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MR. HUETER: Those are part of this record.

MR. JENHANCE: Thank you.

Mr. Westall, do you feel that this application, if granted, will prevent waste and result in a greater economy of production in this area?

7. I feel very sure it will.

Q Will it save the operator between \$500 and \$600 a month?

A Well, at least that, up to roughly \$1000.

A Not that I know of.

Q In your experience have you encountered

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BY MR. NUTTER:

O Mr. Westall, you've been out here in this Shugart area for a long time. Looking at Exhibit Number One that Amoco presented in Case 6659, where are the water wells that are in this vicinity, if you know of any?

Well, there was originally a little water well right by the Hinkle L of ARCO's.

O Where would that be now?

Down in, well, I'd have to find it. I believe it's in 35. But ARCO has been injecting water there for a good many years and the well, incidentally, it belongs to me.

O The water well?

A Yes, but it's been off some 5 to 7 years, and I've been afraid to even pull it, knowing pretty well

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 - 9. What would be off this map here.
 - 3. Sir?
 - Q Then it would be off this map?
 - A. Bicht.
 - Now you said there was one in the township to the West. Where would that have been?
 - A That's that old Walters place.
- Well, I see Walters Lake. Where is the Walters place with reference to that?
- Mell, it was -- originally they called it the Benson Ranch, Holly Benson, and it's -- it's clear over in, like I say, in the next township west, and there's one

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-- that we're concerned with in this application. Are there any water wells in this area right through hore?

> 7. None whatsoever, no, sir.

Which would be downstream, so to speak, from the area that you are seeking an exception for?

No, sir.

There's no water wells to the southwest of the area in question?

None within any -- well, there's one at

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O Well, it's not often we get someone with forty years experience in an area to ask questions of them, Mr. Westall, so I wented to find out where those water wells were.

TR. HUTTER: Does anyone have any further questions of Mr. Wastall? He may be excused.

Do you have anything further, Mr. Jennings

MR. JERNINGS: No. unless Mr. Nutter would

like to look at an exhibit in Case Number 4146 when Mr.

Keohane testified about all this, and I don't know how many

cases back that was, 4146.

IR. HUTTER: Well, we'll take a look at it, anyway.

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Applicant:

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Dear Sir.

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

JOE D. RAMEY
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Did I answer it to --

Q. That's fine.

MR. JENNINGS: Mr. Examiner, with this we would offer -- ask the -- call the Examiner's attention to this Exhibit Number One, which you have a copy of in the other case, and also to Exhibit Number Two, which is coordinated with Exhibit Number One, and shows the various extensions or exceptions and the dates thereof, as of --

MR. NUTTER: Those are part of this record.

MR. JENNINGS: Thank you.

Q. Mr. Westall, do you feel that this application, if granted, will prevent waste and result in a greater economy of production in this area?

A. I feel very sure it will.

Q. Will it save the operator between \$500 and \$600 a month?

A. Well, at least that, up to roughly \$1000.

Q. Is there any fresh water that this might present any threat to?

A. Not that I know of.

O. In your experience have you encountered

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any there?

No.

MR. JENNINGS: I believe that's all.

Q. Mr. Westall, was Exhibit Number One prepared by me under your direction?

A. That's right.

MR. JENNINGS: We offer Exhibit Number

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CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. NUTTER:

Mr. Westall, you've been out here in this Shugart area for a long time. Looking at Exhibit Number One that Amoco presented in Case 6659, where are the water wells that are in this vicinity, if you know of any?

A. Well, there was originally a little water well right by the Hinkle 1 of ARCO's.

Q. Where would that be now?

A. Down in, well, I'd have to find it. I believe it's in 35. But ARCO has been injecting water there for a good many years and the well, incidentally, it belongs to me.

Q. The water well?

A. Yes, but it's been off some 5 to 7 years, and I've been afraid to even pull it, knowing pretty well

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what I will find. It would possibly real salty.

And it wasn't -- wasn't really enough to -I lived there one time, and it really wasn't enough to -- for
one household. It wasn't that much of a water well.

But as far as other water wells in the area, there isn't any.

0. No water wells anywhere around here?

A No, sir. There's one on this old Benson
Snyder Ranch clear over in the next township west, and there
is one over in the Lusk Field in the township east, and then
there's one, well, at the old Eaves place, we used to call
it, and that would be northeast of this township. It would
probably be three miles outside the township.

Q. That would be off this map here.

A. Sir?

Then it would be off this map?

A. Right.

Q. Now you said there was one in the township to the west. Where would that have been?

A. That's that old Walters place.

Q. Well, I see Walters Lake. Where is the Walters place with reference to that?

Mell, it was -- originally they called it the Benson Ranch, Holly Benson, and it's -- it's clear over in, like I say, in the next township west, and there's one

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there and it is pretty good water. It's adjoining R. Q. property.

