

July 27, 2019

Hearing Examiner
Oil Conservation Division
1220 South Saint Francis Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Re: Case No. 20662

To Whom It May Concern:

On June 17, 2019, Emilio G. Lucero, grandson of Emilio F. and Esperanza Lucero, received a certified letter from Marathon Oil Co. In this package was a pre-paid lease agreement as well as a Detail of Estimated Well Costs and a Model Form Operating Agreement, "Operating Agreement". In the lease agreement list of Owners, Emilio F. Lucero and Esperanza Lucero are both listed. The actual lease agreement sent to Emilio G. Lucero on behalf of Emilio F. Lucero contained only one signature page for Emilio F. Lucero. Esperanza Lucero was not included in that package, although she also owned mineral rights and land. The heirs of Emilio F. and Esperanza Lucero are as follows: Ermelinda Barrera, Enrique G. Lucero, Enedina Navarette, Erminia Montanez, Elix G. Lucero and Emilio G. Lucero II. Emilio G. Lucero II has passed, so his children and heirs are: Emilio M. Lucero III, Priscilla Rodriguez and Salomon Lucero.

Both Emilio F. and Esperanza Lucero are deceased. Ermelinda Barrera initiated contact with Chase Rice via telephone beginning Friday the 21st of June. On June 26, 2019, Ermelinda Barrera contacted Chase Rice via email and he responded. He then told Ermelinda to contact Christine Hatfield, as she would be their representative. On June 26, 2019 Ermelinda contacted Christine Hatfield. Christine Hatfield set up a meeting at the Wells Fargo in Carlsbad, NM for the following day. The next day, Christine Hatfield cancelled the meeting. Erminia Montanez attempted contact with Christine Hatfield and received no response, however, Enedina Navarette contacted her via text and Christine called her to tell her she would set up a meeting on the week of July 8, 2019. The family, not having been involved in the oil and gas industry had been told by Christine Hatfield, that, because they had been in contact with her, that the original date on the lease agreement of July 11, 2019, was no longer valid. On July 10, 2019, Ermelinda contacted Christine via phone and Christine told Ermelinda that she didn't know

when she would be able to get a meeting with the heirs set up. On July 22, 2019, Emilio G. Lucero received a certified letter from Marathon Oil Company regarding an Application of Marathon Permian Oil LLC For Compulsory Pooling, which stated that Marathon has sought, but been unable to obtain, a voluntary agreement from all interest owners, etc....

The reason for this comment to the Board, is that our family has been willing to sign the agreement for both Esperanza Lucero and Emilio F. Lucero's separate mineral/land owner rights and have attempted, in good faith, to make sure that the lease is signed. Due to the lack of response we've received from Marathon Oil Co., we wanted the Board to know that we have been in contact with Marathon Oil Co and have attempted to sign the lease agreements for our parents, Emilio F. and Esperanza Lucero.

Sincerely,

Erminia (Minnie) Montanez