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ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED
BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR
THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 14431

APPLICATION OF RANGE OPERATING
NEW MEXICO, INC. TO AMEND DIVISION
ORDER R-12344, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE
EXPANSION OF THIS CENTRALIZED FACILITY
WITH ADDITIONAL ACREAGE AND WELLS
INCLUDING COMMON TANK BATTERIES,
SURFACE COMMINGLING, OFF-LEASE
MEASUREMENT AND STORAGE FOR ITS
SCB3B BATTERY AND SALES POINT
PROJECT, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 14432

and
THE APPLICATION OF RANGE OPERATING
NEW MEXICO, INC. FOR A CENTRALIZED
FACILITY WITH AN OFF-LEASE MEASUREMENT,
STORAGE AND SALES POINT INCLUDING
SURFACE COMMINGLING, EDDY COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO.

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EXAMINER HEARING

March 4, 2010
Santa Fe, New Mexico

BEFORE: DAVID BROOKS: Hearing Examiner
WILLIAM JONES: Technical Advisor

This matter came for hearing before the New Mexico
Oil Conservation Division, David Brooks, Hearing Examiner,
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Deanna M. Poindexter
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1 HEARING EXAMINER: We'll call Case No. 14431,
2 Application of Range Operating New Mexico, Inc. to Amend
3 Division Order R-12344, and to Authorize the Expansion of
4 this Centralized Facility with Additional Acreage and
5 Wells, Including Common Tank Batteries, Surface
6 Commingling, Off-Lease Measurement and Storage for It's
7 SCB3B Battery and Sales Point Project, Eddy County,
8 New Mexico.

9 Also call Case No. 14432, Application of Range
10 Operating New Mexico, Inc. for a Centralized Facility with
11 an Off-Lease Measurement Sales Point, Including Surface
12 Commingling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Call for
13 appearances.

14 MR. KELLAHIN: Mr. Examiner, I'm Tom Kellahin of
15 the Santa Fe law firm of Kellahin and Kellahin appearing
16 this morning on behalf of the Applicant. I have one
17 witness to be sworn.

18 HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Any other appearances?
19 Very good. State your name, please.

20 MS. POINDEXTER: My name is Deanna Poindexter.

21 HEARING EXAMINER: You may proceed, Mr. Kellahin

22 MR. KELLAHIN: Thank you Mr. Examiner.
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1 DEANNA POINDEXTER,

2 the witness herein, after first being duly sworn

3 upon her oath, was examined and testified as follows:

4 DIRECT EXAMINATION

5 BY MR. KELLAHIN:

6 Q. Ms. Poindexter, for the record, would you please
7 state your name and occupation?

8 A. My name is Deanna Poindexter. I'm the District
9 Engineer for Range Resources New Mexico Assets.

10 Q. On prior occasion, Ms. Poindexter, have you
11 testified as an engineer before the Division?

12 A. Yes, I have.

13 Q. Pursuant to your employment, have you been
14 assigned the task of reviewing what we have filed
15 collectively as the B5 Battery Project and the 3B Battery
16 Project areas?

17 A. Yes, sir, that falls under my responsibilities.

18 Q. As part of that exercise, have you examined all
19 your files concerning these wells and these operations?

20 A. Yes, sir, extensively.

21 MR. KELLAHIN: Mr. Examiner, we tender
22 Ms. Poindexter as an expert engineer.

23 HEARING EXAMINER: So qualified.

24 Q. Ms. Poindexter, to get organized, describe
25 generally before we look into displays where we are when

1 we look at the 3B Battery Project in relation to the 5B
2 Battery Project.

3 A. Ranges' Loving Assets straddles the Pecos River
4 that flows from the northwest to the southeast. The 3B
5 Battery Project falls south of the River, rather southwest
6 side. The 5B Battery Project falls to the north side,
7 rather northeast side of the river.

8 Q. So let's begin our discussion with the battery
9 south of the Pecos River, which will be the 3B Battery
10 collectively.

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. Let's start with the aerial photograph, which is
13 Exhibit No. 1 in that case, and as we go through this, I
14 want to have you give us a general discussion about the
15 process in which these are all put together so that when
16 we go north of the river, you can show the Examiner where
17 the differences may occur.