Where is that?

A. I'll have to find it, but it's --- it's at least five miles west of this deal.

Q Is it off of this bluff here?

A. Yes. Yes. It sure is.

Q. It's down in the valley there.

A Right, and incidentally, there's a potash mine just above it, and these exceptions, 15, 16, 17, and 18, are on west.

Q. Now there's no water wells -- there's no water wells, Mr. Westall -- this is the area that you're concerned with --

A. Right.

Q. -- that we're concerned with in this application. Are there any water wells in this area right through here?

A None whatsoever, no, sir.

Q. Which would be downstream, so to speak, from the area that you are seeking an exception for?

A. No, sir.

Q There's no water wells to the southwest of the area in question?

A None within any -- well, there's one at

SALLY W. BOYD, C.S.F Rt. 1 Box 193-B the so-called Lusk Ranch. It's way down here, well, you can see it on this map on -- where 31 takes a pretty good --

That would be approximately one mile above the excepted area right here?

A Uh-huh. Uh-huh. Everything else is piped into that country. As you probably know, potash mines take their water from the Caprock up, well, I'd say southeast of Maljamar, and the pipelines come down across that country, and that -- that is where the ranchers get their water.

Q. And most of the cattle troughs and things are fed from those potash pipelines.

A. Right.

Q. Well, it's not often we get someone with forty years experience in an area to ask questions of them, Mr. Westall, so I wanted to find out where those water wells were.

MR. NUTTER: Does anyone have any further questions of Mr. Westall? He may be excused.

Do you have anything further, Mr. Jennings

MR. JENNINGS: No, unless Mr. Nutter would

like to look at an exhibit in Case Number 4146 when Mr.

Keohane testified about all this, and I don't know how many

cases back that was, 4146.

MR. NUTTER: Well, we'll take a look at it, anyway.

Is there anything further now in Case Number 6806? Does anyone have anything they wish to offer?

We'll take the case under advisement.

(Hearing concluded.)

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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

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

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 6806 Order No. R-6279

APPLICATION OF WESTALL, MASK AND JENNINGS FOR AN EXCEPTION TO ORDER NO. R-3221, AS AMENDED, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on February 13, 1980, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 11th day of March, 1980, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

- (1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicant, Westall, Mask and Jennings, is the owner and operator of several leases in Sections 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, and 34, Township 18 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, Shugart Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (3) That Order (3) of Division Order No. R-3221, as amended, prohibits in that area encompassed by Lea, Eddy, Chaves, and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico, the disposal, subject to minor exceptions, of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil or gas, or both, on the surface of the ground, or in any pit, pond, lake, depression, draw, streambed, or arroyo, or in any watercourse, or in any other place or in any manner which would constitute a hazard to any fresh water supplies and said disposal has not previously been prohibited.

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- (4) That the aforesaid Order No. R-3221 was issued in order to afford reasonable protection against contamination of fresh water supplies designated by the State Engineer through disposal of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil or gas, or both, in unlined surface pits.
- (5) That the State Engineer has designated, pursuant to Section 65-3-11 (15), N.M.S.A., 1953 Compilation, all underground water in the State of New Mexico containing 10,000 parts per million or less of dissolved solids as fresh water supplies to be afforded reasonable protection against contamination; except that said designation does not include any water for which there is no present or reasonably foreseeable beneficial use that would be impaired by contamination.
- (6) That the applicant seeks as an exception to the provisions of the aforesaid Order (3) to permit the disposal of salt water produced by applicant's wells on the above-described leases in unlined surface pits located on said leases.
- (7) That the wells on the aforesaid leases produce approximately 100 barrels of water per day.
- (8) That the applicant is currently gathering said water and trucking it to an underground injection site at considerable cost.
- (9) That there appears to be no shallow fresh water in the vicinity of the subject leases for which a present or reasonably foreseeable beneficial use is or will be made that would be impaired by contamination from the proposed disposal pits.
- (10) That to prevent the economic loss caused by gathering and trucking the water produced on applicant's leases, authority to dispose of produced water in unlined surface pits on said leases should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Westall, Mask and Jennings, is hereby granted an exception to Order (3) of Division Order No. R-3221, as amended, to dispose of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil or gas, or both, from its Keohane Federal and Hinkle Federal Leases, located in Sections 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, and 34, Township 18 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, Shugart Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, in unlined surface pits on said leases.

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- (2) That the Director of the Division may by administrative order rescind such authority whenever it reasonably appears to the Director that such rescission would serve to protect fresh water supplies from contamination.
- (3) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem nacessary.

