

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:

APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION COMPLIANCE
AND ENFORCEMENT BUREAU FOR A COMPLIANCE ORDER AGAINST SIANA
OPERATING, LLC FOR WELLS OPERATED
IN LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO. CASE NO. 15475

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

EXAMINER HEARING

June 9, 2016

Santa Fe, New Mexico

BEFORE: SCOTT DAWSON, CHIEF EXAMINER
MICHAEL McMILLAN, TECHNICAL EXAMINER
DAVID K. BROOKS, LEGAL EXAMINER

This matter came on for hearing before the
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, Scott Dawson,
Chief Examiner, Michael McMillan, Technical Examiner,
and David K. Brooks, Legal Examiner, on Thursday, June
9, 2016, at the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural
Resources Department, Wendell Chino Building, 1220 South
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1 (8:23 a.m.)

2 EXAMINER DAWSON: Okay. And on number two,
3 Case Number 15475, application of the New Mexico Oil
4 Conservation Division Compliance and Enforcement Bureau
5 for a compliance order against Siana Operating, LLC for
6 wells operated in Lea County, New Mexico.

7 That case has also been dismissed. There
8 has been a settlement agreement agreed upon.

9 And are you satisfied with the settlement
10 agreement on Case Number 15475, Mr. Herrmann?

11 MR. HERRMANN: Yes, Mr. Examiner. And
12 there is opposing counsel present.

13 MR. STRANAHAN: Robert Stranahan for Siana
14 Oil.

15 EXAMINER DAWSON: Okay. Do you have any
16 comments, Mr. Stranahan?

17 MR. STRANAHAN: No. We're satisfied with
18 the settlement agreement.

19 EXAMINER DAWSON: Okay. And this will also
20 include the motion -- will include your motion to
21 dismiss in the case file.

22 MR. HERRMANN: One more appearance.

23 MS. MIANO: I'm Michelle Miano representing
24 the Commissioner for Public Lands.

25 EXAMINER DAWSON: Okay.

1 MS. MIANO: We're not party to the
2 settlement, but we concur with its terms.

3 EXAMINER DAWSON: Okay. Thank you very
4 much.

5 MR. STRANAHAN: Thank you.

6 EXAMINER DAWSON: Thank you.

7 That concludes the first two cases. They
8 were dismissed.

9 (Case Number 15475 concludes, 8:23 a.m.)

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4 CERTIFICATE OF COURT REPORTER

5 I, MARY C. HANKINS, Certified Court
6 Reporter, New Mexico Certified Court Reporter No. 20,
7 and Registered Professional Reporter, do hereby certify
8 that I reported the foregoing proceedings in
9 stenographic shorthand and that the foregoing pages are
10 a true and correct transcript of those proceedings that
11 were reduced to printed form by me to the best of my
12 ability.

13 I FURTHER CERTIFY that the Reporter's
14 Record of the proceedings truly and accurately reflects
15 the exhibits, if any, offered by the respective parties.

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

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