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Page 3 1 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: Let's go back on the record and go to page 3 and call Case Number 14931, 2 application of Tarco Energy, LC, for approval of a 3 pressure maintenance project in Eddy County, New Mexico. 4 5 Call for appearances. 6 MR. PADILLA: Mr. Examiner, Ernest L. 7 Padilla, Santa Fe, New Mexico, for the applicant. I have one witness, John Maxey. 8 9 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: Any other appearances? 10 The witness has been sworn previously; right? 11 This morning. THE WITNESS: 12 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: Okay. 13 JOHN MAXEY 14 Having been first duly sworn, testified as follows: 15 DIRECT EXAMINATION 16 BY MR. PADILLA: 17 Q. Mr. Maxey, would you state your name, please? 18 Α. John C. Maxey. Are you the same Mr. Maxey that testified in 19 Q. another hearing this morning? 20 21 Α. Yes. 22 And had your credentials accepted as a Q. petroleum engineer as a matter of record? 23 24 Α. Yes. 25 MR. PADILLA: Mr. Examiner, we tender

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Page 4 Mr. Maxey as an expert petroleum engineer. 1 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: He is so qualified. 2 (By Mr. Padilla) Mr. Maxey, have you prepared 3 Ο. certain exhibits for introduction here in connection with 4 this application for pressure maintenance? 5 6 Α. Yes, I have. 7 Can you briefly tell the Examiner what we're Ο. trying to accomplish by this application? 8 9 Α. This is an application by Tarco Energy, and they have a lease. Production on that lease ceased in 10 about 1987, which I have some exhibits. 11 12 They came in on this lease and reestablished 13 production in 2008, and they have since -- they have about eight wells producing right now. They would like 14 to take one of their wells and convert it to injection. 15 16 This is a pressure maintenance project, and 17 they would like to expand this to flood it sometime. They would like to build pressure and see what the 18 reservoir does. And they have approximately six offset 19 20 wells within 10-acre spacing, so they've got a very good 21 monitoring basis for this. 22 And they would like to see what kind of 23 response they get and then -- they did not want to unitize at this time, and therefore we didn't come with a 24 waterflood application. And they want to start this up 25

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Page 5 as a pressure maintenance project. 1 Ο. What zones are involved in this injection 2 3 project? 4 Ά. This is basically Yates Seven Rivers. At what depth are you encountering the Yates 5 Ο. Seven Rivers? 6 7 Α. 418 feet to about 460 feet. Is there anything of concern with regard to 8 Ο. 9 that shallow depth? 10 Α. I don't have a concern with anything in regard to the shallow depth. 11 Let's go through Exhibit Number 1. And take 12 Q. us through that, if you would, please. 13 Okay. Exhibit 1 is the C-108 application for 14 Α. authority to inject, with the attached map with the area 15 of review. I might call to the attention of the Examiner 16 17 that there's approximately 85 wells in the area of 18 review. That's why you'll see quite a few schematics attached to this application. 19 Along with that application, you'll see the 20 21 well data sheets, the answers to the questions on the cover sheet for the C-108, and the injection well data 22 sheet. 23 24 I might add that the wells that Tarco has been 25 drilling since 2008 are all cemented very well. The

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Page 6 surface casing is cemented back to surface and long 1 strings are cemented back to surface. And this injection 2 well is one of the newer wells. 3 4 And as I've stated, you've got quite a few 5 schematics on the wells within the area of review. 6 Ο. Have you examined those schematics, and have 7 you --I've looked, yes. 8 Α. 9 Q. And have any of those wells raised some 10 concern in your mind as to whether or not they have 11 weaknesses or anything? Some of these wells -- this area was initially 12 Α. drilled back in the '40s, Cable Tool. 13 In the interval that we're talking about 14 15 that's producing, there were deeper Cable Tool wells drilled. Some of those wells had seven-inch casings set 16 at 17-, 18-, 1,900 feet, and were cemented with a small 17 18 amount of cement at the bottom. Subsequently, a lot of those wells have been 19 There are a few of those wells within this area 20 plugged. of review that were plugged years ago, and there was some 21 22 annuluses that are in question about what exactly is in 23 there. 24 So in conversation with the operator, however, 25 Tarco, they are drilling these wells with air, and they

