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ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

CASE NO. 11,829

1997

FINAL COMMISSION ACTION

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

COMMISSION HEARING

ORIGINAL

BEFORE: WILLIAM J. LEMAY, CHAIRMAN
WILLIAM WEISS, COMMISSIONER
JAMI BAILEY, COMMISSIONER

September 25th, 1997

Santa Fe, New Mexico

These matters came on for hearing before the Oil Conservation Commission, WILLIAM J. LeMAY, Chairman, on Thursday, September 25th, 1997, at the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Porter Hall, 2040 South Pacheco, Santa Fe, New Mexico, Steven T. Brenner, Certified Court Reporter No. 7 for the State of New Mexico.

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1 COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, it is.

2 CHAIRMAN LEMAY: Commissioner Bailey?

3 COMMISSIONER BAILEY: Yes, it is.

4 CHAIRMAN LEMAY: And likewise it's my intention
5 to also sign that order.

6 So let the record show that final action has been
7 taken on Case Number 11,829.

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10 CHAIRMAN LEMAY: There's one other bit of
11 business that, when we take a break, we'll discuss it with
12 my fellow Commissioners, but -- I didn't even tell you all
13 this, but we're having a couple days of hearing in October,
14 and there's one other case that would like to be heard, and
15 there's no way we could fit it in in the two days, Thursday
16 and Friday, so we might want to get our calendars together
17 at a break and see if there's another date short of the
18 November hearing that we could maybe hear another case.

19 So that will be discussed during the break, but
20 we may have to call a special hearing, which we can do if
21 we give advertisement in October.

22 (Off the record at 9:07 a.m.)

23 (The following proceedings had at 10:05 a.m.)

24 CHAIRMAN LEMAY: A little business here before we
25 get into the next case.

1 We've checked our docket and we've scheduled that
2 case -- I don't have the number in front of me, but -- Do
3 you remember it, Tom, what it is, offhand? Or do you have
4 it, Florene?

5 MR. KELLAHIN: 11,755 and 11,723.

6 CHAIRMAN LEMAY: Okay.

7 MR. KELLAHIN: They're two cases, they're
8 consolidated.

9 CHAIRMAN LEMAY: Consolidated.

10 We will send out -- what? Special meeting of the
11 Commission on October 30th for those consolidated cases,
12 and we have the hall reserved all day.

13 So we'll get some notification out.

14 MR. KELLAHIN: Mr. Chairman, if it's appropriate,
15 opposing -- the other opposing counsel in that case are not
16 present this morning. I think that I owe them the
17 obligation, after this case is over, to call and make sure
18 we can get all the witnesses and the lawyers on that date.

19 CHAIRMAN LEMAY: Please do so. Appreciate it if
20 you would. Stressing the fact that the Commission is not
21 too flexible on dates.

22 MR. KELLAHIN: Yes, sir, I understand.

23 CHAIRMAN LEMAY: So you must adjust your
24 schedules to accommodate ours, plus the availability of the
25 hearing room and everything else. The 30th is a good date

1 for us. We can get the hearing room. It's an off
2 Thursday, so...

3 MR. KELLAHIN: I'll convey that message, Mr.
4 Chairman.

5 CHAIRMAN LEMAY: Thank you. I appreciate your
6 calling.

7 (Thereupon, these proceedings were concluded at
8 10:06 a.m.)

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August 12, 1997

Mr. William J. Lemay
New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
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Re: Prorated Gas Allowable for October, 1997 through March, 1998.

Dear Mr. Lemay,

Marathon Oil Company operates thirteen (13) active gas wells in the Blinebry Oil and Gas Pool of Lea County, New Mexico or approximately 22% of the 1996 gas sales from this pool. In terms of F-1 allocation factors for non-marginal Blinebry gas wells, Marathon currently operates seven non-marginal wells with an F-1 factor of 2.75. Although we will not be presenting detailed testimony on the Blinebry Gas Pool at the August 14, 1997 Allowable Hearing, Marathon would like to express its position regarding the proposed gas allowable for the Blinebry Gas Pool.

Marathon Oil Company supports an F-1 Acreage Allocation Factor of 70,200 MCF per month. We believe that there is an adequate demand for Blinebry Pool gas to justify the current F-1 factor and that this F-1 factor will permit equitable sharing between the owners in this gas pool based on present/future production capacities. We also believe that this allowable will protect the current income of Blinebry Pool operators who have made significant investments in recompletion and development wells during the past several years and will enable operators to continue to develop their lease holdings in the future.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'J. S. Berkebile'.

J. S. Berkebile
Engineering Manager
Midland Operations

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