

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: 21795 - 21798

APPLICATION OF MATADOR PRODUCTION COMPANY
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF VIRTUAL PROCEEDINGS
EXAMINER HEARING
APRIL 8, 2021
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

This matter came on for virtual hearing before
the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, HEARING OFFICER
WILLIAM BRANCARD and TECHNICAL EXAMINER DEAN McCLURE on
Thursday, April 8, 2021, through the Webex Platform.

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1 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Everyone, it is 9:35
2 a.m. The hearing of the Oil Conservation Division will
3 reconvene.

4 Where we left off was Item Number 29. And it's
5 Case Number 21795 combined with Case 21796, 21797, 21798,
6 Matador Production. Mr. Bruce?

7 MR. BRUCE: Yes, I'm here on behalf of Matador.

8 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Excellent. Are there
9 any other interested parties in these four cases?

10 MR. FELDEWERT: May it please the Examiners,
11 Michael Feldewert with the Santa Fe office of Holland & Hart
12 appearing on behalf of COG Operating LLC, Burlington
13 Resources Oil & Gas LP and ConocoPhillips. We do not object
14 to the matters proceeding by affidavit.

15 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. Had you
16 entered an appearance, or is this your entry of appearance?

17 MR. FELDEWERT: No, I'm sorry, Mr. Examiner, we
18 had entered -- filed a written entry of appearance.

19 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. Any other
20 interested parties?

21 (No audible response.)

22 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Hearing none, Mr.
23 Bruce, you may proceed.

24 MR. BRUCE: Yes, Mr. Examiner, there is one
25 exhibit package for all four applications in these matters.

1 The first two cases, 795 and 796 collectively seek to pool
2 the Bone Spring formation underlying the E/2 of Section 3
3 and the E/2 of Section 10 in 22 South, 32 East.

4 The second two cases involving the same --
5 involve the same land, but concern the Wolfcamp formation.

6 Exhibit 1 is the applications and proposed ads.

7 Exhibit 2 is my affidavit of notice. I told this
8 to Mr. Feldewert earlier that he entered an appearance for
9 several companies. Matador informed me the only person who
10 needed to be pooled was ConocoPhillips Company so that is
11 the only notice I have given.

12 I have not received the green card back, but the
13 USPS records show on line that they did receive notice, and
14 I can supply a copy of that, plus they have entered an
15 appearance in this matter, so I think notice is okay.

16 The first exhibit -- that was Exhibit B.
17 Exhibit C is the landman's affidavit, Robert Holding, one of
18 the landman for Matador who has previously testified. The
19 exhibit package contains the usual matters, the C-102s, the
20 tracts involved in the two applications -- the four
21 applications, and then interest ownership breakdown and
22 AFES.

23 The exhibit -- that was our Exhibit C.
24 Exhibit D is the geologist affidavit which contains the
25 usual isopach cross section structure maps of Bone Spring

1 and the Wolfcamp.

2 And I think the package is complete except --
3 uh-oh. The pooling checklists aren't attached, at least in
4 my copy. I beg the Division's permission to file them
5 immediately after the hearing. My only excuse is I filed
6 this exhibit package at about midnight on Tuesday, and I
7 probably had a brain malfunction, but if the matter has to
8 be continued to hear that, I will do so.

9 But with that, I move the admission of Exhibits A
10 through D with the provisional acceptance of the pooling
11 checklist which I will print out and e-mail over to the
12 division.

13 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Mr. Feldewert, do you
14 have any questions or concerns?

15 MR. FELDEWERT: No, I do not.

16 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Mr. McClure?

17 TECHNICAL EXAMINER McCLURE: I have no questions
18 regarding these cases, Mr. Brancard.

19 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: So Mr. Bruce, you
20 have, I believe, gone through what should be within the
21 pooling checklist. You have given us all the contents?

22 MR. BRUCE: Yes, I mean the pooling checklist
23 basically contains references to, to primarily the C-102s,
24 the surface location, first and last take points, the AFEs
25 contain the information on total vertical depth, measured

1 length of the well, and those -- and all the land
2 information. The geological information is submitted at
3 this -- has been submitted from which the pooling checklists
4 are drafted.

5 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Mr. McClure, do you
6 have any objections.

7 TECHNICAL EXAMINER McCLURE: From a technical
8 standpoint, I don't have a problem provided that we have it
9 continue under advisement provided they supply the missing
10 component of the exhibits.

11 MR. BRUCE: That will be done immediately.

12 TECHNICAL EXAMINER McCLURE: That is obviously in
13 your discretion, Mr. Brancard.

14 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Are there any other
15 interested parties in this matter with comments?

16 (No audible response.)

17 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Hearing none, we will
18 admit the exhibits you have provided. The case will be
19 taken under advisement, but the record will be left open to
20 allow you to submit the pooling checklist by the end of the
21 day. Is that possible?

22 MR. BRUCE: Oh, yes. Oh, yes. I imagine we will
23 get done here in an hour and a half or two, and I will get
24 them over to the division after 1.

25 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. Thank you.

1 With that cases 21795, 21796, 21797, 21798 are taken under
2 advisement with the record open for the checklist.

3 MR. BRUCE: Thank you.

4 (Exhibits admitted.)

5 (Taken under advisement.)

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4 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

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12 nor related to any of the parties or attorneys in this case
13 and that I have no interest in the final disposition of this
14 case.

15 I FURTHER CERTIFY that the Virtual Proceeding was
16 of poor to good quality.

17 Dated this 8th day of April 2021.

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/s/ Irene Delgado

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