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Page 7 encounter no water when they're drilling these with air. 1 So the concern was, is there fresh water, 2 shallow water? And that has been a discussion with Tarco 3 and some of the regulatory agencies. And based on their 4 drilling experience -- and they have eight wells 5 producing. I believe there's 12 wells you'll see on an 6 7 exhibit that they drilled that they don't encounter water, drilling on air. 8 In terms of pressures, what kind of injection 9 Ο. pressures are going to be used? 10 They're anticipating under a permit that the Α. 11 OCD would specify .2 psi per foot as the initial 12 pressure. And so we're talking roughly 80 psi surface 13 14 injection pressure. 15 Ο. So for somebody like me, that doesn't understand pressures, how does that impact the 16 formations, the injection formation and that sort of 17 18 thing? Are you going to part the formation with that kind of pressure, in other words? 19 20 The .2 psi per foot has been a standard Α. No. at the OCD for years, and I've never seen a case where it 21 22 has parted. One thing about shallow formations this shallow, the frack gradient is usually higher because the 23 24 overburden is what you have to lift to part the 25 formation.

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Page 8 1 So I don't have any stimulation data, but you're probably looking on the order of 1 psi per foot 2 for parting this formation. 3 4 Ο. In terms of pressure maintenance or 5 waterflood, how do you view this as enhancing production, 6 generally? 7 Α. Generally, this is looking to inject and monitor a well in the center of existing production and 8 look for additional secondary recovery in the EURs. 9 Ο. I think we've covered most of what's in the 10 C-108 with additional exhibits. So let's move on to 11 Exhibit Number 2 and have you tell the Examiner what's 12 contained in that. 13 Exhibit 2, again, is just a locator map. 14 Α. We're just above the Abo Shelf Edge in the southeastern 15 part of New Mexico, Delaware Basin. 16 17 The Empire Field is where we are and this property is situated in. Again, this map is from a paper 18 done by the Bureau of Mines of New Mexico back in 2004 by 19 20 Ron Broadhead, et al. This is just a locator map to show you that 21 I've demarcated the Empire Field from the upper side of 22 the Shelf Edge of the Abo to the northwest part of the 23 basin. This sandstone that we're talking 24 25 about is the Artesia sandstone. It's subdivided into

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Page 9 1 Tansill, Yates, Seven Rivers, Queen and Grayburg. What 2 they're producing from is Yates Seven Rivers. There's 3 Tansill above the producing zone that I have no record of 4 oil show in the records that I've seen, the Cable Tool 5 records. There is production further down in the 6 Queen/Grayburg section.

7 The second page of that again is just a 8 geologic section to show you that the Artesia Group is 9 subdivided into the Upper Guadalupian and Lower 10 Guadalupian. The Lower Guadalupian is really more the 11 Queen and Grayburg Formation. You do have some overlap 12 there. We're talking about Yates Seven Rivers here.

Q. What's on Exhibit 3?

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A. Exhibit 3, Tarco, when I initially discussed this with them, they had a waterflood study prepared by two engineers and presented that study to me and said they would like to pursue the project. The study was performed in 1987. And I thought, well, that's a little old.

But when I started my review and looked at production, production in the field in their area of interest for their waterflood ceased in 1987. And you'll see in an exhibit further back that production was not reestablished until 2008, so there was no reason to deem the waterflood study out of date on my part.

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This is a competitive area. So there is some confidentiality involved in the waterflood study, so I tried to shrink this down to the area of interest that they have in flooding.

On this particular exhibit, you'll see the 5 Russell C Number 3 is the application well, the small dot 6 7 in the center of that rough outline of 360 acres in the south half of Section 35. This map was prepared by R.H. 8 9 Neustaedter. He was one of the individuals. He's a licensed P.E. that performed most of the geologic studies 10 for Tarco on this prospect. I'm utilizing their 11 information and data, and I've reviewed what I could get 12 my hands on that they used in preparing their report. 13

This is an isopach map on the porous interval, a gross total net feet map. What it illustrates is a better portion of the total net fee is over the south half of 35. These contour intervals are 5 foot, so the 20-foot interval is what encompasses most of the south half of 35. The next line to the south would be 15 foot and then 10 foot there on the map.

