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1 (8:53 a.m.)

2 EXAMINER JONES: Let's call Case Numbers
3 20063, 20084 and 20093, and all are --

4 Phil, the names, why don't you just go
5 ahead?

6 EXAMINER GOETZE: Are applications of NGL
7 Water Solutions Permian, LLC for approval of a saltwater
8 disposal well in Lea County, New Mexico.

9 EXAMINER JONES: Call for appearances.

10 MS. BENNETT: Deana Bennett appearing on
11 behalf of NGL for all three cases.

12 MS. KESSLER: Mr. Examiner, Jordan Kessler,
13 on behalf of Ameredev Operating, LLC. I'm appearing in
14 Cases 20084 and 20093.

15 MS. BENNETT: Thank you.

16 EXAMINER JONES: So you're appearing in
17 only two cases?

18 MS. KESSLER: Correct.

19 EXAMINER GOETZE: Because of the proximity
20 to horizontal drilling proposed by --

21 MS. KESSLER: That's correct, Mr. Examiner.
22 Ameredev, as I understand it, is the mineral lessee in
23 the tracts of two of the proposed wells.

24 EXAMINER GOETZE: Okay. Proceed.

25 MS. BENNETT: Thank you. We have one

1 witness today, Neel Duncan.

2 NEEL L. DUNCAN,

3 after having been first duly sworn under oath, was
4 questioned and testified as follows:

5 MS. BENNETT: Thank you.

6 As before when we presented these cases to
7 the Division, we have Mr. Neel Duncan with us today and
8 then a series of affidavits, and these affidavits
9 contain exhibits in the form that we've previously
10 discussed with Mr. Goetze and that we've previously
11 submitted to the Division. So we'll be following that
12 same path forward today in this hearing for these three
13 consolidated cases.

14 DIRECT EXAMINATION

15 BY MS. BENNETT:

16 Q. With that, Mr. Duncan, will you please state
17 your name for the record?

18 A. Neel L. Duncan, D-U-N-C-A-N.

19 Q. And, Mr. Duncan, who do you work for?

20 A. Integrated Petroleum Technologies, and we are a
21 contractor to NGL Water Solutions Permian, LLC.

22 Q. And what are your responsibilities for NGL?

23 A. To manage the process for permitting, drilling,
24 completions of saltwater disposal wells in southeast
25 New Mexico.

1 Q. And you have previously testified before the
2 Division?

3 A. I have.

4 Q. And your credentials were accepted as a matter
5 of record?

6 A. Yes, they were.

7 Q. Does your area of responsibility at NGL include
8 the areas of southeastern New Mexico that we're talking
9 about today?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And are you familiar with the applications that
12 NGL filed that we'll be discussing today?

13 A. I am.

14 Q. And are you familiar with the saltwater
15 disposal wells which are the subject of these
16 applications?

17 A. I am.

18 MS. BENNETT: I would like to tender
19 Mr. Duncan as an expert in operations and engineering
20 matters.

21 EXAMINER JONES: So qualified.
22 Any objection?

23 MS. KESSLER: No objection.

24 EXAMINER JONES: Thank you.

25 Q. (BY MS. BENNETT) I have given everyone a packet

1 of the exhibits. And turning to Tab 1 of this packet,
2 Tab 1 is the application for the Falcon case, Case
3 Number 20063; is that correct?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And what does NGL seek under this application?

6 A. Approval to drill and complete a saltwater
7 disposal well into the Devonian-Silurian.

8 Q. And what type of tubing is NGL seeking?

9 A. We're looking for a 7-inch by 5-1/2-inch
10 tapered tubing string.

11 Q. And how many barrels -- billions [sic] of
12 barrels per day?

13 A. 50,000 barrels per day of water.

14 Q. 50,000 barrels. Thank you.

15 Turning to Tab 2 in the exhibits, Tab 2 is
16 the application for the Hornet SWD, which is Case Number
17 20084?

18 A. Yes. Also, we're asking for approval to drill,
19 complete and operate a saltwater disposal well in the
20 Devonian-Silurian with 7-inch by 5-1/2-inch tubing.

21 Q. And one thing I failed to mention about Tab
22 1 -- that is true about Tabs 1, 2 and 3 is that they
23 also contain the application materials, the C-108s and
24 other application materials; is that correct?

