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CASE NO. 10543

IN THE MATTER OF:

The Application of Yates Petroleum
Corporation for an Unorthodox Gas Well
Location and Simultaneous Dedication,
Eddy County, New Mexico

BEFORE:

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1 EXAMINER CATANACH: At this time we'll
2 call Case 10543.

3 MR. STOVALL: Application of Yates
4 Petroleum Corporation for an unorthodox gas well
5 location and simultaneous dedication, Eddy
6 County, New Mexico.

7 EXAMINER CATANACH: Are there
8 appearances in this case?

9 MR. VANDIVER: Mr. Examiner, my name is
10 David Vandiver of the Artesia firm of Fisk &
11 Vandiver, appearing on behalf of the Applicant,
12 Yates Petroleum Corporation.

13 I have three witnesses in this case,
14 two of whom were sworn in the previous case.

15 EXAMINER CATANACH: Are there
16 additional appearances in the case?

17 MR. CARR: May it please the Examiner,
18 my name is William F. Carr with the Santa Fe law
19 firm Campbell, Carr, Berge and Sheridan. I would
20 like to enter an appearance in this case on
21 behalf of Kaiser-Francis Oil Company. I do not
22 intend to call a witness.

23 [The witnesses were duly sworn.]

24 MR. VANDIVER: May I proceed, Mr.
25 Examiner?

1 EXAMINER CATANACH: Yes.

2 ROBERT BULLOCK

3 Having been first duly sworn upon his oath, was
4 examined and testified as follows:

5 EXAMINATION

6 BY MR. VANDIVER:

7 Q. Please state your name, your occupation
8 and by whom you're employed.

9 A. My name is Robert Bullock and I'm
10 employed as a petroleum landman by Yates
11 Petroleum Corporation in Artesia.

12 Q. You testified in the previous case and
13 have testified numerous times before the Oil
14 Conservation Division?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And had your qualifications accepted
17 and made a matter of record?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Are you familiar with the title to the
20 land within the area of Yates' proposed well in
21 this case?

22 A. Yes.

23 MR. VANDIVER: Is the witness
24 qualified, Mr. Examiner?

25 EXAMINER CATANACH: Yes, sir.

1 Q. Mr. Bullock, what briefly is Yates
2 seeking in Case No. 10543?

3 A. Yates is seeking an unorthodox gas well
4 location and simultaneous dedication. We would
5 like to propose the location of the well 660 feet
6 from the north and east lines of Section 2, in
7 Township 19 South, Range 24 East.

8 Q. What is the objective formation you
9 seek to test?

10 A. The objective formation is the Morrow
11 formation.

12 Q. What's the standard well spacing and
13 acreage dedication for such a well?

14 A. The standard would be a 320, and we
15 would like to dedicate the north half of Section
16 2 for the drilling of this well.

17 Q. What would the well location
18 requirements be?

19 A. It would be 1980 from the end line, 660
20 from the sideline.

21 Q. If I could ask you to refer to
22 Applicant's Exhibit 1, I would ask you to
23 identify that, please.

24 A. Exhibit 1 is a land plat showing our
25 proposed location in Section 2. It shows the

1 offset lease operators in Section 1 of 19-24, and
2 Sections 35 and 36 to the township just to the
3 north.

4 Q. Is Yates' Irish Hills No. 2 well, State
5 No. 2 well, shown on that map?

6 A. Yes, it is. It's shown in the location
7 of 1980 from the east and north in Section 2.

8 Q. In Unit G?

9 A. That's correct.

10 Q. Who is the operator of the spacing unit
11 to the north of your proposed location?

12 A. I believe it's Sun Operating.

13 Q. Does Yates operate the north half of
14 Section 1?

15 A. Yes, they do.

16 Q. And Murchison Oil & Gas operates
17 Section 36?

18 A. I think Section 36 is, in fact,
19 operated now by Pennzoil. That interest has
20 succeeded to Pennzoil.

21 Q. I see. And, if I could ask you to
22 refer to the Applicant's Exhibit 2 and describe
23 what that is, please? Or, I'm sorry, Exhibits 2
24 and 3.

25 A. Exhibits 2 and 3 are the affidavit of

1 mailing required to notify the offset leasehold
2 operators, and Exhibit 3 is the return receipts.

