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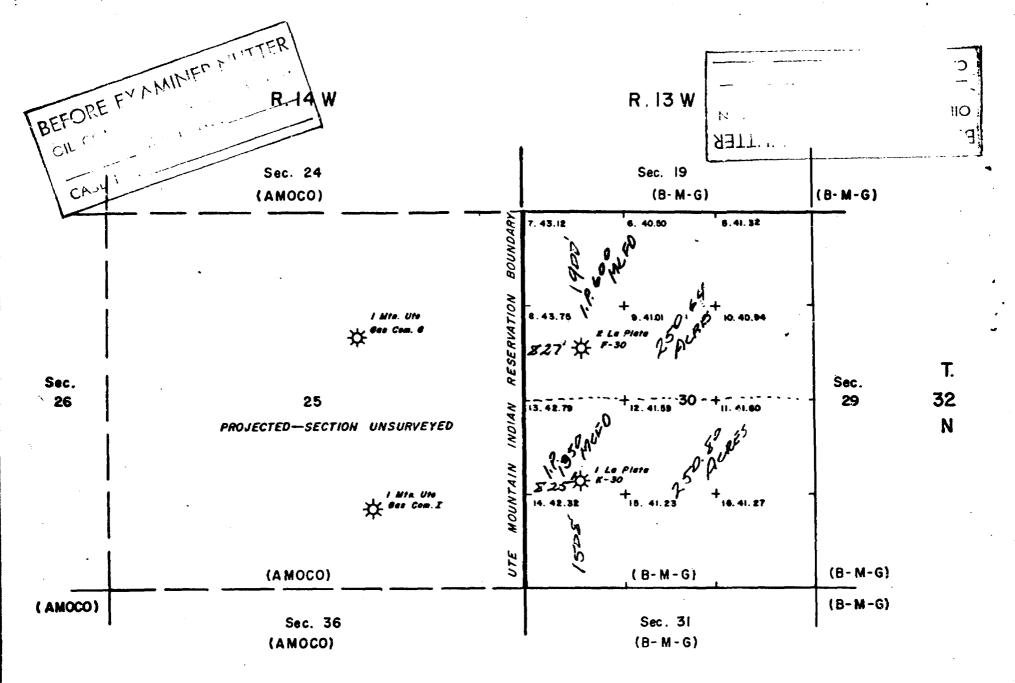
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PLAT OF PART OF UTE DOME DAKOTA FIELD

### BRFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION

OF

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BENSON-MONTIN-GREER DRILLING CORP.

for two non-standard gas proration units in the Ute Dome - Dakota gas pool in San Juan County, New Mexico.

#### APPLICATION

Comporation, in the above styled and numbered cause, and makes application for approval of two non-standard gas proration units in the Ute Dome Dakota gas pool, San Juan County, New Mexico, which non-standard gas proration units are described as follows:

- 1. A 290.64 acre non-standard gas proration unit, consisting of Lots 5, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10 (N/2) of Section 30, Township 32 North, Range 13 West, N.M.P.M., San Juan County, New Mexico, which non-standard gas proration unit is to be dedicated to the No. 2 La Plata F-30 Well located 900 feet from the north line and 827 feet from the west line of said Section 30.
- 2. A 250.80 acre non-standard gas provation unit, consisting of Nets 11, 32, 13, 34, 35 and 36 (8/2) of Section 30, Township 32 Nexth, Range 13 Nest, N.M.P.M., San Juan County, New Maxico, which non-standard gas provation unit is to be dedicated to the New 3 to Plain Nest Nest located 1508 feet from the south time and 820 Rest from the west line of said Section 30.

WHEREFORE, Applicant prays for the foregoing Application be set for hearing before an examiner at the Commission's earliest convenience, and that after notice and hearing of such Application, the same be granted as requested above.

