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1	BEFORE THE
2	NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION MORGAN HALL, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING
3	SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO February 16, 1972
4	EXAMINER HEARING
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6	IN THE MATTER OF:)
7	Application of Tenneco Oil Company)
8	for a unit agreement, McKinley) CASE NO. 4664 County, New Mexico)
9	and)
10	Application of Tenneco Oil Company)
11	for a pressure maintenance) CASE NO. 4665 project, McKinley County, New)
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14	BEFORE: Elvis Utz
14	Examiner
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21	TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING
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1	MR. UTZ: The Hearing will come to order, please.
2	We will consolidate for the purpose of testimony, Cases 4664
3	and 4665.
4	Separate Orders will be written on each Case.
5	MR. HATCH: Case 4664, Application of Tenneco Oil
б	Company for a unit agreement, McKinley County, New Mexico.
7	Case 4664, Application of Tenneco Oil Company for
8	a pressure maintenance project, McKinley County, New Mexico.
9	MR. UTZ: Appearances?
10	MR. KELLY: Booker Kelly, of White Koch, Kelly,
11	and McCarthy of Santa Fe. We have two witnesses and ask
12	that they be sworn.
13	(Whereupon, the Applicant's two witnesses were
14	sworn by Mr. Hatch.)
15	MR. UTZ: Are there any other appearances in this
16	Case?
17	(No response.)
18	MR. UTZ: You may proceed.
19	MR. KELLEY: We are going to have two witnesses,
20	and since these Cases have been consolidated, Mr. Rial is
21	going to briefly go through some of the Exhibits on geology
22	and then Mr. Melnar will resume the stand and go through the
23	engineering pressure maintenance project.
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1		WILLIAM MELNAR,		
2	was ca	alled as a witness and, having already been duly sworn,		
3	testif	testified as follows:		
4		DIRECT EXAMINATION		
5	BY MR.	KELLY:		
6	Q V	Would you state your name, profession and employer?		
7	A M	y name is William Melnar, I am District Reservoir		
8	E	Engineer for the Tenneco Oil Company, in Denver,		
9	c	Colorado.		
10	Q F	lave you previously qualified before the Commission as		
11	ā	an expert in the field of Petroleum Engineering?		
12	A Y	Wes, I have.		
13	Q	These two Applications have been consolidated, would		
14	У	you briefly state what Tenneco seeks by the two		
15	1	Applications?		
16	A	Tenneco is seeking approval of unit agreement and also		
17	ā	approval of a pressure maintenance project with		
18	2	special unit rules, in the Lone Pine Dakota "D" unit		
19	 	in McKinley County, New Mexico.		
20	Q 1	Referring to Exhibit 1, would you locate the unit on		
21	1	the plat?		
22	AI	Exhibit 1 is a location map of the Line Pine field and		
23	1	the proposed unit is shown on the Exhibit by black hash		
24		lines.		
25	Q	Does Exhibit 1 show all of the wells within two miles of		

1	any injection wells and all of the offset operators?
2	A Yes. The gas injection wells are shown in green and
3	the water injection wells in red.
4	Q Can you give us, just briefly, a history of this
5	particular pool?
6	A The Lone Pine Dakota "D" pool was discovered with the
7	drilling completion of the Lone Pine Number 1 Well
8	located in the northwest of the northwest of Section
9	18, Township 17 North, Range 8 West.
10	It was completed in June of 1970, and after
11	discovery, rapid development followed. As of this
12	date, we have twenty-two producing oil wells and four
13	gas wells, and two temporarily abandoned wells.
14	Q Exhibit Number 2 is a copy of the proposed unit
15	agreement; is that correct?
16	A Yes, it is.
17	Q Would you point out to the Examiner, the Section and
18	page where the legal description of the unit is found?
19	A The legal description of the unit is shown on the
20	unit agreement on pages 2 and 3, in Section 2.
21	MR. KELLY: Mr. Examiner, do you wish the
22	legal description read into the record?
23	MR. UTZ: No, I don't think it is necessary. It
24	is in the form of an Exhibit?
25	MR. KELLY: Yes.

