CASE 3740: Application of DAVID FASKEN FOR LEASE COMMINGLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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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. 3740 Order No. R-3395

APPLICATION OF DAVID FASKEN POR LEASE COMMINGLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on March 20, 1968, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 25th day of March, 1968, 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, David Sasken, is the operator of the Ross-Federal Well Mo. 1, the Shell-Federal Well No. 1, and the Skelly-Federal Well No. 1, located in Sections 4, 5, and 3, respectively, Township 21 South, Sange 24 Mart, MIPH, North Indian Hills-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(3) that the applicant proposes to pipe the wet pas screams from each of the aforesaid wells to a central point located in Unit 8 of said Section 5, there to reparately polor and then commingle said wet gas streams prior to separation and dehydration.

(4) that the applicant excesses to constitute, subsequent to separation, the condensate from the subject wills in a single stock tank located in said unit S. -2-CASE No. 3740 Order No. R-3395

(5) That the applicant proposes to allocate the gas production to each well on the percentage each well's wet gas stream bears to the total combined dry gas sales and to allocate the condensate to each well on the percentage each well's wet gas stream bears to the total wet gas volume.

(6) That the condensate production from each of the subject wells is inconsiderable and if separately stored will be subject to relatively high rates of vaporization.

(7) That storage of the condensate production from the three wells in a common storage tank located in the aforesaid Unit S should minimize loss due to vaporization and allow the condensate to be stored in a more advantageous location for hauling purposes.

(8) That wet stream metering and commingling of the streams prior to separation and dehydration and allocation of production to the three wells on the basis proposed by the applicant and described in Finding No. 5 would not adequately protect correlative rights of the various owners of interest in the subject wells.

(9) That in order to prevent wasts and protect correlative rights, the applicant should be authorized to commingle the condensate production from the subject wells in a common stock tank located in the aforesaid Unit S and to commingle the gas production from the subject wells subsequent to separation and metering by means of 3-phase metering separators upstream from the applicant's proposed gas meters.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the application of David Fasken to mater the wet gas stream from the Ross-Federal Well No. 1, the Shell-Federal Well No. 1, and the Skelly-Federal Well No. 1, located in Sections 4, 5, and 9, respectively, Township 21 Nosth, Range 24 East, NMPM, North Indian Wills-Forrow Fas Cool, Hody County, New Besico, prior to separation and dehydration, and to allocate production to each well on the percentage of each well's wot gas stream to the total combined gas volume is hereby <u>Genied</u>.

(2) That the applicant is hereby authorized to commingle in a common stock tank located in Unit S of the aforemaid Section -3-CASE No. 3740 Order No. R-3395

5 the condensate production from the aforesaid three wells and to commingle the gas production from the aforesaid three wells; provided however, that the condensate production from each of the aforesaid wells shall be separately measured, prior to commingling, by means of 3-phase metering separators located upstream from the applicant's gas meters; and provided further, that the gas production from each of the subject wells is separately metered subsequent to separation and prior to commingling.

(3) 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

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March 25, 1968

Mr. James E. SperlingRe: Case No.3740Modrall, Seymour, Sperling, Roehl & HarrDarder No.R-3395Attorneys at LawApplicant:Post Office Box 466David Fasken

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. Secretary-Director

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Carbon copy of order also sent to:

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New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission State Land Office Building P. 0. Box 2308 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Attention: Mr. D. S. Nutter Chief Engineer

Re: Docket No. 9-68 Case 3740

Gentlemen:

Enclosed are lists of the names of all working interests, other than David Fasken, operator, overriding royalty interests, and royalty interests in the Ross-Federal No. 1, Section 4, Shell-Federal No. 1, Section 5, and Skelly-Federal No. 1, Section 9, all in T-21-S, R-24-E, Eddy County, New Mexico. All of these interest owners were notified on or before February 2, 1968, of the operator's application to commingle by copy of the application with attachments that were sent to your office.

On behalf of our client, David Fasken, we feel the procedure of allocating gas and liquid hydrocarbon production outlined in the application and presented in testimony at the hearing is fair and equitable. The response from the other working interests, royalty interests, and overriding royalty interests supports this contention.

If the Commission should choose to issue a temporary order as set forth in Case 3740, the operator, David Fasken, will run periodic G.P.H. tests to support the validity of the proposed allocation. Copies of these tests will be submitted to you for evaluation.

Yours truly,

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CASE 3737: Application of Southland Royalty Company for an unorthodox location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to drill its O. D. McCoy Well No. 2 at an unorthodox oil well location 800 feet from the South line and 2120 feet from the East line of Section 28, Township 9 South, Range 33 East, Flying "M" San Andres Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 3738: Application of Pan American Petroleum Corporation for salt water disposal, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the San Andres and Yeso formations in the interval 2190 feet to 3450 feet in its State "CF" SWD Well No. 1 located in Unit I of Section 13, Township 11 South, Range 26 East, Chisum-Devonian Pool, Chaves County, New Mexico.

