

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:

Application of Matador Production Case Nos. 21906, 21907
Company to amended Pooling Orders,
Lea County, New Mexico.

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

EXAMINER HEARING

THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2021

This matter came on for hearing before the
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, William
Brancard Hearing Examiner, Leonard Lowe
Technical Examiner, on Thursday, June 3, 2021,
via the Webex Virtual Conferencing Platform.

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1 (Time noted 8:45 a.m.)

2 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: So with that I call
3 21906, 21907, Matador Production.

4 Mr. Bruce? (Note: No response.)

5 Mr. Bruce, if you are here we can't hear
6 you.

7 Marlene, do we have any call-in people?

8 MS. SALVIDREZ: No. Let me check.

9 Ernest, can you hear us?

10 MR. PADILLA: Yes, I can hear you.

11 MS. SALVIDREZ: Bill just called a couple of
12 your cases.

13 MR. PADILLA: I think you need to call Jim Bruce
14 at 982-2043.

15 MS. SALVIDREZ: Jim, are you on the line? We
16 have a call-in User 2 and 4.

17 MR. BRUCE: I am on the line. I don't know
18 what's wrong.

19 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. Now we can
20 hear you loud and clear.

21 MR. BRUCE: Okay. I've been hitting unmute
22 about six times, so I don't know what the deal was.

23 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. Mr. Bruce,
24 you're up on Case 21906, 21907. Let me just ask if there
25 are any other interested parties in those two cases.

1 (Note: No response.)

2 Hearing none, Mr. Bruce you may proceed.

3 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, again these are cases
4 to extend the well commencement deadline under two pooling
5 Orders, R-21272 and R-21273. These are companion cases to
6 a couple of cases heard two weeks ago. These applications
7 were timely filed. The Pooling Orders' actual date was in
8 April 30 but we are requesting a one-year extension from
9 April 30 to drill these wells.

10 The application packet contains the
11 Applications and Proposed Notices, the original Pooling
12 Order. An affidavit from Sam Pryor, landman at Matador.
13 Again, as usual, it's the market conditions and the
14 pandemic that has slowed things down, and that's the
15 reason for the request.

16 This is the third set of these -- the names
17 of these wells Michael K&B. This is the third set of
18 Notices I have sent out for eight different wells.

19 And Exhibit 4 four is my Affidavit of
20 Notice. There are about 100 people notified, so I've had
21 to do that three times.

22 I request permission to file -- I'm still
23 compiling the Certified Return Receipts and those that
24 were dismissed or returned as undeliverable, and request
25 permission to late file an Amended Exhibit 4. But

1 everybody was given Notice by Publication.

2 You can see from Exhibit 5 there are a lot
3 of people on this Notice list.

4 With that, everybody was sent written
5 Notice or received Publication Notice.

6 I ask that Exhibits 1 through 5 be admitted
7 into evidence and that the cases be taken under
8 advisement.

9 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you.

10 Mr. Lowe, questions?

11 EXAMINER LOWE: Good morning, Mr. Jim Bruce. I
12 have one question

13 You mentioned an April 30 date in your
14 testimony just a while ago. What was that date referring
15 to?

16 A. April 3rd. The original Orders are dated April
17 30th. The applications themselves were filed before that
18 date. The hearing applications.

19 EXAMINER LOWE: Okay.

20 MR. BRUCE: Those are the dates that --

21 EXAMINER LOWE: The Order date is April 30th and
22 you're requesting a one-year extension for April 30, '22?

23 MR. BRUCE: Correct.

24 EXAMINER LOWE: Okay. Thank you.

25 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. So Mr.

1 Bruce -- I'm sorry, Mr. Lowe do you have any other
2 questions?

3 EXAMINER LOWE: Sorry. No, I do not. Thank
4 you.

5 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Mr. Bruce, let's --
6 can you clarify for us what you need no submit in addition
7 to what you have submitted.

8 MR. BRUCE: Just the certified green cards and
9 those that were returned.

10 I've got a bunch of old ones returned, you
11 know, Unable to Forward or Unlocatable Parties. More have
12 been coming in this past week, I picked up about five or
13 six yesterday late, and I just want to compile them all
14 together and then I'll submit -- I'm going to be out of
15 town tomorrow but I'll submit them early next week.

16 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. So you think
17 you can get this done in a week?

18 MR. BRUCE: Yeah.

19 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. So in Cases
20 21906 and 21907, we will leave the record open for you to
21 submit additional Notice information next week. Those
22 cases will be taken under advisement.

23 MR. BRUCE: Thank you.

24 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Just to be clear on
25 what has been going on with these amendment cases, you can

1 see that this is a case where the one-year period has
2 already passed but we've been lenient and have been
3 accepting applications that are filed before the one-year
4 in allowing those cases to go forward. We did have a case
5 last month where somebody had filed well after the
6 one-year period, and that case was dismissed and and they
7 will be required to start all over again. So be aware
8 that deadline is real, but we are basing it on when you
9 file your application for the amendment.

10 (Time noted 8:52 a.m.)

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