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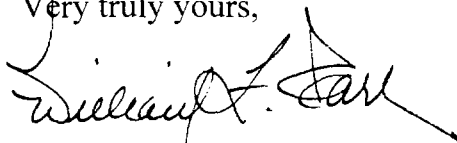
Re: Oil Conservation Division Case Nos. 11730, 11731, 11732, 11733, 11734 and  
11735:  
Applications of Penwell Energy, Inc. for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County,  
New Mexico

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Penwell Energy, Inc., respectfully requests that these cases currently set on the Division docket for the March 20, 1997 hearings be continued to the April 17, 1997 Examiner docket.

Your attention to these matters is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



WILLIAM F. CARR  
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cc: Mr. Mark Wheeler  
W. Thomas Kellahin, Esq.

**CASE 11040:** (Reopened - Continued from March 6, 1997, Examiner Hearing.)

In the matter of Case No. 11040 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Division Order No. R-5353-O-1, which order promulgated temporary special rules and regulations for the Burton Flat-Bone Spring Associated Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico. Operators in the subject pool may appear and present evidence and testimony as to the reservoir with regards to making these rules permanent.

**CASE 11728:** (Continued from March 6, 1997, Examiner Hearing.)

**Application of Thompson Engineering & Production Company for an unorthodox coal gas well location, San Juan County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks authorization to drill its Steward Com Well No. 1 at an unorthodox "off pattern" coal gas well location in the Basin Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool 790 feet from the South and East lines (Unit P) of Section 28, Township 32 North, Range 13 West. The E/2 of said Section 28 is to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 320-acre spacing and proration unit. Said unit is located approximately 3 miles north of La Plata, New Mexico.

**CASE 11749:** **Application of KCS Medallion Resources, Inc. for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox well location, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests for all formations developed on 320-acre spacing underlying the E/2; in all formations developed on 160-acre spacing underlying the SE/4; in all formations developed on 80-acre spacing underlying the S/2 SE/4; and in all formations developed on 40-acre spacing underlying the SW/4 SE/4 of Section 14, Township 17 South, Range 28 East, from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation. Said units are to be dedicated to its Aid State Well No. 14-1 to be drilled at an unorthodox location 660 feet from the South line and 1330 feet from the East line (Unit O) of said Section 14. 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 operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 13 miles east of Artesia, New

**CASE 11730:** (Continued from February 20, 1997, Examiner Hearing.)

**Application of Penwell Energy, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Undesignated Red Tank-Bone Spring Pool underlying the SE/4 SE/4 (Unit P) of Section 24, Township 22 South, Range 32 East, forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit. Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard oil well location thereon. 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 26 miles southwest by west of Eunice, New Mexico.

**CASE 11731:** (Continued from February 20, 1997, Examiner Hearing.)

**Application of Penwell Energy, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Undesignated Red Tank-Bone Spring Pool underlying the NE/4 SE/4 (Unit D) of Section 24, Township 22 South, Range 32 East, forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit. Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard oil well location thereon. 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 26 miles southwest by west of Eunice, New Mexico.

**CASE 11732:** (Continued from February 20, 1997, Examiner Hearing.)

**Application of Penwell Energy, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Undesignated Red Tank-Bone Spring Pool underlying the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A) of Section 24, Township 22 South, Range 32 East, forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit. Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard oil well location thereon. 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 26 miles southwest by west of Eunice, New Mexico.

**CASE 11733:** (Continued from February 20, 1997, Examiner Hearing.)

**Application of Penwell Energy, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Red Tank-Bone Spring Pool underlying the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) of Section 24, Township 22 South, Range 32 East, forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit. Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard oil well location thereon. 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 26 miles southwest by west of Eunice, New Mexico.

**CASE 11734:** (Continued from February 20, 1997, Examiner Hearing.)

**Application of Penwell Energy, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Red Tank-Bone Spring Pool underlying the NW/4 SW/4 (Unit L) of Section 24, Township 22 South, Range 32 East, forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit. Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard oil well location thereon. 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 26 miles southwest by west of Eunice, New Mexico.

**CASE 11735:** (Continued from February 20, 1997, Examiner Hearing.)

**Application of Penwell Energy, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Undesignated Red Tank-Bone Spring Pool underlying the SW/4 SE/4 (Unit O) of Section 24, Township 22 South, Range 32 East, forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit. Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard oil well location thereon. 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 26 miles southwest by west of Eunice, New Mexico.

**CASE 11724:** (Continued from March 6, 1997, Examiner Hearing.)

**Application of Gillespie-Crow, Inc. for unit expansion, statutory unitization, and qualification of the expanded unit area for the recovered oil tax rate and certification of a positive production response pursuant to the "New Mexico Enhanced Oil Recovery Act", Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order expanding the West Lovington Strawn Unit and unitizing all mineral interests in the designated and Undesignated West Lovington-Strawn Pool underlying the S/2 SE/4 of Section 28, all of Section 33, and the W/2 and W/2 SE/4 of Section 34, Township 15 South, Range 35 East; Lots 1 through 8 of Section 1, Township 16 South, Range 35 East; and Lots 3 through 5 of Section 6, Township 16 South, Range 36 East, comprising 1618.95 acres, more or less, of state, federal, and fee lands. Among the matters to be considered at the hearing, pursuant to the New Mexico Statutory Unitization Act, Sections 70-7-1 et. seq., will be: the necessity of unit operations; the determination of horizontal and vertical limits of the unit area; the determination of the fair, reasonable, and equitable allocation of production and costs of production, including capital investments, to each of the tracts in the unit area; the determination of credits and charges to be made among the various owners in the unit area for their investment in wells and equipment; and such other matters as may be necessary and appropriate. Applicant further seeks to qualify the expanded unit area for the recovered oil tax rate pursuant to the "New Mexico Enhanced Oil Recovery Act" (Laws 1992, Chapter 38, Sections 1 through 5), and to certify two wells within the expanded unit area for a positive production response. Said unit is located approximately 4.5 miles west-northwest of Lovington, New Mexico.

**CASE 11713:** (Continued from February 20, 1997, Examiner Hearing.)

**Application of Bass Enterprises Production Company and Santa Fe Energy Company for the rescission of Division Administrative Order No. NSL-3745, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicants seek the rescission of Division Administrative Order No. NSL-3745, which authorized Mewbourne Oil Company to drill its Scanlon Draw "35" State Well No. 1 at an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit N) of Section 35, Township 18 South, Range 28 East, to test the North Turkey Track-Morrow Gas Pool formation within a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit comprising the W/2 of said Section 35. Said unit is located approximately 12.5 miles southwest of Loco Hills, New Mexico.