

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - DECEMBER 3, 1998

8:15 A.M. - 2040 South Pacheco

Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dockets Nos. 34-98 and 35-98 are tentatively set for December 17, 1998 and January 7, 1999. 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 12089: Continued from November 19, 1998, Examiner Hearing.

Application of Mallon Oil Company for a non-standard gas spacing and proration unit and for an unorthodox gas well location, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location in both the Nacimiento and San Jose formations for its existing Jicarilla 464-30 Well No. 10 (API No. 30-039-25788), located 1700 feet from the North line and 800 feet from the West line (Lot 2/Unit F) of irregular Section 30, Township 30 North, Range 3 West. The applicant further seeks to dedicate gas production attributed to both intervals from this well to a non-standard 246.46-acre gas spacing and proration unit comprising Lots 1 and 2 and the NE/4 (N/2 equivalent) of Section 30, which is located approximately 1.5 miles north of U. S. Highway 64 at mile-marker No. 62.

CASE 12092: Continued from November 19, 1998, Examiner Hearing.

Application of Corinne B. Grace d/b/a Grace Oil Company for compulsory pooling or, in the alternative for an order declaring Division Order No. R-4034 applicable, 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 2, Township 23 South, Range 26 East, and in the following manner: the S/2 thereby 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 includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated South Carlsbad-Canyon Gas Pool, South Carlsbad-Strawn Gas Pool, South Carlsbad-Atoka Gas Pool, and South Carlsbad-Morrow Gas Pool; the SE/4 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; and the SE/4 SE/4 to form a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/o pools developed on 40-acre spacing within said vertical extent, which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Happy Valley-Delaware Pool. These units are to be dedicated to the existing Humble Grace Com. Well No. 1 (API No. 30-015-20350) located 990 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line (Unit P) of Section 2. Also to be considered will be the costs of re-entering and the recompletion of this 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 the risk involved in the re-entry of this well. IN THE ALTERNATIVE, the applicant seeks an order from the Division that its Order No. R-4034, issued in Case No. 4398 and dated October 2, 1970 be declared applicable and relevant under the circumstances involving this well and in full force and effect. By Order No. R-4034, the Division pooled, in part, all mineral interests in the Strawn, Atoka, and Morrow formations underlying the S/2 of Section 2, in which the subject well was dedicated. This well is located south of Carlsbad, New Mexico approximately 1/4 mile east of U. S. Highway 62/180 between Derrick Street and Haston Road.

CASE 12084: (Readvertised)

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for compulsory pooling and unorthodox well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in all formations developed on 320-acre spacing underlying the S/2, in all formations developed on 160-acre spacing underlying the SE/4, in all formations developed on 80-acre spacing underlying the E/2 SE/4, and in all formations developed on 40-acre spacing underlying the NE/4 SE/4, from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation, Logan Draw-Morrow Gas Pool, in Section 8, Township 17 South, Range 27 East. The units are to be dedicated to the proposed Riverside ASS Federal Com Well No. 1 which will be drilled at an unorthodox well location 1650 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line (Unit L) of Section 8. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the 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 the well. This area is located approximately 7 miles northeast of Artesia, New Mexico.

CASE 12094: Application of Manzano Oil Corporation for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in all formations developed on 40-acre spacing underlying Lot 15, from the surface to the base of the Strawn formation, in irregular Section 3, Township 16 South, Range 36 East. The units are to be dedicated to the proposed Quarry Well No. 1 which will be drilled at a standard location 3526 feet from the South line and 2095 feet from the East line of Section 3. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the 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 the well. This area is located within the City of Lovington, New Mexico.

CASE 12076: Continued from November 5, 1998, Examiner Hearing.

Application of Marbob Energy Corporation for simultaneous dedication and unorthodox well locations, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks authorization to simultaneously dedicate its Lusk Deep Unit Well No. 1 located at an unorthodox well location 660 feet from the North and East lines (Unit A) its Lusk Deep Unit Well No. 5 located at a standard location 1980 feet from the South and East lines (Unit J) and its proposed Lusk Deep Unit Well No. 14 to be located at an unorthodox well location 1650 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the West line (Unit E) of Section 19, Township 19 South, Range 32 East, to a standard 643.47-acre gas spacing unit comprised of Section 19 in the Lusk-Morrow Gas Pool. These wells are located approximately 14 miles south-southeast of Maljamar, New Mexico.

CASE 12008: Continued from November 5, 1998, Examiner Hearing.

