

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  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Case No. 22801

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF VIRTUAL PROCEEDINGS  
EXAMINER HEARING  
June 2, 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  
HEARING OFFICER JOHN GARCIA on Thursday, June 2,  
2022, through the Webex Platform.

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1 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: With that I  
2 call Case 22801, Matador Production.

3 MR. FELDEVERT: May it please the  
4 Examiners, Michael Feldewert with the Santa Fe  
5 office of Holland & Hart appearing on behalf of the  
6 applicant.

7 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Thank you.

8 Are there any other interested persons for  
9 Case 22801?

10 Hearing none, Mr. Feldewert.

11 MR. FELDEVERT: Mr. Examiners, this  
12 mirrors the case we just had in 22800 so I will try  
13 to accelerate my presentation.

14 It's again a directional well. We had  
15 special pool rules applicable here for what is now  
16 the Ship Strawn pool.

17 Our exhibit package is exactly the same  
18 with the exception that we have Lee Stark as a  
19 landman who has not previously testified and  
20 therefore he provides his credentials in the first  
21 paragraph of his affidavit, which I believe  
22 qualifies him as an expert of petroleum land  
23 matters.

24 He provides the same set of exhibits,  
25 again, identifying in C3 that they seek to pool the

1 parties that they have identified as uncommitted  
2 mineral interest owners, which is a group of  
3 unleased mineral owners that hold some very small  
4 interests.

5 Same structure with respect to the  
6 presentation of the well proposal, the affidavit,  
7 and then a follow-up letter following the AFE to  
8 provide more information about the well and the  
9 proposed terms of the JOA.

10 We did have a group of, as you'll see from  
11 the chronology of the contacts owners that we're  
12 unable to locate, therefore we provided an affidavit  
13 of publication directed at them.

14 Andrew Parker, again, provides his  
15 affidavit as Exhibit D, again, explaining the same  
16 thing. They're trying to hit a structural mound  
17 within the Strawn formation and explains that in  
18 more detail in his affidavit.

19 Finally Exhibit E is our -- my affidavit  
20 of notice for this particular hearing.

21 So with that, we would move the admission  
22 of Exhibits A through F and ask that this matter be  
23 taken under advisement.

24 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Thank you.

25 Mr. Garcia, any questions?

1                   TECHNICAL HEARING OFFICER GARCIA: No  
2                   questions.

3                   HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: This is a  
4                   standard location; is that correct, Mr. Feldewert?

5                   MR. FELDEVERT: I thought this was going  
6                   to be a nonstandard, but good question,  
7                   Mr. Examiner. Maybe I am getting my cases mixed up  
8                   here. Let me look at the application. According to  
9                   our application, it's going be a nonstandard  
10                  application. So I have to go through the same.

11                  HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Okay. Thank  
12                  you.

13                  Are there any other interested persons,  
14                  then, for Case 22801?

15                  Hearing none, the exhibits in evidence  
16                  will be admitted into the record and Case 22801 will  
17                  be taken under advisement.

18                  MR. FELDEVERT: Thank you, very much.

19                  HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Thank you.

20                  (Matter concluded.)

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Date: June 2, 2022

/s/ Edwina Castillo

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