

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: 22321, 22322

APPLICATION OF RIDGE RUNNER RESOURCES
OPERATING LLC FOR EXTENSION TO
COMMENCE DRILLING OPERATIONS,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF VIRTUAL PROCEEDINGS
EXAMINER HEARING
DECEMBER 2, 2021
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

This matter came on for virtual hearing before
the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, HEARING OFFICER
WILLIAM BRANCARD and TECHNICAL EXAMINERS DEAN McCLURE and
DYLAN ROSE-COSS on Thursday, December 2, 2021, through the
Webex Platform.

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1 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: With that, I will
2 call Cases 22321 and 22322, Ridge Runner Resources.

3 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Morning again, Michael Rodriguez
4 with Hinkle Shanor on behalf of the applicant, Ridge Runner
5 Resources Operating LLC.

6 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. Are there
7 any other interested persons for Cases 22321 or 22322?

8 (No audible response.)

9 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Hearing none,
10 Mr. Rodriguez, you may proceed.

11 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you. In these two matters
12 Ridge Runner requests the Division amend the current orders
13 to extend the deadline to commence drilling operations from
14 a year from the date the next order would be issued.

15 The subject orders are Order Number R-21586 in
16 Case Number 22321, and Order Number R-21587 in Case Number
17 22322. The Division issued Order Numbers R-21586 and 21587
18 on January 21, 2021, which pooled all uncommitted mineral
19 interests in the Bone Spring and Wolfcamp Formation in a 480
20 acre standard horizontal spacing unit, comprised of the SW/4
21 of Section 3 and the W/2 of Section 10, Township 20 South,
22 Range 35 East, in Lea County, New Mexico.

23 Court order R-21586 which is the order at issue
24 in Case 22321 dedicated the Bone Spring unit to Thunderbird
25 310 Fed Com B, Numbers 1, 2, 3 4H wells, and designated

1 Ridge Runner as operating the wells.

2 And Order Number R-21587 which is the order at
3 issue in Case Number 22322 dedicated the Wolfcamp unit to a
4 Thunderbird 310 Fed Com W 1 and 2H wells, and it designated
5 Ridge Runner as the operator of the wells.

6 Since the orders were issued, Ridge Runner
7 revised the drilling schedule due to delays with federal
8 permitting that occurred earlier in the year, and as such
9 Ridge Runner now intends to commence drilling the wells
10 approved under both orders in the first half of 2022.

11 The case packets submitted to the Division are
12 identical, and contains Exhibits A, which is the landman's
13 testimony and related attachments, and attachments A-3 and
14 A-4 are sample notice, notice of hearing letters, green
15 cards, an affidavit of publication which reflect that all
16 notice requirements have been met.

17 And with that I ask that the exhibit packets to
18 each of these cases containing Exhibit A and related
19 attachments be admitted into the record and Cases 22321 and
20 22322 be taken under advisement.

21 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you.

22 Mr. Rose-Coss, any questions?

23 TECHNICAL EXAMINER ROSE-COSS: No questions.

24 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Are there any other
25 interested comments for Cases 22321 and 22322?

1 (No audible response.)

2 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Hearing none, the
3 exhibits will be admitted into the record, and Cases 22321
4 and 22322 will be taken under advisement.

5 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

6 (Exhibits admitted.)

7 (Taken under advisement.)

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4 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

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6 I, IRENE DELGADO, New Mexico Certified Court
7 Reporter, CCR 253, do hereby certify that I reported the
8 foregoing virtual proceedings in stenographic shorthand and
9 that the foregoing pages are a true and correct transcript
10 of those proceedings to the best of my ability.

11 I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am neither employed by
12 nor related to any of the parties or attorneys in this case
13 and that I have no interest in the final disposition of this
14 case.

15 I FURTHER CERTIFY that the Virtual Proceeding was
16 of reasonable quality.

17 Dated this 2nd day of December 2021.

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/s/ Irene Delgado

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