

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

IN THE MATTTTER OF THE HEARING CALLED
BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR
THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

Application of Matador
Production Company for
compulsory pooling,
Lea County, New Mexico

Case Nos. 21063, 21064,
21065

and

Ostrich Oil and Gas, LLC,
for compulsory Pooling,
Lea County, New Mexico

Case Nos. 20988 and 20989

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF VIRTUAL PROCEEDINGS

EXAMINER HEARING.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2020

This matter came on for hearing before the
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, FELICIA ORTH,
Hearing Examiner, LEONARD LOWE, Technical Examiner,
via Cisco Webex Virtual Meeting Platform

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1 (Time noted 8:39 a.m.)

2 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: Let's move, then, to the
3 next matter: 21063, 21064, 21065, and then also 20988 and
4 20989. Matador Production is the Applicant in the first
5 three matters, Ostrich Oil is the applicant in the second
6 two, and these are compulsory pooling applications. They
7 are competing. The well names are Nina Cortell and
8 Frizzle.

9 Mr. Bruce.

10 MR. BRUCE: Yes. Uhm, first of all I'd note
11 that these cases have been pending for a little while, as
12 you can see by the Matador case numbers, and they would
13 like to have them heard as soon as possible. But the
14 second thing is Matador understood that Ostrich -- yeah,
15 that Ostrich may be withdrawing their cases.

16 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: All right. Let me ask
17 for the other lawyers who have entered appearances.

18 Let's see. We have Mr. Padilla for
19 Ostrich.

20 MR. PADILLA: Yes.

21 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: Okay.

22 MR. PADILLA: Uhm, I -- Ostrich does not want to
23 withdraw its applications at this time, but they do
24 consider the current oil and gas climate as being not good
25 for drilling, especially in this area. But they don't

1 want to withdraw the application; they don't want to be
2 force pooled.

3 So at this point I have nothing else to say
4 other than that they want to proceed.

5 So if those February dates are fine, we
6 will accept those.

7 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: All right. And then I
8 saw an entry of appearance on behalf of Conoco Phillips by
9 Holland & Hart.

10 MS. LUCK: That's correct. Good morning, Madam
11 Examiner. Kaitlyn Luck with the Santa Fe office of
12 Holland and Hart on behalf of Conoco Phillips.

13 Conoco Phillips is simply entering an
14 appearance to preserve its rights as a pooled party, and
15 is fine with whatever dates work for MRC and Ostrich.

16 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: All right. Thank you,
17 Ms. Luck.

18 Were there any other appearances in any of
19 these five matters, 21063 through 65 and then 20988 and
20 89. (Note: No response.)

21 So, Mr. Bruce, how would feel about a
22 hearing on one of the February dates. We have February
23 4th and 5th or February 18th and 19th.

24 MR. BRUCE: Well, the earlier the better.

25 I would add that if the parties do come to

1 terms fairly soon, I would ask that the matter be placed
2 on, you know, one of the regular hearing dockets this
3 year, or have that option, anyway.

4 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: Right. So if you get
5 to the point where it can be presented by affidavit, as I
6 understand it, it can be moved up. In the meantime, now
7 if you would please prepare a Prehearing Order, and I'll
8 sign it and we will get you on the schedule for a
9 contested hearing on February 4th, to follow the one that
10 was just set in Catena Resources.

11 MR. BRUCE: Okay. Thank you.

12 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: All right. Thank you
13 all.

14 (Time noted 8:41 a.m.)

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