

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED
BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR
THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO

Case No.: 22243

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF VIRTUAL PROCEEDINGS
EXAMINER HEARING
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This matter came on for virtual hearing before
the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, HEARING OFFICER
WILLIAM BRANCARD and TECHNICAL EXAMINER KATHLEEN MURPHY on
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1 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: With that, we will go
2 to Item 36 on the agenda, Case Number 22243, Mewbourne Oil
3 Company.

4 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, Jim Bruce for the
5 applicant.

6 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. We have
7 an entry of appearance for Apache Corporation.

8 MS. BENNETT: Good morning again, Deana Bennett,
9 Modrall Sperling on behalf of Apache Corporation.

10 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. And XTO
11 Holdings?

12 MR. CLOUTIER: Good morning, Mr. Examiner.
13 Andrew Cloutier, Hinkle Shanor on behalf of XTO Holdings.

14 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you,
15 Mr. Cloutier. Any other parties interested in Case 22243?

16 (No audible response.)

17 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Ms. Bennett, does
18 Apache object to this case going forward by affidavit?

19 MS. BENNETT: No, Apache does not object. Apache
20 entered its appearance to preserve its rights.

21 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: XTO, Mr. Cloutier?

22 MR. CLOUTIER: No objection, Mr. Examiner.

23 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: With that, Mr. Bruce,
24 you may go forward.

25 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, the first exhibit is

1 the application and proposed notice. Applicant seeks to
2 force pool the S/2 NE/4 of Section 16 and the S/2 N/2 of
3 Section 15 in 18 South, 28 East for the Blantons 16//15
4 Number 1H.

5 2 is the affidavit of the landman Barrett Buck,
6 gave the usual land plats, C-102, additional land plat
7 showing the leases involved and interest owners and the
8 proposal letters. 8,000 a month and 800 a month are the
9 requested overhead rates.

10 And Exhibit 3 is the geologist affidavit which
11 covers not only this case, but the next case also because
12 the two wells are adjoined, the two well units adjoin each
13 other. They are seeking to force -- they are seeking to
14 drill through the Second Bone Spring Formation, and it
15 contains the usual structure map, isopach, cross section,
16 plus information on other wells in the nearby area. There
17 is actually not too many of them, but they appear to be
18 decent wells, and the Second Bone Spring is continuous
19 across the well unit.

20 Next is the affidavit of mailing and affidavit of
21 publication, Exhibits 4 and 5. And for some reason I did
22 not receive a number of the green cards back, but what I
23 plan on doing is, by tomorrow, I will check the post office,
24 and whatever additional green cards I get, I will supplement
25 the record.

1 But with that, I think the application packet is
2 complete. Exhibit 6 is the pooling checklist. I would ask
3 that the Exhibits 1 through 6 be admitted into the record
4 and the case be taken under advisement.

5 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. Ms.
6 Bennett, any questions or concerns?

7 MS. BENNETT: None. Thank you very much for
8 asking.

9 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Mr. Cloutier?

10 MR. CLOUTIER: None, Mr. Hearing Examiner. Thank
11 you.

12 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Ms. Murphy?

13 TECHNICAL EXAMINER MURPHY: Good morning, Mr.
14 Bruce. Were there any unidentified parties?

15 MR. BRUCE: I did not receive any envelopes back,
16 and if you look at the white slips, most of them are EOG
17 Resources, Delaware, which is Apache, and XTO and Oxy. So I
18 mean, these -- I think all the parties in this instance
19 were locatable.

20 TECHNICAL EXAMINER MURPHY: All righty, thank
21 you. No more questions.

22 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. So Mr.
23 Bruce, you just want the record open for any more green
24 cards?

25 MR. BRUCE: Yeah, just so I can make the record

1 as complete as possible.

2 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: But you did do a
3 newspaper and publication in this case?

4 MR. BRUCE: That is correct. That's Exhibit 5.

5 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. Are there
6 any more comments or questions on Case 22243?

7 (No audible response.)

8 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Hearing none, the
9 exhibits will be admitted into the record and this case will
10 be taken under advisement under the proviso that there is
11 additional notice information that Mr. Bruce can provide,
12 please do so.

13 (Exhibits admitted.)

14 (Taken under advisement.)

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4 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

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16 of reasonable quality.

17 Dated this 16th day of December 2021.

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/s/ Paul Baca

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