CASE 3739: Application of New Mexico Salt Water Disposal Company, Inc., for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Devonian formation in the interval from approximately 13,128 feet to 13,207 feet in its Trainer-Springs Well No. 1, located in Unit H of Section 11, Township 11 South, Range 34 East, Sand Springs-Devonian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 3740: Application of David Fasken for lease commingling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to meter the wet gas stream from his Ross-Federal Well No. 1, the Shell-Federal Well No. 1, and the Skelly-Federal Well No. 1, located in Sections 4, 5, and 9 respectively, Township 21 South, Range 24 East, North Indian Hills-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, prior to separation and dehydration, allocating condensate production to each well on the percentage of each well's wet gas stream to the total combined wet gas volume.

DOCKET NO. 9-68

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - MARCH 20, 1968

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 Elvis A. Utz, Alternate Examiner:

CASE 3724: (Continued from the February 28, 1968, Examiner Hearing)

Application of El Paso Natural Gas Company for a dual completion, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the dual completion (conventional) of its San Juan 27-4 Unit Well No. 30 (GD) located in Unit N of Section 32, Township 27 North, Range 4 West, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, in such a manner as to permit the production of gas from the Gallup formation and the Basin-Dakota Pool through tubing and the casing-tubing annulus, respectively, by means of a cross-over.

CASE 3733: (Continued from the February 28, 1968, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Daryl Davis to re-enter a well, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to re-enter the State "A" Well No. 1 located 1980 feet from the South and West lines of Section 1, Township 4 South, Range 26 East, Chaves County, New Mexico, and attempt to complete said well as a producer from the San Andres formation.

CASE 3578: (Reopened)

Application of Texas Pacific Oil Company for an amendment to Order No. R-3264, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the amendment of Order No. R-3264 to permit the rededication of acreage to its State "A" A/c-2 Wells Nos. 40 and 38, located in Units A and K, respectively, of Section 9, Township 22 South, Range 36 East, Jalmat Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant proposes to dedicate a 320-acre non-standard unit comprising the N/2 of said Section 9 to Well No. 40 and to dedicate a 160-acre non-standard unit comprising the SW/4 of said Section 9 to Well No. 38. It is further proposed that said Order No. R-3264 be amended to require that the effective date of the proration units authorized therein be contingent upon new plats being filed.

CASE 3736: Application of American Trading & Production Corporation for a dual completion, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the dual completion (conventional) of its New Mexico State 26 Well No. 1 located in Unit J of Section 26, Township 20 South, Range 35 East, Lea County, New Mexico, in such a manner as to produce gas from an undesignated Wolfcamp gas pool and oil from an undesignated Devonian oil pool through parallel strings of tubing.

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Attention: Mr. D. S. Nutter Chief Engineer

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Ross-Federal, Shell-Federal, David Fasken Skelly-Federal Units, Sections Re: 4, 5, 6, T-21-S, R-24-E, Eddy County, New Mexico. Federal Lease Serial Nos: NM 084402, NM 0207950, NM 0486483, NM 010567 and NM 0230377-B.

On behalf of our client, David Fasken, we are submitting for administra-UN DENAIT OF OUR CLIENT, DAVID FASKEN, WE are SUDMILLING FOR AUM<u>HUISTER</u> tive approval our proposed central gathering, metering, separation, dehy-Live approval our proposed central gathering, metering, separation, deny-dration, and storage facility for his wells in North Indian Hills Morrow dration, and storage facility for his wells in North Indian fills Morr Gas Field. In effect we are asking for approval of Rule 309-B, Lease Commingling; Rule 309-C, Off-Lease Storage; and such other rule that applies to commingling of set streams It is proposed to pipe the wet gas streams (refer to lease and well plat) from WAW (Poss-Federal No. 1) URW (Shell) Federal No. 1) and WCW (Shell) applies to commingling of gas streams. It is proposed to pipe the wet gas streams (refer to lease and well plat) from "A" (Ross-Federal No. 1), "B" (Shell-Federal No. 1), and "C" (Skelly-Rederal No. 1) to a control point UNU poor the Chell Point V.

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The liquid hydrocarbons will be collected in a vapor tight storage tank. With only one storage facility in place of three, the losses due to vapor-institution can be minimized. The condensate will be allocated to each wall of ization can be minimized. The condensate will be allocated to each well on

the percentage of each well's wet gas stream to the total combined wet gas volume. The wet streams will only carry 2 to 3 barrels of condensate per DOGKET MAILED N.M.C.F. of gas based upon our well tests.

Date 3-7-60

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New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission Attention: Mr. D. S. Nutter

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The design of this system was based, in part, on conserving fuel gas by utilizing only one dehydrator in place of three, minimizing vaporization losses of the liquid hydrocarbons by using only one storage facility, and negotiating a better price for the condensate by locating the storage tank within three hundred feet of a black-top highway.

All working interests, royalty interests, and over-riding royalty interests in these gas units have been notified by certified mail of the proposed surface hook-up and production allocation procedure.

