

DOCKET: COMMISSION HEARING - THURSDAY - FEBRUARY 15, 1996**9:00 A.M. - 2040 SOUTH PACHECO - SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO****The Land Commissioner's designee for this hearing will be Jami Bailey**

CASE 11468: The Oil Conservation Division is calling a hearing on its own motion to consider proposed April, 1996 - September, 1996 gas allowables for the prorated gas pools in New Mexico. Allowable assignment factors are being distributed with an OCD Memorandum dated January 26, 1996. If requests for changes are not received at the February 15, 1996 hearing, these factors will be used to assign allowables for the April - September period.

CASE 10907: Readvertised

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division to amend Rules 1111, 1112 and 1115 of its General Rules and Regulations. The Oil Conservation Division seeks to amend its General Rules and Regulations to provide for the filing of Forms C-111, C-112, and C-115, respectively, on the last business day of the month following the month of production and to provide for the imposition of penalties for failure to file timely and accurate reports.

CASE 11352: Readvertised

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division to amend Rule 116 of its General Rules and Regulations pertaining to the notification of fires, breaks, leaks, spills and blowouts. The proposed amendments to Rule 116 would include and/or exclude certain situations from its coverage.

CASE 11358: De Novo

Applicant, in the above-styled cause, as operator of the Ross Ranch "22" well No. 2 (API No. 30-015-27458), located 1980 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line (Unit E) of Section 22, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, North Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool, seeks an order from the Division rescinding: (1) Administrative Order SWD-336, dated March 3, 1988, which order permitted Yates Petroleum Corporation to utilize its Osage Well No. 1 (API No. 30-015-20890), located 1980 feet from the North and East lines (Unit G) of Section 21, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, as a salt water disposal well into the Canyon formation; and, (2) Order No. R-7637, dated August 23, 1984, which order authorized Anadarko Petroleum Corporation to dispose of produced salt water into the Cisco/Canyon formations through its Dagger Draw SWD Well No. 1, (API No. 30-015-25003), located 1495 feet from the North line and 225 feet from the West line (Unit E) of said Section 22. The 160 acres comprising the NW/4 of said Section 22, in which the Ross Ranch "22" Well No. 2 is therein dedicated, is located approximately 4 miles southwest by west of Seven Rivers, New Mexico. Upon application of Nearburg Exploration Company, only that portion of this case pertaining to the rescission of Division Order No. R-7637 will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 11353: (Continued from January 18, 1996, Commission Hearing.)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division to amend Rule 303.C. of its General Rules and Regulations pertaining to downhole commingling. The proposed amendments to Rule 303.C. would provide for administrative approval of applications for types of downhole commingling currently requiring notice and hearing.

CASE 11339: (Continued from January 11, 1995, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for directional drilling and an unorthodox bottomhole location, Eddy Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to drill its Zinnia Federal Unit Well No. 1 from a unorthodox surface location 1980 feet from the North line and 910 feet from the West line (Unit E) of Section 27, Township 20 South, Range 29 East, to an unorthodox bottomhole gas well location within 50 feet of a point 1980 from the North line and 2405 feet from the East line (Unit G of Section 27, to test the Strawn and Morrow formations, Undesignated East Burton Flat-Strawn Gas Pool and Wildcat Morrow. The N/2 of Section 27 is to be dedicated to this well forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for both formations. Said well is located approximately 11 miles northeast of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

CASE 11399: (Continued from January 11, 1995, Examiner Hearing.)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") on its own motion to permit the operator, Diamond Back Petroleum Inc. and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the following two wells located in Eddy 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 plugging bond, if any, covering said wells:

Margie Kay Well No. 1, located 1980 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit F) of Section 7, Township 17 South, Range 28 East.

Margie Kay Well No. 1, located 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line (Unit L) of Section 7, Township 17 South, Range 28 East.

CASE 11448: (Continued from January 11, 1996, Examiner Hearing.)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") on its own motion to permit Rhonda Operating Co., owner/operator, American Employers' Insurance Company, surety, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the State 29 Well No. 2, located 1977 feet from the North line and 670 feet from the East line (Unit H) of Section 29, Township 8 South, Range 33 East, Chaves County, New Mexico (which is approximately 17 miles southeast of Kenna, New Mexico), 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 the well properly plugged and abandoned and to direct the owner/operator to pay the costs of such plugging.

CASE 11467: Application of the Oil Conservation Division for a show cause hearing requiring Southwest Water Disposal, Inc. (SWD) to appear and show cause why it should not be ordered to comply with its permit requirements and close its commercial clay lined surface evaporation pond located in the SE/4 SW/4, Section 32, Township 30 North, Range 9 West, San Juan County, New Mexico. Said facility is located approximately 3 miles north-northeast of Blanco, New Mexico.

CASE 11457: (Continued from January 25, 1996, Examiner Hearing.)

In the matter of the application of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for a show cause hearing requiring Petro-Thermo Corporation to appear and show cause why its Goodwin Treating Plant located in the SW/4 NW/4 of Section 31, Township 18 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico should not: (1) be ordered to cease operations, (2) have its permit to operate revoked, (3) be closed and cleaned up, (4) be closed by the Division if Petro-Thermo does not close it, (5) have the costs of closure and cleanup assessed against Petro-Thermo if closed by the Division, and (6) have its \$25,000 bond forfeited. Said plant is located approximately 9 miles west of Hobbs, New Mexico.