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

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

APPLICATION OF MARATHON OIL PERMIAN, CASE NO. 16298 LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Consolidated with

APPLICATION OF MARATHON OIL PERMIAN, LLC FOR A SPACING AND PRORATION UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 16299

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EXAMINER HEARING

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Santa Fe, New Mexico

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

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- 1 (2:04 p.m.)
- 2 EXAMINER McMILLAN: Case Number 16298,
- 3 application of Marathon Oil Permian, LLC for compulsory
- 4 pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico, and this will be
- 5 combined with Case Number 16299, application of Marathon
- 6 Oil Permian for a spacing and proration unit and
- 7 compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- 8 Call for appearances.
- 9 MS. BENNETT: Deana Bennett on behalf of
- 10 Marathon Oil Permian, LLC, and with me is Jennifer
- 11 Bradfute.
- 12 EXAMINER McMILLAN: Any other appearances?
- 13 Please proceed.
- MS. BENNETT: Thank you.
- 15 I'll be calling two witnesses today.
- 16 EXAMINER McMILLAN: If the witnesses would
- 17 please stand up and be sworn in at this time.
- 18 (Mr. Rice and Mr. Keren sworn.)
- MS. BENNETT: Thank you.
- 20 We'll be beginning with my first witness,
- 21 which is Chase Rice.
- 22 CHASE RICE,
- after having been previously sworn under oath, was
- 24 questioned and testified as follows:

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1 DIRECT EXAMINATION

- 2 BY MS. BENNETT:
- 3 Q. Would you please state your name for the
- 4 record?
- 5 A. Chase Rice.
- 6 Q. And who do you work for and in what capacity?
- 7 A. Marathon Oil as a senior landman in the Permian
- 8 Division.
- 9 Q. And have you previously testified before the
- 10 Division?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Were your credentials as a landman accepted as
- 13 a matter of record?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And does your area of responsibility at
- 16 Marathon include the area of Eddy County in New Mexico?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Are you familiar with the applications that
- 19 Marathon filed in Case Number 16298 and the amended
- application that we filed in Case Number 16299?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. Are you familiar with the status of the lands
- 23 that are the subject of these applications?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 MS. BENNETT: With that, I would like to

- 1 tender Mr. Rice as an expert.
- 2 EXAMINER McMILLAN: So qualified.
- 3 MS. BENNETT: Thank you.
- 4 Q. (BY MS. BENNETT) Mr. Rice, could you please
- 5 turn to Exhibit 1A and explain to Mr. Examiner what
- 6 Marathon seeks under this application?
- 7 A. This is the application for the Whistle Pig WA
- 8 4H and the Whistle Pig WXY 9H wells. We're seeking a
- 9 standard 320-acre spacing and proration unit covering
- 10 the east half of Section 1, Township 25 South, Range 28
- 11 East in Eddy County, and we're seeking to pool all
- 12 mineral interests in the Wolfcamp Formation underlying
- 13 the proposed spacing unit.
- 14 Q. Thank you.
- 15 And if you could turn to Exhibit 1B, those
- 16 are the C-102s for these two wells, right?
- 17 A. That's correct. These are the preliminary
- 18 C-102s.
- 19 Q. Preliminary C-102s, that's right.
- 20 And you will file final C-102s with the
- 21 district office?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. And has the Division identified a pool for
- 24 these wells?
- 25 A. Yes. This is the Purple Sage; Wolfcamp Pool,

