

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:

ORIGINAL

CASE 15375
(cont'd from
9/17/15)

APPLICATION OF WPX ENERGY PRODUCTION, LLC, FOR
APPROVAL OF THE KIMBETO WASH UNIT; CREATION OF A NEW
POOL FOR HORIZONTAL DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE UNIT
AREA, AND FOR ALLOWANCE OF 330 FOOT SETBACKS FROM THE
EXTERIOR OF THE PROPOSED UNIT, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW
MEXICO.

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

EXAMINER HEARING

October 1, 2015

Santa Fe, New Mexico

BEFORE: WILLIAM V. JONES, CHIEF EXAMINER
MICHAEL McMILLAN, EXAMINER
GABRIEL WADE, LEGAL EXAMINER

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This matter came on for hearing before the
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, William V. Jones,
Chief Examiner, Michael McMillan, Examiner, and Gabriel
Wade, Legal Examiner, on October 1, 2015, at the New
Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources
Department, Wendell Chino Building, 1220 South St.
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Mexico.

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Exhibits Offered

WPX ENERGY PRODUCTION, LLC EXHIBIT 10

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1 (Time noted 8:50 a.m.)

2 EXAMINER JONES: Next case is 15375. Let's
3 call 15375 which was continued from September 17th.

4 It is Application of WPX Energy Production,
5 LLC, For Approval of the Kimbeto Wash Unit; Creation of
6 a New Pool For Horizontal Development Within The Unit
7 Area, and For Allowance of 330 Foot Setbacks from the
8 Exterior of the Proposed Unit, San Juan County, New
9 Mexico.

10 Call for appearances.

11 MR. FELDEWERT: Mr. Examiner, Michael
12 Feldewert with the Santa Fe Office of Holland and Hart.
13 I have no witnesses here today. I do have one
14 additional exhibit. If I may approach.

15 EXAMINER JONES: Yes, sir.

16 Any other appearances?

17 (No response.)

18 MR. FELDEWERT: Mr. Examiner, this case was
19 submitted on September 17th, the last hearing. And at
20 this time two witnesses were presented and a total of
21 nine exhibits were entered into the record.

22 The case was continued to allow notice of
23 publication in a newspaper of this application and the
24 hearing. We were able to publish in the Durango Herald
25 on September 18th. And that is reflected in what we

1 have marked as WPX Exhibit No. 10, which is their notice
2 of publication. And we ask that this exhibit be
3 accepted in this matter and that it be taken under
4 advisement.

5 (WPX ENERGY PRODUCTION, LLC, Exhibit 10
6 offered.)

7 EXAMINER McMILLAN: I'm deferring to Gabe on
8 that one.

9 EXAMINER WADE: So this is a newspaper in
10 what county?

11 MR. FELDEWERT: Well, it is the Durango
12 Herald, which is the County of La Plata in Colorado, but
13 it is a newspaper of general circulation of the county
14 in question in this case. We could not make the
15 Farmington Times.

16 EXAMINER WADE: What were the other papers
17 that are available?

18 MR. FELDEWERT: We tried the Navajo
19 publication. That's a once a week publication, so we
20 couldn't make that one either.

21 EXAMINER McMILLAN: Did you try the
22 Albuquerque Journal?

23 MR. FELDEWERT: I think she examined that
24 and this was the only one we could make.

25 EXAMINER JONES: First it's the post office

1 and then it's the newspaper.

2 MR. FELDEWERT: It's a struggle. I looked
3 at the rule, and it's a newspaper of general circulation
4 within the county. And I think the Durango Herald
5 certainly qualifies as that.

6 EXAMINER WADE: I am not 100 percent certain
7 that that's true. But we will take this under
8 consideration. It's La Plata County, Colorado, so...

9 MR. FELDEWERT: Would you let me know if
10 there's a problem?

11 EXAMINER WADE: I would definitely do that.
12 Would you want the opportunity to go ahead and just
13 republish in a New Mexico paper?

14 MR. FELDEWERT: I am trying to avoid the
15 additional two week continuance on this matter.

16 EXAMINER WADE: It might end up being
17 longer. I would suggest you go ahead and do that,
18 because I don't know if we can accept this. I would
19 have to look at the rule and see if this really is a
20 publication for this purpose.

21 MR. FELDEWERT: When do we need to make a
22 decision on whether we continue for two weeks? Can you
23 examine the issue and let me know shortly?

24 EXAMINER WADE: What deadline would you
25 want?

1 MR. FELDEWERT: Well, we would need to make
2 the next docket. It would need to be on the next
3 docket. So if you could let me know once you examine
4 the issue.

5 EXAMINER WADE: Okay. We can take it under
6 consideration.

7 MR. FELDEWERT: Okay. I appreciate that.

8 EXAMINER JONES: Thank you, Mr. Feldewert.
9 We are taking case 15375 under advisement.

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Oil Conservation Division

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3 COUNTY OF BERNALILLO)
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