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CASE 11660: (Continued from November 21, 1996, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Santa Fe Energy Resources, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Eddy County New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the following described acreage in Section 29, Township 23 South, Range 26 East, and in the following manner: 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 Frontier Hills-Strawn Gas Pool and the Undesignated South Carlsbad-Morrow Gas Pool; and the NE/4 of Section 29 to form a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent. Said units are to be dedicated to applicant's Sheep Dip Fed. Com Well No. 1, to be drilled at an orthodox location 1980 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line (Unit H) of said Section 29. 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 11 miles southwest of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

CASE 11655: (Reopened)

Application of Maralo, Inc. for a non-standard gas proration unit and an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval to establish a non-standard gas spacing and proration unit in the Undesignated West Reeves-Queen Gas Pool comprising the S/2 NW/4 and N/2 SW/4 of Section 16, Township 18 South, Range 35 East, being approximately 5 miles southeast by south of Buckeye, New Mexico. Said unit is to be dedicated to its existing Maralo SV "16" State Well No. 1 (API No. 30-025-29347) located at an unorthodox gas well location 1748 feet from the South line and 742 feet from the West line (Unit L) of said Section 16.

CASE 11634: (Continued from December 5, 1996, Examiner Hearing.)

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 11667: (Continued from December 5, 1996, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Penwell Energy, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in all formations developed on 320-acre spacing underlying the E/2 and in all formations developed on 160-acre spacing underlying the SE/4 from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation in Section 29, Township 23 South, Range 26 East. Said units are to be dedicated to its F. H. "29" Federal Com. Well No. 1 which will be drilled at a standard location 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line (Unit I) of said Section 29. 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 said well. Said unit area is located approximately 8 miles south of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

CASE 11674: Application of Manzano Oil Corporation for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation in the S/2 NE/4 of Section 11, Township 16 South, Range 36 East. Said unit is to be dedicated to its "SV" Double Eagle Well No. 1 which has been drilled at a previously approved unorthodox well location 1500 feet from the North line and 2148 feet from the East line (Unit G) of said Section 11. 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 the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 1 mile southeast of Lovington, New Mexico.

CASE 11675: Application of Manzano Oil Corporation for pool creation and special pool rules, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks the creation of a new pool for the production of oil from the Wolfcamp formation comprised of the S/2 NE/4 and the N/2 SW/4 of Section 11, Township 16 South, Range 36 East, NMPM. Applicant also seeks the adoption of temporary special pool rules and regulations for this pool which provide for 80-acre spacing and proration units. Said area is located approximately 1 mile southeast of Lovington, New Mexico.

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Dockets Nos 38-96 and 39-97 are tentatively set for January 9, 1997 and January 23, 1997. 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 11639: (Continued from December 5, 1996, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Mewbourne Oil Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the base of the Abo formation to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the N/2 of Section 8, Township 18 South, Range 28 East, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing. Applicant proposes to dedicate this pooled unit to its Scoggin Draw "8" State Well No. 1, to be drilled at an orthodox location 660 feet from the North line and 2250 feet from the East line (Unit B) of said Section 8. 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 said well. Said unit is located approximately 11 miles southwest of Artesia, New Mexico.

CASE 11659: (Continued from December 5, 1996, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Santa Fe Energy Resources, Inc. for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox oil 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 SE/4 SE/4 of Section 27, Township 15 South, Range 34 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 its Grassland "27" Well No. 1, to be drilled at an unorthodox oil well location 1243 feet from the South line and 353 feet from the East line (Unit P) of said Section 27. 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 said well. Said unit is located approximately 11 miles west by north of McDonald, New Mexico.

CASE 11641: (Readvertised)

Application of ARCO Permian, a Division of Atlantic Richfield Company for compulsory pooling and unorthodox well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in all formations developed on 320-acre spacing underlying the W/2, in all formations developed on 160-acre spacing underlying the SW/4, in ail formations developed on 80-acre spacing underlying the S/2 SW/4, and in all formations developed on 40-acre spacing underlying the SE/4 SW/4, from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation, of Section 34, Township 17 South, Range 28 East. Said units are to be dedicated to its Galileo 34 State Com Well No. 1 which will be drilled at an unorthodox location 1017 feet from the South line and 1379 feet from the West line (Unit N) of said Section 34 to a depth sufficient to test all formations to the base of the Morrow formation, Undesignated South Empire-Morrow Gas Pool. 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 said well. Said area is located approximately 14 miles east-southeast of Artesia, New Mexico.

CASE 11269: (Reopened)

In the matter of Case No. 11269 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Division Order No. R-10427, which order promulgated temporary special rules and regulations for the North Bell Lake-Ellenburger Gas Pool in Lea County, New Mexico. Operators in the subject pool may appear and show cause why said Temporary Special Rules and Regulations should not be rescinded.

CASE 11673: Application of Penwell Energy, Inc. for pool contraction and for pool creation and the promulgation of special pool rules therefore, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks the contraction of the East Pierce-Bone Spring Pool by the deletion of the W/2 of Section 14, and the creation of a new pool for the production of hydrocarbons from the Bone Springs formation comprised of all of portions of Sections 2, 10, 11, 14 and 15 all in Township 24 South, Range 29 East, NMPM. Applicant also seeks the adoption of Special Pool Rules for this new pool including a provision for a special gas-oil ratio of 6,000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil. Said area is located approximately 20 miles southeast of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

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MICHAEL E. STOGNER, EXAMINER (CASE No. 11634)

Case continued to Becember 19, 1996 by Jim Bunco The 12-5-96 Hearing. CASE 11659: (Continued from November 21, 1996, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Santa Fe Energy Resources, Inc. for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox oil 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 SE/4 SE/4 of Section 27, Township 15 South, Range 34 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 its Grassland "27" Well No. 1, to be drilled at an unorthodox oil well location 1243 feet from the South line and 353 feet from the East line (Unit P) of said Section 27. 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 said well. Said unit is located approximately 11 miles west by north of McDonald, New Mexico.

