

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 Catena Resources  
Operating, LLC, for compulsory pooling,  
Lea County, New Mexico

Case No. 22075

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

May 5, 2022

EXAMINER HEARING

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

REPORTED BY: SHANON R. MYERS, CCR, RPR, CRR, RMR, CRC  
CCR No. 275  
PAUL BACA COURT REPORTERS  
500 Fourth Street, NW, Suite 105  
Albuquerque, NM 87102  
(505) 843-9241

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25

A P P E A R A N C E S

For Catena Resources Operating, LLC:

HINKLE SHANOR, LLP  
P.O. Box 2068  
Santa Fe, NM 87504-2068  
(505) 982-4554  
jmclean@hinklelawfirm.com

BY: JACLYN McLEAN

For COG Operating, LLC:

CONOCO PHILLIPS  
600 W Illinois Avenue  
Midland, TX 79701-4882  
(432) 685-4391  
beth.ryan@conocophillips.com

BY: ELIZABETH A. RYAN

I N D E X

Case called	3:1
Summary of case and exhibits	3:15
Taken under advisement	6:22
Court Reporter's Certificate	8:1

1 (Time noted as 9:11 a.m.)

2 EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. With that, I'm on  
3 Item 43 on the agenda, Case Number 22075, Catena, if I  
4 pronounced that correctly, Resources Operating.

5 MS. McLEAN: Good morning, Mr. Examiner. Jackie  
6 McLean for Catena Resources Operating.

7 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. I have an entry  
8 from COG Operating.

9 MS. RYAN: Yes. Beth Ryan appearing for COG  
10 Operating.

11 EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. So, Ms. McLean,  
12 are you going to handle this case by itself? This is --  
13 well, 22075, I think, are there anyone else interested in  
14 that case? Hearing none, please proceed, Ms. McLean.

15 MS. McLEAN: Thank you. In Case Number 22075,  
16 Catena seeks to pool all uncommitted interests in the Bone  
17 Spring formation in a 320-acre standard horizontal spacing  
18 unit comprised of the E/2 W/2 of Sections 8 and 17, of  
19 Township 19 South, Range 35 East, in Lea County, New Mexico.  
20 And this spacing unit will be dedicated to the Rambo E2W2  
21 08-17 B1 1H well, which will be horizontally drilled from a  
22 surface location in the NE/4 NW/4 of Unit C of Section 8, to  
23 a bottom hole location in the SE/4 SW/4 Unit N of  
24 Section 17.

25 And the exhibit packets submitted to the Division

1 contain Exhibit A, which is the land professional's  
2 testimony and related exhibits, which include a plot of  
3 tracts, ownership interest, pooled parties, a well proposal  
4 letter, and a summary of communications. There's also  
5 Exhibit B, which is a self-affirmed statement of geologist  
6 Catherine Henry. Ms. Henry has not previously testified  
7 before the OCD, so Exhibit B1 is a copy of her resume, and  
8 as you can see from Exhibit B1, Ms. Henry is well qualified  
9 to testify before the Division on geology matters as she  
10 holds a Master's of Science in geology, and has experience  
11 in the petroleum industry focusing on well planning,  
12 resource development, and resource evaluation for horizontal  
13 drilling programs in the Delaware, Permian and Williston  
14 basins, and I ask that the Division accept Ms. Henry as an  
15 expert in geology and admit her testimony into evidence in  
16 this case.

17 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. Any objections?  
18 Hearing none, she is admitted as an expert.

19 MS. McLEAN: Thank you, Mr. Examiner. And then,  
20 finally, Exhibit C is a notice affidavit from our office,  
21 which sets out when the notice letter of this hearing and  
22 application were sent to all parties to be pooled. And we  
23 sent out two letters, one in July 2021, and one in February  
24 of 2022, and we also published in the Hobbs paper on  
25 July 14th, 2021, and March 2nd, 2022, and a copy of the

1 affidavits of publication are Exhibit C3.

2 And with that, I ask that Exhibits A, B and C be  
3 admitted into the record in Case Number 22075, and that Case  
4 Number 22075 be taken under advisement.

5 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you.

6 Ms. Ryan, any questions, comments?

7 MS. RYAN: No questions, thanks.

8 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you.

9 Mr. McClure?

10 TECHNICAL EXAMINER McCLURE: Mr. Brancard, no  
11 questions here either.

12 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. All right.

13 Ms. McLean, I'm looking at two exhibits of yours, one, A3,  
14 lists the interest owners, okay, and there's only three  
15 parties to be pooled; is that correct?

16 MS. McLEAN: That's correct.

17 EXAMINER BRANCARD: When we get over to Exhibit C  
18 and who you're giving notice to, there's now five parties  
19 listed. Do you happen to know what the difference is?

20 MS. McLEAN: Yes. Yes, the reason why we -- it's  
21 the reason why we sent notice letters in February of this  
22 year. As you can see, there were some that were sent in  
23 July 2021, and then some that were sent in February 2022,  
24 and COG was sent notice in July 2021, but the other two  
25 parties, Featherstone and Deborah K. Premiera (phonetic),

1 who received the notice letter in February 2022, those are  
2 the only three parties at this point that we are seeking to  
3 pool. The other parties no longer need to be pooled in this  
4 case.

5 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. And so I'm -- I will  
6 ask that -- I will assume that that applies to the last  
7 entity there, South Fifth Energy.

8 MS. McLEAN: That's correct, Mr. Examiner.

9 EXAMINER BRANCARD: They are a committed party.

10 MS. McLEAN: Correct.

11 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. It concerned me that  
12 you were not able to contact them at first because they have  
13 been a party in some of our proceedings, so they are  
14 contactable, which I guess you did.

15 MS. McLEAN: Yes, yes, we did.

16 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you.

17 MS. McLEAN: And -- sorry. And if it was unclear,  
18 we tried to put each entry separate so that we could show,  
19 you know, who exactly was contacted and when.

20 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. I have no further  
21 questions, then.

22 Are there any other interested persons, then, for  
23 Case 22075? Hearing none, Case 22075 will be taken under  
24 advisement.

25 MS. McLEAN: Thank you, Mr. Examiner.

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25

(Proceedings concluded at 9:18 a.m.)

1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
2 COUNTY OF BERNALILLO

3  
4  
5

6 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

7 I, SHANON R. MYERS, New Mexico Certified Court  
8 Reporter, CCR #275, do hereby certify that I reported the  
9 foregoing virtual proceedings in stenographic shorthand and  
10 that the foregoing pages are a true and correct transcript  
11 of those proceedings to the best of my ability.

12 I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am neither employed by  
13 nor related to any of the parties or attorneys in this case  
14 and that I have no interest in the final disposition of this  
15 case.

16 I FURTHER CERTIFY that the virtual proceeding was  
17 of extremely poor to good quality.

18 Dated this 5th day of May 2022.

19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25

/s/ Shanon R. Myers

---

SHANON R. MYERS, CCR, RPR, CRR, RMR, CRC  
License Expires: 12/31/22