

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.

Application of Marathon Oil	20840, 20841
Permian, LLC for Compulsory Pooling	20842, 20843
in Eddy County, New Mexico	20844, 20845
	20846, 20847
	20848,

Amended Application of Matador	21383, 21384
Production Company for Compulsory	21385 21436
Pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico	21437

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2021

This matter came on for hearing
before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division,
William Brancard, Esq. Hearing Examiner, on
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1 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay, we've got, I believe, 15
2 cases now lined up, Nos. 7 through 21 on our docket. These
3 are cases 20840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848 and
4 21383, 384, 385, 386 and 21436, 437.

5 Let's start with Marathon Oil Permian.

6 MS. BENNETT: Good morning, Mr. Examiner.
7 Deana Bennett of Modrall Sperling on behalf of Marathon Oil
8 Permian, LLC.

9 EXAMINER BRANCARD: And then Matador Production.

10 MR. FELDEWERT: May it please the Examiner,
11 Michael Feldewert, Santa Fe office of Holland & Hart
12 appearing on behalf of Matador Production Company.

13 EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. I have a few other
14 entries of appearance here, Cimarex Energy. I think that's
15 Modrall Sperling, I have listed.

16 MS. BENNETT: Good morning, Mr. Examiner. This is
17 Deana Bennett. I believe Earl Debrine is on for Cimarex
18 Energy on the Webex, but out of an abundance of caution, I
19 will go ahead and enter on behalf of Cimarex Energy as well.

20 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. I did see
21 Mr. Debrine earlier.

22 MR. DEBRINE: Good morning, Mr. Examiner. My
23 mute -- my mute -- my fingers weren't working on the mute
24 button. But I am here and appearing for Cimarex.

25 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you, Mr. Debrine.

1 Then I have, "For an oil company," Gallagher &
2 Kennedy.

3 Is Mr. Moellenberg on? Apparently not. Are there any
4 other interested persons for these 15 cases? And I won't go
5 through the numbers again.

6 Hearing none, as I recall, there was a pre-hearing
7 order in these cases; it was vacated. The parties seemed to
8 be working on something and requested a status conference.
9 And so where are we?

10 Let's start with you, Ms. Bennett.

11 MS. BENNETT: Thank you, Mr. Examiner. Your
12 recollection is correct. The parties are still working on
13 resolving the issues between them outside of the OCD process
14 and are hopeful that we can set these cases for a status
15 conference in January, and are hopeful that, fingers
16 crossed, that things may be resolved by the January 20th
17 status conference. But that's the goal is to work things
18 out amongst themselves and they just need a little more time
19 to do so.

20 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Mr. Feldewert, do you agree,
21 January 20th?

22 MR. FELDEWERT: It seems to me -- I'm a little
23 more optimistic than Ms. Bennett. I think they have made
24 some substantial progress here, in a very complicated set of
25 cases. And so a status conference in January makes a lot of

1 sense.

2 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you.

3 Mr. Debrine, any thoughts?

4 MR. DEBRINE: We're fine with that as well,
5 Mr. Examiner.

6 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you.

7 Okay. Once again, Gallagher & Kennedy,
8 Mr. Moellenberg, are you on?

9 Hearing silence. Okay, why don't we set this for
10 January 20th at a status conference, does that work? I will
11 just do a scheduling order. Don't need a pre-hearing order
12 for that.

13 MS. BENNETT: Thank you very much.

14 EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. With that, cases
15 20840 through 848; 21383 through 386 and 21436 through 437
16 will be continued to a status conference on January 20th.

17 Please file continuances. Thank you.

18 MR. FELDEWERT: Thank you, Mr. Examiner.

19 (Concluded 8:27 a.m.)

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