1		MR. UTZ: What page?
2		THE WITNESS: Pages 2 and 3 of Section 2.
3	Q	What structures are to be unitized?
4	A	The unitized formations are defined in the unit
5		agreement on pages 3 and 4 of Section 2.
б	Q	Now, the purpose of this unit agreement is to introduce
7		a pressure maintenance project; is that correct?
8	A	Yes, it is.
9	Q	What kind of lands are involved in the unit?
10	А	The type of lands involved in the unit are shown on
11		Exhibit 3-B to the unit agreement and they are as
12		follows: Tracts 1, 2, and 3, and Federal 4 through 9,
13		are Indian Tracts and 10 through 12 are Fee lands.
14	Q	Can you describe who the offset operators are?
15	А	The offset operators are Tesoro Petroleum Company
16		and Kennedy.
17	Q	Tenneco has all the rest of the acreage to the south
18		and west; is that basically correct?
19	А	Yes, that is true.
20	Q	And some part of the north portion is concerned with
21		other operators?
22	А	That is correct.
23	Q	And Tenneco will be the operator of the unit?
24	A	That is correct.
25	Q	Who are the other working interest owners in the unit?

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	1	A	Besides Tenneco, there is Tesoro, Beard and Gil,
	2		and John Beard.
	3	Q	I assume you have agreements with all the working
	4		interest owners?
	5	A	Yes, we do.
	6	Q	What is the situation as far as the Indian and the
	7		U.S.G.S. land is concerned?
	8	A	We have preliminary approval for the unit agreement
	9		from both the B.I.A., the Bureau of Indian Affairs,
N E W M E X I CO 87103 87108	10		and the U.S.G.S., and we have Exhibit Number 3 which
	11		is a letter from the United States Department of
	12		Interior, Geological Surveys, approving the unit
	13		agreement giving preliminary approval.
E W ME. 7108	14	Q	Is that on behalf of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and
	15		the U.S.G.S.?
BUQUERQUE. NEW MEXICO	16	A	That is correct.
	17	Q	How about the Fee land?
243-6691•AL Buquerque	18	A	The Fee land is from Santa Fe and we have agreement
HONE ST ALE	19		from them also.
1092 • F D.G. E.A:	20	Q	And the unit agreement submitted with the Application
O. BOX NK BL	21		was amended by the U.S.G.S. and B.I.A.?
D.G. ● P ⊿ A.F. B.A.	22	A	Yes.
209 SIMMS BLDG. P.O. BOX 1092 PHONE First national bank bldg. Eastaal	23	Q	And those amendments are shown in Exhibit Number 2; is
209 SIN FIRST	24		that correct?
	25	A	That is correct.

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	1	Q	Do those amendments make any substantial changes or
	2		just technical changes in the language?
	3	A	Primarily, technical changes, and clarification of
	4		language.
	5	Q	Will you show where the tract participation formula
	6		is shown in the unit agreement?
	7	A	The participation formula is found on page 12 of
	8		Section 13 of the unit agreement and the formula is
	9		based on our current production and is to be in effect
	10		until the accumulative recovery of 3.21 million barrels
QUE. NEW MEXICO 87103 XICO 87108	11		are recovered from the pool.
	12		After this Phase 2 will come into effect and that
	13		will be based on oil plus the equivalent gas acre fee.
	14	Q	Is the formula similar to other agreements that have
	15		been approved by this Commission?
BUQUERQUE. NEW MEXICO	16	A	I believe it is.
1●ALBI RQUE, P	17	Q	Would it be in the best interest of conservation and
243-669 BUQUE	18		prevention of waste and protection of correlative
°HONE ST≜ALI	19		rights to approve this agreement?
1092.●F D.G.EA	20	A	Yes, I think so.
O. BOX NK BL	21		MR. KELLY: Mr. Commissioner, I would like to state
DG. P N A L B A	22	that	we could develop more in testimony, but because of the
209 SIMMS ELDG. P.O. BOX 1092 PHONE 243-6691 AL ^I First national bank bldg. East albuquerque.	23	natu	re of this reservoir it is important that the injection
209 SIM FIRST 1	24	proj	ect begin as soon as possible and we have received
	25	perm	ission from the U.S.G.S. to begin injection prior to

