

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - AUGUST 24, 1995

8:15 A.M. - 2040 South Pacheco

Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dockets Nos 26-95 and 27-95 are tentatively set for September 7, 1995 and September 21, 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 11275: (Continued from July 27, 1995, Examiner Hearing.)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") on its own motion to permit the operator, Sage Oil Company and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Gulf State Well No. 1, located 660 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit N) of Section 30, Township 10 South, Range 27 East, Chaves County, New Mexico (which is approximately 1/4 mile south of U. S. Highway No. 380 at mile marker No. 172), should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program. Should the operator fail to properly plug said well, the Division should then be authorized to take such action as is deemed necessary to have said well properly plugged and abandoned and to direct the operator to pay the costs of such plugging.

CASE 11354: (Continued from August 10, 1995, Examiner Hearing.)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") on its own motion to permit the operator, Nerdhlic Company, Inc., and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the following five wells in McKinley County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program. Further, should the operator fail to properly plug any or all of said wells, the Division seeks an order directing the operator to pay the costs of such plugging and if failing to do so, ordering a forfeiture of the "blanket" cash plugging bond covering said wells and authorizing the Director of the Division to make demand upon United New Mexico Bank in Santa Fe, New Mexico to pay to the Division so much of the funds of the certificate of deposit given as collateral for said bond as is necessary to compensate the costs of plugging any or all of said wells:

- (1) Inditos Well No. 1 (API No. 30-031-20774), located 2310'FNL & 330'FEL (Unit H) of Section 15, Township 16 North, Range 9 West;
- (2) Bullseye Well No. 2 (API No. 30-031-20414), located 540'FSL & 1560'FWL (Unit N) of Section 18, Township 16 North, Range 9 West;
- (3) Bullseye Well No. 9 (API No. 30-031-20576), located 330'FSL & 1650'FEL (Unit O) of Section 18, Township 16 North, Range 9 West;
- (4) Bullseye Well No. 8 (API No. 30-031-20531), located 330'FNL & 990'FWL (Unit D) of Section 19, Township 16 North, Range 9 West; and,
- (5) Bullseye "A" Well No. 2 (API No. 30-031-05091), located 990'FS & EL (Unit P) of Section 13, Township 16 North, Range 10 West.

Upon the application of Nerdhlic Company, Inc., this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 11363: Application of Ensearch Exploration, Inc. for downhole commingling and to amend Division Administrative Order DHC-755, Roosevelt County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to amend Division Administrative Order DHC-755, dated February 14, 1990, which order authorized the commingling of South Peterson-Pennsylvanian Associated Pool and South Peterson-Fusselman Pool production within the wellbore of the Lambirth Well No. 3, located 1980 feet from the North and East lines (Unit G) of Section 31, Township 5 South, Range 33 East, by increasing the current restriction of "100 barrels" per day of total water production from said well to "300 barrels" per day. Said well is located approximately 11.5 miles southeast of Elida, New Mexico. IN THE ABSENCE OF OBJECTION, THIS APPLICATION WILL BE TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT.

CASE 11327: (Continued from August 10, 1995, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Merrion Oil & Gas Corporation for a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project and for the promulgation of special operating rules therefor, Sandoval County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to initiate a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project in the designated and Undesignated Snake Eyes-Entrada Oil Pool underlying a single fee lease comprising all or portions of Sections 19, 20, and 21, Township 21 North, Range 8 West. Further, the applicant seeks the promulgation of special operating rules and procedures for wells within said project area including provisions for administrative authorization for horizontal wells, the formation of oversized and irregular shaped spacing and proration units to accommodate such wellbores, the assignment of a special oil allowable or formula for the project area and the designation of a target window such that horizontal or producing portions of such a wellbore shall be no closer than 330 feet to the outer boundary of the project area. Said area is located approximately 16 miles south by east of Nageezi, New Mexico.