The U.S.G.S. has approved of this central facility subject to further approval by you. A copy of Mr. Anderson's letter is enclosed.

We would appreciate your favorable consideration of this proposal and your letter of approval addressed to David Fasken, 608 First National Bank Bldg., Midland, Texas 79701.

Yours very truly,

HENRY ENGINEERING

Robert H. Angevine

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Enclosures: Lease and Well Plat Schematic of Central Facility U.S.G.S. Letter

cc: Mr. Richard S. Brooks Mr. James B. Henry U. S. G. S.

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DAILY COPY, CONVENTIONS BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION Santa Fe, New Mexico March 20, 1968 EXAMINER HEARING dearnley-meier reporting service. Inc. MEXICO EXPERT TESTIMONY, NEW IN THE MATTER OF: Case 3740 · ALBUQUERQUE, Application of David Fasken for lease) STATE MENTS. commingling, Eddy County, New Mexico.) BOX 1092 . PHONE 243-6691 NCS, HEAT DEPOSITIONS, 1120 SIMMS BLDG. . P. O. BEFORE: Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner SPECIALIZING IN TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

MR. NUTTER: Next case will be Case 3740.

MR. HATCH: Case 3740. Application of David Fasken for lease commingling, Eddy County, New Mexico.

MR. SPERLING: Mr. Examiner, J.E. Sperling of Modrall, Seymour, Sperling, Roehl & Harris, Albuquerque, appearing for the Applicant. We have one witness.

(Witness sworn)

ROBERT H. ANGEVINE

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

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. SPERLING:

Q Would you state your name, please, sir?

A Robert H. Angevine.

Q Where do you live and by whom are you employed?

A Midland, Texas and I am employed by Henry Engineering.

Q Have you on any previous occasion testified before the Commission so that your qualifications are a matter of record?

A No, sir.

Q Would you then briefly give us the benefit of your educational and experience background in your profession?

A I was graduated from the University of Texas with

a Bachelor of Science Degree in Petroleum Engineering in 1950. I worked for both majors and independents and for the past four and a half years have been an independent consultant with Henry Engineering. And I am a Registered Professional Engineer in Texas.

MR. SPERLING: Are the witness's qualifications acceptable?

MR. NUTTER: Yes, they are.

Q What is the connection of Henry Engineering with the Applicant, David Fasken?

A Strictly on a consulting basis.

Q And this association has extended over some period of time or are you employed only in connection with this particular project?

A We have beeen associated with Mr. Fasken for four years.

Q Are you familiar with the area which is the subject of the application?

A Yes, sir.

(Whereupon, Applicant's Exhibit 1 marked for identification)

Q Would you please refer to what's been marked as Applicant's Exhibit 1 and tell us what information is

contained on that exhibit and what it is designed to show?

A David Fasken is the owner of leases in Section 4 known as the Ross-Federal No. 1 Gas Well from the Morrow horizon and in Section 5 the Shell Federal No. 1 also a Morrow gas completion and in Section 9 the Skelly-Federal No. 1 which is a Morrow gas completion. These are all shut-in gas wells awaiting connection to a natural gas pipeline and as our application on Mr. Fasken's behalf states, we are proposing to move wet gas from the Ross-Federal which is A on Exhibit 1 to a point D and also raw gas from B which is the Shell-Federal No. 1 to D and wet gas from C the Skelly-Federal down to D for commingling of the wet gas -- metering of the wet gas streams first, commingling for separation of the condensate and dehydrating and then the sale of the dry gas to Natural Gas Pipeline.

Q What facility will be constructed or located at Point D as shown on Exhibit 1?

A There will be meters, three meters, to meter the gas separately from the Poss-Federal, the Shell-Federal. and the Skelly-Federal. Then the gas streams will be commingled to go through a separator and there the condensate will go into one stock tank which will be vapor tight and then the stream will go to the dehydrator to take out the

vapor and then on to Natural Gas Pipe through their sales meter.

Q Will you please tell us for the record, Mr. Angevine, the reasons for or the consideration which prompted the filing of the application to handle the gas production from these three wells in the manner which you have described?

Α Well, first of all the gas contract with Natural Gas Pipeline says that they will take gas at a point D or in the vicinity of the Shell-Federal and it is up to our client, David Fasken, to move the gas to that point for measurement into their line. Secondly. C or the Skelly-Federal in Section 9 is up on top of the Seven Rivers Hills about 400 feet higher than these other locations. It's rather remote and we intended there to bring this gas down to the point D which is on the blacktop highway within 200 feet and there set our tank for collection of the liquid hydrocarbons. I think by putting it at that point, we can probably negotiate a better selling price for the condensate. maybe as much as fifteen cents a barrel more than if we have to route a truck up on top of the hill. At Point A the Ross-Federal is not quite so remote as the Skelly-Federal, but it would be on a gypsum oil field road

about two miles back in to collect the condensate if we set separate facilities at that point. This gas is quite dry, from our tests, from a trace to four barrels per million cubic feet of gas and if we need -- well we need to take every precaution that we can to put it in a vapor tight tank to reduce the weathering as much as possible.

