

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS, AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTTTER OF THE HEARING CALLED
BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR
THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

Applications of MATADOR PRODUCTION COMPANY for Compulsory Pooling Lea County, New Mexico	Case Nos. 21683 21685 22103 22104
Applications of E.G.L. RESOURCES, RESOURCES INC., for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico	Case Nos. 22083, 22084

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2021

STATUS CONFERENCE

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Brancard, Esq. Hearing Examiner, Dean McClure
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CASE NOS. 22163, 22165, 22103, 22104, PAGE
22083, 22084

CASES CALLED: 3

SET FOR STATUS CONFERENCE ON 1/06/2022 6

1 (Time noted 8:28 a.m.)

2 EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. I'm going to call
3 what looks like Cases Nos. 6 through 11 on our worksheet
4 today. This would be Case No. 22083, 22084, 21683, 21685,
5 22103, 22104.

6 Let's start with -- I guess it's Chisholm
7 now instead of EGL?

8 COMMISSIONER PADILLA: Mr. Examiner, Ernest L.
9 Padilla for Chisholm Energy Operating.

10 EXAMINER BRANCARD: And you have taken over this
11 application from EGL, just for the record.

12 MR. PADILLA: Yes, sir.

13 EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. Matador
14 Production Company.

15 MR. FELDEWERT: May it please the examiner,
16 Michael Feldewert with the Santa Fe office of Holland &
17 Hart.

18 EXAMINER BRANCARD: And then I have entries of
19 appearance from Cimarex Energy.

20 MR. SAVAGE: Yes. Good morning, Mr. Hearing
21 Examiner. Darin Savage with Abadie & Schill appearing on
22 behalf of Cimarex Energy Company in two of the cases,
23 22083 and 22084.

24 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Then I have XTO Energy.
25 Holland and Hart, I think.

1 MR. FELDEWERT: Michael Feldewert from the Santa
2 Fe office of Holland & Hart appearing on behalf of XTO.

3 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. And then I have EOG
4 Resources on some of these cases.

5 MR. RITTENHOUSE: Joby Rittenhouse from Beatty &
6 Wozniak appearing on behalf of EOG.

7 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. Let's just check,
8 then, are there any other interested parties in these
9 cases? And I'll just go through them again: 22083, -084,
10 21683, -685, and 22103 and -104. (Note: Pause.)

11 Hearing none, let's proceed.

12 We vacated a Prehearing Order in these
13 cases because, quote, there were productive discussions
14 ongoing.

15 Mr. Padilla, do you want to take the lead
16 on this?

17 MR. PADILLA: Yes, sure.

18 Mr. Examiner, I informed Chisholm yesterday
19 that contested cases were being set into January/February,
20 and they informed me that they have no problem going to
21 February to allow more time to finalize negotiations, if
22 necessary.

23 I don't know what the other parties would
24 prefer, but Chisholm doesn't have any problems going into
25 February.

1 MR. BRANCARD: Okay. And are we to set a
2 contestsed hearing date or are we looking for another
3 status conference?

4 MR. PADILLA: I think we would be setting a
5 hearing date.

6 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Let's go around The Horn
7 here. Mr. Feldewert, for whatever client you would like
8 to represent right now.

9 MR. FELDEWERT: Well, I think, as you know,
10 Matador has competing cases with I guess Chisholm now, who
11 is stepping in the shoes of EGL.

12 My understanding is that the parties are,
13 as you noted earlier, continuing the productive
14 discussions, and at least from our side they are pretty
15 optimistic that they're going to be able to make a deal.

16 So I have been asked by Matador to see if
17 we could just have a status conference in January.

18 EXAMINER BRANCARD: I'll check.

19 MR. PADILLA: I don't have any problem with a
20 status conference in January. I think that accomplishes
21 the same thing as setting a hearing in February.

22 EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. Mr. Rittenhouse,
23 your client's position?

24 MR. RITTENHOUSE: No objection from EOG.

25 MR. BRANCARD: I assume XTO is also okay, Mr.

1 Feldewert.

2 MR. FELDEWERT: Yes, sir.

3 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you.

4 So why don't we set this for a status
5 conference January 6th.

6 MR. FELDEWERT: Appreciate that, Mr. Examiner.
7 And hopefully we will have some good news at that point.

8 EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. Thank you for
9 everyone's cooperation.

10 (Time noted 8:33 a.m.)

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