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MR. WARNELL: We will call Case 1 Number 14559, Application of BTA Oil Producers, LLC, 2 for approval of a salt water disposal well, Eddy 3 County, New Mexico. Call for appearances. 4 5 MR. CARR: May it please the Examiner, my name is William F. Carr with the Santa 6 Fe office of Holland & Hart, LLP. We represent BTA Oil Producers in this matter, and I have one witness. 8 MR. SWAZO: Good morning. My name is 9 10 Sonny Swazo. I am representing the OCD in this case. I have one witness at this time. And I would just 11 like to point out that we're not here advocating any 12 position with regard to the injection permit. We're 13 not advocating for or against it. We want to make 14 sure that BTA complies with any provisions that you 15 may require in the permit. 16 MR. WARNELL: Okay. Let's go ahead, 17 and if both witnesses will please stand, and state 18 19 your name and be sworn. 2.0 The witnesses were duly sworn.) BEN GRIMES 21 After having been first duly sworn under oath, 22 23 was questioned and testified as follows:

EXAMINATION

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BY MR. CARR:

- 1 Q Would you state your name for the record,
- 2 please?
- 3 A Ben Grimes.
- 4 Q Mr. Grimes, by whom are you employed?
- 5 A BTA Oil Producers.
- Q And what is your current position with
- 7 BTA?
- 8 A Operations manager.
- 9 Q How long have been employed by BTA?
- 10 A Be five years in January.
- 11 Q Have you previously testified before the
- 12 Oil Conversation Division?
- 13 A No, I haven't.
- Q Are you the person responsible for BTA's
- 15 compliance with the Oil Conservation Division's rules
- 16 and regulations?
- 17 A I am one of the people. I oversee the
- 18 others who --
- 19 Q When did you become operations manager?
- 20 A It was a year and three months ago.
- Q Could you review for the examiners your
- 22 educational background, your work experience?
- 23 A Okay. I have a business degree,
- 24 management finance from Baylor University, and then I
- 25 went and got my master's of science in physical

- 1 therapy from Texas Woman's University. Worked as a
- 2 physical therapist for ten years, and then I was
- 3 approached by BTA to go through a training program.
- 4 They knew that the operations manager had four years
- 5 before he was going to retire, so -- and they took me
- and they spent the next four years training me.
- 7 I spent time in the field working as a
- 8 pumper, supervising pooling units, doing MIT tests,
- 9 but most of the time was spent underneath the direct
- 10 supervision of the operations manager at the time,
- 11 Royce Boyce.
- 12 Q Are you familiar with the status of the
- 13 Owl 20504 JV-P Well No. 5?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q Are you aware of the current status of the
- 16 regulatory filings on that well?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q Are you the BTA representative who has
- 19 been engaged in discussions with the OCD concerning
- 20 actions taken by BTA to bring this well into
- 21 compliance with OCD rules?
- 22 A It would be myself and Pamela Inskeep, our
- 23 administrator.
- Q Are you also familiar with the two other
- 25 Owl wells in the one-half mile area of review? The

- 1 Owl Well No. 1 and the Owl Draw Unit SWD Well No. 1?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q And are you authorized to speak for BTA in
- 4 this proceeding?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 MR. CARR: I would tender Mr. Grimes
- 7 as a practical landman.
- 8 MR. SWAZO: I have no objection.
- 9 MR. WARNELL: I have a question,
- 10 Mr. Grimes. Now, what were you doing before you went
- 11 to work for BTA?
- 12 A Physical therapist.
- MR. WARNELL: Physical therapist.
- 14 Why is it that BTA came to a physical therapist and
- asked him if he wanted be operations manager? That
- 16 must be an interesting story.
- 17 A I actually had done work on a couple of
- 18 the partners with BTA, and I was a long-time friend.
- 19 So they knew me and they knew my background. I also
- 20 have a business degree from Baylor. So there is a
- 21 little more than physical therapy involved, but they
- 22 were looking for somebody that they could train to
- 23 take over the position. I think they had done that
- in the past, and it had worked well for them. So
- 25 they wanted to repeat the process, and they wanted