The circled numbers are wells that Mr. Neustaedter used and he indexed in the report. So what I've also done on this exhibit is attach his index and the way he numbered the wells. He indexed the wells from the map to the next two pages, which describe the

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Page 11 1 well name, description and the footage costs. 2 In his report, he specified that some of these 3 wells he does not have logs for. But the vast majority of logs that were within the study area at that time he 4 5 had logs for, and that is what his map is based on. Ο. 6 Are there any new wells that penetrate the 7 injection zone? New wells on this? That's on the next --8 Α. 9 Ο. Let's go on to that one, Number 4. 10 The next exhibit is another map that was Α. prepared which coincides with information that I was 11 12 seeing when I did a search of the production records. It's an iso-cum map. It's designating sweet spots for 13 14 the cumulative production in the 1987 report. 15 And the 15,000 contour is the one that's 16 mapped. The largest amount of cum is a 15,000 barrel cum 17 isopach that is mapped in the south center of Section 35. And those iso-cums are in 5,000-barrel increments. 18 That's what the K stands for. 19 20 The red squares on this map are post 1987 These are the wells that Tarco has come in wells. 21 beginning in 2008 and drilled. So what I'd like for you 22 to see on this map is the Russell C Number 3, the well 23 24 they would like to inject their produced water into. 25 You can see they're surrounded by six offset

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Page 12 wells that they have drilled, all cased and cemented to 1 2 surface. And this is -- each one of the squares depicted 3 on here is 40 acres. So these are basically 10-acre 4 spacing wells, so you've got some very close offsets to 5 monitor. On this one, you will see some effect from 6 0. 7 injection? 8 Α. The whole idea behind their project is Yes. 9 to take their produced water, 42 or 48 barrels of water per day, from the approximately 8 out of 12 wells that 10 are producing right now -- they've got a couple in 11 varying stages of completion -- divert it from the 12 13 disposal line they have going to the southeast that disposes in a commercial site approximately three miles 14 15 away, divert it into the Russell C Number 3, and see what 16 kind of response they get. 17 0. This is a true pressure maintenance waterflood 18 type --19 Α. Yes. The idea is to recharge the aquifer, generate pressure within the confines of these six offset 20 producers, try to bank oil, and see what kind of response 21 22 can be -- if it matches what the calculated values are. You show a cross-section in here from A to A 23 0. prime? 24 25 Α. The next exhibit is just a two-well

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Page 13 cross-section. As I stated, there are not very many 1 newer versions of logs out there, so I've got just a 2 3 two-well cross-section to illustrate the pay section from A to A prime. And the red outline on this map is the 4 study area for the waterflood that was done. 5 6 Q. So going to your cross-section, the green 7 shaded area is the injection zone? The orange shaded area on the top of the 8 Α. Yes. 9 cross-section is a marker on the gamma ray logs that I 10 saw on other offsets in some of the older logs. So I've used that marker to hang these two logs stratigraphic 11 equivalent. 12 13 And the red lines with the green shading is the actual gross interval, with the porosity development 14 That gives you an idea of what the pay section within. 15 looks like. 16 17 Ο. We'll go to Number 6 now. What does that tell 18 us? 19 Α. Item 6, I wanted to -- because of the date of 20 the waterflood study and going back and looking at production out here, you can see the last two wells that 21 22 Oxy was producing back in '87 ceased production. And 23 there was no oil production until 2008, when Tarco came in and drilled some new wells. 24 25 The nine well cum in the area of review that

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Page 14 1 -- the waterflood area, the nine wells within that area, the old, old wells, as of November of 1987, they cumed 2 77,000 barrels of oil from this zone, approximately 3 8.6,000 barrels of oil per well. And again, the capital 4 M is thousands. 5 6 Furthermore in this exhibit, the average water 7 production right now that Tarco has is 48 barrels of water per day average in the four months. 8 That's what they would like to inject in their center well. 9 Their oil production is approximately 600 barrels of oil per 10 11 month, around 20 barrels a day. 12 The current eight-well cum, if you add all 13 production together, you know, the historic plus these eight wells, is 108,000 barrels of oil, which is an 14 15 incremental increase of 31,000 barrels of oil because of these new eight wells. 16 17 Mr. Maxey, are these wells spaced on 10 acres? Ο. 18 Α. Ten-acre spacing. So going back to Exhibit 4, the wells shown in 19 Q. 20 the red squares are on 10-acre spacing? 21 Α. That's correct. 22 Ο. Can we move on to Exhibit 7? 23 Α. It's just an expanded view of the Tarco 24 production. On a primary basis, the total EUR expected 25 out of the new drilling program is 69,000 barrels of oil

