

CASE 5271: Application of MERRION
& BAYLESS FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,
RIO ARriba COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Merrion

CASE No.

5271

Application,

Transcripts,

Small Exhibits

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BEFORE THE
NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Santa Fe, New Mexico
July 10, 1974

EXAMINER HEARING

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IN THE MATTER OF:)

Application of Merrion & Bayless)
for compulsory pooling, Rio Arriba)
County, New Mexico.)
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CASE 5271

BEFORE: Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner.

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

A P P E A R A N C E S

For the New Mexico Oil	Thomas Derryberry, Esq.
Conservation Commission:	Legal Counsel for the Commission
	State Land Office Building
	Santa Fe, New Mexico

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MR. NUTTER: We will call first Case No. 5271.

MR. DERRYBERRY: Case 5271 Application of Merrion & Bayless for compulsory pooling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

We have a letter here from Mr. J. Gregory Merrion, and I will read it. It is addressed to Mr. Daniel Nutter, Chief Engineer. (Reading) Gentlemen: Regarding Case 5271 scheduled to be heard Wednesday, July 10, please be advised that the farmout which had been verbally agreed to and which constituted our position in the Dakota proration unit involved seems to have been withdrawn from us, therefore, we wish to cancel the forced pooling hearing. (End of reading.)

MR. NUTTER: Case No. 5271 will be dismissed.

I, RICHARD L. NYE, Court Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached Transcript of Hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission was reported by me, and the same is a true and correct record of the said proceedings, to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

Richard L. Nye
RICHARD L. NYE, Court Reporter

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a complete record of the proceedings in the Examiner hearing of Case No. 5271, heard by me on 7/10, 1974.

[Signature], Examiner
Mexico Oil Conservation Commission

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Mr. J. Gregory Merrion
Petroleum Engineer
Post Office Box 507
Farmington, New Mexico 87401

Re: CASE NO. 5271
ORDER NO. R-4826
Applicant:
Merrion & Bayless

Dear Sir:

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

Very truly yours,

A. L. Porter, Jr.

A. L. PORTER, Jr.
Secretary-Director

ALP/ir

Copy of order also sent to:

Hobbs OCC	<u>X</u>
Artesia OCC	<u> </u>
Aztec OCC	<u>X</u>

Other _____

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR
THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 5271
Order No. R-4826

APPLICATION OF MERRION & BAYLESS
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, RIO
ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on July 10, 1974,
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 30th day of July, 1974, the Commission,
a quorum being present, 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.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That Case No. 5271 is hereby dismissed.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION


I. R. TRUJILLO, Chairman

ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member

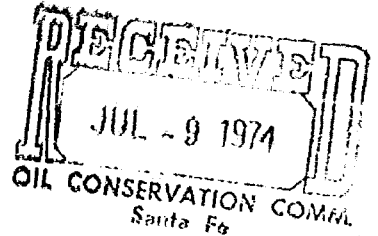

A. L. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary


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RES. 327-9094

J. GREGORY MERRION
PETROLEUM ENGINEER
P. O. BOX 507
FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO 87401



July 8, 1974

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
P.O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

ATTENTION: Mr. Daniel S. Nutter
Chief Engineer

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Pardon us for the inconvenience.

Yours very truly,

MERRION & BAYLESS

By 
J. GREGORY MERRION

JGM/su

Dockets Nos. 21-74 and 22-74 are tentatively set for hearing on July 24 and August 7. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - JULY 10, 1974

9 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION 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 from seventeen prorated pools in Lea, Eddy, Roosevelt, and Chaves Counties, New Mexico, for August, 1974;
- (2) Consideration of the allowable production of gas from five prorated pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico, for August, 1974.

CASE 3608: (Reopened) (Continued from the June 19th Examiner Hearing)

In the matter of Case No. 3608 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-3282, which order established temporary rules for the Carlsbad Permo-Penn Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, including a provision for 640-acre spacing. All interested parties may appear and show cause why said pool should not be developed on 320-acre spacing units.

CASE 5265: Application of David Fasken for an unorthodox location and a non-standard proration unit, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox gas well location of a well to be drilled to the Morrow formation at a point 1664 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 1, Township 21 South, Range 26 East, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant further seeks approval for a 281.3-acre non-standard proration unit for said well comprising all of Lots 1 through 8 of said Section 1.

