

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 MATADOR PRODUCTION
COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO Case No. 22663

APPLICATION OF MATADOR PRODUCTION
COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO Case No. 22664

APPLICATION OF MATADOR PRODUCTION
COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO Case No. 22665

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2022

STATUS CONFERENCE

This matter came on for hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, William Brancard, Esq. Hearing Examiners, John Garcia and Philip Goetze, Technical Examiners, on Thursday, April 7, 2022, via Webex Virtual Conferencing Platform hosted by the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department.

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1 (Time noted 8:45 a.m.)

2 EXAMINER BRANCARD: So let's move forward. I'm
3 on Item No. 22, Cases 22663, 22664, 22665, Matador
4 Production Company.

5 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, Jim Bruce
6 representing Matador.

7 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Tony La Russa wells.
8 Tap Rock, LLC.

9 MS. SHAHEEN: Good morning. Sharon Shaheen on
10 behalf of Tap Rock, LLC.

11 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Any other entries of
12 appearance for Cases 22663, 664, -665.

13 MS. MUNDS-DRY: Yes, Mr. Hearing Examiner.
14 Ocean Munds-Dry appearing for COG Operating, LLC, Concho
15 Oil & Gas, and Mongoose Minerals -- one you don't hear
16 very often so I want to make sure I list that one, as
17 well.

18 We entered our appearances earlier this
19 week, I believe.

20 EXAMINER BRANCARD: That was Mongoose?

21 MS. MUNDS-DRY: Yes, Mongoose. Thank you.

22 And we have no objection to the case
23 proceeding by affidavit.

24 EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. Any other entries
25 of appearance for Cases 22663, -664, -665.

1 (Note: No response.)

2 Ms. Shaheen, I believe Tap Rock has
3 objected, however, so where are we? Is Tap Rock going to
4 be filing competing cases?

5 MS. SHAHEEN: Tap Rock has filed a competing
6 case; however, the parties are negotiating and I
7 understand that they have agreed to request a continuance
8 to the next available docket. Tap Rock is hopeful that we
9 will get this resolved and Matador can move forward by
10 affidavit at that time.

11 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Mr. Bruce.

12 MR. BRUCE: Yeah, Mr. Examiner. I'm here to
13 play Let's Make a Deal with you today. I will trade two
14 dismissals for a continuance. The parties are in
15 negotiations and they have been making progress, but as
16 part of the process between Matador and Tap Rock Matador
17 has agreed to dismiss the first two cases, which are Bone
18 Spring cases, but they would like a short continuance, as
19 short as possible, on the third case, 22665, which
20 involves the Wolfcamp Formation.

21 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. We are continuing
22 this to a hearing, is that correct, from a status
23 conference?

24 MR. BRUCE: The parties are trading -- at this
25 point are trading comments on an agreement by which Tap

1 Rock would participate in Matador's well, and if that's
2 the case it would be solely by affidavit.

3 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. And so, Ms. Shaheen,
4 that means Tap Rock will not be going forward with its
5 case if all things work out?

6 MS. SHAHEEN: That's correct. Tap Rock will
7 dismiss its case once the parties have reached agreement.

8 EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right.

9 MR. BRUCE: Currently they are within a week or
10 10 days of doing so, Mr. Examiner.

11 EXAMINER BRANCARD. Okay. Are we thinking May
12 or June?

13 MR. BRUCE: I would prefer as early in May as
14 possible. Matador actually you asked me to ask for April
15 21, but that's kind of a problematic docket, shall we say.

16 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Yeah, we have 156 cases on
17 the docket right now.

18 MR. BRUCE: And only about six or seven fights.
19 Remember that, Mr. Examiner.

20 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Yeah, there are a bunch of
21 competing cases in there, too.

22 Okay. Why don't we schedule these cases
23 for May 5 -- and I'll say "these cases" because, Mr.
24 Bruce, you're free to dismiss any of these cases. And so
25 these cases, 22663, 22664, 22665 will be continued to

1 May 5th for a hearing.

2 Since I'm sensing this is not contested I'm
3 not going to issue a Scheduling Order and, Mr. Bruce, you
4 can either continue the cases or dismiss them.

5 MR. BRUCE: Yes. I will be filing a continuance
6 today on the one case and dismissals on the other two.

7 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. Any further comments,
8 then, on Cases 22663, -664, -665?

9 Are you okay. Ms. Shaheen?

10 MS. SHAHEEN: Yes, I am. Thank you, Mr.
11 Examiner.

12 MR. BRUCE: Thank you.

13 EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. So those cases
14 22663, 22664, 22665 will be set for the May 5th docket, if
15 they get continued; and if not, if they get dismissed,
16 bye-bye.

17 (Time noted 8:50 a.m.)

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