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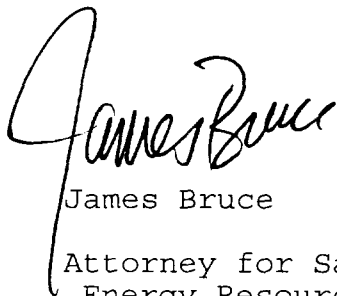
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Michael E. Stogner
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
2040 South Pacheco Street
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Dear Mr. Stogner:

Please continue Case 11743 (Application of Santa Fe Energy Resources, Inc. for compulsory pooling) to the April 17th Examiner hearing. Thank you.

Very truly yours,



James Bruce

Attorney for Santa Fe
Energy Resources, Inc.

cc: James E. Haas

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - APRIL 3, 1997

8:15 AM - 2040 South Pacheco

Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dockets Nos 12-97 and 13-97 are tentatively set for April 17, 1997 and May 1, 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 11750: Application of Chesapeake Oil Company for creation of a new oil pool with special rules and a discovery oil allowable, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order creating a new oil pool for production from the Strawn formation with the promulgation of special pool rules and regulations for the pool including 80-acre oil spacing and proration units and the assignment of a discovery allowable for the discovery well being its Chambers "7" Well No. 1 located 1700 feet from the North line and 900 feet from the East line (Unit H) of Section 7, Township 16 South, Range 36 East, with the S/2 NE/4 of said Section 7 to be dedicated to the subject well. Said pool is located approximately 3 miles west-southwest of Lovington, New Mexico.

CASE 11751: Application of NM&O Operating Company for compulsory pooling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Mesaverde formation (Undesignated Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool) underlying the S/2 of Section 26, Township 25 North, Range 2 West. Said unit is to be dedicated to applicant's Gavilan Well No. 2, recompleted at an orthodox location in said Section 26. Also to be considered will be the cost of recompleting 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 recompleting said well. Said area is located approximately 4.5 miles north-northeast of Lindrith, New Mexico.

CASE 11752: Application of KCS Medallion Resources, Inc. for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval to drill a well to the base of the Morrow formation at an unorthodox gas well location 560 feet from the North line and 560 feet from the East line (Unit A) of Section 27, Township 18 South, Range 29 East, said location being unorthodox for the North Turkey Track-Morrow gas Pool. Said unit is located approximately 9 miles east-northeast of Old Illinois Camp, New Mexico.

CASE 11743: (Continued from March 20, 1997, 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 17, Township 22 South, Range 28 East, and in the following manner: the N/2 of Section 17 to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within said vertical extent, including the Undesignated West Indian Flats-Strawn Gas Pool, the Undesignated Dublin Ranch-Atoka Gas Pool, and the Undesignated Dublin Ranch-Morrow Gas Pool; and the NE/4 of Section 17 to form a 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 its Foal "17" Fed. Well No. 1, to be drilled at an orthodox location 1980 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit G) of said Section 17. 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 7 1/2 miles north of Loving, New Mexico.

CASE 11753: Application of Amerind Oil Company, Ltd. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Strawn formation underlying Lots 8 and 9 of Irregular Section 2, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, forming a non-standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 80-acre oil spacing within said vertical extent, which presently may include but is not necessarily limited to the West Lovington Strawn Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to its State "AY" Com Well No. 1 to be drilled and completed at a standard well location in Lot 9 of said Section 2. 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 drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 3 1/2 miles west of Lovington, New Mexico.

CASE 11754: Application of Amerind Oil Company, Ltd. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Strawn formation underlying the N/2 SE/4 of Irregular Section 3, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, forming a standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 80-acre oil spacing within said vertical extent, which presently may include but is not necessarily limited to the South Big Dog-Strawn Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to Applicant's well to be drilled at a standard well location in this spacing unit. 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 drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 4 miles west of Lovington, New Mexico.

CASE 11730: (Continued from March 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 March 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 March 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 March 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 March 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 March 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.