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ENERGY, MINERALS, AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
PRE-HEARING DOCKET

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DECEMBER 16, 2021

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

BEFORE: WILLIAM BRANCARD, HEARING EXAMINER  
KATHLEEN MURPHY, TECHNICAL EXAMINER

This matter came on for hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, HEARING EXAMINER WILLIAM BRANCARD and TECHNICAL EXAMINER KATHLEEN MURPHY, on Thursday, December 16, 2021, via Webex Virtual Platform,

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1 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Anyway, good morning,  
2 everyone. It's December 16, 2021. This is a hearing of the  
3 New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission, Energy, Minerals and  
4 Natural Resources Department. We have a court reporter  
5 today, so please speak clearly and slowly when necessary.

6 With us as a technical examiner today is Kathleen  
7 Murphy. I believe she has an announcement today.

8 Kathleen, I think you are muted.

9 TECHNICAL EXAMINER MURPHY: Good morning. I have  
10 a couple announcements. The UIC team has a new team member,  
11 and this is Joseph Thompson who is, who is attending for the  
12 first time, comes to us from New Mexico Tech with a  
13 bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering.

14 And he has worked as a hydraulic fracturing  
15 engineer for three years with Profrac Services. As a field  
16 engineer he gained knowledge in many aspects of field  
17 operations including fluid testing and analysis, real time  
18 well monitoring and evaluation, and post job assessment and  
19 reporting.

20 He has worked stimulation projects in several  
21 basins including the Permian, Eagleford and Marcellus, and  
22 we welcome him. We have much interesting work, and we look  
23 forward to his help in accomplishing goals of the UIC  
24 program.

25 On another note for the examiner side, the UIC

1 team has lost Baylen Lamkin to the land office where he  
2 joins other past great examiners, Mr. McMillain and  
3 Mr. Dawson, and he takes the place in the SLO hierarchy of  
4 replacing Ms. Khalsa who took a job with the forest service  
5 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. I know many of you have worked with  
6 her in the past.

7 Mr. Simmons has also left the OCD, and these are  
8 great losses indeed. You will see myself, Mr. Lowe, Mr.  
9 Rose Coss, Mr. McClure and Mr. Garcia who more frequently as  
10 we are rotated through the hearings. Thank you.

11 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you, Kathleen,  
12 and welcome aboard, Joe.

13 MR. THOMPSON: Thank you.

14 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Be nice to Joe, okay,  
15 we don't lose him. Don't you scare him off like you have  
16 the others.

17 So with that, I think we are ready to go with  
18 today's hearing. We have 40 cases on the docket, but a lot  
19 are status conferences, so we would like to be able to get  
20 through this fairly quickly, but as they are status  
21 conferences, and we have a lot of status conferences, our  
22 dockets are pretty full going forward, so we're looking now  
23 at March 17 and April for open dates for cases.

24 But we might -- and Kathleen, I'm sorry, Marlene,  
25 hang onto your chair, we might entertain the notion of a

1 special docket if that's appropriate for a set of highly  
2 contested cases that are really actually going to go to  
3 hearing.

4 (Prehearing concluded.)

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17 Dated this 16th day of December 2021.

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