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Subject:

Re: Mack Energy (Case 15182) and Cimarex (Case 14994)

Attachments:

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Richard: You are correct -- Mack is Case 15181.

Attached is a new wellbore diagram for Case 15159. I got it two weeks ago, but forgot to send it to you.

Jim

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Subject: RE: Mack Energy (Case 15182) and Cimarex (Case 14994)

Jim:

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I think you mean Case No. 15181 for Mack Energy (NOT 15182). Now in Case No. 15159, I requested that a new Form C-108 be submitted with a new injection well construction diagram etc., etc. I have not gotten that new Form C-108. What is going on with this application? Please let me know ASAP. Thank you.

Richard

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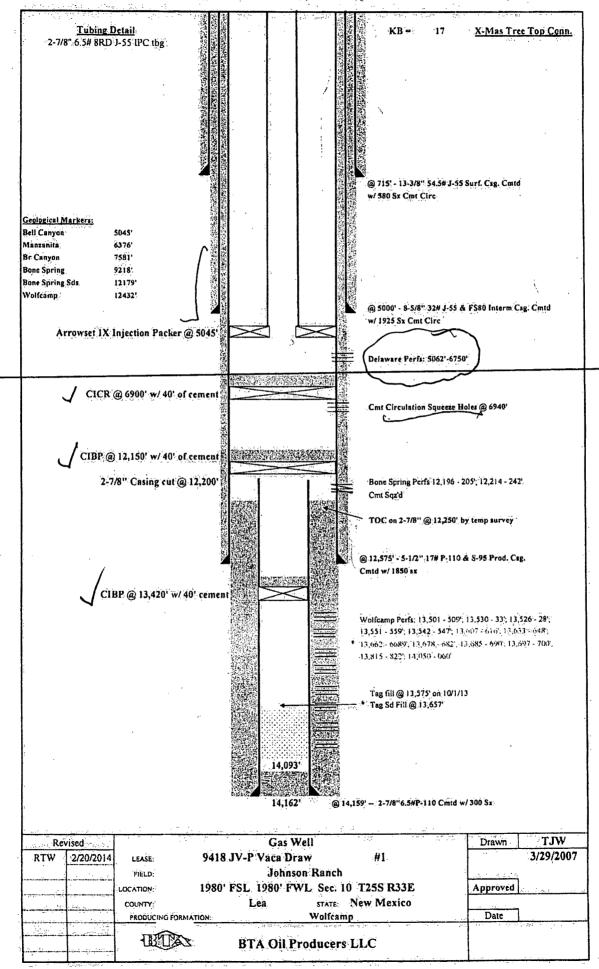
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Richard: The parties have not come to terms in either case.

Jim

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- 1 (10:10 a.m.)
- 2 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: At this time I call
- 3 Case Number 15159. This is the application of BTA Oil
- 4 Producers, LLP for approval for a saltwater disposal
- 5 well, Lea County, New Mexico.
- 6 Call for appearances.
- 7 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, Jim Bruce of
- 8 Santa Fe representing the Applicant. I have one
- 9 witness.
- 10 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: Any other appearances?
- Okay. May the witness stand up to be sworn
- in, and state your name first, please.
- MR. EATON: Nick Eaton, E-A-T-O-N.
- 14 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: Counsel, you may
- 15 proceed.
- 16 NICK EATON,
- 17 after having been first duly sworn under oath, was
- 18 questioned and testified as follows:
- 19 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, as I'm sure you
- 20 know, BTA filed this application administratively, and
- 21 it was initially objected to by EOG Resources. EOG has
- 22 withdrawn its objection to the application. However,
- 23 the BLM has notified the OCD that it does not want the
- 24 subject well approved as a saltwater disposal well
- 25 because the well is still producing. We will discuss

- 1 both issues. First we'll just go into the pure
- 2 injection application itself, and then we'll discuss the
- 3 BLM's objections.
- 4 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: Yeah. For the record,
- 5 you are right, Counsel. There is a letter to the OCD
- 6 that the Bureau of Land Management is objecting to this
- 7 saltwater disposal based purely on the fact that the
- 8 well is producing pay quantities. So for the record,
- 9 the BLM is objecting to the issuance of an order for
- 10 this saltwater disposal, just for the record.
- Okay. You may proceed.
- 12 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 13 BY MR. BRUCE:
- 14 Q. Mr. Eaton, where do you reside?
- 15 A. Midland, Texas.
- 16 Q. Who do you work for and in what capacity?
- 17 A. BTA Oil Producers. I'm the drilling and
- 18 regulatory manager, and I've been there for three years.
- 19 Q. Have you previously testified before the
- 20 Division?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. Can you please summarize for the Examiner your
- 23 educational and employment background?
- 24 A. I got a petroleum engineering degree from Texas
- 25 Tech University in 2009. I went to work, out of school,

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- 1 for Chevron as a drilling engineer in the Midland
- 2 Basin -- Midland and Delaware Basins and then moved to
- 3 BTA. I've been there three years. I'm the drilling
- 4 manager over the Delaware Basin and the Midland Basin.
- 5 Q. Does your area of responsibility at BTA include
- 6 the lands on which this well is located?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And are you familiar with this application?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, I tender
- 11 Mr. Eaton as an expert drilling engineer.
- 12 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: So accepted.
- Q. (BY MR. BRUCE) Mr. Eaton, let's first go
- 14 through Exhibit 1, the C-108, and I've numbered the
- 15 pages at the bottom. If you could move on to page 4,
- 16 could you identify the name of the well, its location
- 17 and what its current status is?
- 18 A. The well name is the 9418 JV-P Vaca Draw #1.
- 19 It's in Section 10, Township 25 South, Range 33 East,
- 20 Lea County.
- 21 Q. And what is -- what is its current status?
- 22 A. It is currently a producer under -- or out of
- 23 the Wolfcamp Formation.
- Q. And what is the injection interval that BTA
- 25 seeks approval for both of these footages of sand? What

- 1 zones are involved?
- 2 A. Footages are 5,056 foot to 6,007 foot, which is
- 3 Bell Canyon and Upper Cherry Canyon.
- Q. Let's move on to page 6, and there is data on a
- 5 number of wells in here. But looking at the one-half
- 6 mile area of review -- and we'll get into some
- 7 additional wells, into some newer wells that are being
- 8 drilled, but looking at the one-half mile area of
- 9 review, at the time this plat was made, there are no
- 10 other wells within the one-half mile area of review; is
- 11 that correct?
- 12 A. Correct.
- 13 Q. And if you turn to page 7, could you identify
- 14 those four horizontal wells in Section 10?
- 15 A. We call them -- they're the Vaca Draw. It's
- 16 the 2H, 3H, 4H and 5H.
- 17 Q. And what -- what zones are those wells testing,
- 18 or will they test?
- 19 A. The Bone Spring intervals.
- 20 O. And are the surface locations in the -- at the
- 21 north end or at the south end of these wells?
- A. North end.
- O. So the wellbores of all of those four wells are
- 24 also outside the area of review?
- 25 A. Correct.