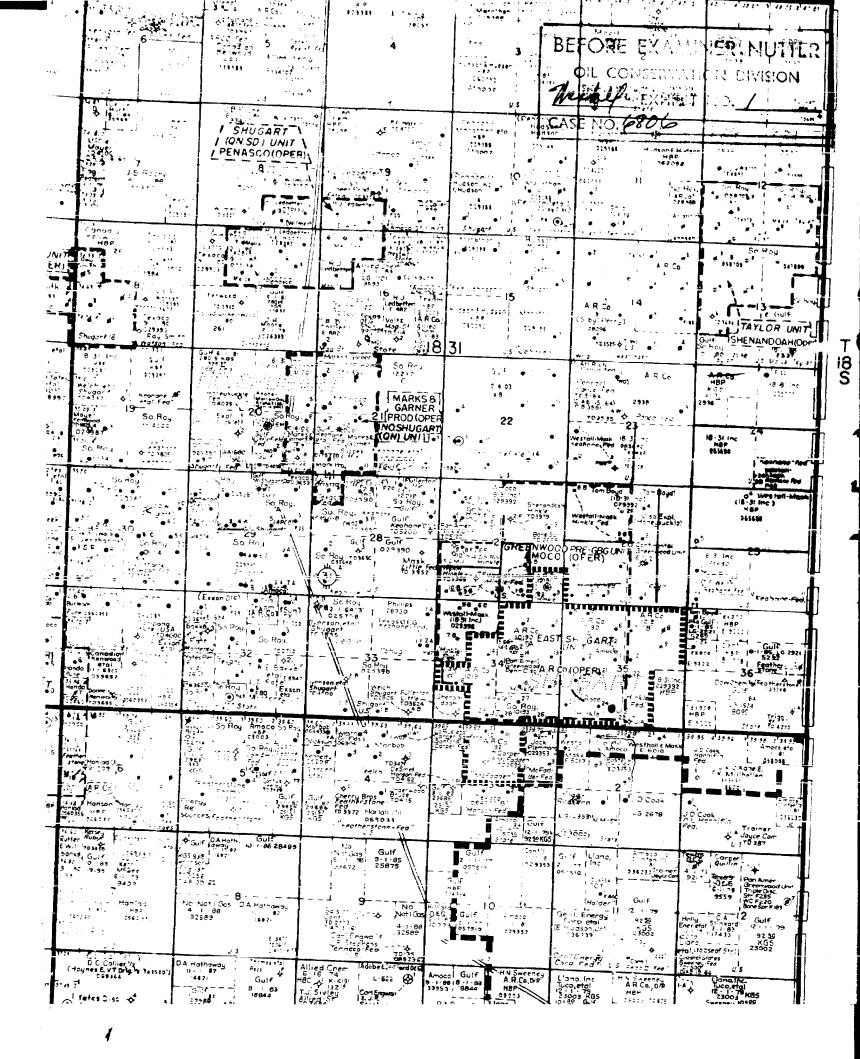
DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.



STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

JOE D. RAMEY

Director



Dockets Nos. 5-80 and 6-80 are tentatively set for February 27 and March 12, 1980. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 13, 1980

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

- ALLOWABLE: (1) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for March, 1980, from fifteen prorated pools in Lea, Eddy, and Chaves Counties, New Mexico.
 - (2) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for March, 1980, from four prorated pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico.
 - (3) Consideration of purchaser's nominations for the one year period beginning April 1, 1980, for both of the above areas.
- CASE 6803: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to permit EPROC Associates, Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why its Monsanto State H Well No. 1 located in Unit E of Section 2, Township 30 North, Range 16 West, San Juan County, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program.
- CASE 6787: (Continued from January 16, 1980, Examiner Hearing)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to consider the approval of 12 non-standard proration units ranging in size from 261.51 acres to 334.24 acres for 320 acre spaced pools, and 10 non standard proration units ranging in size from 162.65 acres to 207.57 acres for 160-acre spaced pools, all of the aforesaid units being in and resulting from the irregular size and shape of Sections 1 thru 7 and 18, 19, 30, and 31, along the North and West sides of Township 28 North, Range 3 West, Rio Arriba County.

