

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - FEBRUARY 22, 1996

8:15 A.M. - 2040 South Pacheco
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dockets Nos 7-96 and 8-96 are tentatively set for March 7, 1996 and March 21, 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 11469: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval of the Alphabet Unit Agreement for an area comprising 2,077.01 acres, more or less, of state and fee lands consisting of all or parts of Sections 7, 8, 9, 17 and 18 of Township 21 South, Range 34 East. Said unit area is located approximately 18 miles west of Eunice, New Mexico.

CASE 11437: (Continued from December 7, 1995, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for an unorthodox gas well location and simultaneous dedication, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval to drill its Vandiver "DO" Com Well No. 2 at an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the South line and 800 feet from the East line (Unit P) of Section 7, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, NMPM. Applicant also seeks authority to simultaneously dedicate the S/2 of said Section 7 in the West Atoka-Morrow Gas Pool to this well and its Vandiver "DO" Com Well No. 1 located 660 feet from the South line and 2310 feet from the West line of Section 7. Applicant further requests approval of the unorthodox location as to all prospective pools or formations from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation. Said well is located approximately 5 miles south of Artesia, New Mexico.

CASE 11464: (Continued from February 8, 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 11470: Application of Energy Development Corporation for salt water disposal, Sandoval County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks authority to inject produced water into the Menefee formation through perforations from 2,438 - 2,624 feet in its existing San Isidro (Shallow) Unit Well No. 7-11, located 2074 feet from the South line and 1,650 feet from the West line (Unit K) of Section 7, Township 20 North, Range 2 West. Said well is located approximately 8 miles southwest of Cuba, New Mexico.

CASE 11460: (Continued from February 8, 1996, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Santa Fe Energy Resources, Inc. for a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval of the Tom Cat Unit Agreement for an area comprising 2,560 acres, more or less, of federal, state, and fee lands consisting of all or parts of Sections 15-17 and 20-22, 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 8, 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 8, 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 11471: **Application of GECKO for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Strawn formation underlying the following described acreage in Section 28, Township 15 South, Range 37 East, and in the following manner: the SE/4 NE/4 to form 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, and the E/2 NE/4 to form a standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools within said vertical extent. Said unit(s) is to be dedicated to its proposed GECKO Wilks "28" Well No. 1 to be drilled at a standard location in the SE/4 NE/4 of said Section 28. 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 well is located approximately 9 miles northeast of Lovington, New Mexico.

CASE 11472: **Application of T. H. McElvain Oil and Gas Limited Partnership for compulsory pooling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Pictured Cliffs formation underlying the NW/4 of Section 28, Township 30 North, Range 4 West, to form a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit for that formation. Said unit is to be dedicated to the applicant's Simms Com Well No. 1 to be drilled at a standard gas well location 989 feet from the North line and 851 feet from the West line (Unit D) of said Section 28. 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 16 miles southwest of Dulce, New Mexico.

CASE 11473: **Application of Enserch Exploration, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Delaware formation underlying the SW/4 NE/4 of Section 21, Township 25 South, Range 36 East, to form 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 its Moberly "21" Well No. 1 to be drilled at a standard well location 1980 feet from the North and East lines (Unit G) of said Section 21. 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 west of Jal, New Mexico.

CASE 11453: (Continued from February 8, 1996, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Oxy USA Inc. for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval to drill its Government S Well No. 9 at an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line (Unit A) of Section 3, Township 20 South, Range 28 East. The N/2 of Section 3 is to be dedicated to this well forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all production from the top of the Wolfcamp formation to the base of the Morrow formation. Applicant further requests approval of the unorthodox well location as to all prospective pools or formations including but not limited to the North Burton Flat-Wolfcamp Gas Pool, the Winchester-Morrow Gas Pool, the Winchester-Strawn Gas Pool, the Winchester-Atoka Gas Pool and the Burton Flat-Morrow Gas Pool. Said well is located approximately 10 miles east

CASE 11474: **Application of Marathon Oil Company for a non-standard gas proration unit, an unorthodox gas well location, and simultaneous dedication, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location in the Blinberry Oil and Gas Pool for its existing Walter Lynch Well No. 6 located 2310 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit F) of Section 1, Township 22 South, Range 37 East. Said well is to be simultaneously dedicated with the Walter Lynch Well No. 8, located at a standard gas well location in Unit "E" of said Section 1, to a non-standard 119.84-acre gas spacing and proration unit comprising Lot 3 and the S/2 NW/4 of said Section 1. Said unit is located approximately 2 miles east southeast of Eunice, New Mexico.