- 1 Q. So within the one-half mile area of review,
- 2 there are no other wells drilled, completed or plugged
- 3 and abandoned?
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 Q. The Bone Spring out here does produce some
- 6 quantities of water; does it not?
- 7 A. Yes.
- Q. And is that why you are seeking to convert this
- 9 well to saltwater disposal?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: Before your move on,
- 12 let's get this -- on page 7, I think is its Section 10,
- 13 · right?
- MR. BRUCE: Correct.
- 15 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 16 BY EXAMINER EZEANYIM:
- 17 Q. Okay. Those three wells, which well are we
- 18 talking about? They have three wells. Which one are we
- 19 converting?
- 20 A. The Vaca Draw #1 falls almost right in the
- 21 middle.
- 22 O. What? The 4H?
- A. The #1 is the well that we're proposing
- 24 to convert.
- Q. And then is that indicated by that dot?

- 1 A. Correct.
- 2 O. What are those horizontal wells?
- 3 A. The horizontal wells? Two of the wells have
- 4 been drilled, the 3H and the 4H. The 2H and the 5H are
- 5 approved BLM APDs.
- 6 Q. They are what?
- 7 A. Approved BLM permits.
- 8 Q. Okay. Which formation are they producing from?
- 9 A. They're in the Bone Spring. The 4H is an
- 10 Avalon Horizon, and the 3H is a 2nd Bone Spring.
- 11 Q. They don't penetrate the injection interval?
- 12 Is that what you're saying?
- 13 A. I'm sorry?
- 14 Q. You say they don't penetrate your injection
- 15 interval?
- MR. BRUCE: Well, Mr. Examiner, they are
- 17 Bone Spring wells, and they do penetrate the injection
- interval, but they are outside the one-half mile area of
- 19 review. The surface locations are at the top of the
- 20 section.
- 21 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: They are outside. I
- 22 see that black circle.
- 23 MR. BRUCE: That's the injection well --
- 24 the proposed injection well.
- 25 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: I mean, the black

- 1 circle is the half-mile area of review? Does that
- 2 include those three wells?
- 3 MR. BRUCE: Those horizontal wells, the
- 4 surface locations are outside the one-half mile area of
- 5 review.
- 6 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: Oh, okay. But they are
- 7 producing from what formation?
- MR. BRUCE: Bone Spring.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Bone Spring.
- 10 Q. (BY EXAMINER EZEANYIM) So with respect to this
- 11 producing well, there is no other well that penetrated
- 12 the interval in the half-mile area of review?
- 13 A. Correct.
- 14 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: Okay. You may proceed.
- 15 CONTINUED DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 16 BY MR. BRUCE:
- 17 Q. And if you turn to page 8, Mr. Eaton, again,
- 18 the wells at or near the half-mile radius -- I don't
- 19 know why it's listed twice, but the #1 well is the
- 20 currently -- the current Wolfcamp producer that you seek
- 21 to convert?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. And the other wells mentioned there, even
- 24 though the surface locations are not within the one-half
- 25 mile area of review, they are nearby, and those are

- 1 three of the potential or current Bone Spring producers?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And you seek to dispose of water from those
- 4 wells into the proposed injection well?
- 5 A. Yes.
- Q. And the Bone Spring wells, those are not old
- 7 wells; they are all brand-new wells?
- 8 A. Brand-new. Two were drilled this year, and the
- 9 plan is to drill the other two this year or next year.
- 10 Q. And even though they are not within the
- one-half mile area of review, have they been drilled or
- 12 will they be drilled so as to prevent the movement of
- 13 fluids between the zones?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. In pages 10 through 12, is that simply
- 16 additional data on wells within two miles or so of the
- 17 proposed injector --
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. What volumes of fluids do you propose to inject
- 20 into the proposed SWD well?
- 21 A. We would like to see up to 10,000 barrels a
- 22 day. We anticipated three or four initially while --
- 23 less than .2 psi per foot.
- 24 Q. So if you wanted to exceed that .2 psi, you
- 25 would come back and seek approval from the Division?

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. Are there any water wells within two miles?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. Exhibit 14 -- or page 14 is a cross section.
- 5 MR. BRUCE: Although I don't have full
- 6 copies, Mr. Examiner, if you would turn to Exhibit 3 --
- 7 not page 3 but Exhibit 3, there is a bigger copy of that
- 8 cross section for you.
- 9 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: Okay.
- MR. BRUCE: It's a little more legible.
- 11 It's Exhibit 3. It's not part of Exhibit 1,
- 12 Mr. Examiner.
- 13 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: Oh, okay.
- MR. BRUCE: It's a separate exhibit.
- 15 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: Okay. Yeah, I see it.
- 16 Q. (BY MR. BRUCE) The middle is the #1 well, the
- 17 proposed injector; is it not?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And you show perforations. Is that what you
- 20 intend to do with the well?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. In looking at the cross section, are there
- 23 impermeable barriers above the injection zone and below
- 24 the injection zone that will prevent the movement of
- 25 fluid between zones?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. And has the injector been completed so as to
- 3 prevent any contamination of possible fresh water in the
- 4 area?
- 5 A. That would be part of the recompleted --
- 6 raising the top of cement and coming back into the
- 7 previous casing.
- Q. Okay. We'll get into that in a minute.
- 9 Why don't you move on to pages 16 through
- 10 19, which is your -- I believe your reconfiguration
- 11 procedure, and page 19 -- yeah. Page 19 is the well
- 12 plat, right -- or the wellbore diagram?
- 13 A. Proposed wellbore diagram, yes.
- 14 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: What page are you on?
- MR. BRUCE: Pages 16 through 19 of Exhibit
- 16 1, and maybe if you could just look at page 19,
- 17 Mr. Examiner.
- 18 O. (BY MR. BRUCE) And, Mr. Eaton, would you
- 19 describe what the well is like now and what you intend
- 20 to do to make sure that the wellbore is properly
- 21 completed so as to prevent any problems from injection?
- 22 A. Right now the well is producing from the
- 23 Wolfcamp perfs a cemented string of two-and-seven-
- 24 eighths tubing. We call it casing here. The top of
- 25 cement on the two-and-seven-eighths is 12,250. We