- 1 Pool Code 98220.
- 2 O. Thank you.
- 3 And will these wells comply within the
- 4 setback requirements in the Wolfcamp; Purple Sage order?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Let's now turn to Exhibit 2A. Exhibit 2A is
- 7 the amended application that we recently filed for the
- 8 3rd Bone Spring wells; is that correct?
- 9 A. Correct. This is the amended application for
- 10 the Whistle Pig TB 5H well. We're seeking to create a
- 11 320-acre spacing and proration unit covering the east
- 12 half of Section 1, 25 South, Range 28 East and pooling
- 13 all mineral interests within the Bone Spring underlying
- 14 this proposed spacing unit.
- 15 Q. Thank you.
- 16 So if you wouldn't mind now turning to
- 17 Exhibit 2B. And Exhibit 2B is the preliminary C-102 for
- 18 the 3rd Bone Spring well; is that correct?
- 19 A. Correct.
- Q. And this, again, is a preliminary C-102, which
- 21 you will file the final C-102 when you have them with
- 22 the district office?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. Has the Division identified a pool code for
- 25 this well?

1 A. It's the Willow Lake, West Pool, Pool Code

- 2 96415.
- 3 Q. And Marathon filed its original application for
- 4 this well before the new horizontal well rules were in
- 5 place, and so that's why we then filed an amended
- 6 application, to be consistent with the new rules. So
- 7 this pool now is governed by the Division's new setback
- 8 requirements for oil wells, which establishes 330-foot
- 9 setbacks for the lateral and 100-feet setbacks for the
- 10 first and last take points; is that correct?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. And will this well comply with those setback
- 13 requirements?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And so as a result of the new spacing unit
- 16 requirements for horizontal oil wells, Marathon now is
- seeking to add the proximity tracts to the spacing unit
- 18 for the well; is that correct?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. And is that what's shown the spacing units --
- 21 the adjacent spacing units or the adjacent tracts,
- that's what's shown in the yellow highlighted?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. And is that less than -- are the first and last
- 25 take points less than 330 feet?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 MS. BRADFUTE: Just a point of
- 3 clarification, the lateral is less than --
- 4 THE WITNESS: The full productive lateral
- 5 is less than 330 feet away from those 40-acre tracts.
- 6 Q. (BY MS. BENNETT) And how many feet at the --
- 7 A. The closest it comes is 320 to 325 feet.
- 8 Q. Can you please turn to what's been marked as
- 9 Exhibit 3A? And can you explain what this is to the
- 10 hearing examiners, please?
- 11 A. This exhibit is the lease tract map for the
- 12 Whistle Pig WA 4H and the WXY 9H. They consist of BLM
- 13 federal leases, state lease and fee acreage. And we're
- 14 seeking to pool all the uncommitted mineral interests in
- 15 the proposed proration unit.
- 16 Q. And looking at Exhibit 3B, is that a summary of
- 17 the parties?
- 18 A. This is a summary of all the parties that own a
- 19 working interest or, at the bottom, some unleased
- 20 mineral interest owners. Right now we have 51 percent
- 21 committed that we're not seeking to pool. The rest of
- 22 the parties have either committed to participate in the
- 23 well. We're still working on operating agreements, or
- 24 they're still -- we're still reviewing operating
- 25 agreements with all of these parties, but nobody has

- 1 contested this plan or indicated that they are.
- 2 Q. Thank you.
- 3 So now let's turn to Exhibit 4A, and can
- 4 you please explain what this is to the hearing
- 5 examiners?
- 6 A. This is the lease tract map for the Whistle Pig
- 7 TB 5H comprised of fed leases, state leases and a fee
- 8 acreage.
- 9 Q. And is Exhibit 4B, then, the summary of the
- 10 interests that you seek to pool?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. Could you summarize for the examiners the
- 13 efforts that Marathon took to obtain voluntary pooling?
- 14 You did a little bit of that, but if you could expand on
- 15 what you've done.
- 16 A. We sent our well proposals out, contacted all
- 17 the parties. We're working on trades with some of these
- 18 parties or acquisitions. A draft operating agreement
- 19 has been sent for review, and we're working to get those
- 20 signed up.
- 21 Q. And earlier we talked -- you and I talked a bit
- 22 about how some of the letters you sent out were returned
- or in the process of being returned because there are
- 24 some unlocatable individuals to this.
- 25 A. Yes. There is a small amount of interest that

