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 NOS. 16415, LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, 16416, NEW MEXICO. 16417

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EXAMINER HEARING

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Santa Fe, New Mexico

BEFORE: WILLIAM V. JONES, CHIEF EXAMINER
KATHLEEN MURPHY, TECHNICAL EXAMINER
LEONARD LOWE, TECHNICAL EXAMINER
DAVID K. BROOKS, LEGAL EXAMINER

This matter came on for hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, William V. Jones, Chief Examiner; Kathleen Murphy and Leonard Lowe, Technical Examiners; and David K. Brooks, Legal Examiner, on Thursday, January 10, 2019, 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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- 1 (10:37 a.m.)
- 2 EXAMINER JONES: Let's go back on the
- 3 record this morning and call Case Numbers 16415, 16416
- 4 and 16417.
- 5 Call for appearances.
- 6 MS. BENNETT: Thank you. Deana Bennett for
- 7 the Applicant, and with me today is Zoe Lees.
- 8 EXAMINER JONES: And the Applicant is
- 9 Marathon?
- 10 MS. BENNETT: Marathon Oil Permian, LLC,
- and these cases are for the Fremen WD Fed Com 1H; Fremen
- 12 WXY Fed Com 2H; Fremen 7 WA Fed Com 3H; Fremen 7 WXY Fed
- 13 Com 5H; and the Fremen 7 WA Fed Com 9H.
- 14 EXAMINER JONES: Any other appearances in
- 15 these three cases?
- There being none, please proceed.
- 17 MS. BENNETT: Thank you. We have two
- 18 witnesses with us today.
- 19 EXAMINER JONES: Will the witnesses please
- 20 stand to be sworn by the court reporter?
- 21 (Mr. Prewett and Mr. Baker sworn.)
- MS. BENNETT: Thank you.
- 23 At this time I'd like to call Mr. Prewett.
- TRAVIS H. PREWETT,
- 25 after having been first duly sworn under oath, was

- 1 questioned and testified as follows:
- 2 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 3 BY MS. BENNETT:
- 4 Q. Mr. Prewett, will you please state your name
- 5 for the record?
- 6 A. Travis Prewett.
- 7 Q. And who do you work for and in what capacity?
- 8 A. Marathon Oil, and I'm a land professional.
- 9 Q. And what are your responsibilities as a landman
- 10 or land professional for Marathon?
- 11 A. I'm responsible for ensuring the well proposals
- 12 are sent out to our interest owners. I work with other
- 13 companies to ensure that they have their elections. I
- 14 negotiate JOAs with other partners and other companies,
- 15 and I come to these hearings.
- 16 Q. Thank you.
- And you've previously testified before the
- 18 Division just earlier today? That's correct, right?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. And your credentials as a landman were accepted
- 21 as a matter of record?
- 22 A. That is correct.
- Q. And does your area of responsibility at
- 24 Marathon include the area of Eddy County in New Mexico?
- 25 A. It does.

1 Q. And are you familiar with the applications

- 2 filed by Marathon in these cases?
- 3 A. I am.
- 4 Q. Are you familiar with the amended applications
- 5 that Marathon filed in these cases?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And are you familiar with the status of the
- 8 lands that are the subject of these applications?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 MS. BENNETT: I would like to tender
- 11 Mr. Prewett as an expert in land matters.
- 12 EXAMINER JONES: Mr. Prewett is qualified
- 13 as an expert in land matters.
- MS. BENNETT: Thank you.
- 15 Q. (BY MS. BENNETT) Let's turn first to Exhibit 1.
- 16 MS. BENNETT: And for the record, we have
- 17 consolidated all three cases together, so the hearing
- 18 outline that we're going through will address all three
- 19 cases ad seriatim. So we'll go through each case, but
- 20 Mr. Prewett's testimony will address all three at the
- 21 same time.
- 22 Q. (BY MS. BENNETT) But the first exhibit, Exhibit
- 23 1, is the amended application for Case Number 16415.
- 24 And, Mr. Prewett, can you explain to the examiners what
- 25 Marathon seeks under this application?