We intend to deliver approximately a million cubic feet a day or a total of three million cubic feet which would be about, well three barrels per million, nine barrels per day. On the basis of this small amount of condensate the weathering losses at three different places, we would be hard pressed to have a truck load of oil every three months and we know that there will be considerable weathering. I'm not really prepared to put a firm figure on it, but I did a little research on the recoveries in three other areas.

(Whereupon, Applicant's Exhibit 2 marked for identification)

Q Before we get on to that, let's identify Exhibit No. 2 which I understand to be a schematic diagram of the facility which you have already described to be located at Point D on Exhibit 1, is my assumption correct?

A That is correct. In the lower lefthand corner of the page would be our three wet or raw gas meters and there the stream would go to the separator, stock tank for

the condensate through the glycol dehydrator and our client, David Fasken, desired a meter ahead of Natural Gas Pipeline just a check meter is all. That basically would be the set up at this central location.

Q Now, do I understand that in the event the application does not receive favorable consideration that it would be necessary to duplicate essentially the same facilities at each of the wells to handle the gas and liquid product?

A That is correct. We would be required to set a separator, stock tank and glycol dehydrator at each location.

Q What does this represent by way of dollar investment?

A Approximately \$7,500, for the three vessels and the hooking of them at the individual well site.

Q \$7.500 each or total?

A Per well, right, or \$15,000 total for the Ross-Federal No. 1 and the Skelly-Federal No. 1.

Q You mentioned that you had made a comparison of the liquid content which appears to be present in the three wells that you have mentioned with other comparable areas, that is, the production from other comparable areas. is that correct?

A That is right.

Q And I believe you have for illustration purposes a map which shows the relative location of these areas upon which you made comparison?

A I will just hold this. At this point here, there's one well on the Dagger-Draw Field completed in the Morrow.

MR. NUTTER: That's approximately in Section 6 of Township what?

A Township 20, 25 East.

MR. NUTTER: Dagger-Draw then is in Section 6 of 20, 25?

A Yes, sir. And Cemetery-Morrow Gas Field is a twowell field, Phillips Petroleum Company operates a well in Section 16 of 20, 25 and Mobil Oil Company operates a well in Section 17. And then the area that we are discussing, the North Indian Hills-Morrow Gas Field, in Sections 4, 5, and 9 of 21,24 and then off to the southeast there are eight wells in the Indian Basin-Morrow Gas Field; that overlaps from various sections in Township 21, 23 east over into 21, 24 East.

(Whereupon, Applicant's Exhibit 4 marked for identification)

Q Is your comparision reflected on Exhibit 4 as marked for identification?

A Yes, sir, it is.

Q Would you explain what those figures mean as they appear on that exhibit?

I have gone back over the past two years, '66 and Α 1967 and in the Indian Basin-Morrow Gas Field we have the history on eight wells and in 1966 those eight wells recovered 3.36 barrels per million cubic feet of gas, and in 1967 the same eight wells recovered 2.25 barrels per MMCF. Now, this gas, this condensate, rather is going to the Marathon plant and is not out in individual lease storage and I believe that's the reason we see these recoveries at two and better than three barrels per million. The two-year history on the righthand side of the page for the Dagger Draw-Morrow Gas Field is a one-well field and in 1966 the average was 1.19 barrels per MMCF; in 1967, 1.08 barrels per MMCF. The history on the Cemetery-Morrow Gas Field is not conclusive. The two wells have only been on production since last September, but I am not going to say that we will double our recoveries as you might draw from this analysis here, by commingling these three streams at one location, but I do think we will recover substantially more condensate by eliminating two stock tanks and just having one that we can maintain on vapor tight conditions.

Ω This is at least controlling to the extent possible, vaporization at lease locations, the condensate?

A Yes, sir.

(Whereupon, Applicant's Exhibit 3 marked for identification)

 Ω Now, please refer to what's been marked as Exhibit 3, which appears to be correspondence addressed to Mr. Fasken from the USGS in Roswell and I assume from the content of the letter that an explanation was made of the substance of this application to that agency for their comment?

A Yes, sir, we talked with the office, the people in the office at Artesia and then submitted basically the same information that we put in this application and they, in turn, routed it to their Roswell office and Mr. John Anderson wrote this and basically it says that they approve of this commingling subject to approval by this Commission.

Q I understand also from your application. the statement contained in the application, that all working interest operators in the area as well as overriding royalty interest owners and other interest owners were advised of the substance of the application?

A Yes, sir, they have been. They were advised by certified letter, the receipts of which I have here.

Q What response, if any, have you had to those letters? A We have had no objections. We have received approximately 20 to 25 per cent acknowledgement other than this is a a hundred per cent acknowledgement that they received our letter. The ones that we have received letters from have, in fact. said, in effect, "This is all right with us." They had no objections. We have had no objections from the major oil companies who have interest in these leases either overriding royalty interests or working interests, such as Shell. Marathon and Skelly and Monsanto.

