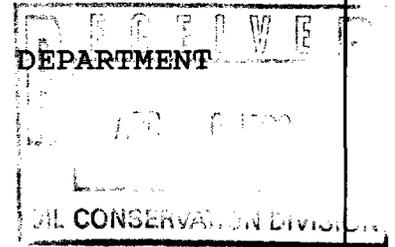


STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION



IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY)
THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE)
PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:)
APPLICATION OF SONAT EXPLORATION COMPANY)
FOR LEASE COMMINGLING, EDDY AND LEA)
COUNTIES, NEW MEXICO)

CASE NO. 11,948

ORIGINAL

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

EXAMINER HEARING

BEFORE: DAVID R. CATANACH, Hearing Examiner

April 2nd, 1998

Santa Fe, New Mexico

This matter came on for hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, DAVID R. CATANACH, Hearing Examiner, on Thursday, April 2nd, 1998, 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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A P P E A R A N C E S

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

3 EXAMINER CATANACH: At this time I'm going to
4 call Case 11,948, which is the Application of Sonat
5 Exploration Company for lease commingling, Eddy and Lea
6 Counties, New Mexico.

7 It's my understanding from talking to Mr. Bill
8 Carr that this case has been heard at a previous date and
9 that the case was continued for readvertisement purposes
10 only.

11 I will call for appearances in this case at this
12 time.

13 There being no additional appearances, Case
14 11,948 will be taken under advisement.

15 (Thereupon, these proceedings were concluded at
16 9:16 a.m.)

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19 I do hereby certify that the foregoing is
20 a complete record of the proceedings in
21 the Examiner hearing of Case No. 11948,
 heard by me on April 2 1997.

22 David R. Catanach, Examiner
 Oil Conservation Division
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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 April 3rd, 1998.



STEVEN T. BRENNER
 CCR No. 7

My commission expires: October 14, 1998