- 1 someone that they could trust, and they trusted me.
- MR. WARNELL: And they feel it is
- 3 working well for them now?
- A I hope so. They tell me it is, but some
- 5 days, I have my doubts.
- 6 MR. WARNELL: All right. Mr. Grimes
- 7 is so recognized.
- 8 MR. BROOKS: Well, if we judge your
- 9 physical therapy on the partners of BTA, it must have
- 10 been very effective.
- 11 A We had good results.
- 12 Q (By Mr. Carr) Do you work on them after
- 13 work?
- 14 A No.
- 15 Q All right. Mr. Grimes, could you briefly
- 16 state what BTA seeks with this application?
- 17 A We seek an order authorizing us to use the
- 18 Owl 20504 JV-P Well No. 5 for salt water disposal.
- 19 Q Have you reviewed the prepared testimony
- 20 in this case filed by Daniel Sanchez?
- 21 A Yes, I have.
- 22 Q And have you prepared exhibits for
- 23 presentation here today?
- 24 A Myself and Pam Inskeep, yes.
- 25 Q Could you identify what has been marked

- 1 for identification as BTA Exhibit Number 1?
- 2 A That would be this, the application of BTA
- 3 Oil Producers for produced water disposal.
- 4 O Is this the administrative order that
- 5 actually originally authorized salt water disposal in
- 6 this --
- 7 A Yes, it is.
- 8 Q And then behind that, there is a second
- 9 document. What is that?
- 10 A It's a notice of loss of injection
- 11 authority.
- 12 Q Okay. Did this initial order, SWD-1091 --
- 13 first, it did authorize injection in the well; is
- 14 that correct?
- 15 A That's correct.
- 16 O It contains certain conditions that BTA
- 17 was required to meet?
- 18 A Correct.
- 19 Q It also provided that the order would
- 20 terminate if the injection did not commence within
- 21 one year?
- 22 A Correct.
- 23 Q Were the original conditions in this order
- 24 complied with by BTA?
- 25 A No.

- 1 Q And did injection commence within one year
- of the order?
- 3 A Yes, it did.
- 4 Q And when did injection actually commence
- 5 in this well?
- 6 A September 5, 2007.
- 7 Q Let's take a look for a minute at the
- 8 conditions in this order. The order provided that
- 9 after installing injection tubing, the casing should
- 10 be pressure tested?
- 11 A Uh-huh.
- 12 Q Is that the MIT test?
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 Q Has a mechanical integrity test been
- 15 conducted on this well?
- 16 A Well, you run a packer in and you have to
- 17 circulate the packer fluid, and then you test the
- 18 casing with 500 pounds. And I found an invoice by
- 19 Stone Oilfield that they did go through that
- 20 procedure, and it correlates to the same date that
- 21 the OCD was on site, 6/12/2007. I don't have
- 22 documentation that we submitted that, so I can just
- 23 say that the procedure was done according to that
- 24 invoice.
- 25 Q And are you prepared to do whatever needs

- 1 to be done with the OCD --
- 2 A We are.
- 3 Q -- to clarify that?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q Was this procedure and all of this
- 6 actually conducted before you assumed your current
- 7 position with BTA?
- 8 A That's correct.
- 9 Once injection commenced in the well --
- 10 well, first of all, you were required to provide
- 11 notice of the date of the commencement of injection.
- 12 Did you do that?
- 13 A No, I don't believe we did.
- 14 Q The order also provided that BTA would
- 15 file monthly reports of the disposal operations on
- 16 Division Form C-115. Were those originally filed?
- 17 A No.
- 18 Q Has that now been done?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q If we look at the notice of cancellation
- 21 of injection authority, the second document in
- 22 Exhibit 1, what did this notice tell BTA?
- 23 A To cease injection, that our authority had
- 24 been removed, to catch up on the documents that we
- 25 had failed to provide them, and then to go through a