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Attorneys for Applicant

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New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission

P. O. Box 2088

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**BURR & COOLEY** 

152 PETROLEUM CENTER BUILDING FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO 87401 Telephone: (505) 325-1702

SUBJECT: Application of Benson-Montin-Greer Drilling Corp DATE: 6/11/76
FOLD Gentlemen:

Enclosed are three copies of the Application of Benson-Montin-Greer Drilling Corporation for two non-standard gas provation units in the Ute Dome Dakota gas pool in San Juan County, New Mexico.

PLEASE REPLY TO ---- SIGNED William J. Cooley

REPLY

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GRAYARC CO., INC., BROOKLYN, N. Y. 11232

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#### APPLICATION

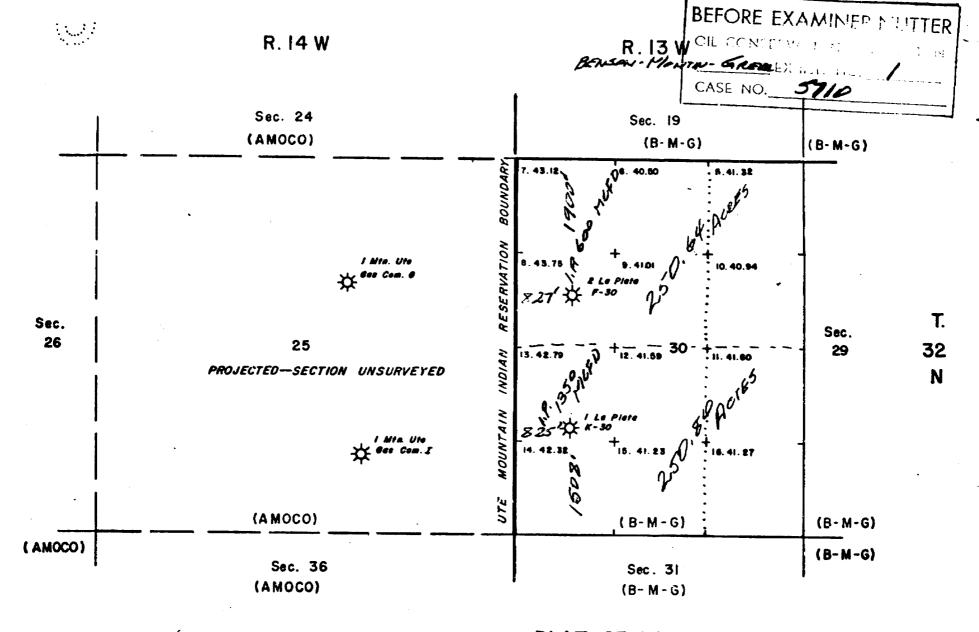
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- 1. A 250.64 acre non-standard gas proration unit, consisting of Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 (N/2) of Section 30, Township 32 North, Range 13 West, N.M.P.M., San Juan County, New Mexico, which non-standard gas proration unit is to be dedicated to the No. 2 La Plata F-30 Well located 900 feet from the north line and 827 feet from the west line of said Section 30.
- 2. A 250.80 acre non-standard gas proration unit, consisting of Lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 (S/2) of Section 30, Township 32 North, Range 13 West, N.M.P.M., San Juan County, New Mexico, which non-standard gas proration unit is to be dedicated to the No. 1 La Plata K-30 Well located 1508 feet from the south line and 825 feet from the west line of said Section 30.

WHEREFORE, Applicant prays for the foregoing Application be set for hearing before an examiner at the Commission's earliest convenience, and that after notice and hearing of such Application, the same be granted as requested above.

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Doekets Nos. 21-76 and 22-76 are tentatively set for hearing on August 4 and August 18, 1976. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

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

CASE 5704: Application of Gulf Cil Corporation for downhole cormingling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to commingle Drinkard and Blinebry production in the wellbore of its H. T. Mattern (NCT-B) Well No. 16 located in Unit D of Section 31, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant further seeks an administrative procedure for approval of additional commingling authority on this lease.

CASE 5705: Application of Gulf Oil Corporation for downhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to commingle Drinkard and Blinebry production in the wellbore of its H. T. Mattern (NCT-C) Wells Nos. 5 and 8, located, respectively, in Units I and A of Section 18, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant further seeks an administrative procedure for approval of additional commingling authority on this lease.

