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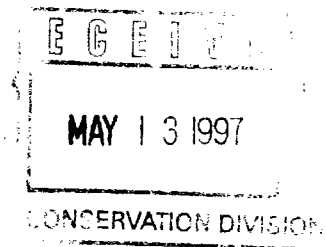
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HAND-DELIVERED

William J. LeMay, Director  
Oil Conservation Division  
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State Land Office Building  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503



Re: Oil Conservation Division Case No. 11771:  
Application of OXY USA, Inc. for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New  
Mexico

Dear Mr. LeMay:

OXY USA, Inc., respectfully requests that the above-referenced case which is currently set on the May 15, 1997 Division docket be dismissed.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM F. CARR  
WFC:mlh

cc: Mr. Richard E. Foppiano

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - MAY 15, 1997

8:15 AM - 2040 South Pacheco

Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dockets Nos 15-97 and 16-97 are tentatively set for May 29, 1997 and June 12, 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 11743: (Continued from May 1, 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 11778: (Continued from May 1, 1997, Examiner Hearing.)

**Application of Harvey E. Yates Company 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 24, Township 18 South, Range 28 East, and in the following manner: The W/2 of Section 24 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 Palmillo Draw-Atoka Gas Pool, the Undesignated North Turkey Track-Morrow Gas Pool, and the Undesignated South Empire-Morrow Gas Pool; the SW/4 of Section 24 to form a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent; the N/2 SW/4 or the E/2 SW/4 of Section 24 for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 80-acre spacing within said vertical extent, including the Undesignated Travis-Yates Gas Pool and the Undesignated Travis-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool; and the NE/4 SW/4 of Section 24 to form 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, including the Undesignated Artesia Queen-Grayburg-San Andres Pool and the Undesignated East Illinois Camp-Bone Spring Pool. Said units are to be dedicated to its Travis ATR "24" State Com Well No. 1, to be drilled at an orthodox location in said Section 24. 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 unit is located approximately 11 miles southwest of Loco Hills, New Mexico.

CASE 11779: **Application of Conoco, Inc. for a pressure maintenance project, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks authority to institute a pressure maintenance project on a portion of its Hardy "36" State Lease located in Section 36, Township 20 South, Range 37 East, by the injection of water into the Tubb formation, North Hardy Tubb-Drinkard Pool, through the perforated interval from approximately 6,423 feet to 6,593 feet in its existing Hardy "36" State Well No. 3 located 2080 feet from the North line and 1730 feet from the East line (Unit G) of said Section 36. Said project is located approximately 7 miles southeast of Monument, New Mexico.

CASE 11779: (Continued from May 1, 1997, Examiner Hearing.)

**Application of OXY, USA, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation in all formations developed on 640-acre spacing underlying Section 21, in all formations developed on 320-acre spacing underlying the N/2 of Section 21, in all formations developed on 160-acre spacing underlying the NW/4 of Section 21, and in all formations developed on 80-acre spacing underlying the E/2 NW/4 of Section 21, Township 20 South, Range 36 East. Said units are to be dedicated to its Tiger Fed. Com Well No. 1 to be drilled at a standard location 1650 feet from the North and West lines of 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 operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 22.5 miles southwest of Hobbs, New Mexico.

**CASE 11772:** (Continued from May 1, 1997, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Richardson Operating Company for downhole commingling and an unorthodox coal gas well location, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval to downhole commingle conventional Pictured Cliffs/Fruitland Sand formations gas production (Twin Mounds Fruitland Sand-Pictured Cliffs Pool ) to be dedicated to a standard 160-acre spacing unit comprising the SE/4 with coal gas production from the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool to be dedicated to a standard 320-acre gas spacing unit comprising the E/2 of Section 6, Township 29 North, Range 14 West, within the wellbore of its proposed Bushman "6" Federal Well No. 1 to be located 1041 feet from the South line and 1136 feet from the East line (Unit P) of said Section 6. Said well is considered to be located at an unorthodox "off-pattern" coal-gas well location. Said well is located 1/3 of a mile east of the intersection of County Road 6446 and Jennefer Street, Kirtland, New Mexico.

**CASE 11780:** Application of Cobra Oil & Gas Corporation for a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval of the Gainer Unit Agreement for an area comprising 80 acres, more or less, of State lands in portions of Sections 21 and 22, Township 10 South, Range 36 East, which is located approximately 12 miles northeast of Tatum, New Mexico.

**CASE 11764:** (Continued from May 1, 1997, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Corp. for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Delaware formation underlying the NE/4 SW/4 of Section 29, Township 22 South, Range 26 East, forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing, including but not limited to the Happy Valley-Delaware Pool and the West Carlsbad-Delaware Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to its Happy Valley "29" Well No. 23 to be drilled and completed at a standard location in Unit K of said Section 29. 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 6 miles southwest of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

**CASE 11774:** (Continued from May 1, 1997, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Marathon Oil Company for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from 500 feet below the top of the San Andres formation to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the S/2 of Section 11, 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 within said vertical extent, which presently may include but is not necessarily limited to the South Empire-Morrow Gas Pool, and forming a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit underlying the SE/4 of said Section 11 for any and all formations/pools developed on 160-acre gas spacing, and forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit underlying the SE/4 SE/4 of said Section 11 for any and all formations/pools developed on 40-acre oil spacing. Said units are to be dedicated to its Jim Bowie "11" Federal Well No. 1 to be drilled and completed at an unorthodox gas well location 1000 feet from the South line and 700 feet from the East line (Unit P) of said Section 11. 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 unit is located approximately 15 miles southeast of Artesia, New Mexico.

**CASE 11781:** Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for downhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval to downhole commingle production from the Queen, Grayburg and San Andres formations, West Reeves-Queen Gas Pool and Wildcat Grayburg and San Andres Pools, within the wellbore of its Pawnee "APW" State Well No. 1, located 660 feet from the North and East lines (Unit A) of Section 20, Township 18 South, Range 35 East. Said well is located approximately 14 miles northwest of Monument, New Mexico.

**CASE 11649:** (Continued from April 17, 1997, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. 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 N/2, in all formations developed on 160-acre spacing underlying the NE/4, in all formations developed on 80-acre spacing underlying the N/2 NE/4, and in all formations developed on 40-acre spacing underlying the NW/4 NE/4 from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation, Cemetery-Morrow Gas Pool, of Section 26, Township 19 South, Range 25 East. Said units are to be dedicated to its Morris 26B Well No.1 which will be drilled at a standard location 660 feet from the North line and 1650 feet from the East line (Unit B) of said Section 26. 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 4 1/2 miles west of Lakewood, New Mexico.