- 1 resubmittal process.
- 2 Q Is this application today actually the
- 3 result of --
- 4 A Yes, it is.
- A Yes. We have been trying to make the
- 7 requirements of that.
- 8 Q The testimony filed by Mr. Sanchez
- 9 indicated that on February 18, 2010, an OCD inspector
- 10 found that this well was injecting. Was the well
- 11 injecting at that time?
- 12 A No, it wasn't. We had a -- there was a
- 13 site visit I think on the 28th of January. We were
- 14 informed that we were out of compliance. So on
- 15 February the 1st when I found out about it, we shut
- 16 down our producing well. We shut down the injection
- 17 well. I think the confusion is they said in the site
- 18 visit, that the panel was turned to on or auto. Out
- in this area, it is far removed from electricity.
- 20 There is a generator hooked up to it. And the
- 21 generator was shut down, so there was no electricity
- 22 provided to turn that pump on. So we weren't
- 23 producing or injecting at that point.
- 24 O At this time in terms of the OCD
- 25 requirements, have all of the forms been properly

- 1 filed to the best of your knowledge?
- 2 A They have.
- 3 Q And what about the status of pressure
- 4 limiting devices and the MIT testing?
- 5 A There actually is a pressure limiting
- 6 device on it. We are this morning going to put a
- 7 gauge that is required on the casing to make sure
- 8 that there is no leak in the packer or leak in the
- 9 casing. I believe that we have come into compliance.
- 10 We have not re-performed an MIT because we don't have
- 11 the authority to inject yet.
- Q Could you review for the examiners the
- 13 concerns expressed by the BLM concerning -- I believe
- 14 it was the Owl Draw Unit SWD Well?
- 15 A The --
- 16 Q First of all, was that a salt water
- 17 disposal well?
- 18 A No. It was actually a well that was
- 19 drilled in 1960, and it was a producer. It was
- 20 plugged soon after. When we bought the lease, we
- 21 were going to try to go into that well and turn it
- 22 into a disposal well. We were unable to do that, and
- 23 we plugged it based on the plan that we submitted to
- the BLM.
- The BLM when this came about objected to

- 1 the plugging of that. They said that there should
- 2 have been another plug inserted into that well that
- 3 they missed at the time. And so they asked us to go
- 4 back in and drill through the two plugs that were set
- 5 and put another plug in that well. We have done
- 6 that. We have replugged that well to their standards
- 7 and submitted it.
- MR. WARNELL: Which well was that
- 9 again?
- 10 A The Owl Draw Unit No. 1.
- MR. CARR: And there are two wells
- 12 within just a few hundred feet of each other --
- 13 A Correct.
- 14 MR. CARR: -- both called the Owl No.
- 15 1. The well that Mr. Grimes is talking about is the
- 16 Owl Draw Unit No. 1.
- 17 A The Owl Draw Unit No. 1 was drilled in
- 18 1960. The producer, which is the Owl 1, we drilled I
- 19 think in 2006.
- 20 Q (By Mr. Carr) And what is the status of
- 21 remediation at this site?
- 22 A We are working with the BLM. They have
- 23 had us take up the pad on the No. 5 site, regrade,
- 24 and we're in -- we are currently working with them to
- 25 close the remediation.

