STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY FOR [Inter Alia] NON-STANDARD SPACING AND PRORATION UNITS, COMPULSORY POOLING, AND UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATIONS, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NOS. 15547, 15548, 15549, 15550, 15551, 15552, 15562 Consolidated

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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. 15547 ORDER NO. R-13879-A

APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING AND AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This case came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on May 25, 2017, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Scott Dawson.

NOW, on this 27th day of July, 2017, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record and the recommendations of the Examiner.

- (1) Due public notice has been given, and the Division has jurisdiction of this case and of the subject matter.
- (2) Cases 15547, 15548, 15549, 15550, 15551, 15552 and 15562 were consolidated for hearing. However, a separate order is being issued in each case.
- (3) Order No. R-13879 was issued in Case No. 15143 on August 13, 2014, forming a 320-acre standard gas spacing and proration unit and project area (the "Unit") for oil and gas production from the Wolfcamp formation comprising the E/2 of Section 22, Township 26 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico and pooling all uncommitted interests in the Wolfcamp formation within the Unit.
- (4) By this application, Applicant seeks to pool the interests, if any, in the Unit of certain parties ("additional parties") whose interests are contingent on the outcome of pending litigation, and who were not notified of the prior pooling proceeding.

- (5) The Unit is dedicated to Applicant's Owl Draw 22 W1AP Federal Com Well No. 1H ("the well"; API No. 30-015-42475), a horizontal well that Applicant has drilled and completed from a surface location 230 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line (Unit P) of Section 15, to an as-drilled bottom-hole location 333 feet from the South line and 650 feet from the East line (Unit P) of Section 22, both in Township 26 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. The well's unorthodox location was approved in Order No. R-13879.
- (6) The well was originally permitted within the wildcat pool designated WC-015 5262714M; Wolfcamp (Gas) Pool (code 98140); subject to statewide Rule 19.15.15.9.B. NMAC, which provides for standard 320-acre spacing units each comprising a governmental half section, and 660-feet setbacks from the unit boundaries. It is now located in the Purple Sage; Wolfcamp (Gas) Pool (pool code 98220), subject to special pool rules that provide for 330-foot setbacks.
- (7) Applicant appeared through counsel and presented the following land and geologic evidence:
 - (a) The Wolfcamp Formation in this area is suitable for development by horizontal drilling.
 - (b) The proposed orientation of the horizontal well north to south is appropriate for the Unit.
 - (c) Notice was provided for compulsory pooling to all the additional parties by certified mail, return receipt requested.
- (8) Respondents, James Wesley Welch, Joe Michael Welch and Barbara Grace Walker (collectively "the Welch Heirs), Tuffy Oil Co.. LLC, Premier Oil & Gas, Inc., and Blair Seaton Crooke entered appearances in this case and appeared at the hearing through counsel, but did not oppose the application.
- (9) No other party or person appeared at the hearing or indicated any opposition to the granting of the application.

The Division concludes as follows:

- (10) Two or more separately owned tracts are embraced within the Unit, and/or there are royalty interests and/or undivided interests in oil and gas minerals in one or more tracts included in the Unit that are separately owned.
- (11) Applicant is owner of an oil and gas working interest within the Unit. Applicant has the right to drill and has drilled the well to, and completed the well in, a common source of supply within the Unit at the above-described location.

- (12) Respondents claim or may claim interests in the oil and gas within the Unit, and have not agreed to pool their interests, nor were they notified of the application or hearing in Case No. 15143.
- (13) None of the Respondents except Blair Seaton Crooke ("Crooke") claims a working or unleased mineral interest in the Unit.
- (14) To avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, protect correlative rights, prevent waste and afford to the owner of each interest in the Unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense a just and fair share of hydrocarbons, this application should be approved by pooling all uncommitted interests, including the interests, whatever they may be, of the additional parties in the oil and gas within the Unit, that were not effectively pooled by Order No. R-13879.
- (15) Mewbourne Oil Company should be designated the operator of the well and the Unit.
- (16) Any pooled working interest owner who does not pay its share of estimated well costs should have withheld from production its share of reasonable well costs plus an additional 200% thereof as a reasonable charge for the risk involved in drilling the well.
- (17) Reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates) should be fixed at \$7,500 per month, per well, while drilling and \$700 per month, per well, while producing, provided these rates should be adjusted annually pursuant to the overhead provisions of the COPAS form titled "Accounting Procedure-Joint Operations."
- (18) The non-standard location portion of the previous order is not required, since the subject well is within the 330-foot setback requirement of the Purple Sage: Wolfcamp (Gas) Pool.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- (1) Pursuant to the application of Mewbourne Oil Company ("Applicant"), all uncommitted interests, whatever they may be, in the oil and gas in the Wolfcamp Formation, Purple Sage: Wolfcamp (Gas) Pool (pool code 98220), underlying the E/2 of Section 22, Township 26 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico ("the Unit"), including, but not limited to the interests of additional parties, if any, are hereby pooled.
- (2) The Unit is dedicated to Applicant's Owl Draw 22 W1AP Federal Com Well No. 1H ("the well"; API No. 30-015-42475), a horizontal well that Applicant has drilled and completed from a surface location 230 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line (Unit P) of Section 15, to an as-drilled bottom-hole location, 333 feet from the South line and 650 feet from the East line (Unit P) of Section 22, both in Township 26 South, Range 27 East, NMPM. Eddy County, New Mexico.

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- (3) Upon final plugging and abandonment of the well and any other well drilled on the Unit pursuant to Division Rule 19.15.13.9 NMAC, the pooled Unit created by this Order shall terminate, unless this Order has been amended to authorize further operations.
- (4) Mewbourne Oil Company (OGRID 14744) is hereby designated the operator of the well and the Unit.
- (5) After the effective date of this Order, the operator shall furnish the Division and to each of the additional parties who owns a working or unleased interest in the Unit ("additional owners") an itemized schedule of actual costs of drilling, completing and equipping the well ("well costs").
- (6) Within 30 days from the date the schedule of well costs is furnished, the additional owners shall have the right to pay their claimed share of actual well costs to the operator in lieu of paying their share of reasonable well costs out of production as hereinafter provided. An additional owner who pays its claimed share of well costs within 30 days after receipt of the schedule of costs as provided shall remain liable for operating costs with respect to his interest, if any, but shall not be liable for risk charges. An additional owner who elects not to pay his claimed share of well costs as provided in this paragraph shall be deemed a "non-consenting additional owner."
- (7) If no objection to the actual well costs is received by the Division, and the Division has not objected, within 45 days following receipt of the schedule, the actual well costs shall be deemed to be the reasonable well costs. If there is an objection to actual well costs within the 45-day period, the Division will determine reasonable well costs after public notice and hearing.
- (8) Within 60 days following determination of reasonable well costs, any additional working interest owner who has paid his claimed share of actual costs in advance as provided above shall receive from the operator the amount, if any, that the actual well costs he has paid exceed his claimed share of reasonable well costs.
- (9) The operator is hereby authorized to withhold all proceeds of production attributable to additional owners whose interest is contingent upon the outcome of pending litigation until the litigation is terminated by settlement or final judgment and the operator is provided with satisfactory proof thereof. If a final settlement or judgment establishes that an additional owner is entitled to an interest in production from the Unit ("adjudicated interest"), the operator shall pay or deliver to such additional owner all amounts due to such owner by reason of its adjudicated interest, less amounts operator is authorized to withhold under this order, within 60 days after receipt of proof of such agreement or judgment. If a final settlement or judgment establishes that an additional owner has no interest in production from the Unit, the operator shall refund to such additional owner, without interest, any amounts he has paid as well costs pursuant to Ordering Paragraph (6) above.

- (10) The operator is further authorized to withhold from production attributable to each non-consenting additional owner's interest:
 - (a) The proportionate share of reasonable well costs attributable to such interest; and
 - (b) As a charge for the risk involved in drilling the well, 200% of the above costs.
- (11) The operator shall distribute the costs and charges withheld from production, proportionately, to the parties who advanced the well costs.
- (12) Reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates) for the well are hereby fixed at \$7.500 per month, per well, while drilling and \$700 per month, per well, while producing, provided that these rates shall be adjusted annually pursuant to the overhead provisions of the COPAS form titled "Accounting Procedure-Joint Operations." The operator is authorized to withhold from production attributable to each owner's interest the owner's proportionate share of both the supervision charges and the actual expenditures required for operating the well, not in excess of what are reasonable.
- (13) Except as provided in the foregoing paragraphs, all proceeds from production from the well that are not disbursed for any reason shall be held for the account of the person or persons entitled thereto pursuant to the Oil and Gas Proceeds Payment Act (NMSA 1978 Sections 70-10-1 through 70-10-6, as amended). If not disbursed, such proceeds shall be turned over to the appropriate authority as and when required by the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act (NMSA 1978 Sections 7-8A-1 through 70-8A-28, as amended).
- (14) Any unleased mineral interest shall be considered a seven-eighths (7/8) working interest and a one-eighth (1/8) royalty interest for the purpose of allocating costs and charges under this Order. Any well costs or charges that are to be paid out of production shall be withheld only from the working interests' share of production, and no costs or charges shall be withheld from production attributable to royalty interests.
- (15) Should all the parties to this compulsory pooling order reach voluntary agreement subsequent to entry of this Order, this order shall thereafter be of no further effect.
- (16) The operator of the well and the Unit shall notify the Division in writing of the subsequent voluntary agreement of all parties subject to the compulsory pooling provisions of this Order.
 - (17) Order No. R-13879 shall remain in effect except as modified hereby.
- (18) Jurisdiction of this case is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

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DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.



STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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DAVID R. CATANACH

Director

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. 15548 ORDER NO. R-13814-A

APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY FOR A NON-STANDARD OIL SPACING AND PRORATION UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This case came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on May 25, 2017, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Scott Dawson.

NOW, on this 27^{th} day of July, 2017, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record and the recommendations of the Examiner.

- Due public notice has been given, and the Division has jurisdiction of this
 case and of the subject matter.
- (2) Cases 15547, 15548, 15549, 15550, 15551, 15552 and 15562 were consolidated for hearing. However, a separate order is being issued in each case.
- (3) Order No. R-13814 was issued in Case No. 15088 on April 9, 2014, forming a 320-acre standard oil spacing and proration unit and project area (the "Unit") for oil and gas production from the Bone Spring Formation, Hay Hollow: Bone Spring Pool (pool code 30215), comprising the E/2 E/2 of Section 22 and the E/2 E/2 of Section 27, both in Township 26 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico and pooling all uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation within the Unit.
- (4) By this application, Applicant seeks to pool the interests, if any, in the Unit of certain parties ("additional parties") whose interests are contingent on the outcome of pending litigation, and who were not notified of the prior pooling proceeding.

- (5) The Unit is dedicated to Applicant's Owl Draw 22 27 B2AP Federal Com Well No. 1H ("the well"; API No. 30-015-41430), a horizontal well that Applicant has drilled and completed from a surface location 200 feet from the South line and 600 feet from the East line (Unit P) of Section 15, to an as-drilled bottom-hole location, 336 feet from the South line and 572 feet from the East line (Unit P) of Section 27, both in Township 26 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (6) The well is within the Hay Hollow; Bone Spring Pool and is subject to statewide Rule 19.15.15.9.A. NMAC, which provides for standard 40-acre spacing units each comprising a governmental quarter-quarter section, and 330-foot setbacks from the unit boundaries. The Unit consists of eight contiguous quarter-quarter sections aligned north to south.
- (7) Applicant appeared through counsel and presented the following land and geologic evidence:
 - (a) The Bone Spring Formation in this area is suitable for development by horizontal drilling.
 - (b) The proposed orientation of the horizontal well north to south is appropriate for the Unit.
 - (c) All quarter-quarter sections to be included in the Unit are expected to be productive in the Bone Spring formation, so that formation of the Unit as requested will not impair correlative rights.
 - (d) Notice was provided for compulsory pooling to all the additional parties by certified mail, return receipt requested.
- (8) Respondents, James Wesley Welch, Joe Michael Welch and Barbara Grace Walker (collectively "the Welch Heirs), Tuffy Oil Co., LLC, Premier Oil & Gas, Inc., and Blair Seaton Crooke entered appearances in this case and appeared at the hearing through counsel, but did not oppose the application.
- (9) No other party or person appeared at the hearing or indicated any opposition to the granting of the application.

The Division concludes as follows:

- (10) Two or more separately owned tracts are embraced within the Unit, and/or there are royalty interests and/or undivided interests in oil and gas minerals in one or more tracts included in the Unit that are separately owned.
- (11) Applicant is owner of an oil and gas working interest within the Unit. Applicant has the right to drill and has drilled the well to, and completed the well in, a common source of supply within the Unit at the above-described location.

- (12) Respondents, or some one or more of them, claim interests in the oil and gas within the Unit, and have not agreed to pool their interests, nor were they notified of the application or hearing in Case No. 15088.
- (13) None of the Respondents except Blair Seaton Crooke ("Crooke") claims a working or unleased mineral interest in the Unit.
- (14) To avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, protect correlative rights, prevent waste and afford to the owner of each interest in the Unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense a just and fair share of hydrocarbons, this application should be approved by pooling all uncommitted interests, including the interests, if any, whatever they may be, in the oil and gas within the Unit that were not effectively pooled by Order No. R-13814.
- (15) Mewbourne Oil Company should be designated the operator of the well and the Unit.
- (16) Any pooled working interest owner who does not pay its share of estimated well costs should have withheld from production its share of reasonable well costs plus an additional 200% thereof as a reasonable charge for the risk involved in drilling the well.
- (17) Reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates) should be fixed at \$7.500 per month, per well, while drilling and \$700 per month, per well, while producing, provided these rates should be adjusted annually pursuant to the overhead provisions of the COPAS form titled "Accounting Procedure-Joint Operations."

