

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: 22673

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

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF VIRTUAL PROCEEDINGS
EXAMINER HEARING
JULY 7, 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 DEAN McCLURE on
Thursday, July 7, 2022, through the Webex Platform.

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1 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: We are looking at
2 cases now that are continued from prior hearings, Item 32,
3 Case 22673, Mewbourne Oil Company.

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

6 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Are there any other
7 persons here for Case 22673?

8 MR. SAVAGE: Mr. Examiner, Darin Savage with
9 Abadie & Schill on behalf of Cotera Energy, Cimarex Energy
10 Company.

11 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Any other persons for
12 Case 22673?

13 (No audible response.)

14 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Hearing none, Mr.
15 Bruce, I think there were a few items here --

16 MR. BRUCE: Yes, sir.

17 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: -- that we needed
18 from you.

19 MR. BRUCE: Yes. First of all, I think one of
20 the main reasons for the continuance was that this is in the
21 Brine Well area, but I previously e-mailed you, and I think
22 it was Mr. Rose-Coss, that this particular well is covered
23 by that Brine Well order that was entered, oh, several
24 months ago.

25 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: I have, I have, you

1 know, mentioned this internally and have not heard any loud
2 shrieks or howls, so I think, yeah, one option then is to
3 have this order simply reference that file.

4 MR. BRUCE: Correct.

5 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Because the well --
6 the wells that are in this order are wells that are covered
7 by that order.

8 MR. BRUCE: Correct. The other thing was, this
9 matter only force pooled the record title owner for purposes
10 of obtaining a communitization agreement, getting a
11 communitization agreement by the State Land Office.

12 But the examiners at the -- I did not -- because
13 of that, I did not present geology, but unfortunately it
14 wasn't until yesterday I did submit some supplemental
15 exhibits, first of all, a geology affidavit justifying the
16 well unit, so that was done.

17 And the second item was I did submit supplemental
18 exhibits yesterday, and also contained in that were, was a
19 land plat which was requested showing the tracts involved in
20 the well unit, and specifically identifying the tracts in
21 which the record title owner owns an interest.

22 And finally I -- that's what I had on my list,
23 anyway, and I thought I took care of everything, but if
24 there is another thing on your list, I can certainly look
25 into taking care of that. But I would move the admission of

1 supplemental Exhibits 6 and 7 which were filed, albeit late.

2 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Any objection, Mr.
3 Savage?

4 MR. SAVAGE: Mr. Brancard, I apologize, I jumped
5 into the case too early. I will withdraw my appearance.
6 Thank you.

7 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: You had me going
8 there.

9 MR. SAVAGE: Had me going, too.

10 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Okay, the exhibits
11 will be admitted into the record. The only thing I noted,
12 Mr. Bruce, another technicality here, you just need to
13 resubmit the checklist with your signature on it.

14 MR. BRUCE: Oh, that's right, that's right. I
15 will do that later today.

16 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. Mr.
17 McClure, any questions?

18 TECHNICAL EXAMINER McCLURE: No questions for
19 this case, Mr. Brancard.

20 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: And Mr. Bruce, I do
21 not know what the status of the Brine well order is. I know
22 that there has been numerous internal discussions about
23 coming up with clarification on that, but I am not privy to
24 what the latest is. I'm sure your clients will find out.

25 MR. BRUCE: Understood. And as I, I think I --

1 well, I might have mentioned it in the e-mail to you and Mr.
2 Rose-Coss, there is a question as to whether the well has
3 been drilled. It has been drilled, but not completed
4 pending the Brine well issue.

5 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Right, right. And
6 that order, the other order that we are referencing did note
7 that some wells were drilled, but not completed.

8 MR. BRUCE: Correct.

9 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. Thank
10 you. Is there anything else here right now on Case 22673?

11 (No audible response.)

12 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: If not, the exhibits
13 will be admitted into the record and the case will be taken
14 under advisement.

15 MR. BRUCE: Thank you.

16 (Exhibits admitted.)

17 (Taken under advisement)

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