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**CASE 11601:** **Application of Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company for the establishment of a downhole commingling reference case pursuant to Division Rule 303.E and the adoption of special administrative rules therefor, San Juan County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in accordance with Division Rule 303.E, seeks to establish a downhole commingling reference case to provide for (1) marginal economic criteria, (2) pressure criteria, (3) allocation formulas, and (4) modification of notification rules, on an area-wide basis for authorization for downhole commingling of Dakota, Mesaverde and Pictured Cliffs gas production in the wellbores of existing or future wells drilled anywhere within the San Juan 32-9 Unit located in Township 31 North, Range 9 West; Township 31 North, Range 10 West; Township 32 North, Range 9 West; and Township 32 North, Range 10 West, said production being portions of the Basin-Dakota Gas Pool, the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool and the Blanco-Pictured Cliffs Gas Pool. The center of said area is located approximately 4 miles east of Cedar Hills, New Mexico.

**CASE 11590:** (Continued from August 8, 1996, Examiner Hearing.)

**Application of Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool underlying the W/2 of Section 23, Township 32 North, Range 7 West, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit. Said unit is to be dedicated to Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company's Allison Unit Com Well No. 146 which is to be drilled at an unorthodox well location approved by Division Order No. R-10616. 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 8 miles southwest of the intersection of the Rio Arriba County and San Juan County lines of the State of New Mexico with the southern border of the State of Colorado.

**CASE 11574:** (Continued from August 8, 1996, Examiner Hearing.)

**Application of Texaco Exploration & Production, Inc. for an unorthodox gas well location and simultaneous dedication, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location in the Jalmat Gas Pool for its E. E. Blinebry "A" Federal Com NCT-1 Well No. 4 to be drilled 1870 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the West line (Unit L) of Section 31, Township 23 South, Range 37 East. Jalmat gas production from said well is to be simultaneously dedicated with the E.E. Blinebry "A" Federal (NCT-1) Well No. 2 located in Unit "I" of said Section 31 and the E.E. Blinebry "B" Federal NCT-1 Well No. 3, located at a previously approved unorthodox gas well location [approved by Division Administrative Order NSL-2984(SD)] 1980 feet from the South and West lines (Unit K) of said Section 31 to the existing 355.96-acre non-standard gas spacing and proration unit comprising Lots 3 and 4, E/2 SW/4, N/2 SE/4, and SE/4 SE/4 of said Section 31 and the S/2 SW/4 of Section 32, Township 23 South, Range 37 East (approved by Division Order No. R-2474). Said unit is located approximately 10 miles north of Jal, New Mexico.

**CASE 11602:** **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:** **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.

**CASE 11575:** (Continued from July 25, 1996, Examiner Hearing.)

**Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.C. for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from a depth of 4,000 feet to the base of the Morrow formation in all formations developed on 320-acre spacing under the W/2 of Section 34; in all formations developed on 160-acre spacing under the SW/4 of Section 34; in all formations developed on 80-acre spacing under the W/2 SW/4 of Section 34 and in all formations developed on 40-acre spacing under the NW/4 SW/4 of Section 34, Township 17 South, Range 28 East. Said unit is to be dedicated to its Artesia "34" State Com Well No. 1 to be drilled at a standard location 1650 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the West line of said Section 34. Also to be considered will be the costs 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 risk involved in said well. Said area is located approximately 13 miles east by north of Atoka, New Mexico.

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**CASE 11604:** 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 11516:** (Reopened - Continued from July 25, 1996, Examiner Hearing.)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to permit H & W Enterprises, operator, American Employers' Insurance Company, surety, and all interested parties to appear and show cause why the Mobil State Well No. 1, located 2310 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the East line (Unit H) of Section 16, Township 17 South, Range 31 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division approved plugging program. Further, an order is being sought authorizing the Division to plug said well and order the forfeiture of the plugging bond in affect for said well.