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- (1) Pursuant to the application of Mewbpurne Oil Company ("Applicant"), all uncommitted interests, whatever they may be, in the oil and gas in the Bone Spring Formation underlying the E/2 E/2 of Section 22 and the E/2 E/2 of Section 27, both in Township 26 South, Range 27 East. NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico ("the Unit"), including, but not limited to the interests of additional parties, if any, are hereby pooled.
- (2) The Unit is dedicated to Applicant's Owl Draw 22 27 B2AP Federal Com Well No. 1H ("the well"; API No. 30-015-41430), a horizontal well that Applicant has drilled and completed from a surface location 200 feet from the South line and 600 feet from the East line (Unit P) of Section 15, to an as-drilled bottom-hole location, 336 feet from the South line and 572 feet from the East line (Unit P) of Section 27, both in Township 26 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (3) Upon final plugging and abandonment of the well and any other well drilled on the Unit pursuant to Division Rule 19.15.13.9 NMAC, the pooled Unit created by this Order shall terminate, unless this Order has been amended to authorize further operations.

- (4) Mewbourne Oil Company (OGRID 14744) is hereby designated the operator of the well and the Unit.
- (5) After the effective date of this Order, the operator shall furnish the Division and to each of the additional parties who owns a working or unleased interest in the Unit ("additional owners") an itemized schedule of actual costs of drilling, completing and equipping the well ("well costs").
- (6) Within 30 days from the date the schedule of well costs is furnished, the additional owners shall have the right to pay their claimed share of actual well costs to the operator in lieu of paying their adjudicated share of reasonable well costs out of production as hereinafter provided. An additional owner who pays its claimed well costs within 30 days after receipt of the schedule of costs as provided shall remain liable for operating costs with respect to his adjudicated interest, if any, but shall not be liable for risk charges. An additional owner who elects not to pay his claimed share of well costs as provided in this paragraph shall be deemed a "non-consenting additional owner."
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- (8) Within 60 days following determination of reasonable well costs, any additional working interest owner who has paid his claimed share of actual costs in advance as provided above shall receive from the operator the amount, if any, that the actual well costs he has paid exceed his claimed share of reasonable well costs.
- (9) The operator is hereby authorized to withhold all proceeds of production attributable to additional owners whose interest is contingent upon the outcome of pending litigation until the litigation is terminated by settlement or final judgment and the operator is provided with satisfactory proof thereof. If a final settlement or judgment establishes that an additional owner is entitled to an interest in production from the Unit ("adjudicated interest"), the operator shall pay or deliver to such additional owner all amounts due to such owner by reason of its adjudicated interest, less amounts operator is authorized to withhold under this order, within 60 days after receipt of proof of such agreement of judgment. If a final settlement or judgment establishes that an additional owner has no interest in production from the Unit, the operator shall refund to such additional owner, without interest, any amounts he has paid as well costs pursuant to Ordering Paragraph (6) above
- (10) The operator is further authorized to withhold from production attributable to each non-consenting additional owner's interest:
 - (a) The proportionate share of reasonable well costs attributable to such interest; and

- (b) As a charge for the risk involved in drilling the well, 200% of the above costs.
- (11) The operator shall distribute the costs and charges withheld from production, proportionately, to the parties who advanced the well costs.
- (12) Reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates) for the well are hereby fixed at \$7,500 per month, per well, while drilling and \$700 per month, per well, while producing, provided that these rates shall be adjusted annually pursuant to the overhead provisions of the COPAS form titled "Accounting Procedure-Joint Operations." The operator is authorized to withhold from production attributable to each owner's interest the owner's proportionate share of both the supervision charges and the actual expenditures required for operating the well, not in excess of what are reasonable.
- (13) Except as provided in the foregoing paragraphs, all proceeds from production from the well that are not disbursed for any reason shall be held for the account of the person or persons entitled thereto pursuant to the Oil and Gas Proceeds Payment Act (NMSA 1978 Sections 70-10-1 through 70-10-6, as amended). If not disbursed, such proceeds shall be turned over to the appropriate authority as and when required by the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act (NMSA 1978 Sections 7-8A-1 through 70-8A-28, as amended).
- (14) Any unleased mineral interest shall be considered a seven-eighths (7/8) working interest and a one-eighth (1/8) royalty interest for the purpose of allocating costs and charges under this Order. Any well costs or charges that are to be paid out of production shall be withheld only from the working interests' share of production, and no costs or charges shall be withheld from production attributable to royalty interests.
- (15) Should all the parties to this compulsory pooling order reach voluntary agreement subsequent to entry of this Order, this order shall thereafter be of no further effect.
- (16) The operator of the well and the Unit shall notify the Division in writing of the subsequent voluntary agreement of all parties subject to the compulsory pooling provisions of this Order.
 - (17) Order No. R-13814 shall remain in effect except as modified hereby.
- (18) Jurisdiction of this case is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

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DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico. on the day and year hereinabove designated.



STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

DAVID R. CATANACH

Director

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. 15549 ORDER NO. R-13749-A

APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING AND AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This case came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on May 25, 2017, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Scott Dawson.

NOW, on this 27th day of July, 2017, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record and the recommendations of Examiner,

- (1) Due public notice has been given, and the Division has jurisdiction of this case and of the subject matter.
- (2) Cases 15547, 15548, 15549, 15550, 15551, 15552 and 15562 were consolidated for hearing. However, a separate order is being issued in each case.
- (3) Order No. R-13749 was issued in Case No. 15007 on September 18, 2013, forming a 320-acre standard gas spacing unit and project area (the "Unit") for oil and gas production from the Wolfcamp formation, comprising the W/2 of Section 23, Township 26 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico and pooling all uncommitted interests in the Wolfcamp formation within the Unit.
- (4) By this application, Applicant seeks to pool the interests, if any, in the Unit of certain parties ("additional parties") whose interests are contingent on the outcome of pending litigation, and who were not notified of the prior pooling proceeding.

- (5) The Unit is dedicated to Applicant's Owl Draw 23 DM Federal Com Well No. 1H ("the well"; API No. 30-015-41448), a horizontal well that Applicant has drilled and completed from a surface location 375 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the West line (Unit M) of Section 14, to an as-drilled bottom-hole location, 344 feet from the South line and 625 feet from the West line (Unit M) of Section 23, both in Township 26 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. The well's completed interval is at an unorthodox location that was approved by Administrative Order NSL-6820.
- (6) The well was permitted in the wildcat pool designated WC-015 5262714M Wolfcamp (Gas) Pool (code 98140) subject to statewide Rule 19.15.15.9.B. NMAC, which provides for standard 320-acre spacing units each comprising a governmental half section, and 660-foot setbacks from the unit boundaries. Now it is located in the Purple Sage; Wolfcamp (Gas) Poo (pool code 98220), which is subject to special pool rules that provide for 330-foot setbacks.
- (7) Applicant appeared through counsel and presented the following land and geologic evidence:
 - (a) The Wolfcamp Formation in this area is suitable for development by horizontal drilling.
 - (b) The proposed orientation of the horizontal well north to south is appropriate for the Unit.
 - (c) Notice was provided for compulsory pooling to all the additional parties by certified mail, return receipt requested.
- (8) Respondents, James Wesley Welch, Joe Michael Welch and Barbara Grace Walker (collectively "the Welch Heirs), Tuffy Oil Co., LLC, Premier Oil & Gas, Inc., and Blair Seaton Crooke entered appearances in this case and appeared at the hearing through counsel, but did not oppose the application.
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The Division concludes as follows:

- (10) Two or more separately owned tracts are embraced within the Unit, and/or there are royalty interests and/or undivided interests in oil and gas minerals in one or more tracts included in the Unit that are separately owned.
- (11) Applicant is owner of an oil and gas working interest within the Unit. Applicant has the right to drill and has drilled the well to, and completed the well in, a common source of supply within the Unit at the above-described location.

- (12) Respondents claim or may claim interests in the oil and gas within the Unit, and have not agreed to pool their interests, nor were they notified of the application or hearing in Case No. 15007.
- (13) None of the Respondents except Blair Seaton Crooke ("Crooke") claims a working or unleased mineral interest in the Unit.
- (14) To avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, protect correlative rights, prevent waste and afford to the owner of each interest in the Unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense a just and fair share of hydrocarbons, this application should be approved by pooling all uncommitted interests, including the interests, whatever they may be, of the additional parties in the oil and gas within the Unit that were not effectively pooled by Order No. R-13749.
- (15) Mewbourne Oil Company should be designated the operator of the well and the Unit.
- (16) Any pooled working interest owner who does not pay its share of estimated well costs should have withheld from production its share of reasonable well costs plus an additional 200% thereof as a reasonable charge for the risk involved in drilling the well.
- (17) Reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates) should be fixed at \$7,500 per month, per well, while drilling and \$700 per month, per well, while producing, provided these rates should be adjusted annually pursuant to the overhead provisions of the COPAS form titled "Accounting Procedure-Joint Operations."
- (18) The non-standard location portion of the previous order in not required, since the subject well is within the 330-foot setback requirement of the Purple Sage; Wolfcamp (Gas) Pool.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- (1) Pursuant to the application of Mewbpurne Oil Company ("Applicant"), all uncommitted interests, whatever they may be, in the oil and gas in the Wolfcamp Formation, Purple Sage; Wolfcamp (Gas) Pool (pool code 98220), underlying the W/2 of Section 23, Township 26 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico ("the Unit"), including, but not limited to the interests of additional parties, if any, are hereby pooled.
- (2) The Unit is dedicated to Applicant's Owl Draw 23 DM Federal Com Well No. 1H ("the well"; API No. 30-014-41448), a horizontal well that Applicant has drilled and completed from a surface location 375 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the West line (Unit M) of Section 14, to an as-drilled bottom-hole location, 344 feet from the South line and 625 feet from the West line (Unit M) of Section 23, both in Township 26 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

- (3) Upon final plugging and abandonment of the well and any other well drilled on the Unit pursuant to Division Rule 19.15.13.9 NMAC, the pooled Unit created by this Order shall terminate, unless this Order has been amended to authorize further operations.
- (4) Mewbourne Oil Company (OGRID 14744) is hereby designated the operator of the well and the Unit.
- (5) After the effective date of this Order, the operator shall furnish the Division and to each of the additional parties who owns or claims a working or unleased interest in the Unit ("additional owners") an itemized schedule of actual costs of drilling, completing and equipping the well ("well costs").
- (6) Within 30 days from the date the schedule of well costs is furnished, the additional owners shall have the right to pay their claimed share of actual well costs to the operator in lieu of paying their adjudicated share of reasonable well costs out of production as hereinafter provided. An additional owner who pays its claimed well costs within 30 days after receipt of the schedule of costs as provided shall remain liable for operating costs with respect to his adjudicated interest, if any, but shall not be liable for risk charges. An additional owner who elects not to pay his claimed share of well costs as provided in this paragraph shall be deemed a "non-consenting additional owner."
- (7) If no objection to the actual well costs is received by the Division, and the Division has not objected, within 45 days following receipt of the schedule, the actual well costs shall be deemed to be the reasonable well costs. If there is an objection to actual well costs within the 45-day period, the Division will determine reasonable well costs after public notice and hearing.
- (8) Within 60 days following determination of reasonable well costs, any additional working interest owner who has paid his claimed share of actual costs in advance as provided above shall receive from the operator the amount, if any, that the actual well costs he has paid exceed his claimed share of reasonable well costs.
- (9) The operator is hereby authorized to withhold all proceeds of production attributable to additional owners whose interest is contingent upon the outcome of pending litigation until the litigation is terminated by settlement or final judgment and the operator is provided with satisfactory proof thereof. If a final settlement or judgment establishes that an additional owner is entitled to an interest in production from the Unit ("adjudicated interest"), the operator shall pay or deliver to such additional owner all amounts due to such owner by reason of his adjudicated interest, less amounts operator is authorized to withhold under this order, within 60 days after receipt of proof of such agreement of judgment. If a final settlement or judgment establishes that an additional owner has no interest in production from the Unit, the operator shall refund to such additional owner, without interest, any amounts he has paid as well costs pursuant to Ordering Paragraph (6) above.

- (10) The operator is further authorized to withhold from production attributable to each non-consenting additional owner's interest:
 - (a) The proportionate share of reasonable well costs attributable to such interest; and
 - (b) As a charge for the risk involved in drilling the well, 200% of the above costs.
- (11) The operator shall distribute the costs and charges withheld from production, proportionately, to the parties who advanced the well costs.
- (12) Reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates) for the well are hereby fixed at \$7,500 per month, per well, while drilling and \$700 per month, per well, while producing, provided that these rates shall be adjusted annually pursuant to the overhead provisions of the COPAS form titled "Accounting Procedure-Joint Operations." The operator is authorized to withhold from production attributable to each owner's interest the owner's proportionate share of both the supervision charges and the actual expenditures required for operating the well, not in excess of what are reasonable.
- (13) Except as provided in the foregoing paragraphs, all proceeds from production from the well that are not disbursed for any reason shall be held for the account of the person or persons entitled thereto pursuant to the Oil and Gas Proceeds Payment Act (NMSA 1978 Sections 70-10-1 through 70-10-6, as amended). If not disbursed, such proceeds shall be turned over to the appropriate authority as and when required by the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act (NMSA 1978 Sections 7-8A-1 through 70-8A-28, as amended).
- (14) Any unleased mineral interest shall be considered a seven-eighths (7/8) working interest and a one-eighth (1/8) royalty interest for the purpose of allocating costs and charges under this Order. Any well costs or charges that are to be paid out of production shall be withheld only from the working interests' share of production, and no costs or charges shall be withheld from production attributable to royalty interests.
- (15) Should all the parties to this compulsory pooling order reach voluntary agreement subsequent to entry of this Order, this order shall thereafter be of no further effect.
- (16) The operator of the well and the Unit shall notify the Division in writing of the subsequent voluntary agreement of all parties subject to the compulsory pooling provisions of this Order.
 - (17) Order No. R-13749 shall remain in effect except as modified hereby.
- (18) Jurisdiction of this case is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

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DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

DAVID R. CATANACH

Director



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. 15550 ORDER NO. R-13751-A

APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY FOR A NON-STANDARD OIL SPACING AND PRORATION UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This case came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on May 25, 2017, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Scott Dawson.

