

FINAL DOCKET: COMMISSION HEARING – FRIDAY – SEPTEMBER 27, 2002

9:00 A.M. – Porter Hall
1220 So. St. Francis
Santa Fe, New Mexico

The Land Commissioner's designee for this hearing will be Jami Bailey.

The minutes of the August 30, 2002, Commission hearing will be adopted.

This Commission may conduct a closed executive session during which it will deliberate in connection with an administrative adjudicatory proceeding pending before the Commission or consult with Commission counsel under the attorney-client privilege concerning threatened or pending litigation in which the Commission is or may become a participant.

Final action may be taken in the following case:

CASE 12757: Application of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for an Order Requiring Marks and Garner Production Ltd. Co. to Properly Plug Seventeen (17) Wells, Authorizing the Division to Plug Said Wells in Default of Compliance by Marks and Garner Ltd. Co., Ordering a Forfeiture of Applicable Plugging Bond and Assessing Civil Penalties for False Production Reporting; Eddy County, New Mexico.

CASE 12867: Continued from July 19, 2002, Commission Hearing. (THIS CASE WILL BE DISMISSED.)

Application of the Oil Conservation Division to amend and adopt rules pertaining to surface commingling. Applicant seeks the repeal of current Rules 303.B (19 NMAC 15.5.303.B) including the "Manual for the Installation and Operation of Commingling Facilities," 309.B (19 NMAC 15.5.309.B) and 309.C (19 NMAC 15.5.309.C), the amendment of Division Rule 303 (19 NMAC 15.5.303) and the adoption of new Rule 315 and new Form C-107-B pertaining to surface commingling. A copy of the proposed new rules and Form C-107-B may be accessed on the internet on the Division homepage at: www.emnrd.state.nm.us/ocd. A public hearing on the proposed new rules will be held in Porter Hall, 1220 S. Saint Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico, at 9:00 A.M. on July 19, 2002. Written comments will be accepted until July 19, 2002 by the Oil Conservation Division, 1220 S. Saint Francis Dr., Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505, attn: Commission Secretary

CASE 12934: Application of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for Repeal of Rule 402 (Method and time of Shut-In Pressure Test). The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division applies to the Oil Conservation Commission to repeal Rule 402, which presently requires all operators of gas wells to conduct annual shut-in pressure tests on each such wells and prescribes the manner of conducting and reporting such tests. Application of the proposed repeal is STATEWIDE.

CASE 12897: This case will be continued to October 25, 2002.

Application of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division through the Environmental Bureau Chief, for the Adoption of Amendments to Division Rule 118 (Hydrogen Sulfide Gas). The Division proposes to repeal existing Rule 118 (Hydrogen Sulfide Gas) and to adopt new Rule 52 (Hydrogen Sulfide Gas) in lieu thereof. The proposed rule prescribes precautionary and warning measures, and requires contingency plans to

provide for management of releases of hydrogen sulfide gas. The proposed rule will apply statewide.

CASE 12935: This case will be continued to November 22, 2002.

Application of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division to Amend Rules 303.B (Surface Commingling), Rule 309-B (Administrative Approval, Lease Commingling), and Rule 309-C (Administrative Approval, Off-Lease Storage), and to Make Conforming Amendments to Rule 303.A (Segregation Required) and to Rule 309-A (Central Tank Batteries – Automatic Custody Transfer Equipment). The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division applies to the Oil Conservation Commission to adopt new rules regarding surface commingling, amending present Rule 303.B, repealing present Rules 309-B and 309-C, and adopting new Rule 315. The proposed rules will make clear that commingling of both gas and oil production from different rules will make clear that commingling of both gas and oil production from different pools or different leases requires Division approval, and will clarify and consolidate the rules regarding procedures for securing Division approval. The proposed rules also provide specific standards for the measurement of production. The text of the proposed amendments is available for public review in the Division's Santa Fe office during regular business hours. The application of the proposed rule amendments is STATEWIDE.

CASE 12567: De Novo – This case will be continued for six months.

Application of Ocean Energy Resources, Inc. for compulsory pooling and four non-standard oil and gas spacing and proration units, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Mississippian formation underlying Lots 1-8 of irregular Section 3, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, and in the following manner: Lots 1-8 to form a non-standard 355.80-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Undesignated North Shoe Bar-Atoka Gas Pool and Undesignated North Shoe Bar-Morrow Gas Pool; Lots 3-6 to form a non-standard 177.21-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within that vertical extent; Lots 3 and 4 to form a non-standard 97.21-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 80-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Undesignated South Big Dog-Strawn Pool; and Lot 4 to form a non-standard 48.43-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Undesignated Townsend-Permo Upper Pennsylvanian Pool. The units are to be dedicated to applicant's Townsend State Com. Well No. 10, to be located at an orthodox location 800 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line 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 applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well. The units are located approximately 6 miles west-northwest of Lovington, New Mexico. Upon application of Yates Petroleum Corporation, this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 12535: De Novo - This case will be continued for six months.