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1	formal approval of the unit agreement.
2	Q (By Mr. Kelly) Is it Teneco's position that if
3	granted what is proposed in this Application, that
4	Tenneco would inject before formal approval by the
5	U.S.G.S. and B.I.A.?
6	A Yes, it is.
7	MR. KELLY: At this time I would move the introduction
8	of Exhibits 1 through 3 Exhibit 2 is a duplicate of the
9	proposed unit agreement; is that correct?
10	THE WITNESS: That is correct.
11	MR. KELLY: And Exhibit 1 was prepared by you or
12	under your supervision?
13	THE WITNESS: That is correct.
14	MR. UTZ: Without objection, Exhibits 1 through 3
15	will be entered into the record of this Case.
16	(Whereupon, Tenneco's Exhibits 1 through 3 were
17	admitted in evidence.)
18	MR. KELLY: Mr. Melnar will be recalled for the
19	Engineering testimony on the pressure maintenance aspect
20	of this, but that is all I have on this phase of the Case
21	for him.
22	That concludes our direct testimony on the unit
23	agreement itself.
24	MR. UTZ: Do you want to submit him for Cross-
25	Examination, at this time, then?
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	1	MR. KELLY: Whatever pleases the Commissioner.
	2	MR. UTZ: Any questions?
	3	CROSS-EXAMINATION
	4	BY MR. HATCH:
	5	Q On page 12 of Exhibit 2, in Section 13, when you were
	6	speaking of tract participation, it says that Exhibit
	7	"C" shows the participation; is this Exhibit "C"
	8	(indicating)?
	9	A Yes.
	10	MR. HATCH: That's all I have.
	11	MR. UTZ: If there are no other questions, the
87103	12	witness may be excused.
NEW MEXICO 87103 87108	13	(Witness excused.)
EW ME) 7108	14	MR. UTZ: The witness will be subject to recall.
	15	A. D. RIAL,
BUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO	16	was called as a witness and having been already duly sworn,
J A L	17	testified as follows:
243-6691 BUQUERO	18	DIRECT EXAMINATION
HONE T • AL	19	BY MR. KELLY:
BOX 1092 P K BLDG. EAS	20	Q Would you state your name, position and employer,
ANK BL	21	please?
с. • Ц Ч Ц	22	A A. D. Rial, District Geological Engineer for the
209 SIMMS BLD FIRST NATION	23	Tenneco Oil Company.
209 SIN FIRST	24	Q You have previously been qualified by the Commission?
	25	A Yes.