- 1 intend to cut that off and then plug back using cement
- 2 bridge plugs and capping with cement. The last cement
- 3 bridge plug will be just below the injection interval.
- 4 It'll be at 6,930, with the bottom perf of the injection
- 5 interval at 6,750. The procedure also includes
- 6 perforating below and circulating cement up into the
- 7 eight-and-five-eighths casing string.
- 8 Q. And will your proposed recompletion of this
- 9 well satisfy not only the Oil Conservation Division but
- 10 the Bureau of Land Management regulations concerning
- 11 wellbore construction?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. And looking at the geology in this --
- 14 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: Counsel --
- MR. BRUCE: Go ahead.
- 16 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: Counsel, please. Let's
- 17 go back to page 19. That is very important. Here you
- 18 are demonstrating both the current status and the
- 19 conversion to injection, right? Counsel, you know how
- 20 we do it, because this would be for consumption [sic] by
- 21 the public. We need the current construction diagram,
- 22 what is it right now, and then the conversion diagram.
- MR. BRUCE: Okay. Page 19 is the
- 24 conversion diagram. We will get you the current.
- 25 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: Yeah. I mean, you

- 1 might do this as your current, because that's what you
- 2 have, up to 14,000 foot, but I want to plug back or, you
- 3 know, put all those CIBCs [sic]. I want to see the
- 4 injection diagram, you know, by itself, because it's for
- 5 public consumption. Because right now somebody that
- 6 comes in here doesn't know which is injection -- for
- 7 injection or for the one that was constructed.
- 8 So we need to have one depicting the
- 9 current status of the well, producing, and the second,
- 10 the injection conversion so that we can look at it to
- 11 see whether it protects the groundwater, to see whether
- 12 it's going to be a problem. If you muddle it together,
- 13 we can't find that. Of course, also, it's for public
- 14 consumption. We want to make it simple for anybody. We
- 15 are converting a producing well to an injection well,
- 16 and this is what we're doing.
- 17 RECROSS EXAMINATION
- 18 BY EXAMINER EZEANYIM:
- 19 Q. Did you do this work?
- 20 A. The completion engineer did this work. He and
- 21 I work together.
- Q. But you know what I'm talking about?
- 23 A. Oh, yeah. I've got the current diagram. We
- 24 can send it over.
- Q. We really need to do that. Show me the current

- 1 status. Right now it's producing, right?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. The well is producing?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 O. Okay. But now, when you want to convert it, we
- 6 need to see the construction diagram, where you are
- 7 going to set your packer and the rest of that.
- 8 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: Okay. Go ahead.
- 9 CONTINUED DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 10 BY MR. BRUCE:
- 11 Q. And then finally on this exhibit, page 21,
- 12 Mr. Eaton, is that simply an analysis of Delaware water?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. The proposed injection zone?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And then if you go to Exhibit 2, Mr. Eaton, is
- this a Bone Spring water sample from the area?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Looking at the Delaware Formation water and the
- 20 proposed Bone Spring injection water, do you see any
- 21 compatibility issues between the injection water and the
- 22 formation water?
- 23 A. No.
- Q. They're both quite salty?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. Highly salty?
- 2 A. Highly salty.
- 3 Q. Just looking at this strictly from conversion
- 4 to injection, do you see any issues -- any technical
- 5 issues that would prevent this well from being converted
- 6 for injection and safely injecting into the well and
- 7 Cherry Canyon zones?
- 8 A. No, no issues.
- 9 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, Exhibit 4 is
- 10 simply my notice to the -- to offsets, as well as the
- 11 surface owner, which is the Bureau of Land Management.
- 12 And, of course, I always notify the pertinent district
- 13 office.
- 14 O. (BY MR. BRUCE) Let's move on to the BLM
- 15 objection. Mr. Eaton, Mr. Ezeanyim did mention the
- 16 letter dated June 12th. Is that letter marked as
- 17 Exhibit 5 in this exhibit package?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And has BTA been in touch with the BLM seeking
- 20 to satisfy their concerns about the conversion of this
- 21 well?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. First of all, is this, at this point, a
- 24 prolific producer from the Wolfcamp Formation?
- 25 A. No.

- 1 Q. Is it nearing the end of its productive life?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And very briefly, what type of proposal was
- 4 made to the BLM to satisfy their concerns about
- 5 converting a producing well to injection?
- 6 A. We proposed to pay the BLM for potential lost
- 7 royalty income.
- 8 O. And without going into detail at this point,
- 9 what was the -- what has been the BLM's primary, not
- 10 objection, but reticence about doing that?
- 11 A. They're concerned that they would be unable to
- 12 accept a payment like that.
- 13 Q. Mr. Eaton, is the proposal made by me to the
- 14 BLM on BTA's behalf marked as Exhibit 6?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 O. And has the BLM responded in e-mail to BTA and
- 17 to me regarding this proposal?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, I don't have
- 20 copies of all the e-mails, but I will get those to you.
- 21 As Mr. Eaton said, at this point the BLM's main concern
- 22 seems to be that ONRR, the Office of Natural Resources
- 23 Revenue, which is the successor to the Minerals
- 24 Management Service, doesn't have a particular line item
- 25 in what they do to accept a payment like this. It's not

