

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 and E.G.L. Resources, Inc.,  
for compulsory pooling, Lea County,  
New Mexico

Case Nos. 21683,  
21685, 22103, 22104,  
22083, 22084

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

May 5, 2022

STATUS CONFERENCE

This matter came on for hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, William Brancard, Esq., Hearing Examiner, Dean McClure, Technical Examiner, on May 5, 2022 via Webex Virtual Conferencing Platform hosted by the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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23 I N D E X

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1 (Time noted as 8:33 a.m.)

2 EXAMINER BRANCARD: We're now on Items 24 through  
3 29. These are cases 21683, 21685, 22103, 22104, 22083,  
4 22084. Let's start with Matador Production Company.

5 MR. FELDEWERT: May it please the Examiner,  
6 Michael Feldewert with the Santa Fe office of Holland &  
7 Hart.

8 EXAMINER BRANCARD: We have E.G.L. Resources,  
9 which has apparently been succeeded by Chisholm Energy.

10 MR. PADILLA: Mr. Examiner, this is Ernest L.  
11 Padilla for Chisholm Energy, but that is going to change.  
12 We're trying to file a succession parties yesterday, and we  
13 don't have permission yet to file anything on behalf of  
14 Earthstone Operating, who will take over these applications  
15 that originally were filed by E.G.L.

16 EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. So E.G.L.  
17 transfers to Chisholm, who's now transferring to Earthstone.

18 MR. PADILLA: Correct.

19 EXAMINER BRANCARD: And will you remain in as  
20 counsel, Mr. Padilla?

21 MR. PADILLA: Yes.

22 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. So I have an entry from  
23 EOG Resources.

24 MR. PARROT: Morning this is James Parrot with  
25 Beatty & Wozniak, representing EOG Resources, Inc.

1 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Mr. Parrot, you're a little  
2 muffled there, so --

3 MR. PARROT: I will speak up. Is that a little  
4 better?

5 EXAMINER BRANCARD: It's a little better, thank  
6 you. And then, let me see, I have Cimarex Energy Company.

7 MR. SAVAGE: Good morning, Mr. Examiner. Darin  
8 Savage, with Abadie & Schill, for Cimarex Energy Company.

9 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. And I think I have XTO  
10 Energy.

11 MR. FELDEWERT: Yes, Mr. Examiner, Michael  
12 Feldewert with Santa Fe office of Holland & Hart.

13 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. Any other interested  
14 parties in these cases? It's 21683, -685, 22103, -104,  
15 -083, -084. Hearing none.

16 So once upon a time, we had a prehearing order; it got  
17 vacated, and since then, we've had numerous status  
18 conferences, so where are we? I'll start with you,  
19 Mr. Feldewert.

20 MR. FELDEWERT: Well, what I -- as you can  
21 imagine, with the changes in the applicant for the competing  
22 pooling cases, that has prompted a series of discussions.  
23 It's my understanding that the parties are still in what  
24 they consider to be productive discussions, so I've been  
25 instructed to -- on behalf of MRC Permian, to seek a status

1 conference in two months to allow the -- all the parties now  
2 that are involved time to have -- move their discussions  
3 along and see where we are.

4 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you.

5 Mr. Padilla.

6 MR. PADILLA: Mr. Examiner, I agree with what  
7 Michael has indicated. The parties are indeed negotiating,  
8 so I think a status conference would be appropriate, or if  
9 the examiner wishes, to set this matter for hearing, then it  
10 should be, probably, in July at least, to give more time,  
11 but I -- we're not opposed to a status conference.

12 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. Let me just go around  
13 the horn here quickly.

14 Mr. Parrot, any position, EOG?

15 MR. PARROT: No objection to either of those  
16 plans.

17 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you.

18 Mr. Savage, for Cimarex?

19 MR. SAVAGE: No objection.

20 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. And I assume  
21 Mr. Feldewert, you're okay with yourself?

22 MR. FELDEWERT: Last time I checked, yes.

23 EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. So why don't we  
24 set this, then, for a status conference on July 7th. Thank  
25 you.

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MR. FELDEWERT: Thank you, sir.

(Proceeding concluded at 8:38 a.m.)

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