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1	EXAMINER JONES: Any other appearances?
2	We'll combine Case 15564 and 15565 for
3	testimony.
4	MR. BRUCE: And, Mr. Examiner, the two
5	wells are right next each other, so the geologic
6	testimony is common, and there is only one interest
7	owner being pooled
8	EXAMINER JONES: Okay.
9	MR. BRUCE: so I thought we'd do it this
10	way.
11	I did hand you separate sets of land
12	exhibits for each case. And we'll run through the first
13	one, and the second one will be pretty short.
14	GARLAND H. LANG III,
15	after having been previously sworn under oath, was
16	questioned and testified as follows:
17	DIRECT EXAMINATION
18	BY MR. BRUCE:
19	Q. Would you please state your name for the
20	record?
21	A. Garland H. Lang III.
22	Q. And where do you reside?
23	A. In Midland, Texas.
24	Q. Who do you work for and in what capacity?
25	A. OGX Operating, LLC and also OGX Production, LP,
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- 1 as land manager.
- Q. Have you previously testified before the
- 3 Division?
- 4 A. I have.
- 5 Q. And were your credentials as an expert
- 6 petroleum landman accepted as a matter of record?
- 7 A. Yes.
- Q. And are you familiar with the land matters
- 9 involved in both applications?
- 10 A. I am.
- 11 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, I tender
- 12 Mr. Lang as an expert petroleum landman.
- 13 EXAMINER JONES: He is so qualified.
- 14 O. (BY MR. BRUCE) Please look at Case 15564
- 15 exhibits. Can you identify Exhibit 1? Describe the
- 16 lands involved in this case and identify the well and
- 17 its location.
- 18 A. Okay. The C-102 and also the land plat -- the
- 19 land plat's colored in yellow, but it's the east half of
- 20 Section 28 and the east half of Section 33 of Lot -- of
- 21 Township 26 South, Range 29 East. The well location for
- 22 the 33 #1H, the Littlefield, is -- the surface location
- 23 is 2,130 from the east line of 33, and the bottom-hole
- 24 location -- and 330 from the south line, also. And then
- 25 the bottom-hole location is 2,310 from the east line and

- 1 330 from the north line of Section 28. That's the
- 2 project area.
- 3 Q. And who do you seek to pool in this case?
- 4 A. Occidental Permian.
- 5 Q. Could you identify -- briefly discuss Exhibits
- 6 2 and 3 for the Examiners?
- 7 A. 2 and 3 are well proposals we sent to
- 8 Occidental, one back on July 13th. We proposed the well
- 9 at this location, and we had the acreage as being 464.75
- 10 acres in the project area. But after further surveying,
- 11 on August the 3rd, we sent another letter correcting
- 12 that to say the unit contains 463.96. So it changed up
- 13 their working interest slightly.
- 14 Q. Okay.
- 15 A. And with that letter, you know, we sent AFEs.
- Q. And have you had any discussions with OXY
- 17 regarding the AFEs?
- A. We have, and they said they wanted to see an
- 19 operating agreement. We sent them an operating
- 20 agreement about three weeks ago and haven't heard
- 21 anything from them.
- Q. Did they indicate they may go nonconsent in the
- 23 first well?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. In your opinion, has OGX made a good-faith

- 1 effort to obtain voluntary joinder of OXY in the well
- 2 unit?
- 3 A. I feel like we have.
- 4 Q. What is Exhibit 4?
- 5 A. I'm sorry?
- 6 O. Exhibit 4.
- 7 A. Exhibit 4 is the estimated drilling and
- 8 completion costs for the #1H Littlefield 33.
- 9 Q. What is the estimated completed well costs?
- 10 A. Completed well cost estimate is \$6,336,980.
- 11 Q. Is that amount fair and reasonable and in line
- 12 with the cost of other Wolfcamp wells drilled to this
- 13 depth in this area of New Mexico?
- 14 A. It is.
- Q. One thing I didn't ask you. What pool was this
- 16 placed in?
- 17 A. It's in the Brushy Draw; Wolfcamp Gas.
- 18 Q. Okay. And that's spaced on 320 acres, correct?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 O. With 660-foot setbacks?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. What overhead rates do you request?
- A. 7,000 for drilling and 700 for monthly.
- Q. And are those rates reasonable and in line with
- 25 the rates charged by other operators in this area?