- 1 that they're averse to get money -- who is? -- but the
- ONRR isn't set up to accept a payment of, in essence,
- 3 future royalties.
- 4 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: Who is ONRR? Who is
- 5 that?
- 6 MR. BRUCE: It's the Office of Natural
- 7 Resources Revenue. It's the federal agency that
- 8 succeeded the Minerals Management Service, which accepts
- 9 and calculates royalties, royalties from federal leases.
- 10 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: Okay. Because I'm not
- 11 schooled in that line of work --
- MR. BRUCE: Yeah.
- 13 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: -- why can't they
- 14 accept royalties?
- MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, I do have one
- 16 e-mail which I'll give you, and I will -- I meant to
- 17 print them up this morning to give to you. But what
- 18 you'll have here is an e-mail string from me to Joe
- 19 Galluzzi, who is a geologist at the Santa Fe office of
- 20 the BLM. And let me read from this letter. I followed
- 21 up with Exhibit 6, and I'll have Mr. Eaton talk a little
- 22 bit about the attachments to Exhibit 6 in a minute.
- I e-mailed Mr. Galluzzi this Monday: "Does
- 24 BLM have any interest in the proposal," I said. The
- 25 response was: "I'm still looking into it, but I am not

- 1 sure we will be able to accept the proposal. It is from
- 2 my understanding" -- this is Mr. Galluzzi speaking --
- 3 "the Office of Natural Resources Revenue has no
- 4 mechanism in place to handle such a case." And I
- 5 responded that -- and I think this is more of a legal
- 6 argument than anything.
- 7 Q. (BY MR. BRUCE) Mr. Eaton, if this was a fee
- 8 lease, you'd have no trouble converting this well?
- 9 A. No trouble at all.
- 10 Q. As a prudent operator -- do you think BTA is
- 11 being a prudent operator to cease production —— marginal
- 12 production from the Wolfcamp to get this saltwater
- 13 disposal well approved so that it can reduce --
- 14 substantially reduce operating costs on its Bone Spring
- 15 wells?
- 16 A. Yes.
- MR. BRUCE: And, Mr. Examiner, we believe
- 18 that BTA is being a prudent operator, and that's what I
- 19 suggested to the BLM in this e-mail string. And I will
- 20 give this to you, and you'll see that the BLM said, "Our
- 21 petroleum engineer is looking things over. They're
- 22 still looking it over today. There have been people out
- 23 of the office. But if the BLM engineers find this is
- 24 agreeable, "Mr. Galluzzi says, "we will see what can be
- 25 done, but they're still going to have to deal with the

- 1 ONRR." And so I will just give you this e-mail string
- 2 so at least you have this to see what we have been
- 3 discussing with the BLM. I'm not marking it as an
- 4 exhibit at this point.
- 5 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: Thank you.
- 6 MR. BRUCE: So it's not even a real legal
- 7 issue at this point. It's that the Federal royalty
- 8 management agency doesn't know how to handle a payment
- 9 like this. And I will have one comment at the end.
- 10 Q. (BY MR. BRUCE) But could you just roughly run
- 11 through the exhibits to Exhibit 6 -- the attachments to
- 12 Exhibit 6, Mr. Eaton, and describe how you came up --
- 13 how much life you think is left in the proposed
- 14 injection well and what kind of costs you're currently
- incurring because of disposal from the Bone Spring
- 16 producers?
- 17 A. Yeah. So on Exhibit A, it's a decline curve
- 18 showing the decline from about --
- 19 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: Exhibit A? Where is
- 20 that?
- MR. BRUCE: Attachment A to Exhibit 6.
- 22 THE WITNESS: It just shows that the
- 23 economic analysis was written based off of decline curve
- 24 analysis, so history matching.
- 25 B -- page B is a letter from Trace

- 1 Wohlfahrt, the production engineer --
- 2 RECROSS EXAMINATION
- 3 BY EXAMINER EZEANYIM:
- 4 O. Go back to A.
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. It's not in color. It's all white. I'm
- 7 colorblind, so I don't understand. Which one is water?
- 8 Which one is oil? Which one is which? It's all white.
- 9 A. Here's a color copy (indicating).
- 10 O. It's nice to have it in color. Okay. Good.
- 11 Then I can consume [sic] this. You know, because when
- 12 it's white, I don't --
- MR. BRUCE: Then you can mistake the colors
- 14 (laughter).
- 15 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: Yeah. Don't get me --
- MR. BRUCE: I do not have a color printer,
- 17 and that was the issue.
- THE WITNESS: So it's a gassy well that
- 19 does produce some oil.
- 20 Q. (BY EXAMINER EZEANYIM) Okay. Do you have
- 21 nomenclature? Green is the oil?
- 22 A. Green is oil.
- 23 Q. Now, it is still -- in 2014, it is still making
- 24 some oil?
- 25 A. We sell about two loads of oil a year out of

- 1 there.
- 2 Q. How much is a load?
- 3 A. Approximately 160 barrels.
- Q. Okay. Because, I mean, you are trying to tell
- 5 me why this well should be converted, right?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. That's your intent. Okay.
- 8 And then what is that -- is that gas? What
- 9 is that, the top line? I don't know what color it is.
- 10 A. This should be red, so that's the gas decline
- 11 curve.
- 12 Q. Okay. And then the one below is water?
- 13 A. It'll be either --
- Q. Blue is water?
- 15 A. Blue is water, yes.
- 16 Q. And green is oil?
- 17 A. Green is oil, correct.
- 18 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: Okay. Go ahead.
- 19 CONTINUED DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 20 BY MR. BRUCE:
- Q. And then moving forward to Attachment B,
- 22 Mr. Eaton, could you discuss what that shows with
- 23 respect to remaining reserves?
- A. So this is from the production engineer,
- 25 stating that the decline curve analysis was used, and