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Page 15 primary. That would -- if nothing else was developed on 1 a primary basis, it would bring the total for the acreage 2 3 in red on that previous exhibit to a primary production of 146,000 barrels of oil from 450 feet. 4 5 Ο. Do you have an estimate as to how these lines would change, based on this project, injection project? 6 7 Α. That's in a tabular form on the next exhibit. Let's go to that, then. 8 Ο. One of the issues in the study, when I 9 Α. 10 reviewed and audited some of the numbers, was the amount of data available in preparing this study. A gentleman 11 12 by the name of Clinton B. Crocker, another registered P.E., is the one who performed this study. 13 I did not include bios on these gentlemen. 14 But I have them, if the Commission is interested, the 15 guys that did the study in '87. 16 What I did is I reviewed their entire study. 17 And basically what Mr. Crocker did, he calculated 18 19 volumetrics in a much larger area. I reviewed his 20 calculations for the specific 360 acres that are in that 21 red description. Within there, you can calculate about 22 2.8 million barrels of oil in place. 23 The various reservoir parameters that went 24 into his study, in some of these -- for instance, his 25 permeabilities came from core data. There was no core

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Page 16 1 data that I could find, but he had reference to core 2 data. So we're talking about a 360-acre area; 3 average water saturation of 46 percent; average depth, 4 412 feet; average height of the formation, 9.8 feet; 5 porosity, on average, just over 19 percent; bottomhole 6 7 temperature, Boi of 1.025; a very shallow reservoir. 8 Using 10-acre spacing -- and he calculated on well pairs using 10 acres on the injectors and 10 acres 9 10 on the producers. So he calculated his data on 18 well 11 pairs, is what I counted up. 12 The initial reservoir pressure was 206 psi; 13 oil gravity was 35 degrees. He did not have a recovery factor. But based on what I calculated on volumetrics 14 15 and looking at what he did, our numbers agree on volumetrics, and I came up with 9 percent on primary 16 recovery factor. 17 The only thing I might disagree with, if 18 Mr. Crocker were around now, is what he did for his 19 20 waterflood study and what I tabulated are his results for 21 his well pairs. This is what he calculated in the table, 22 and he calculated this based on a two-to-one secondary to 23 primary. 24 What I did, I ran economics based on his 25 numbers and the estimated costs, op ex and cap ex, that

Page 17 1 would go into the project. And I also looked at a 2 one-to-one, which, when I look at these types of projects 3 in these sands, I look at more of a .7 to a 1.2, primary 4 to secondary. So I would just use a one. Either way, 5 the economics work very well on this project.

6 On the economics that I ran, \$85 well flat, 75 7 net revenue, op ex was -- and keep in mind that this is a 8 company whom the employees own their own rig. They go 9 out on their own rig, they drill their wells, they turn 10 their own wrenches, they do everything themselves. They 11 do their own bookwork.

12 Their op ex is figured at \$300 a month, plus a 13 dollar per barrel of oil; the water, 50 cents per barrel 14 for handling and taking care of the water. Tax is 8 15 percent. Cash flow on the two-to-one scenario is \$1.5 16 million. Net present value is \$962,000 per well pair. 17 If you go to a one-to-one estimate on primary to 18 secondary, it's roughly half on the economics.

Now, analogy-wise, the only injection into
this zone has been back to the east about seven or eight
miles. It wasn't full-fledged flood. And it's much
deeper, due to regional dip, so there's not a good
analogy close-by offset.