25 A. That's correct.

1 Q. Okay. So turning now to Tab 3, Tab 3 is the
2 application for Case 20093 for the Thunderbird SWD; is
3 that correct?

4 A. That's correct.

5 Q. And can you briefly describe what NGL seeks in
6 this application?

7 A. We seek approval to drill, complete and operate
8 a saltwater disposal well in the Devonian-Silurian with
9 7-inch by 5-1/2-inch tubing as the -- as the conduit for
10 the water.

11 Q. And 50,000 barrels per day?

12 A. And 50,000 barrels per day.

13 Q. I wanted to -- at the end of Tab 3, I've
14 included a freshwater analysis that wasn't previously
15 included with the C-108. And I just wanted to -- I
16 should have marked it separately. But it starts with
17 "Cardinal Laboratories" on the top. This was a
18 freshwater sampling analysis that was done, and we
19 didn't have it at the time the application was
20 submitted, and so it is included in this packet for your
21 convenience. And it has been emailed separately as
22 well.

23 A. That is correct.

24 EXAMINER JONES: Does it say where it's
25 located, where the samples came from?

1 THE WITNESS: It gives the well number --
2 the water well number. Yes.

3 EXAMINER JONES: Okay. And the lat/long?

4 THE WITNESS: Yes, it does, 32 minus 103.

5 MS. BENNETT: Uh-huh.

6 **Q. (BY MS. BENNETT) The lat/long is the project**
7 **number, more or less? I mean, that's what --**

8 A. No. That's the -- the geo reference
9 coordinates.

10 **Q. But I'm looking at the analytical results**
11 **header, and it says "Project Thunderbird, Project Number**
12 **32.094615 and negative" --**

13 A. Oh, okay. Here it says "Location." That's on
14 page 2.

15 **Q. Great. Well, it's in multiple areas.**

16 **Yes. Yes is the answer. It does show the**
17 **lat/long.**

18 EXAMINER JONES: We notoriously get these
19 things, and they don't say where they came from.

20 EXAMINER GOETZE: We do use them in the
21 future, so that's why we like to have them. Otherwise,
22 we can't use them for anything. It's background.

23 Please.

24 **Q. (BY MS. BENNETT) So have you considered whether**
25 **the Hornet SWD and the Thunderbird SWD will be located**

1 **in the Capitan Reef?**

2 A. Yes.

3 **Q. And what is your conclusion there?**

4 A. That the casing design needs to be modified
5 from what's in the C-108, and we're working on that
6 modification. Our drilling engineers are going to get
7 the district involved. We have a plan for doing this.
8 We need to see if there is another -- a more -- another
9 acceptable plan that might be a little cheaper. The
10 casing alone is \$600,000 for the 24-inch.

11 CROSS-EXAMINATION

12 BY EXAMINER GOETZE:

13 **Q. Well, the alternative is you can come to**
14 **hearing and get an exemption for the aquifer. Seeing**
15 **how there are only four wells within, let's say, 200,000**
16 **square miles of aquifer, I think the cost of the casing**
17 **is minimal compared -- and, again, you're making an**
18 **investment that we would like to see go for a long time.**

19 A. Right. Right. Yeah.

20 **Q. So the last thing you need is to have a salt**
21 **section go bad on you.**

22 A. Exactly. Exactly. No, we agree. Yeah.

23 **Q. We appreciate that. We're glad you've --**

24 So for both the Thunderbird and the Hornet,
25 **you're looking at --**

1 A. Just like the Galaxy. I sent you kind of the
2 principles of what we're talking about by email. So --

3 Q. Yeah.

4 Again, as long as we can isolate that salt
5 section, that's what we're looking at, and keeping the
6 aquifer at least out of contact.

7 A. Right. Right.

8 Q. Thank you.

9 CONTINUED DIRECT EXAMINATION

10 BY MS. BENNETT:

11 Q. Could you please explain NGL's reasons for
12 requesting a larger tubing size?

13 A. To reduce friction, reduce the horsepower to
14 inject. We'll -- we can also get more water with fewer
15 wells. There are lots of good reasons for doing that,
16 provided the induced seismicity stays in check, and --
17 and -- and it continues to be safe and to protect the
18 public.

19 Q. Are you aware of any Devonian disposal wells
20 for which the Division has approved the 7-inch by
21 5-1/2-inch tubing?

