

Examiner Hearing – October 21, 1999

Docket No. 32-99

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CASE 12267: **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 SE¹/₄ SE¹/₄ 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 its Python Fed. Well No. 1, to be located 660 feet from the South and East lines (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 the 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 12259: **Continued from October 7, 1999, Examiner Hearing.**

Application of Southwestern Energy Production 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 36, Township 17 South, Range 27 East, in the following manner: the N/2 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 that vertical extent, including the Undesignated North Illinois Camp-Morrow Gas Pool; and the NW/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 that vertical extent, including the Logan Draw-Wolfcamp Gas Pool and the Undesignated Empire-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool. The units are to be dedicated to its Bluff "36" State Com Well No. 1, to be drilled at a location 660 feet from the North line and 1350 feet from the West line (Unit C) of Section 36, as well as any other well drilled within the 320 acre unit pursuant to Division rules. 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 units are located approximately 10 miles southeast of Artesia, New Mexico.

CASE 12256: **Continued from October 7, 1999, Examiner Hearing.**

Application of E.G.L. 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 Yates formation underlying the NW/4 of Section 27, Township 20 South, Range 28 East, 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, including the Undesignated South Burton-Yates Gas Pool. This unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard gas well location thereon. 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 9.5 miles north-northeast of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

CASE 12257: **Continued from October 7, 1999, Examiner Hearing.**

Application of E.G.L. 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 Yates formation underlying the NW/4 of Section 23, Township 20 South, Range 28 East 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, including the Russell-Lower Yates Gas Pool. This unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard gas well location thereon. 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 11 miles north-northeast of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

CASE 12268: **Application of E. G. L. 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 W/2 of Section 4, Township 20 South, Range 27 East, to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within that vertical extent. The unit is to be dedicated to its Trigg Federal Well No. 1, to be drilled at an orthodox location in the W/2 of Section 4. 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 5 miles east-southeast of Lakewood, New Mexico.

CASE 12235: Continued from October 7, 1999, Examiner Hearing.

Application of Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Corp. 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 2, Township 19 South, Range 28 East, in the following manner: the W/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 Millman-Wolfcamp Gas Pool, Undesignated North Turkey Track-Cisco Gas Pool, Undesignated Millman-Atoka Gas Pool, and Undesignated North Turkey Track-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; the N/2 SW/4 to form a standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 80-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Undesignated Travis-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool; and the NE/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, including the Undesignated Artesia Queen-Grayburg-San Andres Pool and Undesignated Palmillo-Bone Spring Pool. The units are to be dedicated to its Turkey Track "2" State Well No. 1 located at an orthodox location 1650 feet from the North and West lines (Unit K) of Section 2. 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 units are located approximately 13 1/2 miles northeast of Lakewood, New Mexico.

CASE 12234: Continued from October 7, 1999, Examiner Hearing.

Application of Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas for Compulsory Pooling and an Unorthodox Oil 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 4, Township 18 South, Range 29 East, in the following manner: (a) the N/2 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 this vertical extent which presently includes the Undesignated Grayburg-Strawn Gas Pool, Undesignated Grayburg-Atoka Gas Pool, Undesignated Grayburg-Morrow Gas Pool, and Undesignated South Empire-Morrow Gas Pool; (b) the NE/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 that vertical extent; (c) the S/2 NE/4 to form a standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 80-acre spacing which presently includes the Undesignated South Empire-Wolfcamp Pool; and (d) the SW/4 NE/4 to form a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within this vertical extent which presently includes the Loco Hills-Queen-Grayburg-San Andres Pool, Undesignated Loco Hills-Bone Spring Pool, and Undesignated Loco Hills-Cisco Pool. These four units are to be dedicated to a single well, the proposed Loco Hills 4 Federal Com Well No. 1, to be drilled 1980 feet from the North line and 1650 feet from the East line (Unit G) of Section 4, being a standard well location for the 40, 160, and 320-acre spacing and proration units but an unorthodox oil well location in the Undesignated South Empire-Wolfcamp Pool for the 80-acre unit. 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 6.5 miles west-southwest of Loco Hills, New Mexico.

CASE 12246: Continued from October 7, 1999, Examiner Hearing.

Application of Snow Oil & Gas, Inc. for Compulsory Pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Bone Spring formation which includes the Esperanza-Delaware Pool, underlying the NW/4 SW/4 for all formations developed on 40-acre spacing in Section 28, Township 21 South, Range 27 East. Applicant proposes to dedicate this pooled unit to a well to be drilled at a standard location (Unit L) in the NW/4 SW/4 of Section 28 to test any and all formations to the base of the Bone Spring formation. 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 2 miles northeast of the City of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

CASE 12269: **Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for Amendment of Division Order No. R-11061, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks amendment of Division Order No. R-11061 which compulsorily pooled certain spacing and proration units in Lots 11, 12, 13 and 14 and the SW/4 of irregular Section 2, Township 16 South, Range 35 East. Applicant seeks amendment of Order No. R-11061 to reflect the actual location of its Field "APK" State Com. Well No. 3 at a point 1880 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the West line (Unit K) of irregular Section 2. This area is located approximately 4 miles west of Lovington, New Mexico. *In the absence of objection, this matter will be taken under advisement.*