

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:

APPLICATION OF MATADOR PRODUCTION  
COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 22584

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF VIRTUAL PROCEEDINGS  
EXAMINER HEARING  
APRIL 21, 2022  
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 DYLAN ROSE-COSS on  
Thursday, April 21, 2022, through the Webex Platform.

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1 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Case 22584, Matador  
2 Production Company.

3 MR. RANKIN: Mr. Examiner, may it please the  
4 Division, Adam Rankin from the office of Holland & Hart on  
5 behalf of the applicant in this case, Matador Production  
6 Company.

7 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you, Mr.  
8 Rankin. Chisholm Energy, Earthstone Permian, Earthstone  
9 Operating.

10 MS. HARDY: Good morning, Mr. Examiner, Dana  
11 Hardy of Hinkle Shanor on behalf of Chisholm, Earthstone  
12 Permian and Earthstone Operating.

13 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you.  
14 ConocoPhillips?

15 MS. RYAN: Good morning, Mr. Examiner, Beth Ryan  
16 here on behalf of ConocoPhillips.

17 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. Any other  
18 entries of appearance in Case 22584?

19 MS. SHAHEEN: Yes, Mr. Examiner, Sharon Shaheen  
20 on behalf of Fasken Oil & Ranch. I apologize, we filed a  
21 late entry of appearance yesterday.

22 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. All  
23 right. I believe there is an objection to this case going  
24 forward by affidavit. Is that ConocoPhillips?

25 (No audible response.)

1 MS. HARDY: Mr. Examiner, I believe it's Chisholm  
2 and Earthstone objected because they are planning to file  
3 competing applications.

4 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. Do you  
5 have a time frame for competing applications?

6 MS. HARDY: Our competing applications should be  
7 filed by May 2 for the June 2 docket.

8 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Ms. Ryan, is  
9 ConocoPhillips contemplating competing applications.

10 MS. RYAN: We don't. We have no objection and  
11 are fine with that date if that's good with the parties. We  
12 are just entering an appearance.

13 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. Ms.  
14 Shaheen?

15 MS. SHAHEEN: No objection. We are evaluating  
16 the applications to determine which ones Fasken is going to  
17 be supporting.

18 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. So we  
19 think this is actually going to be a competing case, so are  
20 we just sort of hoping to discuss this. Mr. Rankin?

21 MR. RANKIN: Mr. Examiner, at this point Matador  
22 is prepared to go forward at the earliest setting available  
23 by the Division for a contested hearing date. Matador's  
24 intention is to proceed to the development plan, and at this  
25 point (inaudible) contested case (inaudible).

1 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: I see a nod from Ms.  
2 Hardy?

3 MS. HARDY: I agree, Mr. Examiner. Earthstone is  
4 planning to -- they have already got their well proposal  
5 unit on file.

6 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. Well,  
7 since you are the only status conference so far, you get  
8 June 2 then.

9 MS. HARDY: Thank you.

10 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: And I will issue a  
11 prehearing order today.

12 (Concluded.)

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13 case.

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