to changes in
2 Marathon's drilling schedule occasioned by Covid 19 and
3 the disruptions in the market conditions, which continue
4 to delay Marathon's plans.

5 Under the Order Marathon was required to
6 drill the initial well by October 12, 2021, and so
7 Marathon is requesting an extension of time through
8 October 12, 2022.

9 With that I ask that the exhibits in Case
10 No. 22198 be admitted into the record and that this case
11 be taken under the advisement. And I stand ready for any
12 questions -- that I can answer, that is.

13 MR. BRANCARD: Well, we may have some you can.

14 Mr. Rose-Coss, any questions?

15 EXAMINER ROSE-COSS: There's not going to be any
16 questions you can answer or not answer for me.

17 MS. BENNETT: Thank you.

18 EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. With that are
19 there any other interested persons for Case 22198, Fiddle
20 Fire well? (Note: Pause.)

21 Hearing none, Case 22198 will be taken
22 under advisement and the exhibits will be admitted into
23 the record. Thank you.

24 (Time noted 9:07 a.m.)

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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

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I, MARY THERESE MACFARLANE, New Mexico Reporter

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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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MARY THERESE MACFARLANE, CCR

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