22 A. Yes. The Commission has approved this for
23 Mesquite, I know, and for OWL, and there's been a few
24 other cases.

25 Q. Are there other wells currently injecting into

1 the Devonian in this area?

2 A. No. We're pretty -- we're pretty isolated
3 there. We've got some -- one well way, I think, way off
4 to the northeast but nothing proximate to us.

5 Q. Has NGL retained a reservoir engineer to
6 conduct a study of the injection zones for these wells?

7 A. Yes, we have.

8 Q. Was that Scott Wilson?

9 A. Scott Wilson of Ryder Scott.

10 Q. And Mr. Wilson has previously testified before
11 the Division?

12 A. Yes. And his qualifications were accepted.

13 Q. And Mr. Wilson has provided an affidavit for
14 this hearing today discussing these applications?

15 A. Yes, as Exhibit 4.

16 Q. Let's turn to Exhibit 4, and just quickly we
17 can talk about Mr. Wilson's affidavit and the study
18 that's attached.

19 In Mr. Wilson's affidavit, does he confirm
20 that increasing the tubing size for these wells will
21 reduce friction in the wellbore?

22 A. Yes, he does.

23 Q. And does he confirm that using increased tubing
24 sizes -- excuse me -- increased tubing size will only
25 have a very small impact on pore pressure?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And is it his opinion that the increased tubing
3 sizes will not cause fractures in the formation?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And did he perform a study looking at model --
6 or a study that models the migration of fluids that are
7 injected into the wells?

8 A. Yes, he did.

9 Q. And is his study attached to his affidavit?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And in his study, did he conclude that over a
12 period of 20 years, the majority of fluids injected will
13 stay within a mile of where the wells are located?

14 A. Yes, a mile or less.

15 Q. Thank you.

16 Has NGL retained a geologist to review the
17 geology in this area where the wells will be located?

18 A. Yes, we have, and it's Kate Zeigler. She has
19 been qualified by the Commission.

20 Q. And her affidavit and her studies are behind
21 Tab Number 5; is that correct?

22 A. That's correct.

23 Q. And her affidavit outlines her studies and her
24 conclusions; is that --

25 A. Yes, that's correct.

1 Q. Did she find that the areas where the wells are
2 located are suitable for injection at increased rates?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Did she find that there is a permeability
5 barrier both above and below the injection zones which
6 will prevent the migration of fluids?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Let's turn to Tab 6 now. Exhibit 6 is the
9 affidavit of Dr. Steven Taylor. Has he been retained by
10 NGL?

11 A. Yes. He's been retained to look at potential
12 induced seismicity.

13 Q. And his credentials have been accepted by the
14 Division?

15 A. Yes. They've -- they've been anticipated.

16 Q. And did he look at seismic activity in the area
17 where the -- where the wells will be located?

18 A. Yes, he did.

19 Q. And his study concludes that there is not a lot
20 of seismic activity in the area; is that right?

21 A. That's correct.

22 Q. And his study is attached as Exhibit A to his
23 affidavit?

24 A. That's correct.

25 Q. And NGL also works with consultants at FTI

1 Platt Sparks to run the fault-slip probability tool
2 analysis; is that correct:

3 A. That's correct.

4 Q. And those studies are also attached to
5 Dr. Taylor's exhibit?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And Exhibit B1, for the Division's benefit, is
8 the fault-slip probability analysis that was run for the
9 Falcon well, and Exhibit B2 is the fault-slip
10 probability tool analysis that was run for the Hornet
11 and Thunderbird wells. So there are two separate
12 studies --

13 A. Yes. Yes.

14 Q. -- that he has prepared for these three wells?

15 Did Dr. Taylor review those studies?

16 A. Yes, he did.

17 Q. And as we just mentioned, those studies are
18 included as attachments to his affidavit.

19 Does Dr. Taylor and FTI Platt Sparks find
20 that there is very little risk of induced seismicity?

21 A. Yes. There is very little.

22 Q. Thank you.

23 Let's turn to Tab 7. Tab 7 is the
24 declaration of Mr. Steven Nave. Who is Steven Nave?

25 A. He owns a fishing tool and fishing services

1 company in Artesia.