NOW, on this 27th day of July, 2017, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record and the recommendations of the Examiner,

- (1) Due public notice has been given, and the Division has jurisdiction of this case and of the subject matter.
- (2) Cases 15547, 15548, 15549, 15550, 15551, 15552 and 15562 were consolidated for hearing. However, a separate order is being issued in each case.
- (3) Order No. R-13751 was issued in Case No. 15038 on September 18, 2013, forming a 160-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit and project area (the "Unit") for oil and gas production from the Bone Spring Formation, Hay Hollow; Bone Spring Pool (pool code 30215), comprising the W/2 W/2 of Section 23, Township 26 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico and pooling all uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation within the Unit.
- (4) By this application, Applicant seeks to pool the interests, if any, in the Unit of certain parties ("additional parties") whose interests are contingent on the outcome of pending litigation, and who were not notified of the prior pooling proceeding.

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- (5) The Unit is dedicated to Applicant's Owl Draw 23 DM Federal Com Well No. 2H ("the well"; API No. 30-015-41629), a horizontal well that Applicant has drilled and completed from a surface location 370 feet from the South line and 1055 feet from the West line (Unit M) of Section 14, to an as-drilled bottom-hole location, 334 feet from the South line and 661 feet from the West line (Unit M) of Section 23, both in Township 26 South, Range 27 East. NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (6) The well is within the Hay Hollow; Bone Spring Pool and is subject to statewide Rule 19.15.15.9.A. NMAC, which provides for standard 40-acre spacing units each comprising a governmental quarter-quarter section, and 330-foot setbacks from the unit boundaries. The Unit consists of eight quarter-quarter sections aligned north to south.
- (7) Applicant appeared through counsel and presented the following land and geologic evidence:
 - (a) The Bone Spring Formation in this area is suitable for development by horizontal drilling.
 - (b) The proposed orientation of the horizontal well north to south is appropriate for the Unit.
 - (c) All quarter-quarter sections to be included in the Unit are expected to be productive in the Bone Spring formation, so that formation of the Unit as requested will not impair correlative rights.
 - (d) Notice was provided for compulsory pooling to all the additional parties by certified mail, return receipt requested.
- (8) Respondents, James Wesley Welch, Joe Michael Welch and Barbara Grace Walker (collectively "the Welch Heirs"), Tuffy Oil Co., LLC, Premier Oil & Gas, Inc., and Blair Seaton Crooke entered appearances in this case and appeared at the hearing through counsel, but did not oppose the application.
- (9) No other party or person appeared at the hearing or indicated any opposition to the granting of the application.

The Division concludes as follows:

- (10) Two or more separately owned tracts are embraced within the Unit, and/or there are royalty interests and/or undivided interests in oil and gas minerals in one or more tracts included in the Unit that are separately owned.
- (11) Applicant is owner of an oil and gas working interest within the Unit. Applicant has the right to drill and has drilled the well to, and completed the well in, a common source of supply within the Unit at the above-described location.

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- (12) Respondents, or some one or more of them, claim interests in the oil and gas within the Unit, and have not agreed to pool their interests, nor were they notified of the application or hearing in Case No. 15038.
- (13) None of the Respondents except Blair Seaton Crooke ("Crooke") claims a working or unleased mineral interest in the Unit.
- (14) To avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, protect correlative rights, prevent waste and afford to the owner of each interest in the Unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense a just and fair share of hydrocarbons, this application should be approved by pooling all uncommitted interests, including the interests of the additional parties, whatever they may be, in the oil and gas within the Unit that were not effectively pooled by Order No. R-13751.
- (15) Mewbourne Oil Company should be designated the operator of the well and the Unit.
- (16) Any pooled working interest owner who does not pay its share of estimated well costs should have withheld from production its share of reasonable well costs plus an additional 200% thereof as a reasonable charge for the risk involved in drilling the well.
- (17) Reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates) should be fixed at \$7,500 per month, per well, while drilling and \$700 per month, per well, while producing, provided these rates should be adjusted annually pursuant to the overhead provisions of the COPAS form titled "Accounting Procedure-Joint Operations."

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- (1) Pursuant to the application of Mewbpurne Oil Company ("Applicant"), all uncommitted interests, whatever they may be, in the oil and gas in the Bone Spring Formation underlying the W/2 W/2 of Section 23 in Township 26 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico ("the Unit"), including, but not limited to the interests of additional parties, if any, are hereby pooled.
- (2) The Unit is dedicated to Applicant's Owl Draw 23 DM Federal Com Well No. 2H ("the well": API No. 30-015-41629), a horizontal well that Applicant has drilled and completed from a surface location 370 feet from the South line and 1055 feet from the West line (Unit M) of Section 14, to a bottom-hole location 334 feet from the South line and 661 feet from the West line (Unit M) of Section 23, both in Township 26 South. Range 27 East. NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (3) Upon final plugging and abandonment of the well and any other well drilled on the Unit pursuant to Division Rule 19.15.13.9 NMAC, the pooled Unit created by this Order shall terminate, unless this Order has been amended to authorize further operations.

- (4) Mewbourne Oil Company (OGRID 14744) is hereby designated the operator of the well and the Unit.
- (5) After the effective date of this Order, the operator shall furnish to the Division and to each of the additional parties who owns a working or unleased interest in the Unit ("additional owners") an itemized schedule of actual costs of drilling, completing and equipping the well ("well costs").
- (6) Within 30 days from the date the schedule of well costs is furnished, the additional owners shall have the right to pay their claimed share of actual well costs to the operator in lieu of paying their share of reasonable well costs out of production as hereinafter provided. An additional owner who pays his claimed share of well costs within 30 days after receipt of the schedule of costs as provided shall remain liable for operating costs with respect to his interest, if any, but shall not be liable for risk charges. An additional owner who elects not to pay his claimed share of well costs as provided in this paragraph shall be deemed a "non-consenting additional owner."
- (7) If no objection to the actual well costs is received by the Division, and the Division has not objected, within 45 days following receipt of the schedule, the actual well costs shall be deemed to be the reasonable well costs. If there is an objection to actual well costs within the 45-day period, the Division will determine reasonable well costs after public notice and hearing.
- (8) Within 60 days following determination of reasonable well costs, any additional owner who has paid his claimed share of actual costs in advance as provided above shall receive from the operator the amount, if any, that the actual well costs he has paid exceed his claimed share of reasonable well costs.
- (9) The operator is hereby authorized to withhold all proceeds of production attributable to additional owners whose interest is contingent upon the outcome of pending litigation until the litigation is terminated by settlement or final judgment and the operator is provided with satisfactory proof thereof. If a final settlement or judgment establishes that an additional owner is entitled to an interest in production from the Unit ("adjudicated interest"), the operator shall pay or deliver to such additional owner all amounts due to such owner by reason of its adjudicated interest, less amounts operator is authorized to withhold under this order, within 60 days after receipt of proof of such agreement of judgment. If a final settlement or judgment establishes that an additional owner has no interest in production from the Unit, the operator shall refund to such additional owner, without interest, any amounts he has paid as well costs pursuant to Ordering Paragraph (6) above.
- (10) The operator is further authorized to withhold from production attributable to each non-consenting additional owner's interest:
 - (a) The proportionate share of reasonable well costs attributable to such interest; and

- (b) As a charge for the risk involved in drilling the well, 200% of the above costs.
- (11) The operator shall distribute the costs and charges withheld from production, proportionately, to the parties who advanced the well costs.
- (12) Reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates) for the well are hereby fixed at \$7,500 per month, per well, while drilling and \$700 per month, per well, while producing, provided that these rates shall be adjusted annually pursuant to the overhead provisions of the COPAS form titled "Accounting Procedure-Joint Operations." The operator is authorized to withhold from production attributable to each owner's interest the owner's proportionate share of both the supervision charges and the actual expenditures required for operating the well, not in excess of what are reasonable.
- (13) Except as provided in the foregoing paragraphs, all proceeds from production from the well that are not disbursed for any reason shall be held for the account of the person or persons entitled thereto pursuant to the Oil and Gas Proceeds Payment Act (NMSA 1978 Sections 70-10-1 through 70-10-6, as amended). If not disbursed, such proceeds shall be turned over to the appropriate authority as and when required by the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act (NMSA 1978 Sections 7-8A-1 through 70-8A-28, as amended).
- (14) Any unleased mineral interest shall be considered a seven-eighths (7/8) working interest and a one-eighth (1/8) royalty interest for the purpose of allocating costs and charges under this Order. Any well costs or charges that are to be paid out of production shall be withheld only from the working interests' share of production, and no costs or charges shall be withheld from production attributable to royalty interests.
- (15) Should all the parties to this compulsory pooling order reach voluntary agreement subsequent to entry of this Order, this order shall thereafter be of no further effect.
- (16) The operator of the well and the Unit shall notify the Division in writing of the subsequent voluntary agreement of all parties subject to the compulsory pooling provisions of this Order.
 - (17) Order No. R-13751 shall remain in effect except as modified hereby.
- (18) Jurisdiction of this case is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

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DONE at Santa Fe. New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

DAVID R. CATANACH

Director

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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. 15551 ORDER NO. R-13959-A

APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY FOR A NON-STANDARD OIL SPACING AND PRORATION UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This case came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on May 25, 2017, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Scott Dawson.

NOW, on this 27th day of July, 2017, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record and the recommendations of Examiner,

- (1) Due public notice has been given, and the Division has jurisdiction of this case and of the subject matter.
- (2) Cases 15547, 15548, 15549, 15550, 15551, 15552 and 15562 were consolidated for hearing. However, a separate order is being issued in each case.
- (3) Order No. R-13959 was issued in Case No. 15259 on February 10, 2015, forming a 320-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit and project area (the "Unit") for oil and gas production from the Bone Spring Formation, Hay Hollow; Bone Spring Pool (pool code 30215), comprising the W/2 E/2 of Section 22 and the W/2 E/2 of Section 27, both in Township 26 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico and pooling all uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation within the Unit.
- (4) By this application, Applicant seeks to pool the interests, if any, in the Unit of certain parties ("additional parties") whose interests are contingent on the outcome of pending litigation, and who were not notified of the prior pooling proceeding.

- (5) The Unit is dedicated to Applicant's Owl Draw 22 27 B2BO Federal Com Well No. 2H ("the well"; API No. 30-015-42829), a horizontal well that Applicant has drilled and completed from a surface location 330 feet from the North line and 1585 feet from the East line (Unit B) of Section 22, to a bottom-hole location, 330 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit O) of Section 27, both in Township 26 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. The well's completed interval is unorthodox.
- (6) The well is within the Hay Hollow; Bone Spring Pool and is subject to statewide Rule 19.15.15.9.A. NMAC, which provides for standard 40-acre spacing units each comprising a governmental quarter-quarter section, and 330-foot setbacks from the unit boundaries. The Unit consists of eight contiguous quarter-quarter sections aligned from north to south.
- (7) Applicant appeared through counsel and presented the following land and geologic evidence:
 - (a) The Bone Spring Formation in this area is suitable for development by horizontal drilling.
 - (b) The proposed orientation of the horizontal well north to south is appropriate for the Unit.
 - (c) All quarter-quarter sections to be included in the Unit are expected to be productive in the Bone Spring formation, so that formation of the Unit as requested will not impair correlative rights.
 - (d) Notice was provided for compulsory pooling to all the additional parties by certified mail, return receipt requested.
- (8) Respondents, James Wesley Welch, Joe Michael Welch and Barbara Grace Walker (collectively "the Welch Heirs), Tuffy Oil Co., LLC, Premier Oil & Gas, Inc., and Blair Seaton Crooke entered appearances in this case and appeared at the hearing through counsel, but did not oppose the application.
- (9) No other party or person appeared at the hearing or indicated any opposition to the granting of the application.

The Division concludes as follows:

- (10) Two or more separately owned tracts are embraced within the Unit, and/or there are royalty interests and/or undivided interests in oil and gas minerals in one or more tracts included in the Unit that are separately owned.
- (11) Applicant is owner of an oil and gas working interest within the Unit. Applicant has the right to drill and has drilled the well to, and completed the well in, a common source of supply within the Unit at the above-described location.

- (12) Respondents, or some one or more of them, claim interests in the oil and gas within the Unit, and have not agreed to pool their interests, nor were they notified of the application or hearing in Case No. 15259.
- (13) None of the Respondents except Blair Seaton Crooke ("Crooke") claims a working or unleased mineral interest in the Unit.
- (14) To avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, protect correlative rights, prevent waste and afford to the owner of each interest in the Unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense a just and fair share of hydrocarbons, this application should be approved by pooling all uncommitted interests, including the interests, if any, whatever they may be, in the oil and gas within the Unit that were not effectively pooled by Order No. R-13959.
- (15) Mewbourne Oil Company should be designated the operator of the well and the Unit.
- (16) Any pooled working interest owner who does not pay its share of estimated well costs should have withheld from production its share of reasonable well costs plus an additional 200% thereof as a reasonable charge for the risk involved in drilling the well.
- (17) Reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates) should be fixed at \$7,500 per month, per well, while drilling and \$700 per month, per well, while producing, provided these rates should be adjusted annually pursuant to the overhead provisions of the COPAS form titled "Accounting Procedure-Joint Operations."

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- (1) Pursuant to the application of Mewbpurne Oil Company ("Applicant"), all uncommitted interests, whatever they may be, in the oil and gas in the Bone Spring Formation underlying the W/2 E/2 of Section 22 and the W/2 E/2 of Section 27, both in Township 26 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico ("the Unit"), including, but not limited to the interests of additional parties, if any, are hereby pooled.
- (2) The Unit is dedicated to Applicant's Owl Draw 22 27 B2BO Federal Com Well No. 2H ("the well"; API No. 30-015-42829), a horizontal well that Applicant has drilled and completed from a surface location 330 feet from the North line and 1585 feet from the East line (Unit B) of Section 22, to a bottom-hole location, 330 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit O) of Section 27, both in Township 26 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (3) Upon final plugging and abandonment of the well and any other well drilled on the Unit pursuant to Division Rule 19.15.13.9 NMAC, the pooled Unit created by this Order shall terminate, unless this Order has been amended to authorize further operations.