3 Q. What is that? Exhibit 3 is another
4 affidavit?

5 A. Okay. Exhibit 3 was the amended
6 affidavit. I don't have that in front of me. It
7 was the amended affidavit sent to Meridian Oil
8 and Oryx Energy Company reflecting the correct
9 addresses. The first affidavit did not--they did
10 not receive the affidavit of mailing, so we
11 corrected that.

12 Q. Were Exhibits 1 through 3 prepared by
13 you or under your direction?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. The well to the north, the Sun well, do
16 you know what formation that's producing from?

17 A. No, I don't.

18 MR. VANDIVER: Mr. Examiner, I would
19 move the admission of Applicant's Exhibits 1
20 through 3, and that concludes my direct
21 examination of this witness.

22 EXAMINER CATANACH: Exhibits 1 through
23 3 will be admitted as evidence.

24 EXAMINATION

25 BY EXAMINER CATANACH:

1 Q. Mr. Bullock, in Section 1, is Yates the
2 100-percent working interest owner in that north
3 half?

4 A. I'm not sure about 100 percent. We do
5 operate the lease. I don't know the exact
6 ownership of Section 1.

7 Q. Up in Section 36, you said Pennzoil may
8 be the operator of that acreage now?

9 A. That's my understanding, through a
10 takeoff on the state records, Pennzoil purchased
11 that Murchison interest in Section 36. That's
12 what I was told.

13 Q. But you did notify both parties just in
14 case?

15 A. Both parties have been notified.

16 EXAMINER CATANACH: I believe that's
17 all I have. The witness may be excused.

18 D'NESE FLY

19 Having been first duly sworn upon her oath, was
20 examined and testified as follows:

21 EXAMINATION

22 BY MR. VANDIVER:

23 Q. Please state your name, your occupation
24 and by whom you're employed.

25 A. My name is D'Nese Fly, and I'm a

1 geologist with Yates Petroleum Corporation in
2 Artesia, New Mexico.

3 Q. Ms. Fly, you previously testified
4 before the Oil Conservation Division this morning
5 and on numerous other occasions in the past as a
6 petroleum geologist, had your qualifications as
7 such accepted, and your qualifications are a
8 matter of record?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Have you made a study, a geological
11 study of the area of the proposed well in Case
12 No. 10543?

13 A. Yes, I have.

14 Q. And have you prepared certain exhibits
15 to illustrate the geology in this area?

16 A. Yes, I have.

17 MR. VANDIVER: Mr. Examiner, is the
18 witness qualified?

19 EXAMINER CATANACH: She is.

20 Q. Ms. Fly, what's the primary formation
21 you seek to test for the Yates Irish Hills KW
22 State No. 3 well?

23 A. We are drilling this to encounter the
24 Morrow clastics as our main objective.

25 Q. Are there any other formations you

1 would propose to test?

2 A. There's a possibility that we may
3 encounter the Cisco bank that produces in the
4 Irish Hills No. 2.

5 Q. And the Irish Hills No. 2 is currently
6 producing?

7 A. Yes, it is.

8 Q. That's located in Unit G of Section 2?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. When was that well completed?

11 A. It was completed in, I believe, 1980.
12 Let me check here. 1981.

13 Q. Ms. Fly, if I could ask you to refer to
14 the Applicant's Exhibit No. 4 in this case and
15 ask you to identify that exhibit?

16 A. Okay. Exhibit No. 4 is my combined
17 structure and sand isopach map. The solid lines
18 are the isopach contour showing the varying
19 thickness in the clean Morrow sands.

20 Here I've defined clean as anything
21 less than 50 gamma ray API units, and the contour
22 interval is 10 feet. The dotted lines show the
23 structural contours on top of the Morrow
24 clastics, and this contour interval is 100 feet.

25 Q. Was the proposed location chosen to

1 encounter the maximum amount of clean Morrow sand
2 within the spacing unit?

3 A. Yes. I feel like we'll probably, in
4 this area, encounter approximately 40 feet of the
5 Morrow sands.

6 Q. Did the Irish Hills KW State No. 2, was
7 it taken to the Morrow, or do you know?

8 A. Yes, it was, and we only encountered
9 two feet of sands.

10 Q. The well in the southeast quarter of
11 Section 35 shown on your map, the Tempo Penasco
12 Draw well, how many feet of sand did that
13 encounter?

