CASE 7307: MESA PETROLEUM COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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# STATE OF NEW MEXICO **ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT**

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

July 29, 1981

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7307 CASE NO. ORDER NO. R-6/34

Applicant:

Mesa Petroleum Company

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced Division order recently entered in the subject case.

JOE D. RAMEY Director

JDR/fd

Copy of order also sent to:

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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. 7307 Order No. R-6734

APPLICATION OF MESA PETROLEUM COMPANY 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 15, 1981, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

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

#### FINDS:

- (1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicant, Mesa Petroleum Company, seeks an order pooling all royalty interests in the Mesaverde formation underlying the W/2 of Section 23, Township 26 North, Range 6 West, NMPM, Blanco Mesaverde Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the applicant has the right to drill and has drilled its Federal Well No. 12E at a standard location thereon.
- (4) That there are interest owners in the proposed proration unit who have not agreed to pool their interests.
- (5) That to avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, to protect correlative rights, and to afford to the owner of each interest in said unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense his just and fair share of the gas in said pool, the subject application should be approved by pooling all mineral interests, whatever they may be, within said unit.

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- (6) That the applicant should be designated the operator of the subject well and unit.
- (7) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason should be placed in escrow to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That all royalty interests, whatever they may be, in the Mesaverde formation underlying the W/2 of Section 23, Township 26 North, Range 6 West, NMPM, Blanco Mesaverde Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, are hereby pooled to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit to be dedicated to the Mesa Petroleum Company Federal Well No. 12E drilled at a standard location thereon.
- (2) That Mosa Petroleum Company is hereby designated the operator of the subject well and unit.
- (3) That any unsevered mineral interest shall be considered a seven-eighths (7/8) working interest and a one-eighth (1/8) royalty interest for the purpose of allocating costs and charges under the terms of this order.
- (4) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason shall immediately be placed in escrow in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership; that the operator shall notify the Division of the name and address of said escrow agent within 30 days from the date of first deposit with said escrow agent.
- (5) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ONL CONSERVATION DIVISION

JOE D. HAMEY

Director

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
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SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO
15 July 1981

#### EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of Mesa Petrcleum Company for compulsory pooling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

7307 and 7308

BEFORE: Daniel S. Nutter

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

#### APPEARANCES

For the Oil Conservation Division:

Ernest L. Padilla, Esq. Legal Counsel to the Division State Land Office Bldg. Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

For the Applicant:

William F. Carr, Esq. CAMPBELL, BYRD, & BLACK P.A. Jefferson Place Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

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2	MR. NUTTER: Call Case 7307 at this time
3	MR. PEARCE: Application of Mesa Petrole
4	Company for compulsory pooling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico
5	MR. NUTTER: Are you going to consolidate
6	them, Bill?
7	MR. CARR: Yes.
8	MR. NUTTER: We'll also call Case Number
9	7308.
10	MR. PEARCE: Also application of Mesa
11	Petroleum Company for compulsory pooling, Rio Arriba County,
12	New Mexico.
13	MR. CARR: May it please the Examiner,
14	my name is William F. Carr, with the law firm of Campbell,
15	Byrd, and Black, P. A., Santa Fe, appearing on behalf of
16	Mesa.
17	At this time we would request that cases
18	7307 and 7308 be consolidated for purposes of hearing. The
19	ownership under both tracts is the same. They're applica-
20	tions to pool the east and west half of the same section.
21	MR. NUTTER: Cases 7307 and 08 will be
22	combined or consolidated for hearing purposes only.
23	Please proceed,
24	MR. CARR: I have one witness who needs
25	to be sworn.

filed on behalf of Mesa in Cases 7307 and 7308?

