

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. 22676, 22677

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: I will call 36  
2 and 37 on Cases 22676, 22677, Mewbourne Oil Company.

3 MR. BRUCE: Jim Bruce representing  
4 Mewbourne.

5 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Thank you.  
6 Any other parties, then, for Cases 22676,  
7 22677?

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

9 MR. BRUCE: Again, this is forced pooling  
10 record title, a record title owner only in both  
11 cases. In the first case, Mewbourne seeks to force  
12 pool Bone Spring Formation under the north  
13 half-north half of Section 11 and the north  
14 half-northwest quarter of Section 12, 19 South,  
15 29 East for one of its Sapphire wells.

16 In Case -677 it seeks to force pool the  
17 south half-north half of 11 and the south  
18 half-northwest of 12, same Township and Range for  
19 another of its Sapphire Bone Spring wells.

20 Exhibit 1 contains the application and  
21 proposed notices.

22 Exhibit 2 is the landman's affidavit. It  
23 does contain C102s. It does contain AFEs, but I  
24 only asked the landman for those because I use that  
25 data to confirm information I need to put on the

1 pooling checklist.

2 The only person sought to be pooled is  
3 Cross Border Resources, Inc. Attachment C to the  
4 landman's affidavit shows that Cross Border  
5 Resources' info from the State Land Office online  
6 data showing that Cross Board, Cross Board Resources  
7 is one of the record title owners of State lease  
8 B-9739-26.

9 The other interest owner Chisos Limited is  
10 a locatable party and they have signed the Com  
11 agreement but we need both.

12 The landman in his affidavit does --  
13 originally informed me that Cross Borders Resource,  
14 Inc., was a defunct corporation and they could not  
15 locate anyone to sign. We then went into a little  
16 more detail regarding Cross Border Resources and  
17 what you will see as Attachment D to the landman's  
18 affidavit is just some information dug up from  
19 Google which gives an address for Cross Border in  
20 Dallas. Then we also checked the New Mexico  
21 Secretary of State business records. You can see  
22 that is Attachment E. You can see that Cross Border  
23 Resources is not in good standing but it also gave  
24 information on a separate address for Cross Border  
25 Resources as well as its registered agent.

1           Exhibit 3 is my notice letter, notice  
2 affidavit regarding two Cross Border and all of its  
3 various addresses. I did receive -- there were four  
4 addresses for Cross Border Resources. One of those  
5 addresses, the 6334 Maple Avenue address in Dallas  
6 that was signed for, I don't know by who, but it was  
7 signed for. And then one of the letters to its  
8 registered agent in New York City was also  
9 delivered. The other two I never got green cards  
10 back. But I did publish notice as against  
11 everybody, well, Cross Border Resource.

12           And, Mr. Examiner, I'm sure you noticed  
13 that this is not the true affidavit of publication  
14 and I was -- I knew I received an application of  
15 publication from the newspaper and just this morning  
16 I found it. It was in the exhibit package for  
17 Case 22673, which you just -- which you just heard a  
18 few minutes ago, so I will resubmit the true  
19 affidavit of publication which was timely published  
20 over a month ago.

21           And then Exhibit 5 contains the pooling  
22 checklists. Again, this is a record title owner and  
23 again I will get some more tract map which  
24 Mr. Rose-Coss would like and then I will get a  
25 geology affidavit from whoever the geologist is, but

1 I will get that and I will submit that separately.

2 But I will move to the admission of  
3 Exhibits 1 through 5 and ask that the cases be taken  
4 under advisement.

5 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Thank you.

6 Mr. Rose-Coss, questions?

7 MR. ROSE-COSS: Mr. Bruce, I just felt  
8 like commending you on this one. It really does  
9 sound like you're tracking down a lot of details all  
10 on your own. This Cross Border Resources, I have  
11 some experience myself with trying to track down  
12 small operators with multiple addresses, so I know  
13 that can be, you know, sand through an hourglass or  
14 trying to hold water in your hand, whatever that  
15 image is.

16 MR. BRUCE: If you'll notice one of the, I  
17 think it's on the Google search that I submitted in  
18 the exhibit package is that Cross Border Resources'  
19 stock was created on a Norwegian over-the-counter  
20 stock trading place. So I wouldn't go so far as to  
21 call it a multi-national corporation, but it's doing  
22 something in Norway anyway.

23 MR. ROSE-COSS: Yeah, interesting. Maybe  
24 the tract map will help me here. Understanding  
25 that, but it sounds like you made a good faith

1 effort and attempted and then the newspaper notice.  
2 Probably do want to get us a certified one. But  
3 other than, I'll pass the microphone to  
4 Mr. Brancard.

5 Thank you.

6 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Thank you.

7 Okay. So let me just be clear. I think  
8 what you've offered, Mr. Bruce, is a tract map, the  
9 actual affidavit of publication, and then the  
10 geologist affidavit; is that correct, or was there  
11 something else?

12 MR. BRUCE: That is correct, sir.

13 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Thank you.

14 All right. Are there any interested  
15 persons, then, in Cases 22676 and 22677?

16 Hearing none, this case will be taken  
17 under advisement and the record left -- the exhibits  
18 admitted into the record and the record left open  
19 for tract map, affidavit of publication, geologic  
20 affidavit.

21 And I will pass along all the Cross  
22 Borders exhibits to our enforcement people. I think  
23 they've been trying find them, too.

24 MR. BRUCE: Is this another Ciana  
25 (phonetic) Operating-type deal?

1                   HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: We have a few.  
2 They may have crossed the border from Norway into  
3 Sweden, so I don't know that we'll find them.

4                   MR. ROSE-COSS: If you ever come across  
5 Cobalt, let them know.

6                   MR. BRUCE: You know, I have somewhere  
7 along the way.

8                   (Proceedings concluded at 9:51 a.m.)

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