

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:

CASE NOS. 21347, 21348,
21349, 21350

Application of CATENA RESOURCES
OPERATING, LLC, for compulsory pooling,
Lea County, New Mexico.

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF VIRTUAL PROCEEDINGS

EXAMINER HEARING

STATUS CONFERENCE

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 8:33 a.m.)

2 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: Let's move then to
3 several matters which will be consolidated for the purpose
4 of discussion as part of the status conference.

5 We have 21347, 21348, 21349, and 21350.
6 The Applicant is Catena Resources. These are compulsory
7 pooling applications. The well name is Crisscross.

8 Mr. Padilla, I saw you earlier.

9 Let's see. Mr. Padilla?

10 I did make everyone a panelist so you
11 should be in control of your own mute button. All right.
12 Mr. Padilla, you're definitely unmuted.

13 MR. PADILLA: In this case there are, I believe,
14 two statements.

15 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: I'm sorry, Mr. Padilla,
16 I was only asking for your appearance, and I have a number
17 of other appearances to ask for.

18 MR. PADILA: Oh, I had just entered my
19 appearance, but I'm appearing for Catena Resources on all
20 these four cases.

21 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: All right. Thank you.
22 Then we have Armstrong Energy. I believe someone is here
23 from Hinkle Shanor for Armstrong.

24 MS. HARDY: Good morning, Madam Examiner. Dana
25 Hardy for Hinkle Shanor for Armstrong Energy Partners.

1 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: Good morning, Ms. Hardy.

2 Then we have Ascent Energy, and Mr. Bruce,
3 I believe I have unmuted you. You're Call-in User 6, I
4 believe.

5 MR. BRUCE: Yes. I'm here for Ascent Energy.
6 Thank you.

7 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: All right. Thank you.
8 Then we have COG.

9 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Good morning. Michael Rodriguez
10 for COG Operating, LLC.

11 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: All right. Thank you.
12 And finally we have Marathon.

13 MS. BENNETT: Good morning, Madam Examiner.
14 Deana Bennett on behalf of Marathon Oil Permian, LLC.

15 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: All right. Thank you.
16 Let me pause a moment to see if there are any other
17 appearances.

18 Okay. I hear none, so Mr. Padilla, if you
19 would please kick us off on the status conference.

20 MR PADILLA: Well, this case, I believe is going
21 to take at least half a day. We are going to bring three
22 witnesses. I notice in the Prehearing Statements that
23 have been filed, I believe there are two, Ascent and
24 Armstrong, and perhaps Marathon -- Ms. Bennett can correct
25 me on that.

1 But there will be multiple witnesses in
2 this case, so it seems to me that we are opposed fairly
3 rigidly in this case.

4 I haven't had this case very long, these
5 cases very long, and I haven't conferred with counsel, but
6 it seems to me from the Prehearing Statements that it will
7 take at least half a day to try.

8 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: All right. I'm looking
9 at the calendar. I know that we already have some special
10 hearings set in connection with the January 7th hearing
11 session and the January 21st hearing session. One
12 possibility is to set the matter, regardless, on one of
13 those days, understanding the other special hearing would
14 come first. An alternative is to set it in connection
15 with one of our hearing sessions in February, which would
16 be either the 4th or the 18th

17 Does anyone have a proposal? Have you
18 talked amongst yourselves in terms of when you would like
19 to have this hearing?

20 MR. PADILLA: From my standpoint I know Catena
21 wants to have this case tried as quickly as possible, so
22 if February 4th is the first available special hearing
23 date, then we would ask that it be set then.

24 MR. BRUCE: That date is okay with me. This is
25 Jim Bruce speaking.

1 MS. HARDY: That's fine with me, Madam Examiner,
2 subject to availability of my witnesses that I need to
3 verify. I expect it should be fine

4 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: Okay. Ms. Bennett?

5 MS. BENNETT: That's fine with me. Thank you
6 very much.

7 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: Okay. And Mr.
8 Rodriguez.

9 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Madam Examiner, I will have to
10 check with our landman about that, but I believe it should
11 be fine.

12 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: All right. Thank you
13 very much.

14 Mr. Padilla, if you would please prepare a
15 draft Prehearing Order, send it to me, and I will sign it
16 and we will get you on the schedule.

17 COMMISSIONER PADILLA: Thank you.

18 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: Thank you all.

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