1 A. Yes. We are seeking to pool all uncommitted

- 2 mineral interests within the Wolfcamp horizontal spacing
- 3 unit underlying the south half of Sections 7 and 8,
- 4 Township 24 South, Range 27 East in Eddy County, New
- 5 Mexico.
- 6 Q. Thank you.
- 7 And can you explain the change from the
- 8 prior application, which was a 3rd Bone 8H well to the
- 9 current application, which is the WD 1H well?
- 10 A. Yes. We moved that well from the 3rd Bone
- 11 Spring to the Wolfcamp, and we changed the name.
- 12 Q. And that new naming protocol is based on a
- 13 request from the BLM; is that accurate?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Could you please turn to Exhibit 2? Exhibit 2
- is the amended application in Case Number 16416, and
- 17 could you please explain to the examiners what Marathon
- 18 seeks in Case Number 16416?
- 19 A. We are seeking to pool all uncommitted mineral
- 20 interests within a Wolfcamp horizontal spacing unit
- 21 underlying the south half of Sections 7 and 8, Township
- 22 24 South, Range 27 East in Eddy County, New Mexico.
- 23 Q. And can you explain the change from the prior
- 24 application, which was the TB 2H, to the current
- 25 application, which is the WXY --

1 A. Yes. It was originally to be completed as a

- 2 3rd Bone Spring, and now it's going to be a Wolfcamp.
- 3 Q. Thank you.
- 4 And the name was also changed due to BLM's
- 5 request?
- 6 A. That is correct.
- 7 Q. Can you please turn to Exhibit 3? Exhibit 3 is
- 8 the application for Case Number 16417, and can you
- 9 explain to the examiners what Marathon seeks under this
- 10 application?
- 11 A. Yes. We are seeking to pool all uncommitted
- 12 mineral interests within a Wolfcamp horizontal spacing
- unit underlying the south half of Sections 7 and 8,
- 14 Township 24 South, Range 27 East, Eddy County, New
- 15 Mexico.
- 16 Q. And this application was amended only because
- of a new -- of the BLM's naming protocol; is that
- 18 correct?
- 19 A. That is correct.
- Q. Did you send out revised proposal letters and
- 21 AFEs for all the wells given the change from Bone Spring
- 22 to Wolfcamp and given the change in the naming protocol?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. And was that around November 29th, 2018?
- 25 A. That's correct.

1 Q. Thanks. We'll discuss the proposal letters and

- 2 AFEs in a moment.
- First I'd like to ask you if there are any
- 4 depth severances in this proposed spacing unit?
- 5 A. No, there is not.
- 6 Q. Thank goodness, right?
- 7 A. Yeah.
- 8 Q. So now turning to Exhibit 4, could you please
- 9 explain to the examiners what is contained within
- 10 **Exhibit 4?**
- 11 A. Yes. This is the C-102 plat for the Fremen 7
- 12 WD Fed Com 1H well.
- 13 Q. And the subsequent pages are for the other
- 14 wells?
- 15 A. Yes. Yes.
- 16 Q. So there are five C-102s here, one for each
- 17 **well?**
- 18 A. That's correct. There are five C-102s.
- 19 Q. And what is the pool name for these wells?
- 20 A. This is the Purple Sage; Wolfcamp Gas, with a
- 21 pool code of 98220.
- Q. And this pool is governed by a specific order.
- 23 Is that your understanding?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. And will the completed intervals for the wells

1 comply with the setback requirements for the Purple

- 2 Sage; Wolfcamp Gas Pool?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Can you explain what Exhibit 5 is to the
- 5 examiners?
- 6 A. Yes. This is a lease tract map depicting the
- 7 ownership of the south half of Sections 7 and 8.
- 8 Q. And you have three tracts on here; is that
- 9 correct?
- 10 A. That is correct.
- 11 Q. And those three tracts are -- there are two
- 12 different federal leases and then a fee lease?
- 13 A. That is correct.
- Q. And if you turn to the next page of Exhibit 5,
- does that show the interests that Marathon seeks to
- 16 **pool?**
- 17 A. Yes, it does.
- 18 Q. And the next page of Exhibit 5 is the list of
- 19 offset owners and working interest owners to whom
- 20 Marathon sent notice?
- 21 A. That is correct.
- 22 MS. BENNETT: And as with the Battle Fee
- 23 applications, we realized yesterday that we had not sent
- 24 notice to the overriding interest owners. And so we
- 25 would ask that these cases also be continued for notice