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	1	Q	Mr. Rial, will you refer to the structure map marked
	2	Q Q	
			Exhibit 4 and explain the Exhibit's significance to
	3		the Commissioner?
	4	А	Exhibit 4 is a structure map drawn to the top of the
	5		Dakota "D" zone. Shown here on the plat, is the
	6		location of all of the producing and dry holes that
	7		are in the area.
	8		The producing zones are coded and shown in the
	9		legend in the lower left-hand corner.
	10		We see here the location of the Hospah field and
	11		South Hospah field, and then the Dakota-Lone Pine.
£01.	12		The Dakota Pool is principally in Section 13 of
NEW MEXICO 87103 87108	13		17 North, Range 9 West, and Section 18, of Township
EW ME 7108	14		17 North, and Section 8 West.
ERQUE, N MEXICO8	15		This shows the separation of the South Hospah
	16		Pool and the Lone Pine-Dakota Pool. The Lone Pine-Dakota
1●ALBI RQUE, P	17		Pool is shown on the structure map and is colored in
243-669 3 U Q U E F	18		green and this line is the line which denotes the
HONE :	19		structural position of the gas-oil contact.
1092 • P 06. EAS	20		Also shown in red is the structural position of
D. BOX NK BLE	21		the oil- water contact.
06.0 P.C	22	Q	You have a cross section marked as Exhibit 5?
209 SIMMS BLDG.0 P.O. BOX 10920PHONE 243-66910ALBUQU First national bank bldg. Eastoalbuquerque, new	23	A	Yes. Shown on the cross section, which is the cross
209 SIM	24		section shown in blue and which goes from the Hospah
	25		Well Number 44 in the southeast, across the field to

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a dry hole in the northwest of the southwest of Section 17.

Also shown on this map, is an outline of the proposed field.

Q Why don't you go on to the cross section?
A All right. This is a scale of the cross section as shown in the lower right-hand portion of the cross section.

What it primarily represents to show is the continuity of the Dakota zone which is colored and shows the position of the top of the sixteen percent and the base of the sixteen percent, and the continuity across the field.

It shows the position of the gas-oil contact and the oil-water contact. The gas-oil contact and the oil-water contact was described in the previous structural map.

Q And Exhibit Number 6 is a log of the well that defines the vertical limits of the unitized formation; is that correct?

A That is true.

Q Now, the unitized formation is shown in Exhibit 6 and encompasses entirely the vertical limits of the productivity zone of the formation; is that correct? A Yes, it does.

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2 3 Α 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 zone. 11 Q 12 209 SIMMS BLDG. ♦ P.O. BOX 1092 ♦ PHONE 243-6691 • ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87103 First national bank bldg. East • Albuquerque, new mexico 87108 unit? 13 Α Yes, they are. 14 MR. KELLY: 15 testimony of Mr. Rial. 16 17 Cross-Examination on Geology. Any questions of the witness? 18 MR. UTZ: 19 CROSS-EXAMINATION 20 BY MR. KENDRICKS: Is Well Number 12 in the northeast of the southeast 21 Q of Section 7 completed in the "D" zone or the "A" 22 zone? 23 It is completed in the "D" zone. Α 24

MR. KENDRICKS: That's all.

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1 0 In your opinion, does the unit encompass both the vertical and horizontal limits of this pool? As we see right now, there is one possible exception, and that is the State Well that was completed by Kennedy in the southwest of the southeast of the northwest of Section 8, 17 North and 8 West.

At the present time it cannot be determined whether it is actually in the Lone Pine Pool or separated from the Lone Pine Pool and is producing in the Dakota "D"

Now, with the exception of that well, are all of the other existing wells in the Dakota "D" zone in the