24 So basically what we're looking at is moving 25 the 48 barrels of day produced water into the

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Page 18 1 newly-converted injector. You have six wells to monitor 2 and watch for increases in production and water. And 3 this type of project in this particular sand has proved over and over that it will increase the estimated 4 5 ultimate recovery on a waterflood project if we can prove up the initial well. 6 Mr. Maxey, would approval of this application, 7 Q. 8 in your opinion, be in the best interest of conservation 9 of oil and gas and the prevention of waste? Α. Yes, it would prevent waste. 10 11 Q. Can you elaborate on that just --12 Α. It will prevent waste and will increase the 13 recovered oil and prevent waste from leaving this oil in the ground. Right now the eight wells that are now on 14 15 production, primary production after 25 years' cessation, 16 are proving that we still have energy in the reservoir, and there's still a lot of oil to be recovered. 17 18 0. Will approval of this application impair correlative rights? 19 20 Α. No. 21 MR. PADILLA: Mr. Examiner, we offer 22 Exhibits 1 through 8 and pass Mr. Maxey for cross-examination. 23 24 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: Exhibits 1 through 8 will be admitted. 25

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Page 19 David? 1 (Exhibits 1 through 8 were admitted.) 2 EXAMINER BROOKS: No guestions. 3 EXAMINATION 4 5 BY EXAMINER EZEANYIM: First -- let me understand. You want to do Ο. 6 pressure maintenance, and then maybe that will combine 7 into a waterflood? 8 Α. Right. 9 10 Ο. That's the testimony I've been listening to. And based on that, after this waterflood --11 they are going to come in for a waterflood; right? They 12 are going to come in for a waterflood project? 13 14 Α. Yes. It would have to be a hearing, yes, because there would have to be unitization. 15 Ο. Of course for pressure maintenance, you don't 16 need to. But when you decide to do waterflood, you can 17 18 come again, unitize the area and then come in for waterflood. 19 20 Α. Yes. You see why this is different from the other 21 0. one? I'm trying to follow what you're saying. That is 22 very good. 23 24 Then your calculation on here is based on a two-to-one ratio? 25

Page 20 1 Α. The economics on that page, yes. 2 Q. We'll worry about it when it is, but I'm 3 trying to find out how we are going to approve pressure maintenance. 4 5 I would like to go back to the Form C-108. In that area, you said you had 85 wells in the area of 6 7 review? That's right. 8 Α. Now, I'm looking at this. There's a bunch of 9 0. 10 them. I take it that A is active? 11 Α. Yes. 12 Ο. And P is -- what is P? 13 Α. P would be producing. Excuse me. A is abandoned. 14 15 Q. P is producing? Okay. A is abandoned, and P is producing? 16 17 Α. That's right. Ο. And all those -- this is all in the area of 18 19 review? All these wells are in the circular area of 20 Α. 21 review for the C-108. Half mile? 22 Ο. 23 Α. Yes, half-mile radius. A lot of wells? 24 0. 25 Α. Yes.

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Page 21 Q. You have -- because I haven't looked at it. 1 2 You have plugged and abandoned well schematics saying how 3 they were plugged and abandoned? Α. Yes, in the C-108. 4 It's all included here? Ο. 5 Α. Yes. 6 For all the ones that -- any one producing is 7 Ο. okay. But if they are plugged and abandoned, I wanted to 8 see the diagram to see whether they are going to have --9 10 Α. There was discussion providing stick diagrams 11 in a hearing, and I didn't know how to manage 85 wells in 12 a hearing. It's a lot of wells. 13 Ο. 14 Α. That's a very prospective area, shallow wells, very closely spaced. 15 So now the type O is oil. What is I, 16 0. 17 injection, in that area of review? 18 Α. Yes. I is injection? 19 Q. 20 Α. Yes. 21 Ο. O is oil, and then A is active? No, no. A is abandoned? 22 23 Α. Yes --24 EXAMINER BROOKS: Are you sure of that? -- a lot of abandoned wells. 25 Α.

