

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

**APPLICATIONS OF MANZANO LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**CASE NOS. 21513-21518**

**PRE-HEARING ORDER**

This Pre-Hearing Order follows a status conference held on November 4, 2020, and the submission of a proposed stipulated pre-hearing order via email to the Examiner by the parties.

1. Texas Standard Oil LLC and Texas Standard Operating NM LLC (collectively "Texas Standard") filed a prehearing statement objecting to these pooling matters and stating that it intends to file competing pooling applications. As of the date of the issuance of this order, Texas Standard has not filed competing pooling applications but anticipates filing competing applications for the January 7, 2021, docket.

2. In the event Texas Standard files competing pooling applications for the January 7, 2021 docket, they may either seek a continuance for those cases to January 21, 2021 through the fee portal or alternatively, request a status conference for January 7, in which case the entry of this order will simply be affirmed.

3. A hearing on these matters will commence following the completion of the Division's regular hearing docket on January 21, 2021 and continue as necessary through completion.

4. The hearing will be recorded and transcribed by a court reporter.

5. The hearing will be conducted using the Webex meeting platform; sign-in information will be sent to the parties closer to the date of the hearing. The Hearing Officer may modify the format of the hearing consistent with available resources and public distancing directives in place at the time of the hearing.

6. The parties shall file with the pre-hearing statement required by NMAC 19.15.4.13.B the following additional information, all of which is due by 5 p.m. on January 14, 2021:

- a. a list of material facts not in dispute,
- b. identification of the witnesses and their qualifications, and
- c. a full narrative of the direct testimony and exhibits for each witness.

7. Any evidentiary objections to the filed direct testimony or any exhibit shall be filed by 5 p.m. on January 19th and will be addressed at the commencement of the hearing.

8. All witnesses filing direct testimony shall attend the hearing and will be subject to cross examination by counsel for the parties and the Division Examiners.

9. As part of the testimony and exhibits each party desires to present regarding the applications, each party should address the following issues if pertinent:

- a. A description and comparison of the geology of the competing well locations and the potential of the competing prospects to efficiently recover the oil and gas reserves underlying the property;
- b. A description and comparison of the acreage used and stranded by the competing prospects;
- c. A description and comparison of the risk associated with the competing proposals to explore and develop the property;
- d. A description of the ability of each applicant to prudently operate the property and to prevent waste;
- e. A description of the negotiations by each applicant prior to filing the application;
- f. A description of each applicant's well cost estimates (AFE) and other operational costs; and
- g. A description of the mineral interest owned by each applicant.

8. A courtesy copy of all documents filed with the Division Hearings staff shall also be sent to the Hearing Officer via e-mail.

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**FELICIA L. ORTH  
HEARING EXAMINER**

Date: 11/9/20