

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 NO. 12,743
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APPLICATION OF TEXACO EXPLORATION AND)
PRODUCTION, INC., FOR AN UNORTHODOX)
SUBSURFACE GAS WELL LOCATION AND AN)
EXCEPTION TO DIVISION RULE 104.D (3),)
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO)
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ORIGINAL

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

EXAMINER HEARING

BEFORE: DAVID R. CATANACH, Hearing Examiner

February 7th, 2002

Santa Fe, New Mexico

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OIL CONSERVATION DIV

This matter came on for hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, DAVID R. CATANACH, Hearing Examiner, on Thursday, February 7th, 2002, at the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, 1220 South Saint Francis Drive, Room 102, Santa Fe, New Mexico, Steven T. Brenner, Certified Court Reporter No. 7 for the State of New Mexico.

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A P P E A R A N C E S

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 By: WILLIAM F. CARR

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1 WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were had at
2 8:59 a.m.:

3 EXAMINER CATANACH: Okay, at this time we'll call
4 Case 12,743, which is the reopened Application of Texaco
5 Exploration and Production, Incorporated, for an unorthodox
6 subsurface gas well location and an exception to Division
7 Rule 104.D (3), Lea County, New Mexico.

8 Call for appearances in this case.

9 MR. CARR: May it please the Examiner, my name is
10 William F. Carr with the Santa Fe office of the law firm
11 Holland and Hart, L.L.P. We represent Texaco Exploration
12 and Production, Inc., in this matter.

13 Mr. Examiner, as you will recall, this case was
14 presented on November the 1st, 2001. Following the
15 hearing, there were discussions with the Division
16 concerning the notice that had been provided to offset
17 operators, as you may recall. This matter was originally
18 filed for administrative approval, and that was the only
19 notice that had been provided to the offsetting owners.

20 Since that time we have, with the case re-opened
21 and on this docket, re-notified all offset operators, and I
22 have an affidavit that in fact confirms that that notice
23 has been provided. I would request that the affidavit,
24 which is marked as Exhibit A, be taken into the record in
25 this case and that an order be entered based on the

1 technical presentation made at the Examiner Hearing on
2 November the 1st.

3 I would move the admission of Exhibit A.

4 EXAMINER CATANACH: Exhibit A will be admitted as
5 evidence in this case.

6 Mr. Carr, do you have anything further in this
7 case?

8 MR. CARR: Nothing further, Mr. Catanach.

9 MR. CARR: If there's nothing further in this
10 case, Case 12,743 will be taken under advisement.

11 (Thereupon, these proceedings were concluded at
12 9:01 a.m.)

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18 I do hereby certify that the foregoing is
19 a correct record of the proceedings in
20 the hearing held on Case No. 12743,
21 heard by me on February 7, 1920.
22 David P. Catnach, Examiner
23 Oil Conservation Division
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CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
) ss.
 COUNTY OF SANTA FE)

I, Steven T. Brenner, Certified Court Reporter and Notary Public, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing transcript of proceedings before the Oil Conservation Division was reported by me; that I transcribed my notes; and that the foregoing is a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am not a relative or employee of any of the parties or attorneys involved in this matter and that I have no personal interest in the final disposition of this matter.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL February 8th, 2002.



STEVEN T. BRENNER
 CCR No. 7

My commission expires: October 14, 2002