

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 NO. 22359

APPLICATION OF ASCENT ENERGY, LLC  
TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-21542,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 22509

APPLICATION OF MATADOR PRODUCTION COMPANY  
TO AMEND ORDER NO. 21542,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 22360

APPLICATION OF ASCENT ENERGY, LLC  
TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-21543,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 22510

APPLICATION OF MATADOR PRODUCTION COMPANY  
TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-21543,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 22361

APPLICATION OF ASCENT ENERGY, LLC  
TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-21544,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 22511

AND APPLICATION OF MATADOR PRODUCTION COMPANY  
TO AMEND ORDER NO. 21544,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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CASE NO. 22362

APPLICATION OF ASCENT ENERGY, LLC  
TO AMEND ORDER NO. 21545,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 22512

APPLICATION OF MATADOR PRODUCTION  
COMPANY TO AMEND ORDER NO. 21545,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF VIRTUAL PROCEEDINGS  
EXAMINER HEARING  
MARCH 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 DEAN McCLURE on  
Thursday, March 3, 2022, through the Webex Platform.

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A P P E A R A N C E S

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KYLE PERKINS

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STATUS CONFERENCE

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1 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: So we will try to do  
2 the next group of cases in the absence of Mr. Bruce who left  
3 us with his usual "whatever" instructions. These are Items  
4 14 through 21, Cases 22359, 22360, 22361, 22362, and then I  
5 believe on the same applications, 22509, 22510, 22511 and  
6 22512. So unless there is someone else here for Ascent or  
7 Matador, we will try to move forward in Mr. Bruce's absence.  
8 COG Operating, Conoco-Phillips.

9 MS. RYAN: Good morning, Mr. Brancard. This is  
10 Beth Ryan on behalf of COG Operating LLC and Conoco-  
11 Phillips. We were the party that protested this going to  
12 hearing by affidavit today. And I have an update for you on  
13 the status when everybody has had a chance to enter their  
14 appearance.

15 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. All  
16 right. So any other entries of appearance for Cases 22359,  
17 360, 361, 362 or 22509, 510, 511, 512?

18 MR. PERKINS: This is Kyle Perkins with Matador.  
19 I'm glad to hear Mr. Bruce has a new grandkid, and I'm happy  
20 to help push things forward today in his absence.

21 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you for being  
22 here, Mr. Perkins. All right. Miss Ryan?

23 MS. RYAN: Yes, sir. The parties have resolved  
24 any differences between them, and so we would like Matador  
25 to be able to proceed on this by affidavit at the earliest

1 possible date, even possibly in two weeks since it can just  
2 go by affidavit.

3 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Excellent.

4 MS. RYAN: Yes.

5 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: You have no objection  
6 to that Mr. Perkins?

7 MR. PERKINS: No, Mr. Examiner, that sounds  
8 great. If we can continue this to March 17 and Matador will  
9 file the continuance motions, that will be great.

10 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. Well,  
11 that's going to be the key, whether somebody can file the  
12 continuance motions today.

13 MS. RYAN: I will coordinate with Mr. Perkins and  
14 help get those filed today.

15 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Excellent. Then  
16 these cases will be continued to the March 17 docket.

17 MR. PERKINS: Thank you.

18 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: And it goes without  
19 saying, I agree with Mr. Bruce's motion to consolidate these  
20 cases. So they will all be heard together.

21 (Concluded.)

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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 extremely poor to good quality.

17 Dated this 3rd day of March 2022.

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/s/ Irene Delgado

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Irene Delgado, NMCCR 253  
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