

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: 22275 - 22277

APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE
OIL COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF VIRTUAL PROCEEDINGS
EXAMINER HEARING
FEBRUARY 17, 2021
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 KATHLEEN MURPHY on
Thursday, February 17, 2021, through the Webex Platform.

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1 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Let me try once
2 again, is Mr. Bruce on the call?

3 MR. BRUCE: Can you hear me, Mr. Brancard?

4 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: I can.

5 MR. BRUCE: Well, as you know, I have had
6 technical problems this week, so I apologize.

7 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Well, so have I, I
8 just sort of -- twice yesterday afternoon I got this little
9 pop-up on my screen saying some alien life form has been
10 detected in my computer and automatic restart would happen.
11 So if I suddenly disappear, hopefully I will reappear soon.

12 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Can we go back to all
13 of your cases, Mr. Bruce, the continuances that have been
14 filed --

15 MR. BRUCE: Yes.

16 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: -- and just deal with
17 these cases?

18 MR. BRUCE: Yes.

19 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: So I'm calling cases
20 22275, 22276, 22277, Mewbourne Oil Company. I believe that
21 is you, Mr. Bruce. Is that correct?

22 MR. BRUCE: That is me. I'm here on behalf of
23 Mewbourne, and really, you might as well throw in cases --
24 the problem is the same for Cases 4 through 13, also.

25 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Correct, but they are

1 different other parties, so we'll deal with them in
2 different groups here quickly, hopefully. Various MRC
3 parties, Explorer, Spiral, Delaware Resources.

4 MR. FELDEWERT: May it please the Examiner,
5 Michael Feldewert of the Santa Fe office of Holland & Hart.
6 Good morning.

7 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: So any other
8 interested persons in cases 22275, 76, 77?

9 (No audible response.)

10 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Hearing none, we have
11 a late-filed continuance, I believe it is for April 21,
12 which is what the other case associated with this is. Any
13 problems, Mr. Feldewert?

14 MR. FELDEWERT: No, sir.

15 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. Are you
16 okay with that, Mr. Bruce, still?

17 MR. BRUCE: Yeah, Mr. Examiner. And just for the
18 record, I'll, you know, like I said, I have had technical
19 problems a lot, and I sent these motions to my client to
20 file, and of course I just did a one-page motion for all the
21 cases, and he thought all he had to do was file once, and I
22 didn't find out until the next morning when the deadline had
23 passed that he only filed one in each group of cases.

24 So, you know, three of the cases were continued,
25 the other 14 have not yet been -- or 13, whatever -- and I

1 would ask for some equitable relief, I guess, that the case
2 be continued.

3 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Sure. I mean, we
4 will just consider your continuances here. If nobody
5 objects, we will go forward with the one that was submitted.

6 MR. BRUCE: Okay, thank you.

7 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: So 22275, 76 and 77
8 are continued to April 21 in accordance with the late-filed
9 continuance.

10 MR. BRUCE: Thank you.

11 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Well, I'm sorry that
12 your client hasn't figured that out. It's a steep learning
13 curve here at the OCD.

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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 17th day of February 2022.

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/s/ Irene Delgado

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