CASE 7251: SOUTHERN UNION EXPLORATION COMPANY OF TEXAS FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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### STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

> CASE NO. 7251 Order No. R-6737

APPLICATION OF SOUTHERN UNION EXPLORATION COMPANY OF TEXAS FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

### ORDER OF THE DIVISION

### BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on July 2, 1981, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this <u>28th</u> day of July, 1981, the Division Director, having considered the record and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

### FINDS:

That the applicant's request for dismissal should be

### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED!

That Case No. 7251 is hereby dismissed.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Maxico, on the day and year herein-

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

JOE D. RAMEY Director

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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EXAMINER HEARING

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Application of Southern Union Exploration Company of Texas for compulsory pooling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

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BEFORE: Richard L. Stamets

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Docket No. 20-81

Dockets Nos. 22-81 and 23-81 are tentatively set for July 15 and 29, 1981. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

#### DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - JULY 2, 1981

9 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION CONFERENCE ROOM, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

The following cases will be heard before Richard L. Stamets, Examiner, or Daniel S. Nutter, Alternate Examiner:

- CASE 7283: Application of Harvey E. Yates Company for amendment of Division Order No. R-6387, Lea County, New Nexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the amendment of Division Order No. R-6382 to provide that said order authorizing the McDonald Unit Agreement shall have an effective date of June 1, 1981.
- CASE 7284: Application of Energy Reserves Group. Inc. for an unorthodox gas well location, Roosevelt County,
  New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox Cisco location
  of its Hiller Well No. 1 located 660 feet from the South and West lines of Section 12, Township 6
  South, Range 33 East, the S/2 of said Section 12 to be dedicated to the well.
- CASE 7285: Application of J. C. Williamson for two non-standard gas proration units and two unorthodox locations, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-scyled cause, seeks approval for two non-standard 320-acre Wolfcamp gas proration units in Section 10, Township 23 Couth, Range 34 East, the first comprising the NW/4, W/2 NE/4, and N/2 SW/4, and the second comprising the E/2 NE/4, S/2 SW/4, and SE/4. Applicant further seeks approval for two unorthodox locations, the first for a well drilled 1560 feet from the North line and 1830 feet from the West line of said Section 10, and the second for a well to be drilled 1980 feet from the South and East lines of the section.
- CASE 7286: Application of Supron Energy Corporation for downhole commingling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of Basin-Dakota and Blanco Mesaverde production in the wellbore of its Jicarilla F Well No. 6 located in the SW/4 of Section 34, Township 26 North, Range 4 West.
- CASE 7287: Application of Benson-Montin-Greer Drilling Corporation for compulsory pooling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the West Puerto Chiquito-Nancos Oil Pool underlying a previously approved 640-acre non-standard proration unit comprising the W/2 of Section 17 and the W/2 of Section 20, Township 26 North, Range l West, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- CASE 7288: Application of Southern Union Exploration Company of Texas for contraction of the West Puerto Chiquito-Nancos Oil Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the contraction of the West Puerto Chiquito-Mancos Oil Pool by the deletion of Section 36, Township 24 North, Range 1 West, therefrom.
- CASE 7251: (Continued from June 3, 1981, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Southern Union Exploration Company of Texas for compulsory pooling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the West Puento Chiquito-Mancos Oil Pool underlying all of Section 36, Township 24 North, Range 1 West, to be dedicated to its Mobil Federal Well No. 1 drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

- CASE 7289: Application of Exxon Corporation for a salt water disposal well, Chaves County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Queen formation at a depth of 2638 feet to 2774 feet in its Strange Federal Well No. 3 in Unit J of Section 25, Township 7 South, Range 31 East, Tomahawk-San Andres Pool.
- CASE 7290: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for compulsory pooling, Chaves County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Abo formation underlying the NE/4 of Section 26, Township 5 South, Range 24 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

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Attention: R. L. Stamets, Technical Support Chief

Re: Southern Union Exploration Company of Texas - Case 7251

On June 10 our client, Southern Union Exploration Company of Dear Sirst Texas (SXT) filed its Application in Case 7288 for the deletion of Section 36, Township 24 North, Range 1 West, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico from the West Puerto Chiquito-Mancos Oil Pool. We understand that this Case will be heard by an Examiner or an Alternate Examiner on July 2, 1981.

The approval of the Application in Case 7288 would make the Application of SXT in Case 7251 for compulsory pooling of mineral interests in the West Puerto Chiquito-Mancos Oil Pool underlying all of the same Section 36 inappropriate and unnecessary. Therefore, on behalf of SXT, we hereby withdraw its Application in Case 7251.