18 A. Okay.

19 Q. But as a template for both project areas, I want
20 to start with the south and have you describe that.

21 A. Okay.

22 Q. First of all, let's start with the aerial
23 photograph. Have you satisfied yourself to the best of
24 your knowledge that what's depicted on the aerial
25 photograph is an accurate depiction of what is in place on

1 the ground?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. Give us a sense of what we're seeing with

4 Exhibit No. 1.

5 A. Right here you have a four section aerial
6 photograph encompassing Sections 13, 14, 23 and 24 of 23
7 South, 28 East in Eddy County.

8 What you see here, we have our batteries
9 highlighted with respect to the 3B Battery and sales point
10 that's located on the north half of Section 23.

11 The green lines indicate the flow of gas from
12 the wellhead to each lease's respective central point
13 battery. The red lines represent the flow of gas from
14 each individual battery to the sales point. And the
15 process flow --

16 Q. I'm lost. Help me again. The green lines
17 represent what?

18 A. Gas flow from the wellhead.

19 Q. And the red lines?

20 A. Represent gas flow from the battery to the sales
21 point.

22 Q. Got it. Let's get the nomenclature straight.
23 For each of these batteries, there's a bunch of different
24 ways to identify them. If we start with the -- pick any
25 you want. There's the SCB2B Battery over there in the

1 northwest?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. There are apparently a number of wells
4 associated with that battery?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. Describe for us how that is gathered.

7 A. Well, each battery -- There's a battery for each
8 lease and each lease has common ownership amongst the
9 wells on that lease feeding to that central tank battery.

10 From the wellhead is produced water, gas, and
11 oil, and that all flows to the central tank battery where
12 one well on each lease is put through test facilities at
13 least monthly, if not more often than that. The remainder
14 of the batteries are put through the main production
15 facilities.

16 Now, the process flow from the wellhead goes --
17 water, gas, and oil, goes to a separator where it's
18 separated out into its individual components. The water
19 goes to a water tank where it's held for disposal. The
20 oil is sent to a heater treater where it's further refined
21 and sent to an oil tank for storage and sales, and the gas
22 is sent through a check meter.

23 Now, if that well -- for the well that's on test
24 for that day, it has its own separate test meter to ensure
25 that we accurately record the production respective to

1 that particular well so that we can accurately allocate
2 back to each well.

3 And then combined, all gas produced on that
4 lease goes through a check meter so that we can record the
5 total gas production on that lease for that day. After it
6 leaves the check meter, it heads to the sales meter.

7 Q. Let's set aside the topo map, the aerial map as
8 a locator, and let's turn to Exhibit No. 2 where you've
9 again described this information. Let's start again,
10 then, for example with the -- In the east half of
11 Section 14, if I'm looking at the Carrasco 14-3 battery,
12 what happens at that battery, it gathers production from
13 where?

14 A. From the well that feeds to that battery. Now,
15 that happens to be on the north side of the river.

16 Q. Well -- but for example, this is true for all
17 those cases if the battery collected production, it's from
18 wells associated with common ownership?

19 A. Exactly. Exactly.

20 Q. Wherein do we cross over into the issues where
21 the interests are not common?

22 A. Once the gas leaves the check meter for each
23 individual battery and starts heading to the sales point,
24 that's when the gas streams start combining and that's
25 where you get a combination of ownership.

1 Q. Let me step back and ask you about your
2 experience with the project areas. When did you first
3 become involved in these two projects?

4 A. In early 2009, this asset was assigned under my
5 watch.

6 Q. And so how did you become involved?

7 A. I became involved as the production engineer
8 over the asset. And in the latter half of 2009, our
9 Environmental, Health and Safety Department at Range
10 conducted surveys throughout the company on all assets,
11 not Loving in particular, and they happen to identify a
12 need at the Carrasco 14-3 Battery to move an oil tank off
13 lease.

14 Q. So what did they ask you to do?

15 A. They asked me if they could move the oil tank,
16 and I said not without a permit.

17 Q. Now, which one are we looking at when you say
18 that?

19 A. The Carrasco 14-3 is in the northeast quarter of
20 Section 14.

21 Q. Okay. So that was the event that triggered your
22 search of records to see what the status was of all these
23 facilities?