- 1 Q Do you believe at this time you have met
- 2 the concerns of the BLM?
- A On the Owl Draw and the plugging, we have
- 4 met the concerns. We are still discussing with them
- 5 trying to meet the standards that they are requiring
- 6 for the remediation, so.
- 7 Q In his prepared testimony, Mr. Sanchez
- 8 recommends that to assure that BTA has complied with
- 9 all OCD prerequisites before granting an order, that
- 10 certain things should be done. One was to set all of
- 11 the requirements or preconditions in the order, and
- 12 then come back for a subsequent order.
- The other option in his testimony was to
- 14 require you to bring the well in complete compliance
- and then work with the legal department here and the
- 16 district, and then whenever you're in compliance,
- 17 have them file a letter. Do you have a preference as
- 18 to which of those --
- 19 A We have worked with Daniel and Gail in the
- 20 past, just meeting this gentleman today, but I think
- 21 we have worked with them well. And we would like to
- 22 continue to do that and have them file a motion where
- 23 when we meet all of the requirements to inject, they
- 24 would insert a letter into the file stating that, and
- 25 we would proceed from there.

- 1 Q Let's now look at your Exhibit 2, the
- 2 application for authorization to inject.
- 3 A Okay.
- 4 Q Did you prepare this application?
- 5 A I helped in the preparation of it.
- 6 Q And who worked with you in the preparation
- 7 --
- 8 A Pam Inskeep and Britton McQuien.
- 9 O And who is Britton McQuien?
- 10 A Britton McQuien is a reservoir engineer at
- 11 BTA.
- 12 Q Do you believe that this application
- 13 contains all information required by the Oil
- 14 Conservation Division?
- 15 A I do.
- 16 Q And this is a new application for
- 17 authorization to inject in the Owl No. 5, and it's
- 18 being filed pursuant to the notice filed by the OCD
- 19 terminating prior injection authority?
- 20 A Correct.
- 21 Q Okay. Have the logs and test data on this
- 22 well already been filed with the division?
- 23 A Yes.
- Q Has an injection well data sheet and
- 25 schematic, a new one updated to show the current

- 1 status of the wellbore, been included in this
- 2 exhibit?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q And is that included on pages 3 through
- 5 5 --
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q -- of Exhibit 2? Could you go to the
- 8 large area review map, which is attached, and just
- 9 explain what it shows?
- 10 A The area review map has a -- it has a two
- 11 mile radius around the proposed injector. Every well
- 12 within the circle is identified by lease number and
- 13 name. It shows the location of each injection well,
- 14 it shows lease ownership in the area, and it shows
- 15 the area of review. It's got a one-half radius
- 16 around each injection well. It has, I think in the
- 17 middle there, the Owl 5 and then the two Owl wells we
- 18 have discussed are on the left.
- 19 Q Does this application contain all of the
- 20 information required by the Oil Conservation Division
- 21 for each of the wells in the area of review?
- 22 A Yes.
- Q Does it include a schematic for the Owl
- 24 Well No. 1?
- 25 A Yes, it does.

- 1 Q And that shows the current configuration
- 2 of that well?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q And that is included in page 6 of this
- 5 exhibit?
- 6 A Yes, it is.
- 7 Q Are there plugged and abandoned wells
- 8 within the area of review?
- 9 A The Owl Draw Unit No. 1.
- 10 Q And have you included a schematic and
- 11 information of that well?
- 12 A Yes, the one we just --
- 13 Q And it is on page 7 of the exhibit?
- 14 A It is -- yes, 6 and 7.
- 15 Q And does it include the -- is it accurate
- showing the replugging of that well?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q Have you reviewed the data available on
- 19 wells within the area of review and determined that
- 20 no remedial work is required to enable you to safely
- 21 operate this injection well?
- 22 A Our engineer has reviewed it, yes.
- 23 Q And is this well, the plugged and
- 24 abandoned well plugged in a way so that no injection
- 25 fluid can escape by virtue of this well out of the