- 1 purposes only to the February 21st docket.
- 2 O. (BY MS. BENNETT) And if you could please, could
- you kind of go over the steps that you undertake to
- 4 contact the working interest owners and your with
- 5 efforts to communicate with them?
- 6 A. Yes. Right. We used the last known addresses
- 7 that we found through title research to mail out well
- 8 proposals. And then if we have any mailings that come
- 9 back to us, we use online searches such as LexisNexis
- 10 and Accurint to update those addresses and send them
- 11 back out. We also continuously keep up communication
- 12 with those that have reached out to us via email and
- 13 phone calls.
- 14 Q. Thank you.
- 15 And so just to confirm, there are
- overriding royalty interest owners within this unit?
- 17 A. That is correct.
- 18 Q. And Marathon does seek to pool those overriding
- 19 royalty interest owners?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And we will send out notice on that?
- 22 A. That's correct.
- Q. Thank you.
- 24 In your opinion, has Marathon made a
- 25 good-faith effort to obtain the voluntary joinder in

- 1 these wells?
- 2 A. Yes.
- Q. Let's turn to Exhibit 6, please. Is Exhibit 6
- 4 the proposal letter that you sent out for the Fremen
- 5 wells?
- 6 A. It is.
- 7 Q. And it covers all of the wells; is that
- 8 correct?
- 9 A. That is correct.
- 10 Q. And did you send the working interest owners a
- 11 well proposal for the wells? This is it?
- 12 A. Yes. This is it. Yeah.
- 13 Q. And does the well-proposal letter identify the
- 14 first and last take point and the approximate TVD for
- 15 each well?
- 16 A. It does.
- 17 Q. Did Marathon provide costs for drilling the
- 18 wells and completion costs to the parties it seeks to
- 19 pool?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. Let's turn to Exhibit 7. Exhibit 7 is the AFE
- 22 for the 1H well. Could you tell the hearing examiners
- 23 what the estimated cost is?
- A. Grand total cost was estimated to be
- 25 approximately \$10,626,990.

- 1 Q. Great.
- 2 And if you could turn to Exhibit 8, is
- 3 Exhibit 8 the AFE for the 2H well?
- 4 A. It is.
- 5 Q. And would you tell the examiners what the
- 6 estimated total cost is for the 10H well?
- 7 A. \$10,089,286.
- 8 Q. And if you could turn to Exhibit 9, please. Is
- 9 Exhibit 9 the costs -- or AFE -- I'm sorry -- for the 3H
- 10 **well?**
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And would you please let the examiners know
- 13 what the total cost is for the 3H well?
- 14 A. \$10,089,286.
- 15 Q. And if you would turn to Exhibit 10, is Exhibit
- 16 10 the AFE for the 5H well?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And what are the total costs?
- 19 A. \$10,089,296.
- Q. And then Exhibit 11, turning to that, is that
- 21 the AFE for the -- I'm sorry -- for the 9H well?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. What is the estimate of costs for drilling and
- 24 completing the well?
- 25 A. \$10,089,286.

- 1 Q. Thank you.
- 2 Are these costs in line with the cost of
- 3 other horizontal wells drilled to this length and depth
- 4 in this area of New Mexico?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Do you have an opinion as to who should be
- 7 appointed operator of the well?
- 8 A. Marathon Oil Permian, LLC.
- 9 Q. And is it your recommendation that Marathon be
- 10 paid 8,000 per month for a drilling well and 800 per
- 11 month for a producing well?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Are these amounts equivalent to those normally
- 14 charged by Marathon and other operators in the area for
- 15 horizontal wells of this length and depth?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Do you request that these rates be adjusted
- 18 periodically as provided by the COPAS accounting
- 19 procedure?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Do you -- or does Marathon request the maximum
- 22 cost plus 200 percent risk charge if any pooled working
- 23 interest owner fails to pay its share of costs for
- 24 drilling, completing and equipping the wells?
- 25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Were the parties you are seeking to pool

- 2 notified of this hearing?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 O. And is Exhibit 12 an Affidavit of Notice
- 5 prepared by me that shows the parties to whom notice was
- 6 sent?
- 7 A. It is.
- 8 Q. Except for the overriding royalty interest
- 9 owners; is that accurate?
- 10 A. That is correct.
- 11 Q. And then are the last couple of pages of
- 12 Exhibit 12 an Affidavit of Publication in the "Carlsbad
- 13 Current-Argus"?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And that was published on December 26, 2018?
- 16 A. Right.
- 17 Q. Does Marathon request that it be allowed a
- 18 period of one year between when the wells are drilled
- 19 and when the first well is completed under the order?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Were Exhibits 1 through 12 prepared by you or
- 22 under your supervision or compiled from company business
- 23 records?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. In your opinion, is the granting of these

