

EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - AUGUST 6, 1992

Application of Phillips Petroleum Company for three unorthodox oil well locations, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for three unorthodox oil well locations each to be drilled within a fifty foot radius of the following described sites all within Section 4, Township 15 South, Range 32 East, Tulk-Wolfcamp Pool, which is located approximately 24 miles south of Caprock, New Mexico:

- 1. 1050' FSL & 1450' FEL (Unit O), the 40 acres comprising the SW/4 SE/4 is to be dedicated to said well;
- 2. 2500' FNL & 660' FEL (Unit H), the 40 acres comprising the SE/4 NE/4 is to be dedicated to said well; and,
- 3. 1300' FSL & 660' FWL (Unit M), the 40 acres comprising either the NW/4 SW/4 or SW/4 SW/4, whichever is appropriate, is to be dedicated to said well.

CASE 10524: Application of BK Exploration Corporation 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 Delaware formation or 6350 feet, whichever is deeper, underlying the SE/4 SE/4 (Unit P) of Section 3, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit 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 the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately north-northeast of Loving, New Mexico.

CASE 10507: (Continued from July 23, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of C & C Landfarm Inc. for a commercial surface waste disposal facility, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authorization to construct and operate a commercial landfarm facility for remediation of non-hazardous hydrocarbon-contaminated soils using an enhanced biodegradation process. Said area is to be located in the SW/4 NE/4 (Unit G) of Section 3, Township 20 South, Range 37 East, which is approximately 2 miles southeast of Monument, New Mexico. This application has been administratively determined to be approvable, and this hearing is scheduled to allow parties the opportunity to present technical evidence why the application should not be approved pursuant to the rules of the Division. In the absence of objection, this application will be taken under advisement.

CASE 10490: (Continued from June 11, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Noranda Minerals Inc. requesting the Division to rescind or deny an application to drill a certain well in the oil/potash area, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order denying or rescinding the approval of an "Application for Permit to Drill" which would authorize Yates Petroleum Corporation to drill its Snyder "AKY" Well No. 1 at a standard oil well location in the NW/4 SW/4 (Unit L) of Section 1, Township 20 South, Range 32 East, (approximately 3 miles north of the junction of U.S. Highway 62/180 and State Highway 176). Said location is within the designated oil/potash area as described in and governed under the provisions of Division Order No. R-111-P.

CASE 10525: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion for an order creating and extending certain pools in Eddy and Chaves Counties, New Mexico.

- (a) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Morrow production and designated as the Bandana Point-Morrow Gas Pool. The discovery well is the Azotea AJZ Federal Well No. 1 located in Unit E of Section 9, Township 23 South, Range 24 East, NMPM.

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, NMPM
Section 9: W/2

- (b) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Strawn production and designated as the South Bandana Point-Strawn Gas Pool. The discovery well is the Azotea AJZ Federal Well No. 1 located in Unit E of Section 9, Township 23 South, Range 24 East, NMPM.

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, NMPM
Section 9: W/2

- (c) **CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Yates production and designated as the South Burton-Yates Gas Pool. The discovery well is the State Well No. 1 located in Unit M of Section 20, Township 20 South, Range 29 East, NMPM.**

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM
Section 21: SW/4

- (d) **CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Upper Pennsylvanian production and designated as the Cottonwood Spring-Upper Pennsylvanian production. The discovery well is the Chelsi Well No. 1 located in Unit J of Section 2, Township 26 South, Range 25 East, NMPM.**

TOWNSHIP 26 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, NMPM
Section 2: E/2

- (e) **CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for Delaware production and designated as the South Golden Lane-Delaware production. The discovery well is the Big Eddy Unit Well No. 113 located in Unit K of Section 8, Township 21 South, Range 29 East, NMPM.**

- (f) **CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Upper Pennsylvanian production and designated as the Saladar-Upper Pennsylvanian Gas Pool. The discovery well is the Eddy FV State Com Well No. 1 located in Unit H of Section 25, Township 20 South, Range 27 East, NMPM.**

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM
Section 25: E/2

- (g) **CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for Bone Spring production and designated as the North San Lorenzo-Bone Spring Pool. The discovery well is the Salt Draw Federal Com Well No. 1 located in Unit G of Section 11, Township 25 South, Range 28 East, NMPM.**

TOWNSHIP 25 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NMPM
Section 11: NE/4

- (h) **CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for Delaware production and designated as the West Sand Dunes-Delaware Pool. The discovery well is the Mobil Federal Well No. 1 located in Unit J of Section 29, Township 23 South, Range 31 East, NMPM.**

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, NMPM
Section 29: SE/4

- (i) **EXTEND the Bandana Point-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:**

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, NMPM
Section 9: W/2

- (j) **EXTEND the Brushy Draw-Delaware Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:**

TOWNSHIP 26 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM
Section 16: SE/4

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

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM
Section 34: S/2

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

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, NMPM
Section 7: SW/4

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM
Section 12: N/2

Dockets Nos. 26-92 and 27-92 are tentatively set for September 3, 1992 and September 17, 1992. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 23 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - AUGUST 20, 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 10527: **Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for a unit agreement, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Sedge Unit Agreement for an area comprising 1967.92 acres, more or less, of State and Federal lands in Sections 18, 19, and 30, Township 22 South, Range 23 East, which is centered approximately 7.5 miles southwest by south of Marathon Oil Company's Indian Basin Gas Plant.