- 1 injection zone?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q What injection volumes does BTA propose to
- 4 inject?
- 5 A Average daily rate of 800 barrels of water
- 6 per day. Maximum daily rate of 2,100 barrels of
- 7 water per day.
- 8 O And what is the source of that water?
- 9 A The source of that is the 20504 Owl No. 1,
- 10 which is our producing well out there.
- 11 Q Is there a water analysis included in the
- 12 exhibit for this well?
- 13 A Yes. Exhibit 2, page 9.
- 14 Q Are the waters compatible with the waters
- 15 under which they will be --
- 16 A Yes, they are.
- 17 Q Is it an open or closed system?
- 18 A It's a closed system.
- 19 Q And what injection pressures is BTA
- 20 proposing?
- 21 A Average injection pressure of 500 pounds
- 22 and the max pressure is 586 pounds.
- 23 Q Do you get that 586 --
- 24 (Note: Interruption by court reporter.)
- Q (By Mr. Carr) Do you get the 586 PSI by

- applying the 2/10 pound per foot of depth to the top
- of the injection interval as required by the OCD?
- 3 And your answer?
- A Yes.
- 5 Q Is that going to be an adequate pressure
- 6 limitation?
- 7 A It should be.
- 8 Q If you need to increase the injection
- 9 pressure, would you do that pursuant to a division
- 10 witnessed step rate test?
- 11 A Yes, we would.
- 12 O How will BTA monitor this well to ensure
- 13 the integrity of the well?
- 14 A We have the gauge that will be put on the
- 15 casing site. We have the packer fluid, which is in
- 16 the annulus, so if we have any leakage, it will show
- 17 pressure on that gauge.
- 18 Q Are there fresh water zones in the area?
- 19 A This is from Britton --
- 20 Q Are you looking now at Exhibit 3?
- 21 A I am looking at item 8.
- 22 Q Which is marked Exhibit 3 in this case?
- 23 A There is known fresh water from a shallow
- 24 alluvium separated from the Delaware Mountain Group
- 25 by thick evaporites. There is no known source of

- 1 fresh water underlying the proposed injection
- 2 interval. We're in the Cherry Canyon, which is part
- 3 of the Delaware Mountain Group where we're injecting.
- 4 Q Are there any fresh water wells within the
- 5 area of review?
- 6 A I don't believe so.
- 7 Q This Exhibit Number 3, this is a
- 8 geological summary?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q And was that included in the original
- 11 filing?
- 12 A Yes. The -- oh, this, the item 8?
- 13 Q Yes.
- 14 A It was not. There was an oversight, and
- 15 so we had our engineer look at it.
- Q And so now with this, have you complied
- 17 with the requirements to provide a geological summary
- 18 of the subject formation?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q Does the exhibit also contain
- 21 cross-sections magnifying the formations?
- 22 A Yes, it does.
- 23 Q Has BTA examined the available information
- 24 on geologic -- let me start over. Has BTA examined
- 25 the available geologic and engineering data on this

- 1 reservoir?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q And as a result of that examination, have
- 4 you found any evidence of open falls or other
- 5 hydrologic connections between the injection interval
- and any underground source of drinking water?
- 7 A No.
- 8 Q In your opinion, will approval of this
- 9 application and the use of the No. 5 well for
- 10 injection be in the best interests of conservation
- 11 and prevention of waste and the protection of
- 12 correlative rights?
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 Q How soon does BTA hope to commence
- 15 injection operations?
- 16 A We would like to do it as -- after we meet
- 17 all of the requirements of the OCD. As soon as
- 18 possible.
- 19 Q What is BTA Exhibit Number 4?
- 20 A Affidavit confirming notice of application
- 21 provided in accordance with the rules of the OCD.
- 22 Q And to whom was notice provided?
- 23 A Owners of the surface for the injection
- 24 well, leasehold operators within a half mile of
- 25 each -- of the injection well, and then publication.