2 Q. And has he previously testified before the
3 Division?

4 A. Yes, he has, and his qualifications have been
5 accepted.

6 Q. In his declaration, does Mr. Nave conclude that
7 fishing operations will be possible in these wells if
8 NGL is permitted to use the tubing it requests?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Okay. Then let's turn to Tab 8.

11 MS. BENNETT: And Tab 8 is my Affidavit of
12 Notice confirming that notice was sent as required. And
13 I separated the notice documents by well. So the first
14 set of documents are for the Falcon well. The second
15 set of documents are for the Hornet well, and the final
16 set of documents are for the Thunderbird well. And I
17 denoted that by slip sheets that have the well name on
18 them.

19 And at the end of my affidavit, I've also
20 included a copy of the Notice of Publication, which was
21 published on November 2nd.

22 Q. (BY MS. BENNETT) Mr. Duncan, were Exhibits 1
23 through 7 created by you or prepared under your
24 direction and supervision?

25 A. Yes, they were.

1 MS. BENNETT: And Exhibit 8 was prepared by
2 me.

3 Q. (BY MS. BENNETT) In your opinion, does the
4 granting of this application promote the prevention of
5 waste and the protection of correlative rights?

6 A. Yes.

7 MS. BENNETT: I'd like to have Exhibits 1
8 through 8 admitted at this time.

9 MS. KESSLER: No objection.

10 EXAMINER JONES: Exhibits 1 through 8 are
11 admitted in all three cases.

12 (NGL Water Solutions Permian, LLC Exhibit
13 Numbers 1 through 8 are offered and
14 admitted into evidence in all three cases.)

15 MS. BENNETT: Thank you. That concludes my
16 presentation.

17 MS. KESSLER: I have just a few questions.

18 CROSS-EXAMINATION

19 BY MS. KESSLER:

20 Q. Good morning.

21 Are you aware that Ameredev Operating is
22 the mineral lessee in the subject area for Cases 20084
23 and 20093?

24 A. Yes, for Hornet and Thunderbird. They're in my
25 head as wells, but yes.

1 **Q. Were you contacted through counsel by Ameredev?**

2 A. Yes, by Ameredev's counsel.

3 **Q. And what did they request?**

4 A. They requested directional surveys from the
5 wells after we drill them.

6 **Q. And has NGL confirmed that they will provide
7 those surveys to Ameredev?**

8 A. Yes. NGL has agreed to provide those surveys.

9 **Q. And you're prepared to honor that agreement?**

10 A. I am prepared to honor that agreement, Jordan.

11 MS. KESSLER: No further questions.

12 EXAMINER GOETZE: Then I will ask the
13 question: What was the notification you did? For one
14 mile or a half mile or what?

15 MS. BENNETT: We did notice for -- well, we
16 notified within a one-mile, but we also notified up to
17 two miles so that that information is in the C-108. It
18 includes the information about the one-mile interest
19 owners and then the two-mile offsets, and those were all
20 provided notice for each well.

21 EXAMINER BROOKS: What resources did you
22 use to determine who was to be given notice?

23 MS. BENNETT: So I haven't confirmed this
24 myself, but I know that Ms. Bradfute has confirmed that
25 NGL searches the county records and does record searches

1 for the ownership information.

2 EXAMINER BROOKS: So they did original
3 record searches?

4 MS. BENNETT: Yes.

5 MS. BRADFUTE: Mr. Brooks, so NGL contracts
6 with Lonquist who handles the C-108 completion process,
7 and Lonquist works with brokers who run title searches
8 in the county records. And then the agent at Lonquist
9 goes through that title information itself and provides
10 it to counsel.

11 EXAMINER BROOKS: Well, in view of the fact
12 that an applicant recently testified that they prepared
13 the notices based on Midland Map Company maps, I thought
14 it prudent to ask that question.

15 THE WITNESS: Wow.

16 EXAMINER GOETZE: So if you could, send us
17 an email with just at least a clarification of what
18 method was used.

19 MS. BRADFUTE: Certainly.

20 EXAMINER GOETZE: Okay.

21 You don't like Midland maps, huh?

22 EXAMINER BROOKS: I don't have anything
23 against Midland Map. When it's used properly, it's a
24 very valuable resource.

