

DOCKET: COMMISSION HEARING - TUESDAY - OCTOBER 29, 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 11352: (Continued from August 15, 1996, Commission Hearing.)

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. A copy of the proposed amendment is attached to this docket.

CASE 11635: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division to enact a new rule establishing methods and standards for the prevention and abatement of water pollution associated with operations in the oil and gas industry. A copy of the proposed rule is attached to this docket.

Evidence and testimony will be taken in the above cases on this date, but the cases will be continued to the Commission Hearing scheduled for November 14, 1996 in order to hear additional testimony and evidence.

CASE 11514: (De Novo - Continued from September 18, 1996, Commission Hearing)

Application of Read & Stevens, Inc. for an unorthodox infill gas well location and simultaneous dedication, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval of an unorthodox infill gas well location in the Buffalo Valley-Pennsylvanian (Prorated) Gas Pool for a well to be drilled 990 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit O) of Section 26, Township 15 South, Range 27 East. Said well is to be simultaneous dedicated with the existing Harris Federal Well No. 4, located at a standard gas well location in Unit "P" of said Section 26, to a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit comprising the S/2 of said Section 26. Said unit is located approximately 9.5 miles southeast of Lake Arthur, New Mexico. Upon application of Read & Stevens, Inc., this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 11579: (De Novo)

Application of Pogo Producing Company for a pressure maintenance project, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval to institute a pressure maintenance project in the West Red Tank-Delaware Pool within its federal oil and gas lease (No. NM-86149) comprising the W/2 of Section 26, Township 22 South, Range 32 East, by the injection of natural gas through the perforated interval from approximately 8,399 feet to 8,471 feet into its existing Red Tank "26" Federal Well No. 1 located 1880 feet from the South and West lines (Unit K) of said Section 26. Said project area is located approximately 29 miles west by south of Eunice, New Mexico. Upon application of Pogo Producing Company, this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 11563: (De Novo)

Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in all formations developed on 80-acre spacing, including but not limited to the West Lovington-Strawn Pool, under Lots 15 and 16 of Section 3 and all interests in all formations developed on 40-acre spacing, including but not limited to the Northeast Eidson-Mississippian Pool, under Lot 16 of Section 3, all in Township 16 South, Range 35 East. Said unit is to be dedicated to its Nike "3" Well No. 1 to be drilled at a standard location 2970 feet from the South line and 330 feet from the East line of said Section 3. 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 area is located approximately 4 miles west of Lovington, New Mexico. Upon application of A. L. Cone Partnership, this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 11633: Application of InterCoast Oil and Gas Company for compulsory pooling and unorthodox well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests for all formations developed on 320-acre spacing in the N/2 of Section 16, Township 20 South, Range 28 East, from the surface to the base of the Wolfcamp formation, Undesignated North Barton Flat-Wolfcamp Gas Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to its InterCoast State 16 Well No. 1 which will be drilled at an unorthodox location 990 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the East line (Unit A) of said Section 16. 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 10 miles east-southeast of Lakewood, New Mexico.

CASE 11634: Application of InterCoast Oil and Gas Company for compulsory pooling and unorthodox well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests for all formations developed on 320-acre spacing in the N/2 of Section 20, Township 20 South, Range 28 East, from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation, Burton Flat-Morrow Gas Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to its InterCoast State 20 Well No. 1 which will be drilled at an unorthodox location 990 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the East line (Unit A) of said Section 20. 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 10 miles east-southeast of Lakewood, New Mexico.

CASE 11518: (Continued from June 13, 1996, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Sunco Trucking Company for approval to modify its Rule 711-permitted surface waste disposal facility, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval to modify its Rule 711-permitted surface waste disposal located in the SW/4 NW/4 of Section 2, Township 29 North, Range 12 West. Applicant requests approval to construct and operate a 5-acre centralized landfarm within the 40-acre facility currently permitted to dispose of produced waters. The landfarm will receive contaminated soils and sludges from the produced water disposal operation on the facility, which are classified as "non-hazardous" oil field waste by RCRA Subtitle C exemption or by characteristic testing, to be spread on the ground in six inch lifts or less and periodically stirred to enhance the biodegradation of the contaminants. Said facility is located approximately 7 miles east-northeast of Farmington, New Mexico.

CASE 11604: (Continued from September 26, 1996, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Sunco Trucking Water Disposal Company for a show cause hearing as to why it should not be fined for violations of Oil Conservation Division Rule 711, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks a hearing to show cause to the Oil Conservation Division why applicant should not be fined \$5,000.00 for violations of the conditions of its Rule 711 permit.

CASE 11602: (Continued from September 26, 1996, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Bass Enterprises Production Company for approval of the expansion of the Atoka Participating Area in the James Ranch Unit, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval of the third expansion of the participating area for the Atoka formation in the James Ranch Unit Area including 1,683.13 acres, more or less, located in portions of Sections 35 and 36 of Township 22 South, Range 30 East, and portions of Sections 5, 6, 8, and 17 of Township 23 South, Range 31 East. Said unit is located approximately 15 miles east of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

CASE 11603: (Continued from September 26, 1996, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Bass Enterprises Production Company for approval of the expansion of the Atoka Participating Area in the James Ranch Unit, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval of the fourth expansion of the participating area for the Atoka formation in the James Ranch Unit Area including 238.54 acres, more or less, located in portions of Section 12, Township 22 South, Range 30 East, and portions of Section 7, Township 22 South, Range 31 East. Said unit is located approximately 15 miles east of Carlsbad, New Mexico.