

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: 22350, 22351

APPLICATION OF NOVO OIL & GAS
NORTHERN DELAWARE LLC TO AMEND
ORDER NOS R-21092 AND R-21092-A,
EDDY 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'm
2 calling Cases 22350 and 22351, Novo Oil & Gas.

3 MS. LUCK: Good morning, Mr. Examiner, Kaitlyn
4 Luck with the Santa Fe office of Holland & Hart for the
5 applicant in these two cases, Novo Oil and Gas Northern
6 Delaware LLC.

7 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. Are there
8 any other interested persons for Cases 22350, 22351?

9 (No audible response.)

10 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Hearing none, Ms.
11 Luck, you may proceed.

12 MS. LUCK: Thank you. Novo understood there
13 would be no opposition to these cases proceeding by
14 affidavit today, and so on Tuesday Novo filed its exhibit
15 package which included as Exhibit A copies of Novo's
16 application in both cases.

17 As reflected in the application, Novo seeks to
18 amend the existing orders. The order numbers are R-21092
19 and 21092-A, and that's in the first case, 22350.

20 And then in the second case, 22351, Novo seeks to
21 amend Order Numbers R-21093 and 21093-A. And the requested
22 extension for both of these cases is an extension of the
23 drilling deadline.

24 In both cases the drilling deadline for the
25 initial well is December 24, 2021, and so Novo submitted the

1 affidavit of Brandon Patrick in Exhibit D and that reflects
2 that Novo is seeking the drilling extensions because at the
3 time these applications were submitted, Novo had not yet
4 received approval of its drilling permits from the BLM.

5 But since these applications were filed, the BLM
6 also approved the permits, so Novo has started on the
7 drilling pads, but to ensure that Novo has sufficient time
8 to complete the drilling pads and all the initial
9 preparation that are required to get started drilling, Novo
10 would still request the drilling extension through December
11 24 of 2022, and that applies for both cases as is claimed in
12 Novo exhibits.

13 And then as required by the Division rules, Novo
14 provided notice of these drilling extensions to these
15 working interest owners, and that's reflected in Novo's
16 Exhibit C, and Novo's Exhibit C also reflects that notice of
17 this hearing was published as well in the Carlsbad Current
18 Argus.

19 So with that I would move the admission of Novo's
20 Exhibit A through D and request that the cases be taken
21 under advisement if there aren't any questions.

22 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. Mr.
23 Rose-Coss, any questions?

24 TECHNICAL EXAMINER ROSE-COSS: No questions.

25 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Are there any other

1 interested persons for Cases 22350, 22351?

2 (No audible response.)

3 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Hearing none, the
4 exhibits will be admitted into the record, and Cases 22350
5 and 22351 will be taken under advisement.

6 MS. LUCK: Thank you.

7 (Exhibits admitted.)

8 (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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Irene Delgado, NMCCR 253
License Expires: 12-31-21

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