CASE 5706: Application of Gulf Oil Corporation for downhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to commingle Drinkard and Blinebry production in the wellbore of its William A. Ramsay (NCT-B) Well No. 6 in Unit H of Section 25, Township 21 South, Range 36 East, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant further seeks an administrative procedure for approval of additional commingling authority on this lease.

Application of Harrington Transportation Inc. for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox gas well location of its Llanc Inc. Terry Well No. 1, to be drilled at a point 1650 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line of Section 14, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Atoka-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

CASE 5708: Application of Roger C. Hanks for salt water disposal, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Devonian formation through the approximate interval from 10,300 feet to 10,550 feet in his King Disposal Well No. 1 located in Unit C of Section 9, Township 20 South, Range 25 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Application of Tahoe Oil and Cattle Company for an exception to the provisions of Order No. R-3221, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks, as an exception to the provisions of Commission Order No. R-3221, permission to construct and operate an earthen salt water disposal pit in the NW/4 SW/4 of Section 2, Township 20 South, Range 30 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Application of Benson-Montin-Greer Drilling Corporation for two non-standard gas proration units, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the two following described non-standard gas proration units in Township 32 North, Rarge 13 West, Ute Dome-Dakota Gas Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico:

a 250.64-acre unit comprising the N/2 of Section 30 to be dedicated to applicant's Ia Plata F-30 Well No. 2, located 900 feet from the North line and 827 feet from the West line of said Section 30;

a 250.80-acre unit comprising the S/2 of Section 30 to be dedicated to applicant's La Plata K-30 Well No. 1 located 1503 feet from the South line and 825 feet from the West line of said Section 30.

CASE 5691: (Readvertised and Reopened)

CASE 5710:

Application of Hanson Oil Corporation for an unorthodox oil well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of a well to be drilled 990 feet from the North line and 2600 feet from the West line of Section 25, Township 26 South, Range 31 East, North Mason-Delaware Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

CASE 5702: Application of Cities Service Oil Company for downhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to commingle Tubb Gas Pool and Drinkard Oil Pool production in the wellbore of its Brunson "B" Well No. 7 located in Unit N of Section 3, Township 22 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

#### BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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

CASE NO. <u>5710</u>

Order No. R- 5239

APPLICATION OF BENSON-MONTIN-GREER DRILLING CORPORATION FOR MON-STANDARD PRORATION UNITS,

COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

#### ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

#### BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on July 7 19 76, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter

\_day of NOW, on this 19 76 July Commission, a quorum being present, 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 Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
  - That the applicant, Benson-Montin-Greer

seeks approval of a of two non-standard gas proration units comprising the -County, New Mexico: Range 13 , NMPM, SAN JUAN West

a 250.64-acre unit comprising the M/2 of Section 30 to be dedicated to applicant's La Plata F-30 Well No. 2, located 900 feet from the North line and 827 feet from the West line of said Section 30; and

a 250.80-acre unit comprising the S/2 of Section 30 to be dedicated to applicant's La Plata K-30 Well No. 1 located 1508 feet from the South line and 825 feet from the West line of said Section 30.

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#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

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located/900 feet from the North line and 827 feet from the West line of said Section 30; and

a 250.80-acre unit comprising the S/2 of Section 30 to be

### Benson-Mentin Greet Drilling Corporation

dedicated to applicant's La Plata K-30 Well No. 1

located 1508 feet from the South line and 825 feet from the West line of said Section 30.