CASE 10519: (Continued from August 6, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for an unorthodox location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox location 360 feet from the South line and 2080 feet from the West line and (Unit N) of Section 34, Township 20 South, Range 24 East, Undesignated South Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool, the W/2 of said Section 34 to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 320-acre spacing and proration unit for either oil or gas. Said unit is located approximately 10.5 miles west-southwest of Seven Rivers, New Mexico.

CASE 10528: **Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation 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 SE/4 of Section 20, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, forming a 160-acre spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent, which presently includes only the Undesignated North Dagger Draw-Upper 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 the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 6 miles northwest of Seven Rivers, New Mexico.

CASE 10529: **Application of Pogo Producing Company for an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the North line and 1650 feet from the East line (Unit B) of Section 34, Township 22 South, Range 32 East, to test the Morrow formation, the N/2 of said Section 34 to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit. The proposed well site is located approximately 8.75 miles north-northeast of New Mexico State Highway No. 128 at the Lea/Eddy County Line.

CASE 10530: **Application of Charles B. Gillespie, Jr. for pool creation and special pool rules, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the creation of a new pool for the production of oil from the Strawn formation comprising the W/2 SE/4 of Section 33, Township 15 South, Range 35 East, the assignment of a discovery allowable, and the promulgation of special rules therefor including provisions for 80-acre spacing units and designated well location requirements. Said area is located approximately 3.5 miles northwest of Lovington, New Mexico.

CASE 10502: (Continued from August 6, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Meridian Oil 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 Delaware formation or to a depth of 8700 feet, whichever is deeper, underlying the NW/4 NW/4 (Unit D) of Section 23, Township 22 South, Range 32 East, forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit within said vertical extent. 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 the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 6.25 miles north-northwest of the junction of State Highway No. 128 and the Delaware Basin Road.

CASE 10503: (Continued from August 6, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Meridian Oil 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 Delaware formation or to a depth of 8700 feet, whichever is deeper, underlying the SW/4 NW/4 (Unit E) of Section 23, Township 22 South, Range 32 East, forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit within said vertical extent. 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 the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 6 miles north-northwest of the junction of State Highway No. 128 and the Delaware Basin Road.

CASE 10504: (Continued from August 6, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Meridian Oil 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 Delaware formation or to a depth of 8700 feet, whichever is deeper, underlying the NW/4 SW/4 (Unit L) of Section 24, Township 22 South, Range 32 East, forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit within said vertical extent. 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 the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 5.5 miles north by west of the junction of State Highway No. 128 and the Delaware Basin Road.

CASE 10531: **Application of Southland Royalty Company for an unorthodox gas well location and downhole commingling, San Juan County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval to commingle gas production from the Fulcher Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool and the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool within the wellbore of a well to be drilled at an unorthodox gas well location 1800 feet from the North line and 790 feet from the West line (Unit E) of Section 12, Township 27 North, Range 10 West. The W/2 of said Section 12, forming a standard 320-acre spacing and proration unit for the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool, and the NW/4 of said Section 12, forming a standard 160-acre spacing and proration unit for the Fulcher Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool, are to be dedicated to said well. Said wellsite is located approximately 11 miles southeast of Bloomfield, New Mexico.

CASE 10522: (Continued from August 6, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Southland Royalty Company for an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval to deepen its South Corbin Federal Well No. 3, located 554 feet from the South and East lines (Unit P) of Section 20, Township 18 South, Range 33 East, from the South Corbin-Wolfcamp Pool to test the Undesignated South Corbin-Morrow Gas Pool. Said location is considered unorthodox pursuant to General Rule 104.C.(2). Further, the E/2 of said Section 20 is to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit in the Morrow interval. Said well is located approximately 10 miles south-southeast of Maljamar, New Mexico.

REDACTED: (Readvertised)

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- . 1150' FSL & 1450' FEL (Unit O), the 40 acres comprising the SW/4 SE/4 is to be dedicated to said well;
- . 2600' FNL & 660' FEL (Unit H), the 40 acres comprising the SE/4 NE/4 is to be dedicated to said well; and,
- . 1300' FSL & 660' FWL (Unit M), the 40 acres comprising either the NW/4 SW/4 or SW/4 SW/4, whichever is appropriate, is to be dedicated to said well.

CASE 10521: (Continued from August 6, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Union Oil Company of California d/b/a UNOCAL for termination of gas prorationing in the South Blanco-Pictured Cliffs Pool, Rio Arriba, Sandoval and San Juan Counties, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order terminating gas prorationing in the South Blanco-Pictured Cliffs Pool and to exclude said pool from the provisions of Division Order No. R-8170, as amended (General Rules For The Prorated Gas Pools of New Mexico). The current pool boundaries include portions of Townships 23 through 29 North, Ranges 1 through 9 West, in the three country area as stated above.

CASE 10483: (Continued from August 6, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Harvey E. Yates Company for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests underlying the SE/4 NW/4 (Unit F) in all formations developed on 40-acre spacing from the surface to the base of the Strawn formation in Section 33, Township 15 South, Range 36 East, said unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard oil 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 area is located approximately one-half mile southeast of the junction of U.S. Highway 82 and New Mexico No. 18.