- 1 A. They are.
- Q. Do you request the maximum cost plus 200
- 3 percent risk charge be applied to OXY if it goes
- 4 nonconsent in this well?
- 5 A. We do.
- 6 Q. And do you request that the overhead rates be
- 7 adjusted periodically provided by the COPAS accounting
- 8 procedure?
- 9 A. We do.
- 10 Q. And was OXY given written notice of this
- 11 application?
- 12 A. Yes, they were.
- 13 Q. Is that reflected in the Affidavit of Notice?
- 14 A. On Exhibit 5.
- Q. And does Exhibit 6 list the offset operators to
- 16 both wells involved in these cases?
- 17 A. It does.
- 18 Q. And was written notice given to the offsets
- 19 other than OGX?
- A. Yes, it was, Exhibit 7.
- MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, even though I
- 22 used the BLM's address for Khody Land & Mineral Company,
- 23 it came back. So the case is going to have to be
- 24 continued for renotification purposes. At the end of
- 25 the hearing, I'll make a request for that.

- 1 Q. (BY MR. BRUCE) Were Exhibits 1 through 7
- 2 prepared by you or under your supervision or compiled
- 3 from company records?
- 4 A. They were.
- 5 Q. Is the granting of this application in the
- 6 interest of conservation and the prevention of waste?
- 7 A. Yes.
- Q. Let's move on to the second well. Again, could
- 9 you identify Exhibit 1 and discuss the well and its
- 10 footage location?
- 11 A. Okay. The producing area for this well, the
- 12 Littlefield Fed Com #2H, is the west half of Section 28
- 13 and the west half of Section 33 of Township 26 South,
- 14 Range 29 East. It comprises 463.13 acres, as you can
- 15 see on the C-102.
- 16 Q. And what are the footages, surface and
- 17 bottom-hole locations?
- 18 A. Okay. The surface location is going to be on
- 19 the same pad as the 33 #1, and so we're going to have to
- 20 drill -- which is really 2,210 from the east line of
- 21 Section 33. That's the surface-hole location. We'll be
- 22 drilling to a first kick-off point approximately 810
- 23 feet southwest to a point 50 feet off the south line of
- 24 Section 33, and then drill north to the penetration
- 25 point which will be 330 from the south line of 33 and

- 1 2,310 from the west line of 33. And the bottom-hole
- 2 location will be 2,310 from the west line and 330 feet
- 3 from the north line of Section 28.
- 4 Q. And, again, this is a Wolfcamp well?
- 5 A. It is.
- 6 Q. And is the only party being pooled Occidental
- 7 Permian, L.P.?
- 8 A. It is.
- 9 Q. Could you identify and discuss briefly Exhibits
- 10 2 and 3 for the Examiners?
- 11 A. Exhibit 2 is a letter dated October 11th where
- 12 we proposed the well to OXY, showing the west half,
- 13 would be 236.66 acres in Section 28 and that their
- 14 interest in the well would be 51.1 percent. And we
- 15 attached an AFE with that.
- 16 O. And what is Exhibit 3?
- 17 A. Exhibit 3 is a letter dated October 18th where
- 18 we decided to move our original lateral from 2,411 from
- 19 the west line to 2,310 from the west line of Section 28
- 20 and 33.
- 21 Q. Okay.
- MR. BRUCE: And, Mr. Examiner, this will
- 23 have to be continued again because of my original
- 24 application, because of the original footages in it.
- 25 EXAMINER JONES: Okay. Would that be