- 1 then we used the lease operating expense and lease
- 2 product prices. And then the next page is the monthly
- 3 cash flow report, basically our reserve report. It
- 4 shows ultimate gross production, historic gross and then
- 5 remaining gross. That's down here (indicating). So
- 6 remaining gross of oil, we estimate 192 barrels of oil
- 7 left.
- 8 Q. And that's just 192? Not 1,920 or 19,000?
- 9 A. That's 192 barrels of oil remaining in the --
- 10 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: What page are you
- 11 talking about?
- 12 THE WITNESS: Monthly cash flow.
- 13 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: On this one
- 14 (indicating)?
- 15 THE WITNESS: Correct.
- MR. BRUCE: If you look down to the lower
- 17 right, Mr. Examiner, where it says "Economic Summary,"
- 18 you'll see the remaining gross figures for oil and gas.
- 19 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: That is remaining in
- 20 this well's life, right?
- 21 THE WITNESS: In the Wolfcamp Formation.
- 22 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: Yeah. In the well's
- 23 life, you can only get 192 barrels? Whether it took you
- 24 20 years, that is what you're going to get, right?
- THE WITNESS: Yeah. And we're showing an

- 1 economic life of 11 months. That's just what's left.
- 2 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: Oh, okay. And then gas
- 3 is 9. -- 9.2 million, what you're going to get?
- 4 THE WITNESS: Correct. Yes.
- 5 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: What is remaining net?
- 6 Net is even worse.
- 7 THE WITNESS: Remaining net would be net
- 8 barrels to BTA.
- 9 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: You are working for
- 10 BTA. All you are interested in is BTA?
- 11 THE WITNESS: Ultimately, yes.
- 12 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: Of course.
- 0. (BY MR. BRUCE) And then is Attachment C just
- 14 some backup data on lease operating costs?
- 15 A. Yes. This is our lease operating statement.
- 16 So it shows January -- that should be January 2014,
- 17 February, March and April. The gas sales -- there was
- 18 one load of oil -- a load of oil and a partial load sold
- 19 in February 2014.
- 20 O. Again, the production is getting marginal?
- 21 A. Yes. The well is -- we have to use a
- 22 compressor to sell into the pipeline.
- Q. And then you move on to Attachment D. Is this
- 24 the ultimate royalty calculation?
- 25 A. Effective -- I believe, this is June 19th.

- 1 Yes.
- Q. And the \$7,236.01 is what you proposed -- what
- 3 BTA proposed to pay the BLM. If they came back with a
- 4 different reserve calculation, would you be willing to
- 5 accept their reserve calculation?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And you mention the pipeline. Is the same
- 8 pipeline being used for gas production from the Bone
- 9 Spring wells?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And what will happen when those wells all come
- 12 online?
- 13 A. We expect the pipeline pressure to increase.
- 14 Q. And would that also affect production from the
- 15 Wolfcamp --
- 16 A. We really anticipate that it will kick the Vaca
- 17 Draw #1 off production.
- 18 Q. And so if this well isn't approved for
- 19 conversion, it'll just be sitting there anyway?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Let's move on, finally, to Attachment E. Could
- 22 you discuss the current -- and this is really just the
- 23 current disposal information from your initial Bone
- 24 Spring horizontal well.
- 25 A. Yes. The Vaca Draw #4H is currently frack

- 1 stimulated and flowing back. We've been flowing back.
- 2 It started at about 4,000 barrels a day, a little bit
- 3 more than that. We're having it trucked commercially to
- 4 SWD sites. The estimated disposal cost is \$6.00 a
- 5 barrel.
- The three disposal sites we've been able to
- 7 use are the Mesquite, the Eata Fajita and the Bebidas,
- 8 the Eata Fajita being the closest, 60-mile round trip,
- 9 so it's a couple of hours loading and unloading. But at
- 10 4,000 barrels a day, it's approximately 30 truckloads of
- 11 water that we're having to haul off. When we're able to
- 12 dispose just down a pipeline to an injection well, if we
- 13 go to our own injection well, those costs go to about 25
- 14 cents a barrel.
- 15 Q. So there are a couple of issues here,
- 16 Mr. Eaton. First of all, current disposal costs are
- 17 consuming more money in a few days than the remaining
- 18 reserves in the Wolfcamp?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. And if you can convert this well into disposal,
- 21 it will -- substantially, you could save -- massively
- 22 reduce overhead costs?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. And that would make the current Bone Spring
- 25 producer and the future Bone Spring producers much more

- 1 economic and long-lived?
- 2 A. Yes.
- O. One final thing, are there other Delaware
- 4 injectors, saltwater disposal wells in this general
- 5 area?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. So it is a common injection zone?
- A. It is common. We've modeled off of four other
- 9 wells. The Paducah SWD, they have two that are
- 10 injecting into this interval. They're about five miles
- 11 to the west. And then EOG has two injectors, the Los
- 12 Rojas [phonetic] and the Black Bear Estate [phonetic].
- 13 Q. So, again, there is really no technical
- 14 objection to injecting into the Bell Canyon and Upper
- 15 Cherry Canyon?
- 16 A. No objection, no.
- Q. Were Exhibits 1 through 6 either prepared by
- 18 you or under your supervision or compiled from company
- 19 business records?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 O. And in your opinion, is the granting of this
- 22 application in the interest of conservation and the
- 23 prevention of waste?
- 24 A. Yes.
- MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, I would move the

- 1 admission of Exhibits 1 through 6.
- 2 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: Exhibits 1 through 6
- 3 will be admitted.
- 4 (BTA Oil Producers, LLP Exhibit Numbers
- 5 1 through 6 were offered and admitted into
- 6 evidence.)
- 7 MR. BRUCE: And the only other comment I
- 8 have, Mr. Examiner, before I pass the witness to you is
- 9 simply that we think the well is obviously technically
- 10 sound for injection purposes. We think that what a
- 11 prudent operator would do is convert this well to
- injection to reduce other leasehold operating costs.
- 13 And we know that the BLM has regulatory authority over
- 14 the well, and we're going to have deal with them on
- 15 that, but we think, just based on the Division
- 16 standards, injection into this well should be approved.
- 17 And I pass the witness.
- 18 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: Thank you very much.
- 19 RECROSS EXAMINATION
- 20 BY EXAMINER EZEANYIM:
- 21 Q. Okay. Since we're here on this page -- because
- 22 I want to address BLM issues before I address OCD
- 23 issues. Okay. If you look at -- starting on this page,
- 24 what we're looking at is 11 months' production left in
- 25 this well. And I'm glad you did these calculations,

