

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: 22586 - 22591

APPLICATIONS OF DEVON ENERGY PRODUCTION COMPANY, L.P.  
FOR HORIZONTAL SPACING UNITS  
AND COMPULSORY POOLING,  
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NOS: 22641 - 22644

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

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF VIRTUAL PROCEEDINGS  
EXAMINER HEARING  
MAY 19, 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 LEONARD LOWE on  
Thursday, May 19, 2022, through the Webex Platform.

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STATUS CONFERENCE 03

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1 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. We have a  
2 number of cases together coming up on a status conference,  
3 Devon Energy and Mewbourne. This is Items 23 through 32 on  
4 the worksheet. These are Cases 22586, 22587, 22588, 22589,  
5 22590, 22591, and Cases 22641, 22642, 22643, 22644. Let's  
6 start with Devon Energy Production.

7 MR. SAVAGE: Good morning, Mr. Examiner, Darin  
8 Savage with Abadie & Schill on behalf of Devon Production  
9 Company.

10 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. Mewbourne  
11 Oil Company.

12 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, Jim Bruce on behalf of  
13 Mewbourne.

14 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: We have an entry for  
15 some of these cases from COG Operating?

16 (No audible response.)

17 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Miss Ryan, are you  
18 still there? Well, let's start with the applicants. We had  
19 a prehearing order. It was vacated. Where are we? Mr.  
20 Savage?

21 MR. SAVAGE: Thank you, Mr. Examiner. As I  
22 understand it, the parties are in negotiations and  
23 negotiations are active and they are making progress. We  
24 are hoping for a resolution, but these cases are still  
25 contested and we would like to set a date at your

1 convenience.

2 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Set a date for  
3 hearing or status conference?

4 MR. SAVAGE: Mr. Bruce, what would you prefer, a  
5 status conference? Devon would prefer a hearing date be  
6 established.

7 MR. BRUCE: That would be fine.

8 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Miss Ryan, are you  
9 with us?

10 MS. RYAN: I'm here. I didn't have these on my  
11 list. I'm not sure we are in these cases.

12 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: You are in the  
13 Mewbourne Cases 22641, 642, 643 --

14 MS. RYAN: Yes, sir. Sorry, I thought we were  
15 still talking about the Burton Flats.

16 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: They are part of it.

17 MS. RYAN: Oh, okay.

18 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: But you are not part  
19 of it.

20 MS. RYAN: So appearing for COG Operating, Beth  
21 Ryan, thank you.

22 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Do you have any  
23 position on hearing or status conference.

24 MS. RYAN: We are fine for this to be set for  
25 hearing in July.

1 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay. So how about  
2 if we set a July 21 date for a hearing?

3 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, although I will be  
4 available by phone for things such as status conferences, I  
5 will be out of state, and I just will not be available for a  
6 long hearing on the 21st, so I would prefer some other date.

7 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Well, we can take a  
8 risk and try for July 7. Are you available then Mr. Bruce?

9 MR. BRUCE: I'm available any time but the 21st.  
10 Like I said, for simple matters I can get on the phone and  
11 deal with status conferences, but July 7 -- or what's the  
12 next available one, August 4 or something like that?

13 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Mr. Savage, July 7 or  
14 August 4?

15 MR. SAVAGE: Devon would prefer July 7. We would  
16 like to move on this.

17 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Let's set this then  
18 for July 7, and I will issue a prehearing order. Are there  
19 any other objections or concerns with these cases?

20 (No audible response.)

21 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Hearing none, so we  
22 are set for a hearing on July 7.

23 MR. SAVAGE: Thank you.

24 (Concluded.)

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1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
2 COUNTY OF BERNALILLO

3 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

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5 foregoing virtual proceedings in stenographic shorthand and  
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9 nor related to any of the parties or attorneys in this case  
10 and that I have no interest in the final disposition of this  
11 case.

12 I FURTHER CERTIFY that the Virtual Proceeding was  
13 of poor to good quality.

14 Dated this 19th day of May 2022.

15 /s/ Irene Delgado

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