

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

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

CASE NOS: 21347 - 21350

APPLICATION OF CATENA RESOURCES OPERATING LLC  
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF VIRTUAL PROCEEDINGS

EXAMINER HEARING

FEBRUARY 4, 2021

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

This matter came on for virtual hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, HEARING EXAMINER FELICIA ORTH and TECHNICAL EXAMINER KURT SIMMONS on Thursday, February 4, 2021, via Webex virtual platform as hosted by the New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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1 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: Let's move to the next  
2 set of cases, 21347, 21348, 21349 and 21350, Catena  
3 Resources are the applicant. These are compulsory pooling  
4 applications. The name of the well is Crisscross.

5 Mr. Padilla, you are here for the applicant?

6 MR. PADILLA: Yes, ma'am.

7 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: We have a number of  
8 entries of appearance, one from Marathon. Ms. Bennett, are  
9 you here for Marathon?

10 MS. BENNETT: Good morning, Madam Examiner. This  
11 is Deana Bennett on behalf of Marathon Oil Permian LLC.

12 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: Thank you. Good morning.  
13 Then COG? Let's see, Ms. Munds-Dry or Mr. Rodriguez?

14 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes, good morning, Madam Hearing  
15 Examiner. Welcome back. Michael Rodriguez for COG  
16 Operating LLC.

17 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: Thank you. Good morning.  
18 Then Armstrong Energy. Ms. Hardy, is that you from Hinkle  
19 Shanor?

20 MS. HARDY: Yes, it is. Good morning.

21 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: Good morning. And Mr.  
22 Bruce, I believe you are here for Ascent Energy.

23 MR. BRUCE: That is correct.

24 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: So in this case we had a  
25 prehearing order issued in August for September 24,

1 continued to October 22 and then continued from there. Are  
2 we headed to April 22 at this point?

3 MR. PADILLA: I think so, Madam Examiner. There  
4 are a number of Catena cases that have already been set for  
5 April 22 -- or at least we have circulated a prehearing  
6 order for moving the other Catena cases, and I think Matador  
7 has a couple of competing applications as well in those  
8 other cases.

9 So the Crisscross wells are in the area of the  
10 other wells, so it makes sense that we leave those cases to  
11 the April 22 hearing date. Also, I would add that we had an  
12 error in one of the cases that we had a status conference on  
13 in Case 21485, we had a typographical error in the legal  
14 description. So we had to drop that case, and we had to  
15 file a new case. The new case number is 21714, and we would  
16 ask that that case be heard also on April 22.

17 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: All right. Marlene, is  
18 there any problem with adding 21714 to the April 22 docket?

19 MS. SALVIDREZ: I'm a little confused because I  
20 thought, Ernest, that 21485 was on the January 20 -- let me  
21 check. I thought that was already brought up in January.

22 Let me check my notes real fast. So I saw that  
23 21614 replaces 21485. I thought that was on one of the  
24 prehearing orders that you had submitted to Bill that was  
25 discussed on the 21st. So I have 21482, 21483, 21485, 21518

1 and 21519, and 21460 on that draft prehearing order for  
2 April 22.

3 MR. PADILLA: That's correct. But in the  
4 meantime we had to drop -- we discussed this with -- at the  
5 status conference on these cases, on the series of cases and  
6 the other three cases, I believe, but anyway, 21485 had a --  
7 had an error in the legal description, so we had to drop  
8 that case, and we refiled it under the new case number  
9 21714.

10 Now, the series of cases, 21482, '3, '4 and '5,  
11 which is now eliminated, were set for April 22. In other  
12 words, we are just simply saying that this 21714, the new  
13 case, standing by itself probably it's a waste of time  
14 unless its consolidated with the other cases.

15 MS. SALVIDREZ: The cases that we discussed on  
16 January 21, correct, not the cases we are discussing today?

17 MR. PADILLA: Yes.

18 MS. SALVIDREZ: Okay. Yes. That's what Bill is  
19 waiting to get signed.

20 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: All right. So let's go  
21 back to 21347 through 50. Is there anything else to talk  
22 about besides an April 22 -- I am happy to get the  
23 prehearing order out with an April 22 hearing date in the  
24 usual template.

25 (No audible response.)

1                   HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: No? All right. So thank  
2 you all very much for that. Is there anything else we can  
3 talk about -- and thank you, Mr. Padilla, for raising your  
4 other question there while we are all together.

5                   (Concluded.)

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