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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ernie Busch, District Geologist

FROM: Michael E. Stogner, Chief Hearing Examiner/Engineer *M.E.S.*

SUBJECT: District III Nomenclature

DATE: October 8, 1992

In preparing an advertisement for the District III nomenclature case from your letter of September 30, 1992, we found a few discrepancies which need further explanation before the Division can commence any further with this matter.

- (1) Paragraph (c) proposes the abolishment of the Media Gallup Oil Pool in Sandoval County. Our records indicate that only two wells were ever completed in this pool and production totaled 20,597 barrels of oil and 820 MCF of gas. If this pool were to be abolished, to what pool then would this production be attributed?
- (2) Paragraph (n) proposes, in part, the extension of the West Lindrith-Gallup Dakota Oil Pool to include the NE/4 of Section 9, Township 24 North, Range 3 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County. Our records show that extensions in said Section 9 were made in the following manner:
 - W/2: R-7764
 - SE/4: R-8022
 - NE/4: R-8273.

It would therefore appear that all of said Section 9 is already included in the West Lindrith-Gallup Dakota Oil Pool. Should this proposed extension then be omitted?

- (3) Paragraph (o) proposes, in part, the extension of the Blanco-Mesaverde Pool to include the S/2 of Section 21 and all of Section 26, both in Township 26 North, Range 6 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County. Our records show that the extension of the S/2 of said Section 21 into said pool was authorized by Division Order No. R-7185 and the E/2 of said Section 26 was incorporated by Order No. R-8273. Should that portion of paragraph (o) dealing with

TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST, NMPM be amended to read as follows:

Section 26: W/2
Sections 27 and 28: All
Sections 33 through 36: All?

- (4) Should there also be a deletion of the SW/4 of Section 8, Township 21 North, Range 8 West, NMPM, San Juan County for the Basin Dakota Pool in order to accommodate the extension of the Snake Eyes-Dakota "D" Pool, as proposed by paragraph (i)? By Order No. R-4343 such a deletion was made when the Snake Eyes pool was created and defined.
- (5) Please note, all nomenclature matters should be in alphabetical order regardless of which county they are located in and in the following sequence:
- Creations
 - Abolishments
 - Extensions/Redesignations/Contractions

Your quick response would be most appreciated in order for us to place this on the docket for the next available examiners hearing. Also, a written confirmation will serve to help us in preparing and recording accurately the statewide nomenclature books that are kept up to date just as soon the Districts turn in such request, which is usually on a monthly basis. These books on nomenclature will be even more important as ONGARD continues. Consistency in the frequency, the methodology in the way the pool nomenclature is processed and maintained, and even the way pools are named (see Order Nos. R-9690 and R-8090 for written and signed confirmation to this approved policy) will assure that the needs will be better served by the industry and the other governmental agencies who utilize this important data.

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