1 is apparently unlocatable. We feel they've been

- 2 notified through the newspaper ads, and we are
- 3 continuing to research and try to locate these entities.
- 4 Q. And those were working interest holders, as
- 5 well as offsets?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And overriding royalty interest holders?
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 Q. Thank you.
- 10 In your opinion, has Marathon made a
- 11 good-faith effort to obtain the voluntary joinder in the
- 12 wells?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. If you could turn to Exhibit 5 please, can you
- explain what Exhibit 5 is to the examiners?
- 16 A. Exhibit 5 is the draft proposal letter that was
- 17 sent to all the working interest owners and unleased
- 18 mineral interest owners that we were able to locate,
- 19 their last known addresses.
- 20 Q. This is an example of the form that you sent
- 21 **out** --
- 22 A. Correct.
- 23 O. -- to all interest owners?
- 24 A. Correct.
- 25 O. And were the AFEs attached to this letter?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 O. And if you look at Exhibit 5A, is that an AFE
- 3 for the WA 4H well?
- 4 A. Yes.
- Q. And can you provide the estimated cost of --
- 6 the estimated completion costs for that well and the
- 7 estimated costs for drilling, completely and equipping
- 8 the well?
- 9 A. So the estimated drilling, completing and
- 10 equipping costs for the well is 6,800,000. For the
- 11 completions cost, it's \$3,500,000.
- 12 Q. And then turning to Exhibit 5B, is that the AFE
- 13 that you sent out for the TB 5H well?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And can you give the same information, the
- 16 estimated cost of drilling, completing and equipping the
- wells and the completion costs?
- 18 A. The total cost for drilling, completing and
- 19 equipping the well is 6,600,000. The completion cost is
- 20 3,500,000.
- Q. Approximately?
- 22 A. Approximately.
- Q. And then if we turn to Exhibit 5C, is that the
- 24 AFE that you sent out for the WXY 9H well?
- 25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And could you please provide the estimated cost

- of drilling, completing and equipping that well and the
- 3 completions cost of that well?
- 4 A. Total estimated drilling, completing and
- 5 equipping cost of this well is 6,800,000. The
- 6 completions cost of that component is 3,500,000,
- 7 approximately.
- 8 Q. Thank you.
- 9 Are those costs in line with the cost of
- 10 other horizontal wells drilled to this length and this
- depth in southeast New Mexico?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. In your opinion, who should be appointed
- 14 operator of these wells?
- 15 A. Marathon Oil Permian, LLC.
- 16 Q. And do you have a recommendation for the
- 17 amounts which Marathon should be paid for supervision
- 18 and administrative expenses of these wells?
- 19 A. Yes. We're requesting 7,000 a month be allowed
- 20 for a drilling well and 700 a month be allowed for a
- 21 producing well.
- 22 Q. Are these amounts equivalent to those normally
- 23 charged by Marathon and other operators in this area for
- 24 horizontal wells of this length and depth?
- 25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Do you request that these rates be adjusted

