

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 MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY  
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING  
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

APPLICATION OF APACHE CORPORATION  
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING  
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

APPLICATION OF ASCENT ENERGY, LLC  
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING  
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Case Nos. 21361, 21362,  
21363, 21364, 21489, 21490,  
21491, 21393, 21394

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF VIRTUAL PROCEEDINGS  
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HEARING OFFICER WILLIAM BRANCARD and TECHNICAL  
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1 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: All right.  
2 We're now on Item 13 through somewhere else, 21.  
3 These are status conferences. I will call the Case  
4 Numbers 21361, 21362, 21363, 21364, 21489, 21490,  
5 21491, 21393, 21394.

6 We have a slew of parties here. Let's  
7 start with Mewbourne Oil Company.

8 MS. HARDY: Good morning, Mr. Examiner,  
9 Dana Hardy with Hinkle Shanor on behalf of the  
10 Mewbourne Oil Company.

11 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Thank you.  
12 Apache Corporation.

13 MR. DeBRINE: Good morning, Mr. Hearing  
14 Examiner, Earl DeBrine with the Modrall Sperling  
15 Firm in Albuquerque on behalf of Apache.

16 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Okay. Ascent  
17 Energy or whatever they are now.

18 MR. SAVAGE: Good morning, Mr. Examiner,  
19 Darin Savage with Abadie & Schill on behalf of  
20 Matador Production Company, successor in interest to  
21 Ascent Energy.

22 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: I have Colgate  
23 Operating.

24 MS. SHAHEEN: Good morning, everyone,  
25 Sharon Shaheen, Montgomery & Andrews, on behalf of

1 Colgate Operating.

2 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Thank you.

3 EOG Resources.

4 MR. PADILLA: Mr. Examiner, Ernest L.  
5 Padilla for EOG Resources. And we're in this case  
6 only monitoring, so in terms of input into the  
7 status conference, I will defer to everyone else.

8 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Thank you.

9 I also have an entry on a couple of cases  
10 for Jalapeno Corporation, Gallegos Law Firm.

11 All right. Am I missing any party for  
12 these cases? Could be.

13 Hearing none, let's start with Ms. Hardy.  
14 Last we heard the parties were negotiating. (Audio  
15 cut out) status conference.

16 MS. HARDY: Yes, Mr. Examiner.

17 I'm sorry. I think that is still the  
18 case. I think the parties are still negotiating and  
19 so it's my understanding that the parties have  
20 agreed to set or to request another status  
21 conference. I would propose July 21st.

22 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Okay. Is that  
23 enough to work things out?

24 MS. HARDY: Well, that's hard to say. I  
25 would hope so. But these cases have been going on

1 for a very long time, as you know.

2 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Yes, they have  
3 been.

4 All right. Mr. DeBrine, are you okay?

5 MR. DeBRINE: We concur with Ms. Hardy,  
6 that's fine. I think by the 21st we're going to  
7 know if we're just going to need to request a full  
8 hearing and go to the (audio cut out).

9 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Mr. Savage?

10 MR. SAVAGE: Yes. Mr. Examiner, we would  
11 like a status conference as well. And as I  
12 understand, the parties are still negotiating. You  
13 know, as you know, this is the first stage of a  
14 series of hearings that will start at the OCD and  
15 will conclude at the Commission. So it seems like  
16 it would be worth the time to see if these matters  
17 can be resolved.

18 Matador is wanting a little bit more time  
19 to try to resolve these cases. They're asking for  
20 about two months to see if they can do that. I'm  
21 hoping that the parties can continue to negotiate  
22 and I know there's been some question about, you  
23 know, what's on the table, and I'm hoping the  
24 parties can get together and decide that. But I  
25 think a little bit more time would be worthwhile.

1 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Thank you.

2 Ms. Shaheen, any --

3 MS. SHAHEEN: No objection from Colgate.

4 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Thank you.

5 All right. Why don't we set this for  
6 August 4th status conference. I think we need a  
7 scheduling order so we have something in the record.

8 MR. DeBRINE: Thank you.

9 MS. HARDY: Thank you.

10 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Thank you  
11 everyone.

12 (Matter concluded.)

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