Mr. Examiner, that would conclude the I would like to submit him for

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1	MR. UTZ: Which well was that?
2	THE WITNESS: Well Number 12 in the northeast
3	of the southeast of Section 7.
4	MR. UTZ: Any other questions?
5	(No response.)
6	MR. UTZ: If not, the witness may be excused.
7	(Witness excused.)
8	WILLIAM MELNAR,
9	was recalled as a witness and, having been already duly
10	sworn, testified as follows:
11	DIRECT EXAMINATION
12	BY MR. KELLY:
13	Q Mr. Melnar, going into the engineering on the proposed
14	pressure maintenance project, what is the drive
15	mechanism of this reservoir?
16	A The drive mechanism is gas drive.
17	Q Referring to Exhibit 7, which is a summary of the
18	general reservoir data, would you point out the
19	significant items?
20	A All pertinent rock in the Lone Pine-Dakota reservoir
21	can be seen. The reservoir contains low pressure with
22	pressure of 992 P.S.I. with a volume factor of 1.25;
23	a G.O.R. of 962; a standard cubic feet high-low gravity
24	and low viscosity of 332 with an average of 19.3.
25	Based on a computation of this material, the
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1		estimated oil recovery will be 3.18 million barrels
2		of oil or thirty percent of the oil in place.
3		An additional twenty-five percent of the original
4		oil in place, or 2.65 million barrels of oil can be
5		recovered by pressure maintenance with a P.S.I. of
6		992.
7		I am also going to emphasize that, to obtain
8		additional recovery of 2.65 million barrels of oil,
9		it will require sufficient gas to maintain 992 P.S.I., to
10		maintain that pressure.
11	Q	In reference to that, will you refer to Exhibits 8 and
12		9 and explain why they are important?
13	А	Exhibit 8 is a pressure production history of the
14		Lone Pine-Dakota "D" field. The solid curve at the
15		bottom of the Exhibit which reads to the left, shows
16		monthly production from the field in barrels of oil
17		per month.
18		You can see that in recent months the field has
19		produced between sixty and sixty-five thousand barrels
20		of oil per month.
21		The curve at the bottom, which reads to the right,
22		is accumulative oil production curve and I just want
23		to point out that, as of December of 1971, the
24		accumulative production was approximately 780,000 barrels.
25		Now, the curve at the top of the Exhibit is the

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bottom hole pressure expressed in P.S.I. You can see the original pressure was 992 P.S.I. and it then declined to approximately 762 P.S.I. since June of 1970.

Now, if we look at the slope of the decline curve, we can calculate that the recovery has been approximately 4,300 barrels of oil per P.S.I. since the drop of pressure in the reservoir.

Now, if you go to Exhibit 9, Exhibit 9 is the recovery maintenance pressure of the Lone Pine-Dakota "D" field. Shown on the Exhibit is the recovery in millions of barrels, on the right, and in percentage of recovery on the left.

If the initial pressure of 992 P.S.I. was maintained the recovery could be 5.83 million barrels of oil. However, if unitization is declared, or we do not have sufficient gas to bring about significant recovery, we can lose the ultimate secondary recovery.

This is brought out by the fact that, at 60,000 barrels of production every month in this field, we are losing approximately 14 P.S.I. per month in reservoir pressure and this is shown by the curve.

For each pound of decrease in pressure, we can lose approximately 3,500 barrels of oil in secondary recovery.

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1	If you multiply 3,498 times 14 P.S.I., it shows			
2		you can lose 50,000 barrels of ultimate secondary		
3		recovery for each pound lost in pressure.		
4	Q	Let me see if I understand you. At the present time,		
5		what is the pressure in the reservoir?		
6	A	Seven hundred forty-two pounds, approximately.		
7	Q	So if you maintain the pressure, what would be your		
8		estimate of the recoverable reserves?		
9	A	If we started injecting the recovery would be		
10		approximately five million barrels instead of 5.85.		
11	Q	As I understand it, you plan to build the pressure		
12		up to the initial bottom hole pressure?		
13	A	Yes.		
14	Q	As a matter of fact, Tenneco has received permission		
15		from the Oil Conservation Commissioner last Fall to		
16		store produced gas in the Dakota zone; is that correct?		
17	A	Yes.		
18	Q	What you are going to do is start producing the stored		
19		gas and reinjecting it?		
20	A	That is correct.		
21	Q	Now, Exhibit Number 10 is your proposed gathering		
22		system; is that correct?		
23	A	Yes, it is.		
24	Q	Would you explain the various symbols on this Exhibit?		
22 A Yes, it is. 23 Would you explain the various symbols on this 24 25 A Exhibit 10 shows the proposed gas injection w				

