

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

Case No. 22674, 22675

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF VIRTUAL PROCEEDINGS  
EXAMINER HEARING  
June 16, 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 DYLAN ROSE-COSS on Thursday, June  
16, 2022, through the Webex Platform.

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1 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: We will call  
2 Case Numbers 22674, 22675.

3 MR. BRUCE: Jim Bruce for Mewbourne.

4 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Thank you.

5 Are there any other interested persons for  
6 Cases 22674, 22675?

7 Hearing none, Mr. Bruce, you may proceed.

8 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, looking at  
9 Exhibit 1, which contains both applications and the  
10 proposed notices -674, Mewbourne seeks to -- it's  
11 kind of a mirror image of the last case we just  
12 discussed except as to the Brine well.

13 Mewbourne seeks to pool the north  
14 half-north half of Section 31, 24 South, 29 East as  
15 to the Bone Spring formation for one of its Prince  
16 Bone Spring wells.

17 Case -675 seeks to force pool the south  
18 half-north half of Section 31 for another Prince  
19 Bone Spring well.

20 Exhibit 2 is the landman's affidavit.

21 Again, there is only -- the only person  
22 sought to be pooled is Chevron USA, Inc., is the  
23 record title owner of a State lease covering a  
24 portion of the north half of Section 31, and I will  
25 get you a tract map so you can determine where that

1 is. I think I might actually have something in my  
2 file. Actually there is a tract map by the landman  
3 but I needed to clarify with him, I believe when you  
4 look at the landman's Attachment A, you will see  
5 these tracts maps. I believe that Chevron is the  
6 direct or title owner of State Lease VB-54, V as in  
7 victory, B as in boy, 54. I will confirm that with  
8 the landman, but at least you can see what acreage  
9 Chevron owns.

10           Again, Mewbourne has contacted Chevron  
11 requesting them to sign the Com agreement. Chevron  
12 has, you'll see there are some -- also some emails  
13 between the parties. Chevron has just never  
14 bothered to sign the Com agreements for these wells,  
15 and therefore Mewbourne seeks to pool them so that  
16 not only the State Land Office but since there is  
17 Federal land in the well unit, the BLM will approve  
18 the Com agreements for the wells so that Mewbourne  
19 is authorized to produce the wells.

20           And Exhibit 3 is my notice affidavit.  
21 Chevron was given written notice and it did receive  
22 the certified mail. And once I knew that address  
23 was valid, I did not publish notice.

24           Exhibit 4 contains the pooling checklists  
25 for both the wells. And I would move the exhibits

1 the admission of Exhibits 1 through 4 and ask that  
2 these matters be taken under advisement.

3 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Okay.

4 MR. BRUCE: I can always get geological  
5 affidavit and exhibits if you need to.

6 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Okay.

7 Mr. Rose-Coss?

8 MR. ROSE-COSS: I suppose I would hand it  
9 to you, Mr. Brancard, and agree that a tract map  
10 would be helpful just in order to confirm. I can  
11 see on Page 18 that there are tract maps, but, you  
12 know, just to confirm that, you know, the ownership  
13 of those tracts and what's in the area. That would  
14 be helpful.

15 MR. BRUCE: I will get that done.

16 MR. ROSE-COSS: Okay. With that, that's  
17 the rest of my questions. I suppose it's hard to,  
18 yeah, verify other information, just taking your  
19 word here, without at least a tract map. Everything  
20 else in here is here. Thank you.

21 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Thank you.

22 Are there any other interested persons for  
23 Cases 22674, 22675?

24 Hearing none, the exhibits in Cases 22674  
25 and -675 will be taken under advisement with the

1 submission of a tract map and also just with the  
2 caveat that we're still thinking about the issue of  
3 the geologic exhibits.

4 MR. BRUCE: Sure.

5 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: I mean, if you  
6 want to avoid the problem you can just kind of  
7 submit them so we don't to have to dock you a month  
8 from now saying --

9 MR. BRUCE: I will do that. Like I said,  
10 I'm the main culprit in these late filed exhibits.  
11 I've had a rather busy four or five days, but I will  
12 go ahead and get them and then if either you or  
13 Mr. Rose-Coss has any questions, you can e-mail me  
14 and we can clear that up. But I will get the  
15 geology just so you have it.

16 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Thank you.  
17 Appreciate that. Thank you.

18 So cases 22674 and 22675 are taken under  
19 advisement.

20 (Proceedings concluded at 9:40 a.m.)

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