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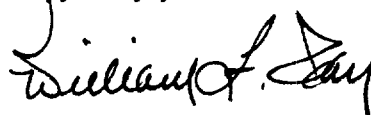
RE: In the matter of Case 12414: The Amended Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery,

Nearburg Producing Company hereby requests that the Examiner Hearings in the above-referenced cases which are currently scheduled for August 10th, 2000 be continued to the August 24th, 2000 Examiner hearing docket.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



William F. Carr

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CASE 12429: Continued from July 13, 2000, Examiner Hearing

Application of Concho Resources, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in all formations developed on 320-acre spacing in the W/2 including but not limited to the South Carlsbad-Morrow Gas Pool, in all formations developed on 160-acre spacing in the NW/4, and in all formations developed on 80-acre spacing in the W/2 NW/4 of Section 14, Township 23 South, Range 26 East. The units are to be dedicated to its Beretta 14 State Com Well No. 1 to be drilled at a standard location 1980 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 14 to a depth sufficient to test all formations from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation, South Carlsbad-Morrow Gas Pool. 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 risk involved in drilling said well. The area is located approximately 1 mile South of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

CASE 12469: **Application of Paladin Energy Corp. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in all formations developed on 40-acre spacing in the NE/4 SE/4 of Section 34, Township 16 South, Range 38 East. The unit is to be dedicated to its W. W. Hamilton "A" Well No. 2 to be drilled at a standard location in the NE/4 SE/4 of Section 34 to a depth sufficient to test all formations from the surface to the base of the Devonian 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 operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling the well. The area is located approximately 10 miles North of Hobbs, New Mexico.

CASE 12396: Continued from July 13, 2000, Examiner Hearing.

Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests underlying the E/2 of Section 12, Township 22 South, Range 25 East, to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including but not limited to the undesignated Catchlaw Draw-Wolfcamp Gas Pool, undesignated Hackberry Hills-Canyon Gas Pool, undesignated Hackberry Hills-Atoka Gas Pool, and Revelation-Morrow Gas Pool. Said spacing and proration unit is to be dedicated to Nearburg's proposed White Tip 12 Fed. Com. Well # 1, to be drilled at a standard location in the SE/4 (Unit P) 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 Nearburg Producing Company, L.L.C., as operator of the well; and, a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 7 miles southwest of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

CASE 12414: Continued from July 27, 2000, 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 in all formations developed on 320-acre spacing in the W/2 which includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated West Anderson Ranch-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool and the Undesignated Anderson Ranch-Morrow Gas Pool, in all formations developed on 160-acre spacing in the NW/4, in all formations developed on 80-acre spacing in the W/2 NW/4 which includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated North Anderson Ranch-Wolfcamp Pool, and in all formations developed on 40-acre spacing in the NW/4 NW/4 which includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated West Anderson Ranch-Grayburg Pool, all in Section 32, Township 15 South, Range 32 East. The unit is to be dedicated to its Anderson Ranch "32" State Com Well No. 1 to be drilled at a standard location 1650 feet from the North and West lines of Section 32 to a depth sufficient to test all formations from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation. 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 Nearburg Producing Company as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling the well. The area is located approximately 7 miles North of Maljamar, New Mexico.

CASE 12470: **Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in all formations developed on 40-acre spacing in the NE/4 SE/4 of Section 13, Township 19 South, Range 33 East, which includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Tonto (Seven Rivers) Pool, the Undesignated Tonto-Wolfcamp Pool, the Undesignated East Gem-Bone Spring Pool and the Undesignated East Gem-Delaware Pool. The unit is to be dedicated to the Panama "13" Well No. 2 to be drilled at a standard location 1650 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the East line of Section 13 to a depth sufficient to test all formations from the surface 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 Nearburg Producing Company as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling the well. The area is located approximately 11 miles northeast of Halfway, New Mexico.

CASE 12411: Continued from July 13, 2000 Examiner Hearing.

Application of EnerQuest Oil & Gas, L.L.C. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in all formations developed on 160-acre spacing in the SW/4 of Section 18, Township 20 South, Range 39 East, including but not limited to the Blinebry formation, Blinebry Oil and Gas Pool. The unit is to be dedicated to its McCasland "18" Fee Well No. 1 located at a standard location in the SW/4 of Section 18 which has been drilled and completed in the Blinebry formation. 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 EnerQuest Resources, L.L.C. as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling the well. The area is located approximately 4 miles southeast of Nadine, New Mexico.