14 A. They encountered 25 feet of sand. And
15 that can be seen on my cross-section in the next
16 exhibit.

17 Q. And then these wells in Section 36
18 encountered how much sand to the northeast?

19 A. The one in the southwest quarter
20 encountered 31 feet of sands, and the one in the
21 southeast quarter encountered 60 feet of sands.

22 Q. Did you also study the amount of sand
23 that you anticipated would be encountered at
24 orthodox locations in this spacing unit?

25 A. Yes. In Unit C and Unit F, which would

1 be the other two orthodox locations in here, we
2 would encounter less than 10 feet of sand,
3 probably similar to the Irish Hills State No. 2.

4 Q. That was in Units C and F?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And what about in Unit B?

7 A. In Unit B we could also encounter
8 sands, but I feel as though it would be, oh,
9 possibly, 10 feet or less also.

10 Q. What about the location to the south,
11 660 from the east and 1980 from the north?

12 A. That would also be an unorthodox
13 location, and it would encounter less sands than
14 the unorthodox location that I have picked in the
15 northwest quarter--excuse me, the northeast
16 quarter.

17 Q. And does the amount of clean Morrow
18 sand enhance the possibility of completing a
19 commercial well?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And would it increase the amount of gas
22 you would be likely to recover?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Is there anything further with regard
25 to Exhibit 4?

1 A. No. That's all I have.

2 Q. If I could refer you to Applicant's
3 Exhibit 5 and ask you to describe what that is,
4 please, to identify that exhibit?

5 A. Okay. Exhibit No. 5 is the north/south
6 stratigraphic cross-section which was shown on
7 the previous exhibit, and it's hung on the
8 Atoka.

9 The cross-section shows the pertinent
10 correlations and the manner in which the sand was
11 counted for the isopach map by the yellow
12 coloring in that Tempo well that's in the center
13 of the cross-section. I'm showing here how the
14 sand pinches out rapidly.

15 Q. Anything further with regard to that
16 exhibit?

17 A. No, sir.

18 Q. And then if you would move to
19 Applicant's Exhibit 6 and describe that exhibit?

20 A. This has to do with the simultaneous
21 dedication portion of this. This is a combined
22 structure map and facies map.

23 The solid contours show the structural
24 configuration on the top of the Cisco marker that
25 I mapped in 25-foot contour intervals. The Cisco

1 marker overlies the potential reservoir bank
2 facies by about 100 feet. And, as seen here, it
3 dips regionally to the east with a very slight
4 nosing in Section 2.

5 The map displays a potentially
6 gas-productive bank facies to the left of the
7 pink line there, and the basin-fill facies which
8 tends to be more shales than sands encountered in
9 the eastern portion of the map.

10 Also, the dotted line on this map shows
11 where I have encountered porosity within my
12 carbonate bank, and it's in this area where we
13 have the possibility of getting production from
14 the Cisco. The wells to the west of the green
15 perforated line there are very tight in the
16 carbonate bank. The bank is present but it's
17 tight.

18 Q. Are there any other wells producing gas
19 from the Cisco in the area shown on this map?

20 A. The Irish Hills KW No. 2 is the only
21 one that produces. There are--I've kind of
22 evaluated the other wells in this section that
23 have either good potential or marginal potential
24 for production, but as of now the Irish Hills No.
25 2, in Unit G of Section 2, is the only one that

1 does produce from this interval.

2 Q. What's the cumulative gas production
3 from the Irish Hills No. 2?

4 A. It's made about 300 million cubic feet
5 as of the end of August.

6 Q. And that's since 1981?

7 A. Yes, I think that's what I said, that
8 that was completed in 81.

9 Q. And what's its current producing rate?

10 A. It makes about 100,000 cubic feet of
11 gas a day.

12 Q. In your opinion, is the proposed
13 location the best available location for
14 completion of a commercial Cisco well in this
15 spacing unit?

16 A. Well, since that's not our main
17 objective, that's not really why this location is
18 being proposed here. There is a possibility that
19 we can encounter this carbonate bank with the
20 porosity zone, but, as you can see, it sits right
21 close to the basin-fill facies, so there is a
22 possibility that we may not even encounter it.

