

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:)

CASE NO. 11,608

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY)
THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION UPON ITS)
OWN MOTION FOR AN ORDER CREATING)
CONTRACTING AND EXTENDING CERTAIN POOLS)
IN CHAVES AND EDDY COUNTIES, NEW MEXICO)



REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

EXAMINER HEARING

BEFORE: MICHAEL E. STOGNER, Hearing Examiner

September 5th, 1996

Santa Fe, New Mexico

This matter came on for hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, MICHAEL E. STOGNER, Hearing Examiner, on Thursday, September 5th, 1996, at the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Porter Hall, 2040 South Pacheco, Santa Fe, New Mexico, Steven T. Brenner, Certified Court Reporter No. 7 for the State of New Mexico.

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DIVISION WITNESS:

DAVID R. CATANACH

Direct Examination by Mr. Carroll

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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

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Exhibit 1

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A P P E A R A N C E S

FOR THE DIVISION:

RAND L. CARROLL
Attorney at Law
Legal Counsel to the Division
2040 South Pacheco
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

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1 WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were had at
2 9:16 a.m.:

3 EXAMINER STOGNER: Okay, the hearing will come to
4 order.

5 Call next case, Number 11,608, which is the
6 hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division upon its
7 own motion for an order creating, contracting and extending
8 certain pools in Chavez and Eddy Counties, New Mexico, that
9 Being District 2 in Artesia.

10 I'll call for appearances.

11 MR. CARROLL: Rand Carroll on behalf of the Oil
12 Conservation Division.

13 I have one witness.

14 EXAMINER STOGNER: Will the witness please stand
15 to be sworn at this time?

16 (Thereupon, the witness was sworn.)

17 EXAMINER STOGNER: Mr. Carroll?

18 DAVID R. CATANACH,

19 the witness herein, after having been first duly sworn upon
20 his oath, was examined and testified as follows:

21 DIRECT EXAMINATION

22 BY MR. CARROLL:

23 Q. Mr. Catanach, will you please state your name and
24 place of residence for the record?

25 A. David Catanach, I work for the OCD in Santa Fe as

1 a petroleum engineer.

2 Q. And Mr. Catanach, do your duties as a petroleum
3 engineer, do they sometimes include reviewing nomenclature
4 requests?

5 A. Yes, they do.

6 Q. And do you have before you what I will ask you to
7 mark as OCD Exhibit Number 1, the recommendations prepared
8 by the Artesia District to the creation, contraction and
9 extension of certain pools in Chaves and Eddy Counties, New
10 Mexico?

11 A. I have that before me, Mr. Carroll.

12 Q. And Mr. Catanach, have you compared Exhibit 1 to
13 the docket that was prepared for today's hearing to
14 determine if there are any discrepancies between the two?

15 A. I have briefly compared it. I find no
16 discrepancies between the two.

17 Q. Mr. Catanach, was Exhibit Number 1 prepared by
18 the OCD in its ordinary course of business?

19 A. Yes, it was.

20 Q. And will the granting of the Division's request
21 aid in the prevention of waste and the protection of
22 correlative rights?

23 A. Yes, it will.

24 MR. CARROLL: That's all I have of this witness.

25 EXAMINER STOGNER: I have no questions of Mr.

1 Catanach.

2 Is there anybody else that has any questions of
3 this witness?

4 You may be excused.

5 Anybody else have anything further in Case Number
6 11,608?

7 Then this case will be taken under advisement.

8 And with that, this hearing is adjourned.

9 (Thereupon, these proceedings were concluded at
10 9:19 a.m.)

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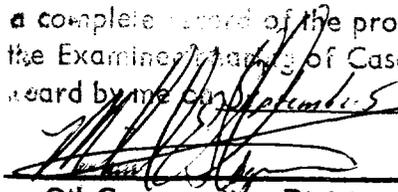
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I do hereby certify that the foregoing is
a complete record of the proceedings in
the Examiner's hearing of Case No. 11608,
heard by me on September 5, 1996.

_____, Examiner
Oil Conservation Division

CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
) ss.
 COUNTY OF SANTA FE)

I, Steven T. Brenner, Certified Court Reporter and Notary Public, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing transcript of proceedings before the Oil Conservation Division was reported by me; that I transcribed my notes; and that the foregoing is a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am not a relative or employee of any of the parties or attorneys involved in this matter and that I have no personal interest in the final disposition of this matter.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL September 8th, 1996.



STEVEN T. BRENNER
 CCR No. 7

My commission expires: October 14, 1998