24 A. Yes, sir. Once I realized the need for a permit
25 to move the oil tank, then I started tracing flow lines

1 and then became acutely aware of how our system was
2 configured and the need for surface commingling permits.

3 In that process, I delved through all of our
4 files within the company, and also online, looking for any
5 records that we may not have had copies of, and found that
6 the only thing that we had procured to that point was the
7 R Order issued in Section 23, and then pursued the process
8 to further permit everything else.

9 MR. KELLAHIN: Mr. Examiner, for your
10 information, the last exhibit in the exhibit
11 package, Exhibit 11, is a copy of the R Order that
12 Ms. Poindexter has just referred to.

13 Q. When you look at that order, Ms. Poindexter, it
14 refers to the north half of 23?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. As part of your research, have you determined
17 that all the systems for the flowing of gas and oil in the
18 tanks are already constructed and working?

19 A. Yes, sir. Consistently with every setup both
20 for the 5B and for the 3B exhibits, integrity has been
21 maintained so that production accountability is consistent
22 and is accurate in order to protect the interest owners'
23 assets.

24 Q. So even if you don't have all the necessary
25 approvals from the Division, have you satisfied yourself

1 that the actual systems in place are giving your company
2 the opportunity to properly apportion production to the
3 appropriate parties?

4 A. Without a doubt, yes, sir.

5 Q. You're satisfied all that's taking place?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. So if the Examiner will approve this order,
8 there is nothing that you would, in fact, change in what's
9 happening?

10 A. Nothing physically, no, sir.

11 Q. Let's use Exhibit No. 2 now, in association with
12 what I've marked as Exhibit No. 3, which is tabulation of
13 wells. Would you take Exhibit 3 and identify for the
14 Examiner what information is generally depicted on that
15 display so that if he needs to, he can look at that?

16 A. Yes, sir. On Exhibit 3, this is the list of all
17 wells that flow to the sales point at the SCB3B located on
18 the north half of Section 23. And on Exhibit 3, you can
19 find the well name, the well number, API, the location of
20 the well, and the production associated with the well.

21 Q. When you go back to the application that you and
22 I filed with the Division for the hearing in this case,
23 you were the engineer that helped me prepare the
24 configuration of the wells associated with the particular
25 battery?

1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. And you've satisfied yourself that if you look
3 at the application, the wells listed under a particular
4 battery will be the proper wells with the right API
5 numbers?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. And for each population of wells that are
8 associated with that battery, we're dealing with common
9 ownership at that point?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. If you'll set aside Exhibit No. 3 for a moment,
12 and let's keep the locator map out, which is No. 2, and
13 side by side with 2, if you'll look at Exhibit No. 4 for
14 me, what have you prepared here in Exhibit 4?

15 A. Exhibit 4 is a written description of what I
16 just went through orally on the flow of production from
17 the wellhead through the central tank batteries.

18 Q. And for the area facility that we've
19 characterized as the 3B Battery, the sales point is the
20 sales point that continues to exist that was approved in
21 the R Order?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. That's not changed?

24 A. No, sir.

25 Q. Am I correct in understanding that what has

1 changed is that in addition to the wells in the north half
2 of 23, we now take production from other tracts with
3 different ownership and bring it into the sales point?

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. Now, I'd like you to turn to a collective set of
6 documents that are all stapled together as one set, and
7 they start with Exhibit 5 and run through Exhibit 9.
8 Collectively, what are we looking at when we look at the
9 Exhibit Package 5 through 9, what are these?

10 A. These are battery schematics for each central
11 tank battery of interest to the SCB3B sales point.
12 There's two pages per battery. The first page has a
13 diagram of what is on the ground in the facility, and the
14 second page describes line by line each process flow
15 stream and where it goes to.

16 Q. So if Mr. Jones or Mr. Brooks desires to go
17 through the details of how this is put together, you have
18 an exhibit set for each of the batteries that's like this?

