

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:

**ORIGINAL**

APPLICATION OF CIMAREX ENERGY  
COMPANY FOR A NONSTANDARD OIL SPACING  
AND PRORATION UNIT AND COMPULSORY  
POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. 14489

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

EXAMINER HEARING

BEFORE: DAVID K. BROOKS, Presiding Examiner  
TERRY G. WARNELL, Technical Examiner

June 10, 2010

Santa Fe, New Mexico

This matter came on for hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, DAVID K. BROOKS, Presiding Examiner, and TERRY G. WARNELL, Technical Examiner, on Thursday, June 10, 2010, at the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Room 102, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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A P P E A R A N C E S

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1 EXAMINER BROOKS: At this time, we will  
2 call Case Number 14489, application of Cimarex Energy  
3 Company for a nonstandard oil spacing and proration unit  
4 and compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Call for  
5 appearances.

6 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, Jim Bruce of  
7 Santa Fe, representing the applicant. I am submitting  
8 this by affidavit.

9 EXAMINER BROOKS: Okay.

10 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, the first  
11 exhibit is the affidavit of Todd Meador, the landman for  
12 Cimarex. In this case, the applicant seeks the approval  
13 of a 160-acre nonstandard unit comprised of the west  
14 half/west half of Section 24 in 19 South, 32 East.

15 This well unit will be dedicated to the East  
16 Lusk 24 Fed. Com. Well Number 1, which is a horizontal  
17 well to be drilled commencing in the northwest  
18 quarter/northwest quarter and southward to a location in  
19 the southwest quarter/southwest quarter. Again, we are  
20 only seeking to pool the Bone Spring formation in the  
21 nonstandard unit.

22 On page 2, Mr. Examiner, let me point out that  
23 there were a number of parties listed. However, late  
24 yesterday afternoon, a number of parties signed JOAs or  
25 agreed to assign their interest. So at this point, the

1     only party being pooled is TriTex Energy A, LP. All  
2     other parties have voluntarily joined in the well.

3             The applicant requests a 200 percent risk  
4     charge for the well. In this case they request overhead  
5     rates of 6,500 per month for a drilling well and \$650 per  
6     month for a producing well. And I would point out, in  
7     case you ask, Mr. Examiner, this well was permitted in  
8     the name of Cimarex Energy Company itself, so that will  
9     be the operator of the well.

10            EXAMINER BROOKS: Okay. Cimarex Energy  
11     Company will be the operator.

12            MR. BRUCE: The offset operators or  
13     lessees are also identified. And Attachment A is simply  
14     a land plat identifying the acreage being pooled. And  
15     Exhibit B is the well proposal to TriTex. And Exhibit C  
16     is the AFE for the well, with a dry-hole cost of about  
17     1.8 and a completed well cost just under \$3.8 million for  
18     the well.

19            Exhibit 2 is the affidavit of Lee Catalano,  
20     the landman for Cimarex. And attached are a structure  
21     map and a cross-section and a directional drilling plan  
22     for the well.

23            Cimarex believes that each quarter/quarter  
24     section will be productive and that the greater reservoir  
25     lengths will increase the chances of a successful

1 economic completion.

2 Exhibit 3 is the affidavit of notice to the  
3 party being pooled. And TriTex Energy A, LP, did receive  
4 actual notice. And Exhibit 4 is the affidavit of notice  
5 to the offsets and the offset operators. Also, all these  
6 operators or working interest owners also received actual  
7 notice.

8 And with that, I move the admission of  
9 Exhibits 1 through 4.

10 EXAMINER BROOKS: 1 through 4 are  
11 admitted.

12 (Exhibits 1 through 4 were admitted.)

13 MR. BRUCE: That's it.

14 EXAMINER BROOKS: I don't believe I have  
15 any questions in this case. So Case Number 14489 will be  
16 taken under advisement.

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20 I do hereby certify that the foregoing is  
21 a complete record of the proceedings in  
the Examiner hearing of Case No. 14489  
heard by me on June 10 2010.  
22 David K. Brooks, Examiner  
23 Oil Conservation Division  
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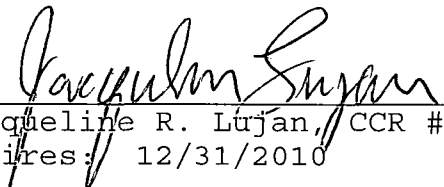
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I, JACQUELINE R. LUJAN, New Mexico CCR #91, DO  
HEREBY CERTIFY that on June 10, 2010, proceedings in the  
above captioned case were taken before me and that I did  
report in stenographic shorthand the proceedings set  
forth herein, and the foregoing pages are a true and  
correct transcription to the best of my ability.

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

WITNESS MY HAND this 23rd day of June, 2010.

  
Jacqueline R. Lujan, CCR #91  
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