

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: 21724, 21725.

APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE OIL
COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NOS: 21754, 21755,
21756, 21757

APPLICATION OF MATADOR PRODUCTION
COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING
EDDY 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: All right. We
2 have I think six cases here coming up, 22 through 27 on
3 the agenda.

4 That would be Cases 21724 and 21725, Mewbourne
5 Oil, Cases 21754, 21755, 21756, and 21757, Matador.

6 Mewbourne?

7 JAMES BRUCE: Jim Bruce representing
8 Mewbourne.

9 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you.
10 Matador?

11 KAITLYN LUCK: Good morning, again.

12 Kaitlyn Luck with the Santa Fe office of
13 Holland & Hart on behalf of Matador Production Company.

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15 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. And I
16 assume you're also MRC Permian?

17 KAITLYN LUCK: That's correct.

18 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you.

19 Are there any other interested parties in
20 these six cases?

21 Hearing none, Mr. Bruce, you can start us off.

22 JAMES BRUCE: I'm not -- okay. Mewbourne
23 would like to proceed with these, and was the first to
24 file, and then Matador got its cases filed, but I know
25 they both want to operate.

1 Mewbourne's at a little bit of a loss
2 because -- and I've asked -- there's two things.

3 I'm a little bit at a loss, because I've asked
4 Holland & Hart to ask Matador why they're opposing
5 because they only own about a 7 or 8 percent working
6 interest in the proposed wells.

7 I haven't received a response.

8 But the other thing is, if there really is
9 going to be a fight, Mr. Feldewert at Holland & Hart
10 told me not to get out of the case yet, but I'm going
11 to have to step aside because I represent both
12 companies.

13 So I -- I will have to -- if there's a fight,
14 I eventually will have to step aside. I'm just kind of
15 in as a caretaker right now.

16 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Ms. Luck?

17 KAITLYN LUCK: Oh, I'm sorry. I failed to
18 actually cc Mr. Bruce on my email to the division
19 yesterday. Matador has decided to dismiss these four
20 cases that were competing with Mewbourne's Chile Verde
21 cases.

22 And so at this point, Matador is no longer
23 opposed to Mewbourne's cases.

24 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Oh, okay.

25 Marlene, did you see that?

1 MARLENE SALVIDREZ: Yes, I did. I forwarded
2 it to you, and I actually have an order for you to sign
3 on that.

4 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. It must be
5 in my stack of emails.

6 JAMES BRUCE: Thank you for the info,
7 Ms. Luck.

8 KAITLYN LUCK: Jim, I'm sorry about that. I
9 just forwarded that email over to you.

10 JAMES BRUCE: Okay. That being the case,
11 Mr. Examiner, could we just continue these to the
12 June 17th docket?

13 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Yes. I think
14 that's possible.

15 JAMES BRUCE: Thank you.

16 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. So,
17 Mr. Bruce, you'll move for a continuance on these two
18 cases, and then we'll work on the dismissal of the four
19 Matador cases.

20 JAMES BRUCE: Yes.

21 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Are there any
22 other interested parties in this acreage, this event?

23 Hearing none, I think we have resolved that.

24 Thank you, Ms. Luck.

25 KAITLYN LUCK: Thank you.

(Hearing concluded)

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15 disposition of the case.

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17 was of poor to good quality.

18 Dated this 24th day of May, 2021.

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21 /s/ Carrie Hewerdine

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