- 1 re-advertised?
- 2 MR. BRUCE: It'll be re-advertised.
- 3 EXAMINER JONES: Okay.
- 4 Q. (BY MR. BRUCE) And have you had any contact
- 5 with OXY regarding the 2H well?
- 6 A. Yes, I have. I sent them a joint operating
- 7 agreement on that area, the producing area there, and at
- 8 the same time, I sent the #1 and haven't any response.
- 9 O. Okay. In your opinion, have you made a
- 10 good-faith effort to obtain voluntary joinder of OXY in
- 11 the 2H well?
- 12 A. I have.
- Q. And what is Exhibit 4?
- 14 A. Exhibit 4 is the Authorization for Expenditure
- 15 for the Littlefield 33 Fed Com #2H. It's got a
- 16 completed well cost of 6,429,052.
- 17 Q. And, again, is that a fair and reasonable cost?
- 18 A. It is.
- 19 Q. Is it in line with other Wolfcamp wells drilled
- 20 in this area?
- 21 A. It is.
- Q. And do you request the maximum cost plus 200
- 23 percent risk charge to OXY if it goes nonconsent in the
- 24 well?
- 25 A. I do.

- 1 Q. What overhead rates do you request for this
- 2 well?
- A. 7,000 drilling and 700 producing.
- 4 Q. And, again, those are fair and reasonable and
- 5 similar to rates used by other operators?
- 6 A. Yes, they are.
- 7 Q. Are those the rates proposed in the JOA with
- 8 OXY?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And, again, was OXY given written notice of
- 11 this application?
- 12 A. Yes. Exhibit 5 is the Affidavit of Notice.
- 13 Q. And are Exhibits -- are Exhibits 6 and 7
- 14 identical to in the prior case?
- 15 A. Yes, they are.
- 16 Q. In your opinion, is the granting of this
- 17 application in the interest of conservation and the
- 18 prevention of waste?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. And were Exhibits 1 through 7 in this case
- 21 prepared by you or under your supervision or compiled
- 22 from company business records?
- A. They were.
- MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, I would move
- 25 admission of Exhibits 1 through 7 in each case.

- I have no further questions of the witness.
- 2 EXAMINER JONES: Exhibits 1 through 7 in
- 3 both cases, 15564 and 15565, are admitted.
- 4 (OGX Operating, LLC Exhibit Numbers 1
- 5 through 7 in Case 15564 and Case 15565 are
- 6 offered and admitted into evidence.)
- 7 EXAMINER BROOKS: No questions.
- 8 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 9 BY EXAMINER JONES:
- 10 Q. So you did talk to OXY?
- 11 A. We've met with them, talked to them. At first
- 12 they wanted to go on the #1, the first well, and then
- 13 for some reason they had a change of mind, and they
- 14 said, We think we're going to go nonconsent. And I
- 15 don't know what caused it. They didn't tell us why.
- Q. Okay. But the -- the other people in this well
- 17 are already signed on; is that correct?
- 18 A. Well, yes. There is a company called 55
- 19 Services, which is George Mitchell. He has a quarter of
- 20 the interest that is under a JOA currently. We bought
- 21 property from him about three-and-a-half years ago --
- 22 Q. Okay.
- 23 A. -- the leases that we're contributing to, these
- 24 two producing units.
- 25 Q. Okay.

