

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: 21654, 21655

APPLICATION OF COG OPERATING LLC
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NOS: 21631, 21632

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

CASE NOS: 21609, 21610

APPLICATION OF TAP ROCK RESOURCES,
LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF VIRTUAL PROCEEDINGS
EXAMINER HEARING
MAY 20, 2021
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

This matter came on for hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, HEARING EXAMINER WILLIAM BRANCARD and TECHNICAL EXAMINER KURT SIMMONS, on Thursday, May 20, 2021, through the Webex Virtual Platform.

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1 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: So next up, I
2 think, we have a series of competing cases here.

3 I list them as Cases 5 through 10 on our list.

4 And that would be Case 21654 and 21655. That
5 is COG Operating.

6 21609, 21610, Tap Rock Resources.

7 And 21631, 21632, Matador Production.

8 Entry of appearances. For COG?

9 DANA HARDY: Yes. Dana Hardy with the Santa
10 Fe office of Hinkle Shanor on behalf of COG Operating,
11 LLC.

12 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. Tap Rock
13 Resources?

14 SHARON SHAHEEN: Good morning. Sharon Shaheen
15 on behalf of Tap Rock Resources in Case Numbers 21609
16 and 21610.

17 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. And Matador
18 Production?

19 KAITLYN LUCK: Good morning. Kaitlyn Luck
20 with the Santa Fe office of Holland & Hart on behalf of
21 Matador Production Company.

22 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: I don't see any
23 other -- I see an MRC Permiem (phonetic), but I assume
24 that's also Matador; is that correct?

25 KAITLYN LUCK: That's correct.

1 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. Any other
2 entries of appearances in these six cases this morning?

3 Hearing none, I guess, Ms. Hardy, you're at
4 the top of the list.

5 Do you want to start us off a proposal for
6 where to go with these cases?

7 DANA HARDY: Sure. Thank you, Mr. Examiner.

8 Given the competing applications, I think it
9 makes sense to set these cases a couple months out. I
10 know there are still discussions going on. So I think
11 we would ask for a setting in mid-August, perhaps the
12 August 19th docket. I think that would give the
13 parties time to prepare and potentially resolve,
14 possibly, some of these applications.

15 And I know that the parties were also
16 discussing earlier dates, but I know the June date does
17 not work for COG. So we were hoping to shoot for the
18 August docket.

19 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. Marlene, I
20 believe August 19th is pretty booked unless we do it
21 that Friday. Is that possible?

22 MARLENE SALVIDREZ: Yes. August 19th is
23 booked. If you want to do it on the Friday after,
24 that's fine.

25 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. I'll throw

1 that out as a possibility. And let's hear from the
2 parties. August 20th --

3 DANA HARDY: I think that --

4 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: -- on a special
5 docket.

6 DANA HARDY: Sorry. I think that would be
7 fine with COG, Mr. Examiner.

8 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Ms. Shaheen?

9 SHARON SHAHEEN: Yes, thank you, Mr. Examiner.

10 Tap Rock prefers to have these cases heard as
11 soon as possible.

12 They are the first filed applications. Case
13 Number 21609 and 21610 were filed more than five months
14 ago, on December 8th, I believe it was, of last year.

15 And would -- they would prefer to go forward
16 in June. I understand now that the COG is not
17 available at that time, but Tap Rock asks that they be
18 set as soon as possible.

19 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. Ms. Luck?

20 KAITYLN LUCK: And Matador is apparently in
21 agreement with COG and would prefer a later hearing.
22 The August 20th hearing would work for Matador.

23 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. I think
24 we're really filling up these dockets here, although a
25 lot of cases get continued. So it's deceptive.

1 But we're going to schedule these cases for
2 August 20th, and I will issue a pre-hearing order.

3 Are there any other interested parties in
4 these six cases today?

5 Hearing none, please file continuances in
6 these cases, and Cases 21654, 21655, 21609, 21610,
7 21631, 21632 are continued to a special hearing on
8 August 20th. And I will file a pre-hearing order.

9 Thank you.

10 SHARON SHAHEEN: Thank you.

11 DANA HARDY: Thank you.

12 KAITYLN LUCK: Thank you.

13 (Hearing concluded)

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18 Dated this 24th day of May, 2021.

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21 /s/ Carrie Hewerdine

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