23 Q. All right. Anything further with
24 regard to Exhibit 6?

25 A. No, sir.

1 Q. If you would move on to Exhibit 7 and
2 identify that exhibit, please.

3 A. Exhibit 7 is just an excerpt from a
4 porosity log of the Yates Irish Hills KW State
5 No. 2 well in Unit G of Section 2. It shows the
6 Cisco marker that I referred to that I made my
7 map off of. It also shows the bank facies that
8 we encounter.

9 And then I have also put on this
10 exhibit the porous bank facies which makes the
11 well commercial in this bank.

12 Q. If I could go back for a moment to the
13 Morrow, I don't recall whether I asked you
14 whether you know when the, I guess it's the Sun
15 well shown on your maps as "Tempo" in the
16 southeast quarter of Section 35, do you know when
17 that well was drilled?

18 A. Yes. Well, I know when it was
19 completed. It was completed in August of 88.

20 Q. Do you know the cumulative production
21 of that well?

22 A. In the Morrow, I have that it's cum'd
23 Bcf, 43 barrels of condensate and 15 barrels of
24 water. That may be an approximation. That would
25 be as of December of 91, is where I looked these

1 cum's up.

2 Q. And what about the Yates well in the
3 northwest quarter of Section 6, SRC KZ No. 6?

4 A. In Section 1?

5 Q. Yes.

6 A. It was drilled in April of 1980 in the
7 Morrow and has made six million cubic feet. It
8 was recompleted at the end of the year of 80 into
9 the Strawn--I'm sorry, into the canyon of the
10 Strawn, and has made 10 MBO and 2 Bcf.

11 Q. Based upon your study of this area and
12 your analysis of the geology, is it your opinion
13 that the proposed location is the best available
14 location for a Morrow test in this spacing unit?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And the Cisco is a secondary formation
17 you might seek to test?

18 A. That is correct.

19 Q. In your opinion, would the granting of
20 Yates' application in this case be in the
21 interest of conservation, the prevention of waste
22 and the protection of Yates' correlative rights?

23 A. Yes.

24 MR. VANDIVER: Mr. Examiner, I would
25 move the admission of Applicant's Exhibit 4

1 through 7. And that concludes my examination of
2 this witness.

3 EXAMINER CATANACH: Exhibits 4 through
4 7 will be admitted as evidence.

5 EXAMINATION

6 BY EXAMINER CATANACH:

7 Q. Ms. Fly, does the structure have
8 anything to do with picking a location in the
9 Morrow formation in this area?

10 A. No. I just put the structure on here
11 to show the regional dip. We're up out of the
12 water in this area so we're not very concerned
13 with the structure of the sands. We're more
14 concerned with the thickness of them.

15 Q. Your Exhibit No. 4 shows several Morrow
16 wells that have been completed and are apparently
17 producing with 10 feet of sand or between 10 and
18 20 feet of sand. When you encounter a thicker
19 sand in the Morrow, does it usually give you a
20 better producer, in terms of producing rate?

21 A. It has higher reserves usually within
22 it, say, larger reservoir basically that you're
23 encountering. You're encountering the main
24 thickness of the reservoir.

25 Q. So it's possible that you could

1 complete a producing well at a standard location
2 within Section 2, but probably wouldn't recover
3 as much reserves?

4 A. That's right. And you're getting on
5 the flank, and there's a possibility--on this map
6 I'm showing possibly 15 feet or so in Unit B, and
7 there's the possibility we could even get down to
8 two feet like we have there in the Irish Hills
9 No. 2. It's hard to map the edge until you see
10 it.

11 Q. The Irish Hills No. 2 was nonproductive
12 in the Morrow?

13 A. Correct.

14 Q. Now, that's not a sand that produces in
15 the Cisco?

16 A. No, it's a limestone carbonate bank.

17 Q. Is it likely that you'll encounter
18 production in the Cisco with your proposed
19 location?

20 A. There is that possibility. We are
21 close to the edge. But I feel like there's a
22 good chance that we will encounter it. If we do
23 encounter this bank, then there is a very good
24 chance that it will have the porosity zone seen
25 in the No. 2 well, the Irish Hills No. 2.