- periodically as provided by the COPAS accounting
- 3 procedure?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Does Marathon request the maximum cost plus 200
- 6 percent risk charge if any pooled working interest owner
- 7 fails to pay its share of costs for drilling, completing
- 8 and equipping the wells?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Were the parties you are seeking to notify --
- 11 I'm sorry. Were the parties you are seeking to pool
- 12 notified of this hearing?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. We talk about that briefly a minute ago.
- 15 Are there any overriding royalty owners
- 16 within the spacing and proration unit?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And were they notified of Marathon's
- 19 applications?
- 20 A. They were.
- 21 Q. And is Marathon requesting to pool these
- 22 overriding royalty interests?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. And have the parties you're seeking to pool
- 25 been notified of Marathon's amended application?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Could you please turn to Exhibit 6? Does this
- 3 exhibit contain an affidavit prepared by me, Marathon's
- 4 counsel, which confirms that notice was provided to
- 5 affected parties in these cases?
- 6 A. Yes.
- Q. And as we look through Exhibit 6, what we see
- 8 here are the names and addresses of the interest owners
- 9 in a form that's created by a new software program that
- 10 we're using. And as you look through it, you can see
- 11 where there are pages that show who has received the
- 12 notice, whether it's been undelivered, whether it's
- 13 being mailed. So this is the equivalent of the green
- 14 cards or the return-receipt confirmations?
- 15 A. Correct.
- MS. BRADFUTE: Just as a point of
- information, so these pages -- it's a new software
- 18 program. I'm familiar that Holland & Hart has been
- 19 using, Mr. Examiner. And these pages actually get a
- 20 stamp. They get taken to the post office, and that's
- 21 what the post office ends up stamping. So it's -- and
- then the software updates as the letters are delivered
- 23 through the software program from the post office.
- MS. BENNETT: And so, for example, if you
- 25 turn about three or four -- four pages in, you'll see a

1 much more dense page, and this dense page has the names,

- 2 addresses and whether the mail has been delivered,
- 3 whether it's to be returned, whether it's undelivered.
- 4 So this is the equivalent of the green cards.
- 5 Q. (BY MS. BENNETT) And we've looked through this
- 6 list together today?
- 7 A. Correct.
- Q. If you turn to the two last pages of Exhibit 6,
- 9 you'll see two Affidavits of Publication. These
- 10 Affidavits of Publication are for the "Carlsbad
- 11 Current-Argus"; is that correct?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. And these two Affidavits of Publication are for
- 14 these two cases, Case Number 16298 and Case Number
- 15 **16299;** is that correct?
- 16 A. That's correct.
- 17 Q. Thank you.
- 18 Earlier we talked a bit about the need to
- 19 perhaps request additional time to complete these wells.
- 20 And when you and I had originally spoken, we talked
- 21 about needing 180 days' additional time to complete
- 22 these wells; is that correct?
- 23 A. That is correct.
- 24 Q. And is that something you'd like to request
- 25 today, for an additional 180 days -- or a total -- I'm

1 sorry -- a total of 180 days for completion?

- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 MS. BRADFUTE: And if the Division would
- 4 prefer to make it just a straight year for tracking
- 5 purposes, Marathon is fine with that.
- 6 EXAMINER McMILLAN: We'll just make it
- 7 365 --
- MS. BENNETT: That's fine.
- 9 EXAMINER McMILLAN: -- one year.
- 10 MS. BRADFUTE: Yes, one year. Make it
- 11 simple (laughter).
- 12 MS. BENNETT: Yeah. We're at the
- 13 Division's pleasure on this.
- 14 EXAMINER McMILLAN: It's easier.
- 15 MS. BENNETT: Okay. Great. I did have one
- 16 year in here and then in the most recent -- at the last
- 17 hearing, it was 180.
- 18 EXAMINER McMILLAN: One year is easier.
- 19 MS. BENNETT: Okay. We'll stick with one
- 20 year then. I'll stick with my script.
- Q. (BY MS. BENNETT) So, Mr. Rice, were Exhibits 1
- 22 through 6 prepared by you or under your supervision or
- 23 compiled from company business records?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. And, Mr. Rice, in your opinion, is the granting

1 of these applications in the interest of conservation

- 2 and the prevention of waste?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 MS. BENNETT: I'd like to move to have
- 5 Exhibits 1 through 6 admitted into the record.
- 6 EXAMINER McMILLAN: Exhibits 1 through 6 in
- 7 Cases 16298 and 16299 may now be accepted as part of the
- 8 record.
- 9 (Marathon Oil Permian, LLC Exhibit Numbers
- 10 1 through 6 are offered and admitted into
- 11 evidence.)
- 12 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 13 BY EXAMINER McMILLAN:
- 14 Q. Are there any depth severances?
- 15 A. There are no depth severances in the two pools.
- 16 Q. And knowing that we give you one year like we
- did in the previous case, when you reach the TD in one
- of the wells that completes all, then you have to submit
- 19 a sundry notice saying it's capable of producing. That
- 20 way we're ensured of the protection of correlative
- 21 rights.
- 22 And you're going to resubmit the C-102?
- MS. BRADFUTE: The C-102s are just
- 24 preliminary, Mike. They have not been submitted.
- 25 EXAMINER McMILLAN: Yeah, because the 4H,

1 there is a -- be sure to fix that typo in there.