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2 Yes. 3 Q. And you're familiar with the subject 4 lands? 5 Yes, sir, I am. 6 MR. CARR: Are the witness' qualifications 7 acceptable? 8 MR. NUTTER: They are. 9 Will you briefly state what Mesa seeks 10 with this application? 11 Mesa seeks to pool several overriding 12 royalty interests in each of the two units involved. The 13 interest seeking to be pooled amount to approximately 7 per-14 cent overriding royalty interests. 15 Will you please refer to what has been 16 marked for identification as Mesa Exhibits One and Two, 17 identify these, and explain to Mr. Nutter what they show? 18 Exhibits One and Two are a plat and a 19 breakdown of the working interests, the oil and gas leasehold 20 interests, and the overriding royalty interests in each of 21 the two units. 22 These two plats were attached to the 23 unitization agreements, which has been mailed to all the 24 working interest owners and mineral owners. 25 What percentage of the working interest

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2	does Mesa represent	here today?
3	A.	100 percent.
4	Q.	Do the leases involved contain pooling
5	clauses?	
6	A.	No, they don't.
7	Q.	And that is the reason you have to come
8	and seek a compulso	ry pooling order, is that right?
9	A.	That's correct.
10	Q	Will you now refer to what has been
11	marked for identifi	cation as Mesa Exhibit Number Three and
12	identify this and e	xplain what it shows?
13	Α.	It's a series of xeroxed copies of cor-
14	respondence that wa	s mailed to the people we're seeking to
15	pool, requesting th	eir execution of a communitization agree-
16	ment.	
17	Q	I'll now ask you to identify Exhibit
18	what has been marke	d as Applicant's Exhibit Number Four.
19	Q.	This is a xeroxed copies of correspondence
20	mailed by the firm	of Campbell, Byrd, and Black to the people
21	seeking to be pooled	d, giving them notice of the hearing
22	today.	
23	Q.	In your opinion has Mesa made a good
24	faith effort to obta	ain voluntary joinder in the well of all
25	those who are being	pooled in this hearing?

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mailed by Miller Resources to these overriding royalty interest owners in March.

> That's correct. A.

Was any reply received from any of them?

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2	A. We started the correspondence in August
3	of 1980 and never have we had any written correspondence, any
4	written response from any of these people.
5	Q. Are your addresses good, do you know?
6	A. Yes, they are.
7	Q. They're getting the letters?
8	A. Yes, they are.
9	0. But they're not replying?
10	A. Yes sir.
11	MR. CARR: Mr. Nutter, I can explain the
12	situation. There is a suit in Federal Court brought by Mr.
13	Rueckhaus on behalf of this group of royalty interest owners
14	against Mesa on an unrelated matter, and for that reason
15	they are, until that is resolved, refusing to execute or
16	correspond or communicate with Mesa on this and other matters.
17	MR. NUTTER: And Rueckhaus is one of
18	the overriding royalty owners?
19	MR. CARR: Yes, he is, and he had an
20	attorney present this morning, Tom Shaw from Albuquerque,
21	who was unable to stay for the rest of the hearing, and we
22	provided him with sets of the exhibits.
23	MR. NUTTER: I see.
24	Q. Now none of these people will have to
25	contribute anything to the well costs, is that correct?

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2	Α.	That's correct.
3	Ů	They're carried out of the working in-
4	terests.	
5	A.	They're overriding royalty interest
6	owners.	
7	Q.	Okay.
8		MR. NUTTER: Are there any further
9	questions of Mr. Os	good? He may be excused.
10		Do you have anything further, Mr. Carr?
11		MR. CARR: Nothing further in this
12	case.	
13		MR. NUTTER: Does anyone have anything
14	they wish to offer	in Cases 7307 and 7308?
15		We'll take the cases under advisement.
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17		(Hearing concluded.)
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CERTIFICATE

I, SALLY W. BOYD, C.S.R., DO HEREPY CERTIFY that the foregoing Transcript of Hearing before the Oil Conservation Division was reported by me; that the said transcript is a full, true, and correct record of the hearing, prepared by me to the best of my ability.

Snely W. Boyd CSR

Examiner

Oil Conservation Division

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To that certain Communitization Agreement dated September 1, 1980, covering Township 26 North-Range 6 West, Section 23: E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, containing 320.00 acres, more or less.

Tract I (SE4) 160.00 acres

Working Interest:
Mesa Petroleum Co.

Royalty Owner:

United States of America

Overriding Royalty Owner:

Buttram Energies, Inc.

Tract II

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Mesa Petroleum Co.
Tenneco Oil Company
Conoco, Inc.