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- (4) Mewbourne Oil Company (OGRID 14744) is hereby designated the operator of the well and the Unit.
- (5) After the effective date of this Order, the operator shall furnish the Division and to each of the additional parties who owns a working or unleased interest in the Unit ("additional owners") an itemized schedule of actual costs of drilling, completing and equipping the well ("well costs").
- (6) Within 30 days from the date the schedule of well costs is furnished, the additional owners shall have the right to pay their claimed share of actual well costs to the operator in lieu of paying their share of reasonable well costs out of production as hereinafter provided. An additional owner who pays his claimed share of well costs within 30 days after receipt of the schedule of costs as provided shall remain liable for operating costs, but shall not be liable for risk charges. An additional owner who elects not to pay his claimed share of well costs as provided in this paragraph shall be deemed a "non-consenting additional owner."
- (7) If no objection to the actual well costs is received by the Division, and the Division has not objected, within 45 days following receipt of the schedule, the actual well costs shall be deemed to be the reasonable well costs. If there is an objection to actual well costs within the 45-day period, the Division will determine reasonable well costs after public notice and hearing.
- (8) Within 60 days following determination of reasonable well costs, any additional working interest owner who has paid his claimed share of actual costs in advance as provided above shall receive from the operator the amount, if any, that the actual well costs he has paid exceed his claimed share of reasonable well costs.
- (9) The operator is hereby authorized to withhold all proceeds of production attributable to additional owners whose interest is contingent upon the outcome of pending litigation until the litigation is terminated by settlement or final judgment and the operator is provided with satisfactory proof thereof. If a final settlement or judgment establishes that an additional owner is entitled to an interest in production from the Unit ("adjudicated interest"), the operator shall pay or deliver to such additional owner all amounts due to such owner by reason of his adjudicated interest, less amounts operator is authorized to withhold under this order, within 60 days after receipt of proof of such agreement or judgment. If a final settlement or judgment establishes that an additional owner has no interest in production from the Unit, the operator shall refund to such additional owner, without interest, any amounts he has paid as well costs pursuant to Ordering Paragraph (6) above.
- (10) The operator is further authorized to withhold from production attributable to each non-consenting additional owner's interest:
 - (a) The proportionate share of reasonable well costs attributable to such interest; and

- (b) As a charge for the risk involved in drilling the well, 200% of the above costs.
- (11) The operator shall distribute the costs and charges withheld from production, proportionately, to the parties who advanced the well costs.
- (12) Reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates) for the well are hereby fixed at \$7,500 per month, per well, while drilling and \$700 per month, per well, while producing, provided that these rates shall be adjusted annually pursuant to the overhead provisions of the COPAS form titled "Accounting Procedure-Joint Operations." The operator is authorized to withhold from production attributable to each owner's interest the owner's proportionate share of both the supervision charges and the actual expenditures required for operating the well, not in excess of what are reasonable.
- (13) Except as provided in the foregoing paragraphs, all proceeds from production from the well that are not disbursed for any reason shall be held for the account of the person or persons entitled thereto pursuant to the Oil and Gas Proceeds Payment Act (NMSA 1978 Sections 70-10-1 through 70-10-6, as amended). If not disbursed, such proceeds shall be turned over to the appropriate authority as and when required by the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act (NMSA 1978 Sections 7-8A-1 through 70-8A-28, as amended).
- (14) Any unleased mineral interest shall be considered a seven-eighths (7/8) working interest and a one-eighth (1/8) royalty interest for the purpose of allocating costs and charges under this Order. Any well costs or charges that are to be paid out of production shall be withheld only from the working interests' share of production, and no costs or charges shall be withheld from production attributable to royalty interests.
- (15) Should all the parties to this compulsory pooling order reach voluntary agreement subsequent to entry of this Order, this order shall thereafter be of no further effect.
- (16) The operator of the well and the Unit shall notify the Division in writing of the subsequent voluntary agreement of all parties subject to the compulsory pooling provisions of this Order.
 - (17) Order No. R-13959 shall remain in effect except as modified hereby.
- (18) Jurisdiction of this case is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

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DONE & Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.



STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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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. 15662 ORDER NO. R-14415-A

APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY FOR A NON-STANDARD SPACING AND PRORATION UNIT, COMPULSORY POOLING, AND AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This case came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on May 25, 2017 at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner William V. Jones.

NOW, on this ____ day of November 2017, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record and the recommendations of the Examiner,

- (1) Due public notice has been given, and the Division has jurisdiction of this case and of the subject matter.
- (2) Order No. R-14115 is hereby withdrawn in its entirety, and this order is issued in lieu thereof.
- (3) Mewbourne Oil Company ("Applicant"), seeks approval of a non-standard, 640-acre gas spacing unit and project area ("the Unit") in the Wolfcamp Formation, Purple Sage; Wolfcamp Pool (Pool Code 98220) underlying of the W/2 of Section 22 and the W/2 of Section 27, Township 26 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant further seeks an order pooling all uncommitted interests within the Unit in the Wolcamp formation.
- (4) The Unit will be dedicated Applicant's Owl Draw 27 22 W2NC Federal Com Well No. 2H ("the subject well"), a horizontal well that has been drilled and completed from a surface location, 170 feet from the South line and 2230 feet from the West line (Unit N) of

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Section 27 to an as drilled terminus, 339 feet from the North line and 2313 feet from the West line (Unit C) of Section 22.

- (5) Spacing in the Purple Sage; Wolfcamp (Gas) is governed by special pool rules adopted by Order No. R-14262, which provides for standard 320-acre units, each comprising a governmental half section, and 330-foot setbacks for oil or gas wells. The Unit and project area consists of two adjacent half sections.
- (6) Applicant appeared at the hearing through counsel and presented geologic evidence by affidavit to the effect that:
 - (a) This area is suitable for development by horizontal drilling, and orientation of horizontal well South to North is appropriate.
 - (b) All parts of the Unit are expected to be productive in the Wolfcamp Formation, so that approval of the Unit as requested will not impair correlative rights.
 - (c) Applicant gave notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, to all uncommitted owners within the Unit to whom notice is required for this compulsory pooling application, except for unlocatable parties. Return receipts were filed for all owners in the Unit to whom mailed notice was directed. After a diligent search Applicant gave notice to the unlocatable parties by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in Eddy County.
- (6) By this application, Applicant seeks to pool, in addition to the interests of uncommitted owners it has identified as owners of interests, the interests, if any, in the Unit of certain parties ("contingent owners") whose interests depend on the outcome of pending litigation.
- (7) The following parties entered appearances in this case and appeared at the hearing through counsel, but did not oppose the application offer testimony:

James Wesley Welch, Joe Michael Welch and Barbara Grace Walker (collectively "the Welch Heirs"), Tuffy Oil Co., LLC, Premier Oil & Gas, Inc., and Blair Seaton Crooke.

(8) The interests, if any, of the parties other than Applicant who appeared at the hearing, except Blair Seaton Crooke ("Crooke"), are now committed to the Unit by agreement, and Applicant does not seek to pool any interest of such parties. The evidence indicates that the interests of these parties are contingent on the outcome of pending litigation. However, the Division does not have jurisdiction to determine title to any interest, and no finding in this respect has been made or should be inferred.

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(9) No other party appeared at the hearing, or otherwise opposed the granting of this application.

The Division concludes that:

- (10) Approval of the proposed non-standard unit will enable Applicant to drill a horizontal well that will efficiently produce the reserves underlying the Unit, thereby preventing waste, and will not impair correlative rights.
- (11) Two or more separately owned tracts are embraced within the Unit, and/or there are royalty interests and/or undivided interests in oil and gas minerals in one or more tracts included in the Unit that are separately owned.
- (12) Applicant is an owner of an oil and gas working interest within the Unit. Applicant had the right to drill and has drilled the subject well to a common source of supply within the Unit at the above-described location.
 - (13) There are interest owners in the Unit that have not agreed to pool their interests.
- (14) To avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, protect correlative rights, prevent waste and afford to the owner of each interest in the Unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense its just and fair share of hydrocarbons, this application should be approved by pooling all uncommitted interests, whatever they may be, oil and gas in the Wolfcamp formation within the Unit.
- (15) Mewbourne Oil Company should be designated the operator of the proposed well and of the Unit.
- (16) Any pooled working interest owner who does not pay its share of estimated well costs for any well in advance should have withheld from production its share of reasonable well costs of such well plus an additional 200% thereof as a reasonable charge for the risk involved in drilling the well.
- (17) Reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates) should be fixed at \$7,500 per month, per well, while drilling and \$700 per month, per well, while producing, provided that these rates should be adjusted annually pursuant to the overhead provisions of the COPAS form titled "Accounting Procedure-Joint Operations."
- (18) The subject well was originally permitted for completion in the Welch; Wolfcamp (Gas) Pool (pool code 98017), and was subject to Rule 19.15.15.10.B NMAC, which requires well to be located no closer than 660 feet from unit boundaries, making the subject well's location unorthodox. That pool was abolished, and the completion was transferred to the Purple Sage; Wolfcamp (Gas) Pool for which special pool orders provide a setback distance of 330 feet

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from unit boundaries. Accordingly, the subject well's location is now orthodox, and the application's request for approval of an unorthodox location should be <u>dismissed</u>.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- (1) A non-standard 640-acre gas spacing and proration unit and project area ("the Unit") is hereby established for oil and gas production from the Wolfcamp Formation, Purple Sage; Wolfcamp Pool (Pool Code 98220) underlying of the W/2 of Section 22 and the W/2 of Section 27, Township 26 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, in Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (2) Pursuant to the application of Mewbourne Oil Company, all uncommitted interests, whatever they may be, in the oil and gas in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the Unit, are hereby pooled.
- (3) The Unit shall be dedicated to Applicant's Owl Draw 27 22 W2NC Federal Com Well No. 2H (API No. 30-015-43684, "the subject well"), a horizontal well that has been drilled from a surface location 170 feet from the South line and 2230 feet from the West line (Unit N) of Section 27 to an as-drilled terminus 339 feet from the North line and 2231 feet from the West line (Unit C) of Section 22. The subject well's completed intervals of both wells will be at an orthodox location.
- (4) Since the subject well's location in the Purple Sage; Wolfcamp (Gas) Pool is orthodox, the application's request for approval of an unorthodox location is <u>dismissed</u>.
- (5) Upon final plugging and abandonment of the subject well and any other well drilled on the Unit pursuant to Division Rule 19.1513.9 NMAC, the pooled unit created by this order shall terminate unless this order has been amended to authorize further operations.
- (6) Mewbourne Oil Company (OGRID 14744) is hereby designated the operator of the subject well and of the Unit.
- (7) After pooling, uncommitted working interest owners are referred to as pooled working interest owners. ("Pooled working interest owners" are owners of working interests in the Unit, including unleased mineral interests, who are not parties to an operating agreement governing the Unit.) After the effective date of this order, the operator shall furnish the Division and each known pooled working interest owner in the Unit, an itemized schedule of actual costs of drilling, completing and equipping the subject well ("well costs").
- (8) Within 30 days from the date the schedule of actual well costs is furnished, any pooled working interest owner shall have the right to pay its share of actual well costs to the operator in lieu of paying its share of reasonable well costs out of production as hereinafter provided. Any owner who pays its share of actual well costs as provided above shall remain liable for operating costs but shall not be liable for risk charges. Any pooled owner of a

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contingent interest who pays the share of actual costs corresponding to his claimed interest shall not be liable for risk charges upon any adjudicated interest he may be determined to own to the extent such adjudicated interest is less than or equal to his claimed interest. Pooled working interest owners who elect not to pay their share of estimated well costs as provided in this paragraph for either well shall thereafter be referred to as "non-consenting working interest owners."

- (9) If no objection to the actual well costs for any well is received by the Division, and the Division has not objected, within 45 days following receipt of the schedule for such well, the actual well costs shall be deemed to be the reasonable well costs. If there is an objection to actual well costs within the 45-day period, the Division will determine reasonable well costs for such well after public notice and hearing.
- (9) Within 60 days following determination of reasonable well costs for any well, any pooled working interest owner who has paid its share of actual costs of such well in advance as provided above shall receive from the operator the amount, if any, that the actual well costs it has paid for such well exceed its share of reasonable well costs.
- (10) The operator is hereby authorized to withhold all proceeds of production attributable to any owners whose interest is contingent upon the outcome of pending litigation until the litigation is terminated by settlement or final judgment and the operator is provided with satisfactory proof thereof. If a settlement or judgment establishes that a contingent owner is entitled to an interest in production from the Unit ("adjudicated interest"), the operator shall pay or deliver to such additional owner all amounts due by reason of his adjudicated interest, less amounts operator is authorized to withhold under this order, within 60 days after receipt of proof of such agreement of judgment. If a final settlement or judgment establishes that a contingent owner has no interest in production from the Unit, the operator shall refund to such contingent owner, without interest, any amounts he has paid as well costs pursuant to Ordering Paragraph (6) above.
- (10) The operator is further authorized to withhold from production attributable to each non-consenting pooled party's interest:
 - (a) The proportionate share of reasonable well costs attributable to such interest; and
 - (b) As a charge for the risk involved in drilling the well, 200% of the above costs.
- (11) The operator shall distribute the costs and charges withheld from production, proportionately, to the parties who advanced the well costs for such well.
- (12) Reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates) are hereby fixed at \$7,500 per month, per well, while drilling and \$700 per month, per well, while producing, provided that these rates shall be adjusted annually pursuant to the overhead provisions of

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COPAS form titled "Accounting Procedure-Joint Operations." The operator is authorized to withhold from production from each well the proportionate share of both the supervision charges and the actual expenditures required for operating of such well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to pooled working interest owners.

- (13) Except as provided in the foregoing paragraphs, all proceeds from production from the well that are not disbursed for any reason shall be held for the account of the person or persons entitled thereto pursuant to the Oil and Gas Proceeds Payment Act (NMSA 1978 Sections 70-10-1 through 70-10-6, as amended). If not disbursed, such proceeds shall be turned over to the appropriate authority as and when required by the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act (NMSA 1978 Sections 7-8A-1 through 70-8A-31, as amended).
- (14) Any unleased mineral interest shall be considered a seven-eighths (7/8) working interest and a one-eighth (1/8) royalty interest for the purpose of allocating costs and charges under this order. Any well costs or charges that are to be paid out of production shall be withheld only from the working interests' share of production, and no costs or charges shall be withheld from production attributable to royalty interests.
- (15) Should all the parties to this compulsory pooling order reach voluntary agreement subsequent to entry of this order, this order shall thereafter be of no further effect.
- (16) The operator shall notify the Division in writing of the subsequent voluntary agreement of all parties subject to the compulsory pooling provisions of this order.
- (17) Jurisdiction of this case is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

DAVID R. CATANACH DIRECTOR

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. 15562 ORDER NO. R-14415

APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY FOR A NON-STANDARD SPACING AND PRORATION UNIT, COMPULSORY POOLING, AND AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This case came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on May 25, 2017 at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner William V. Jones.