- 1 which is very prudent of you.
- 2 First of all, I want to make a point. I
- 3 like to think that operators are prudent, because if I
- 4 don't make that assumption, whatever they tell me I'm
- 5 going to think is suspicious. So I want to make sure
- 6 that everybody knows that we think all operators are
- 7 prudent, and I want you to be prudent so whatever you
- 8 tell the OCD is true.
- 9 Okay. Now, if you go back to D, Attachment
- 10 D, where did you get that calculation, which is very
- important to this application? Attachment Described in
- 12 what the BLM is looking at. If you leave [sic] this
- 13 well, the BLM will get \$7,200, right, based on 93 -- \$93
- 14 a barrel, and then how much? 4.3 of mcf, right? That's
- 15 what they're looking at?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Okay. You see? That is the most important
- 18 thing we look at. We look at are we inducing waste, or
- 19 are we preventing waste? That's what a prudent operator
- 20 is looking at, and that's what the OCD will be looking
- 21 at. Okay? And that's what we're going to be looking
- 22 at. I don't know what the BLM is looking at. But
- 23 whatever they look at it -- if we look at it from the
- OCD point, if we approve the application, then it's up
- 25 to you to make a contingent with the BLM because the

- 1 land belongs to BLM.
- 2 But if you look at that \$7,200 -- maybe
- 3 they have done the calculation, and they found that
- 4 that's what they're going to get. And you know why they
- 5 are saying we don't want that well to be converted?
- 6 Because a new SWD could be drilled and then this well
- 7 will produce until we get that life. I'm glad you did
- 8 this calculation because it's a very, very important
- 9 calculation.
- Now, the calculation I like to see from you
- is the opportunity cost of not converting this well.
- 12 This well, if you don't convert it, BLM's royalties --
- 13 what is the royalty you are talking about here?
- 14 One-eighth of 7,236. Seven-eighths will belong to
- 15 whoever, belongs to the working interest owners.
- 16 Multiply that by seven is what you will be losing. Do
- you compare that with if you don't convert this well,
- 18 what the opportunity cost would be? Because what we're
- 19 trying to do here is to prevent waste and protect
- 20 correlative rights. The BLM thinks that correlative
- 21 rights will be impaired if you convert that well because
- they will be losing 7,236. You guys would be losing
- 23 7,236 multiplied by seven.
- 24 A. Seven.
- Q. Uh-huh. Because you have seven-eighths.

- 1 You see where I'm going? Because this is
- 2 really very important before we go to the technical
- 3 aspects of Form C-108.
- 4 A. Uh-huh.
- 5 Q. So I need to point this out. As you know, if
- 6 there is oil there, we need to make sure we produce that
- 7 oil. Is there anything we can do to produce that oil?
- 8 If you even get an approval from BLM and they say, Yes,
- 9 doesn't mean that OCD will say yes. That's why we're in
- 10 the hearing, the chance of the OCD to prevent waste of
- 11 hydrocarbons. Can you understand that? I mean, it sto
- 12 prevent waste. We can't induce waste. Otherwise, we
- 13 are not meeting our obligations.
- So this is the calculation that shows that
- 15 BTA would be harmed by not converting this well to SWD.
- MR. BRUCE: If I could direct a couple of
- 17 questions -- if you turn to the next page, Mr. Examiner.
- 18 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: On page what?
- MR. BRUCE: Attachment E, the saltwater
- 20 disposal.
- 21 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: Okay.
- 22 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 23 BY MR. BRUCE:
- Q. And, Mr. Eaton, at \$6.00 a barrel, what type of
- 25 money has to go to operating costs and overhead per day,

- 1 just per day, for the initial Bone Spring well?
- 2 A. So the one well, the first week, it averaged
- 3 4,000 barrels a day of water, and at \$6.00 a barrel,
- 4 that's \$24,000 a day that we're spending. So to this
- 5 date, we've spent about \$250,000 in disposal costs.
- 6 RECROSS EXAMINATION
- 7 BY EXAMINER EZEANYIM:
- 8 Q. For this particular well?
- 9 A. Yes. And it's been on 12 days.
- 10 Q. How did you arrive at 250,000?
- 11 A. That was the \$6.00 a barrel, and, you know, we
- 12 have to get rid of every barrel that's being produced.
- O. And you are trucking between 4 miles and 16
- 14 miles -- you are disposing it at a commercial disposal,
- 15 right?
- 16 A. Commercial site, right.
- 17 O. Who owns the commercial?
- 18 A. The Mesquite -- the Paducah SWD that's owned by
- 19 Mesquite as a company.
- 20 O. And the rest is sent to COG?
- 21 A. And the other two are COG, yes.
- Q. If we convert this well, is it going to be a
- 23 commercial disposal or just lease disposal?
- 24 A. It'll be a commercial disposal.
- Q. It'll be a commercial disposal. That's what I

- 1 thought we were doing here. So it's not only disposing
- 2 BTA, water produced from this well or from any BTA well,
- 3 but you are going to accept commercial disposal for
- 4 the -- is that Bone Spring?
- 5 A. Primarily Bone Spring.
- Q. Since we're talking about it, where are you
- 7 going to accept water from? Only the Bone Spring or
- 8 from any other formation?
- 9 A. Any other formation, the Delaware, the Bone
- 10 Spring.
- 11 Q. We don't have any sample to indicate what type
- of water they have? Of course, you have indicated that
- 13 the water is not protectable.
- 14 A. Uh-huh.
- 15 Q. 100,000 TDS. But anyway, we need to know --
- MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, page 21 of
- 17 Exhibit 1 is a Delaware water sample. Page 21 of
- 18 Exhibit 1 is the Delaware water sample, and then Exhibit
- 19 2 is the Bone Spring water sample. And those are the
- 20 two primary producing zones in this general area.
- 21 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 22 BY MR. BRUCE:
- Q. Are they not, Mr. Eaton?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. And looking at the disposal costs, the net

