

Examiner Hearing – July 22, 1999

Docket No. 23-99

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CASE 12202: Continued from July 8, 1999, Examiner Hearing.

Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. 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 the following described acreage in irregular Section 3, Township 16 South, Range 28 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 Crow Flats-Morrow Gas Pool; the SW/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 SW/4 SW/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. These units are to be dedicated to applicant's Crow Flats 3 Fed. Well No. 1, located 960 feet from the South line and 760 feet from the West line (Unit M) 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 15.5 miles northeast of Artesia, New Mexico.

CASE 12203: Continued from July 8, 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 July 8, 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 July 8, 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.

CASE 12103: Continued from July 8, 1999, Examiner Hearing

Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. and E.G.L. Resources, Inc. to reopen Case No. 12103 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.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - JULY 22, 1999

8:15 A.M. - 2040 South Pacheco

Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dockets Nos. 24-99 and 25-99 are tentatively set for August 5 and August 19, 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 12215: **Application of Anadarko Petroleum Corporation For Downhole Commingling, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an exception to Division Rule 303.C.(1)(a)(iii) to permit downhole commingling of Penrose Skelly-Grayburg and Southwest Eunice-San Andres Pool production in the E.W. Walden Well No. 12 located 2250 feet from the North line and 1350 feet from the West line (Unit F) of Section 15, Township 22 South, Range 37 East. This well is located approximately 4 miles south of Eunice, New Mexico.

CASE 12207: **Continued from June 24, 1999, Examiner Hearing.**

Application of St. Mary Land & Exploration Company for statutory unitization, Eddy and Lea Counties, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order unitizing, for the purpose of establishing an enhanced recovery project, all mineral interests in the Brushy Canyon formation of the Delaware Mountain Group, East Shugart-Delaware Pool, underlying 604.12 acres, more or less, of federal lands in the following described area:

Township 18 South, Range 31 East, NMPM

Section 13: S/2 SE/4

Section 24: NE/4, N/2 SE/4

Township 18 South, Range 32 East, NMPM

Section 18: Lot 4

Section 19: Lots 1-3, E/2 NW/4, NE/4 SW/4

The unit is to be designated the East Shugart (Delaware) Unit. Among the matters to be considered at the hearing, pursuant to the New Mexico Statutory Unitization Act, NMSA 1978 Sections 70-7-1 et seq., will be: The necessity of unit operations; the designation of a unit operator; the determination of the horizontal and vertical limits of the unit area; the determination of the fair, reasonable, and equitable allocation of production and costs of production, including capital investments, to each of the tracts in the unit area; the determination of credits and charges to be made among the various owners in the unit area for their investment in wells and equipment; and such other matters as may be necessary and appropriate for carrying on efficient unit operations, including unit voting procedures, selection, removal, or substitution of the unit operator, and time of commencement and termination of unit operations. Applicant also requests that the order issued in this case include a provision for carrying any non-consenting working interest owner within the unit area upon such terms and conditions to be determined by the Division to be just and reasonable. The unit area is located approximately 11.5 miles southeast of Loco Hills, New Mexico.

CASE 12208: **Continued from June 24, 1999, Examiner Hearing.**

Application of St. Mary Land & Exploration Company for approval of a waterflood project and to qualify the project for the recovered oil tax rate pursuant to the Enhanced Oil Recovery Act, Eddy and Lea Counties, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval of its East Shugart (Delaware) Unit Waterflood Project by the injection of water into the Brushy Canyon formation of the Delaware Mountain Group through 9 wells located in the following area:

Township 18 South, Range 31 East, NMPM

Section 13: S/2 SE/4

Section 24: NE/4, N/2 SE/4

Township 18 South, Range 32 East, NMPM

Section 18: Lot 4

Section 19: Lots 1-3, E/2 NW/4, NE/4 SW/4

Applicant further seeks to qualify the project for the recovered oil tax rate pursuant to the "New Mexico Enhanced Oil Recovery Act" (Sections 7-29A-1 through 7-29A-2 NMSA 1978). This project is located approximately 11.5 miles southeast of Loco Hills, New Mexico.

CASE 12216: **Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. for an Unorthodox Gas Well Location, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location for all zones from the top of the Wolfcamp formation to the base of the Morrow formation in its Vaquero "36" State Com. Well No. 1, to be located 990 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line (Unit M) of Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 33 East. The S/2 of Section 36 will be dedicated to the well. The well is located approximately 13 miles southeast of Maljamar, New Mexico.