- 1 A. So he's fully aware of what we're doing.
- Q. And he's okay with the change of location for
- 3 the well?
- 4 A. Yeah. Yeah.
- 5 Q. Thanks. Thanks very much.
- 6 WILLIAM HARDIE,
- 7 after having been previously sworn under oath, was
- 8 questioned and testified as follows:
- 9 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 10 BY MR. BRUCE:
- 11 Q. Would you state your name and city of residence
- 12 for the Examiners?
- 13 A. My name is William Hardie. I live in Midland,
- 14 Texas.
- 15 Q. Who do you work for and in what capacity?
- 16 A. I work for OGX Operating as their exploration
- 17 manager.
- 18 Q. By trade, are you a geologist?
- 19 A. I am.
- 20 Q. Have you previously testified before the
- 21 Division?
- 22 A. I have.
- Q. And were your credentials as an expert
- 24 petroleum geologist accepted as a matter of record?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. And are you familiar with the geology involved
- 2 in both of these applications?
- 3 A. Yes, I am.
- 4 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, I tender
- 5 Mr. Hardie as an expert petroleum geologist.
- 6 EXAMINER JONES: He is so qualified.
- 7 Q. (BY MR. BRUCE) Mr. Hardie, I have combined your
- 8 first three or four pages together and marked it as
- 9 Exhibit 8. Would you run through those and discuss the
- 10 contents for the Examiner?
- 11 A. The first part of Exhibit 8 is just an overview
- 12 of the horizontal activity in the immediate area. So on
- 13 each horizontal well, I've labeled the operator, the TVD
- 14 of the lateral and the formation that it's been drilled
- 15 in. This is at the Texas-New Mexico state line. It
- 16 runs through the middle of the map. Also, I've
- 17 highlighted in yellow the acreage that OGX Operating has
- 18 in this area. I've also shown the proposed wells and
- 19 their surface locations in Section 33, right on the
- 20 state line, and their north-south orientation, the
- 21 Littlefield 33Fed Com #1 and 2.
- The next map is a structure map on top of
- 23 the Wolfcamp, and I've colored-shaded the structural
- 24 contours. This is the 50-foot contour interval. The
- 25 highest part of the map is shown in green on the

- 1 left-hand side, and then you get progressively deeper as
- 2 you move to the east with the purple colors. The rate
- 3 of dip is about 100 feet per mile, which is pretty
- 4 standard for regional dip in this part of the Delaware
- 5 Basin. There are no prominent structures or anything
- 6 that would affect the continuity of the formation in
- 7 this area. The target for our horizontal wells is a TVD
- 8 of 10,000 feet. That would be in the upper part of the
- 9 Wolfcamp. We call it the Wolfcamp A zone.
- And if you'll look on the map, I've also
- 11 shown the line of section for the next part of the
- 12 exhibit, cross section A, A prime that runs through or
- 13 as close as I could get to the proposed wells.
- 14 The cross section -- it's a three-well
- 15 cross section, and it's got color codes on it. The
- 16 brown colors indicate organic-rich shales, which is
- 17 usually our target for this play. The blue colors are
- 18 limestone, usually debris flows. And they're not
- 19 currently a target for horizontal drilling, although
- 20 they were in the past a target for vertical drilling.
- 21 And this is -- this is very close to a Wolfcamp field
- 22 that was developed in the '70s and '80s from that
- 23 deepest carbonate interval that you see at the bottom of
- 24 the cross section, the Dam Sight Field [phonetic],
- 25 mostly in Texas.

- 1 This is designed just to demonstrate the
- 2 continuity of the zones within the upper part of the
- 3 Wolfcamp. Each of these subzones in the Wolfcamp that
- 4 I've labeled on this cross section are prospective for
- 5 horizontal drilling.
- 6 Currently, the best producing of these
- 7 zones has been shown by other operators and ourselves to
- 8 be that Wolfcamp A zone, and we anticipate that that's
- 9 where we will be drilling the well. But we are going to
- 10 run a pilot well and log that pilot and examine all of
- 11 the zones particularly for future reference. When we
- 12 decide to develop some of the other zones, we'll know
- 13 what those rock properties are like.
- So the next exhibit is an example of what
- 15 the maximum principal stress is in this area. This
- 16 comes from a well that OGX drilled about six miles south
- 17 the Littlefield area in Texas. And we ran a dipole
- 18 sonic across the Wolfcamp and other intervals and
- 19 indicated that the maximum principal stress is North 75
- 20 East, and, therefore, drilling north-south would be the
- 21 optimal direction to get the best angle on those
- 22 fractures that would be generated when we
- 23 fracture-stimulated the well.
- Q. Why don't you skip over the next couple of
- 25 exhibits and go to Exhibit 11, Mr. Hardie, and identify