#### **OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO P. O. BOX 2088 - SANTA FE 87501

LAND COMMISSIONER DIRECTOR PHIL R. LUCERO July 12, 1976 JOE D. RAMEY



STATE GEOLOGIST EMERY C. ARNOLD

Re: Mr. William J. Cooley Burr & Cooley	CASE NO. 5710 ORDER NO. R-5239
152 Petroleum Center Building Farmington, New Mexico 87401	Applicant:
	Benson-Montin-Greer Drilling Corp.
Dear Sir:	
Enclosed herewith are two co Commission order recently en	
Yours very truly,  JOE D. RAMEY  Director	
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#### 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. 5710 Order No. R-5239

APPLICATION OF BENSON-MONTIN-GREER DRILLING CORPORATION FOR TWO NON-STANDARD PRORATION UNITS, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

#### ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

#### BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on July 7, 1976, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this <u>lith</u> day of July, 1976, the Commission, a quorum being present, 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 Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicant, Benson-Montin-Greer, seeks approval of the following two non-standard gas proration units in Township 32 North, Range 13 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico:
  - a 250.64-acre unit comprising the N/2 of Section 30 to be dedicated to applicant's La Plata F-30 Well No. 2, located 1900 feet from the North line and 827 feet from the West line of said Section 30; and
  - a 250.80-acre unit comprising the S/2 of Section 30 to be dedicated to applicant's La Plata K-30 Well No. 1 located 1508 feet from the South line and 825 feet from the West line of said Section 30.
- (3) That the entire non-standard proration units may reasonably be presumed productive of gas from the Ute Dome-Dakota Gas Pool and that the entire non-standard gas proration units can be efficiently and economically drained and developed by the aforesaid wells.

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(4) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce his just and equitable share of the gas in the Ute Dome-Dakota Gas Pool, will prevent the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, avoid the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, and will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That two non-standard gas proration units in the Ute Dome-Dakota Gas Pool in Township 32 North, Range 13 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico, are hereby established and dedicated as follows:

a 250.64-acre unit comprising the N/2 of Section 30 to be dedicated to the Benson-Montin-Greer Drilling Corporation La Plata F-30 Well No. 2, located 1900 feet from the North line and 827 feet from the West line of said Section 30; and

a 250.80-acre unit comprising the S/2 of Section 30 to be dedicated to the Benson-Montin-Greer Drilling Corporation La Plata K-30 Well No. 1 located 1508 feet from the South line and 825 feet from the West line of said Section 30.

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

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSLRVATION COMMISSION

PHIL R. LUCERO, Chairman

EMERY Q. ARNOLD, Member

JOE D. RAMEX, Member & Secretary

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# BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION Santa Fe, New Mexico July 7, 1976

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of Benson-Montin-Greer
Drilling Corporation for two nonstandard gas proration units, San Juan
County, New Mexico.

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BEFORE: Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner

For the New Mexico Oil

#### TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

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MR. NUTTER: We will call Case Number 5710.

MR. CARR: Case 5710, application of Benson-Montin-Greer Drilling Corporation for two non-standard gas proration units, San Juan County, New Mexico.

MR. COOLEY: William J. Cooley from Burr and Cooley, Farmington, New Mexico appearing on behalf of the applicant and we have one witness.

(THEREUPON, the witness was duly sworn.)

#### ALBERT R. GREER

called as a witness, having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

#### DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. COOLEY:

- Q. Would you state your name for the record, please?
- A. Albert R. Greer.
- Q. Where do you reside, Mr. Greer?
- A. Farmington.
- Q. What connection do you have with the applicant, Benson-Montin-Greer Drilling Corporation?
  - A. President and Petroleum Engineer.
- Q. Has Benson-Montin-Greer Drilling Corporation as an operator drilled two gas wells in Section 30 of Township 32 North, Range 13 West, San Juan County, New Mexico?

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- Q To what formations were those wells drilled?
- A. To the Dakota.
- Q. Would you briefly summarize the well data with respect to the La Plata 1 and 2 Wells in Section 30?
- A. Yes, sir, the No. 1 Well is drilled in the southwest quarter at Location K. The No. 2 Well is drilled in location F in the northwest quarter. The No. 1 Well had an initial potential of about three hundred and fifty thousand cubic feet a day and the No. 2 Well potentialed approximately six hundred thousand cubic feet a day. They are rather small wells.
- Q. And these are located within the defined boundaries of the Ute Dome-Dakota Gas Pool, is that correct?
  - A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Which pool rules provide for a hundred-and-sixty-acre spacing?
  - A. Yes, sir.
- Q Is Section 30 of 29, 13 a standard six-hundred-andforty-acre governmental section?
  - A No, sir.
  - Q. How does it vary from that?
- A. The west side of the section is short so that there is approximately two-hundred-and-fifty acres in the north half and approximately two-hundred-and-fifty in the south half
  - Q. Have you familiarized yourself with the reservoir

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characteristics and the producing characteristics of the Ute Dome-Dakota Field?