- 1 revenue interest to all interest owners is being reduced
- 2 because of the disposal costs at this point?
- 3 A. Very much reduced.
- 4 RECROSS EXAMINATION
- 5 BY EXAMINER EZEANYIM:
- 6 O. What is reduced?
- 7 A. Essentially from -- well, we'd be reducing from
- 8 \$6.00 a barrel to approximately 25 cents a barrel.
- 9 Q. Why is that?
- 10 A. Because we're eliminating the trucking and then
- 11 paying a disposal fee to a commercial site.
- 12 Q. But you see why it is a two-edged sword, you
- 13 know? The well is producing something, and then you
- 14 want to use it to help other wells, although the
- 15 commercial saltwater disposal could have been different
- 16 if you saw just a water disposal.
- 17 The only thing that the BLM tells me is
- 18 that they don't want you to do it because it's producing "
- 19 paying quantities. But how much is it paying? How much
- 20 are you going to lose if you don't convert?
- Is it possible to drill a new well? How
- 22 much will that cost BTA? Because I don't want you to
- 23 drill a new well that will cost 7 million, and then you
- 24 don't recover. So I don't know. Those are things we
- 25 have to look at.

- 1 A. We looked at --
- Q. If there is anything that can help the OCD to
- 3 determine, it should be done here regardless of what BLM
- 4 says, because you might get BLM to agree. Are you sure
- 5 you're going to get the OCD to agree? I don't know
- 6 until we look at the data.
- 7 A. We've surveyed and staked another location for
- 8 a new drill SWD. Just, you know, to get to this
- 9 formation and build a confident wellbore, we're looking
- 10 at a million-and-a-half dollars in well-construction
- 11 costs.
- 12 Q. To drill the well?
- 13 A. For a new drill SWD.
- 14 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 15 BY MR. BRUCE:
- 16 Q. Not counting the saltwater disposal
- 17 conversion -- or saltwater disposal costs or the
- 18 injection costs, right?
- 19 A. Yeah. That would be just the construction of a
- 20 new wellbore.
- 21 O. And what is the cost of converting this #1 well
- 22 to disposal?
- 23 A. I believe we had a conservative AFE of
- 24 \$270,000.
- 25 RECROSS EXAMINATION

- 1 BY EXAMINER EZEANYIM:
- 2 0. What?
- 3 A. 270,000.
- 4 O. For?
- 5 A. Conversion of the Vaca Draw #1.
- 6 Q. To drill, 1.5? Conversion, 270-?
- 7 A. Yes. It's really 1.5 to have a Cherry Canyon
- 8 disposal.
- 9 O. Versus 270-?
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 Q. Because I can do a calculation and see whether
- 12 if I include the 7,000 that is left to be recovered from
- 13 this well towards what you are doing here, whether it is
- 14 going to work.
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 O. That is the point. We need to know what's
- 17 going on.
- 18 A. That's why we believe -- you know, having gone
- 19 down those avenues of a new drill or conversion for the
- 20 remaining royalty payment, you know, we feel that's very
- 21 much being a prudent operator, is a conversion.
- 22 Q. You continue to mention prudent operator. BTA
- 23 is a prudent operator. I mean, I would like to -- any
- 24 operator is prudent. You should be prudent. If you're
- 25 not prudent, you're not supposed to be here, I assume.

- 1 Okav. So now I've beaten this to death.
- 2 Let's go back to Form C-108 because
- 3 something needs to be rectified, so we can put them
- 4 together when we consider this application. Okay. Go
- 5 to Form C-108. I know you work with somebody. Who
- 6 prepared Form C-108?
- 7 A. Pam Inskeep.
- 8 Q. She is not here today?
- 9 A. No, she is not.
- 10 Q. Look at page 4 where you have the injection
- 11 interval, 5,056 to 6,670. You are going to set your
- 12 packer below the injection interval. Is that a typo on
- 13 page 5 [sic]? If you look at the packer setting, it
- 14 says 900. That is way below --
- 15 A. That is --
- 16 Q. You plugged the other before, you know. Form
- 17 C-108 is a very important form, and that information you
- 18 put in there is digested to be able to approve any
- 19 SWD --
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. -- especially this SWD commercial. So do you
- 22 know what that should be?
- 23 A. Yes. It's on the wellbore diagram. So page --
- MR. BRUCE: Page 19.
- A. Page 19. The Arrowset is set at 5,045.

- 1 Q. (BY EXAMINER EZEANYIM) 5,045. That's about 11
- 2 feet above the -- above the first perfs.
- 3 A. Right above the top perf.
- 4 Q. We needed that diagram. You see why I wanted
- 5 you to explain with the diagram? I have the diagram for
- 6 the current status of the well and the conversion to
- 7 injection. Those will be clear, and we're going to scan
- 8 it online for somebody to read. The one you have now is
- 9 just one condensed, and it's not very clear.
- 10 A. Okay.
- 11 Q. I wonder why they put 6,900 there. Whenever
- 12 you do Form C-108, you have to be very, very careful
- 13 because it's a very important form that we need. But
- 14 you can't take your packer to below the perfs. All the
- 15 injected -- that way you're setting the packer -- your
- 16 application is denied because you can't set the packer
- 17 below the perfs. I know it is a typo.
- Now, there are more things I want to talk
- 19 about in Form C-108. Again, we are talking about, you
- 20 know, the production, you know, over line on the line.
- 21 We don't have any wells within the area of review,
- 22 correct?
- A. No wells.
- Q. Okay. Go back to page 5 on that Number 5.
- 25 "Give the name and depths of any oil or gas zones

- 1 underlying or overlying the proposed injection zone...."
- 2 So what's happening there? You say the "Bell Canyon
- 3 5045." There is production there, right, but it's way
- 4 off from the half-mile area of review. And if that is
- 5 true, it's way off of the two-mile area of review --
- 6 A. It is.
- 7 Q. Because we don't want to inject this commercial
- 8 saltwater to drown production from those areas.
- 9 A. Yeah. The Paducah field is the closest field
- 10 out of the Bell Canyon, Cherry Canyon. In fact, it's
- 11 five miles west.
- 12 Q. And you say "Cherry Canyon 6376." Is that
- 13 within the injection interval?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Now, how far away is that well from that Cherry
- 16 Canyon that is producing?
- 17 A. Again, that would be the Paducah field, five
- 18 miles to the west, which is enclosed in a four-way
- 19 closure. That's why it's oil and gas bearing.
- 20 O. So that's within five miles. How do I know
- 21 that? Because I don't want -- you know, I don't want
- 22 you to put this commercial saltwater to drown from
- 23 production within a half mile or two miles. If it's
- 24 five miles, then we can determine. See what I mean?
- MR. BRUCE: Well, I can get you information