1 Q. The "edge" being the facies on the
2 eastern portion of Section 2?

3 A. Right.

4 EXAMINER CATANACH: That's all I have
5 of the witness. She may be excused.

6 **DAVID FRANCIS BONEAU, Ph.D.**

7 Having been first duly sworn upon his oath, was
8 examined and testified as follows:

9 EXAMINATION

10 BY MR. VANDIVER:

11 Q. Please state your name, your occupation
12 and by whom you're employed.

13 A. My name is David Francis Boneau. I
14 work as a reservoir engineering supervisor for
15 Yates Petroleum in Artesia, New Mexico.

16 Q. Have you previously testified before
17 the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division in your
18 capacity as a reservoir engineer, had your
19 qualifications as such accepted and made a matter
20 of record?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. Have you made a study of the reservoir,
23 the Cisco reservoir, in the area of Yates'
24 proposed Irish Hills KW State No. 3 well for the
25 purpose of testifying with regard to the

1 simultaneous dedication aspect of Yates'
2 application?

3 A. Yes, I have done that.

4 Q. And have you prepared certain exhibits
5 to illustrate your study?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 MR. VANDIVER: Mr. Examiner, I would
8 tender the witness as an expert reservoir
9 engineer.

10 EXAMINER CATANACH: The witness is so
11 qualified.

12 Q. Dr. Boneau, what have you done in
13 studying the reservoir in this spacing unit?

14 A. Well, I think everybody realizes by now
15 what we have is a good Morrow producer to the
16 north. That Tempo well has cum'd almost 2 Bcf
17 now. Yates has about three-quarters to 1 Bcf of
18 gas in the Morrow in that northeast quarter,
19 according to my calculations, so we want to drill
20 a Morrow test at the unorthodox location
21 described.

22 If all our engineering and geology
23 turns out to be wrong, the backup zone is this
24 Cisco that appears in the KW No. 2 well. So we
25 already have a deep well in the north half that

1 produces from what we call Cisco, what the
2 Commission calls Permo-Penn, and actually the
3 well that's already there is in the same 160 as
4 the well we propose to drill.

5 So we are presenting some evidence why,
6 if the KW 3 ends up in the Cisco, the Commission
7 might allow us to produce both of those Cisco
8 wells. And to that end I have prepared three
9 exhibits, the first of which is Exhibit No. 8.
10 Are we ready to discuss that?

11 Q. Yes. Would you identify Exhibit No.
12 8?

13 A. Exhibit No. 8 shows the production
14 history, month by month, of the Irish Hills KW
15 State No. 2. It produces from the Penasco Draw
16 Permo-Penn. It has been producing since early
17 1981.

18 Its initial production rate was about
19 250 Mcf a day and it declined relatively rapidly
20 to the area of 100 Mcf a day, and it's stayed in
21 that area ever since. The gas market in the 85,
22 86, 87, 88 time frame was terrible and the well
23 was shut in voluntarily a lot of that time, but
24 when the well produces, it produces about 100 Mcf
25 a day. The cum on Exhibit 8 is through the end

1 of July, 298 million cubic feet of gas.

2 My estimate of the future production of
3 the well is shown by the seven percent per year
4 decline rate, and the well should produce until
5 about the year 2000 with an ultimate production
6 of 447 million cubic feet of gas.

7 This Permo-Penn-Cisco field is a
8 designated tight sand reservoir under the NGPA of
9 1978, and evidence was presented before this
10 Commission in 1981, I believe, by Mr. Beck and
11 myself, that resulted in that designation.

12 Anyway, this is a tight reservoir. The
13 geologist is talking about there's good porosity
14 in the Cisco, but the permeability that I've
15 calculated in this KW No. 2 well is .015
16 millidarcies. It's low, tight stuff. I believe
17 that's pretty much the story on Exhibit 8.

18 Q. Would you identify Exhibit 9 and
19 explain what you're showing in that exhibit?

20 A. Exhibit 9 is two pieces of paper. The
21 purpose of Exhibit 9 is to calculate a drainage
22 area for Irish Hills KW State No. 2 well. The
23 results are shown at the bottom of the first
24 page.

25 To date, the well's produced 298

1 million cubic feet and has a drainage area of 51
2 acres, as shown at the bottom of the first page
3 of that exhibit. The ultimate production of 447
4 million cubic feet per day will drain 77 acres.

5 The rest of the numbers on there are
6 details and supporting information to show how
7 that calculation was done. Unless the Examiner
8 wants to, I would propose not to really go
9 through those details.