NOW, on this 27th day of June, 2017, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record and the recommendations of the Examiner,

FINDS THAT:

- Due public notice has been given, and the Division has jurisdiction of this
 case and of the subject matter.
- (2) Mewbourne Oil Company ("Applicant"), seeks approval of a non-standard 640-acre gas spacing unit and project area ("the Unit") in the Wolfcamp Formation, Purple Sage; Wolfcamp Pool (Pool Code 98220) underlying the W/2 of Section 22 and the W/2 of Section 27, Township 26 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant further seeks an order pooling all uncommitted interests within the Unit in the Wolcamp formation.
- (3) The Unit will be dedicated to Applicant's Owl Draw 27 22 W2NC Federal Com Well No. 2H ("the subject well"), a horizontal well that has been drilled and completed from a surface location, 170 feet from the South line and 2230 feet from the West line (Unit N) of Section 27 to an as drilled terminus, 339 feet from the North line and 2313 feet from the West line (Unit C) of Section 22.

- (4) Spacing in the Purple Sage; Wolfcamp (Gas) is governed by special pool rules adopted by Order No. R-14262, which provides for standard 320-acre units, each comprising a governmental half section, and 330-foot setbacks for oil or gas wells. The Unit and project area consists of two adjacent half sections.
- (5) Applicant appeared at the hearing through counsel and presented geologic evidence by affidavit to the effect that:
 - (a) This area is suitable for development by horizontal drilling, and orientation of horizontal well South to North is appropriate.
 - (b) All parts of the Unit are expected to be productive in the Wolfcamp Formation, so that approval of the Unit as requested will not impair correlative rights.
 - (c) Applicant gave notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, to all uncommitted owners within the Unit to whom notice is required for this compulsory pooling application, except for unlocatable parties. Return receipts were filed for all owners in the Unit to whom mailed notice was directed. After a diligent search, Applicant gave notice to the unlocatable parties by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in Eddy County.
- (6) By this application, Applicant seeks to pool, in addition to the interests of uncommitted owners it has identified as owners of interests, the interests, if any, in the Unit of certain parties ("contingent owners") whose interests depend on the outcome of pending litigation.
- (7) The following parties identified as contingent owners entered appearances in this case and appeared at the hearing through counsel, but did not oppose the application:

James Wesley Welch, Joe Michael Welch and Barbara Grace Walker (collectively "the Welch Heirs"), Tuffy Oil Co., LLC, Premier Oil & Gas, Inc., and Blair Seaton Crooke.

(8) No other party appeared at the hearing, or otherwise opposed the granting of this application.

The Division concludes that:

(9) Approval of the proposed non-standard unit will enable Applicant to drill a horizontal well that will efficiently produce the reserves underlying the Unit, thereby preventing waste, and will not impair correlative rights.

- (10) Two or more separately owned tracts are embraced within the Unit, and/or there are royalty interests and/or undivided interests in oil and gas minerals in one or more tracts included in the Unit that are separately owned.
- (11) Applicant is an owner of an oil and gas working interest within the Unit. Applicant had the right to drill and has drilled the subject well to a common source of supply within the Unit at the above-described location.
- (12) There are interest owners in the Unit that have not agreed to pool their interests.
- (13) To avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, protect correlative rights, prevent waste and afford to the owner of each interest in the Unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense its just and fair share of hydrocarbons, this application should be approved by pooling all uncommitted interests, whatever they may be, in the oil and gas in the Wolfcamp formation within the Unit.
- (14) Mewbourne Oil Company should be designated the operator of the proposed well and of the Unit.
- (15) Any pooled working interest owner who does not pay its share of estimated well costs for any well in advance should have withheld from production its share of reasonable well costs of such well plus an additional 200% thereof as a reasonable charge for the risk involved in drilling the well.
- (16) Reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates) should be fixed at \$7,500 per month, per well, while drilling and \$700 per month, per well, while producing, provided that these rates should be adjusted annually pursuant to the overhead provisions of the COPAS form titled "Accounting Procedure-Joint Operations."
- (17) The subject well was originally permitted for completion in the Welch; Wolfcamp (Gas) Pool (pool code 98017), and was subject to Rule 19.15.15.10.B NMAC, which requires a well to be located no closer than 660 feet from unit boundaries, making the subject well's location unorthodox. That pool was abolished, and the completion was transferred to the Purple Sage; Wolfcamp (Gas) Pool for which special pool orders provide a setback distance of 330 feet from unit boundaries. Accordingly, the subject well's location is now orthodox, and the application's request for approval of an unorthodox location should be dismissed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) A non-standard 640-acre gas spacing and proration unit and project area ("the Unit") is hereby established for oil and gas production from the Wolfcamp Formation, Purple Sage: Wolfcamp Pool (Pool Code 98220) underlying the W/2 of Section 22 and the W/2 of Section 27, Township 26 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, in Eddy County, New Mexico.

- (2) Pursuant to the application of Mewbourne Oil Company, all uncommitted interests, whatever they may be, in the oil and gas in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the Unit, are hereby pooled.
- (3) The Unit shall be dedicated to Applicant's Owl Draw 27 22 W2NC Federal Com Well No. 2H (API No. 30-015-43684, "the subject well"), a horizontal well that has been drilled from a surface location 170 feet from the South line and 2230 feet from the West line (Unit N) of Section 27 to an as-drilled terminus 339 feet from the North line and 2313 feet from the West line (Unit C) of Section 22. The subject well's completed intervals of both wells will be at an orthodox location.
- (4) Since the subject well's location in the Purple Sage; Wolfcamp (Gas) Pool is orthodox, the application's request for approval of an unorthodox location is <u>dismissed</u>.
- (5) Upon final plugging and abandonment of the subject well and any other well drilled on the Unit pursuant to Division Rule 19.1513.9 NMAC, the pooled unit created by this order shall terminate unless this order has been amended to authorize further operations.
- (6) Mewbourne Oil Company (OGRID 14744) is hereby designated the operator of the subject well and of the Unit.
- (7) After pooling, uncommitted working interest owners are referred to as pooled working interest owners. ("Pooled working interest owners" are owners or contingent owners of working interests in the Unit, including unleased mineral interests, who are not parties to an operating agreement governing the Unit.) After the effective date of this order, the operator shall furnish the Division and each known pooled working interest owner in the Unit, an itemized schedule of actual costs of drilling, completing and equipping the subject well ("well costs").
- (8) Within 30 days from the date the schedule of actual well costs is furnished, any pooled working interest owner shall have the right to pay its share of actual well costs to the operator in lieu of paying its share of reasonable well costs out of production as hereinafter provided. Any owner who pays its share of actual well costs as provided above shall remain liable for operating costs but shall not be liable for risk charges. Any owner of a contingent interest pays the share of actual costs corresponding to his claimed interest and shall not be liable for risk charges upon any adjudicated interest he may be determined to own to the extent such adjudicated interest is less than or equal to his claimed interest. Pooled working interest owners who elect not to pay their share of estimated well costs as provided in this paragraph for either well shall thereafter be referred to as "non-consenting working interest owners."
- (9) If no objection to the actual well costs for any well is received by the Division, and the Division has not objected, within 45 days following receipt of the schedule for such well, the actual well costs shall be deemed to be the reasonable well

costs. If there is an objection to actual well costs within the 45-day period, the Division will determine reasonable well costs for such well after public notice and hearing.

- (10) Within 60 days following determination of reasonable well costs for any well, any pooled working interest owner who has paid its share of actual costs of such well in advance as provided above shall receive from the operator the amount, if any, that the actual well costs it has paid for such well exceed its share of reasonable well costs.
- attributable to owners whose interest is contingent upon the outcome of pending litigation until the litigation is terminated by settlement or final judgment and the operator is provided with satisfactory proof thereof. If a settlement or judgment establishes that a contingent owner is entitled to an interest in production from the Unit ("adjudicated interest"), the operator shall pay or deliver to such additional owner all amounts due by reason of his adjudicated interest, less amounts operator is authorized to withhold under this order, within 60 days after receipt of proof of such agreement of judgment. If a final settlement or judgment establishes that a contingent owner has no interest in production from the Unit, the operator shall refund to such contingent owner, without interest, any amounts he has paid as well costs pursuant to Ordering Paragraph (6) above.
- (12) The operator is further authorized to withhold from production attributable to each non-consenting additional owner's interest:
 - (a) The proportionate share of reasonable well costs attributable to such interest; and
 - (b) As a charge for the risk involved in drilling the well, 200% of the above costs.
- (13) The operator shall distribute the costs and charges withheld from production, proportionately, to the parties who advanced the well costs for such well.
- (14) Reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates) are hereby fixed at \$7,500 per month, per well, while drilling and \$700 per month, per well, while producing, provided that these rates shall be adjusted annually pursuant to the overhead provisions of COPAS form titled "Accounting Procedure-Joint Operations." The operator is authorized to withhold from production from each well the proportionate share of both the supervision charges and the actual expenditures required for operating of such well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to pooled working interest owners.
- (15) Except as provided in the foregoing paragraphs, all proceeds from production from the well that are not disbursed for any reason shall be held for the account of the person or persons entitled thereto pursuant to the Oil and Gas Proceeds Payment Act (NMSA 1978 Sections 70-10-1 through 70-10-6, as amended). If not disbursed, such proceeds shall be turned over to the appropriate authority as and when

required by the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act (NMSA 1978 Sections 7-8A-1 through 70-8A-31, as amended).

- (16) Any unleased mineral interest shall be considered a seven-eighths (7/8) working interest and a one-eighth (1/8) royalty interest for the purpose of allocating costs and charges under this order. Any well costs or charges that are to be paid out of production shall be withheld only from the working interests' share of production, and no costs or charges shall be withheld from production attributable to royalty interests.
- (17) Should all the parties to this compulsory pooling order reach voluntary agreement subsequent to entry of this order, this order shall thereafter be of no further effect.
- (18) The operator shall notify the Division in writing of the subsequent voluntary agreement of all parties subject to the compulsory pooling provisions of this order.
- (19) Jurisdiction of this case is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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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. 15552 ORDER NO. R-14018-A

APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY FOR A NON-STANDARD OIL SPACING AND PRORATION UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This case came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on May 25, 2017, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Scott Dawson.

NOW, on this 27th day of July 2017, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record and the recommendations of Examiner.

FINDS THAT:

- Due public notice has been given, and the Division has jurisdiction of this
 case and of the subject matter.
- (2) Cases 15547, 15548, 15549, 15550, 15551, 15552 and 15562 were consolidated for hearing. However, a separate order is being issued in each case.
- (3) Order No. R-14018 was issued in Case No. 15298 on July 16, 2015, forming a 320-acre, non-standard oil spacing and proration unit and project area (the "Unit") for oil and gas production from the Bone Spring Formation, Hay Hollow; Bone Spring Pool (pool code 30215), comprising the W/2 W/2 of Section 22 and the W/2 W/2 of Section 27, both in Township 26 South. Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico and pooling all uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation within the Unit.
- (4) By this application, Applicant seeks to pool the interests, if any, in the Unit of certain parties ("additional parties") whose interests are contingent on the outcome of pending litigation, and who were not notified of the prior pooling proceeding.

- (5) The Unit is dedicated to Applicant's Owl Draw 27 22 B2MD Federal Com Well No. 1H ("the well"; API No. 30-015-43331), a horizontal well that Applicant has drilled and completed from a surface location 170 feet from the South line and 330 feet from the West line (Unit M) of Section 27, to an as-drilled bottom-hole location, 335 feet from the North line and 431 feet from the West line (Unit D) of Section 22, both in Township 26 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (6) The well is within the Hay Hollow; Bone Spring Pool and is subject to statewide Rule 19.15.15.9.A. NMAC, which provides for standard 40-acre spacing units each comprising a governmental quarter-quarter section, and 330-foot setbacks from the unit boundaries.
- (7) Applicant appeared through counsel and presented the following land and geologic evidence:
 - (a) The Bone Spring Formation in this area is suitable for development by horizontal drilling.
 - (b) The proposed orientation of the horizontal well south to north is appropriate for the Unit.
 - (c) All quarter-quarter sections to be included in the Unit are expected to be productive in the Bone Spring formation, so that formation of the Unit as requested will not impair correlative rights.
 - (d) Notice was provided for compulsory pooling to all the additional parties by certified mail, return receipt requested.
- (8) Respondents, James Wesley Welch, Joe Michael Welch and Barbara Grace Walker (collectively "the Welch Heirs), Tuffy Oil Co., LLC, Premier Oil & Gas, Inc., and Blair Seaton Crooke entered appearances in this case and appeared at the hearing through counsel, but did not oppose the application.
- (9) No other party or person appeared at the hearing or indicated any opposition to the granting of the application.

The Division concludes as follows:

- (10) Two or more separately owned tracts are embraced within the Unit, and/or there are royalty interests and/or undivided interests in oil and gas minerals in one or more tracts included in the Unit that are separately owned.
- (11) Applicant is owner of an oil and gas working interest within the Unit. Applicant has the right to drill and has drilled the well to, and completed the well in, a common source of supply within the Unit at the above-described location.