El Paso Natural Gas Company

Tract II (NE%) 160.00 acres

Working Interests:

Mesa Petroleum Co.
Tenneco Oil Company
Conoco, Inc.
El Paso Natural Gas Company

Royalty Owner:

United States of America

Overriding Royalty Owners:

J. C. Beach
Erema Boring
Edgar Alfred Boring
Melvin D. Rueckhaus
New Mexico Veterans
Service Commission,
Guardian of Joseph
V. Daniells, Jr.
Tenneco Oil Company
Susan Elizabeth Schulze
Linda Muriel Adkins

Myra Loudene Jones Janice E. Robertson

SF-079295

Tract I
Mesa Petroleum Co.

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Federal #11E
Township 26 North - Range 6 West, N.M.P.M.
Section 23: E½
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

Mesaverde Formation

BEFORE EXAMINER NUTTER OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

MESA EXHIBIT NO.

CASE NO. 7307 + 7308 -

To that certain Communitization Agreement dated September 1, 1980, covering Township 26 North - Range 6 West, N.M.P.M., Section 23: E½, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, containing 320.00 acres, more or less.

Operator of Communitized Area: Mesa Petroleum Co.

Tract I:

Lease Date: October 1, 1948

Lease Term: 5 years

Lessor: United States of America

Serial Number: SF-079296

Original Lessee: Remah N. Hurley

Present Lessee: Mesa Petroleum Co.

Description of Land Committed: Township 26 North - Range 6 West, N.M.P.M.

Section 23: SE%

Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

Basic Royalty Rate: 12.5%

Name and Percentage of Each Working Interest Owner:

Mesa Petroleum Co.

100.00%

Name and Percentage of Each Royalty Owner:

United States of America

12.50%

Name and Percentage of Each Overriding Royalty Owner:

. ... Buttram Energies

5.00%

#### Tract II:

Lease Date: July 1, 1948

Lease Term: 5 years

Lessor: United States of America

Serial Number: SF-079295

Original Lessee: Ora E. Reames

Page 2. Tract II continued.

Present Lessees: Mesa Petroleum Co.

El Paso Natural Gas Company

Tenneco Oil Company Conoco, Inc.

Description of Lands Committed: Township 26 North - Range 6 West, N.M.P.M.

Section 23: NE½

Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

Basic Royalty Rate: 12.5%

Name and Percentage of Each Working Interest Owner:

Mesa Petroleum Co.	16.66667%
Tenneco Oil Company	36.11111%
Conoco, Inc.	36.11111%
El Paso Natural Gas Company	11.11111%

Name and Percentage of Each Royalty Owner:

United States of America 12.50000%

Name and Percentage of Each Overriding Royalty Owner:

New Mexico Veterans Service Commission,	
Guardian of Joseph V. Daniells, Jr.	2.50000%
J. C. Beach	2.50000%
Erema Boring	1.25000%
Edgar Alfred Boring	.16667%
Melvin D. Rueckhaus	2.75000%
Tenneco Oil Company	. 16667%
Susan Elizabeth Schulze	.16667%
Linda Muriel Adkins	.16667%
Myra Loudene Jones	. 16666%
Janice E. Robertson	. 16666%

# RECAPITULATION

Tract No.	No. of Acres Committed	Percentage of Interest in Communitized Area
Ţ	160 acres	50%
	Mesa Petroleum Co.	41.25000%
	United States of America	6.25000%
	Buttram Energies, Inc.	2.50000%
11	160 acres	50%
	Mesa Petroleum Co.	5.62500%
	Tenneco Oil Company	14.35417%
	Conoco, Inc.	14.35417%
•	El Paso Natural Gas Company	4.41666%
	United States of America	6.25000%
	J. C. Beach	1.25000%
	Erema Boring	.62500%
	Edgar Alfred Boring	.08534%
	Melvin D. Rueckhaus	1.37500%
	New Mexico Veterans	
	Service Commission,	
	Guardian of Joseph V.	
	Daniells	1.25000%
	Tenneco Oil Company	.08334%
	Susan Elizabeth Schulze	.08333%
	Linda Muriel Adkins	.08333%
•	Myra Loudene Jones	.08333%
	Janice E. Robertson	.08333%

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Tract I (NW4)
160.00 acres

Working Interest:
Mesa Petroleum Co.

Royalty Owner:
United States of America
Overriding Royalty Owner
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Mesa Petroleum Co.

