

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 16, 1999

8:15 A.M. - 2040 South Pacheco

Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dockets Nos. 30-99 and 31-99 are tentatively set for October 7 and October 21, 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 12217: Continued from August 19, 1999, Examiner Hearing.

Application of Merrion Oil & Gas Corporation for Compulsory Pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool underlying Lots 1 through 4 and the S/2 N/2 (N/2 equivalent) of Section 2, Township 31 North, Range 8 West, in order to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit. This unit is to be dedicated to applicant's proposed U-Da-Well Com. Well No. 1 to be drilled at a previously approved unorthodox coal gas well location in the SE/4 NW/4 (Unit F) of Section 2 (see Division Administrative Order NSL-4281 dated May 13, 1999). 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 operator of the well, and a charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well. The unit is located approximately nine miles north-northwest of the Navajo Lake Dam.

CASE 11773: Reopened - Continued from September 2, 1999, Examiner Hearing.)

In the matter of Case No. 11773 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Division Order No. R-10854, which order promulgated temporary special rules and regulations for the West Maljamar-Devonian Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, including a provision for 160-acre spacing. Operators in the subject pool may appear and show cause why the special pool rules should not be rescinded and why the West Maljamar-Devonian Pool should not be developed on statewide 40-acre oil spacing.

CASE 12203: Continued from September 2, 1999, Examiner Hearing.

Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Bone Spring formation underlying the NE/4 SE/4 of Section 3, Township 20 South, Range 33 East, forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Undesignated Teas Yates-Seven Rivers Pool. The unit is to be dedicated to the Python Federal Well No. 3, to be drilled at an orthodox oil well location 1650 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line (Unit I) 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 Nearburg Producing Company as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling and completing the well. The unit is located approximately 5.5 miles northeast of the intersection of State Highway 176 and U.S. Highway 62/180.

CASE 12204: Continued from September 2, 1999, Examiner Hearing.

Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Bone Spring formation underlying the SW/4 SE/4 of Section 3, Township 20 South, Range 33 East, forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Undesignated Teas Yates-Seven Rivers Pool. The unit is to be dedicated to the Python Federal Well No. 2, to be drilled at an orthodox oil well location 660 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the East line (Unit O) 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 Nearburg Producing Company as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling and completing the well. The unit is located approximately 5 miles northeast of the intersection of State Highway 176 and U.S. Highway 62/180.

CASE 12205: Continued from September 2, 1999, Examiner Hearing.

Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. for compulsory pooling, Lea 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 3, Township 20 South, Range 33 East, in the following manner: the S/2 to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Undesignated East Gem-Morrow Gas Pool; the SE/4 to form a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within that vertical extent; and the NW/4 SE/4 to form a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Undesignated Teas Yates-Seven Rivers Pool. These units are to be dedicated to applicant's Viper 3 Fed. Well No. 2, located 1650 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit J) 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 Nearburg Producing Company as operator of the well, and a charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well. The unit is located approximately 4.5 miles northeast of Loco Hills, New Mexico.

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CASE 12103: Continued from September 2, 1999, Examiner Hearing.

Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. and E.G.L. Resources, Inc. to reopen Case No. 2103 and for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order reopening Case No. 12103 and pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Bone Spring formation underlying the SE/4 SE/4 of Section 3, Township 20 South, Range 33 East, to form a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Undesignated Teas-Yates-Seven Rivers Pool. The unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an orthodox oil well location in the SE/4 SE/4 (Unit P) 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 Nearburg Producing Company as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling and completing the well. The unit is located approximately 5.5 miles northeast of the intersection of State Highway 176 and U.S. Highway 62/180.

CASE 12244: **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 Morrow formation underlying the following described acreage in Section 7, Township 22 South, Range 26 East, in the following manner: the E/2 to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Undesignated Hackberry Hills-Canyon Gas Pool, Undesignated Happy Valley-Strawn Gas Pool, Undesignated Hackberry Hills-Atoka Gas Pool, and Happy Valley-Morrow Gas Pool; the SE/4 to form a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within that vertical extent; and the NE/4 SE/4 to form a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Undesignated Filaree Dome-Delaware Pool and Undesignated Happy Valley-Bone Spring Pool. The units are to be dedicated to its White Tip "7" Fed. Well No. 1 to be located 1550 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the East line (Unit I) of Section 7. 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 Nearburg Producing Company as the operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling and completing the well. The unit is located approximately 6 miles west-southeast of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

CASE 12233: Continued from September 2, 1999, 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 following described acreage in Section 18, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, and in the following manner: (a) Lots 2 and 3, the E/2 SW/4, and the SE/4 (S/2 equivalent) to form a standard 293.96-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within this vertical extent which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Empire-Atoka Gas Pool, Undesignated North Empire-Atoka Gas Pool, and South Empire-Morrow Gas Pool; and (b) 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 this vertical extent. Both units are to be dedicated to a single well, the proposed Empire "18" State Com. Well No. 1 (API No. 30-015-30692), to be drilled 1650 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the East line (Unit I) of Section 18. This location is considered standard for the 160-acre unit and has been approved as an orthodox gas well location for the South Empire-Morrow Gas Pool by Division Administrative Order NSL-4319, dated June 28, 1999. 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 proposed well location is approximately 7.5 miles west of Loco Hills, New Mexico.

CASE 12237: Continued from September 2, 1999, Examiner Hearing.

Application of Mewbourne Oil Company for Compulsory Pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the base of the Bone Spring formation to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the W/2 of Section 8, Township 18 South, Range 31 East, to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within this vertical extent, including the Undesignated North Shugart-Atoka Gas Pool and Undesignated North Shugart-Morrow Gas Pool. The unit is to be dedicated to its Fren "8" Fed. Com. Well No. 1, located at an orthodox gas well location in the NW/4 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 and completing the well. The unit is located approximately 6 1/2 miles southeast of Loco Hills, New Mexico.