

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - MARCH 19, 1998**8:15 AM - 2040 South Pacheco****Santa Fe, New Mexico**

Dockets Nos 8-98 and 9-98 are tentatively set for April 2, 1998 and April 16, 1998. 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 11947: **Application of Exxon Corporation for a waterflood project and to qualify said project for the recovered oil tax rate pursuant to the Enhanced Oil Recovery Act, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks approval to institute a secondary recovery project in its proposed Knox-Adkins Cooperative Leasehold Waterflood Project by the injection of water into the Blinebry formation in the Oil Center-Blinebry Pool, encompassing 640 acres of fee land comprising all of Section 10, Township 21 South, Range 36 East. Applicant further seeks to qualify the project for the recovered oil tax rate pursuant to the "New Mexico Enhanced Oil Recovery Act" (Laws 1992, Chapter 38, Sections 1 through 5). Said project is located immediately east of Oil Center, New Mexico. **IN THE ABSENCE OF OBJECTION THIS MATTER WILL BE TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT.**

CASE 11926: (Readvertised)

Application of KCS Medallion Resources, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the base of the Wolfcamp formation to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the W/2 of Section 33, Township 19 South, Range 28 East, 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 but not limited to the Undesignated Winchester-Morrow Gas Pool, the Winchester-Atoka Gas Pool, and the North Burton Flat-Strawn Gas Pool. Said unit will be dedicated to its Many Sands "33" Well No. 1, to be drilled at an orthodox location 1650 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line (Unit L) of said Section 33. 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 the risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 11 miles east-southeast of Lakewood, New Mexico.

CASE 11906: (Continued from February 19, 1998, Examiner Hearing - This Case Will Be Dismissed.)

Application of Mewbourne Oil Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Cisco/Canyon formation underlying the following described acreage in Section 5, Township 20 South, Range 25 East and in the following manner: Lots 1, 2 and the S/2 NE/4 (the NE/4) to form a standard 160.45-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent, including the Undesignated North Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool; and the SW/4 NE/4 to form a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools spaced on 40 acres within said vertical extent, including the Undesignated Seven Rivers-Yeso Pool. Said units are to be dedicated to applicant's S.P. Johnson Com Well No. 2, located 1650 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit G) of said Section 5. 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 the risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 4.5 miles west-northwest of Seven Rivers, New Mexico.

CASE 11941: (Continued from March 5, 1998, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Mewbourne Oil 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 W/2 of Section 11, Township 24 South, Range 24 East, 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 Mosley Canyon-Strawn Gas Pool and the Baldrige Canyon-Morrow Gas Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to its Baldrige Canyon "11" State Com. Well No.1, located 1650 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line (Unit L) 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 the risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 7 miles northwest of Whites City, New Mexico.

CASE 11948: **Application of Sonat Exploration Company for blanket surface commingling, Eddy and Lea Counties, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks blanket approval to surface commingle Delaware production within ten federal leases from all existing wells and any wells to be drilled within a Project Area which includes all or portions of Sections 1, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 15, Township 24 South, Range 31 East, and portions of Section 18, Township 24 South, Range 32 East, which is located approximately where Highway 128 intersects the Eddy/Lea County Line.

CASE 11949: **Application of Thornton Operating Corporation to amend Division Order No. R-9514-C, Chaves County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an amendment to Division Order No. R-9514-C, issued in Case 11615 and dated June 5, 1997 which authorized the reentry and directional drilling of the McClellan Federal Well No. 1 from a previously approved surface location 182 feet from the North line and 507 feet from the West line (Unit D) of Section 26, Township 13 South, Range 29 East, to authorize a new unorthodox bottomhole location for this well in the Devonian formation 68 feet from the South line and 263 feet from the West line (Unit M) of Section 23, Township 13 South, Range 29 East. This well is located approximately 18 miles east of Hagerman, New Mexico. **IN THE ABSENCE OF OBJECTION THIS MATTER WILL BE TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT.**

CASE 11950: **Application of Enron Oil & Gas Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Chester formation, or a depth of 11,800 feet, underlying Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 and the E/2 W/2 (W/2 equivalent) of Section 31, Township 17 South, Range 30 East, in the following described manner: Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 and the E/2 W/2 forming a 310.56-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing; Lots 3 and 4 and the E/2 SW/4 for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing; Lot 4 and the SE/4 SW/4 for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 80-acre spacing; and Lot 4 for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing. Applicant proposes to dedicate these pooled units to its Sand Tank "31" Fed. Com Well No. 2 to be drilled at an unorthodox location 990 feet from the South line and 1200 feet from the West line of said Section 31. Said location was approved by Division Order No. NSL-3932 on January 14, 1998. 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 the risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 2 miles southwest of Loco Hills, New Mexico.