- 2 Do these have APIs?
- MS. BRADFUTE: They do not, not yet. We
- 4 just checked at lunch.
- 5 Q. (BY EXAMINER McMILLAN) So realistically, going
- back to the C-102s, you're not going to change -- what's
- 7 going to change on them from the preliminary to the --
- 8 the surface and bottom hole will stay the same?
- 9 A. There is nothing that's going to change on
- 10 these. It'll be signed by the surveyor and just
- 11 reviewed for any typos. But as far as footage calls --
- 12 Q. Okay. So you're just going to use these
- 13 footage calls in the --
- 14 A. Yeah.
- 15 Q. And Willow Lake is statewide?
- 16 A. Yes, it is.
- 17 EXAMINER McMILLAN: Go ahead.
- 18 EXAMINER BROOKS: I don't have any
- 19 questions.
- 20 EXAMINER McMILLAN: Thank you.
- MS. BENNETT: So now I'm calling Mr. Keren.
- 22 TUCKER KEREN,
- after having been previously sworn under oath, was
- 24 questioned and testified as follows:

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1 DIRECT EXAMINATION

- 2 BY MS. BENNETT:
- 3 Q. Would you please state your name for the
- 4 record?
- 5 A. Tucker Keren.
- 6 Q. And for whom do you work?
- 7 A. Marathon Oil.
- 8 Q. And what do you do there?
- 9 A. I'm a geologist responsible for Eddy County,
- 10 New Mexico.
- 11 Q. And have you previously testified before the
- 12 Division?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Were your credentials accepted and made part of
- 15 the record?
- 16 A. Yes.
- Q. Are you familiar with the applications that
- 18 Marathon filed in these two cases?
- 19 A. Yes, I am.
- Q. Are you familiar with Marathon's plans for
- 21 drilling these wells?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. And you just stated that you work for Marathon
- in Eddy County, so you're familiar with the area
- 25 proposed --

- 1 A. Correct.
- Q. -- embracing the proposed spacing unit?
- 3 A. That's correct.
- 4 MS. BENNETT: I'd like to tender Mr. Keren
- 5 as an expert in geology matters.
- 6 EXAMINER McMILLAN: So qualified.
- 7 MS. BENNETT: Thank you.
- 8 Q. (BY MS. BENNETT) So I have broken down your
- 9 testimony between the Wolfcamp Formation and the 3rd
- 10 Bone -- and the Bone Spring.
- 11 Let's start with the Wolfcamp. If you
- 12 could turn to Exhibit 7A and tell the examiners what
- 13 this document is.
- 14 A. This is a structure map with contours and
- 15 values in subsea depth on the top of the Wolfcamp
- 16 Formation, and it's colored to indicate warmer colors
- 17 representing deeper -- structurally deeper areas on the
- 18 map. So our downdip direction would be to the east in
- 19 this case, and our strike direction is approximately
- 20 north-south. You see our contours are north-south
- 21 oriented and pretty parallel in this area.
- 22 I've also highlighted where the project
- 23 area is in the dashed black box and where that fits with
- 24 respect to Marathon's acreage, as well as the wells that
- 25 we've proposed and other Wolfcamp wells that are already

