

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 Ridge Runner
Resources Operating, LLC
for Extension to Commence Case No. 22379
Drilling Operations, Order No. R-21609
Lea County New Mexico (Re-Open)

Application of Ridge Runner
Resources Operating, LLC Case No. 22380
for Extension to Commence Order No. R-21610
Drilling Operations, (Re-Open)
Lea County New Mexico

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2022

EXAMINER HEARING

This matter came on for hearing before the
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, William
Brancard, Esq. Hearing Examiner, John Garcia
Technical Examiner, on Thursday, January 6, 2022,
via Webex Virtual Conferencing Platform hosted by
the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources
Department

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A P P E A R A N C E S .

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I N D E X O F E X H I B I T S

FOR RIDGE RUNNER RESOURCES OPERATING	ADMITTED
A Self-Affirmed Statement of Michael Burke	6
A-1 Application and Proposed Notice of Hearing	6
A-2 Hearing Division Orders R-21609 and R-21610	6
A-3 Hearing Notice Letter and Return Receipts	6
A-4 Affidavit of Publication	

1 (Time noted 9:21 a.m.)

2 EXAMINER BRANCARD: With that, I will go to
3 Items 41 and 42 on the worksheet. These are Case Nos.
4 22379 and 22380, Ridge Runner Resources.

5 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Good morning. Michael Rodriguez
6 with Hinkle Shanor on behalf of the Applicant Ridge Runner
7 Resources Operating, LLC.

8 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. Are there any
9 other interested persons for Cases 22379, 22380?

10 Hearing none, you may proceed, Mr.
11 Rodriguez.

12 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

13 In these two matters Ridge Runner requests
14 the Division amend the current Order to extend the current
15 deadline to commence drilling operations from the year
16 from when a new Order would be issued. The subject Orders
17 are Order No. R-21609 in Case 22379 and R-21610 in Case
18 22380.

19 The Division issued the subject Orders on
20 February 23, 2021, which pooled all uncommitted mineral
21 interests in the Bone Spring Formation. R-21609 created a
22 320-acre horizontal spacing unit comprised of the west
23 half/west half of Sections 2 and 11 in Township 20 South,
24 Range 35 East, Lea County, and dedicated the unit to the
25 Zeus 2-11 Fed Com #1H well. Order No. R-21610 created a

1 320-acre horizontal spacing unit comprised of the east
2 half/west half of Sections 2 and 11 in Township 20 South,
3 Range 25 East, Lea County, New Mexico, and dedicated that
4 unit to the Zeus 2-11 Fed. Com #2H well.

5 Since the Orders were issued Ridge Runner
6 revised its drill schedule due to delays associated with
7 federal permitting that occurred earlier last year, and as
8 such return now to seek to commence drilling the wells
9 approved under both Orders in the first half of 2022. The
10 case now gets submitted to the Division.

11 These matters are identical and include
12 Exhibit, A which is the landman's testimony and related
13 attachments, and Attachments A-3 and A-4 are sample Notice
14 of Hearing letters, the Green Cards, and the Affidavit of
15 Publication reflecting that all Notice requirements have
16 been met.

17 With that I ask that the exhibit packets
18 submitted in each of these cases containing Exhibits A
19 along with Attachments A-1 through A-4 be admitted into
20 the record and Case Nos. 22379 and 22380 be taken under
21 advisement.

22 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you.

23 Mr. Garcia, any questions?

24 EXAMINER? GARCIA: No questions.

25 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Any other interested persons

1 for Cases 22379, -380?

2 Hearing none, the exhibits will be admitted
3 into the record and Cases 22379 and 22380 will be taken
4 under advisement.

5 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

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

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I, MARY THERESE MACFARLANE, New Mexico Reporter

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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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