

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: 21837, 21838,  
21839, 21840

APPLICATION OF APACHE CORPORATION  
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: With that, I will  
2 call Cases 1, 2, 3, and 4 on our list, which are Case  
3 Numbers 21837, 21838, 21839, and 21840. Apache  
4 Corporation.

5 Who is here for Apache? Modrall Sperling.

6 LANCE HOUGH: Good morning. This is Lance  
7 Hough from Modrall Sperling on behalf of Apache  
8 Corporation.

9 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you,  
10 Mr. Hough. I have an entry by V-F Petroleum.

11 DANA HARDY: Yes, good morning, Mr. Examiner,  
12 Dana Hardy with the Santa Fe office of Hinkle Shanor on  
13 behalf of V-F Petroleum.

14 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. COG  
15 Operating?

16 BETH RYAN: Yes. Good morning. Beth Ryan on  
17 behalf of COG Operating.

18 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. Are there  
19 any other entries in these four cases this morning?

20 If not, how would you like to proceed,  
21 Mr. Hough?

22 LANCE HOUGH: Mr. Examiner, I think it's  
23 pretty straightforward. We're here for a status  
24 conference. We would like a setting. I think sometime  
25 in July would probably be appropriate. I think we're

1 trying to work things out in the meantime, but I think  
2 that would be an appropriate setting or whenever is  
3 next available for the division.

4 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. Any other  
5 comments from the other parties?

6 DANA HARDY: No, Mr. Examiner. I agree with  
7 Mr. Hough.

8 BETH RYAN: I agree as well.

9 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. And  
10 there are no competing cases with these, just these  
11 four?

12 LANCE HOUGH: That's my understanding.

13 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you.

14 Okay. Am I correct --

15 (Audio interference)

16 BETH RYAN: I'm sorry. I didn't hear that.

17 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Put you on that  
18 docket?

19 BETH RYAN: What docket?

20 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: July 15.

21 BETH RYAN: Okay.

22 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Mr. Hough, will  
23 that do? Since you're first in line, you get the first  
24 shot at the -- when we start filling up these dockets.

25 LANCE HOUGH: That works for us.

1 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. That's okay  
2 with the other parties?

3 BETH RYAN: That's fine with --

4 DANA HARDY: That's fine with V-F Petroleum.

5 BETH RYAN: Fine with COG. Thank you.

6 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: I will get a  
7 pre-hearing order out.

8 And, once again, I'll just leave the -- the --  
9 microphone open for a second.

10 If there are any other parties interested in  
11 these four cases.

12 Hearing none, then Cases 21837, 21838, 21839,  
13 and 21840 will be continued to a July 15th hearing.

14 We need -- do we need continuances filed,  
15 Marlene?

16 MARLENE SALVIDREZ: Yes, we do.

17 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. So please  
18 file the continuances, and I will issue a pre-hearing  
19 order.

20 Thank you.

21 (Hearing concluded)

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4 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

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6 I, CARRIE HEWERDINE, RDR, New Mexico Certified  
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9 stenographic shorthand and that the foregoing pages are  
10 a true and correct transcript of those proceedings to  
11 the best of my ability.

12 I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am neither employed  
13 by nor related to any of the parties or attorneys in  
14 this case and that I have no interest in the final  
15 disposition of the case.

16 I FURTHER CERTIFY that the Virtual Proceeding  
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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