

Dockets Nos. 14-92 and 15-92 are tentatively set for May 14, 1992 and May 28, 1992. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 23 days in advance of hearing date.

**DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - APRIL 30, 1992**

**8:15 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION CONFERENCE ROOM, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING,  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

The following cases will be heard before David R. Catanach, Examiner or Michael E. Stogner, Alternate Examiner:

**CASE 10459: (Reopened and Readvertised)**

Application of Bright & Company for a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project, special operating rules therefor, and an exception to the pool's gas/oil ratio limitation factor, Sandoval County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to initiate a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project in the Undesignated Rio Puerco-Mancos Oil Pool by commencing its Cuba Mesa Unit Well No. 1 at a standard surface oil well location 730 feet from the South line and 1000 feet from the West line (Unit M) of Section 35, Township 21 North, Range 2 West, drill vertically to a depth of approximately 4000 feet, kick-off in a northerly direction, build angle up to approximately 88 degrees, drill horizontally for approximately 3000 feet, and bottom said wellbore at a location approximately 1250 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line of said Section 35. Said well is to be dedicated to the W/2 of said Section 35 forming a standard 320-acre oil spacing and proration unit for said pool. Applicant further seeks the adoption of special operating provisions and rules within the pilot project area including a special gas/oil ratio of 1,000 to 1. Applicant proposes to keep the horizontal displacement of said well's producing interval within the allowed 660 foot setback from the outer boundary of the assigned spacing unit. Said unit is located approximately 3.5 miles west by south of Cuba, New Mexico.

**CASE 10323 : (Readvertised and this case will be continued to May 14, 1992.)**

Application of Collins & Ware, Inc. for compulsory pooling and a non-standard gas proration unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation or to a depth of 15,100 feet, whichever is deeper, underlying Lots 1 through 4 and the E/2 W/2 (W/2 equivalent) of Section 31, Township 21 South, Range 32 East, forming a non-standard 334.72-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools within said vertical extent developed on 320-acre spacing, which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Red Tank-Atoka Gas Pool and Undesignated Bilbrey-Morrow Gas Pool. Said 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 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. Said unit is located approximately 32.75 miles west of Eunice, New Mexico.

**CASE 3344: (Reopened and continued from April 2, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)**

Application of Texaco Inc. for amendment of Division Order No. R-3007, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to amend Division Order No. R-3007, dated December 3, 1965, which authorized its West Vacuum Unit Agreement covering 2000 acres, more or less, of state lands in portions of Townships 17 and 18 South, Range 34 East. The applicant at this time seeks to revise the definition of the "Unitized Formation" as originally incorporated in said agreement. Said unit is centered approximately 3 miles west southwest of Buckeye, New Mexico.

**CASE 10469: Application of Nearburg Producing Company for an unorthodox oil well location, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to drill its Emerald "32" Federal Well No. 1 at an unorthodox oil well location 2007 feet from the North line and 1470 feet from the West line (Unit F) of Section 32, Township 24 South, Range 29 East, to test the Delaware formation. The SE/4 NW/4 of said Section 32 is to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit. Said unit is located approximately 5 miles southeast of Malaga, New Mexico.

**CASE 10470: Application of Maralo, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Wolfcamp formation underlying the S/2 SE/4 of Section 13, Township 18 South, Range 32 East, forming a standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations spaced on 80-acre spacing within said vertical extent, which presently includes only the South Corbin-Wolfcamp Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to a well located at a standard oil well location is the SE/4 SE/4 (Unit P) of said Section 13. 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. Said unit is located approximately 8.25 miles south-southeast of Maljamar, New Mexico.

**CASE 10471:** **Application of Southwest Royalties, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Canyon formation underlying the NE/4 of Section 17, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, forming a standard 160-acre spacing and proration unit for any and all formations spaced on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent, which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the North Dagger Draw-Pennsylvanian Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. 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. Said unit is located approximately 6.5 miles northwest of Sevenrivers, New Mexico.

**CASE 10467:** (Continued from April 16, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

**Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from a depth of 5000 feet below the surface to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the N/2 of Section 27, Township 18 South, Range 27 East, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations spaced on 320-acre spacing within said vertical extent, which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Red Lake Atoka-Morrow Gas Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the North line and, either, 1310 feet or 1330 feet from the East line (Unit A or B) of said Section 27. 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. Said unit is located approximately 7.5 miles south by east of Riverside, New Mexico.

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**CASE 10468:** (Continued from April 16, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

**Application of Ultramar Oil and Gas Limited for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the E/2 of Section 16, Township 21 South, Range 35 East, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations spaced on 320-acre spacing within said vertical extent, which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the South Osudo-Morrow Gas Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated its existing P. Q. Osudo State Com Well No. 1, which was drilled in 1989 at a standard gas well location 1980 feet from the North and East lines (Unit G) of said Section 16. 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. Said unit is located approximately 6.5 miles west by south of Oil Center, New Mexico.

**CASE 10473:** **Application of Nearburg Exploration Company for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the base of the Wolfcamp formation to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the N/2 of Section 27, Township 18 South, Range 27 East, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations spaced on 320-acre spacing within said vertical extent, which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Red Lake Atoka-Morrow Gas Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the North line and 1330 feet from the East line (Unit B) of said Section 27. 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. Said unit is located approximately 7.5 miles south by east of Riverside, New Mexico.

**CASE 10464:** (Continued from April 2, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

In the matter of the application of the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion for an order contracting and extending certain pools in Rio Arriba, San Juan and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico.

