

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
TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-21736
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Case No. 22843, 22844

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: With that,
2 we're on Item 77 and 78. These are Cases 22843,
3 22844, Mewbourne Oil Company.

4 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, Jim Bruce
5 representing Mewbourne.

6 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Are there any
7 other persons either for Cases 22843, 22844?

8 Hearing nothing, Mr. Bruce, you may
9 proceed.

10 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, pooling orders
11 were previously issued in these two matters by Order
12 Numbers R-21735, R-21736 and 737.

13 Mewbourne force pooled the west half-west
14 half Section 17 and 8 in 2633 and separately east
15 half-west half of Sections 17 and 8.

16 Exhibit 1 is the application and proposed
17 ads.

18 Exhibit 2 is the affidavit of Cy Shook,
19 the landman, who has testified previously numerous
20 times before the Division.

21 The original orders were issued on
22 June 10, 2021 and Mewbourne seeks the one-year
23 extension of those orders. These type of cases,
24 although the usual documents are the usual -- issues
25 are usually raised and all the turmoil over the last

1 couple years, but really one of the big issues here
2 is these are Federal wells and Mewbourne has not yet
3 obtained AFEs from the BLM, so there is no way it
4 can timely commence these wells under the order, and
5 so I request that one-year extension.

6 And notice the only party involved is COG
7 Operating and I can update this. I did not receive
8 a green card back yet, but I did attach the USPS
9 online information showing that notice was received
10 by COG on May 24th in Midland. And if you want to
11 continue it for two weeks or you just want me to
12 subsequently submit the green card that I'll receive
13 back, either way, I'll abide by whatever the
14 Division wants.

15 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Thank you.

16 Mr. Garcia, questions?

17 I'm sorry, Mr. Bruce, were you finished?

18 MR. BRUCE: Excuse me again?

19 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: I'm sorry,
20 Mr. Bruce, were you finished?

21 MR. BRUCE: Yeah.

22 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Mr. Garcia?

23 TECHNICAL HEARING EXAMINER GARCIA: I have
24 no questions.

25 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: I don't know,

1 Mr. Garcia, do you have the same problem I have,
2 which is there are a whole bunch of blank pages in
3 the exhibit package.

4 TECHNICAL HEARING EXAMINER GARCIA: I
5 don't believe so. Let me double check.

6 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Looks like
7 Pages 18 to 26.

8 MR. BRUCE: I could never get through life
9 clean, Mr. Examiner.

10 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: I believe it's
11 the second order of the two cases.

12 MR. BRUCE: Yes, it is. And I just looked
13 at my exhibit package. Obviously I slipped it into
14 the scanner with the order turned upside down.
15 That's apparent from my exhibit package, so I will
16 resubmit that.

17 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Okay. That
18 will be great. If you can resubmit that missing
19 attachment and any updated information on green
20 cards or delivery, will be helpful.

21 MR. BRUCE: I will do.

22 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Thank you for
23 that.

24 With that, the exhibits for Cases 22843,
25 and 22844 are admitted. And the cases are taken

1 under advisement conditioned on the submission of
2 additional information.

3 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, am I released on
4 parole for a couple of weeks?

5 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Yeah, you got a
6 lot of work to do, so I would get moving.

7 MR. BRUCE: Thank you, Mr. Examiner.

8 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Thank you,
9 Mr. Bruce.

10 (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.

Date: June 2, 2022

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