Application of Robert E. Landreth for a determination of reasonable well costs, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, as a mineral interest owner in the standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit comprising the S/2 of Section 29, Township 22 South, Range 34 East, seeks an order ascertaining the reasonableness of actual well costs for: (i) the Santa Fe Energy Resources, Inc. Gaucho Unit Well No. 2-Y (API No. 30-025-34026), located 1650 feet from the South line and 1725 feet from the West line (Unit K) of Section 29; and (ii) the plugged and abandoned Gaucho Unit Well No. 2 (API No. 30-025-33682), located 1650 feet from the South and West lines (Unit K) of Section 29. This 320-acre unit was the subject of compulsory pooling Order No. R-10764, dated February 14, 1997. This area is located approximately 20 miles west by south of Eunice, New Mexico.

CASE 12061: Continued from November 19, 1998, Examiner Hearing.

Application of Devon Energy Corporation (Nevada) for lease commingling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an exception to Division Rule 309 to permit lease commingling of Red Lake Queen-Grayburg-San Andres Pool, Glorieta formation, and Yeso formation production from 12 wells to be drilled on Federal Leases LC 061783-A and LC 061783-B, collectively covering the W/2 SW/4 of Section 3, and the SE/4 of Section 4, Township 18 South, Range 27 East, without separately metering production from each well or lease. The leases are located approximately 9 miles southeast of Artesia, New Mexico. IN THE ABSENCE OF OBJECTION THIS CASE WILL BE TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT.

CASE 12080: Continued from November 19, 1998, Examiner Hearing.

Application of David H. Arrington Oil and Gas, Inc. for amendment of Division Order No. R-11028, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order amending Order No. R-11028 to pool all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Lower Mississippian formation, underlying Lots 11 through 14 and the SW/4 for all formations developed on 320-acre spacing including the Undesignated North Shoe Bar-Atoka Gas Pool, Undesignated North Hume-Morrow Gas Pool and the Undesignated Townsend-Morrow Gas Pool, the SW/4 for all formations developed on 160-acre spacing, the N/2 SW/4 for all formations developed on 80-acre spacing including but not limited to the Undesignated Big Dog-Strawn Pool, and the NE/4 SW/4 for all formations developed on 40-acre spacing including the Undesignated Northwest Townsend-Abo Pool, Townsend-Permo Upper Pennsylvanian Pool and the Undesignated Townsend-Strawn Pool, all in Section 3, Township 16 South, Range 35 East. Applicant proposes to dedicate these pooled units to its Parachute Hopper Well No. 1 to be drilled at a standard gas well location in the NE/4 SW/4 of Section 3. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the 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 the well. The area is located approximately 5 miles west of Lovington, New Mexico.

CASE 12051: Continued from November 5, 1998, Examiner Hearing.

Application of Texaco Exploration and Production Inc. for compulsory pooling, an unorthodox gas well location and non-standard spacing and proration units, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Upper Pennsylvanian formation and Morrow formation, Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool, underlying the following described acreage in irregular Section 1, Township 21 South, Range 25 East, in the following manner: Lots 11 through 14 and 17 through 28 to form a 555.74-acre non-standard gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 640-acre spacing within that vertical extent and, Lots 11 through 14 and Lots 19 through 22 to form a 288.19-acre non-standard spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within that vertical extent. The units are to be dedicated to the proposed Rocky Arroyo Federal Com Well No. 1 which is proposed at an unorthodox location 3200 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line (Unit L) of Section 1. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the 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 the well. The area is located approximately 1 3/4 mile east of the junction of State Highway 137 and U.S. Highway 285, Eddy County, New Mexico.

CASE 12034: Continued from November 5, 1998, Examiner Hearing.

Application of Matador Petroleum Corporation for approval of an unorthodox gas well location and to amend Order No. R-10872-B to approve a standard 600.01-acre gas spacing and proration unit, Eddy County New Mexico. Applicant seeks to amend Order No. R-10872-B to create a standard 600.01-acre gas spacing and proration unit consisting of Lots 11 through 14, 25 through 32 and SW/4 (south two-thirds equivalent) of Irregular Section 1, Township 21 South, Range 25 East. In addition, applicant seeks authority for the drilling of an "infill well" to a depth sufficient to test the Morrow formation at an unorthodox gas well location 2080 feet from the South line and 750 feet from the West line of Irregular Section 1 and for approval of this unorthodox location for any and all gas producing formations from the top of the Wolfcamp to the base of the Morrow, including but not limited to the Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool. In the event this well is productive from the Morrow formation, then it will be dedicated to this standard 600.01-acre gas proration and spacing unit. Said unit is located approximately 9 miles northwest of Carlsbad, New Mexico.