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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: 22849  
APPLICATION OF MATADOR PRODUCTION  
TO AMEND ORDER,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF VIRTUAL PROCEEDINGS  
EXAMINER HEARING  
AUGUST 4, 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 JOHN GARCIA on  
Thursday, August 4, 2022, through the Webex Platform.

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1 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: I think we are now  
2 done with status conferences, so we have a number of  
3 continued cases here. I will start with Number 25, and, Mr.  
4 Bruce, you can tell me whether to include the next two  
5 items. This is case 22849, Matador Production.

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

8 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. And is  
9 this case by itself, or are you going with the next two  
10 cases also?

11 MR. BRUCE: Let me do this one alone, and then I  
12 will refer back on the next two cases.

13 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. Are there  
14 anyone else here for Case 22849?

15 (No audible response.)

16 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Hearing none, Mr.  
17 Bruce.

18 MR. BRUCE: Yes, Mr. Examiner, this case was  
19 presented four weeks ago. There was a defect in that I  
20 foolishly published notice in the wrong county, so I needed  
21 a four week continuance. So in the prior case, the usual  
22 exhibits other than the affidavit of publication were  
23 accepted into the record, and I submitted a supplemental,  
24 package of supplemental exhibits, which includes some late  
25 received green cards, that's Exhibits E and G.

1           Exhibit F is an affidavit of publication from the  
2 Hobbs newspaper and the publication was timely filed and  
3 then Exhibit H I did a spreadsheet for the Division showing  
4 the status of notice to the various parties.

5           And there were three parties that did not receive  
6 notice, but publication was made against them. So I would  
7 move the admission of Exhibits E, F, G and H, and I would  
8 note that this is one case where they seek to change the  
9 initial well -- yeah, they sought to change the initial  
10 well from a Second and Third Bone Spring -- from a Second to  
11 a Third Bone Spring well. That is the basis of this  
12 particular case.

13           HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you.  
14 Mr. Garcia, questions?

15           TECHNICAL EXAMINER GARCIA: No questions.

16           HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: I believe you have  
17 provided the information we need, Mr. Bruce, and so are  
18 there any other interested persons in case 22849?

19           (No audible response.)

20           HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Hearing none, the  
21 exhibits will be admitted into the record and case 22849  
22 will be taken under advisement.

23           (Exhibits admitted.)

24           (Taken under advisement.)

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that I reported the foregoing virtual proceedings in stenographic shorthand and that the foregoing pages are a true and correct transcript of those proceedings to the best of my ability.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am neither employed by nor related to any of the parties or attorneys in this case and that I have no interest in the final disposition of this case.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that the Virtual Proceeding was of poor to good quality.

Dated this 4th day of August 2022.

Irene Delgado  
Court Reporter  
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