

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 CATENA RESOURCES
OPERATING, LLC, to Amend Order
R-21942, Lea County, New Mexico

Case No. 22283

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2021

EXAMINER HEARING

This matter came on for hearing before the
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, William
Brancard, Esq. Hearing Examiner, Dean McClure
Technical Examiner, on Thursday, November 4, 2021,
via Webex Virtual Conferencing Platform hosted
by the New Mexico Department of Energy, Minerals and
Natural Resources

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CATENA RESOURCES OPERATING EXHIBITS

NO.	DESCRIPTION	ADMITTED
1	Application	6
2	Affidavit of Cato Clark, Landman	6
3	Notice Affidavit	6
4	Notice of Publication	6

1 (Time noted 9:08 a.m.)

2 EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. Let me call Case
3 22283, No. 27 on the worksheet, Catena Resources.

4 MS. LUCK: Good morning, Mr. Examiner. Kaitlyn
5 Luck with the Santa Fe office of Holland & Hart for Catena
6 Resources in this case.

7 EXAMINER BRANCARD: We have an entry for
8 Marathon Oil, LLC.

9 MS. BENNETT: Good morning, Mr. Examiner. Deana
10 Bennett on behalf of Marathon Oil Permian, LLC. And
11 Marathon does not object to this case going forward by
12 affidavit but has entered its appearance to protect its
13 rights, if necessary.

14 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. Are there any
15 other interested persons for Case 22283?

16 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, Jim Bruce. I'm
17 entering an appearance on behalf of Mewbourne Oil Company,
18 and likewise no objection to the matter being presented by
19 affidavit.

20 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. Anyone else?

21 Hearing none, Ms. Luck you may proceed.

22 MS. LUCK: Thank you.

23 In this case Catena is seeking to amend
24 Order No. R-21492 to obtain an extension of a drilling
25 deadline in the Order. That Order entered on October 13,

1 of 2020 in Case 21459 created a standard 640-acre spacing
2 unit in the Wolfcamp Formation, comprised of the east half
3 of Sections 6 and 7 all in Township 19 South, Range 35
4 East, in Lea County, New Mexico.

5 And since that time that the Order was
6 entered Catena has delayed its drilling of this spacing
7 unit due to Covid and management changes, so Catena is
8 seeking a one-year extension of the drilling deadline
9 until October 13th of 2022. And Catena expects to be able
10 to complete drilling of the initial well in the spacing
11 unit by that date.

12 So in the exhibit packet Catena has
13 included a copy of the Application as Exhibit A; and a
14 Landman Affidavit as Exhibit B. And then Notice of this
15 hearing was provided to the pooled working interest
16 owners, which is reflected on Catena's Exhibit C.

17 I would move the admission of Catena's
18 Exhibits A through C and request this case be taken under
19 advisement.

20 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. Ms. Bennett, any
21 questions?

22 MS. BENNETT: No questions. Thank you.

23 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Mr. Bruce?

24 MR. BRUCE: No questions.

25 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you.

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Mr. McClure.

EXAMINER McCLURE: No questions here either.

EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you.

Any other persons interested in Case 22283?

Hearing none, the exhibits will be admitted
and this case will be taken under advisement. Thank you.

(Time noted 9:11 a.m.)

1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO) .

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3 COUNTY OF TAOS)

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5 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

6 I, MARY THERESE MACFARLANE, New Mexico Reporter
7 CCR No. 122, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that on Thursday,
8 November 4, 2021, the proceedings in the above-captioned
9 matter were taken before me; that I did report in
10 stenographic shorthand the proceedings set forth herein,
11 and the foregoing pages are a true and correct
12 transcription to the best of my ability and control.

13 I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am neither employed by
14 nor related to nor contracted with (unless excepted by the
15 rules) any of the parties or attorneys in this case, and
16 that I have no interest whatsoever in the final
17 disposition of this case in any court.

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19 /s/Mary Macfarlane_____

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