10 Q. And then if you would identify Exhibit
11 10, I would ask what that is intended to depict?

12 A. Exhibit No. 10 is a little picture of
13 Section 2 showing, pictorially, the drainage
14 areas of the Irish Hills KW No. 2. There's a
15 smaller circle with an area of 51 acres and a
16 larger circle of 77 acres showing the ultimate
17 drainage area of that well.

18 The purpose of the exhibit is to show
19 that the proposed KW No. 3 location is undrained,
20 and if the KW No. 3 well is the same kind of
21 Cisco well, there will be little or no overlap
22 between the drainage areas of the two wells. In
23 fact, it will take four or five wells like that
24 to drain the 320 acres in some kind of a zigzag
25 pattern.

1 I know the Commission doesn't like to
2 simultaneously dedicate wells, so we are trying
3 to give them a reason where they could do that.

4 Q. What do you propose the Division would
5 provide with regard to the simultaneous
6 dedication in the order in this case?

7 A. Well, the KW No. 3 is located at the
8 edge of the Cisco, so I expect it to be the same
9 kind of well as the KW No. 2, a relatively
10 marginal Cisco producer.

11 I would hope if that's the case, the
12 Commission could allow both those wells to
13 produce, since they will not drain the same
14 acreage.

15 There is a possibility that when we
16 plug back to the Cisco we get a better producer
17 at the KW No. 3 location, and I would propose
18 that if the KW No. 3 turns out to be a good Cisco
19 well, we should be forced to shut in the KW No.
20 2.

21 Personally, I would write the order
22 something like a combined production up to like
23 500 Mcf per day would be okay, but above that the
24 wells would have to be shut in, and see what kind
25 of reception something like that gets. If we get

1 two mediocre wells, we're not going to be
2 draining anybody outside the 320 or even
3 overlapping the drainage of the two wells.

4 Q. Anything further with regard to Exhibit
5 10?

6 A. No, sir.

7 Q. Were Exhibits 8, 9 and 10 prepared by
8 you or under your direction and supervision?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 MR. VANDIVER: Mr. Examiner, I would
11 move the admission of Applicant's Exhibits 8, 9
12 and 10 in this case, and that concludes my direct
13 examination of this witness.

14 EXAMINER CATANACH: Exhibits 8, 9 and
15 10 will be admitted as evidence.

16 EXAMINATION

17 BY EXAMINER CATANACH:

18 Q. Dr. Boneau, is there any offset Cisco
19 production to the east in Section 1?

20 A. No. There's a Permo-Penn well in
21 Section 1, the SRC No. 6, I believe it is. That
22 produces from what the Commission calls the
23 Permo-Penn. And this is also the Permo-Penn.
24 But the well in Section 1 produces from a canyon
25 zone about a thousand foot deeper, so it's really

1 not at all the same zone. That's the only
2 Permo-Penn producer within two or three miles.

3 Q. Looking at the geology in the Cisco
4 formation, do you think there's any potential for
5 production from the Cisco in either Section 1 or
6 Section 36?

7 A. I don't think there's potential for
8 good Cisco production. You may get a
9 50-Mcf-a-day well kind of out there, but no,
10 you're not going to get a real keeper out there.

11 Q. Does that hold true for Section 35 as
12 well, in your opinion?

13 A. No. There's a chance of getting a
14 decent Cisco well in Section 35. The obvious
15 question is, what does the Cisco look like in the
16 Tempo Penasco No. 1 well, and the answer is, they
17 didn't log the Cisco and the Tempo Penasco No. 1
18 well, so I don't know the answer to that.

19 You realize this Irish Hills No. 2 well
20 in 1981, making 300 million gas at \$4 gas was a
21 reasonable undertaking, but \$1.50 gas is not a
22 reasonable undertaking.

23 Q. If you do get good production from the
24 Morrow as well as the Cisco, would Yates
25 contemplate dual completion of the well?

1 A. No, I don't think so. We might think
2 about it. We're not going to do it. It's the
3 difference between contemplating and doing it. I
4 don't know what we're contemplating, but we're
5 not going to do it. We would produce the Morrow
6 until the Morrow is gone.

7 Q. You would produce the Morrow first?

8 A. First, yes, sir. Yes, if we have
9 Morrow in the well, we will not have a
10 simultaneous dedication problem at least for a
11 number of years.

