

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - FEBRUARY 2, 1995

8:15 A.M. - 2040 SOUTH PACHECO

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Dockets Nos. 5-95 and 6-95 are tentatively set for February 16, 1995 and March 2, 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 10804: (Reopened - Continued from January 5, 1995, Examiner Hearing.)

In the matter of Case No. 10804 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Division Order No. R-10010, which order promulgated temporary special rules and regulations for the Happy Valley-Delaware Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, including provisions for a limiting gas/oil ratio of 10,000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil and a special depth bracket allowable of 160 barrels of oil per day. Operators in said Happy Valley-Delaware Pool may appear and present evidence and show cause why said special rules and regulations should remain in effect.

CASE 11198: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation 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 Canyon formation, underlying the NW/4 of Section 21, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, forming a standard 160-acre spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent, which presently includes only the North Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to its Hooper "AMP" Well No. 2, which has been drilled at a standard location 1980 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line (Unit E) of said Section 21. 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 6.5 miles west by north of Lakewood, New Mexico.

CASE 11199: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation 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 Canyon formation, underlying the SW/4 of Section 21, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, forming a standard 160-acre spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent, which presently includes only the North Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to its Hooper "AMP" Well No. 1, which has been drilled at a standard location 820 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line (Unit M) of said Section 21. 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 6.5 miles west by north of Lakewood, New Mexico.

CASE 11200: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation 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 Canyon formation, underlying the SE/4 of Section 21, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, forming a standard 160-acre spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent, which presently includes only the Undesignated North Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to its Patriot "AIZ" Well No. 5, which has been drilled at a standard location 660 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit O) of said Section 21. 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 6.25 miles west by north of Lakewood, New Mexico.

CASE 11176: (Continued from January 19, 1995, Examiner Hearing.)

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 11183: (Continued from January 19, 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 11172: (Continued from January 5, 1995, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Purvis Operating Company for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval to dispose of produced salt water into the Gladiola-Wolfcamp Pool through the perforated interval from approximately 9103 feet to 9674 feet in its Lea "AV" State Well No. 4 located 1980 feet from the North and West lines (Unit F) of Section 19, Township 12 South, Range 38 East, which is located approximately 2.5 miles east-northeast of Gladiola, New Mexico.

CASE 11173: (Continued from January 5, 1995, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of W. M. Gallaway for downhole commingling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval to downhole commingle Blanco-Mesaverde Pool gas production with Gavilan-Mancos Oil Pool production within the wellbore of its Trix Well No. 2 located 790 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the West line (Unit M) of Section 5, Township 26 North, Range 2 West. Said well is located 15 miles north of Lindrieth, New Mexico.

CASE 11201: Application of DALEN Resources Oil & Gas Co. for pool creation, the promulgation of special pool rules, and for the assignment of a special depth bracket oil allowable, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the creation of a new pool for the production of oil from the Strawn formation underlying the S/2 NE/4 of Section 20, Township 17 South, Range 37 East (being approximately 3.5 miles west-northwest of Humble City, New Mexico) and for the promulgation of Special Rules and Regulations therefor including provisions for 80-acre oil spacing and proration units and designated well location requirements. Applicant further seeks the assignment of a special depth bracket oil allowable for the proposed pool, pursuant to the Division General Rule 505.D and 505.E, of 320 barrels of oil per day per 80-acre unit.

CASE 10748: (Continued from January 5, 1995, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Yates Energy Corporation for pool creation, classification of the new pool as an associated pool and for special pool rules, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks creation of a new pool for the production of oil and gas from the Pennsylvanian formation underlying the W/2 of Section 17, Township 22 South, Range 24 East, NMPM. Applicant also seeks classification of this new pool as an associated oil and gas pool and the promulgation of special rules and regulations for the pool including: 320-acre spacing and proration units; designated well location requirements; a limit of no more than one well per quarter section; a special depth bracket allowable for each well on a 320-acre spacing or proration unit of 1400 barrels of oil per day and; administrative procedures for approval of unorthodox well locations and non-standard spacing or proration units. Said area is located approximately 2 miles east of Lone Butte.

CASE 11188: (Continued from January 19, 1995, Examiner Hearing.)

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.