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 Q. If we look behind the schematic, do you have a
21 written-out identification list so that you can read the
22 schematic and associate what's happening at those
23 particular points?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. Let me direct your attention now,

1 Ms. Poindexter, to what is marked Range Exhibit 10.

2 MR. KELLAHIN: Mr. Examiner, Exhibit 10 is a
3 collection of documents that applies to notification.

4 Q. Ms. Poindexter, did you have the appropriate
5 staff people assist me in providing a master list of all
6 interest owners in all production associated with either
7 of these systems in these cases?

8 A. Yes, sir. Our Land Department and our
9 Regulatory Department compiled all of this.

10 Q. And you took it off your master component
11 sheets, I assume?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. And when we go through the exhibit set, you can
14 subdivide the interest as to properties that are involved
15 in the 3B Battery versus those that are associated with
16 the project areas, the 5B?

17 A. Yes, we do have a cross reference.

18 Q. Are many of the same owners associated with both
19 of those facilities?

20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. And if there was common ownership across those
22 two project areas, they received one collective notice,
23 did they not?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. But you do have the ability to go back and trace

1 and identify a particular owner associated with individual
2 well production?

3 A. Indeed.

4 Q. If you personally had an interest in any of
5 these wells --

6 A. No.

7 Q. No, I know you don't, but if you did, would you
8 be troubled by how this is put together?

9 A. No, sir.

10 Q. You would be happy with receiving what you would
11 receive from your share?

12 A. Yes, sir. There is accurate production
13 accounting responsibility and integrity maintained at each
14 site.

15 Q. Okay. I know this occurred not on your watch
16 but on someone else's watch, but if you're looking at the
17 3B Battery system, in what specific way if you find an
18 absence of the appropriate approvals from this Division,
19 at what point would it have been necessary to obtain
20 something that you didn't have?

21 A. Once the gas left the check meter and was headed
22 to the sales meter, at that point, permitting should have
23 been procured.

24 Q. And you would have filed some type of division
25 form to obtain that type of approval?

1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. And that's triggered, because at that point,
3 you're moving to different ownership tracts, is that it?

4 A. Yes, sir, at that point you're commingling
5 different interest owners.

6 Q. But up to that point, then, the taking of a
7 product from an individual well to that specific battery,
8 there's nothing wrong with doing that?

9 A. Yes. Each wellhead associated with a specific
10 battery, they share common interest ownership.

11 Q. And again, despite the lack of a permit and
12 taking production from a battery to the collective sales
13 point, did you find anything that you would otherwise
14 correct or change?

15 A. No, sir.

16 Q. Now let's turn to the specifics of the
17 application and let's look north of the river and satisfy
18 the exhibit sets for the southern case. Let me direct
19 your attention to the documents associated with Case 14432
20 and look again at Exhibit No. 1. If you'll unfold that,
21 this aerial photograph depicts what, Ms. Poindexter?

22 A. Again, we're looking at a four section aerial
23 photograph. What's in detail is Sections 11, 12, 13, and
24 14 of 23 South, 28 East in Eddy County. And what we have
25 highlighted here are the batteries and wells that flow to

1 the SCB5B Battery and sales point.

2 Again, the green lines indicate gas flow from
3 the wellhead to the central tank battery. The red lines
4 indicate gas flow from the individual batteries down to
5 the sales point.

6 Q. Okay. If you'll turn now to Exhibit No. 2 for
7 the project north of the Pecos River and identify for us
8 what Exhibit No. 2 in this case shows.

9 A. Again, we're looking at the same four section
10 area, and the yellow highlights are Ranges' leaseholds,
11 and we're seeing the same batteries with the same green
12 lines indicating gas flow from wellhead to battery, red
13 lines indicating gas flow from battery to sales point.

14 Q. And where the project area north of the Pecos
15 River maintained the same integrity for production from
16 common interests owners collectively to the first battery
17 point, if you will?

18 A. Yes, sir, the same holds true here.

19 Q. And in terms of permitting what you found south
20 of the river also occurred north of the river?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. Set aside Exhibit No. 2 for a moment and
23 identify for the record what is marked as Exhibit 3 for
24 Case 14432.