SF-079296

Tract II

Tract II (SW4) 160.00 acres

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El Paso Natural Gas Company

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United States of America

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Myra Loudene Jones
Janice E. Robertson

Federal #12E

Township 26 North - Range 6 West, N.M.P.M.

Section 23: W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

El Paso Natural Gas Company

SF-079295

Mesa Petroleum Co. Tenneco Oil Company

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Section 23: NW4

Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

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March 23, 1981

Ms. Erema Boring 12305 Badger Lane, S.E. Albuquerque, New Mexico 87123

Tocito Prospect (NM-0941-0001-000-0, 0005-000-0)

Federal #11E

Federal #12E

Township 26 North - Range 6 West

Township 26 North - Range 6 West

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Section 23: E½

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Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Boring:

On February 19, 1981, you were mailed Communitization Agreements covering each of the subject drillsites, both effective for the Mesaverde Formation. As yet, executed signature pages to the subject revised agreements have not been returned to our office. We would appreciate your attention to this matter as soon as possible. After the signature pages have been executed and notarized, please return them to my attention in care of Miller Resources Corporation.

Very truly yours,

MILLER RESOURCES CORPORATION

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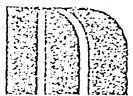
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CASE NO. 7307 +7308

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March 23, 1981

Ms. Linda Muriel Adkins 7221 West 13th Kennewick, Washington 99336

Tocito Prospect (NM-0941-0001-000-0, 0005-000-0)

Federal #11E Federal #12E

Township 26 North - Range 6 West Section 23: E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

Township 26 North - Range 6 West Section 23: 1/3

Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Adkins:

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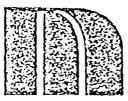
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March 23, 1981

Ms. Myra Loudene Jones 3915 South Aldon Tucson, Arizona 85706

RE: Tocito Prospect (NM-0941-0001-000-0, 0005-000-0)

Federal #11E Federal #12E

Township 26 North - Range 6 West

Township 26 North - Range 6 West Section 23: E½

Section 23: 18/2

Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Jones:

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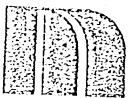
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Ms. Janice E. Robertson 12305 Badger Lane, S.E. Albuquerque, New Mexico

Tocito Prospect (NM-0941-0001-000-0, 0005-000-0) Federal #11E

Federal #12E

Township 26 North - Range 6 West

Township 26 North - Range 6 West

Section 23: E½

Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

Section 23: 1/2

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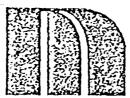
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March 23, 1981

Ms. Susan Elizabeth Schulze P. O. Box 427 Flora Vista, New Mexico 87415

RE: Tocito Prospect (NM-0941-0001-000-0, 0005-000-0) Federal #11E Federal #12E

Township 26 North - Range 6 West Section 23:  $E^{1/2}$ 

Township 26 North - Range 6 West Section 23: 11/2

Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Schulze:

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Sent to: Ms. Erema Boring

> Mr. Edgar Alfred Boring Ms. Susan Elizabeth Schulze Ms. Janice E. Robertson Ms. Myra Loudene Jones Ms. Linda Muriel Adkins

RE: Toetto Prospect (NM-0941-0001-000-0, 0005-000-0)

Federal #115. Federal #12E T26N-R6W, N.M.P.M. T26N-R6W, N.M.P.M. Section 23: E3 Section 23: 1/2

Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

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Melvin D. Rueckhaus 319 Seventeenth Street, N.W. Suite B Albuquerque, New Mexico 87112

RE: Tocito Prospect (NM-0941-0001-000-0, 0005-000-0)

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August 29, 1980

To All Interest Owners Under the 11E & 12E Mesaverde Formation Drilling Units:

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July 6, 1981

Ms. Linda Muriel Adkins 7221 W. 13th Kennewick, Washington 99336

Re: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Case Nos. 7307 and 7308

Dear Ms. Adkins:

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Re: New Mexico Oil Conservation

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Dockets Nos. 23-81 and 24-81 are tentatively set for July 29 and August 12, 1981. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

#### DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - HEDNESDAY - JULY 15, 1981

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

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

- ALLOWABLE: (1) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for August, 1981, from fifteen prorated pools in Lea, Eddy, and Chaves Counties, New Mexico.
  - (2) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for August, 1981, from four prorated pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico.
- CASE 7302: Application of El Paso Natural Gas Company for downhole commingling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of Chacra and Mesaverde production in the wellbores of four wells to be drilled in the SE/4 and SW/4 of Section 34, Township 27 North, Range 7 West, and the SW/4 and NW/4 of Section 2, Township 26 North, Range 7 West, respectively.
- CASE 7303: Application of Florida Hydrocarbons Company for surface commingling, Lea County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the surface commingling of Morrow, Strawn, Atoka, and Wolfcamp gas produced from five wells located in Unit F of Section 10, Units G and O of Section 15, and Units A and I of Section 22, all in Township 23 South, Range 34 East, Antelope Ridge Field, after separately metering the gas produced from each well and each zone. Lease liquids would be separated out at the wellhead and the gas processed in a plant, allocating plant production back to each well on the basis of meter readings. Applicant further seeks a procedure whereby additional wells could be similarly commingled in said system.
- CASE 7304: Application of ARCO 0il and Gas Company for directional drilling, Lea County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to directionally drill its Custer Well No. 1, the surface location of which is 810 feet from the North line and 2164 feet from the West line of Section 6, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, Custer Field, to a bottom hole location within 100 feet of a point 1650 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line of said Section 6, at a true vertical depth of approximately 12,800 feet.
- CASE 7305: Application of Amoco Production Company for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Pennsylvanian formation underlying the W/2 of Section 34, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 660 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line of said Section 34. 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 7306: Application of Getty Oil Company for pool creation, special pool rules, and a non-standard proration unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the creation of a new Lower Pennsylvanian gas pool for its Federal 33 Well No. 1 located in Unit C of Section 33, Township 26 South, Range 33 East, and the promulgation of special rules therefor, including provisions for 640-acre spacing. Applicant also seeks approval of a 616.24-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising Sections 33 and 34, Township 26 South, Range 33 East.
- CASE 7307: Application of Mesa Petroleum Company for compulsory pooling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

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  - CASE 7308: Application of Mesa Petroleum Company for compulsory pooling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

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  - CASE 7074: (Reopened and Readvertised)

In the matter of Case 7074 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-6565, which order created the South Elkins-Fusselman Gas Pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, to permit all interested parties to appear and present evidence as to the exact nature of the reservoir, and more particularly, as to the proper rate of withdrawal from the reservoir if it is determined to be a retrograde gas condensate reservoir.

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June 30, 1981

Mr. Joe D. Ramey
Director
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New Mexico Department of
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Post Office Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Case >307

Re: Application of Mesa Petroleum Company for Compulsory Pooling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Ramey:

Enclosed in triplicate is the application of Mesa Petroleum Company in the above-referenced matter.

The applicant requests that this matter be included on the docket for the examiner hearing scheduled to be held on July 15, 1981.

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cc: Mr. Thomas H. Hawkins

BEFORE THE DECENTIVE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION 3 0 1981

NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY CANSENVALUE DEVISIONS SANTA FE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MESA PETROLEUM COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case <u>2307</u>

#### APPLICATION

Comes now MESA PETROLEUM COMPANY, by and through its undersigned attorneys and, as provided by Section 70-2-17, New Mexico Statutes Annotated, 1978 Compilation, hereby makes application for an order pooling all of the mineral interests in the Mesaverde formation in and under the W/2 of Section 23, Township 26 North, Range 6 West, N.M.P.M., Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, and in support thereof would show the Division:

- 1. Applicant is the owner of 58.33% of the working interest in and under the W/2 of Section 23, and applicant has the right to drill thereon.
- 2. Applicant proposes to dedicate the above-referenced pooled unit to its Federal No. 12E Well to be drilled at an orthodox location 1620 feet from the South and 930 feet from the West lines of Section 23.
- 3. Applicant has sought and obtained voluntary agreement for pooling from all working interest owners in the W/2 of said Section.
- 4. Certain leases on lands in the W/2 of said Section 23 do not contain pooling clauses and applicant has sought but been unable to obtain voluntary agreement for pooling

from the following overriding royalty interest owners under these leases:

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> Respectfully submitted, CAMPBELL, BYRD & BLACK, P.A.