1 producing in the area. These are other lateral --

- 2 lateral wells.
- 3 Q. Thank you.
- 4 And there's nothing that's shown
- 5 structurally in this, that you've reviewed, that would
- 6 interfere with the contribution of the acreage to the
- 7 proposed wells?
- 8 A. No, there is not.
- 9 Q. There are no pinch-outs or other issues that
- 10 you've identified?
- 11 A. Not that I see, no.
- 12 Q. Thank you.
- 13 Let's go ahead and turn to what's marked as
- 14 Exhibit 7B. And could you please tell the examiners
- 15 what that document represents?
- 16 A. This is the stratigraphic cross section from A
- 17 to A prime that I noted on the previous structure map.
- 18 So this is going from approximately north to south using
- 19 some well logs that we have in the area. And what I'm
- 20 showing here is the uppermost portion -- uppermost
- 21 couple hundred feet of the Wolfcamp Formation where
- 22 Marathon is targeting their two Wolfcamp wells. And you
- 23 can see I've labeled two specific producing zones on
- 24 this stratigraphic cross section. The first is in what
- 25 we call the Wolfcamp Y Sand, and the second is deeper,

1 in what we call the Wolfcamp A. And those are the two

- 2 targeted zones for the two Wolfcamp wells in this area.
- Q. Would you say that the wells that you've
- 4 included on this cross section are representative of the
- 5 Wolfcamp Formation in the area?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Thank you.
- 8 Let's go ahead and turn to what's been
- 9 marked as Exhibit 7C, and can you tell the examiners
- 10 what this document is, please?
- 11 A. This is a gross interval isochore map from the
- 12 top of the Wolfcamp Formation to the Wolfcamp B member,
- 13 and this would be inclusive of the two producing zones
- 14 that Marathon is proposing to drill in this project
- 15 area. And my contours are drawn with a 20-foot contour
- 16 interval. And what you can see is that this thickness
- 17 does vary slightly in the area on the order of 300 to
- 18 350 feet or so, but in the project area, it's
- 19 consistently around 350 feet thick. And we expect there
- 20 to be consistent thickness across the length of one-mile
- 21 laterals in the Wolfcamp Formation here.
- 22 Q. And would you -- in your opinion, would each
- 23 quarter-quarter section be productive in the Wolfcamp
- 24 Formation?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. And will each quarter-quarter section
- 2 contribute approximately equally to production from the
- 3 wells?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And in your opinion -- just about the Wolfcamp
- 6 wells now, in your opinion, is the granting of
- 7 Marathon's application in 16298, for the Whistle Pig
- 8 wells, be in the best interest of conservation and the
- 9 prevention of waste?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Thank you.
- 12 Let's go ahead and turn now to what I've
- marked as Exhibit 8A, and this is the Bone Spring well.
- 14 If you could please tell the examiners what this
- 15 document represents.
- 16 A. So this is a structure map now on the top of
- 17 the 3rd Bone Spring Sand Formation, once again using
- 18 subsea depths. And you can see the structural contours
- 19 are very similar to the previous Wolfcamp structure map.
- 20 The warmer colors indicating deeper down to the east.
- 21 The strike is almost exactly north-south. And I've also
- 22 highlighted the project area, the proposed well and now
- 23 offsetting Bone Spring wells.
- 24 Q. And is there anything that you discovered in
- 25 your review of this structure map that would interfere

with the contribution of the acreage to the proposed

- 2 well?
- A. No. I didn't see any evidence of pinch-outs or
- 4 faulting in this area.
- 5 Q. Thank you.
- 6 Let's now turn to what I've marked as
- 7 Exhibit 8B, and if you could explain this document to
- 8 the examiners and what you've determined based on this
- 9 document.
- 10 A. This is the stratigraphic cross section of the
- 3rd Bone Spring Sand Formation using the same three
- 12 wells that I selected for the Wolfcamp Formation, so
- 13 going approximately north to south, and demonstrating
- 14 the lateral continuity and the geology of the 3rd Bone
- 15 Spring Sand in this area.
- 16 O. Are the wells that are included on this cross
- 17 section representative of the Bone Spring Formation in
- 18 this area?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. And that's all I have on that one.
- 21 Let's go ahead and turn to Exhibit 8C,
- 22 please. And can you please explain to the examiners
- 23 what this document is?
- A. So this is the isochore map for the 3rd Bone
- 25 Spring Sand. Once again, it varies slightly in