	1		they are covered in green. The proposed water		
	2		injection well is colored in red. Then we show the		
	3		gas supply wells in blue.		
	4		We show on this pipeline gathering map the		
	5		pipeline systems for the gas distribution system and		
	6		also we show all the oil gathering lines for the unit.		
	7	Q	Now, Wells Numbers 2 and 8, these wells you will		
	8		reproduce the gas stored in the zone?		
	9	A	That is correct.		
	10	Q	So you are going to have four gas injection wells and		
	11		one water injection well, initially; is that correct?		
87103	12	A	That is correct.		
XICO 8	13	Q	What is the present status of the water injection well?		
NEW MEXICO 87108	14	A	This is a temporarily abandoned well.		
	15	Q	Are you asking for authority to inject water from other		
BUQUERQUE. NEW MEXICO	16		sources?		
1 1 141	17	A	Yes, we are.		
: 243-6691● A1 - BUQUERQUE	18	Q	And, I assume, you are also asking for authority to		
P.O. BOX 1092. PHONE BANK BLDG. EAST.AL	19		drill or convert additional water or gas injection wells		
(1092.● .DG.EA	20		prior to a new Hearing?		
.0. B0) ANK BL	21	A	Yes.		
	22	Q	And your proposed rules would cover that?		
209 SIMMS BLDG.	23	A	Yes.		
209 SI FIRST	24	Q	Is there anything else you want to say about the		
	25	i	gathering system?		

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I think that's it. 1 А Now, turning to Exhibit 11, which actually is four 2 Q pages and sketches of all four gas injection wells, 3 would you explain just the top one? 4 5 Α Yes. These are diagrams of the proposed gas injection well for Well Number 44 and you can see the wells are 6 completed by setting five and one-half inch casing 7 and it is cemented by 350 sacks of cement. 8 This is a sufficient amount of cement to bring 9 the cement at least 1,000 feet above the Dakota "D" 10 perforation. 11 The injection of gas will still be under the 12 NEW MEXICO 87103 87108 Packer which will be fifty feet above the perforation 13 and will be down 2 and 7/8 inch tubing. We will, of 14 209 SIMMS BLDG. • P.O. BOX 1092 • PHONE 243-6691 • ALBUQUERQUE. First national bank bldg. East • Albuquerque. New Mexico course, maintain surveillance by installing pressure 15 gages. 16 And the other installations are similar there too? Q 17 Yes, sir, they are. А 18 Q Do you expect any erosion problems with this? 19 We do not. Α 20 How many cubic feet a day will you be injecting? Q 21 Approximately thirteen million cubic feet per day, or an А 22 average of three or four million per day per well. 23 What about the pressure? Q 24 We expect the pressure to be somewhere in the vicinity Α 25

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	1		of twelve to eighteen hundred P.S.I.		
	2	Q	Do you expect any problems in the zone?		
	3	A	No.		
	4	Q	Exhibit Number 12 is the same type of sketch for		
	5		water injection, will you briefly go through that?		
	6	А	It is very similar. Again, we will complete the casing		
	7		and the cementing will be done in the same was as		
	8		previously described. We will maintain the surveillance		
	9		on the pressure.		
	10	Q	Will this prevent migration of this projected water		
	11		into any other zones?		
03	12	А	Yes, it will.		
NEW MEXICO 87103 87108	13	Q	I notice that all of these sketches in Exhibits ll and		
EW ME> 7108	14		12, you show the actual footage location for the four		
	15		injection wells; is that correct?		
BUQUERQUE. NEW MEXICO	16	A	That is correct. It is shown on the upper left-hand		
	17		side of the Exhibit.		
243-6691●AL BUQUERQUE	18	Q	What are you doing with your water now?		
	19	A	It is presently being put in a surface pit.		
. BOX 1092.0PHONE IK BLDG. EAST.AL	20	Q	What are the characteristics of the water?		
DG.•P.O. BOX 1092•PHONE NAL BANK BLDG. EAST•AL	21	A	It is fairly fresh water.		
06.0 P.(22	Q	And your anticipated injection rate?		
209 SIMMS BLDG.• FIRST NATIONAL	23	A	Approximately 1,500 barrels of water per day.		
209 SIN FIRST	24	Q	How about pressure?		
	25	A	The pressure is shown in Exhibit 13.		