- (a) CONTRACT the Basin-Dakota Pool in San Juan County, New Mexico, by the deletion of the following described area:

TOWNSHIP 24 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST, NMPM  
Section 6: N/2

- (b) EXTEND the Dufers Point Gallup-Dakota Oil Pool in San Juan County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 24 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST, NMPM  
Section 6: N/2

TOWNSHIP 24 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST, NMPM  
Section 1: All

- (c) EXTEND the Angel Peak-Gallup Associated Pool in San Juan County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 10 WEST, NMPM  
Section 4: S/2  
Section 9: All  
Section 10: All

TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 10 WEST, NMPM  
Section 30: SE/4  
Section 31: E/2

- (d) EXTEND the South Bisiti-Gallup Oil Pool in San Juan County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 23 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, NMPM  
Section 3: SE/4  
Section 9: S/2  
Section 10: E/2 NW/4, SW/4, and NE/4

- (e) EXTEND the Gallegos-Gallup Associated Pool in San Juan County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 10 WEST, NMPM  
Section 16: W/2  
Section 17: NE/4  
Section 18: N/2  
Sections 19 and 20: All  
Sections 29 and 30: All

TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST, NMPM  
Section 13: N/2  
Section 25: N/2

- (f) EXTEND the West Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool in San Juan County, New Mexico to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST, NMPM  
Section 36: SW/4

- (g) EXTEND the West Lindrith Gallup-Dakota Oil Pool in Rio Arriba and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 24 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, NMPM  
Section 6: W/2

- (b) EXTEND the Navajo City-Chacra Pool in San Juan County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 30 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST, NMPM

Section 34: E/2

CASE 10474: In the matter of the application of the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion for an order creating and extending certain pools in Chaves and Eddy Counties, New Mexico.

- (a) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Strawn production and designated as the Carlsbad Springs-Strawn Gas Pool. The discovery well is the Marathon Oil Co. Pioneer Fed Com. Well No. 1 located in Unit G of Section 19, Township 21 South, Range 27 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM

Section 19: N/2

- (b) CREATE a new pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Wolfcamp production and designated as the North Foor Ranch-Wolfcamp Gas Pool. The discovery well is the Yates Pet. Corp. Rolla TC Well No. 2 located in Unit G of Section 29, Township 9 South, Range 26 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, NMPM

Section 29: N/2

- (c) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Atoka production and designated as the Hoag Tank-Atoka Gas Pool. The discovery well is the Yates Pet. Corp., Oakson NV Fed Well No. 2 located in Unit F of Section 27, Township 19 South, Range 24 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, NMPM

Section 27: N/2

- (d) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Wolfcamp production and designated as the Jennings Spring-Wolfcamp Gas Pool. The discovery well is the Yates Pet. Corp. Estelle TA Fed Com Well No. 1 located in Unit N of Section 21, Township 17 South, Range 27 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM

Section 21: S/2

- (e) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for Delaware production and designated as the East Poker Lake-Delaware Pool. The discovery well is the Yates Pet. Corp. Cotton Draw AJT Fed. Well No. 1 located in Unit E of Section 23, Township 24 South, Range 31 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, NMPM

Section 23: NW/4

- (f) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Wolfcamp production and designated as the Sage Draw-Wolfcamp Gas Pool. The discovery well is the Hawthorne Oil & Gas Corp. Delta Fed. Well No. 1 located in Unit G of Section 7, Township 25 South, Range 26 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 25 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, NMPM

Section 7: E/2

- (g) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for Cisco production and designated as the Sand Dune-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool. The discovery well is the Myco Inc. E. Turkey Track Fed Com. Well No. 1 located in Unit K of Section 23, Township 18 South, Range 29 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM

Section 23: SW/4

- (h) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for Delaware production and designated as the Willow Lake-Delaware Pool. The discovery well is the Nearburg Prod. Co. Diamond 31 St. Well No. 1 located in Unit I of Section 31, Township 24 South, Range 29 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM  
Section 31: SE/4

- (i) EXTEND the Avalon-Strawn Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM  
Section 28: W/2

- (j) EXTEND the Avalon-Upper Pennsylvanian Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, NMPM  
Section 16: All  
Section 21: E/2

- (k) EXTEND the Border Hills-Abo Gas Pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, NMPM  
Section 1: NW/4  
Section 2: E/2  
Section 11: NE/4

- (l) EXTEND the East Burton Flat-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM  
Section 1: All

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM  
Section 6: W/2

- (m) EXTEND the Cabin Lake-Delaware Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM  
Section 3: E/2

- (n) EXTEND the Cass Draw-Delaware Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM  
Section 14: NE/4

- (o) EXTEND the West Corral Canyon-Delaware Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 25 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM  
Section 10: SW/4  
Section 15: W/2

- (p) EXTEND the Coyote-Queen Pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM  
Section 20: SE/4

- (q) EXTEND the South Culebra Bluff-Bone Spring Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NMPM  
Section 28: NE/4

- (r) EXTEND the North Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:  
TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, NMPM  
Section 6: NW/4
- (s) EXTEND the South Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:  
TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, NMPM  
Section 24: N/2
- (t) EXTEND the East Lake-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:  
TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM  
Section 32: SE/4
- (u) EXTEND the Livingston Ridge-Delaware Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:  
TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, NMPM  
Section 11: NE/4  
Section 12: NW/4
- (v) EXTEND the Lost Tank-Delaware Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:  
TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, NMPM  
Section 1: W/2 and SE/4  
Section 2: SE/4
- (w) EXTEND the South Poker Lake-Delaware Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:  
TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, NMPM  
Section 34: NW/4
- (x) EXTEND the Twin Lakes-San Andres Associated Pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, to include therein:  
TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM  
Section 5: E/2 NW/4