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CASE 11852: (Continued from September 18, 1997, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox gas well location, Lea 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 16, Township 20 South, Range 34 East, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations developed on 320-acre spacing within said vertical extent, which presently may include but is not necessarily limited to the West Lynch-Morrow Gas Pool, and forming a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit underlying the SE/4 of said Section 16 for any and all formations developed on 160-acre gas spacing. Said units are to be dedicated to its Lynch "16" State Com Well No. 1 to be drilled and completed at an unorthodox gas well location 990 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line (Unit P) of said Section 16. 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 Nearburg Producing Company as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 8 miles east-northeast of the intersection of State Highway 176/FAS 1217 and U.S. Highway 180 (Laguna Gatuna Area), New Mexico.

CASE 11803: (Continued from September 4, 1997, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. for compulsory pooling and a non-standard oil proration and spacing unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Bone Springs formation underlying Lot 4 and the SE/4 SW/4 (S/2 SW/4 equivalent) of Irregular Section 31, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, forming a non-standard 78.09-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 EK-Bone Spring Pool, and forming a non-standard 38.09-acre oil spacing and proration unit underlying Lot 4 (SW/4 SW/4 equivalent) of said Section 31 for any and all formations/pools developed on 40-acre oil spacing. Said unit(s) is to be dedicated to its McElvain "31" Federal Well No. 1 to be drilled and completed at a standard well location in Unit M of said Section 31. 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 14 miles southeast of Maljamar, New Mexico.

CASE 11851: (Continued from September 18, 1997, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Okie Operating Company, Limited Partnership for a waterflood project, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks authority to institute a waterflood project on its W. V. Hutcherson Lease located in portions of Section 21, Township 8 South, Range 34 East, by the injection of water into the San Andres formation, West Milnesand-San Andres Pool, through the perforated interval from approximately 4,506 feet to 4,578 feet in its W. V. Hutcherson Well No. 1 located 1980 feet from the North and West lines (Unit F) of Section 21. Said project is located approximately 7 miles west-southwest of Milnesand, New Mexico.

CASE 11860: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in all formations developed on 320-acre spacing underlying the W/2 of Section 18, Township 16 South, Range 35 East. Said unit is to be dedicated to its Buffalo ARU St. Com Well No. 1 which will be drilled at a standard location 1980 feet from the South line and 1945 feet from the West line (Unit K) of said Section 18 to test all formations from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation. 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 9 miles west-southwest of Lovington, New Mexico.

CASE 11840: (Continued from September 4, 1997, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for compulsory pooling, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in all formations developed on 320-acre spacing underlying the E/2, in all formations developed on 160-acre spacing underlying the NE/4, in all formations developed on 80-acre spacing underlying the S/2 NE/4, and in all formations developed on 40-acre spacing underlying the SE/4 NE/4, from the surface to the base of the Pennsylvanian formation, Undesignated Leslie Spring-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, in Section 20, Township 7 South, Range 26 East. Said units are to be dedicated to the proposed Bean Com Well No. 2 which will be drilled at a standard location 1980 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line (Unit H) 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 operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 8 miles north-northeast of the intersection of US Highway 70 and the Pecos River in New Mexico.

CASE 11833: (Continued from September 18, 1997, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Devon Energy Corporation (Nevada) 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 S/2 of Section 15, Township 21 South, Range 26 East, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre gas spacing within said vertical extent, which presently may include but is not necessarily limited to the Avalon-Morrow Gas Pool; and forming a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit underlying the SW/4 of said Section 15 for any and all formations/pools developed on 160-acre gas spacing. Said units are to be dedicated to its Carlsbad 15 "K" Federal Com Well No. 1 to be drilled and completed at a standard gas well location un Unit K of said Section 15. 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 5 miles northwest of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

CASE 11861: **Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in all formations from the surface to the base of the Strawn formation, for all formations developed on 160-acre spacing in the NE/4 of Section 19, including the North Shoe Bar-Wolfcamp Pool and all formations developed on 40-acre spacing in the NE/4 NE/4 of Section 19, Township 16 South, Range 36 East. Said units are to be dedicated to its Gandy 19 Well No. 1 to be drilled at a standard location 810 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line (Unit A) of said Section 19 to test all formations from the surface to the base of the Strawn formation. 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 units are located approximately 3 miles southwest of Lovington, New Mexico.

CASE 11810: (Continued from September 18, 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 from the surface to the base of the Pennsylvanian formation underlying the S/2 of Section 13, Township 22 South, Range 24 East, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre gas spacing within said vertical extent, which presently may include but is not necessarily limited to the McKittrick Hills-Upper Pennsylvanian Gas Pool; forming a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit underlying the SE/4 of said Section 13 for any and all formations/pools developed on 160-acre gas spacing; and forming a 40-acre spacing unit underlying the SW/4 SE/4 of said Section 13 for any and all formations and/or pools spaced on 40-acre spacing. Said units are to be dedicated to its M-H 13 Federal Com Well No. 2 to be drilled and completed at a standard well location in Unit O of said Section 13. Also to be considered will be the cost 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 Nearburg Producing Company as the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 12 miles west of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

CASE 11854: (Continued from September 18, 1997, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Penwell Energy, 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 E/2 for all formations developed on 320-acre spacing, the NE/4 for all formations developed on 160-acre spacing, the S/2 NE/4 for all formations developed on 80-acre spacing, and the SE/4 NE/4 for all formations developed on 40-acre spacing, all in Section 14, Township 21 South, Range 27 East. Applicant proposes to dedicate this pooled unit to its Lonetree "14" State Com Well No. 1 to be drilled as a wildcat well at a standard location 1980 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line (Unit H) of said Section 14 to test any and all formations to the base of the Morrow formation. 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 7 miles northeast of Carlsbad, New Mexico.