25 A. Exhibit 3 is a list of our wells flowing and

1 selling at the SCB5B sales point. Again, lease names,
2 lease numbers, API, specific well location, and production
3 associated with each individual well is located on this
4 exhibit.

5 Q. With regards to the case north of the river, did
6 you also assist in preparing the application?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And you can satisfy to the Examiner that to the
9 best of your knowledge, the wells associated with an
10 individual battery are properly identified?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Now, turn to Exhibit No. 4 in this case. Again,
13 what are you showing on Exhibit 4?

14 A. This is a written description of the process
15 flow from wellhead through the central tank batteries
16 where it separates the different production streams of
17 gas, oil and water to get each to its sales point.

18 Q. And when you look at the collective exhibits
19 that are stapled together as Exhibits 5 through 10, are
20 these the schematics and written descriptions associated
21 with the individual batteries?

22 A. Yes, sir, there's one for each.

23 Q. Those were all prepared by you?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. And then for this case, you accomplished the

1 same notification as we've already testified to?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And you've satisfied yourself that all
4 appropriate parties were sent notice for these hearings?

5 A. Yes.

6 MR. KELLAHIN: Mr. Examiner, that concludes my
7 examination of this witness. We would collectively move
8 the introduction of what is marked as Exhibits 1 through
9 11 in each of Cases 14431 and 14432.

10 HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Exhibits 1 through 11
11 in Case 14431 are admitted, and Exhibits 1 through 11 for
12 Case 14432 are admitted.

13 I think I need to understand this a little bit
14 better to see what's going on here. The arrow as shown on
15 Exhibits 1 and 2, the flow lines shown on those two
16 exhibits are the same; is that correct?

17 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

18 HEARING EXAMINER: If I understand what you said
19 correctly, each of the batteries, each of the gray
20 rectangles marked "B," is a collection point for a
21 particular lease as lease is defined in the surface
22 commingling rules; is that correct?

23 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

24 HEARING EXAMINER: So that for each of the wells
25 for which there is a green line to the nearest gray

1 rectangle, those -- the streams that flow into that
2 battery are all in common ownership?

3 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

4 HEARING EXAMINER: Now then, the red lines run
5 from one battery to another, and they all end up --
6 everything is collected at Battery No. 3 in Section 23 in
7 Case No. 14431?

8 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

9 HEARING EXAMINER: And in Case No. 14432,
10 everything is collected at Battery No. 5 down in
11 Section 13?

12 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

13 HEARING EXAMINER: But the production from those
14 batteries, the production -- the red lines are where you
15 commingle the product from different ownership; is that
16 right?

17 THE WITNESS: Gas, yes, sir.

18 HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. So then where are the
19 measuring points?

20 THE WITNESS: At each central tank battery, the
21 box is marked with a "B." They each have a check meter on
22 them. And that check meter records that lease's gas
23 production, and that leasehold has common interest
24 ownership for the wells feeding into that battery in that
25 checkpoint.

1 HEARING EXAMINER: And those are continuously
2 monitored?

3 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

4 HEARING EXAMINER: So when you talk about having
5 a meter that measures the production from a particular
6 well for one day, that is for the inflow from a particular
7 well to the battery?

8 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir. Each individual tank
9 battery, the gray box is marked with a "B," contains a
10 test meter and a check meter. Now, for each lease, one
11 well is chosen per day and it is sent through testing
12 facilities.

13 Where its individual gas streams and oil streams
14 are separated out, there is a test oil tank so that we can
15 accurately record the oil production on the well. And
16 there is a test gas meter where we can accurately record
17 the gas production from that individual well.

18 Once it leaves that test meter, it's then
19 commingled from the gas from the remaining wells on lease,
20 common interest ownership, and all of that lease is sent
21 through the check meter so that you've got continuous
22 monitoring of that lease's gas production, and then that
23 lease's gas leaves that battery.

24 HEARING EXAMINER: So you use these
25 one-day-at-a-time tests to allocate the production between

1 the particular wells?