- 1 Q Is also included?
- 2 A Yes.
- Were Exhibits 1 through 4 either prepared
- 4 by you or have you reviewed them, and can you confirm
- 5 their accuracy?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 MR. CARR: At this time, may it
- 8 please the examiners, I would move the admission of
- 9 Exhibits 1 through 4.
- MR. SWAZO: No objection.
- 11 MR. WARNELL: Exhibits 1 through 4
- 12 are admitted.
- 13 (Exhibits 1 through 4 were admitted.)
- MR. CARR: And that concludes my
- 15 examination of Mr. Grimes.
- 16 EXAMINATION
- 17 BY MR. SWAZO:
- 18 Q I have a few questions, Mr. Grimes. You
- 19 had testified that an MIT was performed sometime
- 20 around June 2007 -- I think it was June 12, 2007?
- 21 A Yeah, I said the procedure to do it was
- 22 performed. We went through, and they tested the
- 23 casing to 500 pounds. They loaded it with packer
- 24 fluid, circulated it, set the packer, and then went
- 25 through that procedure. On the same date, there was

- 1 an OCD visit, which typically, you are supposed to
- 2 call the OCD and have them show up, but it wasn't
- 3 documented as an MIT test, so.
- 4 Q So there was no --
- 5 A There was no follow-up documentation, so
- 6 we were in error on that.
- 7 Q Okay. And you had testified that all
- 8 forms had been filed. I was just wondering, so no
- 9 MIT documentation has been filed for this well?
- 10 A No MIT. After they removed the ability to
- inject and we had the hearing come up, I didn't do an
- 12 MIT because I assumed that you have to have an
- 13 authority to inject before you will do the MIT to get
- 14 the approval to inject.
- MR. SWAZO: Okay. I don't have any
- 16 more questions.
- MR. WARNELL: Mr. Brooks?
- MR. BROOKS: No questions.
- 19 MR. WARNELL: Mr. Grimes, so I am to
- 20 understand then that you're not crazy about coming up
- 21 here for another hearing?
- 22 A I would like to avoid it, but --
- MR. WARNELL: And you are prepared,
- 24 if given the application approval, to do a new MIT?
- 25 A Yes, sir.

- 1 MR. WARNELL: And you spoke a little
- 2 bit about the BLM. They were originally concerned
- 3 about the Owl Draw Unit No. 1?
- 4 A Yes, sir.
- 5 MR. WARNELL: And that's been
- 6 addressed and they are comfortable with that now?
- 7 A It has been. They were on site when we
- 8 plugged the well, and my understanding is that they
- 9 have removed their objection to the Owl 5.
- MR. WARNELL: Okay. Thank you. I
- 11 have no further questions.
- 12 MR. CARR: That concludes our
- 13 examination of Mr. Grimes.
- 14 MR. SWAZO: We would like to call
- 15 Daniel Sanchez to the stand.
- 16 DANIEL SANCHEZ
- 17 After having been first duly sworn under oath,
- was questioned and testified as follows:
- 19 EXAMINATION
- 20 BY MR. SWAZO:
- Q Would you please state your name for the
- 22 record?
- 23 A Daniel Sanchez.
- Q And Mr. Sanchez, OCD Exhibit A is your
- 25 written testimony in this case?

- 1 A Yes, it is.
- Q And you helped prepare this document?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q And this is the document that you are
- 5 adopting as your testimony in this case?
- 6 A Yes, it is.
- 7 Q I want to go ahead and identify subsequent
- 8 exhibits. OCD Exhibit B, that is the original
- 9 injection permit that was granted for this well; is
- 10 that correct?
- 11 A Yes.
- MR. WARNELL: Do we have copies of
- 13 this?
- 14 MR. SWAZO: It was prefiled. I
- 15 apologize in --
- MR. WARNELL: Oh, okay.
- MR. SWAZO: I've got an extra copy.
- MR. WARNELL: Okay.
- MR. SWAZO: Does anyone else need a
- 20 copy?
- MR. CARR: We received it.
- 22 Q (By Mr. Swazo) And Exhibit C, would you
- 23 identify that?
- 24 A This is the change of operator from BTA
- 25 Oil Producers to BTA Oil Producers, LLC.