CASE 11661: (Continued from November 21, 1996, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Santa Fe Energy Resources, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the following described acreage in Section 20, Township 22 South, Range 28 East, and in the following manner: the S/2 of Section 20 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 Dublin Ranch-Atoka Gas Pool, the Undesignated Dublin Ranch-Morrow Gas Pool, and the Undesignated Otis-Morrow Gas Pool; the SE/4 of Section 20 to form a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent; and the NW/4 SE/4 of Section 20 to form a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within said vertical extent, including the Undesignated Indian Draw-Delaware Pool and the Undesignated Herradura Bend-Cherry Canyon Pool. Said units are to be dedicated to applicant's Federal "3 AE" Well No. 1, to be recompleted at an orthodox location 1650 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit J) of said Section 20. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and recompleting 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 recompleting said well. Said unit is located approximately 6 miles north of Loving, New Mexico.

CASE 11666: Application of InterCoast Oil and Gas Company for compulsory pooling and unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the E/2 of Section 20, Township 20 South, Range 28 East, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing, including but not limited to the Burton Flat-Morrow Gas Pool and the Undesignated West Burton Flat-Atoka Gas Pool. Said unit will be dedicated to its InterCoast State 20 Well No. 1 to 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 said well. Said unit is located approximately 10 miles east-southeast of Locked, New Mexico.

CASE 11634: (Continued from November 21, 1996, Examiner Hearing.)

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 11667:

Application of Penwell Energy, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in all formations developed on 320-acre spacing underlying the E/2 and in all formations developed on 160-acre spacing underlying the SE/4 from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation in Section 29, Township 23 South, Range 26 East. Said units are to be dedicated to its F. H. "29" Federal Com. Well No. 1 which will be drilled at a standard location 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line (Unit I) of said Section 29. 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 said well. Said unit area is located approximately 8 miles south of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

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CASE 10513: (Readvertised)

Application of Hanley Petroleum Inc. for determination of reasonable well costs, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant as a working interest owner in the Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P. Kachina "8" Federal Well No. 2 located 1830 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line (Unit E) of Section 8, Township 18 South, Range 33 East, South Corbin-Wolfcamp Pool, which was drilled pursuant to the compulsory pooling provisions of Division Order Nos. R-9480, R-9480-A, and R-9480-B, all entered in Case Nos. 10211 and 10219, and to which is dedicated the W/2 NW/4 (Units D and E) of said Section 8, seeks an order ascertaining the reasonableness of actual well costs for the subject well. Said unit is located approximately 7.5 miles southeast by south of Maljamar, New Mexico.

CASE 10882: (Readvertised)

Application of James C. Brown, Trustee, and Bayshore Production Co., Limited Partnership, to vacate and void Division Administrative Orders NSP-1632(L)(SD) and NSP-1633(L), Lea County, New Mexico. Applicants seek approval of an order from the Division vacating and voiding Administrative Order NSP-1633(L) covering the N/2 N/2 (equivalent) and Administrative Order NSP-1632(L)(SD) covering the S/2 N/2 (equivalent) of Section 7, Township 23 South, Range 37 East, Jalmat Gas Pool. The said units are located approximately 8 miles south-southwest of Eunice, New Mexico.

CASE 11648: (Continued from November 21, 1996, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Mewbourne Oil Company for compulsory pooling, a non-standard spacing unit and an unorthodox well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in all formations developed on 320-acre spacing underlying the S/2 in the Eumont Gas Pool and in all formations developed on 160-acre spacing underlying the SW/4, and in all formations developed on 80-acre spacing underlying the S/2 SW/4, from the surface to the base of the Yates-Seven Rivers-Queen formation, Eumont Gas Pool, of Section 21, Township 19 South, Range 37 East. Said units are to be dedicated to its Eumont "21" State Well No. 1 which will be drilled at an unorthodox location 990 feet from the South line and 860 feet from the West line (Unit M) of said Section 21. Applicant proposes to dedicate to this well in the Eumont Gas Pool a non-standard spacing unit comprised of the S/2 of said Section 21. 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 said well. Said area is located approximately 2 miles east of Monument, New Mexico.

CASE 11639: (Continued from November 21, 1996, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Mewbourne Oil Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the base of the Abo formation to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the N/2 of Section 8, Township 18 South, Range 28 East, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing. Applicant proposes to dedicate this pooled unit to its Scoggin Draw "8" State Well No. 1, to be drilled at an orthodox location 660 feet from the North line and 2250 feet from the East line (Unit B) of said Section 8. 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 said well. Said unit is located approximately 11 miles southwest of Artesia, New Mexico.

CASE 11665: Application of Exxon Corporation for approval of a 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 to institute a secondary recovery project in its proposed Knox-Adkins Waterflood Project by the injection of water into the Blinebry formation in the Oil Center-Blinebry Pool, encompassing 640 acres of fee land comprising all of Section 10, Township 21 South, Range 36 East. Applicant further seeks to qualify the project for the recovered oil tax rate pursuant to the "New Mexico Enhanced Oil Recovery Act" (Laws 1992, Chapter 38, Sections 1 through 5). Said project is located immediately east of Oil Center, New Mexico.