2 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

3 HEARING EXAMINER: But not between the leases?

4 THE WITNESS: No, sir. That's what the check
5 meters do.

6 HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Now, is all this
7 production from one pool?

8 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

9 HEARING EXAMINER: And what pool is that?

10 THE WITNESS: The Lower Brushy Canyon East. No,
11 let me take that back. Let me recount that. That is true
12 in Case No. 14431 for the 3B sales point. All of those
13 wells produce out of Lower Brushy Canyon East.

14 In Case 14432, the exception here is the lease
15 known is the Teledyne 12 Federal, and that's located in
16 Section 12. And that's called the Heradura Bin Delaware
17 East.

18 HEARING EXAMINER: And is that different from
19 the other wells in this 5B Battery?

20 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

21 HEARING EXAMINER: And from what pool do the
22 other wells produce?

23 THE WITNESS: They're from the Loving Brushy
24 Canyon East, except for the SCB13 Federal 6, which is the
25 Loving Delaware East.

1 HEARING EXAMINER: There are some pool
2 comminglings, and I'm not sure I follow exactly where they
3 are, but you have product from different pools flowing
4 into the same battery?

5 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir. Well, within the
6 Teledyne Battery, that's all the same pool flowing into
7 that one lease battery.

8 HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.

9 THE WITNESS: And then that gas stream, yes,
10 sir, is commingled with other production as it heads to
11 the 5B sales point.

12 HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.

13 THE WITNESS: The SCB13 Federal 6 out of the
14 Loving Delaware East is located in Section 13, and it
15 flows directly to the SCB5B Battery where it is commingled
16 with other production from the Loving Brushy Canyon East.

17 HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Are the fluids from
18 these pools compatible?

19 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir. We have not seen any
20 issues with them.

21 HEARING EXAMINER: Now, are all -- Well, I can
22 see from the designations that's not the case. Not all of
23 the -- most of the wells, it looks like, in the 14432 case
24 are federal?

25 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

1 HEARING EXAMINER: But not all of them?

2 THE WITNESS: Right. Correct.

3 HEARING EXAMINER: Now, are there federal wells
4 in the 14431 group? I didn't see any, but --

5 THE WITNESS: No, sir, there's not.

6 HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. So the 14432, you are
7 commingling product from federal wells with product from
8 non-federal wells?

9 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir. There's only one
10 non-federal well in Case 14432.

11 HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. And where is that?

12 THE WITNESS: That is the Carrasco 14-3 located
13 on the east side of Section 14.

14 HEARING EXAMINER: East side of -- okay, the
15 Carrasco No. 3?

16 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

17 HEARING EXAMINER: Now, it has its own battery,
18 however; is that correct?

19 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

20 HEARING EXAMINER: So you are continuously
21 metering --

22 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

23 HEARING EXAMINER: -- that separately from all
24 of the other wells?

25 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

1 HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. I think that's all my
2 questions. Mr. Jones?

3 MR. JONES: Okay, basically, on the first case,
4 you're asking for a revision to R-12344?

5 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

6 MR. JONES: And to expand the project area?

7 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

8 MR. JONES: And it's the same pool. Is the pool
9 spaced on 40 acres? There's no special pool rules on
10 these pools that are involved?

11 THE WITNESS: Not that I know of, no.

12 MR. JONES: Okay. And are you asking for a
13 clause for future expansion administratively without
14 notice to the original owners?

15 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

16 HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. You're asking for
17 that. Do you use a vapor recovery on your oil tanks?

18 THE WITNESS: Not currently, no, sir.

19 MR. JONES: Do you estimate you're losing any
20 gas that way?

21 THE WITNESS: It's something that -- That's part
22 of the study that our EH&S Department is doing. Again,
23 not just the Loving area, not even just New Mexico, but
24 company wide trying to evaluate, you know, what are we
25 losing and what can we do to justify BRUs.

1 MR. JONES: Okay.

2 THE WITNESS: So I feel that's in our
3 not-too-distant future.

4 MR. JONES: Okay. And so, you've got your
5 project areas you're going to ask for here. What you're
6 asking for here are defined as aerial boundaries and
7 pools; is that correct? So this -- the actual -- I
8 understand the two pools involved, the Heradura and East
9 Loving Lower Brushy, is -- Full Brushy; is that right?