CASE 11328: (Continued from August 10, 1995, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Merriam Oil & Gas Corporation for a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project and for the promulgation of special operating rules therefor, Sandoval County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to initiate a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project in the Media-Entrada Oil Pool within its proposed Media Entrada Secondary (Federal) Unit comprising portions of Sections 14, 15, 22, and 23, Township 19 North, Range 3 West. Further, the applicant seeks the promulgation of special operating rules and procedures for wells within said Unit Area including provisions for administrative authorization for horizontal wells, the formation of oversized and irregular shaped spacing and proration units to accommodate such wellbores, the assignment of a special oil allowable or formula for the project area and the designation of a target window such that horizontal or producing portions of such a wellbore shall be no closer than 330 feet to the outer boundary of the project area. Said area is located approximately 14 miles southwest of Cuba, New Mexico.

CASE 11329: (Continued from August 10, 1995, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Merriam Oil & Gas Corporation to amend Division Order No. R-9079, to extend the horizontal limits of the existing high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project area, and to adopt additional special operating rules therefor, McKinley County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to amend Division Order No. R-9079 by extending the project area approved therein to include the N/2 NW/4, SE/4 NW/4, NE/4 SW/4, and S/2 SW/4 of Section 15 and the SE/4 NE/4 and NE/4 SE/4 of Section 16, of Township 19 North, Range 5 West. Further, the applicant seeks the promulgation of special operating rules and procedures for wells within said Cooperative Area including provisions for administrative authorization for horizontal wells, the formation of oversized and irregular shaped spacing and proration units to accommodate such wellbores, the assignment of a special oil allowable or formula for the project area and the designation of a target window such that horizontal or producing portions of such a wellbore shall be no closer than 330 feet to the outer boundary of the project area. Said area is located approximately 22 miles northwest of San Luis, New Mexico.

CASES 10793, 10981, and 11004: (Reopened)

In the matter of Case Nos. 10793, 10981, and 11004 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Division Order Nos. R-9976 and R-9976-A, which orders established a "pilot infill drilling program" in the Pecos Slope-Abo Gas Pool in portions of Townships 5, 6, and 7 South, Ranges 25 and 26 East, Chaves County. The applicant in this matter, Yates Petroleum Corporation, seeks the promulgation of special rules and regulations for the currently unprorated Pecos Slope-Abo Gas Pool, based on the geologic and engineering data acquired from the pilot program, including provisions to permit the optional drilling of an additional well on each 160-acre standard gas spacing and proration unit, designated well location requirements, and any other provisions deemed necessary in the implementation of "infill drilling" in said pool. Currently the Pecos Slope-Abo Gas Pool comprises approximately 199,000 acres in all or portions of Townships 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 South, Ranges 24, 25, 26, and 27 East.

CASE 11364: Application of Nearburg Exploration Company 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 22, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, to form 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 but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated North Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to its Ross Ranch "22" Well No. 8 (API No. 30-015-28487) to be drilled at a standard location in the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) of said Section 22. Also to be considered will 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 unit, and a charge for risk involved in drilling and completing said well. Said unit is located approximately 14 miles south of the Artesia Municipal Airport at Artesia, New Mexico.

CASE 11360: (Continued from August 10, 1995, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Nearburg Exploration Company 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 Morrow formation, underlying the following described acreage in Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 27 East, and in the following manner: the W/2 to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within said vertical extent which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Jennings Spring-Wolfcamp Gas Pool, Undesignated Red Lake-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Undesignated Logan Draw-Cisco/Canyon Gas Pool, Undesignated Scoggin Draw-Atoka Gas Pool, Undesignated Logan Draw-Morrow Gas Pool, Undesignated West Logan Draw-Morrow Gas Pool, and Undesignated Scoggin Draw-Morrow Gas Pool; and, the SW/4 to form a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent. Said units are to be dedicated to a single well to be drilled and completed at a standard gas 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 Nearburg Producing Company as the operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said well location is approximately 3 miles south of Riverside, New Mexico.