## 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 KAISER-FRANCIS OIL COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NOs. 20050, 20051

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

EXAMINER HEARING

January 11, 2019

Santa Fe, New Mexico

BEFORE: WILLIAM V. JONES, CHIEF EXAMINER
TERRY WARNELL, 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, Terry Warnell, Technical Examiner, and David K. Brooks, Legal Examiner, on Friday, January 11, 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 (2:30 p.m.)
- 2 MR. BRUCE: Okay. Which ones do you want
- 3 to do now? I've got them all.
- 4 EXAMINER JONES: The Kaiser-Francis or
- 5 whatever is on top of your stack.
- 6 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, Jim Bruce of
- 7 Santa Fe representing Kaiser-Francis in Cases 20050 and
- 8 20051. I'd just like to combine them.
- 9 EXAMINER JONES: Any other appearances?
- 10 Will Concho be making any appearances?
- 11 MS. RYAN: I'm just hanging out, just
- 12 keeping warm, observing.
- 13 EXAMINER JONES: That Charlie Crosby, he
- isn't related to the famous Roper from Roswell, is he?
- MR. BRUCE: I don't think so.
- 16 Mr. Examiner, these cases -- the first case
- 17 involves the Bone Spring wells. That's 20050. And the
- 18 second case involves a Wolfcamp well.
- 19 Exhibits 1 and 2 are affidavits by the
- 20 landman, Mike Maxey. I'm doing these together because
- 21 the land work is virtually identical. There is no depth
- 22 severance in the Bone Spring and the Wolfcamp, and the
- 23 only difference is the proposal letters in these. But
- 24 they do -- they do give the pool code. Who knew? And
- 25 it contains the usual factors, a summary of contacts,

1 the overhead rates, which are 8,800. They're asking for

- 2 a risk charge. You can run through these and see that
- 3 the C-102s for each well will comply with the Division
- 4 setback requirements: The proposal letters for the two
- 5 wells and the two AFEs for the wells. The Bone Spring
- 6 wells are each about, plus or minus, \$9.5 million -- a
- 7 little bit more than \$9.5 million.
- 8 So Exhibit 1 is for the Bone Spring case.
- 9 Exhibit 2 is virtually identical. Case
- 10 20051 is for the Wolfcamp case.
- 11 Exhibit 3 is my Affidavit of Notice.
- 12 This one will also have to be continued for
- 13 two weeks. We thought we had a valid -- there are three
- 14 parties being pooled: Atlas, Royalty Clearinghouse and
- 15 West Texas Gas. The Royalty Clearinghouse letter came
- 16 back and had a new address on it, so I have remailed
- 17 notice to Royalty Clearinghouse. I haven't gotten a
- 18 green card back, so that can be continued to January
- 19 24th.
- 20 EXAMINER JONES: You published in the
- 21 newspaper?
- 22 MR. BRUCE: I did not publish in the
- 23 newspaper, and I'm never going to do that again.
- 24 EXAMINER BROOKS: Well, for reasons stated
- 25 earlier, I suppose this will have to be continued to

- 1 February 21st; will it not?
- 2 EXAMINER JONES: No. This one -- January's
- 3 our continuance docket. January 24th is the continuance
- 4 docket.
- 5 EXAMINER BROOKS: Oh, that's right. That's
- 6 right.
- 7 MR. BRUCE: And Exhibits 4 and 5 are the
- 8 affidavits of Mitch Sullivan, the geologist. One is for
- 9 the Bone Spring. They're going for the Avalon-Bone
- 10 Spring. And it contains a structure map, isopach and
- 11 cross section.
- 12 And then Case 20051, the Wolfcamp well is
- 13 the Wolfcamp A or Upper Wolfcamp well.
- 14 EXAMINER JONES: Okay.
- 15 MR. BRUCE: And it contains the same type
- of data, and the geology is consistent across the well
- 17 unit. Each quarter-quarter section will contribute more
- 18 or less equally to production.
- 19 And with that, we'd ask that Exhibits 1
- 20 through 5 be admitted and that the case be continued for
- 21 two weeks.
- 22 EXAMINER JONES: No depth severances?
- MR. BRUCE: No depth severances in either
- of the Bone Spring or the Wolfcamp.
- 25 EXAMINER BROOKS: My 5 is the wrong case.

1 It's the 20051 geology. This is the land affidavit for

- 2 200- -- oh, okay. I just need to look at the land
- 3 affidavit and see if I can figure it out.
- 4 You've got two wells in this case?
- 5 MR. BRUCE: There are two Bone Spring wells
- 6 and one Wolfcamp well.
- 7 EXAMINER BROOKS: Okay. Is there another
- 8 plat on the Wolfcamp well or --
- 9 MR. BRUCE: What's that now?
- 10 EXAMINER BROOKS: Attachment B is the Bone
- 11 Spring or --
- MR. BRUCE: Yeah. The geologist started
- out with the Wolfcamp, so I didn't correct him. It's
- 14 always dangerous correcting a geologist.
- 15 EXAMINER BROOKS: Well, yeah, it probably
- 16 is.
- 17 EXAMINER JONES: We've got a Paul Upper
- 18 Wolfcamp pool, and we've got a Paul Upper Bone Spring
- 19 pool.
- 20 EXAMINER BROOKS: And we've got a list of
- 21 the owners in here somewhere?
- 22 MR. BRUCE: Yes. Yes. Attachment C to
- 23 each landman's affidavit -- there are only three
- 24 interest owners.
- 25 EXAMINER BROOKS: There are only three, and

- 1 none of them is committed?
- 2 MR. BRUCE: Correct. It's about maybe a
- 3 13, 14 percent interest.
- 4 EXAMINER BROOKS: Okay. I guess that
- 5 works.
- 6 We need to get the exhibits in correct
- 7 order. Mine were not when I got them, so they probably
- 8 are still not.
- 9 EXAMINER JONES: Exhibit 1 for Case 20050
- and Exhibit 2 and the rest of them, 3, 4, 5, for both
- 11 cases. And they're all admitted, and continued to
- 12 January 24th.
- 13 (Kaiser-Francis Oil Company Exhibit Numbers
- 14 1, 3 and 4, Case Number 20050, and Exhibit
- Numbers 2 and 5, Case Number 20051, are
- offered and admitted into evidence.)
- 17 (Case Numbers 20050 and 20051 conclude,
- 18 2:37 p.m.)
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