William F. Carr Post Office Box 2208 Santa Fe, New Mexico Attorneys for Applicant

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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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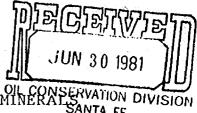
> Respectfully submitted, CAMPBELL, BYRD & BLACK, P.A.

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#### BEFORE THE

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION



NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND MINERAL SANTA FE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MESA PETROLEUM COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

#### APPLICATION

Comes now MESA PETROLEUM COMPANY, by and through its undersigned attorneys and, as provided by Section 70-2-17, New Mexico Statutes Annotated, 1978 Compilation, hereby makes application for an order pooling all of the mineral interests in the Mesaverde formation in and under the W/2 of Section 23, Township 26 North, Range 6 West, N.M.P.M., Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, and in support thereof would show the Division:

- 1. Applicant is the owner of 58.33% of the working interest in and under the W/2 of Section 23, and applicant has the right to drill thereon.
- 2. Applicant proposes to dedicate the above-referenced pooled unit to its Federal No. 12E Well to be drilled at an orthodox location 1620 feet from the South and 930 feet from the West lines of Section 23.
- 3. Applicant has sought and obtained voluntary agreement for pooling from all working interest owners in the W/2 of said Section.
- 4. Certain leases on lands in the W/2 of said Section 23 do not contain pooling clauses and applicant has sought but been unable to obtain voluntary agreement for pooling

from the following overriding royalty interest owners under these leases:

J. C. Beach	1.25% ORRI
Janice E. Robertson	.08333% ORRI
Erema Boring	.625% ORRI
Susan Elizabeth Schulze	.08333% ORRI
Melvin D. Rueckhaus	1.375% ORRI
Myra Loudene Jones	.08333% ORRI
Linda Muriel Adkins	.08333% ORRI

- 5. Said pooling of interest and well completion will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, will prevent waste and will protect correlative rights.
- 6. In order to permit the applicant to obtain its just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, the mineral interest should be pooled, and applicant should be designated the operator of the well to be drilled.

WHEREFORE, Applicant prays that this application be set for hearing before the Division's duly appointed examiner, and that after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order pooling the lands, including provisions designating the applicant as operator of the well, and making such other and further provisions as may be proper in the premises.

Respectfully submitted, CAMPBELL, BYRD & BLACK, P.A.

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FLORENE DAVIDSON
ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

To

Called in by Bill Carr 6/25/81

Mesa Petroleum Company Compulsory Pooling Mesaverde formation

W/2 Sec. 23-26N-6W Rio arriba County

Federal #12E

6620/5 + 930/cu

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION-SANTA FE

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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.	7307	
	Order No. I	3-6734	
APPLICATION OF MESA PETROLEUM COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.  ORDER OF THE	DIVISÌON (	Sou	
BY THE DIVISION:			
This cause came on for hea	ring at 9 a.m.	on July 15	
19 <sup>81</sup> , at Santa Fe, New Mexico	, before Exami	ner Daniel S.	Nutter
NOW, on thisday of			and the second
Director, having considered the	testimony, th	e record, and	the
recommendations of the Examiner	, and being fu	lly advised in	the
premises,			
FINDS:			
(1) That due public notic	e having been	given as requi	red by
law, the Division has jurisdict	ion of this ca	use and the sul	oject
matter thereof.			
(2) That the applicant,			
royal seeks an order pooling all mine	ral interests i	nthe Mesav	erde
formation unde	erlying the	W/2	
of Section $\frac{23}{2}$ , Township $\frac{26}{2}$	North ,	Range 6 West	
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- (3) That the applicant has the right to drill and proposess x tox xhrxixix xax xxxxixix has drilled its Federal Well No. 12E at a standard location thereon
- (4) That there are interest owners in the proposed proration unit who have not agreed to pool their interests.
- (5) That to avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, to protect correlative rights, and to afford to the owner of each interest in said unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense his just and fair share of the gas in said pool, the subject application should be approved by pooling all mineral interests, whatever they may be, within said unit.
- (6) That the applicant should be designated the operator of the subject well and unit.
- (7) That any non-consenting working interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production.
- (8) That any non-consenting working interest owner who does not pay his share of estimated well costs should have withheld from production his share of the reasonable well costs plus an additional \_\_\_\_ percent thereof as a reasonable charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well.
- (9) That any non-consenting interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to object to the actual well costs but that actual well costs should be adopted as the reasonable well costs in the absence of such objection.
- (10) That following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner who has paid his share of estimated costs should pay to the operator any amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and should receive from the operator any amount that paid estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.

