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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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JANUARY 21, 2021  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

BEFORE: FELICIA ORTH, HEARING EXAMINER  
KATHLEEN MURPHY, TECHNICAL EXAMINER

This matter came on for hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, HEARING OFFICER BILL BRANCARD and TECHNICAL EXAMINER KATHLEEN MURPHY, on Thursday, January 21, 2021, via Webex Virtual Platform.

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1 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: So let's try this.  
2 Good morning It is January 21, 2021. We are in Santa Fe,  
3 New Mexico. These are the hearings of the New Mexico Oil  
4 Conservation Division. We have 40 cases on the docket  
5 today.

6 We have, as you realize, a court reporter, so ask  
7 everyone to speak clearly, loudly, avoid speaking too  
8 quickly and watch out for all the jargon that sometimes we  
9 like to delve into in the oil and gas world here. And, most  
10 importantly, when you are not speaking, please be on mute  
11 because you are, in the world of Webex, a panelist, all of  
12 you, sort of like a bad cable talk show. And so if you're  
13 not muting yourself, we are not muting you.

14 Today 40 cases. We are going to start with  
15 affidavit cases and then status conferences and then maybe  
16 even a few full hearings or two. But we are going to start  
17 with Kathleen Murphy who has a few announcements today.

18 TECHNICAL EXAMINER MURPHY: Good morning. I just  
19 have a couple of observations for submitting exhibits, and  
20 the first one is remember to only submit documents that are  
21 .pdf. If you have Excel tables, .pdf it yourself, please,  
22 and, also, if you need to like reference a well file,  
23 which is a .tif file, and you submit a .tif, we can't .pdf  
24 that, so just reference it, reference it in your, your  
25 exhibit.

1           The second item is to use the -- in .pdf there  
2 is "save as" in an "other" function, and you can reduce the  
3 file size, and you are welcome to do that. And we have been  
4 getting fairly large files in the -- through the OCD  
5 hearings or the fee portal, and that's fine, but you can  
6 also do that yourself to reduce the file size. So again,  
7 save as, other reduced file size.

8           And one last thing is a lot of the C-102s are  
9 coming in and they are either not being filled out  
10 completely or just partially, and so I will remind you to  
11 fill in the pool name and the pool code and the spacing  
12 dedication.

13           We have -- we are trying to get caught up on a  
14 number of our database issues, and so when people go in and  
15 enter data, they don't need to be going into other  
16 documents, they need to just look at the C-102 and enter the  
17 data off of that. So thank you in advance.

18           HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Thank you. And I  
19 forgot to mention, today our technical hearing examiner will  
20 be the fabulous Kathleen Murphy, and others may be joining  
21 her during the course of the day. Normally she would be  
22 sitting beside me, but apparently she is at home with her  
23 pet T-Rex there, so we will have to do this remotely.

24           Okay. Are we ready for the first case? Anything  
25 else, Marlene, that we need to do?

1 MS. SALVIDREZ: Not on my end.

2 (Examiner docket heard.)

3 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Are there any other  
4 matters coming before the Division right now? I certainly  
5 hope not.

6 (No audible response.)

7 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Hearing none, I  
8 believe that, Ms. Salvidrez, are we done for the day?

9 MS. SALVIDREZ: We sure are.

10 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Great. Time for  
11 lunch. Thanks everybody. Thanks for hanging with us  
12 through technical difficulties here today, and I'm glad we  
13 got there through it. Thank you.

14 MS. BENNETT: Thanks everyone. Bye-bye

15 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Bye.

16 (Prehearing concluded.)

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17 Dated this 21st day of January 2021.

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/s/ Irene Delgado

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