- 1 thickness. In this area, I'm using 30-foot contours,
- 2 but in the project area, specifically, it's consistently
- 3 around 380 feet thick. And we expect that thickness to
- 4 be consistent over the length of the one-mile lateral.
- 5 Q. And so is it your opinion that each
- 6 quarter-quarter section is productive in the Bone Spring
- 7 Formation?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And is it your opinion that each
- 10 quarter-quarter -- each tract quarter-quarter section
- 11 will contribute approximately equally to the production
- 12 of the well?
- 13 A. Yes.
- MS. BRADFUTE: Just a point of
- 15 clarification: You expect that in the 320-acre Bone
- 16 Spring spacing unit, that you'll get some production
- 17 from each quarter-quarter section, correct?
- 18 THE WITNESS: Correct.
- 19 Q. (BY MS. BENNETT) And in your opinion, would the
- 20 granting of Marathon's application for Case Number
- 21 16299, which is the 3rd Bone Spring well, be in the best
- 22 interest of conservation and the prevention of waste?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. And were Exhibits 7 and 8 compiled under your
- 25 direction and supervision?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 MS. BENNETT: At this time I would like to
- 3 move the admission of Exhibits 7 and 8.
- 4 EXAMINER McMILLAN: Exhibits 7 and 8 in
- 5 Case Numbers 16298 and 16299 may now be accepted as part
- 6 of the record.
- 7 (Marathon Oil Permian, LLC Exhibit Numbers
- 8 7 and 8 are offered and admitted into
- 9 evidence.)
- 10 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 11 BY EXAMINER McMILLAN:
- 12 Q. My only comment is for your structure maps.
- 13 Send it again, and you've got to include the wells.
- 14 A. The data points?
- 15 Q. Yeah. We expect the data points.
- 16 A. Yeah.
- 17 Q. And actually, I need -- I need to call the
- 18 landman back. Based on his testimony, he's drilling,
- more or less, kind of on top of the Wolfcamp?
- 20 A. Correct.
- MS. BRADFUTE: Yes, that's correct. A few
- 22 hundred feet separates those two formations.
- 23 EXAMINER McMILLAN: I just want to make
- 24 sure the ownership is identical between the Bone Spring
- 25 and the Wolfcamp. This will be a complete --

1 MR. RICE: The terminus between the two

- 2 pools, which is reflected in the exhibits, is the same
- 3 interest on each --
- 4 EXAMINER McMILLAN: That's fine. Thank
- 5 you.
- 6 MS. BENNETT: And so pursuant to your last
- 7 question, you would like Marathon to create new
- 8 structure maps with the data points and email them to
- 9 you-all?
- 10 EXAMINER McMILLAN: Yeah. Send them to
- 11 Leonard. Make them a PDF filing.
- MS. BENNETT: Definitely.
- 13 THE WITNESS: No problem. Yes, sir.
- MS. BENNETT: Any other questions for --
- 15 EXAMINER BROOKS: No questions.
- 16 EXAMINER McMILLAN: No questions.
- 17 MS. BENNETT: Case Number 16298 and Case
- 18 Number 16299 are continued to July 26th for --
- MS. BRADFUTE: Because of the amendment of
- 20 the spacing unit.
- MS. BENNETT: Yeah.
- 22 EXAMINER McMILLAN: Okay. So Case Number
- 23 16298 shall be taken under advisement.
- 24 Case Number 16299 shall be continued until
- 25 July the 26th.

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1	MS. BENNETT:	Yes, the 26th.	Thank you.
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