MR. NUTTER: When were those people notified by certified mail, Mr. Angevine?

A February 2, 1968, that's when our letters went out.

Q DO I understand that the basic land owner royalty interest is that of the United States as to all of these leases?

A Yes, sir.

Q Would you review once again, I think you have before, but at least for my benefit, exactly how you plan to measure and account for the liquid production from the respective wells and at what point?

A Yes, sir, First of all, I would like to illustrate

how we were going to prorate the gas production first, if I could. We are going to measure it through individual raw gas meters, the streams from each well, from the Ross-Federal, Shell-Federal, and Skelly-Federal and then the combined stream will be measured by Natural Gas Pipeline's sales meter or purchase meter and the proportion that each well's wet stream is to the total gas through Natural Gas Pipeline will be its share of the total for that month; in other words, we will prorate the dry gas back to each individual well on the basis of its wet gas meter's percentage of the total, so this will give us a percentage factor for prorating the dry gas and we will use that same percentage figure to prorate the combined stock tank liquids saved and, or sold for that particular month. Now, there is one other way we can go through this commingling project, would be to run GPM tests on the raw gas monthly or quarterly to prorate the condensate. I don't know that it would be anymore accurate but this could be done very easily.

Q Well, do I understand from your testimony, that it's your opinion that there actually will be -- or the effect will be to conserve the condensate production from the three wells as a result of the handling thereof in the method that you propose?

A Yes, sir. I think we are talking about in the range of maybe an additional half to three quarters of a barrel per million, that we can sell, not just produce into the stock tank, but will have available for sale by going through just one handling facility.

Q And the result of that conservation is the prevention of waste I would assume, is that the logical conclusion?

A That's the logical conclusion, plus I believe we can negotiate about fifteen cents more per barrel. We aren't talking about a lot of money, and admittedly, this wouldn't be feasible if we were talking about gas with 50 to 75 barrels per million, but here with a relatively dry gas stream I think it would be very beneficial to everyone.

Q You also mentioned factors which indicate a saving in investment which should come under the heading of prevention of economic waste, is that correct?

A That is correct. These wells have been shut in -- well, the first well, the Ross-Federal, for three years and the Shell-Federal for a year and a half and the last well, the Skelly-Federal going on six months. All we have at this moment is our initial absolute open flow potential calculations on a cleanup of the well. They look

like pretty fair Morrow wells, although in going through the Morrow history down in the Indian Basin Gas Field there are some that aren't prolific producers. They won't sell a million a day, they just won't deliver that much. I hope we don't have that situation here, I say "we," our client, but he almost had a dry hole on the Skelly-Federal. It was through a frack job only that he was able to make a producer there, a potential producer.

Q In your opinion, will the liquid content of this gas increase or decrease with production, based upon your studies that you made of other Morrow gas areas?

A You mean as the reservoir is drawn down through the years?

Q Yes, sir.

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A It will decrease through the years, yes, sir.

Q So you could not assume that the liquid content that you expect to handle initially would increase but rather would decrease with a production history?

A That is correct assumption.

MR. SPERLING: I would like to offer Exhibits 1 through 4.

MR. NUTTER: Applicant's Exhibits 1 through 4 will be admitted in evidence.

(Whereupon, Applicant's Exhibits 1 through 4 were offered and admitted in evidence.)

MR. SPERLING: That's all I have.

MR. NUTTER: Are there any questions of Mr. Angevine?

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. UTZ:

Q Have you run any GPM tests on these wells at all yet?

A No, we haven't. All we have is what we've collected through the separator on tests and then from gas sample analysis and let's see, that was calculated back to barrels per million, which would be the same; on the Ross-Federal, this was calculated from a gas sample it was 4.6 barrels per million. On the Shell-Federal two barrels per MMCF and on the Skelly-Federal, they gave it a trace calculation. The gravity of the condensate on the Ross-Federal was 60; on the Shell-Federal 51.5; and we did not have any on the Skelly-Federal.

Ω It was 50 on the Ross?

A Sixty, sixty on the Ross-Federal and 51.5 on the Shell-Federal and I understand from Monsanto's well in Dagger-Draw it is about 52.

Q In charging back your liquids on the basis of these

tests here we have 2, 4.6, and just a trace. If you charge them back on the basis of your wet gas stream then the distribution of actual produced liquids to the well might be an error, might it not?

A This is quite possible and actually, what you would draw from this calculated GPM, but we all know that on a short test cleaning up a well initially I have never found that you could sink your teeth into these initial figures too well. Therefore, I think that our prorating on either a percentage factor or running GPM tests to tell whether we are delivering the same amount would help. It certainly wouldn't hurt and we probably would if our client would agree to it, run GPM tests for a period of three to six months on our own to make sure. This could be a continuing thing, every month or every quarter just to verify it or to actually split it out on the basis of those GPM tests.

Q Isn't that the most usual way of charging back, well, say gasoline plant liquids to the wells?

A Yes, sir, casinghead gas.