25

1 CROSS-EXAMINATION

2 BY EXAMINER JONES:

3 Q. Are you going to stay below -- below 39 pound
4 or lower on your 7-inch?

5 A. Yes, we will. Yeah. 39 -- yeah, 39 pound or
6 less weight, keep the ID big.

7 Q. So what's the substructure height of your rig
8 you're going to be using?

9 A. The KB is 32 feet.

10 Q. 32 feet?

11 A. Yeah. 31 feet. It's Frontier Rig 32. The KB
12 is really high.

13 Q. Wow.

14 So you've got -- you've got pipe rams and
15 blind rams and other pipe rams on your BOP?

16 A. Yeah. The BOP stack, we have -- I've been
17 through this quite a few times, but -- but yeah. We've
18 got -- of course we'll have a bag. We'll have -- we'll
19 have pipe rams, blind rams. We'll have two sets of rams
20 for, you know -- and we use these very low rams, as well
21 as the fixed pipe rams. So it's quite a stack.

22 Q. Yeah.

23 A. Yeah. And we're using routinely the
24 10,000-pound stack even though it's a little bit more
25 than required.

1 **Q. Are you going to drill underbalanced on part of**
2 **it?**

3 A. You know, we've experimented with that. We did
4 that on one well. Some of these wells we may not need
5 to do underbalanced. We do use the high-pressure
6 rotating head, though, and we're ready to go to
7 underbalanced drilling if we decide we need to.

8 **Q. Are you going to run into higher pressures in**
9 **the Pennsylvanian rocks --**

10 A. Oh, yes.

11 **Q. -- in this area?**

12 **You're expecting that?**

13 A. Yeah. We expect that.

14 And sometimes, if we're patient, we can
15 bleed that down, and it's low enough permeability that
16 it doesn't keep coming at us, and -- and you don't have
17 to mud up as much. But if you just quickly react to
18 that and weight up your mud, then you sacrifice drilling
19 time, and then you get more mud weight than you need.

20 **Q. Okay. So you'll be prepared to take a flow for**
21 **a while here?**

22 A. Yeah. We've learned to be flexible and be a
23 little bit patient.

24 **Q. So how about the cement across the**
25 **Pennsylvanian? Have you learned something from previous**

1 wells on that, or what's the job going to look like?

2 What kind of cement?

3 A. What we've learned from that -- and I don't
4 have the cement properties in front of me. But we've
5 learned to let that cement set up good and hard in that
6 liner section before we reduce the weight to drill the
7 injection section because we want to have not only the
8 mechanical barrier but the liner hanger packer, and
9 there are two seals on that. We also want to have the
10 cement compressive strength there as well.

11 Q. What kind of logs are you going to run on all
12 these different -- different segments?

13 A. We've been running regular cement bond tools.
14 Yeah. So we see a pretty good picture around the, you
15 know, whole cement sheath.

16 Q. So that at least has a gamma ray with it, but
17 you're not running any porosity logs?

18 A. Oh, we are. Yeah. Yeah. We're running full
19 open-hole logs for the sections. Yeah.

20 Q. For each of the sections?

21 A. Yeah. Except the surface casing. But
22 particularly in the reef, we're going to be -- we'll
23 going to be looking to document the reef.

24 Q. So somebody's going to have to be there picking
25 the tops of the Rustler or the salt, basically, and then

1 the top of the --

2 A. We're doing that -- we have mudloggers there
3 for the whole well.

4 Q. You're going to have mudloggers on the whole
5 well?

6 A. Yeah. We've always had -- we've always had
7 mudloggers from surface to TD.

8 Q. The Woodford -- so they'll know when you -- are
9 you going to go completely through the Woodford before
10 you set your 7-inch; is that right?

11 A. Yes, we will. If you leave the Woodford
12 exposed, you leave yourself the potential of wellbore
13 collapse.

14 Q. Oh. But if you drill below the Woodford, do
15 you go into something that's lost circulation so you
16 can't circulate cement?

17 A. We -- we -- we haven't had that problem.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. Yeah.

20 Q. So the upper part of the Devonian is competent
21 enough that --

22 A. The upper is still tight. It's still tight.

23 Q. So you can get your --

24 A. That's right.

25 Q. I noticed you said earlier there is a bottom --

1 there is a cap rock above, which is the Woodford, I take
2 it, but you said also there is a cap rock below the
3 injection zone. I mean, that was one -- maybe the
4 geologist testified to that.

