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ENERGY, MINERALS, AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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PRE-HEARING DOCKET 20-20

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JUNE 25, 2020

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

BEFORE: FELICIA ORTH, CHIEF EXAMINER
LEONARD LOWE, TECHNICAL EXAMINER
KURT SIMMONS, TECHNICAL EXAMINER

This matter came on for virtual hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, EXAMINERS FELICIA ORTH, LEONARD LOWE and KURT SIMMONS, on Thursday, June 25, 2020, through 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 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: Good morning. My name is
2 Felicia Orth. I'm the Hearing Officer appointed by the Oil
3 Conservation Division to conduct hearings on the
4 adjudicatory procedures.

5 Let me say first, in the event this hearing
6 session is interrupted by technical difficulties or
7 mischief, I will end the meeting, and please go to your
8 e-mails we will find a way of reviving the hearing session
9 before the end of your day.

10 You will find on the web, the Division web page,
11 the hearing docket for this morning, dated June 25, 2020.
12 This session is being recorded and transcribed by Irene
13 Delgado. Irene, do we have you in a clear channel this
14 morning?

15 She says, "Very good," in the chat.

16 And let me say also that the Technical Examiners
17 this morning are Kurt Simmons and Leonard Lowe. There may
18 be others online. Those are the two who will be asking most
19 of the questions if they have any.

20 (Docket heard.)

21 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: So that brings us to the
22 end of the specific cases that were listed on the hearing
23 docket for today. Let me ask if there is anything else we
24 need to address before we adjourn the meeting.

25 (No audible response.)

1 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: No? I did, if Mr.
2 Feldewert is still on, let me see -- so that --

3 MR. FELDEWERT: I'm here. I'm here Madam
4 Examiner.

5 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: I have a note to ask you,
6 I think these are the right cases about 21284 through 91.
7 Am I asking about the right cases?

8 MR. FELDEWERT: Can you be more specific about
9 the cases?

10 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: So I think these were the
11 ones that there was a potential request for a September
12 hearing. Am I remembering that correctly?

13 MR. FELDEWERT: I'm going to have to look them up
14 because --

15 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: Okay. The hearing
16 calendar, you know, is definitely filling in now through
17 October at this point, and I am handing out dates as
18 prehearing orders come in. Is that you, Ms. Bennett?

19 MS. BENNETT: Good morning. Good morning, Madam
20 Examiner, this is Deana Bennett from Modrall Sperling and
21 Mr. Hough was not able to join the call today, and so I'm
22 not sure if the cases that you're discussing with Mr.
23 Feldewert involve Mr. Hough and Cimarex, but if they do,
24 then I'm here in his stead. But unfortunately --

25 MR. FELDEWERT: Madam Examiner, what was the case

1 numbers again?

2 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: 21284 through 91, and Ms.
3 Bennett, I wouldn't be having any (inaudible) I just seem to
4 remember that I'm just asking in case there is some
5 information about what I thought was a hearing requested in
6 September.

7 MS. BENNETT: And what I know -- and I may be
8 speaking out of turn because I'm not sure these are the
9 cases that Mr. Hough discussed with me yesterday, but if
10 they are, his -- well, I'll wait until Mr. Feldewert can
11 confirm whether or not I should be speaking.

12 Mr. FELDEWERT: Okay, yeah, Deana, you are
13 correct, it's Bigger Cat Wells and then Cimarex --

14 MS. BENNETT: So what I understand from speaking
15 with Mr. Hough yesterday is that he is working with Cimarex
16 to finalize the details of the joint stipulation, and so
17 that is coming your way, and so hopefully -- I understand
18 what you are saying, Madam Examiner, about the hearing dates
19 filling up, but hopefully he will be able to have the
20 conversations with Cimarex in the very near future so that
21 he can get that working with you and Mr. Feldewert so that
22 we're not tying up hearing dates for otherwise missing
23 hearing dates.

24 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: All right. That was
25 really my only question. Whether in fact, counsel, were

1 still discussing the stipulated order. So thank you very
2 much for that. I didn't have any other questions of anyone.
3 Again, is there anything else we should talk about before we
4 adjourn?

5 (No audible response.)

6 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: Nope? Thank you all very
7 much and have a terrific rest of the week.

8 MR. FELDEWERT: Thank you.

9 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: All right.

10 (Docket concluded.)

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16 I FURTHER CERTIFY that the Virtual Proceeding was
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18 Dated this 25th day of June 2020.

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/s/ Irene Delgado

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