Please let me know if you have questions.

yours very truly,

RODEY, DICKASON, SLOAN, AKIN & ROBB, P.A.

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cc: Paul M. Zeis, Esquire

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Attn: R. L. Stamets, Technical Support Chief

Re: Southern Union Exploration Company of Texas - Case 7251

Dear Sirs:

Our client Southern Union Exploration Company of Texas (SXT) has applied in the referenced Case for the compulsory pooling of all mineral interests in the West Puerto Chiquito-Mancos Oil Pool underlying all of Sec. 36, T24N, RlW, to be dedicated to its Mobil Federal Well No. 1 drilled at a standard location thereon. SXT is considering filing another application seeking other relief as an alternative to compulsory pooling. If SXT decides to file another application, it will do so at least 22 days prior to July 2, 1981, so that the application may be heard at the Examinor Hearing scheduled for that date, and at the same time will withdraw its application in the referenced Case.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Yours very truly,

RODEY, DICKASON, SLOAN, AKIN & ROBB, P.A.

By:

Mark K. Adams

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Dockets Nos. 19-81 and 20-81 are tentatively set for June 17 and July 2, 1981. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

#### DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - HEDNESDAY - JUNE 3, 1981

9 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION CONFERENCE ROOM, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

The following cases will be heard before Richard L. Stamets, Examiner, or Daniel S. Nutter, Alternate Examiner:

- CASE 7261: Application of Robert N. Enfield for a unit agreement, Chaves County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the Peros River Bluff Unit Area, comprising 4789 acres, more or less, of State and Federal lands in Township 13 South, Range 27 East.
- CASE 7262: Application of Union Oil Company of California for a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the Berry State Unit Area, comprising 2,228 acres, more or less, of State lands in Township 21 South, Ranges 33 and 34 East.
- CASE 7263: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for amendment of Order No. R-5527, Eddy County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the amendment of Division Order No. R-5527, which approved an unorthodox Morrow location, to permit the recompletion of its Blevins "IK" Well No. 1 in Unit D of Section 35, Township 17 South, Range 26 East, as an unorthodox gas well location in all Wolfcamp and Pennsylvanian formations.
- CASE 7238: (Continued from May 6, 1981, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Holly Energy, Inc. for directional drilling and an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to directionally drill its Salt Lake South Deep Well No. 1, the surface location of which is 2189 feet from the North line and 500 feet from the East line of Section 6, Township 21 South, Range 32 East, South Salt Lake-Morrow Gas Pool, in a northerly direction to bottom it within 150 feet of the center of Unit A (Lot 1) of said Section 6, Lots 1 thru 8 to be dedicated to the well.

CASE 7217: (Continued and Readvertised)

Application of Harvey E. Yates Company for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox Wolfcamp-Pennsylvanian location of its Travis Ohio State Com Well No. 1 to be drilled 760 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 13, Township 18 South, Range 28 East, the S/2 of said Section 13 to be dedicated to the well.

CASE 7251: (Continued from May 6, 1981, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Southern Union Exploration Company of Texas for compulsory pooling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the West Puerto Chiquito-Mancos Oil Pool underlying all of Section 36, Township 24 North, Range 1 West, to be dedicated to its Mobil Federal Well No. 1 drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

- CASE 7264: Application of Cities Service Company for a salt water disposal well, McKinley County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Entrada formation at a depth of 5200 feet to 5350 feet in its Federal "E" Well No. 2 in Unit H of Section 28, Township 19 North, Range 5 West.
- CASE 7265: Application of Tenneco Oil Company for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of a well to be drilled 2310 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the West line of Section 13, Township 21 South, Range 25 East, Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool, the N/2 of said Section 13 to be dedicated to the well.
- CASE 7266: Application of Tenneco Oil Company for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of a well to be drilled 660 feet from the North line and 1650 feet from the East line of Section 14, Township 21 South, Range 25 East, Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool, the N/2 of said Section 14 to be dedicated to the well.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION STATE LAND OFFICE BLDG. SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 6 May 1981

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Re: Case No. (7252) NMOCD SXT-Mancos Pooling T. 24N, R. 1W Sec. 36: All

Dear Mr. Adams:

James Q. Marshall of Roswell claims ownership of a priority interest to a non-competitive United States of America oil and gas lease to embrace the N½N½ of Section 36, T. 24N, R. 1W. W.J. Langley is also contesting for the lease. Reference is made to BLM serial number NM 29755.

