

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - MARCH 7, 1996

8:15 A.M. - 2040 South Pacheco

Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dockets Nos 9-96 and 10-96 are tentatively set for March 21, 1996 and April 4, 1996. 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 11463: (Continued from February 8, 1996, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Robert L. Bayless for downhole commingling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, seeks approval to downhole commingle production from Fulcher Kutz-Pictured Cliffs and Aztec Fruitland Sand Pools within the wellbore of its Horn Canyon Well No. 1 located 1190 feet from the North line and 1055 feet from the West line (Unit D) of Section 15, Township 28 North, Range 11 West. Said well is located approximately 4 miles south of Bloomfield, New Mexico.

CASE 11460: (Readvertised)

Application of Santa Fe Energy Resources, Inc. for a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval of the Tomcat Unit Agreement for an area comprising 3,840 acres, more or less, of federal, state, and fee lands consisting of all or parts of Sections 8, 15-17, 20-22, and 28, Township 23 South, Range 32 East. Said unit area is centered approximately 5 miles northeast of the intersection of State Highway 128 with the Eddy/Lea County line.

CASE 11461: (Continued from February 22, 1996, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Santa Fe Energy Resources, Inc. for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Devonian formation underlying the following described acreage in Section 29, Township 22 South, Range 34 East, and in the following manner: All of Section 29 to form a standard 640-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 640-acre spacing within said vertical extent, including the Undesignated North Bell Lake-Devonian Gas Pool; and the E/2 of Section 29 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, including the Undesignated Antelope Ridge-Atoka Gas Pool. Said units are to be dedicated to the applicant's Shamrock "29" Fed Com. Well No. 1 to be drilled at an orthodox gas well location 1330 feet from the North and East lines (Unit G) of the Section. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the costs thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for the risk involved in drilling said well. Said units are located approximately 16 miles southwest of Eunice, New Mexico.

CASE 11456: (Continued from February 22, 1996, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Santa Fe Energy Resources, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Bone Spring formation underlying the NE/4 NE/4 of Section 18, Township 23 South, Range 32 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 the applicant's Tomcat 18 Fed. Well No. 1 to be drilled at an orthodox oil well location. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the costs thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for the risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 4 miles north of the intersection of Highway FAS 1271 and the border between Lea and Eddy Counties.

CASE 11479: Application of Exxon Corporation for a non-standard gas proration unit, simultaneous dedication and two unorthodox gas well locations, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks to establish a non-standard 159.92-acre gas spacing and proration unit for Blinebry Oil and Gas Pool production comprising Lots 2, 3, and the S/2 NW/4 of Section 2, Township 22 South, Range 37 East. Said unit is to be dedicated to its existing New Mexico "S" State Well Nos. 14, 38 and 28, located in Units C, E, and F, respectively. Applicant also seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location for Well No. 38, located 2100 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line (Unit F) of said Section 2 and for Well No. 28, located 2160 feet from the North line and 1800 feet from the West line (Unit F) of said Section 2. Said proration unit is located two miles southeast of Eunice, New Mexico.

CASE 11459: (Readvertised)

Application of Conoco, Inc. to Amend Division Administrative Order DHC-1170, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks to amend the original allowable set forth in Division Order DHC-1170 which approved the commingling of production from the Warren Blinebry -Tubb Oil and Gas Pool and the Warren-Drinkard Pool in its Warren Unit Well No. 95, located 660 feet from the South and East lines (Unit P) of Section 28, Township 20 South, Range 38 East. Said well is located approximately 7 miles north of Eunice, New Mexico.

CASE 11480: Application of Meridian Oil Inc. for downhole commingling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval to downhole commingle conventional Aztec-Pictured Cliffs Gas Pool production (160-acre standard dedication comprising the SW/4) with gas production from the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool (320-acre standard dedication comprising the W/2) within the wellbore of its existing Hancock Well No. 3 located 890 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the West line (Unit M) of Section 22, Township 28 North, Range 9 West. Applicant further seeks an exception to the pressure differential limitations of Rule 303(C)(b)(v). Said well is located approximately 5 miles southeast of Blanco, New Mexico. IN THE ABSENCE OF OBJECTION, THIS APPLICATION WILL BE TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT.

CASE 11481: Application of Nearburg Exploration Company for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval to drill its proposed Black River "10" Federal Com Well No. 1 at an unorthodox gas well location 1330 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the West line (Unit E) of Section 10, Township 24 South, Range 26 East, to be dedicated to a standard 320-acre spacing unit consisting of the W/2 of said Section 10 and to be dedicated to any and all production therein including but not necessarily limited to the Undesignated South Carlsbad-Morrow Gas Pool. Said unit is located approximately 10 1/2 miles southwest of Whites City, New Mexico.

CASE 11482: Application of SDX Resources, Inc. for approval of a leasehold pilot waterflood project and to qualify said project for the recovered oil tax rate pursuant to the Enhanced Oil Recovery Act, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval of its State "7" Leasehold Waterflood Project by injection of water into the Queen and Grayburg formations of the East Millman-Queen-Grayburg-San Andres Pool, in a new project area consisting of 611.20 acres, more or less and being all of Section 7, Township 19 South, Range 29 East. Applicant further seeks to qualify this project for the recovered oil tax rate pursuant to the "New Mexico Enhanced Oil Recovery Act" (Law 1992, Chapter 38, Sections 1 through 5). Said project is located approximately 12 1/2 miles southwest of Loco Hills, New Mexico.

CASE 11464: (Continued from February 22, 1996, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Penwell Energy, Inc. for pool creation, special pool rules and a discovery allowable, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks the creation of a new pool for the production of oil from the Bone Spring formation comprising the W/2 NE/4 of Section 7, Township 22 South, Range 26 East, the assignment of a discovery allowable, and the promulgation of special pool rules therefor including provisions for 80-acre oil spacing units and designated well location requirements. Said area is located approximately 15 miles south of Loving, New Mexico.

CASE 11483: Application of Penwell Energy, Inc. for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the N/2 of Section 33, Township 21 South, Range 33 East, for all formations developed on 320-acre spacing. Said unit is to be dedicated to the J. D. Federal 33 Well No. 1 to be drilled at an unorthodox location 660 feet from the North line and 2080 feet from the East line in the N/2 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 operator of the well and a charge for the risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 24 miles west of Eunice, New Mexico.

CASE 10748: (Reopened - Continued from February 22, 1996, Examiner Hearing.)

In the matter of Case No. 10748 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Division Order No. R-9922-B, which order continued Special Rules and Regulations for the Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, in full force and effect until January, 1996. Operators in the subject pool may appear and show cause why the Temporary Special Rules and Regulations for the Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool should not be rescinded and the pool developed on statewide rules and regulations. Said pool is located approximately 16 miles west of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

CASE 11484: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation to amend the special pool rules and regulations for the Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool, established by Order No. R-9922, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks the promulgation of special rules and regulations for the Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool, including the authorization of no more than one well per 80 acres, allowing the simultaneous dedication of acreage to both oil and gas wells and a special limiting gas-oil ratio of 10,000 cubic feet of gas for each barrel of oil produced. Said pool is located approximately 16 miles west of Carlsbad, New Mexico.