

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - JANUARY 19, 1995

8:15 A.M. - 2040 SOUTH PACHECO

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Dockets Nos. 4-95 and 5-95 are tentatively set for February 2, 1995 and February 16, 1995. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 23 days in advance of hearing date. The following cases will be heard by an Examiner:

CASE 10280: (Reopened - Continued from December 15, 1994, Examiner Hearing.)

In the matter of Case No. 10280 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Division Orders Nos. R-9594 and R-9594-A, which orders promulgated temporary special rules and regulations for the Milnesand-Abo Pool in Lea and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico, including a provision for 80-acre spacing. Operators in the subject pool may appear and show cause why said special pool rules should not be rescinded and why the Milnesand-Abo Pool should not be developed on other than 40-acre spacing and proration units.

CASE 11129: (Reopened)

Application of AnSon Gas Corporation for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox oil well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Atoka formation underlying the N/2 SE/4 of Section 15, Township 17 South, Range 37 East, forming a standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 80-acre spacing within said vertical extent, which presently includes both the Undesignated Humble City-Atoka Pool and the Undesignated Humble City-Strawn Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox oil well location 2310 feet from the South line and 410 feet from the East line (Unit I) of said Section 15. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 3 miles north northwest of Humble City, New Mexico.

CASE 10530: (Reopened - Continued from January 5, 1995, Examiner Hearing.)

In the matter of Case No. 10530 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order Nos. R-9722 and R-9722-A, which promulgated special rules and regulations for the West Lovington-Strawn Pool including a provision for 80-acre spacing. Operators in the subject pool should be prepared to appear and show cause why the temporary special rules and regulations for the West Lovington-Strawn Pool should not be rescinded and said pool not be developed on 40-acre spacing units.

CASE 11176: Application of Amoco Production Company to amend Division Order No. R-10174 to include provisions for an unorthodox surface gas well location, simultaneous dedication, and an exception to Rule 2(b) of the Special Rules governing the Blanco-Mesaverde Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to amend Division Order No. R-10174, issued in Case 11054 and dated August 25, 1994, which order authorized Amoco Production Company to initiate a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project within an existing non-standard 327.11-acre gas spacing and proration unit in the Blanco-Mesaverde Pool comprising Lots 8, 9, 10, and 11 and the SE/4 (E/2 equivalent) of Section 6, Township 30 North, Range 8 West, by changing the surface location of its proposed Florance "H" Well No. 37-R to an unorthodox surface gas well location 465 feet from the South line and 1660 feet from the East line (Unit O) of said Section 6. Applicant further seeks an exception to Rule 2(b) of the Special Rules and Regulations for the Blanco-Mesaverde Pool, as promulgated by Division Order No. R-8170, as amended, allowing for a third well to be drilled on a spacing unit and for production from all three wells to be simultaneously dedicated to said 327.11-acre proration unit. Said project area is located approximately 5 miles northwest of the Navajo Reservoir Dam. In the absence of objection, this application will be taken under advisement.

CASE 11153: (Readvertised)

Application of Amoco Production Company for surface commingling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval to surface commingle Blanco-Mesaverde Pool gas production with Basin-Dakota Pool gas production within the wellbore from its Martinez Gas Com Well No. 1G located 1198 feet from the North line and 790 feet from the East line (Unit A) of Section 24, Township 29 North, Range 10 West. Said well is located inside the town in Blanco, New Mexico.

CASE 11155: (Continued from December 15, 1994, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Amoco Production Company for downhole commingling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval to downhole commingle conventional Blanco-Pictured Cliffs Pool gas production (160-acre standard dedication comprising the NE/4) with gas production from the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool (320-acre standard dedication comprising the N/2) within the wellbore of its proposed Ruth Well No. 1 located at a standard gas well location for both intervals 940 feet from the North line and 790 feet from the East line (Unit A) of Section 8, Township 31 North, Range 10 West. Said well is located approximately 1.5 miles south southwest of Blanco, New Mexico.

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Application of Amoco Production Company to amend Division Order No. R-10174 to include provisions for ~~an unorthodox~~ surface gas well location, simultaneous dedication, and an exception to Rule 2(b) of the Special Rules governing the Blanco-Mesaverde Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to amend Division Order No. R-10174, issued in Case 11054 and dated August 25, 1994, which order authorized Amoco Production Company to initiate a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project within an existing non-standard 327.11-acre gas spacing and proration unit in the Blanco-Mesaverde Pool comprising Lots 8, 9, 10, and 11 and the SE/4 (E/2 equivalent) of Section 6, Township 30 North, Range 8 West, by changing the surface location of its proposed Florance "H" Well No. 37-R to an unorthodox surface gas well location 1350 feet from the North line and 1850 feet from the East line (Lot 10/Unit G) of said Section 6. Applicant further seeks an exception to Rule 2(b) of the Special Rules and Regulations for the Blanco-Mesaverde Pool, as promulgated by Division Order No. R-8170, as amended, allowing for a third well to be drilled on a spacing unit and for production from all three wells to be simultaneously dedicated to said 327.11-acre proration unit. Said project area is located approximately 5 miles northwest of the Navajo Reservoir Dam. In the absence of objection, this application will be taken under advisement.

CASE 11183: (Continued from January 5, 1995, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of David Petroleum Corporation for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Strawn formation underlying the N/2 NE/4 of Section 33, Township 15 South, Range 35 East, in the following described manner: the N/2 NE/4 forming a standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 80-acre spacing within said vertical extent which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated West Lovington-Strawn Pool; and, the NW/4 NE/4 forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre oil spacing within said vertical extent. Said unit(s) are to be dedicated to the Barton Fee Well No. 1 to be drilled at a standard location 760 feet from the North line and 2090 feet from the East line (Unit B) of Section 33. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling and completing said well. Said unit is located approximately 4 miles Northwest of Lovington, New Mexico.

CASE 11187: Application of Maralo, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Bone Spring formation, underlying the SW/4 SE/4 (Unit O) of Section 30, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within said vertical extent. Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard oil well location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling and completing said well. Said unit is located approximately 10 miles east by south of Loving, New Mexico.

CASE 11188: Application of Texaco Exploration and Production Inc., for certification of a positive production response pursuant to the "New Mexico Enhanced Oil Recovery Act", Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks certification, pursuant to the Rules and Procedures for Qualification of Enhanced Oil Recovery Projects and Certification for the Recovered Oil Tax Rate, as promulgated by Division Order No. R-9708, for a positive production response on its Vacuum Glorieta West Unit Waterflood Project, which qualified for the recovered oil tax rate under the "New Mexico Enhanced Oil Recovery Act" (Laws 1992, Chapter 38, Sections 1 through 5) by Division Order No. R-9714. Said project is located in portions of Townships 17 and 18 South, Ranges 34 and 35 East and encompasses the immediate area in and around Buckeye, New Mexico.

CASE 11189: Application of ORYX Energy Company for an unorthodox infill gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval to drill its Conoco State Gas Com Well No. 2 at an unorthodox infill gas well location 800 feet from the South and West lines (Unit M) of Section 2, Township 22 South, Range 23 East, in the Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Gas Pool. Said well is to be dedicated to an existing 654.28-acre gas spacing and proration unit comprising all of said irregular Section 2, which is presently dedicated to its Conoco State Gas Com Well No. 1 located at a standard gas well location 1775 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit F) of said Section 2. Said unit is located approximately 3 miles south of the Marathon Oil Company Indian Basin Gas Plant.