12 Q. You mentioned something about if you
13 got a good Cisco producer, that we ought to make
14 you shut the other well in. What is good in
15 terms of--you said if it produced 500 Mcf a day?

16 A. That's what I said, yes. This
17 well--the KW No. 2 started at about 250, 300 a
18 day, and within a year or so it's down in the
19 hundred range. If we get a well that starts at
20 above 500, I would call that good. It will level
21 off at 300 a day, maybe.

22 I would be willing to tell Yates we
23 should shut in the other well. Total production
24 of 12,000 a month or something ought to protect
25 everybody, but if we're producing above that, we

1 should only be allowed to produce one.

2 Q. I'm a little curious as to how you
3 arrived at the 500 number. Is that just an
4 opinion, or is that based on something?

5 A. In my mind it's based on not making the
6 drainage area so large that you get concerned.
7 Does that compute? Does that make sense? You
8 see the drainage area for a 300-a-day well. If
9 we get one like that, the drainage areas are just
10 fine. If we get a well better than that, the
11 drainage areas start to become a problem and I
12 wouldn't want them to get more than twice as good
13 as KW 2, and I would start worrying but you
14 fellows would start worrying a little before I
15 would.

16 Q. You gave me a figure as to the
17 permeability in the Cisco as to--well, the figure
18 was 0.15 or .015?

19 A. .015.

20 Q. Is that an average you determined from
21 the various producing intervals, or how was that
22 determined?

23 A. Oh, that was determined by what I call
24 a long-term draw down test on the well, taking
25 the first three years of the well's production

1 and plotting the daily production and the surface
2 pressure each day, and computing that downhole
3 and putting all that into what we call a draw
4 down analysis, and getting curves through that.

5 An engineer that used to work with
6 Yates and myself made a computer program to do
7 this. I don't know that I could rewrite the
8 computer program today, but we made the computer
9 program and fed all this data years ago, and
10 that's the answer we got at that time.

11 It's tight. I don't want to get hung
12 up on the number, but it's definitely below the
13 .1 millidarcy of the NGPA tight gas designation.
14 We showed all that in 1981 for a whole big area
15 and this one is below that. We went through a
16 fairly elaborate calculation and got .015, and I
17 mentioned that. It is tight stuff. We're
18 talking about tight limestone.

19 In Exhibit 9 you can see that the
20 maximum porosity is three and a half percent.
21 There's pretty good evidence it's tight stuff and
22 you can see how it produces low rates for a long
23 time.

24 Q. You feel like the permeability number
25 is a pretty good representation of what it is?

1 A. According to the calculation, it would
2 be an average of the producing zone that's shown
3 in my Exhibit 9.

4 Q. Okay. Do you expect to encounter the
5 same permeability at the No. 3 location? Is it
6 fairly continuous?

7 A. The way the geologist has it drawn
8 towards the edge of that, I do not expect the No.
9 3 to be any better. I hope it's the same. But
10 limestone is not real homogeneous, so nothing
11 would be a great surprise. This whole big area
12 has tight Cisco, and I expect the KW No. 3 to be
13 tight Cisco, yes.

14 Q. You mentioned that you had calculated
15 Morrow reserves in the northeast quarter of that
16 section. What was that number, Dr. Boneau?

17 A. Three-quarters to 1 Bcf.

18 Q. That's what you expect to recover in
19 the Morrow?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Do you have an opinion as to, drilling
22 the well at a standard location, would you
23 recover significantly less reserves?

24 A. At a standard location you would do way
25 poor in the Morrow. You would be on the edge.

1 You might not get the Morrow and you would be
2 closer to this KW 2 in the Cisco and have your
3 drainage areas overlapping more. The main
4 reason, yeah, the proposed location is where we
5 need to drill to get the Morrow.

6 Q. To get the thickest Morrow?

7 A. Yeah, to get the gas out of the
8 Morrow.

9 EXAMINER CATANACH: I have nothing
10 further of the witness. Anything further of this
11 witness?

12 The witness may be excused.

13 Anything further in this case?

14 MR. VANDIVER: No, sir.

15 EXAMINER CATANACH: There being nothing
16 further, Case 10543 will be taken under
17 advisement. Let's take a short break.

18 (And the proceedings concluded.)

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I do hereby certify that the foregoing is
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