

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:

APPLICATIONS OF TAP ROCK RESOURCES, LLC  
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case No. 21771

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF VIRTUAL PROCEEDINGS  
EXAMINER HEARING  
JANUARY 20, 2022  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

This matter came on for virtual hearing before  
the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, HEARING OFFICER  
WILLIAM BRANCARD and TECHNICAL EXAMINER LEONARD LOWE on  
Thursday, January 20, 2022, through the Webex Platform.

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1 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: I'll call Case Number  
2 7, 21771, Tap Rock Resources.

3 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, Jim Bruce on behalf of  
4 Tap Rock.

5 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. And  
6 Mr. Bruce, you have filed a dismissal in this case?

7 MR. BRUCE: Yes. I don't see Chevron listed  
8 here, but they entered an appearance, but this was on the  
9 docket a couple of weeks ago, and it was determined that I  
10 needed to refile the application to add a claim for a  
11 non-standard proration unit, and so this case is being  
12 dismissed, and I will refile it for a bunch of cases that  
13 are going to be heard in April.

14 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: We have a larger  
15 prehearing order for a number of cases this is part of.

16 MR. BRUCE: Yes.

17 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: And is Chevron here  
18 today?

19 MS. BENNETT: Good morning, Mr. Examiner, Deana  
20 Bennett on behalf of Chevron.

21 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Are there any other  
22 parties for this matter, 21771?

23 (No audible response.)

24 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: So you think you will  
25 be filing another case when, Mr. Bruce?

1 MR. BRUCE: In February.

2 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. And Ms.  
3 Bennett, was Chevron going to file other cases, too, or  
4 replacement cases?

5 MS. BENNETT: No -- well, I shouldn't say "no."  
6 I should never say "no." It's to be determined. So I  
7 believe Chevron sent out proposal letters, and I think we  
8 filed the new applications, but sitting here right now, I  
9 can't recall, and I apologize for not being able to have  
10 that at my finger tips at this very moment.

11 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: I always ask the  
12 parties, once we have a prehearing order entered, that if  
13 you file new cases or replacement cases or dismiss cases,  
14 that you send us an e-mail so we know that it affects the  
15 prehearing order and we can amend the prehearing order.

16 MR. BRUCE: Will do.

17 MS. BENNETT: Thank you.

18 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: With that, I assume  
19 there is no objection to this dismissal?

20 MR. FELDEWERT: No.

21 MS. BENNETT: No objection.

22 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: We will file an  
23 order. Thank you.

24 (Concluded.)

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1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
2 COUNTY OF BERNALILLO

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4 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

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6 I, IRENE DELGADO, New Mexico Certified Court  
7 Reporter, do hereby certify that I reported the foregoing  
8 virtual proceedings in stenographic shorthand and that the  
9 foregoing pages are a true and correct transcript of those  
10 proceedings to the best of my ability.

11 I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am neither employed by  
12 nor related to any of the parties or attorneys in this case  
13 and that I have no interest in the final disposition of this  
14 case.

15 I FURTHER CERTIFY that the Virtual Proceeding was  
16 of reasonable quality.

17 Dated this 20th day of January 2022.

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/s/ Irene Delgado

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