- Q And you would be agreeable to doing it this way?
- A We would be agreeable to that, yes, sir.
- Q You are an Engineer, I believe, aren't you?

A Yes, sir.

Q In vour opinion, what is the inaccuracies in metering wet stream versus dry stream?

A Oh, I don't know that I've got a real good figure for you. I think we are talking about a gas here that's not as wet as most of our casinghead gas, in other words we've got casinghead gas streams that are two, three, four, up to eight and nine gallons per thousand and according to these tests here, once we get on stream and see how they are behaving I don't believe we are going to have anything over one or two gallons per thousand, and we are buying and selling casinghead gas through these same type orifice meters all the time; that's been accepted everywhere in the industry.

Q In other words, you consider this gas to be dry enough that there wouldn't be too much inaccuracy in the meter volumes?

A I don't believe so and also if our GPM from the three streams are not too different, then whatever error we have in the wet stream, will be continuous, in other words, it will be in relationship to -- so that when we split out the dry gas scream back to each well then it cancels out in effect.
Q You brought in the Indian Basin figures into this case. Now, is this 3.36 and 2.25 barrels per million, is that total liquids or is that in addition to separated liquids at the wellhead; in other words, is that wellhead liquids plus gasoline plant liquids or is it just gasoline plant liquids?

A I believe this is just wellhead liquids because it's on the proration schedule and if it is gasoline plant liquids, I believe that would be on some other report, so this has got to be wellhead liquids.

Q In other words, this is liquids that's separated by the separators at the wellhead?

A They are separating it at the wellhead and I'm not clear how it gets to the plant. I know that there's not separate tankage at the wells.

MR. NUTTER: I know how that's done and I was going to go into this myself on some questions. What they do there, they have metering dump separators at the wellheads and they separate the gas from the water and the liquid and they meter the liquids, both distillate and the water, then they recombine the stream and pass it into the gasoline plant recombined and these figures are undoubtedly based on those metering separators out at the well.

A Yes, but it's not out in the tank to weather. It's moving right straight on through the plant. These figures are quite impressive, in other words, doubling the recovery at the Marathon plant and those Indian Basin-Morrow Gas Field wells as opposed to separate lease storage. Of course, it's not feasible at Dagger-Draw to take it into the plant.

Q (By Mr. Utz) In other words, the tests and information you have on the GPM of these three wells here are comparable to the Indian Basin?

A Yes, sir.

Q Do you anticipate any line problems or flow problems in your line due to these liquids in the line?

A I don't anticipate any other than normal operation. We have indirect heaters set at each well and as long as we keep this well stream above 65 degrees we should not have hydrates forming in the lines. From the Skelly-Federal No. 1 Well, we'll have to drop the line over the cliff and that line will be insulated; other places it will be buried and it will be buried -- it's fairly easy digging in that country down off the hills, it will be buried 24 to 36 inches deep.

Q Now, the royalty interests in this, straight royalty

interests, I believe you said are all Federal, did you not?

A I believe that is a correct statement.

Q How about overriding royalty?

A There are a bunch of those.

Q They are not the same on each well, I think that's all I need to know.

A There are some that are common, but there are also others that are just in any one well, I do not have -well I do have one copy of each. I can leave them both. That's a list of individual overriding royalty interests in the Shell-Federal and the Skelly-Federal and in the Ross-Federal.

MR, SPERLING: Would these be of assistance, Mr. Utz? I think they are just identified by well.

MR. NUTTER: I think we should have those because the application stated that the interest owners had been notified, but it did not list the other parties, and I think we should have a listing of those parties on the record.

A Since this would not be complete, and it won't be complete by the major companies, at least, I know that, would it be in order to make a complete list for each well and submit it at a later date?

NR. NUTTER: We would appreciate receiving that.

A Along with a copy of the letter that went out.

NE. SPERLING: Can we leave these and then supplement --

A That's a Ross. I have a Skelly and here's a Shell.
 MR. SPERLING: Would one copy of each be sufficient?
 MR. UTZ: Sure, that's fine.

MR. SPERLING: And you say there are others to be added?

A There will be others, I know that Skelly Oil Company is one and I think Marathon.

MR. SPERLING: Oh, this is the result of the farm-out arrangement, whatever it is, whereby Fasken acquired operating rights from the various working interest owners, I see.

A These are the royalty interests, the individuals that were a party to those farmouts.

Q (By Mr. Utz) In comparision to metering dry streams at each individual well to the method you propose here, the effect on the royalty owners would be in proportion to the inaccuracies of the wet stream metering, is that right?

A That is our thinking on it, yes, sir.

Q If you run GPM's on each well and charged that back in accordance with that then there should be no

discrepancies as far as the liquids are concerned?

A It should be as accurate as any measurement we have in the field today on gas streams.

MR. UTZ: I think that's all.

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. NUTTER:

Q Mr. Angevine, I want to ask you, are you acquainted with the method by which the gas is metered and recombined in the Indian Basin?

A Well, just barely, I mean, after you had mentioned it I do recall someone else telling me that that was what was happening out there on those wells.