. (11) That \$ per month while drilling and
\$ per month while producing should be fixed as reason-
able charges for supervision (combined fixed rates); that the
operator should be authorized to withhold from production the
proportionate share of such supervision charges attributable to
each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto,
the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the
proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating
the subject well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable
to each non-consenting working interest.
(1) (12) That all proceeds from production from the subject
well which are not disbursed for any reason should be placed
in escrow to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and
proof of ownership.
(13) That upon the failure of the operator of said pooled
unit to commence drilling of the well to which said unit is
dedicated on or before, the order
pooling said unit should become null and void and of no effect
whatsoever.
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:
royalty (1) That all xxixxxxxx interests, whatever they may be,
in the Mesaverde formation underlying the W/2
of Section 23 , Township 26 North , Range 6 West
NMPM, Manco heesaurke Poal, Rio Arribeounty, New Mexico,
are hereby pooled to form a standard 320- acre gas spacing
and proration unit to be dedicated to xxxxxxxkkxkxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
The Mesa Petroleum Company Federal Well No. 12E drilled at a standard location thereon.
PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the operator of said unit shall
commence the drilling of said well on or before theday of
, 1981, and shall thereafter continue the drilling
of said well with due diligence to a depth sufficient to test the
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of said well with due diligence to a depth sufficient to test the  Messverde formation;
of said well with due diligence to a depth sufficient to test the  Messverde formation;  PROVIDED FURTHER, that in the event said operator does not
of said well with due diligence to a depth sufficient to test the  Messverde formation;  PROVIDED FURTHER, that in the event said operator does not commence the drilling of said well on or before theday of

PROVIDED FURTHER that should said well not be drilled to completion, or abandonment, within 120 days after commencement thereof, said operator shall appear before the Division Director and show cause why Order (1) of this order should not be rescinded.

- (a) (2) That liesa Petroleum Company is hereby designated the operator of the subject well and unit.
- (3) That after the effective date of this order and within 90 days prior to commencing said well, the operator shall furnish the Division and each known working interest owner in the subject unit an itemized schedule of estimated well costs.
- (4) That within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him, any non-consenting working interest owner shall have the right to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production, and that any such owner who pays his share of estimated well costs as provided above shall remain liable for operating costs but shall not be liable for risk charges.
- known working interest owner an itemized schedule of actual well costs within 90 days following completion of the well; that if no objection to the actual well costs is received by the Division and the Division has not objected within 45 days following receipt of said schedule, the actual well costs shall be the reasonable well costs; provided however, that if there is an objection to actual well costs within said 45-day period the Division will determine reasonable well costs after public notice and hearing.
- (6) That within 60 days following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner who has paid his share of estimated costs in advance as provided

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above shall pay to the operator his pro rata share of the amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and shall receive from the operator his pro rata share of the amount that estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.

- (7) That the operator is hereby authorized to withhold the following costs and charges from production:
  - (A) The pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.
  - (B) As a charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well, \_\_\_\_\_ percent of the pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated d well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.
- (8) That the operator shall distribute said costs and charges withheld from production to the parties who advanced the well costs.
- per month while drilling and

  per month while producing are hereby fixed as

  reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates); that the

  operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the

  proportionate share of such supervision charges attributable to

  each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the

  operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the

  proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating

  such well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to

  each non-consenting working interest.

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(3) (10) That any unsevered mineral interest shall be considered a seven-eighths (7/8) working interest and a one-eighth (1/8) royalty interest for the purpose of allocating costs and charges under the terms of this order.

(11) That any well costs or charges which are to be paid out of production shall be withheld only from the working interests share of production, and no costs or charges shall be withheld from production attributable to royalty interests.

(4) (12) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason shall immediately be placed in escrow in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership; that the operator shall notify the Division of the name and address of said escrow agent within 30 days from the date of first deposit with said escrow agent.

(5) (13) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.