

Appearances: Randolph M. Richardson, attorney; George L. Scott, consulting geologist, both of Roswell; Charles Joy, consulting engineer, Artesia. Richard L. Stamets was the examiner.

Testimony: Richardson asked that Case No. 7048, heard October 15, 1980, resulting in Order No. R-6504 dealing with a pilot steam injection project in this area, be incorporated in this case to relieve repeated testimony. Scott presented maps of the area and recommended the unit agreement. Joy stated three wells have been drilled in the field and two old wells re-entered. The steam equipment is still on order. Joy outlined the agreement and pinpointed the object, the O'Connell sands. Joy said 100 percent of the working interest are participating, and he anticipated all of the royalty owners eventually will participate.

EDDY COUNTY

Dual Completion (Case 7236)

5-6-81 RLL

Belco Petroleum Corporation requested approval for the dual completion of its No. 11 James Ranch well located in Unit E, Sec. 36, T-22-S, R-30-E, Eddy County, to produce gas from the Atoka and Morrow formations through parallel strings of tubing.

Appearances: Tom Kellahin, attorney, Santa Fe; James R. Henry, district engineer, Belco Petroleum Corporation, Lubbock, Texas. The examiner was Richard L. Stamets.

Testimony: Henry testified that a previous Oil Conservation Division order had approved the directional drilling of this well near the WIPP site near Carlsbad. No tests have been made on the well, but nearby James Ranch wells are producing from both the Atoka and the Morrow formations. Drilled to 14,600 feet, the directional hole prohibited the use of a five-inch liner below 13,881 feet because of doglegs. A 2-7/8-inch liner was inserted through the five-inch liner and was easier to manipulate lower in the hole. Estimated pressures in both zones were 3000-3500 pounds, with some drainage in the Atoka. Atoka fluids are estimated at four barrels per million in the Atoka and one barrel per million in the Morrow. Production monitoring will prove out these estimates, Henry stated.

LEA COUNTY

Dual Completion (Case 7237 - Continued to June 3 and Readvertised)

Continued to June 3 is the application of Conoco Inc. seeking approval for the dual completion of its No. 10 State F 1 well located in Unit V of Sec. 1, T-21-S, R-36-E, Lea County, to produce oil from the Hardy-Drinkard Pool and an undesignated Tubb pool through parallel strings of tubing.