CASE 6487: (Continued from January 3, 1980, Examiner Hearing)

Application of El Paso Natural Gas Company for approval of infill drilling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks a waiver of existing well-spacing requirements and a finding that the drilling of its Shell E State Com Well No. 2 located in Unit N of Section 6, Township 21 South, Range 36 East, Eumont Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain that portion of the proration unit which cannot be so drained by the existing well

- CASE 6804: Application of The Superior Oil Company for an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its Bondurant
 Federal Com Well No. 1, a Morrow test to be drilled 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from
 the East line of Section 1, Township 19 South, Range 32 East, the S/2 of said Section 1 to be dedicated to the well.
- CASE 6767: (Continued from January 16, 1980, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Alpha Twenty-One Production Company for two non-standard gas proration units, unorthodox well location, and approval of infill drilling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of a 40-acre non-standard proration unit comprising the NW/4 NW/4 of Section 27, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, Jalmat Gas Pool, to be dedicated to El Paso Natural Cas Company's Harrison Well No. 2, and also a 200-acre unit comprising the S/2 N/2 and NE/4 NW/4 of said Section 27 to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 1980 feet from the North line and 560 feet from the West line of Section 27. Applicant further seeks a finding that the drilling of the latter well is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain that portion of an existing proration unit which cannot be so drained by the existing well.

Application of Hondo Oil and Gas Company for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its Federal 10 Well No. 1, a Wolfcamp-Pennsylvanian test to be drilled 1550 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 10, Township 18 South, Range 28 East, the W/2 of said Section 10 to be dedicated to the well.

CASE 6806: Application of Westall, Mask and Jennings for an exception to Order No. R-3221, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an exception to Order No. R-3221 to permit disposal of produced brine into unlined surface pits adjacent to tank batteries in Sections 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34 and 35. Township 18 South, Range 31 East.

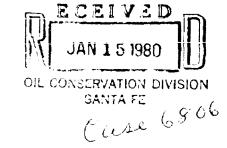
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Attention:

Mr. Ernie Padilla General Counsel

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith you will find an Application filed on behalf of Westall, Mask and Jennings for an exception to Order No. R-3221, as amended, to permit the disposal of produced salt water into unlined open surface pits in Eddy County.

I would appreciate it if you would put this on the docket for an early date, the first possible date being in February. I will only have one witness who will be Mr. Westall, who is actually in charge of the wells, but I would like to arrange it so that he can make a round trip from Artesia to Santa Fe and return the same day. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

JENNINGS & CHRISTY

James T. Jennings

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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF WESTALL, MASK AND JENNINGS FOR AN EXCEPTION TO ORDER NO. R-3221, AS AMENDED, TO PERMIT THE DISPOSAL OF PRODUCED SALT WATER INTO UNLINED OPEN SURFACE PITS IN EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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APPLICATION

COME NOW Westall, Mask and Jennings, by their attorneys, Jennings & Christy, and seek an exception to Order No. R-3221, as amended, to permit the disposal of produced salt water into unlined open surface pits located adjacent to tank batteries in Sections 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34 and 35, Township 18 South, Range 31 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico, and in support of their application state:

- 1. Applicants are the Operators of leases located in Sections 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34 and 35, Township 18 South, Range 31 East, N.M.P.M., upon which 14 wells have been completed and upon which Operators contemplate the drilling of two additional wells; one to be located in the E½SE¼ of Section 35 and another to be located in the E½E½ of Section 26.
- 2. That in connection with the production of the oil from these wells, there is produced approximately 100 barrels of salt water per day. The total production for the month of October, 1979 was 2,635 barrels and the production for the month of November was 2,860 barrels.
- 3. That said water is currently being disposed of by Southland Royalty Company through its water disposal system in the Shugart Field.
- 4. That there is no fresh or potable water in the vicinity and the only water available in the vicinity for any purposes is from

the pipeline serving the potash mines in the area.

- 5. That the Oil Conservation Division has granted numerous exceptions to Order No. R-3221 for disposal of salt water in unlined surface pits in the area.
- 6. Approval of this application for an exception to Order R-3221, as amended, will prevent waste, protect correlative rights and will not injure any fresh water or present any threat of such injury.

WHEREFORE, Applicants request that this application be set for hearing and that after notice and hearing the Division enter its Order granting Applicants an exception to Order R-3221, as amended, in accordance with this application.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE FURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

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ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

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NOW, on this _____ day of February , 19 80 , the Division

Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

- (1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicant, Westall, Mask and Jennings, is

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- (4) That the aforesaid Order No. R-3221 was issued in order to afford reasonable protection against contamination of fresh water supplies designated by the State Engineer through disposal of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil or gas, or both, in unlined surface pits.
- (5) That the State Engineer has designated, pursuant to Section 65-3-11 (15), N.M.S.A., 1953 Compilation, all underground water in the State of New Mexico containing 10,000 parts per million or less of dissolved solids as fresh water supplies to be afforded reasonable protection against contamination; except that said designation does not include any water for which there is no present or reasonably foreseeable beneficial use that would be impaired by contamination.
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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:
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