

1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
2 ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
3 OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
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5 REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS  
6 COMMISSIONER HEARING  
7 ADOPTION OF AGENDA  
8 AND  
9 ADOPTION OF MEETING MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 10, 2016  
10 AND  
11 CONTINUATION OF CASE NUMBER 15437

12 December 5, 2016

13 Santa Fe, New Mexico

14 BEFORE: DAVID R. CATANACH, CHAIRPERSON  
15 PATRICK PADILLA, COMMISSIONER  
16 DR. ROBERT S. BALCH, COMMISSIONER  
17 CHERYL BADA, ESQ.

18 This matter came on for hearing before the  
19 New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission on Thursday,  
20 December 5, 2016, at the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and  
21 Natural Resources Department, Wendell Chino Building,  
22 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Porter Hall, Room 102,  
23 Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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1 (1:00p.m.)

2 CHAIRMAN CATANACH: Good afternoon. This  
3 is the meeting of the New Mexico Oil Conservation  
4 Commission. My name is David Catanach, Chairman of the  
5 Commission. The time is 1:00 p.m., and today's date is  
6 December 5th, 2016. This meeting is being conducted in  
7 Porter Hall within the Wendell Chino State Building. At  
8 this time I will take roll.

9 Will the Commissioners please introduce  
10 themselves for the record.

11 COMMISSIONER PADILLA: Patrick Padilla,  
12 designee for the New Mexico Commissioner of Public  
13 Lands.

14 COMMISSIONER BALCH: Dr. Robert Balch,  
15 designee of the Secretary of Energy and Minerals.

16 CHAIRMAN CATANACH: Also present is Cheryl  
17 Bada who will be sitting in as Commission attorney.

18 And I'd like to again thank Ms. Brittany  
19 Dutton who will be sitting in for Florene Davidson.

20 Commissioners, in your packets, you should  
21 have an agenda for today's meeting.

22 If you have reviewed the agenda, do I have  
23 a motion to approve the agenda?

24 COMMISSIONER PADILLA: So moved.

25 COMMISSIONER BALCH: And seconded.

1 CHAIRMAN CATANACH: All in favor?

2 (Ayes are unanimous.)

3 CHAIRMAN CATANACH: Motion to adopt today's  
4 agenda is passed.

5 Also in your packet are the draft minutes  
6 from the November 10th, 2016 Commission meeting.

7 Commissioners, do you have any changes to  
8 the minutes? And if not, is there a motion and a second  
9 to adopt the minutes?

10 COMMISSIONER BALCH: No changes, and I  
11 would move to adopt.

12 COMMISSIONER PADILLA: I have no changes,  
13 and I second that motion.

14 CHAIRMAN CATANACH: All in favor?  
15 (Ayes are unanimous.)

16 THE COURT: The minutes from the November  
17 10th, 2016 Commission hearing are hereby adopted.

18 A little business to take care of, I wanted  
19 to announce that on November 10th, we heard Case Number  
20 15437, which was the application of Caza Petroleum, Inc.  
21 for a nonstandard oil spacing and proration unit in Lea  
22 County, New Mexico. This case was continued from that  
23 date in order to allow the Commissioner of Public Lands  
24 to provide a statement to the Commission. The case was  
25 supposed to be continued to today's docket. Somehow it

1 was overlooked and did not make it. This case will be  
2 continued to the next Commission hearing, which will be  
3 conducted on January 11th, 2017. Also, we will be  
4 meeting -- the Commission will be meeting in executive  
5 session to discuss that case on January 5th.

6 (Recess 1:04 p.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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