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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 MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY
TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-21790, R-21791,
R-21792, R-21793
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

No. 22723, 22724, 22725, 22726

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This matter came on for virtual hearing
before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division,
HEARING OFFICER WILLIAM BRANCARD and TECHNICAL EXAMINER
LEONARD LOWE on Thursday, July 21, 2022, through the
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1 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: With that, I call
2 cases 22723, 22724, 22725, 22726, Mewbourne Oil
3 Company.

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

6 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Are there any
7 other entries of appearance for cases 22723, 724, 725,
8 726?

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

10 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, again, similarly in
11 these cases, Mewbourne seeks to amend the original
12 pooling orders, request an additional year in which to
13 commence the wells that are the subject of these cases,
14 Local Legend 18/17, second Bone Spring wells which
15 collectively cover all of Sections 18 and 17, Township
16 18 South, Range 31 East.

17 Each exhibit, the exhibit package contains
18 the applications and notices, copies of the original
19 pooling orders which were issued a little more than a
20 year ago, July 15, 2021. They contain a landman's
21 affidavit somewhere along the way here, and let me find
22 it.

23 The reason for the request is the same as in
24 the prior Matador cases, which is that the BLM has not
25 yet issued APDs for these wells after a year.

1 I'm sorry, I -- too much paper. I'm trying
2 to find the landman's affidavit.

3 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Mr. Bruce, I have
4 it as Page 14 of your exhibit packet.

5 MR. BRUCE: Oh, okay. Okay. I'm not too
6 alert here.

7 But anyway, that is the basic reason -- ah,
8 here it is, yes. Thank you, sir.

9 Again, the sole reason for the extension
10 request is the BLM's need to approve the APD's which
11 have been pending for close to a year. And Mewbourne
12 does still intend on drilling the wells.

13 And I also submitted additional materials, a
14 green card from Apache Corporation which pertains to
15 case 22723 only, and then another exhibit, a green card
16 from OXY USA which pertains to case 22725, and the
17 supplemental exhibits also contain a spreadsheet.

18 Everyone -- and it's in the exhibit
19 packages -- did receive certified mail. The only issue
20 is this. I checked the US Postal Service website
21 several times which shows that J. Hiram Moore Limited
22 did receive the certified mail on June 4th. I have yet
23 to receive a green card back from them.

24 I would assert that notice is complete if in
25 the original pooling cases which were heard a year ago,

1 this notice was mailed to J. Hiram Moore at the same
2 address used for this notice letter, and a green card
3 was returned. And I also personally checked online to
4 find the address of J. Hiram Moore and it is the
5 address given in my notice affidavit.

6 And so even though I don't have a green card,
7 I would submit that notice is complete and everyone has
8 received notice of these applications. And if the
9 Division wants me to do something further, the J. Hiram
10 Moore notice only involved case 22726.

11 With that, I move the admission of Exhibits 1
12 through 3 and Exhibits A, B and C, the supplemental
13 exhibits.

14 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Thank you.

15 Mr. Lowe, any questions?

16 TECHNICAL EXAMINER LOWE: I have no
17 questions. Thank you.

18 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Mr. Bruce, I don't
19 know if you ever found your land affidavit.

20 MR. BRUCE: I did. I did.

21 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Just to let you
22 know, there's a typo on Paragraph 7. It says you're
23 extending it one year from 2021 to 2023.

24 MR. BRUCE: Ah, I will -- I will correct that
25 immediately.

1 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: That's two years.

2 So you're just waiting for a green card, is
3 that what the issue is here, Mr. Bruce? Or some -- is
4 there confirmation from the postal service?

5 MR. BRUCE: I did submit, with my notice
6 letter, a copy of what is online at the postal service.
7 It's showing that -- and actually when this -- these
8 matters were, when I prepared the exhibit packages, I
9 didn't have green cards back from Apache or OXY USA, so
10 I included the online notices or tracking information
11 from the postal service showing that they had received
12 notice. But, again, I did subsequently receive green
13 cards from Apache and from OXY USA, Inc.

14 But the final, if you look at the final page
15 of part two of my exhibits, you will see the final page
16 of all of the exhibits where I sent notice out to J.
17 Hiram Moore Limited, and it says that it was delivered
18 June 4, 2022. And six weeks later, I still have not
19 received a green card back. And, again, that only
20 applies to the last case 726.

21 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: Okay.

22 All right. Are there any other interested
23 persons then for cases 22723, 724, 725, 726?

24 Hearing none, these cases will be taken under
25 advisement and the exhibits will be admitted into the

1 record. We'll leave the record open to revise the
2 landman's affidavit.

3 And if you happen to get a green card,
4 that would be great.

5 MR. BRUCE: Thank you.

6 HEARING OFFICER BRANCARD: And you do have
7 that notice from the postal service that it was
8 delivered.

9 MR. BRUCE: Thank you.

10 (Proceedings concluded.)

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