CASE 11934: **(Readvertised - This Case Will Be Continued to April 2, 1998.)**

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests underlying the following described acreage in irregular Section 2, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, in the following manner: Lots 11, 12, 13, 14 and the SW/4 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; Lots 11, 12, 13 and 14 to form a standard 160-acre spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent; Lots 13 and 14 to form a standard 80-acre spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 80-acre spacing within said vertical extent; and Lot 13 to form a standard 40-acre spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within said vertical extent. Said units are to be dedicated to the proposed Fields "APK" State Com Well No. 3 which will be drilled at a standard location 3300 feet from the South line and 760 feet from the West line of said Section 2. 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 the risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 4 miles west of Lovington, New Mexico.

CASE 11951: **Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks authorization to drill a well to the Morrow formation, Undesignated South Carlsbad-Morrow Gas Pool, at an unorthodox well location 990 feet from the North line and 1650 feet from the West line (Unit C) of Section 22, Township 23 South, Range 26 East. The N/2 of said Section 22 is to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 320-acre spacing and proration unit. Said unit is located approximately 8 miles south-southwest of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

CASE 11940: **(Continued from March 5, 1998, Examiner Hearing.)**

Application of Manzano Oil Corporation for compulsory pooling and unorthodox well location, 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 area in Section 4, Township 22 South, Range 27 East in the following manner: the S/2 for all formations developed on 320-acre spacing which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the South Carlsbad-Morrow Gas Pool and the Undesignated South Carlsbad-Strawn Pool; the SE/4 for all formations developed on 160-acre spacing; the E/2 SE/4 for all formations developed on 80-acre spacing; and the SE/4 SE/4 for all formations developed on 40-acre spacing which presently includes but is not limited to the Esperanza-Delaware Pool. Applicant proposes to dedicate these pooled units to its Esperanza Well No. 1 to be drilled at an unorthodox location 660 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the East line (Unit P) of said Section 4. 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 the risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 2 miles southeast of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

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Re: Case 11906; Application of Mewbourne Oil Company for
compulsory pooling

Dear Mr. Stogner:

Please continue the above case to the March 19th hearing.

Very truly yours,

James Bruce

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CASE 11906: (Continued from January 22, 1998, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Mewbourne Oil Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Cisco/Canyon formation underlying the following described acreage in Section 5, Township 20 South, Range 25 East and in the following manner: Lots 1, 2 and the S/2 NE/4 (the NE/4) to form a standard 160.45-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent, including the Undesignated North Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool; and the SW/4 NE/4 to form a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools spaced on 40 acres within said vertical extent, including the Undesignated Seven Rivers-Yeso Pool. Said units are to be dedicated to applicant's S.P. Johnson Com Well No. 2, located 1650 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit G) of said Section 5. 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 the risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 4.5 miles west-northwest of Seven Rivers, New Mexico.

CASE 11013: (Continued from January 22, 1998, Examiner Hearing. Readvertised and Reopened by the Division for a Show Cause Hearing)

Application of Baber Well Servicing Company and/or Pronghorn Management Corporation for an unorthodox oil well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval for its New Mexico "BZ" State NCT-5 Well No. 5 (API No. 30-025-32362), drilled at an unorthodox oil well location 40 feet from the North line and 750 feet from the West line (Unit D) of Section 29, Township 21 South, Range 35 East, as an infill well on an existing 40-acre standard oil spacing and proration unit in the North San Simon-Yates Associated Pool comprising the NW/4 NW/4 of said Section 29, which is dedicated to the Pronghorn Management Corporation New Mexico "BZ" State NCT-5 Well No. 1 (API No. 30-025-03521), located at a standard oil well location 660 feet from the North and East lines (Unit D) of said Section 29. Said 40-acre unit is located approximately 8.5 miles west-southwest of Oil Center, New Mexico. **FURTHER, the operator of said 40-acre unit shall appear and show cause why:** (i) the New Mexico "BZ" State NCT-5 Well No. 5 should not be plugged and abandoned; (ii) it commenced producing said well without proper authorization; (iii) the offset interests' correlative rights were not violated by the past production; and (iv) a civil penalty should not be assessed or other restrictions imposed for any violations committed by the operator.

CASE 11927: **Application of Redstone Oil & Gas Company for compulsory pooling and unorthodox gas well location, 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 12, Township 23 South, Range 24 East, and in the following manner: All of Section 12 to form a standard 640-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 640-acre spacing within said vertical extent, including but not limited to the Rock Tank-Upper Morrow Gas Pool and the Rock Tank-Lower Morrow Gas Pool; and the N/2 of Section 12 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. Said units are to be dedicated to a well to be located at an unorthodox gas well location 500 feet from the North line and 2515 feet from the East line (Unit B) of said Section 12. 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 the risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 11 miles northwest of Whites City, New Mexico.**CASE 11919:** (Continued from February 5, 1998, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Enron Oil & Gas Company for compulsory pooling and unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow-Chester formation, Undesignated Grayburg-Morrow Gas Pool, underlying the N/2 of Section 34, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, for all formations developed on 320-acre spacing. Applicant proposes to dedicated this pooled unit to its STW "34" Federal Com. Well No. 1 to be drilled at an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the North line and 1250 feet from the East line (Unit A) of said Section 34. 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 the risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 5 miles west-southwest of Loco Hills, New Mexico.