- 1 on that pool, Mr. Examiner.
- 2 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: I'm concerned about
- 3 drowning other production, not even on this well. I'm
- 4 talking about other wells nearby, even if they are not
- 5 within the area of review, because the area of review is
- 6 half a mile. Okay. I need to check that out.
- 7 Q. (BY EXAMINER EZEANYIM) Page 8, on those -- what
- 8 is that? What is that? What am I going to get from
- 9 this page 8?
- 10 A. Those are -- it's supposed to be the half-mile
- 11 radius review. So truly, the horizontal wells fall
- 12 outside of that. Pam just included them because they're
- 13 really close. And then the only well that falls within
- 14 the half-mile radius of review is the well we're wanting
- 15 to convert, the Vaca Draw #1.
- 16 Q. Is that the same well, the 12- and 14,000?
- 17 A. Yes. She's just showing that there are two --
- 18 or it did penetrate deeper.
- 19 Q. Okay. Very good.
- On page 9, what is that showing? Is that
- 21 the area of review?
- 22 A. It should be -- just the Vaca Draw #1 is truly
- 23 the only well that falls in there, but she's showing the
- 24 wellbore construction with the top of cement.
- 25 Q. Is that one well? Okay. Because the well says

- 1 it's in the area of review. That's the first time I
- 2 have heard about that.
- 3 And then the two-mile area of review is
- 4 Exhibit A, right?
- 5 A. Correct.
- 6 Q. I'm trying to make sure we do the Form C-108
- 7 because some of it is going to have to be corrected.
- 8 What is Exhibit A trying to tell me?
- 9 A. A is just showing the well -- a list of the
- 10 wells that are within the two-mile review.
- 11 Q. Are you a geologist?
- 12 A. No, sir.
- Q. Do you have a geologist? Your geologist wrote
- 14 this up?
- 15 A. I'm not. I've managed this project, so I'm
- 16 familiar with the geology.
- 17 Q. Did you decide -- how did you decide -- there
- is some barrier overlying, underlying the injection
- 19 zone, right?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. How did we find that out, if you go to page 14?
- 22 A. It would be the -- the shale above would be the
- 23 upper barrier, and then really it would be the thickness
- 24 and the shale intervals below us.
- Q. And the interval is, I think, about 1,000 feet?

- 1 1,500 feet?
- 2 A. Correct. Exhibit 3 is the larger cross
- 3 section --
- Q. Oh, yeah. Yeah, yeah --
- 5 A. -- that falls out.
- 6 O. That's true.
- 7 Oh, these are subseas. These are subseas?
- 8 A. Correct, along the left side.
- 9 Q. Okay. Very good.
- You said there is some shale on top.
- I mean, the Cherry Canyon and the Bell
- 12 Canyon, I mean, they are very good for water disposal,
- 13 but the point is is that well still viable? And the
- 14 point is is that going to drown out all the wells around
- 15 it? Commercial well, saltwater disposal second. It's
- 16 producing even as we are speaking, right?
- 17 A. Yes. But we started gas sales on the new
- 18 horizontal yesterday, and that's why we really -- with
- 19 the increase volume, the pipeline pressure is going to
- 20 increase. The current well had pressure up. The
- 21 producer is 75 pounds.
- 22 Q. Yeah. According to your record -- according to
- 23 the record here, you reported production up to March of
- 24 this year.
- 25 A. Uh-huh.

- O. So I don't have April or May. It's producing
- 2 oil. It's producing gas, which is true, because you did
- 3 that calculation using this --
- 4 A. Uh-huh.
- 5 Q. So those will be taken under consideration.
- A. And while the 11 -- on the economic analysis,
- 7 11 months was -- you know, that was off the current
- 8 pipeline pressure before we brought on any of our new
- 9 wells.
- 10 Q. Oh, is that what happened? Okay.
- 11 A. And having gas sales for one day, we saw about
- 12 a 20-pound increase in pipeline pressure, which we just
- 13 didn't have enough time to evaluate if that was going to
- 14 kill the Vaca Draw #1.
- 15 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: Counsel, I haven't read
- 16 the e-mail of the BLM. Is the Division [sic] seeking a
- 17 continuance?
- MR. BRUCE: Yes. Yes.
- 19 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: Then I will say this,
- 20 if you reach an agreement with them, that they agree you
- 21 can inject, let me know. But don't hold your breath
- because we don't know what we're going to do. Yeah,
- 23 don't hold your breath. But if they agree with you, I
- 24 mean, that's one off your back, right? Then you have to
- 25 deal with us.

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1	$\mathtt{THE}$	WITNESS:	Uh-huh.

- 2 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: See what I mean?
- 3 Counsel, whenever you get an agreement with
- 4 the BLM, make sure you let me know. I will read what
- 5 you have already done. I don't have time to read it
- 6 now.
- 7 MR. BRUCE: Yeah.
- 8 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: Okay. Now, we need
- 9 some, you know, corrections of this Form C-108. It's
- 10 not bad, but I need to see every information on that
- injection well and that construction diagram, because
- 12 that's really your -- converted injection well. I need
- 13 to examine it to make sure if we inject this commercial
- 14 saltwater, whether it is going to hold so that it
- doesn't contaminate our drinking water, and it doesn't
- 16 drain production. Okay? So I need the construction
- 17 diagram for the current well and then the construction
- 18 diagram for the converted injection well, and then
- 19 correct some of the typos you have in here.
- 20 MR. BRUCE: We will take care of that.
- 21 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: I just pointed it out,
- 22 right?
- MR. BRUCE: We will do that.
- 24 EXAMINER EZEANYIM: Okay. Good.
- Let me see. I think I may have something

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