5 A. The geologist testified to that.

6 Q. I'm not turning you into a geologist, but --

7 (Laughter.)

8 Q. Mr. Goetze might say something there if I did
9 that. But what is that cap rock?

10 A. Well, I think part of the reason we're not
11 going, you know, deeper than the Montoya in these wells
12 is that -- is that we want to make sure we don't get
13 water in the basement. So we do have plenty of buffer
14 there with the Montoya before we get into the
15 Ellenburger. And I will let Phil correct my geology.

16 Q. Phil obviously knows more about it than I do.

17 But I know that when you get over in Lea
18 County -- I thought there were more faults over in Lea
19 County, but you said there is no seismic risk.

20 A. We've documented the faults in the Platt Sparks
21 testimony, at least the known faults, and so we're --
22 and the -- the orientation of those faults is not prone
23 to -- to slip as much. And I'm quickly going outside my
24 area of expertise.

25 EXAMINER GOETZE: Yes, you are. And the

1 examiner is helping you go down that road.

2 EXAMINER JONES: I am. I am. I'm sorry.

3 (Laughter.)

4 MS. BRADFUTE: Mr. Examiner, I believe
5 Ms. Zeigler's affidavit talks about the lower
6 permeability barrier. But it's the Ordovician.

7 EXAMINER JONES: Okay. Okay.

8 EXAMINER GOETZE: And she's an attorney,
9 too, so --

10 MS. BRADFUTE: Yes. This is not testimony.
11 Please rely on the affidavit.

12 EXAMINER GOETZE: Dr. Zeigler has given a
13 very good presentation for the areas of proximity where
14 they've been doing these wells. So on the strength of
15 her opinion, as well as other people, the Upper
16 Ordovician is fairly tight, and, therefore, the ability
17 for it to carry fluid down seems to be very low.
18 Matched up with the decrease of slip faults in the area,
19 we're not seeing the risk that we normally would see.
20 So we've run with that model, and that's what we're
21 going to run with until the first earthquake.

22 MS. BENNETT: And Ms. Zeigler --
23 Dr. Zeigler does include a schematic of the upper and
24 lower permeability barriers as an attachment to her
25 affidavit. It's this color schematic, and she shows the

1 shale permeability barrier as the upper barrier, which
2 is Woodford, and then the Ordovician as the lower
3 permeability barrier. So it is documented not just in
4 her affidavit but in her exhibits as well.

5 Q. (BY EXAMINER JONES) Okay. Can you talk more
6 about the Devonian? The injection interval is --
7 reservoir-wise, the rock, the permeability, the
8 porosity, the type of permeability? Is it fractures, or
9 is it pretty matrix perm?

10 EXAMINER GOETZE: Again, this is in Scott
11 Wilson's affidavit. I think we'll have to refer --

12 Q. (BY EXAMINER JONES) But a reservoir engineer
13 interpretation of that, I should say.

14 A. Well, it's -- yeah. It's -- it's very good.
15 There's a lot of -- there's matrix permeability. It's
16 not -- you know, we're not fracturing anything to put
17 water away. You'll see this -- you know, there are not
18 too many wells drilled out there. We'll have to see
19 this on the logs and get a -- get a good log evaluation.

20 CROSS-EXAMINATION

21 BY EXAMINER GOETZE:

22 Q. Let's do this approach. In the ones that you
23 have drilled, what have been the results of your
24 assessment of the Devonian section? Has it been what
25 you expected? Has it been better than what you

1 **expected?**

2 A. It's been what we expected. One well was worse
3 than expected, but we just did our -- we just did a
4 striker tube. We did a pump and test on that, and it's
5 high capacity at quite low pressures. It was 43,000
6 barrels a day, roughly, still well below the
7 permeability pressure. It was taking the water.

8 CONTINUED CROSS-EXAMINATION

9 BY EXAMINER JONES:

10 Q. This 50,000 you talk about, historically the
11 OCD seems to go by the average monthly -- calendar
12 monthly rates, you know, for proration. They always do
13 that. So is that what you're talking about here, or are
14 you talking about us preventing a surge of 50,000 in any
15 one day within the month or an average for that month,
16 or what are you talking about?

17 A. I don't think realistically it will average
18 that much. I think we may have some surge days, but I
19 think the average is going to be more like in the 40-,
20 maybe 45,000-barrel range, but certainly higher than a
21 well with restricted tubing. You know, we're trying to
22 get more water away with fewer wells.