- 1 Q And that document is filed by the
- 2 operators?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q And OCD Exhibit D, what is that?
- 5 A This is a well inspection history of the
- 6 well in question.
- 7 O And Exhibit E?
- 8 A Exhibit E is a copy of the letter
- 9 cancelling the authority to inject.
- 10 Q And this is a letter that you drafted and
- 11 sent out?
- 12 A Yes.
- MR. SWAZO: I would ask -- I would
- 14 move for the admission of OCD Exhibits A through E.
- MR. CARR: No objection.
- 16 MR. WARNELL: Exhibits A through E
- 17 are admitted.
- 18 (Exhibits A through E admitted.)
- MR. SWAZO: And I have no further
- 20 questions.
- 21 EXAMINATION
- 22 BY MR. CARR:
- 23 Q Mr. Sanchez, you have in your -- what is
- 24 your title?
- 25 A Compliance and enforcement manager.

- 1 Q As compliance and enforcement manager, you
- 2 have been working with BTA on this and other matters,
- 3 have you not?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q Would you be comfortable continuing to
- 6 work with them to assure that this well is in
- 7 compliance, and that once they are in compliance,
- 8 have them work through you and the legal department
- 9 here to put a letter in the file as a condition to
- 10 reinstituting the well for injection?
- 11 A Yes, I would.
- MR. CARR: That's all I have.
- MR. WARNELL: Questions?
- MR. BROOKS: No questions.
- 15 MR. WARNELL: I don't believe I have
- 16 questions, but I need to seek some legal consult
- 17 here, so let's go off the record just for a minute.
- 18 (Discussion held off the record.)
- 19 MR. WARNELL: Let's go back on the
- 20 record then, sorry about that, but that's why David
- 21 is here. Okay. So if I am understanding this
- 22 correctly, then we will go ahead and write a hearing
- 23 order basically stating once we get everything, all
- 24 of our ducks in a row stating that any and all
- 25 compliance issues have been taken care of and BTA and

- 1 OCD are on board, and at that time then, we would ask
- 2 that BTA submit an administrative application for

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- 3 salt water disposal.
- 4 MR. CARR: Mr. Examiner, the Exhibit
- 5 2 has the administrative application.
- 6 MR. BROOKS: I think we can --
- 7 MR. CARR: And I ask that the order
- 8 provide that when Mr. Sanchez is satisfied, that
- 9 Exhibit 2 then be treated as an administrative
- 10 application, and that the Engineering Bureau then act
- 11 on it. That just avoids an additional filing and
- 12 notice.
- MR. WARNELL: Yeah.
- 14 MR. BROOKS: I think that can be
- 15 done.
- MR. SWAZO: If I can make a
- 17 statement?
- MR. WARNELL: Okay.
- MR. SWAZO: As I said at the
- 20 beginning, we don't have any position with regard to
- 21 the injection permit. We just want to make sure that
- 22 BTA complies with any conditions that you put in the
- 23 injection permit prior to commencing the injection.
- 24 And the basis is is because in 2007, we issued an
- 25 injection permit for the well, and it required BTA to

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1	perform certain actions prior to and after	
2	commencement of injection, which they did not do.	
3	And we want to make sure that	
4	whatever conditions you impose in the injection	
5	permit, that that is complied with prior to and after	
6	commencement of injection.	
7	MR. WARNELL: Okay.	
8	MR. CARR: We don't disagree with	
9	that at all. We think an order that requires	
10	compliance with conditions prior to injection would	
11	be appropriate.	
12	MR. BROOKS: Well, I think the orders	
13	always do. The question is, I suppose, the	
14	monitoring of that, but we have a system for that.	
15	MR. WARNELL: With that then, Case	
16	Number 14559 will be taken under advisement.	
17	MR. CARR: Thank you very much.	
18	(Hearing concluded at 10:13 a.m.)	
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20	de hereby certify that the foregoing is the Examiner hearing of Care dings in	
21	the Examiner hearing of Case No.	
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