	1 Q	Exhibit 13 shows the proposed rules governing the
	2	unit. Would you go through those and point out anything
	3	that would be unusual?
	4 A	We have previously submitted to you a copy of our
	5	proposed rules and we made some slight revisions in that,
	6	in those rules, and we would like to just point out these
	7	revisions, if that is okay?
	8	MR. UTZ: Okay.
	9 A	(Continuing) In rules 1 through 5, there are no
1	0	changes.
1	.1	In rule 6 we eliminated a sentence. A portion of
1	2	the sentence begins in the fifth line and the remainder
1	.3	of that paragraph is eliminated.
87108	4 Q	In order to make this sensible, will you refer to the
1 2 2 2 2	5	rules that were submitted with the Application?
со ием мех ием 1	6 A	Rule 7 shows no change.
	7	Rule 8 and rule 9, no change in rules 8 and
ะ มาชา กาชา	8	9 we added the words: "injection of gas or water
1. • 1	19	will be confined to the Dakota "D" Pool."
ос. E 43	20	It previously read only injection of gas, and now
BANK BLDG. EAST•ALBUQUERQUE,	21	we say the injection of gas and water.
	22	In item 3 we inserted that it read originally
FIRST NATIONAL	23	that all of the offset operators will be furnished
FIRST	24	with copies of the Application and the date of the
2	25	Application. It now reads that all offset operators

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	1	within one-half mile of the proposed injection wells
	2	will be furnished with an Application and date of
	3	notification.
	4	Rule number 10 is slightly revised and it allows
	5	us to drill an injection well within the unit, but the
	6	producer cannot be located nearer than 330 feet of the
	7	outer boundary of the unit.
	8	Q Now, these rules are basically similar to the other
	9	adopted rules of the pressure maintenance projects
1	10	of New Mexico; is that right?
1	11	A That's right.
1	12	Q In your opinion, would the granting of this Application
1	13	protect the rights of all people involved?
87108	14	A Yes, it would.
	15	Q Were Exhibits 4 through 13 prepared by you, or under
, ₩) Σ) Σ] ₩) Z	16	your supervision?
נשי ר 1 מי 1	17	A Yes, they were.
τ Σ Ν Ω	18	MR. KELLY: At this time, I move for the introduction
ST●AL	19	of Exhibits 4 through 13.
K BLDG. EAST AL	20	MR. UTZ: Without objection, Exhibits 4 through
	21	13 will be made part of the record of this Case.
	22	(Whereupon, Tenneco's Exhibits 4 through 13 were
FIRST NATIONAL	23	admitted in evidence.)
9 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 1	24	MR. KELLY: That is all we have on Direct, Mr.
	25	Commissioner.

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	1	CROSS-EXAMINATION					
	2	BY M	R. UTZ:				
	3	Q	Mr. Rial, you are going to produce a certain amount				
	4		of water with your oil; is that correct?				
	5	A	Yes, we are.				
	6		MR. KELLY: This is Mr. Melnar.				
	7		MR. UTZ: I'm sorry.				
	8	Q	(By Mr. Utz) You will reinject the produced water?				
	9	A	We plan to inject it back into the producing formation.				
	10	Q	What if you need more water than that?				
	11	A	Than we now produce?				
7103	12	Q	Yes.				
NEW MEXICO 87103 87108	13	A	We possibly may need additional water at some future				
N E W ME 37108	14		date.				
	15	Q	Where would you get the water?				
NEW MEXICO	16	А	It's possible we could use some produced water from				
RQUE, I	17		the Hosp a h area.				
: 243-6691 e ALI . BUQUERQUE,	18		MR. UTZ: Any other questions?				
<u>u</u> _	19		CROSS-EXAMINATION				
1092 0G. E	20	<u>BY</u> M	R. HATCH:				
P.O. BOX BANK BL	21	Q	What water do you expect to be producing at the beginning				
ר ≽ט	22		of the operation?				
209 SIMMS BLD First nation	23	A	At the beginning, it should be approximately 1,500				
209 SI FIRST	24		barrels per day.				
	25	Q	About what you would be injecting?				

