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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 LONGFELLOW ENERGY, LP  
TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-21837,  
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 22970  
ORDER NO. R-21837  
(Re-Open)

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF VIRTUAL PROCEEDINGS  
EXAMINER HEARING  
AUGUST 4, 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 JOHN GARCIA on  
Thursday, August 4, 2022, through the Webex Platform.

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1 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: With that we will  
2 call case number 50, this is 22970, Longfellow Energy.  
3 Mr. Lawton, you are muted.

4 MR. LAWTON: (Inaudible.)

5 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Still not hearing  
6 you.

7 MR. LAWTON: (Inaudible.)

8 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Still not hearing  
9 you. My screen shows you as unmuted, so it might be  
10 something on your end.

11 MR. LAWTON: Anything now?

12 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Yes.

13 MR. LAWTON: Great. That's weird. I don't know  
14 how it happened, how it got fixed, but anyway. Mr. Hearing  
15 Examiner, Troy Lawton with Montgomery & Andrews on behalf of  
16 Longfellow Energy LP.

17 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Are there any other  
18 entries of appearance for case 22970?

19 (No audible response.)

20 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Hearing none, Mr.  
21 Lawton, you may proceed.

22 MR. LAWTON: Thank you. Longfellow Energy has  
23 applied to amend the original pooling order entered in  
24 Division Order Number R-21837, issued in case number 21860  
25 to extend the time for drilling the Marley State Com 31 AB

1 001, 002, 030, 004 and 005 wells. These wells are located  
2 in the Yeso formation comprised of the N/2 of Section 31,  
3 Township 17 South, Range 28 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.

4 As part of the application we have submitted an  
5 exhibit packet containing Exhibit A which is the landman  
6 affidavit of Ryan Reynolds who has testified before the  
7 Division and his credentials have been accepted and made a  
8 matter of record.

9 As part of Exhibit A we also submitted Exhibit 1  
10 is the application, Exhibit 2 is the original order, Exhibit  
11 3 is the sample notice letter to all interested parties.

12 And Exhibit B being the affidavit, affidavit of  
13 notice from Ms. Shaheen and Sub Exhibits B-1, the  
14 spreadsheet of the status of delivery to all interested  
15 parties and the green cards, and Exhibit B-2 as the  
16 affidavit of publication.

17 The original order, Number R-21837 granted the  
18 pooling of the Marley State Com 31 AB wells on September 22,  
19 2021, being that Longfellow needed to commence drilling of  
20 these wells by September 20 of 2022; however, good cause  
21 exists for the Division to grant an extension to drill these  
22 wells to be no later than September 20 of 2023.

23 As stated in the application and the landman  
24 affidavit, Longfellow requests an extension of time because  
25 there have been delays related to the planned surface

1 location caused by surface owner of off lease fee lands  
2 which engaged in protracted negotiations for surface  
3 agreement, but ultimately declined to enter into an  
4 agreement for undisclosed reasons.

5 The unavailability of the initial planned surface  
6 location has resulted in a need to revise permits and  
7 relocate water pipelines. As of right now Longfellow is  
8 currently negotiating with a different surface owner and  
9 anticipates reaching a final agreement in the next three to  
10 four months at which time we can begin to repermit and  
11 surface location preparation that will be necessary for  
12 drilling. For these reasons, Longfellow requests extension  
13 to be no later than September 20 of 2023.

14 If there are no questions, I request that all  
15 Exhibits A and B and all sub exhibits be admitted into the  
16 record and made -- and the matter be taken under advisement.  
17 Thank you.

18 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you.  
19 Mr. Garcia, questions?

20 TECHNICAL EXAMINER GARCIA: No questions.

21 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. So Mr.  
22 Lawton, it looks like you are going to have a different  
23 surface hole location?

24 MR. LAWTON: That's correct. Actually I have the  
25 landman, Ryan Reynolds, available. Is it okay if he answers

1 these questions?

2 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Well, just to let you  
3 know that you have in your checklist the original order  
4 surface hole location information (unclear audio) don't  
5 necessarily know exactly where it is, exactly where the  
6 surface hole location (unclear audio) after negotiations.  
7 All right. So you can come up with a new surface hole  
8 location now or you need to come back in later for sure and  
9 provide the information to us.

10 MR. LAWTON: Okay.

11 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: But it's part of the  
12 order so we would need that to be updated, either now or  
13 later. If you could just send us some sort of certificate  
14 after this hearing indicating what your plans are with the  
15 surface hole location.

16 MR. LAWTON: I can certainly do that.

17 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Anything else,  
18 Mr. Garcia?

19 TECHNICAL EXAMINER GARCIA: I don't believe so.

20 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: All right. Anyone  
21 else here then for case 22970?

22 (No audible response.)

23 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Hearing none, the  
24 exhibits will be admitted into the record, and the case will  
25 be taken under advisement, and you will provide us some

1 information on the future of the surface hole location.

2 MR. LAWTON: Yes, thank you.

3 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you.

4 TECHNICAL EXAMINER GARCIA: Mr. Brancard, I'm  
5 looking at the checklist, the C-102 probably needs to be  
6 updated just for consistency.

7 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: Yeah, please check  
8 whatever else is in the record that needs to be changed if  
9 you need to for the new surface hole location.

10 MR. LAWTON: I will do that.

11 HEARING EXAMINER BRANCARD: I'm just seeing the  
12 checklist as attached to the order. I haven't seen the rest  
13 of the record. Thank you.

14 (Exhibits admitted.)

15 (Taken under advisement.)

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I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am neither employed by nor related to any of the parties or attorneys in this case and that I have no interest in the final disposition of this case.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that the Virtual Proceeding was of poor to reasonable quality.

Dated this 4th day of August 2022.

Irene Delgado  
Court Reporter  
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