Q Are you aware that the Commission after examining this procedure, did give approval for that type of measurement and the combining of the streams down at the plant?

A Yes, sir, I was aware of that.

Q Are you aware of the installation that Shell Oil Company has in the Antelope Ridge Pool in the field in Lea County?

A No, I'm not.

Q Where wells of different ownership are being metered and the liquids combined at a central point which features a glycol dehydrator?

A No, I'm not.

Q The Commission has approved that installation also. Now, you mentioned that it would cost you \$7,500.00 to make this complete installation at each of these wells. In the event that some system were required by the Commission to meter the -- to separate the gas at the well and measure the gas and the liquids and then recombine the stream and pass it into a central, point; where there would be a separator; a stock tank, a dehydrator and then a gas meter, how much would that type of installation cost Mr. Fasken? He would have a metering separator at each one.

A He would have a metering separator and we could do without the dehydrator, I don't believe we would have to dehydrate it at each well.

Q I think you would need a dehydrator at the central plant probably.

A I am going to say that a metering separator that would handle the volume we are talking about. fifteen hundred to 1,750 dollars per well.

Q No tank would be necessary except at the central point one combined tank would be used.

A Yes.

Q And then you would also have the feature of the commingling that you described in which all the liquids are being held in one vapor tight tank and you would have that saving there?

A Yes.

Q Now, these 4.6 barrels per million and 2 barrels and trace barrels per million of liquids that you had on the original tests, does this include the water?

A No, that is strictly hydrocarbon.

Q. How much water are the wells making?

A Nothing more than just what little cleanup, and the only place we had water for cleanup was on the Skelly-Federal, which was fracked.

Q Now you are acquainted that the Morrow Formation in the Indian Basin produces considerable water from some c f the wells?

A Yes, sir I am, and we did not see that water on) these wells during our flow test for cleanup.

Q The characteristics of the wells could conceivably change once the wells go on production?

A That is correct, it surely can.

Q You are familiar, Mr. Angevine, with the situation that sometimes occurs in flow lines when water is produced in which you will have pockets of water form in low spots on the pipeline and restrict the flow of the gas through the line?

A Yes, this I did not go into. The system has been designed with inch and a half pipe rather than two inch, not for the difference in the cost of the pipe, but to move the gas from the well down to the central point as rapidly as possible. One inch would be better yet, but it just wasn't feasible so that we wouldn't lose any more heat than necessary and glought we would have a little more velocity to perhaps move the water.

Q And keep liquids from blocking the line?

A That's right.

Q It's my understanding that a portion of this, at least, is under construction at this time. How far along is the thing, do you know?

A The lines are in and the equipment illustrated on the schematic is on location, I don't believe it is all tied in yet. The meters have not been set. The separator, the one stock tank and the dehydrator are on the location, but I do not believe that they have been connected yet. The two lines from the Ross-Federal and the Skelly-Federal are in the ground.

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Q Now, of the three items here on your schematic diagram, the separator, stock tank and dehydrator, what is the cost of those three items?

A The stock tank \$1,200, that's complete with walkway and stairway the separator, this is not a metering separator, and it was one that we moved in, it's a good used one, about \$1,000 on it, I think is what we transferred it at. The glycol dehydrator is new, it's a National Tank, I believe was on the order of \$4,800.

Q It is the most expensive of the three items in the installation.

A Yes, sir, it is.

Q And Mr. Fasken will have four meters there, one for each of the wells and one combined meter upstream from the Pipeline's meter?

A That is correct.

Q What is the cost of a meter and run?

A The meter and the run will be on the order of \$500.00.

Q Is there any difference in the meter that you use for a wet stream and the meter you use for a dry stream? A No, sir, these meters are identical. They are Ellis type meters. We had originally planned on using

Rutz := Connorville Rotary type meter but delivery on them is just out of this world, I mean, it's six or eight months and there a meter would cost about \$1,200 apiece.

Ω Now, you mentioned that the first well here had been shut in now for about three years?

A Three years.

Q Has a contract already been signed with Natural Gas Pipeline?

A Yes, sir, it has.

Q When do you expect to start sales?

A Just as soon as they have their line in and they've got it staked, I doubt that they will have it in by April the lst, but Fasken is ready, I mean we have the certificate of convenience and necessity so it's just a matter of Natural Gas Pipe --

Q How far away is their pipeline?

A They've got about 10,000 feet to lay.

Q Approximately two miles.

 Λ Oh, it won't take them a week once they get in there.

Q Has FPC approval been given to the sale?

A Beg your pardon.

Q Has FPC approval been given to the sale?

A Yes, sir.

MR. NUTTER: Are there any other questions of Mr. Angevine?

FURTHER CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. UTZ:

Q I meant to inquire about potentials on these wells. Have you run any potentials?

A Yes, the calculated open flow potential on the Ross-Federal was 19,000 MCF and on the Shell-Federal 4250 MCF and on the Skelly-Federal 18,000 MCF.

MR. NUTTER: After almost not having a well he got one with eighteen million.