- 1 that for the Examiners.
- 2 A. Exhibit 11, which is -- can you hold it up?
- 3 Q. (Indicating.)
- A. Okay. This is an example from that same well I
- 5 mentioned that we drilled about six miles south of this
- 6 area, what we do to evaluate the formation in order to
- 7 pick the best interval for drilling horizontally. It's
- 8 a product of Halliburton. They call it their Shale Log
- 9 Evaluation. We run a complete, full suite of logs in
- 10 the pilot hole, and they do this evaluation.
- The main things that we look for as a
- 12 result of this evaluation are brittleness, organic
- 13 content, and, of course, the mudloggers record mud-log
- 14 gas. And that would be another indication that it would
- 15 be a good target zone.
- In that well, that Wolfcamp A zone, was
- deemed to be the most prospective of the targets
- 18 available, and we did drill in that zone. We expect the
- 19 same A zone to also be the most prospective in this
- 20 well, but we're going to look at it and make that
- 21 determination after we drill the pilot well. We'll also
- 22 be running dipole sonic and determine our maximum
- 23 principal stress. I do not anticipate that will change
- 24 across that short of a distance. It's been pretty
- 25 consistent across this part of the Basin.

- 1 Q. Do you anticipate that each quarter section in
- 2 the well unit will contribute more or less equally to
- 3 the production from the well?
- 4 A. Yes, I do.
- 5 Q. And you're also requesting an unorthodox
- 6 location. What is the reason for that?
- 7 A. This is on the banks of the Pecos River. And
- 8 the BLM, we worked with them to pick a location that
- 9 would be appropriate for their concerns and also allow
- 10 us to put multiple wells on one pad and drill up our
- 11 acreage in the area.
- 12 Q. Would it also extend the productive lengths of
- 13 the wellbores?
- 14 A. Yes. The wellbores are going to be 6,700 feet
- 15 long in the lateral portion. And so we're actually
- 16 drilling a mile and a half, and we expect that to create
- 17 much better production than you would get in just a
- 18 mile-long lateral and also help the economics of the
- 19 project.
- Q. And the Wolfcamp is a -- is a Wolf permeability
- 21 reservoir, correct?
- 22 A. It is.
- Q. And with that, do you expect any adverse effect
- 24 on offsets due to the unorthodox locations?
- 25 A. I do not expect any adverse.

- 1 Q. As we said, is there the chance for infill
- 2 wells in this area?
- 3 A. Yes, there is.
- 4 Q. And just briefly, what are Exhibits 9 and 10?
- 5 A. 9 and 10 are wellbore diagrams by our drilling
- 6 engineer under my direction, and it simply points out
- 7 the different casing intervals that we will be running
- 8 in the well surface, intermediate, and then a long
- 9 string from which we will drill out and drill the
- 10 lateral. And then we will tie that lateral back into
- 11 the long string. Also, it talks about mud weights and
- 12 mud systems that we would use as we're drilling the
- 13 well.
- 14 So the pilot well would be drilled
- initially to a depth of approximately 10,500 feet, maybe
- 16 a little deeper, and then we would plug back the
- 17 Wolfcamp portion of that pilot well, setting plugs as
- 18 per the State of New Mexico requirements, and then kick
- 19 off the lateral from that and drill horizontally for
- 20 6,700 feet, at about a TVD of 10,000 feet.
- Q. Were Exhibits 8 through 11 either prepared by
- 22 you or under your supervision?
- 23 A. They were.
- Q. And in your opinion, is the granting of both
- 25 applications in the interest of conservation and the

- 1 prevention of waste?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, I move the
- 4 admission of Exhibits 8 through 11.
- 5 EXAMINER JONES: Exhibits 8 through 11 are
- 6 admitted.
- 7 (OGX Operating, LLC Exhibit Numbers 8
- 8 through 11 are offered and admitted into
- 9 evidence.)
- MR. BRUCE: And I have no other questions
- 11 of the witness.
- 12 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 13 BY EXAMINER BROOKS:
- 14 Q. Is this expected to be a gas producer?
- 15 A. The GORs in this area are highly variable, and
- 16 I think it has more to do with the completion techniques
- 17 than anything else. In the regional sense, the Wolfcamp
- 18 has higher GOR as you move to the west and the elevation
- 19 of the formation gets higher. Lower GORs like, for
- 20 example, in Lea County are more prominent. We're kind
- 21 of on the high end of the map on that GOR spectrum at
- 22 this location.
- 23 O. So it could be either?
- 24 A. It could be either. We obviously are going to
- 25 do everything we can to keep that GOR as low as possible