CASE 5266: Application of David Fasken for an unorthodox location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox gas well location for a well to be drilled to the Morrow formation at a point 1300 feet from the South and West lines of Section 29, Township 20 South, Range 25 East, Cemetery-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, the S/2 of said Section 29 to be dedicated to the well.

CASE 5267: Application of Mark Production Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Pennsylvanian formation underlying the E/2 of Section 1, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Atoka-Pennsylvanian Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an orthodox location 990 feet from the South and East lines of said Section 1. Also to be considered will

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be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of such costs, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered is the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 5268: Application of Anadarko Production Company, General American Oil Company of Texas and Shenandoah Oil Corporation for four waterflood projects, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicants, in the above-styled cause, seek authority to institute four cooperative waterflood projects by the injection of water into the Grayburg-San Andres formation in Township 17 South, Range 30 East, Grayburg-Jackson Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico as follows:

Project No. 1: Anadarko's Loco Hills "A" Federal lease by the conversion of four wells in Sections 10 and 15 to water injection;

Project No. 2: Anadarko's Loco Hills "B" Federal lease by the conversion of three wells in Section 9;

Project No. 3: General American Parke "F" lease by the conversion of one well in Section 10;

Project No. 4: Shenandoah's Parke "B" lease by the conversion of two wells in Section 15.

CASE 5269: Application of Union Oil Company of California for a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Estacado Unit Area comprising 1280 acres, more or less, of State and fee lands in Township 14 South, Range 35 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 5270: Application of Texaco Inc. for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Morrow formation underlying all of Section 33, Township 24 South, Range 26 East, White City-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to applicant's White City Com. Well No. 1 in Unit F of said Section 33.

CASE 5271: Application of Merrion & Bayless for compulsory pooling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Dakota formation underlying the W/2 of Section 13, Township 24 North, Range 6 West, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location for said unit in Unit F of said Section 13. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of such costs, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered is the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 5272: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Consolidated Oil and Gas, Inc., United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Consolidated Oil and Gas, Inc., Price Well No. 1 located in Unit N, Section 15, Township 31 North, Range 13 West, San Juan County, New Mexico, should not be recompleted as a single-zone well or be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.

CASE 5273: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Eastern Petroleum Corporation, United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the following wells should not be abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program:

Castillo #1 located in Unit P, Section 35, Township 20 North, Range 7 West, McKinley County, New Mexico;

Chopup #1 located in Unit N, Section 30, Township 19 North, Range 6 West, McKinley County, New Mexico;

Chacra Mesa #1 located in Unit B, Section 14, Township 19 North, Range 7 West, McKinley County, New Mexico;

Blackjack #1 located in Unit P, Section 12, Township 21 North, Range 9 West, San Juan County, New Mexico;

Pornada #1 located in Unit H, Section 27, Township 18 North, Range 7 West, McKinley County, New Mexico.

CASE 4749: (Reopened)

In the matter of Case No. 4749 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-4338-A, which order continued special rules for the Humble City-Strawn Pool, Lea County, New Mexico. All interested parties may appear and show cause why said pool should not be developed on 40-acre spacing.

CASE 4946: (Reopened)

In the matter of Case No. 4946 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-4581, which order established temporary rules for the Crosby-Fusselman Associated Pool, Lea County, New Mexico. All interested parties may appear and show cause why said rules should not be rescinded.

CASE 5110: (Continued from January 16, 1974)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to consider the institution of gas prorationing in

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the Washington Ranch-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, to provide for fixing the total allowable natural gas production from said pool to an amount equal to reasonable market demand and to the capacity of the gas transportation facilities. Also to be considered will be the adoption of special rules and regulations for said pool including a provision for allocating the allowable production among the wells in the pool. NOTE: This case will be continued to the first Examiner Hearing in January, 1975.

CASE 5274: Southeastern nomenclature case calling for the creation, abolishment, and extension of certain pools in Lea, Eddy, and Chaves Counties, New Mexico.