A That's right.

Q (By Mr. Utz) These are four point tests?

A. These are four point tests. They were conducted by Teffteller out of Midland.

MR. UTZ That's all I have.

MR. NUTTER: If there are no further questions of the witness he may be excused.

(Witness excused)

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

MR. SPERLING: No.

MR, NUTTER Does anyone have anything they wish

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to offer in Case 3740?

MR. HATCH: Perhaps I had better read these two telegrams into the record, one from Shell Oil Company addressed to the Commission dated March 20, 1968. "Re: Case No. 3740. Shell Oil Company supports the request of David Fasken that a central gathering and metering separation, dehydration and storage facilities for his Ross-Federal, Shell-Federal and Skelly-Federal units in the North Indian Hills-Morrow Gas Field be permitted. Shell owns interest in two of the units." And a tologram from Skelly Oil Company addressed to the Commission dated March 19, 1968. "Re: Case 3740. Skelly Oil Company as interested party has no objection to application of David Fasken to meter wet gas from certain wells in the North Indian Hills-Morrow Pool prior to separation and dehydration, allocating condensate production to each well on a percentage of each well's wet gas stream to total combined wet gas volume."

MR. NUTTER: Thank you, Mr. Hatch; if there's nothing further in Case 3740 we'll take the case under advisement and the hearing is adjourned.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)) ss COUNTY OF BERNALILLO)

I, KAY EMBREE, Notary Public in and for the County of Bernalillo. State of New Mexico, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached Transcript of Hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission was reported by me; and that the same is a true and correct record of the said proceedings, to the best of my knowledge. skill and ability. Witness my Hand and Seal this 29th day of March. 1968.

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Attention: Mr. James B. Henry

608 First National Bank Bldg.

Subject: Open Flow Potential Measurement Ross Federal No. 1 Wildcat Well Eddy County, New Mexico Our File No. 3-1583-OFP

Gentlemen:

David Fasken

Midland, Texas

Attached hereto are the results of a open flow potential measurement which was made on the above captioned well May 22, 1965.

The data presented are in tabular and graphical form. Form C-122 is prepared and furnished with the report.

It has been our pleasure to have conducted this service for you. If we may be of further assistance, please feel free to call us at anytime.

Respectfully submitted,

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GENERAL DATA

NORTH INDIAN HILLS MORROW GAS FIELD

EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Discovery WellDavid Fasken Russ-Federal No. 1
Discovery DateNay 21, 1965
Depth To Pay Zone9480
No. Producing Wells
Average Open Flow Potential
Water Saturation Net Pay19%
Est. Permeability Net Pay200 Md
Average Porosity Net Pay Sand12%
Gas-Condensate Ratio200,000 SCF/bbl.
Gravity of Gas0.61
Original Bottom Hole Pressure
Location Of FieldSec. 4, T-21-S, R-24-E, NMPM

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HYDROCARBON ANALYSIS OF ______ Wellhead _____ GAS SAMPLE

Component	MOL PER CENT	GPM
Hydrogen Sulfide		
Carbon Dioxide	0.77	
Nitrogen	0.33	
Methane	93.57	
Ethane	3, 32	
Propane	1.19	0.327
iso-Butane	0.09	0.029
n-Butane	0.16	0.050
iso-Peniane	0.05	0.018
n-Pentane	0.05	0.018
Hexanes	0.03	0.012
Heptanes plus	0.44	0.202
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Calculated gas gravity = 0.610

Calculated gross heating value = 1072 BTU per cubic foot of dry gas at 14.7 psis and 60° F.

Collected at 3110 psig and 80° F.

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January 29, 1968

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Mr. David Fasken 608 First National Bank Building Midland, Texas 79701

Dear Sir:

Your letter of January 12, 1968, requests approval to commingle dry gas and associated liquids produced from the following communitization agreements:

CA NO.	Formation	Description	Acres
SW-247	Morrow	A11 Sec. 4-215-24E	924.80
SW-381	Morrow	A11 Sec. 5-215-24E	926.46
SW-421	Horrow	A11 Sec. 9-21S-24 <u>B</u>	640.00

For royalty purposes, commingled dry gas and commingled liquid hydrocarbons will be sold from common facilities to be located in sec. 5, T. 21 S., R. 24 E. Wet gas volume will be measured from each communitized area. Allocation of dry gas and condensate to each communitized area will be based on the proportion that each measured wet gas volume bears to the total measured wet gas volume. The Lessee's Monthly Report of Operations (form 9-329) and the Lessee's Monthly Report of Sales and Royalty (form 9-361) must show all computations used in the calculation of lease sales.

The method of commingling is hereby approved subject to further approval by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission.

You are requested to notify the District Engineer, U. S. Geological Survey, Post Office Drawer U, Arresia, New Mexico 88210, when the installation is completed and operative so that an inspection can be made.

BEFORE EXAMINER NUTTER OIL ONSERVATION COMMISSION 'Sincerely yours,

JOHN A. ANDERSON Regional Oil and Gas Supervisor

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