Our client, Mr. Marshall, does not concur with the findings by the Oil Conservation Commission to the effect that one oil well will drain 640 acres in this particular area of the pool, and as a consequence of this opinion does not feel that the Marshall-Langley tract should be included within the limits of a known geologic structure of a producing oil pool. To permit the inclusion of the N½N½ of Sec. 36 within a k.g.s. would effectively remove the parcel from non-competitive leasing.

As we indicated in our telephone conversation, the Marshalls (James Q. and Virginia C.) would ratify voluntarily and conditionally enter into a Joint Operating Agreement involving their contingent interest, permitting SXT to recover out of production their part of the cost attributable to the 1979 well re-entry, and a very modest risk penalty (if any). They would agree to overhead charges at \$3,000 per month for a drilling well and \$300 per month for each producing well. The area should be limited to the Mancos formation. SXT took the initial risk at a time when the spacing unit was 160 acres; hence, we would doubt if much of a risk factor would be applicable to the Marshall-Langley

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Mark K. Adams, Esq. 4/30/81 Page 2

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We would hope that you could obtain a continuance of your case before the Hearing Examiner while SXT works out the details with the Marshalls and Langleys. We hope you will keep us posted. We will not enter our appearance in the case unless you advise us that your client has elected to proceed.

Sincerely yours,

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George H. Hunker, Jr.

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xc: Mr. James Q. Marshall P.O. Box 206 Roswell, New Mexico 88201

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- CASE 7244: Application of Crescent Energy Corp. for an unorthodox oil well location and non-standard oil proration unit, Roosevelt County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox Bough "C" location of a well to be drilled 2630 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line of Section 32, Township 8 South, Range 37 East, Allison-Pennsylvanian Field, the SW/4 NE/4 and NM/4 SE/4 of said Section 32 to be dedicated to the well.
- CASE 7245: Application of The Superior Oil Company for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Morrow formation underlying the N/2 of Section 21, Township 20 South, Range 35 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. (This case will be dismissed.)
- CASE 7246: Application of Getty Oil Company for a dual completion, Lea County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the dual completion of its Getty 32

  State Com. Well No. 1 located in that G of Section 32, Township 21 South, Range 32 East, to produce gas from the Atoka and Morrow formations.
- CASE 7247: Application of Getty Cil Company for a gas well classification, Lea County, New Mexico.

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- CASE 7248: Application of Inexco Oil Company for pool creation, special pool rules, and an oil discovery allowable, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the creation of a new Wolfcamp oil pool for its Federal 10 State Com. Well No. 1 located in Unit L of Section 10, Township 21 South, Range 26 East, and the promulgation of special rules therefor, including provisions for 160-acre spacing. Applicant further seeks the assignment of approximately 42,290 barrels of discovery allowable to the aforesaid well.
- CASE 7249: Application of Southland Royalty Company for compulsory pooling, EdC) County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp and Pennsylvanian formations underlying the N/2 of Section 21, Township 18 South, Range 29 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
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- Application of Southern Union Exploration Company of Texas for compulsory pooling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the West Puerto Chiquito-Mancos Oil Pool underlying all of Section 36, Township 24 North, Range 1 West, to be dedicated to its Mobil Federal Well No. 1 drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the tost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- CASE 7252: Application of Four Corners Gas Producers Association for designation of a tight formation, San Juan and Rio Arriba Counties, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the designation of the Dakota formation underlying portions of Townships 24 and 25 North, Ranges 7, 8, 9, and 10 West, containing 135,040 acres, more or less, as a tight formation pursuant to Section 107 of the Natural Gas Policy Act and 18 CFR Section 271.701-705.

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Case 7251

Mr. Joe D. Ramey, Director Oil Conservation Division P.O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re: Case No. 7251

Dear Mr. Ramey:

Enclosed for filing are three counterparts of the Application of Southern Union Exploration Company of Texas for an order pooling mineral interests in the Mancos Formation underlying Section 36, Township 24 North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M. in the West Puerto Chiquito Mancos Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. This Application has been set for hearing before an examiner at 9:00 A.M. on May 6, 1981 in the Oil Conservation Division Conference Room, State Land Office Building, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Yours very truly,

RODEY, DICKASON, SLOAN, AKIN & ROBB, P.A.

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OIL CONSTRUCTION DIVISION SANTA FE

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CASE NO. 7251

### APPLICATION

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### STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT

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Director, having considered the record and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises, That the applicant's request for dismissal should be granted. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED: That Case No. 7251 is hereby dismissed. DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.