1	A Yes.				
2	Q Do you plan to start injecting the wells immediately?				
3	A Yes, that is what we propose to do.				
4	MR. HATCH: I have nothing further.				
5	CROSS-EXAMINATION				
6	BY MR. KENDRICKS:				
7	Q How much effect does the water drive have on the				
8	reservoir, at the present time, or do you have any				
9	way of knowing?				
10	A I'd say very light, if any.				
11	Q So you are not concerned at the present time about				
12	the gas-oil contact being raised in the reservoir and				
13	the water-oil contact not being raised?				
14	A We are not concerned with that at all.				
15	MR. KENDRICKS: I believe that's all.				
16	MR. UTZ: You have stored gas produced out of				
17	the field out of the zone?				
18	THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.				
19	MR. UTZ: All of it except that which has flared?				
20	THE WITNESS: Yes.				
21	MR. UTZ: Do you have enough gas in this zone for				
22	pressure backup?				
23	THE WITNESS: No, sir.				
24	MR. UTZ: Where would you get the rest of it?				
25	THE WITNESS: We have additional gas reserves to				

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	1	the north in the Hospah area that is still available for
	2	us in the Lone Pine-Dakota.
	3	We should have sufficient gas to initiate and
	4	maintain the pressure maintenance project in this are.
	5	MR. UTZ: I don't think the Commission is going
	6	to hold you up from starting, we think you should have
	7	started a long time ago.
	8	MR. McGRATH: Are you going to have enough need
	9	to use all the proposed gas in the entire Hospah area?
	10	THE WITNESS: Would you please say that again?
03	11	MR. McGRATH: I said, do you anticipate you are
	12	going to have a need for enough gas to use all the produced
NEW MEXICO 87103 87108	13	gas in the Hospah area?
E W MEX 108	14	THE WITNESS: For the Lone Pine?
	15	MR. McGRATH: Right.
BUQUERQUE. NEW MEXICO	16	THE WITNESS: I think we should probably use all
A L Q U E	17	the gas that we have in the area, both in the Hospah and
243-6691 BUQUER	18	the Lone Pine fields.
EAST ALB	19	This is over a period of years, now.
1092. EAS	20	MR. KENDRICKS: Can you give me any idea of the
.Р.О. ВОХ 1092. Ванк Bldg. Ел	21	amount of liquids that will be squeezed out of the gas that
06.●P.C AL BA1	22	is injected into this zone?
MS BLD	23	THE WITNESS: I don't have any numbers, Mr. Kendricks,
209 SIMMS BLDG.	24	but we do feel there are a lot of liquids that will be
_	25	produced with the gas and the unit plans to install a plant

to process this gas and recover these liquids. 1 MR. KENDRICKS: Do you have gas analyses for the 2 gas that was found? 3 THE WITNESS: I don't have any of these Exhibits 4 with me, I believe we submitted an Exhibit of this type at 5 the gas storage Hearing, but the analysis was very similar 6 in both the "A" and "B" zones. 7 MR. KENDRICKS: If you did submit those, would you 8 submit the gas analysis again, upon request? 9 THE WITNESS: Yes, we would. 10 MR. KENDRICKS: I think that's all. 11 MR. UTZ: Any further questions? 12 (No response.) 13 MR. UTZ: If not, the witness may be excused. 14 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BLDG. EAST ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87108 (Witness excused.) 15 MR. UTZ: Are there any statements? 16 (No response.) 17 The case will be taken under advisement. MR. UTZ: 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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