

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:

CASE NOS: 22526

APPLICATION OF CIMAREX ENERGY CO.
TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-21295-A,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF VIRTUAL PROCEEDINGS
EXAMINER HEARING
February 3, 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 DYLAN ROSE-COSS on
Thursday, February 3, 2022, through the Webex Platform.

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1 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: With that we are back
2 on the record with the Oil Conservation Division hearings,
3 February 3, 2022. Next item is Item 36, 22526, Cimarex
4 Energy Corp -- Company.

5 MS. BENNETT: Good morning, Mr. Examiner, Deana
6 Bennett on behalf of Cimarex Energy.

7 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Are there any other
8 entries today for Case 22526?

9 (No audible response.)

10 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Hearing none, Ms.
11 Bennett, you may proceed.

12 MS. BENNETT: Thank you very much. In case
13 Number 22526, Cimarex Energy is seeking an extension of time
14 to drill the initial well under the order. The order is
15 Number R-21295. In the materials that I provided, the first
16 tab is the declaration Kelsi Henriquez, and she has
17 previously testified before the Division, and her
18 credentials have been accepted as a matter of record.

19 And in her declaration she runs through the
20 procedural status, the procedural posture of the two -- of
21 the two orders, 21295 and 21295-A, which is the first
22 extension of time that Cimarex was granted, and also notes
23 the reasons for the second extension of time which are the
24 continued disruptions caused by Covid, and those disruptions
25 have continued to impact Cimarex's drilling schedule.

1 Under Order 21295-A, Cimarex would be required to
2 drill the initial well under this order by March 15, 2022,
3 and Cimarex is asking for an extension of time to March 15,
4 2023.

5 Behind the self-affirmed declaration are the
6 application that we filed or that I filed on behalf of
7 Cimarex and the two orders that are relevant here.

8 And then Exhibit 4 is my proof of notice, and in
9 my declaration I notice -- noted that the notice letter was
10 mailed on January 13, 2022, and that the publication was
11 done on January 16, 2022, both of which were timely under
12 the Division's rule.

13 So with that, I would ask that the exhibits in
14 Case 22526 be taken into the record and this case be taken
15 under advisement. Thank you.

16 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Mr. Rose-Coss, any
17 questions?

18 TECHNICAL EXAMINER ROSE-COSS: No questions for
19 me.

20 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: With that, are there
21 any other interested persons for Case 22526?

22 (No audible response.)

23 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Hearing none, your
24 exhibits will be admitted into the record and this case will
25 be taken under advisement. And I will note, folks, these

1 are like three years to get wells drilled, I'm not sure the
2 director is going to give any more extensions beyond that.

3 (Exhibits admitted.)

4 (Taken under advisement.)

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4 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

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6 I, IRENE DELGADO, New Mexico Certified Court
7 Reporter, CCR 253, do hereby certify that I reported the
8 foregoing virtual proceedings in stenographic shorthand and
9 that the foregoing pages are a true and correct transcript
10 of those 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 poor to good quality.

17 Dated this 3rd day of February 2022.

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/s/ Irene Delgado

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