Application of Ocean Energy Resources, Inc. for compulsory pooling and four non-standard oil and gas spacing and proration units, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Mississippian formation underlying Lots 1-8 of irregular Section 3, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, and in the following manner: Lots 1-8 to form a non-standard 355.80-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Undesignated North Shoe Bar-Atoka Gas Pool and Undesignated North Shoe Bar-Morrow Gas Pool; Lots 3-6 to form a non-standard 177.21-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within that vertical extent; Lots 3 and 4 to form a non-standard 97.21-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 80-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Undesignated South Big Dog-Strawn Pool; and Lot 4 to form a non-standard 48.43-acre oil spacing and

proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Undesignated Townsend-Permo Upper Pennsylvanian Pool. The units are to be dedicated to applicant's Townsend State Com. Well No. 10, to be located at an orthodox location 800 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line 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 applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well. The units are located approximately 6 miles west-northwest of Lovington, New Mexico. Upon application of Yates Petroleum Corporation, this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 12590: De Novo - This case will be continued for six months.

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for compulsory pooling and a non-standard gas spacing and proration unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Mississippian formation in Lots 1 through 8 (N/2 Equivalent) of Irregular Section 3, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, to form a non-standard 355.80-acre gas spacing and proration unit for all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within that vertical extent which includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated North Shoe Bar-Atoka Gas Pool and the Undesignated North Shoe Bar-Morrow Gas Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to Yates Daisy AFS State Well No. 2 to be drilled at a standard location 660 feet from the North and East lines of said Section 3 to a depth sufficient to test all formations from the surface to the base of the Mississippian 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 Yates Petroleum Corporation as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 6 miles west-northwest of Lovington, New Mexico. Upon application of Yates Petroleum Corporation, this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 12569: De Novo - This case will be continued for six months.

Amended Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for compulsory pooling and a non-standard gas spacing and proration unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Mississippian formation in Lots 1 through 8 (N/2 Equivalent) of Irregular Section 3, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, to form a non-standard 355.80-acre gas spacing and proration unit for all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within that vertical extent which includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated North Shoe Bar-Atoka Gas Pool and the Undesignated North Shoe Bar-Morrow Gas Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to Yates Daisy AFS State Well No. 2 to be drilled at a standard location 660 feet from the North and East lines of said Section 3 to a depth sufficient to test all formations from the surface to the base of the Mississippian 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 Yates Petroleum Corporation as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 6 miles west-northwest of Lovington, New Mexico. Upon application of Yates Petroleum Corporation, this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 12738: This case will be continued for six months.

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for two non-standard gas spacing and proration units, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an exception to the provisions of Division Rule 104.C (2) to create two non-standard gas spacing and proration units for all formations developed on 320-acre spacing which include but are not necessarily limited to the Undesignated North Shoe Bar-Atoka Gas Pool, the Undesignated Townsend-Morrow Gas Pool, the Undesignated North Shoe Bar-Morrow Gas Pool and the Undesignated North

Hume-Morrow Gas Pool comprising: (i) Lots 1, 2, 7 and 8 (NE/4 equivalent) to form a 178.59-acre non-standard gas spacing and proration unit ; and (ii) Lots 3 through 6 (NW/4 equivalent) to form a 177.21-acre non-standard gas spacing and proration unit. Said area is located approximately 6 miles west-northwest of Lovington, New Mexico.

CASE 12794: This case will be continued for six months.

Application of Ocean Energy Resources, Inc. for compulsory pooling and four non-standard oil and gas spacing and proration units, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation underlying Lots 1-8 of irregular Section 3, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, and in the following manner: Lots 1-8 to form a non-standard 355.80-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Undesignated North Shoe Bar-Atoka Gas Pool and Undesignated North Shoe Bar-Morrow Gas Pool; Lots 3-6 to form a non-standard 177.21-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within that vertical extent; Lots 3 and 4 to form a non-standard 97.21-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 80-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Undesignated South Big Dog-Strawn Pool; and Lot 3 to form a non-standard 48.78-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Undesignated Townsend-Permo Upper Pennsylvanian Pool. The units are to be dedicated to applicant's Townsend State Com. Well No. 10, to be located at an orthodox location in Lot 3 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 applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well. The units are located approximately 6 miles west-northwest of Lovington, New Mexico.