CASE 11928: **Application of Oryx Energy Company for the expansion of the Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool and the contraction of the Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Gas Pool and for approval of a non-standard gas proration and spacing unit, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order expanding the Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool to include the E/2 of Section 36, Township 21 South, Range 23 East, and the corresponding contraction of the Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Gas Pool to delete said acreage from that pool. In addition, applicant seeks the approval of a non-standard gas proration and spacing unit consisting of the W/2 of said Section 36 to be dedicated to production from the Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Gas Pool. This acreage is located approximately 14 miles southwest of Seven Rivers, New Mexico.

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Dockets Nos 6-98 and 7-98 are tentatively set for March 5, 1998 and March 19, 1998. 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 11923: **Application of Shahara Oil, L.L.C. for a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks approval of its Shahara State Unit Agreement for an area encompassing 320 acres, more or less, of State lands consisting of the W/2 of Section 16, Township 17 South, Range 33 East. Said unit area is located approximately 5.5 miles east-southeast of Maljamar, New Mexico.

CASE 11924: **Application of Shahara Oil, L.L.C. for a waterflood/tertiary recovery project, qualification for the recovered oil tax rate pursuant to the "New Mexico Enhanced Oil Recovery Act" for said project, and for two unorthodox oil well locations, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks approval to institute a waterflood and tertiary recovery project utilizing micro-organisms for enhanced recovery in the Maljamar-Grayburg-San Andres Pool within its proposed Shahara State Unit Area (being the subject of Case No. 11923) to comprise the W/2 of Section 16, Township 17 South, Range 33 East, by the injection of water through 8 certain existing wells. Applicant further seeks to qualify this project for the recovered oil tax rate pursuant to the "New Mexico Enhanced Oil Recovery Act" (Law 1992, Chapter 38, Sections 1 through 5). Applicant further seeks approval to drill two new producing wells along the western edge of the proposed Unitized Area at locations considered to be unorthodox. The proposed project area is located approximately 5.5 miles east-southeast of Maljamar, New Mexico.

CASE 11925: **Application of KCS Medallion Resources, Inc. for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location within the Turkey Track-Morrow Gas Pool for its PDM Well No. 1 to be drilled 860 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line (Unit M) of Section 16, Township 19 South, Range 29 East, being approximately 12.5 miles south-southwest of Loco Hills, New Mexico. The S/2 of said Section 16 is to be dedicated to said well to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool.

CASE 11926: **Application of KCS Medallion 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 33, Township 19 South, Range 28 East, and in the following manner: the W/2 of Section 33 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 but not limited to the Undesignated Winchester-Morrow Gas Pool, the Winchester-Atoka Gas Pool, the North Burton Flat-Strawn Gas Pool, and the Winchester-Wolfcamp Gas Pool; the SW/4 of Section 33 to form a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent; the N/2 SW/4 of Section 33 to form a standard 80-acre spacing unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 80-acre spacing within said vertical extent, including but not limited to the Undesignated Old Millman Ranch-Bone Spring Associated Pool; and the NW/4 SW/4 of Section 33 for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within said vertical extent, including but not limited to the Undesignated Old Millman Ranch-Bone Spring Associated Pool, the Undesignated Fadeaway Ridge-Delaware Pool, and the Undesignated East Millman Yates-Seven Rivers-Queen-Grayburg-San Andres Pool. Said units will be dedicated to its Many Sands "33" Well No. 1, to be drilled at an orthodox location 1650 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line (Unit L) of said Section 33. 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 the risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 11 miles east-southeast of Lakewood, New Mexico.

CASE 11877: (Continued from February 5, 1998, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Fasken Land and Minerals, Ltd. for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation underlying all of Section 12, Township 23 South, Range 24 East, forming a standard 640-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 640-acre gas spacing within said vertical extent, which presently may include but is not necessarily limited to the Rock Tank-Upper Morrow Gas Pool and the Rock Tank-Lower Morrow Gas Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to its Camero "12" Federal Com Well No. 1 to be drilled and completed at an unorthodox gas well location 500 feet from the North line and 2265 feet from the West line (Unit E) of said Section 12. 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 Fasken Oil and Ranch, Ltd. as the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 15 miles southwest of Carlsbad, New Mexico.