1 applications in the interest of conservation and the

- 2 prevention of waste?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Thank you.
- 5 MS. BENNETT: I would ask that Exhibits 1
- 6 through 12 be admitted into the record.
- 7 EXAMINER JONES: Exhibits 1 through 12 are
- 8 admitted in all three cases.
- 9 (Marathon Oil Permian, LLC Exhibit Numbers
- 10 1 through 12 are offered and admitted into
- 11 evidence.)
- MS. BENNETT: Thank you.
- I have no further questions for
- 14 Mr. Prewett.
- 15 EXAMINER JONES: Mr. Brooks?
- 16 EXAMINER BROOKS: No questions.
- 17 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 18 BY EXAMINER JONES:
- 19 Q. The C-102s for the Purple Sage wells, I saw had
- a kickoff point within 100 feet of the line, but the
- 21 proposal letter says 330. So can you please check with
- your regulatory people about that and, if need be,
- 23 second a new C-102?
- MS. BENNETT: Uh-huh.
- 25 EXAMINER JONES: These are not permitted

- 1 yet, correct? There are no API numbers?
- 2 MS. BENNETT: No. I don't think we have
- 3 APIs for these yet.
- 4 EXAMINER JONES: So that means you haven't
- 5 even sent in the C-102s either.
- 6 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 7 BY MS. BENNETT:
- Q. Do you know, Mr. Prewett, if we've sent in the
- 9 C-102s yet, or are these preliminary C-102s?
- 10 A. I don't know if these are -- the last -- the
- 11 last C-102s I looked at were preliminary, but unless the
- 12 new ones were sent in.
- Matt, are you aware?
- MR. BAKER: They haven't been.
- 15 THE WITNESS: Yeah. I haven't seen them.
- 16 MS. BENNETT: Okay. Yes. We'll check on
- 17 that.
- 18 EXAMINER JONES: That's good. Thank you
- 19 very much.
- 20 So in these three cases, you did include
- 21 proposal letters in your -- in your packet, but the last
- 22 three, I didn't see them. It could be just because
- 23 you're just doing overrides or something.
- MS. BENNETT: Uh-huh.
- 25 EXAMINER JONES: We're going to try to come

1 out with some guidelines on what we want to see, you

- 2 know, and things, but, obviously, it's going to depend
- on the legalities of what you're trying to pool.
- 4 MS. BENNETT: Uh-huh.
- 5 EXAMINER JONES: And I don't have any more
- 6 questions. Thank you.
- 7 MS. BENNETT: Thank you.
- 8 Any other questions?
- 9 Then I'd like to call Mr. Baker.
- 10 EXAMINER JONES: We can have the record
- 11 show that Mr. Baker has already been sworn and qualified
- 12 in previous cases.
- 13 MATT BAKER,
- 14 after having been previously sworn under oath, was
- 15 questioned and testified as follows:
- 16 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 17 BY MS. BENNETT:
- 18 Q. Mr. Baker, you've already been sworn and
- 19 qualified in previous cases.
- 20 MS. BENNETT: And so I'd like to ask that
- 21 he be accepted as an expert witness this -- these three
- 22 cases.
- 23 EXAMINER JONES: He is accepted as an
- 24 expert in petroleum geology -- developmental petroleum
- 25 geology.

- 1 MS. BENNETT: Thank you.
- 2 Q. (BY MS. BENNETT) Mr. Baker, are you familiar
- 3 with the amended applications that Marathon filed in
- 4 this matter?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And are you familiar with the status of the
- 7 lands that are the subject of these applications?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And are you familiar with the drilling plans
- 10 for the wells?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And have you conducted a geologic study of the
- area embracing the proposed spacing unit for the wells?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. What is the targeted interval for the wells?
- 16 A. The WXY 5H and the WXY 2H will target the
- 17 Wolfcamp Y Sand. The WA 9H and WA 3H will be targeting
- 18 the Wolfcamp A, and the WD 1H will be targeting the
- 19 Wolfcamp D.
- 20 Q. Thank you.
- 21 Let's turn to Exhibit 13, please, and
- 22 Exhibit 13 is the structure map of the top of the
- 23 Wolfcamp. Could you please describe to the hearing
- 24 examiners what that diagram shows?
- 25 A. Yes. Like I said, this is a structure map of

