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CASE 12407: Continued from June 29, 2000, Examiner Hearing.

Application of Southwestern Energy Production Company 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 18, Township 23 South, Range 34 East, and in the following manner: the E/2 to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools spaced on 320-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including but not limited to the Undesignated West Antelope Ridge-Atoka Gas Pool and Undesignated North Bell Lake-Morrow Gas Pool; 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; and the SE/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 that vertical extent, including but not limited to the Undesignated North Bell Lake-Delaware Pool and Undesignated North Bell Lake-Bone Spring Pool. The units are to be dedicated to its Paloma Blanco "18" Fed. Com. Well No. 1, to be drilled at a location 1980 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 18. 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 20 miles southwest of Oil Center, New Mexico.

CASE 12441: Continued from June 29, 2000, Examiner Hearing.

Application of LG&E Natural Pipeline LLC for special rules for the Grama Ridge Morrow Gas Storage Unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order establishing special rules applicable to wells drilled and completed or recompleted in the Morrow formation within its Grama Ridge Morrow Gas Storage Unit and within each 320-acre spacing unit immediately adjacent to the Unit in the following described area:

Grama Ridge Morrow Gas Storage Agreement

Township 21 South, Range 34 East

Section 33: All

Section 34: All

Township 22 South, Range 34 East

Section 3: All

Section 4: All

Section 10: All

Acreage Adjacent to Unit

Township 21 South, Range 34 East

Section 26: NW/4, S/2

Section 27: All

Section 28: All

Section 29: E/2, SW/4

Section 32: All

Section 35: All

Township 22 South, Range 34 East

Section 2: All

Section 5: All

Section 8: N/2, SE/4

Section 9: All

Section 11: All

Section 14: N/2, SW/4

Section 15: All

Section 16: N/2, SE/4

The application requests the Division establish rules requiring operators of all newly drilled or recompleted wells in the Morrow formation to provide the operator of the Unit with information and data obtained during drilling, completion, and production to determine whether such wells are in communication with the unitized formation or would otherwise interfere with Unit operations. The special project rules would also include provisions requiring the operators of wells determined to be in communication with the Unitized Interval to demonstrate how such well may be produced without interfering with Unit operations or to take such other action determined to be appropriate. The Grama Ridge Morrow Gas Storage Unit is approximately 18 miles west of Eunice, New Mexico.

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CASE 12446: Continued from July 13, 2000, Examiner Hearing.

Application of Fuel Products, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests underlying the E/2 of Section 18, Township 18 South, Range 28 East, in the following manner: all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including but not limited to the Undesignated North Illinois Camp-Morrow Gas Pool; all formations developed on 160-acre spacing underlying the SE/4; and all formations developed on 40-acre spacing underlying the SE/4 SE/4, which includes, but is not necessarily limited to, the Undesignated Empire-Abo Pool, the Undesignated Artesia Queen-Grayburg-San Andres Pool, and the undesignated Red Lake Queen-Grayburg-San Andres Pool. Said spacing and proration units are to be dedicated to Fuel Products' proposed Illinois Camp 18 State Well No. 1, to be drilled at a standard location in the SE/4 (Unit P) of Section 18. 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 10 miles Southeast of Artesia, New Mexico.

CASE 12438: Continued from July 13, 2000, Examiner Hearing

Application of the Oil Conservation Division for an order requiring Salado Operating, L.L.C. to properly plug four wells, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order requiring Salado Operating L.L.C. to appear and show cause why four (4) wells located in Section 2, Township 16 South, Range 30 East, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program. Further, should the operator fail to properly plug these wells, the Division seeks an order (i) requiring operator to properly plug these wells; (ii) authorizing the Division to plug these wells; (iii) ordering a forfeiture of the plugging bond, and (iv) assessing fines for failure to comply with the order. *In The Absence of Objection, This Case Will be Taken Under Advisement.*

CASE 12457: Continued from July 13, 2000, Examiner Hearing

Application of the Oil Conservation Division for an order requiring Jack J. Grynberg to properly plug five wells, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order requiring Jack J. Grynberg to appear and show cause why five (5) wells located in Sections 16 and 32, Township 5 South, Range 24 East, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program. Further, should the operator fail to properly plug these wells, the Division seeks an order (i) requiring operator to properly plug these wells; (ii) authorizing the Division to plug these wells; (iii) ordering a forfeiture of the plugging bond, and (iv) assessing fines for failure to comply with the order. *In The Absence of Objection, This Case Will be Taken Under Advisement.*