23 Q. And less pressure imposed on the well?

24 A. Less pressure at the surface to do it.

25 Q. From all the way down?

1 A. Yeah. Yeah. But we're still asking for the
2 50,000. You can imagine the horsepower required to do
3 that.

4 **Q. Yeah.**

5 **What kind of surface facilities and**
6 **monitoring do you do?**

7 A. NGL uses -- you know, everything's remotely
8 monitored. They're usually using horizontal centrifugal
9 pumps for these wells.

10 **Q. So you could give us a printout in any given**
11 **month of your rate and your maximum pressure for that**
12 **month, or NGL could, I should say?**

13 A. Yeah. Yeah. I'll defer to NGL, but yeah,
14 they'll have the capability of --

15 **Q. If the district asked for that, they could do**
16 **that?**

17 A. Yes.

18 **Q. What's the deal with Ameredev? Could you**
19 **reiterate what you promised?**

20 A. They have the minerals, and so the disposal
21 wells, you know, are sitting as an obstacle in the
22 middle of a horizontal play. They need to be
23 positioned -- certainly recorded so that the operator
24 can do anticollision on the -- on the -- one horizontal
25 well. And so with those records and with the strategic

1 placement of the -- of the wells, we can make sure we
2 avoid each other and don't -- don't pose a hindrance.

3 Q. Are you going to run a directional survey on
4 this well?

5 A. We have directional surveys from -- we're
6 drilling with directional tools, so we have continuous
7 surveys.

8 Q. You've got a mud motor?

9 A. Yes. We have a mud motor. We have LWD. We
10 have --

11 Q. Wow.

12 A. Yeah. Yeah.

13 EXAMINER JONES: I'm sorry to hijack the
14 proceedings.

15 EXAMINER GOETZE: That's okay. It's
16 your --

17 EXAMINER JONES: It's very interesting.

18 EXAMINER GOETZE: Well, the next time he
19 comes to visit, I'll direct him down to your office.
20 Okay?

21 (Laughter.)

22 MS. BENNETT: It's not that interesting.

23 EXAMINER GOETZE: So, Miss Jordan, if we
24 were to incorporate into the order a specific
25 requirement that they supply the directional survey,

1 would that alleviate any concern with your client?

2 MS. KESSLER: Certainly. And NGL has sent
3 an email confirming that they will supply those surveys.
4 We wanted something on the record.

5 EXAMINER GOETZE: Okay. We'll make that a
6 part of the stipulations, conditions of approval, if
7 that's satisfactory to your client.

8 MS. KESSLER: Thank you.

9 EXAMINER GOETZE: And then are you done?

10 EXAMINER JONES: I'm done.

11 EXAMINER GOETZE: Just two questions.

12 CONTINUED CROSS-EXAMINATION

13 BY EXAMINER GOETZE:

14 Q. For the record, you are going to present us
15 with a new well design for the Thunderbird and the
16 Hornet?

17 A. Yeah, and the Galaxy that we talked about.

18 Q. Well, that's another case. We don't talk about
19 other cases.

20 And for the record, the well design will be
21 protective of underground resources of drinking water?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And also for the record, the tubing will be
24 lined?

25 A. Yes, it will.

1 **Q. Okay. I have no further questions.**

2 MS. BENNETT: Just to clarify the
3 stipulation about providing the survey to Ameredev, that
4 will just be for the two cases they've entered their
5 appearance in?

6 EXAMINER GOETZE: They can send anything
7 they want, but we're just going to make sure their
8 request is made part of the order.

9 MS. BENNETT: For those two wells?

10 EXAMINER GOETZE: Yeah. Because even with
11 our rules, we're supposed to get every log, and you'd be
12 amazed how many never show up. So we will make it part
13 of any order that's created for these specific wells.

14 MS. BENNETT: Thank you.

15 With that, I'd ask that these cases be
16 taken under advisement.

17 EXAMINER JONES: Okay. Case Numbers 20063,
18 20084 and 20093 are taken under advisement.

19 Thank you very much.

20 THE WITNESS: Thank you, Mr. Examiner.

21 (Case Numbers 20063, 20084 and 20093
22 conclude, 9:27 a.m.)

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