1 the top of the Wolfcamp for the area. It shows that

- 2 formation dips are dipping to the east. Our proposed
- 3 horizontal locations are shown by the blue lines on
- 4 here. One thing to note is that the WXY 2H and the
- 5 WD 1H are stacked in this instance.
- 6 EXAMINER MURPHY: Which ones are those, are
- 7 stacked?
- 8 THE WITNESS: Numbers four and five are
- 9 stacked, so it would be the 2H and 1H.
- 10 And then our acreage is shown in yellow as
- 11 well.
- 12 And the wells I used for my study, vertical
- 13 wells, are indicated by the red circles, as well as the
- 14 labels.
- 15 EXAMINER MURPHY: Can you say the
- 16 formations they're targeting? You just said it a minute
- 17 ago.
- 18 THE WITNESS: Yes, absolutely. Just in
- 19 general?
- 20 EXAMINER MURPHY: Go through them like you
- 21 just did.
- 22 THE WITNESS: Yes. The WXY 5H and WXY 2H
- 23 will be targeting the Wolfcamp Y Sand. The WA 9H and
- 24 the WA 3H will be targeting the Wolfcamp A, and then the
- 25 WD 1H will be targeting the Wolfcamp D.

1 EXAMINER JONES: And your wells are named

- 2 accordingly, it sounds like?
- 3 THE WITNESS: Correct.
- 4 Q. (BY MS. BENNETT) And so on this structure map,
- 5 you have noted the -- you've identified each well and
- 6 put a number by the well so numbers one through five.
- 7 And if we look on the structure map, we see one, two,
- 8 three, four and five, and two and five are the two that
- 9 you noted are stacked, and that's why there are only
- 10 **four --**
- 11 A. Four blue lines.
- 12 O. Four blue lines.
- 13 A. That is correct.
- 14 Q. Based on this structure map, is there anything
- 15 shown structurally that would interfere with the
- 16 contribution of the acreage to the proposed wells?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. Did you prepare a cross section of logs to
- 19 determine the relative thickness and porosity of the
- 20 Wolfcamp Formation in this area?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. And is that cross section contained in Exhibit
- 23 14?
- 24 A. Yes, it is.
- 25 Q. Let's turn to that exhibit, and if you wouldn't

1 mind explaining or walking through Exhibit 14 for the

- 2 examiners.
- A. Sure. Again, this is a cross section from A to
- 4 A prime, three vertical wells from the previous map.
- 5 The producing zone here, which includes the Wolfcamp Y
- 6 Sand and Wolfcamp A targets, is indicated in green. We
- 7 see that there's fairly uniform consistent thicknesses
- 8 across this interval, across our unit.
- 9 Q. And we'll be looking at another cross section
- 10 for the one D well; is that correct?
- 11 A. Correct. Yes. For the WD 1H, I set up a
- 12 separate cross section.
- 13 Q. Okay. Great.
- 14 So let's now turn to Exhibit 15, and can
- 15 you explain to the examiners what Exhibit 15 is and what
- 16 it shows you from your perspective?
- 17 A. Yeah. This is our gross interval isochore of
- 18 the Wolfcamp to the Wolfcamp B or gross thickness map.
- 19 That interval encompasses the total thickness of the
- 20 Wolfcamp. That contains the targets for the Wolfcamp Y
- 21 Sand and the Wolfcamp A, and you can see here that it
- 22 shows relatively constant thickness of the target
- 23 formation along our proposed well path.
- 24 Q. Thank you.
- 25 Let's now turn to Exhibit 16. Can you tell