- A. Yes, sir.
- Q Do you have an opinion as to whether the two wells which you mentioned are capable of effectively, economically and efficiently draining the proposed proration units to be assigned to them?
  - A. Yes, sir.
  - Q. What is that opinion?
- A. My opinion is that they will effectively and efficiently drain the gas under their tracts which, unfortunately, I think is not very much.
- Q. That is just exactly what I was coming to. Did the performance of these wells discourage you from drilling any additional wells in this area?
  - A. Well, yes.
- Q Do you feel that the wells you have drilled will efficiently and economically drain the gas that is there available?
  - A Yes, sir.
- Q. Is the Ute Dome-Dakota gas pool a prorated gas field?
  - A. No, sir.
- Q. Then we can assume that the oversized units would no result in any additional production or allowable production

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from these wells, it would not affect their allowable production?

A. No, sir, J anticipate both wells to be marginal wells and we would not ask for an oversized or excess allowable.

- Q If it should ever be prorated?
- A. No, it won't be prorated.
- Q Will the granting of this application adversely affect the correlative rights of any offset operator in your opinion?
- A. No, sir. The offset lands are Ute Mountain Indian lands and our wells are drilled on Federal land, it is our understanding that everybody is satisfied insofar as royalty interests are concerned.
- Q Will the approval of this application avoid the drilling of additional and unnecessary wells in your opinion?
  - A. Yes, sir.
- Q Have you prepared a plat which shows the two wells in question and the offset acreage?
  - A. Yes, sir.
  - Q. Identified as Exhibit One?
  - A. Yes, sir.

MR. COOLEY: We have no further questions of the witness and offer into evidence Exhibit Number One.

MR. NUTTER: Applicant's Exhibit One will be

admitted into evidence.

(THEREUPON, Applicant's Exhibit Number One was admitted into evidence.)

#### CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. NUTTER:

Q. Mr. Greer, on this Exhibit Number One I see two wells to the west of your wells, over in Section 25, are those wells completed in the Ute Dome-Dakota Pools?

A. Yes, sir, those wells were drilled by Amoco. I believe they are a year or perhaps a year-and-a-half old.

Q. Where is the main body of the pool with respect to this exhibit?

A. To the west.

Q. Now, how about Section 29 which would be immediately to the east, are there any Ute Dome-Dakota wells over in that area?

A. No, sir. We drilled a well in Section 29, let's see, in Unit N of 29 and drilled it to the Dakota and plugged it back to the Mancos and the sand appears to be thinned out and deteriorated considerably to the east.

Q Okay, so if these wells were to be assigned standard units or approximately standard units, they would require the dedication of the westernmost eight lots on this exhibit, is that correct?

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- Q. And then you would have a long proration unit comprising the east half of the east half of the section?
  - A. That is correct.
  - p. For dedication to a third well in here?
  - A. Right.
- Q. But the prospects for getting a commercial well over on that side of the unit would be neglible?
- A. I feel that we probably would not get a commercial well over there.
- Q So the best way to dedicate the acreage is as proposed with the two two-hundred-and-fifty-acre units?
  - A. That's our thought.

MR. NUTTER: Are there any further questions of Mr. Greer? He may be excused.

(THEREUPON, the witness was excused.)

MR. NUTTER: Do you have anything further, Mr. Cooley?

MR. COOLEY: Not a thing, Mr. Examiner.

MR. NUTTER: Does anyone have anything they wish to offer in Case 5710? We will take the case under advisement.

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#### REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

I, SIDNEY F. MORRISH, a Certified Shorthand 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.

I do nereby centify that the foregoing to the Examine th Mexico Oil Conservation Commission

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