10 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

11 MR. JONES: They just named it different?

12 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

13 MR. JONES: Okay. And oil is sold at each
14 central tank battery; is that correct?

15 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir. There is on-lease oil
16 sales, and --

17 MR. JONES: So the only off lease is gas?

18 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

19 MR. JONES: And really, the only commingling is
20 gas; is that right?

21 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

22 MR. JONES: Okay.

23 THE WITNESS: But one thing we are asking for in
24 Case 14432 on the Carrasco 14-3, we are requesting an
25 off-lease oil storage and sales permit on that particular

1 well. Due to its proximity to the Pecos, we'd like to
2 move that oil tank over to the SCB5B Battery.

3 MR. JONES: Okay, down southeast?

4 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

5 MR. JONES: So you're going have to push all
6 three phases down to do that?

7 THE WITNESS: No, water --

8 MR. JONES: Oil and gas is going to be pushed
9 from that well to the 5B?

10 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir, well, in separate flow
11 lines. So everything will be separated and check metered
12 at the --

13 MR. JONES: Okay. It's off lease?

14 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir. We just want to push
15 that oil tank over to the 5B Battery location because we
16 feel that's a more secure location in relation to the
17 river.

18 HEARING EXAMINER: Which is that? Which one are
19 you moving?

20 THE WITNESS: The Carrasco 14-3.

21 MR. JONES: That's in Case 2? Isn't that the
22 second --

23 THE WITNESS: The 14432, yes, sir. So the
24 Carrasco 14-3 Battery is right there in the northeast
25 quarter of Section 14.

1 HEARING EXAMINER: Yeah.

2 THE WITNESS: And the SCB5B Battery is located
3 just southeast of there in Section 13.

4 HEARING EXAMINER: So you're going to move the
5 3 Battery down to the 5 Battery?

6 THE WITNESS: Just the oil tank.

7 HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.

8 THE WITNESS: That's what we're requesting.

9 HEARING EXAMINER: But you'll continue to
10 separately measure it?

11 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

12 MR. JONES: As far as the -- Do the oil sales in
13 this area go to the same people, it's the LACT on each
14 CTB, right?

15 THE WITNESS: We have some LACT units. It's
16 either a LACT unit, or we have truckers come and haul the
17 oil.

18 MR. JONES: Okay. And as far as the gas
19 gatherer, do you have only one choice out here, or do you
20 go to different ones depending on the prices you can get
21 and whether somebody's down that day or --

22 THE WITNESS: Well, the main gatherer for this
23 area is Southern Union. And that is the sales point for
24 the SCB5B and the 3B in the two cases that we're looking
25 at.

1 MR. JONES: Okay.

2 THE WITNESS: We do have a few smaller leases
3 that sell to -- I believe it's DCP Duke, but the gas is so
4 small that they could take it. So Southern Union was the
5 only one in this area available to take our volumes.

6 MR. JONES: Okay. I don't have any more
7 questions.

8 HEARING EXAMINER: I have no further questions
9 for the witness. Do you have anything further,
10 Mr. Kellahin?

11 MR. KELLAHIN: No, Mr. Examiner.

12 HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. The Oil Conservation
13 Division has received an e-mail from Wesley Ingram at the
14 BLM, and I don't believe that -- it doesn't show that any
15 copies were sent to Mr. Kellahin or to XTO. It states:

16 "Case 14432. Operator will need to
17 apply to BLM for approval for this off-lease
18 measurement, commingling and storage. BLM
19 requires that state and Federal production
20 be measure separately. This one could be all
21 federal, but no details on exactly which
22 portions of Sections 11, 12, 13, and 14
23 are included."

24 I believe that based on the evidence that I've
25 heard, it's my indication that you are complying with the

1 requirement that state and federal production be measured
2 separately. But as I present this to you, be aware that
3 BLM's position is that separate approvals are required.

4 MR. KELLAHIN: Thank you, Mr. Examiner.

5 HEARING EXAMINER: If there's nothing further,
6 then Cases 14431 and 14432 will be taken under advisement.

7 (Whereupon, the proceedings concluded.)


I do hereby certify that the foregoing is
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