- 1 the examiners what Exhibit 16 is?
- 2 A. This is a structure map of the top of the
- 3 Wolfcamp B. You can see here that formation dips, once
- 4 again, dip to the east. Just like the previous map, our
- 5 acreage is in yellow. The blue lines represent our post
- 6 wells. The WD 1H corresponds to number five, so it is
- 7 the well on -- the southernmost well within that unit.
- 8 Q. And you've included this structure map to give
- 9 some perspective for the WD 1H well; is that correct?
- 10 A. Correct. Yes.
- 11 Q. Does this show that there are any structural
- 12 impediments that would interfere with the contribution
- of acreage to the proposed well?
- 14 A. There are no impediments. No.
- 15 Q. Let's then turn to Exhibit 17. Exhibit 17 is
- 16 cross section again showing the WD 1H producing zone; is
- 17 that correct?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 Q. What can you tell us about this exhibit?
- 20 A. Once again, it's from A to A prime. The WD 1H
- 21 producing zone is highlighted in green there basically
- 22 from the Wolfcamp C down to the Wolfcamp D2. Our
- 23 drilling target is indicated by the red arrow, and
- 24 you'll notice that the producing zone has a relatively
- 25 constant thickness throughout the entire area.

- 1 Q. Thank you.
- Let's turn then to Exhibit 18, please, and
- 3 can you describe for the examiners Exhibit 18 and its
- 4 relevance?
- 5 A. Yes. This is the gross interval isochore from
- 6 the Wolfcamp C to the Wolfcamp D2, which was identified
- 7 as the producing zone on the previous exhibit. Once
- 8 again, this is showing almost constant thickness along
- 9 the proposed wellbore paths for the unit.
- 10 Q. And this, again, is for the WD 1H,
- 11 specifically?
- 12 A. Correct. Yes, specifically the WD 1H.
- 13 Q. Based on your geologic study of this area, are
- 14 there any impediments to a horizontal well, in your
- 15 **opinion?**
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. Do you predict that each quarter-quarter
- 18 section will be productive in the Wolfcamp Formation?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Do you anticipate that each tract
- 21 quarter-quarter section will contribute approximately
- 22 equally to production from the wells?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. What is the preferred well orientation in this
- 25 area?

1 A. In this area, from regional studies, the SHmax

- 2 is actually approximately 45 degrees for
- 3 southwest-northeast, so in this particular area,
- 4 north-south or east-west orientations should produce
- 5 similar results.
- 6 Q. In your opinion, would the granting of
- 7 Marathon's applications be in the best interest of
- 8 conservation, the prevention of waste and the protection
- 9 of correlative rights?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Just a moment ago, we had a question about
- 12 whether the C-102s had been submitted, and I believe you
- 13 know the answer to that question.
- 14 A. No, they have not been submitted.
- 15 Q. They have not been submitted.
- Were Exhibits 13 through 18 prepared by you
- 17 or compiled under your direction and supervision?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 MS. BENNETT: At this point I would like to
- 20 move admission of Exhibits 13 through 18 for all three
- 21 cases.
- 22 EXAMINER JONES: Exhibits 13 through 18 are
- 23 admitted in all three cases.
- 24 (Marathon Oil Permian, LLC Numbers 13
- through 18 are offered and admitted into

- 1 evidence.)
- MS. BENNETT: Thank you.
- I have no further questions for this
- 4 witness.
- 5 EXAMINER JONES: Leonard?
- 6 EXAMINER LOWE: No questions.
- 7 EXAMINER JONES: Kathleen?
- 8 EXAMINER MURPHY: No questions.
- 9 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 10 BY EXAMINER JONES:
- 11 Q. Okay. Is it looking promising as far as going
- deeper into the Purple Sage for the Wolfcamp?
- 13 A. In some areas. This is --
- 14 Q. Is it more gassy as you go deeper?
- 15 A. In some parts, yes. This is kind of -- we
- 16 don't really have much Wolfcamp D data around this unit,
- 17 so for us, this one well is kind of a test well for the
- 18 area.
- 19 Q. Oh, okay.
- 20 So which of these zones do you like the
- 21 most?
- 22 A. They all pretty good. The Y Sand and the A
- 23 look good. I feel like the B should be good as well,
- 24 hopefully.
- Q. Well, good luck with your wells.

Page 26 A. Thank you. 1 2 Q. Thank you for coming. 3 MS. BENNETT: Thank you. 4 And with that, we'd ask that these cases be 5 continued through the November 21st -- I'm sorry --6 February. November would be a long time. February 21st 7 docket. 8 EXAMINER JONES: Be careful what you ask for. 9 10 (Laughter.) 11 MS. BENNETT: Yeah, I know. I did not mean that. February 21st, please, 2019. 12 13 Thank you. 14 (Case Numbers 16415, 16416 and 16417 15 conclude, 11:00 a.m.) 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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