(a) Create a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Wolfcamp production and designated as the Black River-Wolfcamp Gas Pool. The discovery well is Amoco Production Company Herren Federal Gas Com Well No. 1 located in Unit K of Section 7, Township 24 South, Range 27 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM
Section 7: SW/4

(b) Create a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Morrow production and designated as the Cooper-Morrow Gas Pool. The discovery well is the El Paso Natural Gas Company Cooper Federal Well No. 1 located in Unit F of Section 21, Township 24 South, Range 36 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, NMPM
Section 21: N/2

(c) Create a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Morrow production and designated as the Malaga-Morrow Gas Pool. The discovery well is Phillips Petroleum Company Malaga A Well No. 1 located in Unit L of Section 2, Township 24 South, Range 28 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NMPM
Section 2: W/2

(d) Abolish the Bell Lake-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, described as:

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM
Section 36: SE/4

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM
Section 30: All
Section 31: All

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TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM
Section 1: NE/4

TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM
Section 6: NW/4

(e) Create a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Atoka production with a provision for 160-acre spacing units and designated as the Bell Lake-Atoka Gas Pool. The discovery well is the Continental Oil Company Bell Lake Unit Well No. 2 located in Unit N of Section 30, Township 23 South, Range 34 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM
Section 30: SW/4

(f) Create a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Atoka production and designated as the South Bell Lake-Atoka Gas Pool. The discovery well is the Continental Oil Company Bell Lake Unit 1 Well No. 4 located in Unit F of Section 6, Township 24 South, Range 34 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM
Section 6: W/2

(g) Create a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Morrow production with a provision for 160-acre spacing units and designated as the South Bell Lake-Morrow Gas Pool. The discovery well is the Continental Oil Company Bell Lake State 3 Well No. 5 located in Unit G of Section 1, Township 24 South, Range 33 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM
Section 36: SE/4

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM
Section 31: SW/4

TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM
Section 1: NE/4

(h) Extend the North Bagley-Pennsylvanian Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM
Section 6: NE/4

- (i) Extend the Black River-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, NMPM
Section 12: SW/4

- (j) Extend the Burton Flat-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NMPM
Section 27: N/2

- (k) Extend the Cabin Lake-Strawn Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM
Section 11: W/2 NE/4

- (l) Extend the Cemetery-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, NMPM
Section 8: All

- (m) Extend the North Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, NMPM
Section 17: N/2

- (n) Extend the Eagle Creek-San Andres Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, NMPM
Section 13: W/2 SW/4
Section 28: SW/4
Section 29: S/2

- (o) Extend the Hat Mesa-Morrow Gas Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, NMPM
Section 10: E/2
Section 11: W/2

- (p) Extend the Loco Hills Queen-Grayburg-San Andres Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM
Section 23: NE/4 NE/4

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(q) Extend the Red Lake-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMFM
Section 18: N/2

(r) Extend the Rocky Arroyo-Canyon Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, NMPM
Section 4: S/2
Section 5: S/2

(s) Extend the Townsend-Strawn Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, NMPM
Section 9: N/2 and SE/4

(t) Extend the Twin Lakes-San Andres Pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NMPM
Section 36: SW/4 SE/4

(u) Extend the North Vacuum-Abo Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM
Section 16: SE/4

(v) Extend the Vada-Pennsylvanian Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM
Section 11: NW/4

Robert L. Bayless
PETROLEUM CLUB PLAZA BUILDING
P. O. BOX 1541
FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO 87401

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June 6, 1974

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
P.O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Gentlemen:

We propose to drill a Dakota test well in the SE NW of Section 13, T24N, R6W Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. This will require the communitization of the W 1/2 of Section 13 to provide 320 acres spacing. We hold farmouts covering the NW 1/4 Section. However, the owner of the SW 1/4 Section has elected not to join in this drilling nor to farmout to us. Therefore, we request a hearing as soon as possible to provide for forced-pooling in order that we may communitize the acreage and we request a 150% penalty clause covering costs attributable to this acreage.

Attached is form C-102 showing acreage involved and ownership. You will note the acreage we control in the NW 1/4 Section covers the actual drill site.

Please advise if you have further requirements as we are very anxious to commence this well.

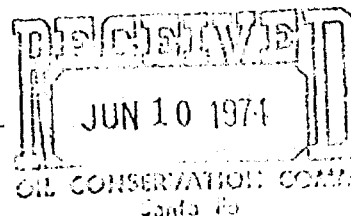
Yours truly,

MERRION & BAYLESS

Robert L. Bayless
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Enclosure



DOCKET MAILED

*Also a docket to Bolack -
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Date *6-27-74*

NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

Form C-102
Supersedes C-128
Effective 1-1-65

All distances must be from the outer boundaries of the Section.

