

DOCKET NO. 7-98

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - FEBRUARY 19, 1998

8:15 AM - 2040 South Pacheco
Santa Fe, New Mexico

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.

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 dedicate 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.