

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 BTA OIL PRODUCERS, LLC
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Case No. 22809, 22810

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF VIRTUAL PROCEEDINGS
EXAMINER HEARING
June 2, 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
HEARING OFFICER JOHN GARCIA on Thursday, June 2,
2022, through the Webex Platform.

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1 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: So with that, I
2 will call Cases 22809, 22810 BTA Oil Producers.

3 MS. McLEAN: Jaclyn McLean with Hinkle
4 Shanor on behalf of the BTA Oil Producers.

5 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Are there any
6 other interested persos for Cases 22809, 22810?

7 Hearing none, Ms. McLean, you may proceed.

8 MS. McLEAN: Thank you.

9 In Case Number 22809, BTA seeks an order
10 pooling all uncommitted interests in the Upper Penn
11 Pool, Code 9833 in the Pennsylvania Shale formation
12 underlying a 240-acre, more or less, standard
13 horizontal spacing unit comprised of the east
14 half-east half of Section 18, Township 17 South,
15 Range 36 East, and the east half, northeast quarter
16 of Section 19, Township 17 South, Range 36 East, Lea
17 County, New Mexico.

18 And this, like I said, will be a 240-acre
19 horizontal spacing unit.

20 And in Case Number 22810, BTA seeks an
21 order pooling all uncommitted interest in the Upper
22 Penn Pool in the Pennsylvania Shale formation
23 underlying a 240-acre, more or less, standard
24 horizontal spacing unit comprised of the west
25 half-east half of Section 18, Township 17 South,

1 Range 36 East, in the west half, northeast quarter
2 of Section 19, Township 17 South, Range 36 East, Lea
3 County, New Mexico.

4 And BTA is dedicating these two units to
5 their Big Piney 22115 19-18 State Com Number 1H and
6 Number 2H wells.

7 And the exhibit packets that we submitted
8 for Cases 22809 and 22810 contain the compulsory
9 pooling checklist, Exhibit A, which is the land
10 professional's testimony and related exhibits.

11 And then Exhibit B, which is the
12 geologist's testimony and related geology exhibits.
13 And for the geology testimony we've included the
14 resume of David Childers who has not yet testified
15 before the Division.

16 Mr. Childers has been with BTA Oil
17 Producers since 1999 where he has provided
18 geological support for BTA's Gulf Coast exploration
19 program and BTA's program in the Delaware Basin.

20 And we ask that the Division accept
21 Mr. Childers' credentials and qualifications and
22 accept him as an expert in geology.

23 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: So accepted as
24 an expert.

25 MS. McLEAN: Thank you.

1 Finally, Exhibit C is a notice affidavit
2 that includes a sample notice letter. That offer is
3 sent to the interested parties, a chart that shows
4 when notice was sent and when you received the
5 certified mail receipts, as well as an affidavit of
6 publication for May 12, 2022.

7 And with that, I ask that Exhibits A, B
8 and C for Cases 22809 and 22810 be admitted into the
9 record and the cases be taken under advisement.

10 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Thank you.

11 Mr. Garcia, any questions?

12 TECHNICAL HEARING OFFICER GARCIA: Just
13 one for each case. Will there be any stranded
14 acreage in the south half of these sections?

15 MS. McLEAN: Are you asking because it has
16 just the northeast quarter? Right. You know, I'm
17 not 100 percent sure but we can ask and report back
18 to you.

19 TECHNICAL HEARING OFFICER GARCIA: If you
20 could do that and just submit an affidavit
21 discussing that.

22 That's all I have.

23 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Thank you.

24 I answered my own question by staring
25 harder at the C102.

1 Are there any interested persons, then,
2 for Cases 22809, 22810, 22811 -- 22810 and 22809.
3 Sorry, just those two?

4 Hearing none, the exhibits will be
5 admitted into record and these cases, 22809, 22810
6 will be taken under advisement with the stipulation
7 that BTA will discuss whether there's any stranded
8 acreage to the south. Is that correct, Mr. Garcia?

9 TECHNICAL HEARING OFFICER GARCIA:
10 Correct.

11 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Thank you.
12 (Matter concluded.)

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I certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript from the record of proceedings in the above-entitled matter. I further certify that the transcript fees and format comply with those prescribed by the Court and the Judicial Conference of the United States.

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