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Mr. S. B. Christy IV Re: Jennings & Christy Attorneys at Law	CASE NO. 7330 ORDER NO. R-6774
P. O. Box 1180 Roswell, New Mexico 88201	Applicant:
	() Union Oil Company of California
Dear Sir:	
Enclosed herewith are two copies Division order recently entered i	of the above-referenced in the subject case.
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Director	**
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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. 7330 Order No. R-6774

APPLICATION OF UNION OIL COMPANY
OF CALIFORNIA FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

#### ORDER OF THE DIVISION

#### BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on August 26, 1981, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 24th day of September, 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 granted.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

JOE D. RAMEY Director

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That Case No. 7330 is hereby dismissed.

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

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#### MOTION FOR DISMISSAL

COMES NOW Union Oil Company of California, and moves the Division for dismissal of its Application set for Examiner Hearing August 26, 1981.

Respectfully,

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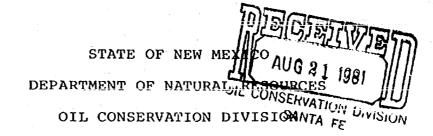
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Dockets Nos. 27-81 and 28-81 are tentatively set for September 9 and September 23, 1981. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

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

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

- CASE 7329: Application of Loco Hills Water Disposal Company for an exception to Order No. R-3221, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an exception to Order No. R-3221 to permit the commercial disposal of produced brine into several unlined surface pits located in the S/2 SW/4 SW/4 of Section 16, Township 17 South, Range 30 East.
- Application of Union Oil Company of California for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Atoka and Morrow formations underlying the E/2 of Section 16, Township 22 South, Range 33 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.
- Application of Bass Enterprises Production Company for an unorthodox location and possible dual completion or downhole commingling, Roosevelt County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its Bass State Well No. 2, a Nolfcamp test located 554 feet from the South and East lines of Section 16, Township 7 South, Range 35 East, to be plugged back and completed in the Todd Upper and/or Todd Lower San Andres Pools. Applicant further seeks authority to dually complete said well in both of said pools or, if of similar nature, i.e., gas-gas or oil-oil, to commingle the production from said pools in the wellbore. The SE/4 SE/4 of said Section 16 would be dedicated to an oil completion and the E/2 of the section to a gas completion.
- CASE 7332: Application of Bass Enterprises Production Company for directional drilling and possible unorthodox location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to directionally drill its James Ranch Well No. 13 from a surface location 660 feet from the South line and 1240 feet from the East line of Section 36, Township 22 South, Range 30 tast, in such a manner as to penetrate the various pays in the Pennsylvania formation at various distances from the outer boundary of the proposed proration unit, being the S/2 of Section 31, Township 22 South, Range 31 East, but in no event closer than an unorthodox location 660 feet from the outer boundary of said unit.
- CASE 7333: Application of Coquina Oil Corporation for compulsory pooling, Eddy 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 14, Township 24 South, Range 28 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.
- CASE 7334: Application of R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd. for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Delaware Mountain Group formation underlying the NW/4 SE/4 of Section 10, Township 22 South, Range 27 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.
- CASE 7315: (Continued and Readvertised)

Application of Rhema Oil Processing for an oil treating plant permit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority for the construction and operation of an oil treating plant for the purpose of treating and reclaiming sediment oil at a site in the SW/4 NE/4 NW/4 of Section 14, Township 20 South, Range 38 East.

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August 4, 1981

Mr. Dan S. Nutter Chief Engineer New Mexico Oil Conservation Division P. O. Box 2000 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501 AUG 0 5 1981
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Case 1350

Re: Application of Union Oil Company of California for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Nutter:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation of this date, we have prepared and enclose herewith in triplicate, Application in connection with the captioned.

It is our understanding that the matter will be set for Examiner Hearing on the regular docket on August 26, 1981.

Respectfully,

JENNINGS & CHRISTY

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cc: Union Oil Company of California (Mr. Robert V. Lockhart)

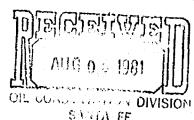
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Case No. 2330

#### APPLICATION

COMES NOW Union Oil Company of California, and hereby makes application for compulsory pooling of all mineral interest in the Atoka and Morrow formations underlying the E½ Section 16, Township 22 South, Range 33 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico, containing 320 acres, more or less, and for grounds thereof states:

- 1. Applicant has been diligent in its efforts to form a proration unit for the drilling of a well, to be located 1,930 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line of said Section 16, but there remains non-consenting interest owners in the subject proration unit who have not agreed to the pooling of their interest.
- 2. That to avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, to protect correlative rights, and to afford the owner of each interest in said proration unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense his just and fair share of the gas and associated hydrocarbons producible from the Atoka and Morrow formations, this regulatory body should approve the pooling of all mineral interest, whatever they may be, within said unit.
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- 4. Applicant seeks permission to withhold the proceeds from production attributable to each non-consenting working interest until such time as each interest's share of the cost of said well has been recovered plus 200% thereof as a charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well.
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