- (12) Respondents, or some one or more of them, claim interests in the oil and gas within the Unit, and have not agreed to pool their interests, nor were they notified of the application or hearing in Case No. 15298.
- (13) None of the Respondents except Blair Seaton Crooke ("Crooke") claims a working or unleased mineral interest in the Unit.
- (14) To avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, protect correlative rights, prevent waste and afford to the owner of each interest in the Unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense a just and fair share of hydrocarbons, this application should be approved by pooling all uncommitted interests, including the interests, if any, whatever they may be, in the oil and gas within the Unit that were not effectively pooled by Order No. R-14018.
- (15) Mewbourne Oil Company should be designated the operator of the well and the Unit.
- (16) Any pooled working interest owner who does not pay its share of estimated well costs should have withheld from production its share of reasonable well costs plus an additional 200% thereof as a reasonable charge for the risk involved in drilling the well.
- (17) Reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates) should be fixed at \$7,500 per month, per well, while drilling and \$700 per month, per well, while producing, provided these rates should be adjusted annually pursuant to the overhead provisions of the COPAS form titled "Accounting Procedure-Joint Operations."

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- (1) Pursuant to the application of Mewbpurne Oil Company ("Applicant"), all uncommitted interests, whatever they may be, in the oil and gas in the Bone Spring Formation underlying the W/2 W/2 of Section 22 and the W/2 W/2 of Section 27, both in Township 26 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico ("the Unit"), including, but not limited to the interests of additional parties, if any, are hereby pooled.
- (2) The Unit is dedicated to Applicant's Owl Draw 27 22 B2MD Federal Com Well No. 1H ("the well"; API No. 30-015-43331), a horizontal well that Applicant has drilled and completed from a surface location 170 feet from the South line and 330 feet from the West line (Unit M) of Section 27, to an as-drilled bottom-hole location, 335 feet from the North line and 431 feet from the West line (Unit D) of Section 22, both in Township 26 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (3) Upon final plugging and abandonment of the well and any other well drilled on the Unit pursuant to Division Rule 19.15.13.9 NMAC, the pooled Unit created by this Order shall terminate, unless this Order has been amended to authorize further operations.

- (4) Mewbourne Oil Company (OGRID 14744) is hereby designated the operator of the well and the Unit.
- (5) After the effective date of this Order, the operator shall furnish the Division and to each of the additional parties who claims a working or unleased interest in the Unit ("additional owners") an itemized schedule of actual costs of drilling, completing and equipping the well ("well costs").
- (6) Within 30 days from the date the schedule of well costs is furnished, the additional owners shall have the right to pay their claimed share of actual well costs to the operator in lieu of paying their share of reasonable well costs out of production as hereinafter provided. An additional owner who pays his claimed share of well costs within 30 days after receipt of the schedule of costs as provided shall remain liable for operating costs with respect to his adjudicated interest, if any, but shall not be liable for risk charges. An additional owner who elects not to pay his claimed share of well costs as provided in this paragraph he shall be deemed a "non-consenting additional owner."
- (7) If no objection to the actual well costs is received by the Division, and the Division has not objected, within 45 days following receipt of the schedule, the actual well costs shall be deemed to be the reasonable well costs. If there is an objection to actual well costs within the 45-day period, the Division will determine reasonable well costs after public notice and hearing.
- (8) Within 60 days following determination of reasonable well costs, any additional working interest owner who has paid his claimed share of actual costs in advance as provided above shall receive from the operator the amount, if any, that the actual well costs he has paid exceed his claimed share of reasonable well costs.
- (9) The operator is hereby authorized to withhold all proceeds of production attributable to additional owners whose interest is contingent upon the outcome of pending litigation until the litigation is terminated by settlement or final judgment and the operator is provided with satisfactory proof thereof. If a final settlement or judgment establishes that an additional owner is entitled to an interest in production from the Unit ("adjudicated interest"), the operator shall pay or deliver to such additional owner all amounts due to such owner by reason of its adjudicated interest, less amounts operator is authorized to withhold under this order, within 60 days after receipt of proof of such agreement of judgment. If a final settlement or judgment establishes that an additional owner has no interest in production from the Unit, the operator shall refund to such additional owner, without interest, any amounts he has paid as well costs pursuant to Ordering Paragraph (6) above.
- (10) The operator is further authorized to withhold from production attributable to each non-consenting additional owner's interest:
 - (a) The proportionate share of reasonable well costs attributable to such interest; and

- (b) As a charge for the risk involved in drilling the well, 200% of the above costs.
- (11) The operator shall distribute the costs and charges withheld from production, proportionately, to the parties who advanced the well costs.
- (12) Reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates) for the well are hereby fixed at \$7,500 per month, per well, while drilling and \$700 per month, per well, while producing, provided that these rates shall be adjusted annually pursuant to the overhead provisions of the COPAS form titled "Accounting Procedure-Joint Operations." The operator is authorized to withhold from production attributable to each owner's interest the owner's proportionate share of both the supervision charges and the actual expenditures required for operating the well, not in excess of what are reasonable.
- (13) Except as provided in the foregoing paragraphs, all proceeds from production from the well that are not disbursed for any reason shall be held for the account of the person or persons entitled thereto pursuant to the Oil and Gas Proceeds Payment Act (NMSA 1978 Sections 70-10-1 through 70-10-6, as amended). If not disbursed, such proceeds shall be turned over to the appropriate authority as and when required by the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act (NMSA 1978 Sections 7-8A-1 through 70-8A-28, as amended).
- (14) Any unleased mineral interest shall be considered a seven-eighths (7/8) working interest and a one-eighth (1/8) royalty interest for the purpose of allocating costs and charges under this Order. Any well costs or charges that are to be paid out of production shall be withheld only from the working interests' share of production, and no costs or charges shall be withheld from production attributable to royalty interests.
- (15) Should all the parties to this compulsory pooling order reach voluntary agreement subsequent to entry of this Order, this order shall thereafter be of no further effect.
- (16) The operator of the well and the Unit shall notify the Division in writing of the subsequent voluntary agreement of all parties subject to the compulsory pooling provisions of this Order.
 - (17) Order No. R-14018 shall remain in effect except as modified hereby.
- (18) Jurisdiction of this case is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

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DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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- 1 close the case, I would -- Premier Oil & Gas would
- 2 request that an order with the Division state that -- an
- 3 order that is approved would state that approval of the
- 4 applications would not be an adjudication of the title.
- 5 EXAMINER BROOKS: Yeah. I think I know
- 6 what you said, but I couldn't hear a lot of it. You
- 7 requested that the order specifically state that it's
- 8 not an adjudication of title?
- 9 MR. PADILLA: Correct.
- 10 EXAMINER BROOKS: I don't think there would
- 11 be any problem with that since we don't have any
- 12 jurisdiction to adjudicate titles.
- MR. PADILLA: I agree with that. I'm just
- 14 making sure.
- 15 (Laughter.)
- 16 EXAMINER GOETZE: Mr. Yates would
- 17 appreciate it.
- 18 EXAMINER DAWSON: Noted.
- With that, that will conclude Cases 15547,
- 20 15548, 15549, 15550, 15551, 15552 and 15562, 62 being
- 21 the main one on this caseload. And that concludes those
- 22 cases. They will all be taken under advisement. Thank
- 23 you.
- 24 (Case Numbers 15547, 15548, 15549, 15550,
- 25 15551, 15552 and 15562 conclude, 11:44

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1	through 11 are offered and admitted into
2	evidence.)
3	MR. BRUCE: Pass the witness.
. 4	EXAMINER DAWSON: Any questions,
5	Mr. Padilla?
6	MR. PADILLA: No questions.
7	EXAMINER DAWSON: Mr. Morgan?
8	MR. MORGAN: No questions.
9	EXAMINER DAWSON: Mr. Hall?
10	CROSS-EXAMINATION
11	BY MR. HALL:
12	Q. Just to check, are you able to testify about
13	the payout status of any of these wells?
14	A. I am not.
15	Q. Thank you.
16	EXAMINER DAWSON: Mr. Goetze?
17	EXAMINER GOETZE: I think we've beaten the
18	Purple Sage to death today so no further questions.
19	Thank you very much for your geology presentation.
20	EXAMINER BROOKS: No questions.
21	EXAMINER DAWSON: I have no further
22	questions. So thank you very much.
23	And that concludes this case or these
24	cases.
25	MR. PADILLA: Mr. Examiner, before you

- 1 MR. BRUCE: And, Mr. Examiner, in Case
- 2 15562, we originally asked for an unorthodox gas well
- 3 location, but that's no longer necessary because of the
- 4 Purple Sage; Wolfbone Gas Pool.
- 5 Q. (BY MR. BRUCE) One final question: In this
- 6 area, is there any faulting in either the Bone Spring or
- 7 the Wolfcamp?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. Were Exhibits 8, 9 and 10 prepared by you or
- 10 compiled from company business records?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And in your opinion, is the granting of this
- 13 application in the interest of conservation and the
- 14 prevention of waste?
- 15 A. Yes.
- MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, I move the
- 17 admission of Exhibits 8 through 11.
- 18 EXAMINER DAWSON: Any objections to the
- 19 movement of Exhibits 8 through 11 into the record?
- MR. HALL: No objection.
- MR. MORGAN: No objection.
- MR. PADILLA: No objection.
- EXAMINER DAWSON: Exhibits 8 through 11
- 24 will be admitted into the record.
- 25 (Mewbourne Oil Company Exhibit Numbers 8

- 1 A. Yes, besides the Owl Draw 22 W1AP. It targeted
- 2 a higher zone noted on this cross section as the
- 3 Wolfcamp A.
- 4 O. And what is Exhibit 10?
- 5 A. Exhibit 10 is just a detail breakout, location
- 6 data and production data, of the highlighted Wolfcamp
- 7 wells in the area.
- Q. And in response to Mr. Morgan's question, this
- 9 does give well completion data for a couple of the Owl
- 10 Draw wells; is that correct?
- 11 A. Yes, sir.
- 12 Q. So they were drilled mainly three to four years
- 13 ago, most of them?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 O. But not all?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 O. And what is Exhibit 11?
- 18 A. Exhibit 11 is our survey report from the Owl
- 19 Draw 27/22 W2NC. This just highlights survey data of
- 20 the well while drilled. And on the back page, there is
- 21 an areal and cross-sectional view schematic of the
- 22 wellbore.
- 23 O. And the wellbore will be -- the first and last
- take points will be at orthodox locations?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 navy blue horizontals, with their subsequent production
- 2 data and cross-section references is the reddish-brown
- 3 line going A to A prime.
- Q. Now, again, on this, I notice the Wolfcamp
- 5 wells in this particular area are all stand-ups. Is
- 6 there any preferential drilling orientation?
- 7 A. Not to my knowledge, no.
- Q. Okay. It's just resulted in this way from land
- 9 ownership, maybe?
- 10 A. Right.
- 11 Q. Would you identify Exhibit 9?
- 12 A. Exhibit 9 is the cross section referenced A to
- 13 A prime in the previous exhibit. This just shows the
- 14 full Wolfcamp section in the area of interest, with our
- delineated Wolfcamp zones highlighted on the left and
- 16 right of the cross section. This just shows the
- 17 Wolfcamp zone targeted. The Lower Wolfcamp D is
- 18 consistent through the area of interest.
- 19 Q. Will every quarter-quarter section in the well
- 20 unit for the Owl Draw 27/22 W2NC #2H well -- will each
- 21 quarter section contribute, more or less, equally with
- 22 production?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Has Mewbourne been drilling most of its wells
- in this immediate area down to the Wolfcamp Shale zone?

- 1 Mr. Bruce, you can call your next witness.
- CHARLES CROSBY,
- 3 after having been previously sworn under oath, was
- 4 questioned and testified as follows:
- 5 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 6 BY MR. BRUCE:
- 7 Q. Please state your name for the record.
- 8 A. Charles Crosby.
- 9 Q. And are you familiar with the Wolfcamp geology
- 10 involved in Case 15562?
- 11 A. Yes, sir.
- 12 Q. And have you also reviewed -- there are several
- 13 Bone Spring wells. Have you reviewed the Bone Spring
- 14 geology out here?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Okay. Could you identify Exhibit 8 and discuss
- 17 it for the Examiner?
- 18 A. Exhibit 8 is just a base map of the area, with
- 19 a structure contour map on top of the Wolfcamp showing
- 20 continuous and consistent structure dipping to the east.
- 21 The proration unit for the Owl Draw 27/22, W2NC is
- 22 highlighted by the dashed black box, and the wellbore
- 23 path is highlighted by the solid red arrow.
- The Wolfcamp Shale wells are highlighted by
- 25 the -- the Wolfcamp Shale wells are highlighted by the

- 1 participate, that he would receive what he paid right
- 2 now and then everything above that would be held in
- 3 suspense, or everything would be held in suspense and
- 4 then he would be reimbursed?
- 5 A. My understanding is that he would pay his
- 6 portion of the cost to drill, and that would be paid
- 7 back through revenues. But once that money is recouped,
- 8 everything in addition to that would be put in suspense
- 9 until a final judgment.
- 10 Q. So even if -- if he were to elect and there is
- 11 no final judgment, he would still be reimbursed right
- 12 now even without his --
- 13 A. That is my understanding.
- 14 Q. Okay.
- MR. BRUCE: Mr. Brooks, they're looking for
- 16 a judge to hear the final --
- 17 (Laughter.)
- MR. MORGAN: I mean, they've been looking
- 19 for a year. I think we're on judge number six now.
- 20 EXAMINER DAWSON: So does that conclude the
- 21 questions for this witness?
- MR. HALL: Yes.
- 23 EXAMINER DAWSON: We'll pass to the next
- 24 witness.
- Thank you very much.

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Mr. Mitchell, you said that were Mr. Crooke to

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- 1 Q. Now, is this -- this interest that's in
- 2 dispute, is this a leased interest or an unleased
- 3 interest?
- A. It's a mineral interest. So depending on which
- 5 way it goes, it would be leased or unleased.
- 6 O. Okay. So Premier and Concho own lease
- 7 interests --
- 8 A. Yes, sir.
- 9 Q. -- from one side of the title dispute. The
- 10 other side being unleased?
- 11 A. Correct. Yes, sir.
- MR. BRUCE: Or claim they're unleased.
- 13 EXAMINER BROOKS: I'm sorry?
- MR. BRUCE: The various heirs claim they're
- 15 unleased. Whereas, Concho and Premier claim they're
- 16 leased.
- 17 EXAMINER BROOKS: Well, the interest of --
- 18 COG and Premier hold from people who claim the title to
- 19 that interest.
- MR. BRUCE: That's correct.
- 21 EXAMINER BROOKS: But they hold leases for
- 22 those people. So the people that actually own the
- 23 underlying interest, it's leased if they -- it's leased
- 24 if one side owns it. If the other side owns it, it's
- 25 unleased.

