

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

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

CASE NO. 11169 (Reopened)

**IN THE MATTER OF THE SPECIAL POOL RULES
FOR THE NORTH HARDY TUBB-DRINKARD POOL,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This pre-hearing statement is submitted by CONOCO INC. as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

APPEARANCE OF PARTIES

APPLICANT

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STATEMENT OF CASE

APPLICANT:

Conoco is the only operator in the proposed pool and currently all categories of owners in the pool have common ownership. On August 19, 1994, Conoco completed its Hardy "36" State Well No. 3 at a standard location

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2080 feet FNL and 1730 feet FEL, (Unit G) of said Section 36 which constituted a "new discovery" under Division Rule 509 and by Division Order R-10327 issued March 8, 1995, the Division created a new pool to be known as the North Hardy Tubb-Drinkard Pool, the vertical limits of which shall be from the top of the Tubb formation to the base of the Drinkard formation and adoption of temporary special rules and regulations including:

- (a) 40-acre spacing and proration units; and
- (b) a special limiting gas-oil ratio of 10,000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil.

Based upon the present evidence available concerning the nature of the Tubb and Drinkard formations, both are typical solution gas drive oil pools which are commonly combined by the Division and authorized to be produced at special gas oil ratio rates.

Conoco has petroleum engineering data which supports its request that the Division **now make these special pool permanent.**

PROPOSED EVIDENCE


APPLICANT

| WITNESSES | EST. TIME | EXHIBITS |
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| Damian G. Barrett (P.E.) | 30 Min. | est. 12 exhibits |

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

None applicable at this time.

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