

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: 21169 - 21172  
22330 - 22332

APPLICATIONS OF MARATHON OIL PERMIAN LLC  
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NOS: 21197, 21198, 21119

APPLICATIONS OF TITUS OIL & GAS PRODUCTION LLC  
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF VIRTUAL PROCEEDINGS  
EXAMINER HEARING  
DECEMBER 16, 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 EXAMINER KATHLEEN MURPHY on  
Thursday, December 16, 2021, through the Webex Platform.

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1 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: So with that I will  
2 start with Cases 1 through 10 on your worksheet, which is  
3 posted on our website as always.

4 I'm calling Case Numbers 21169, 21170, 21171,  
5 21172, 22330, 22331, 22332, and 21197, 21198 and 21119. So  
6 that will get us Marathon Oil Permian LLC.

7 MS. BENNETT: Good morning, Mr. Hearing Examiner,  
8 Deana Bennett on behalf of Marathon Oil Permian LLC.

9 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Good morning. Thank  
10 you, good morning. And Titus Oil & Gas?

11 MS. SHAHEEN: Good morning. Sharon Shaheen of  
12 Montgomery and Andrews on behalf of Titus Oil & Gas.

13 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: With all of those  
14 cases, the only other entry of appearance I see is Chevron  
15 USA.

16 (No audible response.)

17 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Beatty & Wozniak?  
18 Going once. Are there any other entries of appearance today  
19 for the cases, ten cases I have just listed, 21169, 70, 71,  
20 72, 97, 98, 99 and and 22330, 331, 332?

21 (No audible response.)

22 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Hearing none, where  
23 are we going? We had a prehearing order here, and then it  
24 disappeared, and are we now back to setting another time for  
25 contested cases? I will start with you, Ms. Bennett.

1 MS. BENNETT: Yes, that's accurate. We did have  
2 a prehearing order which we jointly moved to vacate, and we  
3 are here today to set a date for a contested hearing. And  
4 understanding that March 17 and that April are the available  
5 dockets, I think those, either one of those would work for  
6 Marathon, but I also understand that Titus may have a  
7 different opinion as to hearing dates, so I am interested in  
8 hearing from Ms. Shaheen on that.

9 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Ms. Shaheen?

10 MS. SHAHEEN: Yes. Titus is available the March  
11 17 date, and I believe it would also be available in April.  
12 I would suggest the March 17 date just to encourage the  
13 parties to talk a little more quickly in their efforts to  
14 resolve their issues. So we're fairly easy, but I would  
15 suggest the March 17.

16 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. So there are  
17 some ongoing discussions here?

18 MS. SHAHEEN: Yes, there are.

19 MS. BENNETT: Yes.

20 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: And from Ms. Bennett?

21 (Inaudible response.)

22 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: I see a nod from Ms.  
23 Bennett. With that, once again, Chevron USA, are they here?

24 (No audible response.)

25 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Final call. Any

1 other comments on those ten cases that are listed here,  
2 21169 through 72, 97 through 99, 22330, 1, 2.

3 (No audible response.)

4 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Hearing none, we will  
5 set this for a hearing on March 17. I will issue another  
6 prehearing order.

7 MS. BENNETT: Thank you very much.

8 MS. SHAHEEN: Thank you.

9 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thanks a lot.

10 (Concluded.)

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8 virtual proceedings in stenographic shorthand and that the  
9 foregoing pages are a true and correct transcript of those  
10 proceedings to the best of my ability.

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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 16th day of December 2021.

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/s/ Paul Baca

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