- 1 Mr. Crooke and Mewbourne as to what the status is? Or
- 2 is there any participation agreement regarding
- 3 Mr. Crooke? What is going to be the status of his
- 4 interest?
- 5 A. We've proposed the well. So if he was to elect
- 6 to participate, I think he would go in suspense until a
- 7 final judgment is rendered.
- Q. Okay. That is what I was trying to figure out.
- 9 So he has not committed to anticipate?
- 10 A. No, sir, he has not.
- 11 Q. Whether or not his interest -- of course, if he
- doesn't have an interest, then he won't be able to
- 13 participant. But if he has an interest, he will have an
- 14 opportunity to elect as to that interest, but he won't
- 15 get paid anything?
- 16 A. Correct. That's my understanding.
- 17 O. Yeah. But he'll still have to pay his --
- 18 A. Well, I think his -- if they're paying the
- initial cost or share, the AFE, I think, we're
- 20 reimbursing that, but everything in addition to that is
- 21 put into suspense.
- 22 Q. Okay. But if he elects not to participate,
- 23 then anything that comes to his interest will be held in
- 24 suspense?
- 25 A. Yes, sir.

- 1 CONTINUED CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 2 BY EXAMINER BROOKS:
- 3 Q. That is all the heirs -- all the Welch heirs
- 4 with the exception of Mr. Crooke?
- 5 A. That's correct.
- 6 Q. For Mr. Crooke is the only one whose interest
- 7 is -- is the only uncommitted interest among the heirs?
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 Q. But, now, was the counterinterest to that
- 10 interest committed?
- 11 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 12 BY MR. BRUCE:
- 13 Q. Have either --
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. -- Premier or COG signed the JOAs?
- 16 A. Yes, sir.
- 17 CONTINUED CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 18 BY EXAMINER BROOKS:
- 19 O. Both of them?
- 20 A. Yes, sir.
- 21 Q. As to their respective interests?
- 22 A. Correct.
- 23 Q. So you will be holding that interest for the
- 24 account of Premier or COG as participants in the well if
- 25 they will prevail in the lawsuit, and it will be between

- 1 potential claimants that you know about, have they all
- 2 been noticed?
- 3 A. Yes, sir.
- 4 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, if you look at
- 5 Exhibit 5, all of the various Welch heirs are
- 6 identified.
- 7 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 8 BY MR. BRUCE:
- 9 Q. And, Mr. Mitchell, all of these people, whether
- 10 it's Premier or Concho or Mewbourne or these nine
- 11 people, their interests vary per well unit; is that
- 12 correct?
- 13 A. That's correct.
- MR. BRUCE: But there were nine -- nine --
- 15 nine heirs, and Mewbourne has come to terms with eight
- of them but only on a contingent basis because of the
- 17 Premier and COG claims.
- 18 EXAMINER BROOKS: So they have come to --
- 19 explain that again to me. I was trying to find the
- 20 exhibit.
- MR. BRUCE: I'll ask the question of
- 22 Mr. Mitchell.
- Q. (BY MR. BRUCE) Have they joined or ratified in
- 24 a contingent fashion the JOAs to the various wells?
- 25 A. Yes, sir.

- 1 A. No, sir.
- Q. Oh. So it was excepted from the pooling order?
- 3 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Now, Mr. Crooke -- or is it -- Blair, is that a
- 5 man or a woman?
- 6 MR. MORGAN: A man. Blair is a man.
- 7 EXAMINER BROOKS: One of the reasons I was
- 8 so anxious to clarify was that -- when you mentioned
- 9 Blair Crooke, I have a -- I had a cousin. She's
- 10 deceased now. But her name was Blair Brooks, which
- 11 sounds very similar, but she was a woman (laughter).
- 12 Q. (BY EXAMINER BROOKS) So anyway, Mr. Crooke,
- does he own or claim the entire interests of the --
- 14 entire disputed interest?
- 15 A. No, sir. He claims a portion of it.
- 16 Q. He claims a portion of it.
- Now, what about the other potential
- 18 claimants to that interest?
- 19 A. They all -- the respective claimants, they are
- 20 just claiming portions of it.
- 21 Q. Okay. Are there any -- are they identified in
- 22 here anywhere or --
- 23 A. No, sir. I did not list them out. I did not
- 24 break them out.
- Q. Okay. Have they all been noticed? All the

- 1 O. It's hard to know how to refer to it because
- 2 they're not successively numbered.
- 3 A. Yes, sir. Yes.
- 4 Premier is with the double asterisk in the
- 5 Wolfcamp wells. Premier did a trade with Concho as to
- 6 the Bone Spring rights. So the Bone Spring wells,
- 7 Concho actually owns that interest. So that's why they
- 8 have Concho -- or COG has the double asterisk.
- 9 Q. Okay. None of the other interests other than
- 10 those shown, Premier and Concho, are involved in the
- 11 title dispute; is that correct?
- 12 A. That's correct. The only other exception is on
- 13 the Owl Draw 23 DM. The double asterisk is next to
- 14 Mewbourne's name due to Premier farmed out its interest
- 15 in this well.
- 16 O. And which case is that?
- 17 A. That is -- would be Case 15007.
- MR. BRUCE: Today -- it's Case 15550 today.
- 19 EXAMINER DAWSON: Okay.
- 20 EXAMINER BROOKS: Okay.
- 21 Q. (BY EXAMINER BROOKS) Now, the parties that were
- 22 Premier and Concho, were they -- was the -- was the
- 23 pooled -- was the disputed interest pooled in the prior
- 24 proceedings as to those parties that claimed to own it
- 25 at that time?

- 1 is -- all the lawyers have questioned the witness,
- 2 except Mr. Padilla who has declined the opportunity.
- 3 Okay.
- 4 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 5 BY EXAMINER BROOKS:
- 6 Q. Going back to Exhibit 2, the people that do not
- 7 have either an asterisk or a double asterisk by them,
- 8 does that mean they are participating -- they are
- 9 participating parties in the wells?
- 10 A. That is correct. Yes, sir. They are under a
- 11 JOA and have participated in the wells.
- 12 Q. Okay. The single asterisk is by the people who
- 13 were -- by Corexcal and Petrorep, both of which are
- 14 unknown, right?
- 15 A. Yes, sir.
- 16 Q. And those are the only parties that were
- 17 previously pooled in the earlier proceedings?
- 18 A. That's correct. Yes, sir.
- 19 Q. Okay. Now, the interest credited to Premier
- 20 Oil Company on this list is the disputed interest?
- 21 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Well, that's on Exhibit -- on the first -- on
- 23 page 1 of Exhibit 2. Now, on page 2 -- page 1 --
- 24 well --
- 25 A. Yes, sir. Yeah. The --

- 1 A. Between Premier's leases and our protection
- 2 lease.
- 3 Q. And so at that point, since things were influx
- 4 and were for a number of years, you did not seek to
- 5 force pool these contingent interests?
- 6 A. That's correct.
- 7 Q. And Mr. Morgan asked you about the prior
- 8 contacts with his client or with Mr. Hall's clients. A
- 9 lot of that contact was through various -- Mewbourne's
- 10 attorneys and the attorneys of the other parties; is
- 11 that correct?
- 12 A. That is correct. Yes, sir.
- 13 Q. And you mentioned you had a contingent -- or
- 14 you had a release from Mr. Crooke. Mewbourne released
- 15 that lease; is that correct?
- 16 A. That's correct.
- 17 MR. BRUCE: That's all I have.
- 18 EXAMINER DAWSON: Okay. Mr. Padilla, do
- 19 you have any questions?
- MR. PADILLA: No.
- 21 EXAMINER DAWSON: Mr. Goetze?
- 22 EXAMINER GOETZE: I have no questions.
- 23 Thank you.
- 24 EXAMINER DAWSON: Mr. Brooks?
- EXAMINER BROOKS: Let's see. Everyone else

- 1 A. Prior to this -- I believe so. I'm not
- 2 positive, but I believe there were. We offered to lease
- 3 Mr. Crooke, and I think we had a lease in place at one
- 4 point.
- 5 Q. Do you recall when that might have been?
- 6 A. No, sir.
- 7 Q. Okay. I think really the last question I have
- 8 is if Mr. Crooke elects to go ahead and sign the AFE and
- 9 participate, would be put in pay status at this time?
- 10 A. I believe he'll be treated as the others and a
- 11 portion may be put in pay, but I know some, if not all,
- 12 would be in suspense.
- Q. Okay. Okay. That's all my questions.
- MR. BRUCE: Just a couple of follow-up
- 15 questions.
- 16 EXAMINER DAWSON: Okay.
- 17 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 18 BY MR. BRUCE:
- 19 Q. When the wells are [sic] drilled, the first
- 20 six, Premier was adamant that it owned those interests,
- 21 that it had leases covering those interests, the
- interests of Mr. Hall's and Mr. Morgan's clients?
- 23 A. Correct.
- Q. And I assume there are some other unrepresented
- 25 persons in this case?

- 1 any questions?
- 2 MR. MORGAN: I do just have a couple.
- 3 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 4 BY MR. MORGAN:
- 5 Q. Just to follow up on Mr. Hall's question about
- 6 the records prior -- the defects being apparent prior to
- 7 the time the wells were drilled, do you know if
- 8 Mewbourne had received a title opinion prior to the
- 9 drilling of those wells?
- 10 A. We did.
- 11 Q. And was it apparent in that title opinion that
- 12 there were defects?
- 13 A. There was.
- 14 Q. Okay. Okay. And when were those drills -- I
- 15 know it's in the record. When were those drills -- when
- 16 were they spud?
- 17 A. At various dates.
- 18 Q. Do you recall the earliest year?
- 19 A. I do not. It was -- I'm not sure. I'd
- 20 probably have to say 2012 -- I'm not sure.
- Q. Okay. That's fine. So around 2012. Okay.
- 22 And in Exhibit -- sorry -- back to Exhibit
- 23 3, the summary of communications, do you recall if there
- 24 were -- if there was correspondence or communications
- 25 with Mr. Crooke prior to this letter?

- 1 sir. I thought you were talking -- yes, sir, we have.
- 2 Q. And Mewbourne received tenders of estimated
- 3 well costs for the participation of election; is that
- 4 right?
- 5 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And are these revenues being maintained in
- 7 accounts separate from the joint account because of the
- 8 litigation?
- 9 A. Yes, sir. That is my understanding. Yes, sir.
- 10 Q. Are you able to testify about the payout status
- 11 of all of these wells?
- 12 A. I am not.
- Q. Can your geologist answer that for us?
- 14 A. I do not believe so.
- 15 Q. All right. Have some of them indeed paid out?
- 16 A. I'm not 100 percent sure on that. I'd have to
- 17 check into it further.
- 18 Q. That's all I have. Thank you.
- 19 MR. BRUCE: If I may interject, I believe,
- 20 Mr. Hall, that Mewbourne's attorneys have been in touch
- 21 with Kelly, Hart & Hallman regarding payout status on
- 22 some of them, but I do not know.
- MR. HALL: Okay. I'm always the last to
- 24 know.
- EXAMINER DAWSON: Mr. Morgan, do you have

- 1 A. I'm not sure I follow your question.
- 2 Q. There were defects to title that led to the
- 3 litigation; is that correct?
- 4 A. Correct. Yes, sir.
- 5 Q. And were those discovered by Mewbourne?
- 6 A. Yes, sir.
- 7 Q. And they were from instruments of record that
- 8 were filed prior to the time these wells were drilled?
- 9 A. Yes, sir.
- 10 Q. In view of those competing claims, did
- 11 Mewbourne offer elections to the competing claimants to
- 12 participate in the well?
- 13 A. We took a protection lease that we thought
- 14 covered our bases, which now we know is not the case.
- 15 Q. And did you receive a permit of --
- 16 participation of elections from some of the competing
- 17 claimants?
- 18 A. As in Premier?
- 19 O. Premier --
- 20 A. Is that what you're getting at?
- Q. -- among others.
- 22 Yes.
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. As well as the Welch heirs?
- 25 A. No. Well, yes. Yes, yes. Now we have. Yes,

- 1 Q. And in your opinion, is the granting of the
- 2 pooling in these seven cases in the interest of
- 3 conservation and the prevention of waste?
- 4 A. Yes, sir.
- 5 MR. BRUCE: I move the admission of
- 6 Exhibits 1 through 7.
- 7 EXAMINER DAWSON: Any objections to the
- 8 movement of Exhibits 1 through 7?
- 9 MR. HALL: No objection.
- MR. PADILLA: No objection.
- MR. MORGAN: No objection.
- EXAMINER DAWSON: Exhibits 1 through 7 will
- 13 be admitted into the record.
- 14 (Mewbourne Oil Company Exhibit Numbers 1
- through 7 are offered and admitted into
- 16 evidence.)
- MR. BRUCE: Pass the witness.
- 18 EXAMINER DAWSON: Mr. Padilla first.
- 19 MR. PADILLA: I don't have any questions.
- 20 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 21 BY MR. HALL:
- Q. Mr. Mitchell, were the competing claims to the
- 23 title letter now in the litigation apparent from an
- 24 examination of instruments of record at the time these
- 25 wells were drilled?

- 1 to be pooled in all seven cases.
- 2 And then Exhibit 5A, Mr. Examiner, is just
- 3 the Affidavit of Publication as to Petrorep and
- 4 Corexcal, showing that they were given notice. And this
- 5 pertains particularly to Case 15562.
- 6 O. (BY MR. BRUCE) And does Exhibit 6 reflect the
- 7 offsets to all of the seven wells --
- 8 A. Yes, sir.
- 9 Q. -- offset operators or working interest owners?
- 10 And were they given notice, as shown by
- 11 Exhibit 7?
- 12 A. Yes, sir.
- MR. BRUCE: And all of the parties did
- 14 receive -- all offsets received actual notice of the
- 15 applications. And, again, nobody objected to the
- 16 nonstandard units in the first six cases, and nobody has
- 17 objected, after nine months, to these cases. So that is
- 18 the reason for requesting that we only put on
- 19 nonstandard and proration unit information by the
- 20 geologist as to Case 15562.
- 21 EXAMINER DAWSON: Okay.
- Q. (BY MR. BRUCE) Mr. Mitchell, were Exhibits 1
- 23 through 7 either prepared by you or compiled from
- 24 company business records?
- 25 A. Yes, sir.