CASE 12471: **Application of EnerQuest Oil & Gas, L.L.C. for amendment of Division Order No. R-10986, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks amendment of Division compulsory pooling Order No. R-10986 to increase the acreage pooled to include the SW 4 of Section 18, Township 20 South, Range 39 East, and to accurately identify the working interest which is subject to the pooling order. The area is located approximately 4 miles southeast of Nadine, New Mexico.

CASE 12452: **Continued from July 13, 2000, Examiner Hearing.**

Application of McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in all formations developed on 320-acre spacing from the base of the Pictured Cliffs Formation to the base of the Mesaverde formation in the E/2 of Section 4, Township 25 North, Range 2 West. The units are to be dedicated to its Cougar Com "4" Well No. 1A to be re-entered and drilled to a depth sufficient to test all formations to the base of the Mesaverde formation, Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool, at a standard location in the NE/4 SE/4 of Section 4. 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 risk involved in drilling the well. The area is located approximately 9 miles north of Lindrith, New Mexico.

CASE 12472: **Application of McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in all formations developed on 320-acre spacing from the base of the Pictured Cliffs formation to the base of the Mesaverde formation in the N/2 of Section 10, Township 25 North, Range 2 West. The units are to be dedicated to its Elk Com 10 Well No. 1-A to be drilled to a depth sufficient to test all formations to the base of the Mesaverde formation, Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool, at a standard location in the NW/4 of Section 10. 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, the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling the well. The area is located approximately 7 miles north northeast of Lindrith, New Mexico.

CASE 12473: **Application of Harvey E. Yates Company for a non-standard gas spacing and proration unit and an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an exception to the Special Pool Rules and Regulations for the McMillan-Morrow Gas Pool for (1) a 318.22 acre non-standard gas spacing and proration unit comprised of Lots 1 and 2, E/2 NW/4, and NE/4 (N/2 equivalent) of Section 7, Township 20 South, Range 27 East, and (2) an unorthodox well location 1980 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 7 for its Turner Federal "7" Deep Well No. 1 which it proposes to drill to test the Morrow formation, McMillan-Morrow Gas Pool. The unit is located approximately 6 miles east of Seven Rivers, New Mexico.

CASE 12320: **Continued from July 13, 2000, Examiner Hearing.**

Application of Chevron U.S.A. Production Co. for Approval to convert the EMSU Wells No. 210, 212, 222, 252 and 258 to Injection in the Eunice Monument South Unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval to convert its EMSU Wells No. 210, 212, 222, 252 and 258 to injection in the Eunice Monument South Unit (EMSU). These wells are designed to improve recovery efficiency of the waterflood patterns and enhance production of the EMSU secondary recovery project. The wells are located in the following locations: No. 210 - Section 4, Unit K, Township 21 South, Range 36 East; No. 252 - Section 5, Unit I, Township 21 South, Range 36 East; No. 222 - Section 6, Unit O, Township 21 South, Range 36 East; No. 252 - Section 6, Unit W, Township 21 South, Range 36 East; No. 258 - Section 4, Unit U, Township 21 South, Range 36 East. Water will be injected into the unitized interval of the Eunice Monument Grayburg-San Andres Pool which has an upper limit of 100 feet below mean sea level or the top of the Grayburg formation, whichever is higher, to a lower limit of the base of the San Andres formation. Injection will occur at an expected maximum pressure rate of 1500 barrels of water per day and an expected maximum pressure of 750 pounds per square inch. This area is approximately one mile west-southwest of Oil Center, New Mexico.

CASE 12417: **Continued from July 13, 2000 Examiner Hearing.**

Application of Saga Petroleum, L.L.C. for statutory unitization, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order unitizing, for the purpose of establishing an enhanced recovery project, all mineral interests in the Devonian formation, Crossroads Siluro-Devonian Pool, underlying 800 acres, more or less, of fee lands in the following acreage:

Township 9 South, Range 36 East, N.M.P.M.

Section 27: N/2, SE/4

Section 34: E/2

The unit is to be designated the Crossroads Siluro-Devonian Unit. Among the matters to be considered at the hearing will be the necessity of unit operations; the designation of a unit operator; the designation of 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 investment, to each of the various 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 but not limited to, unit voting procedures, selection, removal or substitution of unit operator, and time of commencement and termination of unit operations. Applicant also requests that any such 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 as just and reasonable. The unit area is located approximately 6 miles east of Crossroads, New Mexico.