

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: 21884, 21885,  
21886, 21887

APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE OIL  
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: With that, we're  
2 down to Item 18 on the agenda.

3 These are Cases 21884, 21885, 82886, and  
4 21887, Mewbourne.

5 Mr. Bruce, are you here from Mewbourne?

6 JAMES BRUCE: Yes, I am, Mr. Examiner.

7 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you.

8 And I have Cimarex with an entry.

9 DARIN SAVAGE: Oh, good morning.

10 Darin Savage with Abadie Schill for Cimarex  
11 Energy Company.

12 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you.

13 And I believe that is -- are there any other  
14 interested parties in these four cases?

15 Hearing none, Mr. Bruce, where are we on  
16 these?

17 JAMES BRUCE: Well, Mr. Examiner, I'm  
18 uncertain. I've discussed this with Mr. Savage, and it  
19 sounds like Cimarex really isn't opposed to what  
20 Mewbourne is seeking, but Cimarex has some side issues  
21 that it desires to resolve before Mewbourne goes to  
22 hearing.

23 Mr. Savage, is that correct?

24 DARIN SAVAGE: Mr. Bruce, that's correct.

25 We have some title issues involving the

1 federal leases. It will impact making an informed  
2 decision on participation and how to precede with this.

3 But, you know, we're working to get those  
4 resolved, and we're working with Mewbourne, as I  
5 understand. And I believe that the case can proceed  
6 once those are resolved.

7 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: It sounds like  
8 there's a good chance this will not go to a contested  
9 hearing, but we need to set a date.

10 DARIN SAVAGE: That's the hope, Mr. Examiner.

11 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. Well,  
12 why -- how about if we just put this on the July 15th  
13 docket, and hopefully you can resolve it by then.

14 JAMES BRUCE: That would be fine with us.

15 DARIN SAVAGE: That sounds good. Thank you.

16 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. Once again,  
17 are there any other interested parties in these four  
18 cases?

19 Hearing none, Cases 21884, 21885, 21886, 21887  
20 are continued to July 15th. And I will prepare a  
21 pre-hearing order for that. Please file continuances.

22 Thank you.

23 (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  
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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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