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Page 22 1 EXAMINER BROOKS: Are you sure A is 2 abandoned in the status column? Or is P plugged and A active? 3 4 THE WITNESS: It's my understanding that A was abandoned. 5 EXAMINER BROOKS: I think P is abandoned 6 7 in the status column. But that's confusing because --THE WITNESS: Our existing Russell 5 and 7 8 9 are P status. 10 EXAMINER BROOKS: Which is this, now? THE WITNESS: 11 Those are producing. On the 12 second page of all those wells, come down to the Russell 13 C5 and 7. The Russell C7 and the Russell C5 are producing. Those are producing wells, and they have a 14 15 code of P. 16 I looked through all these schematics, and 17 there are a lot of plugged wells. 18 EXAMINER BROOKS: I'm confused about the symbolism, because A could mean either active or 19 20 abandoned, and P could mean either plugged or producing. 21 We ought to have better symbols on our tables. I just want to make it clear that we know what we're talking 22 about. 23 24 THE WITNESS: If you'd like it clarified, I can clarify it. 25

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Page 23 EXAMINER BROOKS: Just make sure it's 1 right and consistent, and report that back to us. 2 We don't want to be confused about that subject. 3 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: Good point. 4 That's 5 the point I was making there. And when I flash my eyes, I see the -- it's 6 very confusing, abandoned or plugged or something. 7 8 What I want you to do is to -- on that area of review, I want you to put -- if you want P to be plugged, 9 say, "P, plugged," or, "P, producing," or whatever, so we 10 11 can go to the area of review and see how we are going to handle it. 12 Because when I look at your diagram, P or A, I 13 get confused. And I don't see any cement showing that 14 they are plugged and abandoned. So I want you to go back 15 and demonstrate -- it's not a big deal. 16 17 EXAMINER BROOKS: We've had this problem 18 on C-108s before. 19 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: Especially when you 20 have a bunch of wells like this. (By Examiner Ezeanyim) Now, what is the depth 21 Ο. of the fresh water in the area? 22 Well, they have not really found any fresh 23 Α. water in the area, and there's no fresh water reported by 24 the State Engineer in this area. 25

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Page 24 They're drilling with air. So they're 1 2 dusting, and they're encountering no water. So if you're 3 going to encounter water, you do it on air. Ο. And the water you are using to --4 5 Α. Produced water will be reinjected on lease, on lease-produced water. 6 7 So I assume you worry about compatibility Q. issues? 8 9 Α. I'm sorry? I assume you worry about whether the water is 10 0. okay to be injected? 11 12 Α. Right. It's the existing producing formation. 13 MR. PADILLA: Same water? 14 THE WITNESS: Same water. 15 Ο. (By Examiner Ezeanyim) When you do that nomenclature, you do it actually in a manner of time to 16 do all this. If you can say, well, out of the area of 17 review, it's half of them. Sixty is producing, you know, 18 15 or 25 is plugged and abandoned, when you give us 19 those, so that I can know exactly how many are producing 20 21 and how many are plugged and abandoned. 22 To help me try to look for them, tell me 23 whether they are plugged and abandoned properly. Tell me 24 the number that is plugged and abandoned. Because 25 otherwise, if you don't tell me, I have to go back page

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Page 25 by page. 1 So you're kind of going back to the 2 Α. clarification on the abandoned? 3 Yes. Once you do that, then you can tell me 4 0. out of those 85 area of review wells, so-and-so are 5 plugged and abandoned, so-and-so are producing or 6 7 temporarily abandoned, anything. Just tell me the status and how many. 8 9 Α. Add them up? And the P and A are very, very 10 0. Yes. confusing. 11 12 Α. Right. 13 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: I have no more questions. 14 Do you have anything more? 15 MR. PADILLA: No, we don't have any more, 16 other than Exhibit 9, which is my affidavit of mailing of 17 notices to the various operators. 18 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: Have we admitted that 19 exhibit or not? 20 21 MR. PADILLA: No. We would ask that that 22 be admitted. 23 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: Exhibit Number 9 will be admitted. 24 (Exhibit 9 was admitted.) 25

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Page 26 1 MR. PADILLA: That's all we have, unless you have any questions for Joe Tarver, who is the 2 principal with Tarco Energy. 3 4 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: Is he here? 5 MR. PADILLA: Yes. EXAMINER EZEANYIM: There's no point. 6 7 MR. PADILLA: I agree. 8 Okay. Nothing further. 9 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: At this point, Case 10 Number 14931 will be taken under advisement. 11 12 13 14 15 16 I do bereav certily that the foregoing is 17 a associate record of the proceedings in the Examiner hearing of Case No. 18 heard by m) on 19 CHI **Conservation** Division 20 21 22 23 24 25

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