- 1 and preserve that reservoir energy.
- 2 Q. Correct.
- A. And we've been successful in the past compared
- 4 to other operators mainly with our frac technique.
- 5 Q. Thank you.
- 6 A. Uh-huh.
- 7 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 8 BY EXAMINER JONES:
- 9 Q. Do you run a chemical tracer on your frac jobs?
- 10 A. We have not been doing that just because the
- 11 various stages -- I think in this particular case we'll
- 12 be looking at about 30 stages, so there are a lot of
- 13 them to do. And they typically treat about the same
- 14 each time. It's been a formation that's been pretty
- 15 easy to frac compared to others in the Basin.
- 16 Q. Okay. Are you able to keep your lateral length
- 17 where you want it as --
- 18 A. That should be easy as well. The formation is
- 19 uniform across this area. The dip is going to be to the
- 20 east, and we're drilling north-south. So it's going to
- 21 be a true 90-degree lateral, and the target zone is
- 22 almost 100 feet thick. So that's easy to stand.
- Q. Okay. You still always need your 12 degrees
- 24 barrier or so to get your liner in or your --
- 25 A. Yes, about a 500-foot radius on the lateral.

- 1 O. Okay. I just heard someone talking that they
- 2 might be working on reducing that in places, but you've
- 3 still got to get the pipe around the corner?
- 4 A. That's true.
- 5 Q. Any logging while drilling?
- A. Just gamma ray while drilling to make sure
- 7 we're in zone, to make sure it looks like we expect.
- Q. Okay. So the pilot hole -- that dipole sonic,
- 9 is that -- is that now called an array sonic, or did
- 10 they change the name?
- 11 A. Yeah. I think that's what they --
- 12 Halliburton's name is on the sonic. What do they call
- 13 it? Yeah. It's not listed on this log. But I think
- 14 Schlumberger's name for it is an array sonic.
- Okay. So it's oriented all the time?
- 16 A. It is oriented and -- and examines the sonic
- 17 velocities in multiple directions.
- 18 Q. Yeah. And they will send that to you after
- 19 it's processed or --
- 20 A. Right. It takes about a day.
- Q. Okay. Okay. Really appreciate you showing
- 22 this exhibit. And I guess you kind of needed that stuff
- 23 for optimizing where your well's at and optimizing what
- 24 your recovery is going to be.
- 25 A. We typically run a pilot well on each section

- 1 that we plan to develop on the first well, and that
- 2 would be this one.
- Q. Okay. And are you expecting any surprises, I
- 4 mean, as far as the -- are you going to run this up into
- 5 the Bone Spring, too, and go ahead --
- A. Yes, we will, so we can evaluate those
- 7 formations as well because they are prospective. As you
- 8 can see on the first map I showed you, there are a lot
- 9 of different target zones in this area. The Wolfcamp
- 10 is, right now, the favorite one because it is commercial
- 11 at \$50 oil, and it's the deepest one. So a lot of times
- 12 it's better to start deep and work your way up shallow.
- 13 Q. These faults that may have been Pa- -- I mean
- 14 deep Paleozoic faults, they're not -- do they not extend
- 15 up into the Permian age or the pre-Pennsylvanian?
- 16 A. They do not. This is regional dip in this
- 17 area, and I know of no deep-seated faults in this
- 18 immediate area. There is a structure well to the south
- 19 of us, but not near us.
- Q. Okay. Well, good luck in your wells.
- 21 A. Thank you.
- 22 Q. Thanks for coming up here.
- MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, because of the
- 24 timing involved, I think we have to continue these cases
- 25 for notice purposes to December 1.

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