- 1 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And is that reflected in my Exhibit 5?
- 3 A. Yes, sir.
- 4 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, if you'll look,
- 5 you'll see there are a couple of letters here. Notice
- 6 went out in September as to seven cases, and actual
- 7 notice was received by everybody. Of course, maybe
- 8 giving me nine months to get the green cards back was --
- 9 every now and then.
- 10 But in that first letter dated September
- 11 8th, 2016, Case Number 15490, the parties were given
- 12 notice of that application. Because of the Division's
- 13 continuance policy, that case was dismissed without
- 14 prejudice, and Case Number 15562 was filed in place of
- 15 that dismissed application. And so you see on October
- 16 6th, there is a second letter attached where notice went
- 17 out to everyone regarding the replacement case, and
- 18 notice was received by everyone.
- 19 And if you'll look, there are nine of what
- 20 people call the Welch heirs. And Mr. Hall's clients, of
- 21 those heirs, have an operating entity.
- Is that correct, Mr. Hall?
- MR. HALL: Correct.
- MR. BRUCE: And only Mr. Blair Crooke is
- 25 sought to be pooled. His contingent interest is sought

- 1 your opinion?
- 2 A. Yes, sir.
- 3 Q. And do you request that those rates be adjusted
- 4 as provided in the COPAS accounting procedure, as was
- 5 provided in the others?
- 6 A. Yes, sir.
- 7 Q. As to Case 15562 -- well, as to all the cases,
- 8 do you request -- do you request the maximum cost plus
- 9 200 percent risk charge for the wells?
- 10 A. Yes, sir.
- 11 Q. As against Mr. Crooke?
- 12 A. Yes, sir.
- 13 Q. Now, that having been said, these wells have
- 14 all been drilled, correct?
- 15 A. That's correct.
- 16 Q. And there is public data available on
- 17 production from these wells?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 Q. And so the parties will have a good idea of
- 20 what their -- of whether or not their wells are decent
- 21 and whether or not they want to join in; is that
- 22 correct?
- 23 A. Correct. Yes, sir.
- Q. And was notice given to all of the locatable
- 25 interest owners of these applications?

- 1 Could you identify those and describe which ones are the
- 2 actual well costs and which ones are the actual -- are
- 3 the estimated well costs?
- 4 A. Exhibit 4 are our AFEs for the subject wells.
- 5 The first four of them are actual -- represent the
- 6 actual costs, and the last three are still -- just
- 7 reflective of our estimated costs.
- 8 Q. In your opinion, are the actual well costs on
- 9 the first four AFEs fair and reasonable and in line with
- 10 the costs of other wells drilled to this depth in this
- 11 area of New Mexico?
- 12 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And as to the ones that you do not have actual
- 14 costs for -- and these are dated in 2014, 2015 and 2016.
- 15 At the time that these wells were drilled, were those
- 16 AFEs -- were the well costs reflected in those AFEs fair
- 17 and reasonable?
- 18 A. Yes, sir.
- 19 Q. The overhead rates were fixed by the prior
- 20 orders for the first six wells, but as to Case 15562,
- 21 what overhead rates do you request?
- 22 A. We are requesting 7,500 a month for drilling
- 23 and \$700 a month for producing, which is the same as the
- 24 rates in the prior orders.
- Q. Okay. And are those fair and reasonable, in

- 1 other than -- in each of the seven cases, you are
- 2 seeking to force pool the contingent interest of Blair
- 3 Crooke?
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 Q. And Corexcal and Petrorep, you are only seeking
- 6 to force pool them in the last case, 15562?
- 7 A. That is correct.
- 8 Q. And Exhibit 3 is a summary of your
- 9 communications; is that correct --
- 10 A. Yes, sir.
- 11 Q. -- or attempts to locate the interest owners?
- What is attached behind Exhibit 3?
- 13 A. Attached to Exhibit 3 is our proposal letter to
- 14 Mr. Crooke regarding the subject wells.
- 15 O. Okay. And because these matters have been in
- 16 litigation, the notices that were sent out to the
- interest owners all went to the attorneys?
- 18 A. Yes, sir.
- 19 Q. This has been going on for quite some time. In
- 20 your opinion, has Mewbourne made a good-faith effort to
- 21 obtain a voluntary joinder of all the interest owners --
- 22 A. Yes, sir.
- 23 Q. -- in the application?
- Next -- and, again, I've stapled them all
- 25 together. But Exhibit 4 contains AFEs for the wells.

- 1 Q. You said the wells have been completed. Is a
- 2 portion of the revenue from each well held in suspense
- 3 until the lawsuit is determined?
- 4 A. I believe so.
- 5 Q. It's being held by Mewbourne?
- 6 A. Yes, sir.
- 7 Q. And Mewbourne will accept whatever the Court
- 8 decides?
- 9 A. That is correct.
- 10 Q. We're going to get into the proposal letter
- 11 shortly and the notice letters. There are a number
- 12 of -- number of heirs, as identified by the attorneys
- 13 over here?
- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 Q. I think eight or nine of these heirs?
- 16 A. That's fair. Somewhere around there.
- 17 Q. And they're generally referred to as the Welch
- 18 heirs?
- 19 A. Correct.
- 20 Q. Other than Mr. Morgan's client, Blair Seaton
- 21 Crooke, have the other interest owners come to terms
- 22 with Mewbourne Oil Company regarding their possible
- 23 interests?
- 24 A. Yes, sir.
- 25 Q. And you are not seeking to force pool anyone

- 1 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Then let's stalk about Premier Oil & Gas, Inc.,
- 3 whatever the interest is, 14.8 percent, or COG, on one
- 4 or two of them, 18.75 percent interest. What is the
- 5 status of those interests?
- 6 A. Those interests are currently subject to
- 7 litigation.
- 8 O. And is that identified on sheet two?
- 9 A. Yes, sir.
- 10 Q. And there is a title dispute or an heirship or
- 11 probate dispute which originated this lawsuit; is that
- 12 correct?
- 13 A. That's correct.
- 14 Q. It's been going on now close to five years?
- 15 A. Correct.
- 16 Q. And correct me if I'm wrong, but I believe
- 17 Premier Oil & Gas claims this interest --
- 18 A. That's correct.
- 19 Q. -- or COG claims the subject interest, but the
- 20 people represented by Mr. Hall and Mr. Morgan are in
- 21 litigation with those entities?
- 22 A. Correct.
- 23 Q. Do you have any clue when the lawsuit will be
- 24 resolved?
- 25 A. I do not.

- 1 associated with the double asterisk.
- Q. Okay. Just to avoid -- in all of the -- in the
- 3 first six wells that there has already been a pooling
- 4 order, have Corexcal and Petrorep, Inc. been forced
- 5 pooled?
- 6 A. Yes, sir.
- 7 Q. Are those two entities unlocatable companies?
- 8 A. Yes, sir.
- 9 Q. Has Mewbourne been trying to locate them for a
- 10 number of years?
- 11 A. Yes, sir.
- 12 Q. Have other operators in this area, such as
- 13 Cimarex, also been trying to locate them?
- 14 A. Yes, sir.
- 15 O. Without luck?
- 16 A. Correct.
- 17 Q. I believe the prior testimony was that they
- 18 disappeared off the face of the earth decades ago, and
- 19 nobody's been able to track them down?
- 20 A. Yeah. I believe 1972 is the last time they
- 21 appeared on the record.
- 22 Q. So has Mewbourne made a good-faith effort to
- 23 locate all of the potential -- all of the interest
- 24 owners or potential interest owners in this -- in these
- 25 wells?

- 1 been -- they have been drilled.
- 2 O. And in looking at both -- in this area, in the
- 3 two-and-a-half sections that we're talking about here
- 4 today, looking at the Bone Spring, are there any depth
- 5 severances in the Bone Spring Formation?
- 6 A. No, sir.
- 7 Q. Are there any depth severances in the Wolfcamp
- 8 Formation?
- 9 A. No, sir.
- 10 Q. What is Exhibit 2? And I've stapled -- there
- 11 are exactly the number of pages to it, a number of
- 12 two-sheet sets. Could you describe briefly what is
- shown on these two pages for each particular well?
- 14 A. Exhibit 2 is our tract ownership for each well,
- 15 listed on all of them except the last two pages, which
- is for the Owl Draw 27/22 W2NC Fed Com Number 2H well.
- 17 All the other ones are noted with an asterisk of parties
- 18 that were previously pooled. And then the double
- 19 asterisk is next to either Premier Oil & Gas, Mewbourne
- 20 Oil Company or COG Operating. Portions for all of that
- 21 interest is subject to litigation.
- 22 Q. Okay. We'll get into that in a minute.
- 23 A. Okay. And then the last two -- or the last
- one, for the W2NC, the parties noted with an asterisk
- are who we are seeking to pool, and then also one party

- 1 23 and all of Sections 22 and 27. In yellow are various
- 2 proration units that encompass this land, and also noted
- 3 on there, in red, are our wells.
- Q. Okay. Now, in these cases, there are both Bone
- 5 Spring wells and Wolfcamp wells, correct?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 O. Have all of the wells been drilled?
- 8 A. Yes, sir, they have.
- 9 Q. As to the Bone Spring, I believe they are in
- 10 the Hay Hollow; Bone Spring pool?
- 11 A. That's correct.
- 12 Q. And that's based on statewide rules?
- 13 A. Yes, sir.
- 14 Q. And the others -- the Wolfcamp wells are all in
- the Purple Sage; Wolfcamp pool?
- 16 A. That's correct.
- 17 Q. Could you just quickly run through the
- 18 remaining pages of Exhibit 1. I don't think you need to
- 19 say, but do they -- are these -- let's get into the
- 20 C-102s for the wells. Are these the actual final
- 21 locations after drilling, or could you explain that?
- 22 A. Yes. These are the C-102s for the wells. The
- 23 first four C-102s are the actuals that were revised
- 24 after the well was drilled and completed. I do not have
- 25 the actuals on the last three yet, even though they've

- 1 it's not marked as an exhibit, but there is a sheet on
- 2 top of the exhibits of Exhibit 1.
- 3 All of the wells in this matter were
- 4 previously force pooled except for Case 15562, which has
- 5 not been pooled. Mr. Mitchell can explain this. The
- 6 parties who were pooled in those prior cases were
- 7 unlocatable interest owners, and we're just putting this
- 8 for reference. As we go through and move on to the
- 9 geology, when it comes to the approval of the
- 10 nonstandard units, they've all been approved, except for
- 11 Case 15562. They've all been approved in the prior
- 12 orders, and so we intended only to put on geologic
- evidence for the last lace case, 15562, and ask that
- 14 those prior orders or prior cases be incorporated as
- 15 part of the record or administrative notice be taken of
- them for the purpose of justifying the nonstandard
- 17 units.
- 18 EXAMINER DAWSON: Okay.
- 19 Q. (BY MR. BRUCE) Mr. Mitchell, I've stapled
- 20 together the land plat and then a number of -- and then
- 21 the C-102s for this -- for these wells, but could you
- 22 identify the first page of Exhibit 1?
- 23 A. The first page of Exhibit 1 is a Midland Map
- 24 Company land plat showing Township 26 South, Range 27
- 25 East. Highlighted on there is the west half of Section

- 1 Premier Oil & Gas, Inc. I have no witnesses.
- 2 MR. MORGAN: And Scott Morgan for Blair
- 3 Seaton Crooke, Cavin & Ingram, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- 4 No witnesses.
- 5 EXAMINER DAWSON: Okay. Mr. Bruce, your
- 6 witnesses have all been sworn in?
- 7 MR. BRUCE: That's correct.
- 8 EXAMINER DAWSON: And they have already
- 9 testified in previous cases?
- 10 MR. BRUCE: That is correct.
- 11 EXAMINER DAWSON: I will let you start out
- 12 with your questioning.
- MR. BRUCE: Okay.
- 14 COREY MITCHELL,
- after having been previously sworn under oath, was
- 16 questioned and testified as follows:
- 17 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 18 BY MR. BRUCE:
- 19 Q. Would you please state your name for the
- 20 record?
- 21 A. Corey Mitchell.
- 22 Q. And are you familiar with the land matters
- 23 involved in these applications?
- 24 A. I am.
- MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiners, before we begin,

- 1 (10:59 a.m.)
- 2 EXAMINER DAWSON: Moving down the list, we
- 3 are going to the next case here. At this point we'll
- 4 skip over Case Number 15705, which is number 13 on the
- 5 list, on page 3 of 7, and we will go now to Case Number
- 6 15447, case number 15 -- I'm sorry -- Case Numbers
- 7 15547, 548, 549, 15550, 15551, 15552 and 15562.
- 8 Those seven cases will be consolidated into
- 9 one case, correct, Mr. Hall?
- MR. HALL: Yes.
- 11 EXAMINER DAWSON: Okay. And I'll call for
- 12 appearances on these cases.
- MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, Jim Bruce, of
- 14 Santa Fe, representing the Applicant. I have two
- 15 witnesses.
- 16 EXAMINER DAWSON: Okay.
- MR. HALL: Mr. Examiner, Scott Hall, of
- 18 Montgomery & Andrews, Santa Fe, appearing on behalf of
- 19 James Wesley Welch, Joe Michael Welch, Barbara Grace
- 20 Parker, the Welch heirs and their operating entity,
- 21 Tuffy [phonetic] Oil, LLC.
- 22 EXAMINER DAWSON: Any witnesses?
- MR. HALL: No witnesses.
- 24 EXAMINER DAWSON: Mr. Padilla?
- MR. PADILLA: Mr. Examiner, I represent

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15	This matter came on for hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, Scott Dawson, Chief Examiner, Phillip Goetze, Technical Examiner, and David K. Brooks, Legal Examiner, on Thursday, May 25, 2017, at the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Wendell Chino Building, 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Porter Hall, Room 102, Santa Fe, New Mexico.			
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