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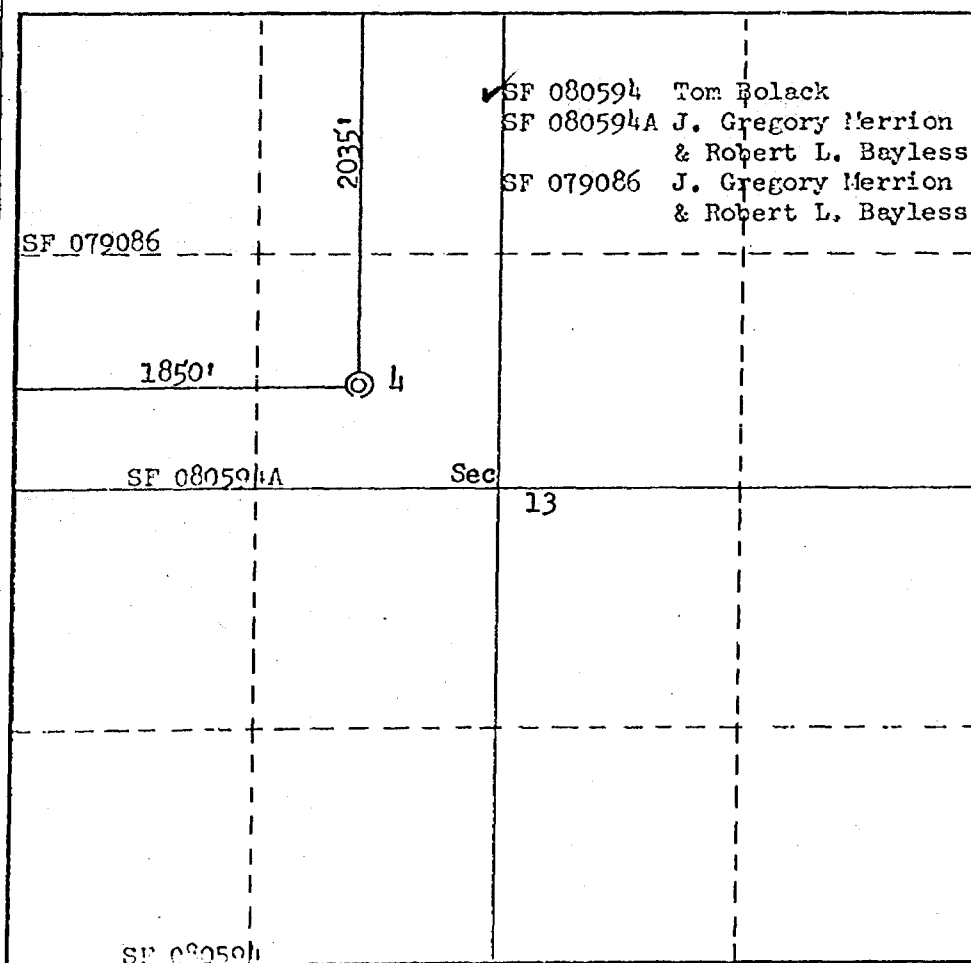
Operator Merrion & Bayless			Lease Canada Mesa Com		Well No. 4
Unit Letter F	Section 13	Township 24N	Range 6W	County Rio Arriba	
Actual Footage Location of Well: 2035 feet from the North line and 1850 feet from the West line					
Ground Level Elev. 6453	Producing Formation Dakota		Pool Basin Dakota		Dedicated Acreage: 320 Acres

1. Outline the acreage dedicated to the subject well by colored pencil or hatchure marks on the plat below.
2. If more than one lease is dedicated to the well, outline each and identify the ownership thereof (both as to working interest and royalty).
3. If more than one lease of different ownership is dedicated to the well, have the interests of all owners been consolidated by communitization, unitization, force-pooling, etc? Force-pool hearing requested.

☐ Yes ☒ No If answer is "yes," type of consolidation _____

If answer is "no," list the owners and tract descriptions which have actually been consolidated. (Use reverse side of this form if necessary.) _____

No allowable will be assigned to the well until all interests have been consolidated (by communitization, unitization, forced-pooling, or otherwise) or until a non-standard unit, eliminating such interests, has been approved by the Commission.



CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name Robert L. Bayless
Position Owner

Company
Merrion & Bayless

Date
June 6, 1974

I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date Surveyed
June 5, 1974

Registered Professional Engineer and/or Land Surveyor

Fred B. Kerr Jr.
Certificate No. **3950**

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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
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