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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING)
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION)
DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF)
CONSIDERING:) CASE NO. 10647
CASE NO. 10648
APPLICATIONS OF SEELY OIL COMPANY

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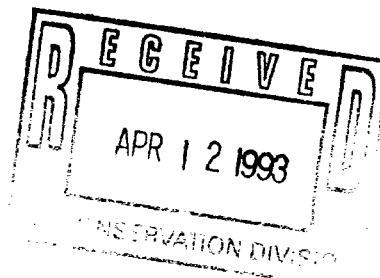
EXAMINER HEARING

BEFORE: Michael E. Stogner, Hearing Examiner

March 18, 1993

Santa Fe, New Mexico

This matter came on for hearing before the
Oil Conservation Division on March 18, 1993, at the
Oil Conservation Division Conference Room, State Land
Office Building, 310 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, New
Mexico, before Deborah O'Bine, RPR, Certified Court
Reporter No. 63, for the State of New Mexico.



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1 EXAMINER STOGNER: This hearing will come
2 to order. Call next case, No. 10647.

3 MR. STOVALL: Application of Seely Oil
4 Company for statutory unitization, Lea County, New
5 Mexico.

6 EXAMINER STOGNER: Call for appearances.

7 MR. CARR: May it please the examiner, my
8 name is William F. Carr with the Santa Fe Law Firm,
9 Campbell, Carr, Berge & Sheridan. We represent Seely
10 Oil Company, and I would request that this case be
11 consolidated with the following case in which Seely is
12 seeking approval of a waterflood project for this
13 unit.

14 EXAMINER STOGNER: Are there any other
15 appearances in case 10647? In that case we'll call
16 Case 10648.

17 MR. STOVALL: Application of Seely Oil
18 Company for approval of a waterflood project and
19 qualifications for the recovered oil tax rate, Lea
20 County, New Mexico.

21 EXAMINER STOGNER: For the record, are
22 there any appearances for 648?

23 There being none, Mr. Carr?

24 MR. CARR: May it please the Examiner,
25 these cases were originally filed in early December

1 1992. At that time, as you will recall, we drew
2 opposition from Ray Westall, BTA, Marathon, and we
3 also had questions raised about the application by
4 Santa Fe Exploration Company. Since that time, we
5 have been able to resolve our differences with each of
6 these interest owners. Part of the arrangement was
7 concluded, oh, approximately two weeks ago, a little
8 over two weeks ago, and we've agreed to adjust the
9 unit boundary. But I can stand before you today
10 saying that we anticipate that we will have 100
11 percent of the working interest and royalty interest
12 voluntary joining in this unit, and we would therefore
13 request that we be permitted to present an application
14 for approval of a voluntary unit in lieu of presenting
15 a case for statutory unitization.

16 EXAMINER STOGNER: Thank you, Mr. Carr.

17 MR. CARR: At this time we would call
18 Clarence Stumhoffer.

19 (Witnesses sworn.)

20 CLARENCE STUMHOFFER,
21 the witness herein, after having been first duly sworn
22 upon his oath, was examined and testified as follows:

23 EXAMINATION

24 BY MR. CARR:

25 Q. Will you state your name and place of

1 residence?

2 A. I'm Clarence Stumhoffer. I live in Fort
3 Worth, Texas.

4 Q. By whom are you employed?

5 A. Seely Oil Company.

6 Q. And in what capacity?

7 A. Consulting petroleum engineer.

8 Q. Mr. Stumhoffer, have you previously
9 testified before this Division?

10 A. Yes, I have, but it was back in the 1960's
11 and early 1970's.

12 Q. Would you summarize your educational
13 background and work experience for the examiner?

14 A. I have a Bachelor of Science Degree in
15 petroleum engineering from the University of Texas in
16 Austin, 1953. And I have 40 years of experience in
17 the oil industry working for various companies. And
18 during the 60's and '70's, I worked with Newmont Oil
19 Company and Anadarko Petroleum Company, doing
20 secondary recovery projects in the southeastern part
21 of the state.

22 Q. Are you familiar with the applications
23 filed by Seely in this case seeking approval of the
24 Central EK Queen Unit Agreement, and also a waterflood
25 project for that unit?

1 A. Yes, I am.

2 Q. Are you familiar with the status of the
3 lands in the unit area and the technical
4 considerations that were involved in deciding to go
5 forward with this project?

6 A. Yes.

7 MR. CARR: Are Mr. Stumhoffer's
8 qualifications as a petroleum engineer acceptable?

9 EXAMINER STOGNER: They are.

10 Q. (BY MR. CARR) Could you briefly state what
11 Seely Oil Company seeks with these applications?

12 A. Seely Oil Company seeks the approval of the
13 Central EK Queen Unit as a voluntary secondary
14 recovery project.

15 Q. And how many acres are now included within
16 the proposed unit boundaries?

17 A. 988.4 acres of state land.

18 Q. Does Seely also request approval for a
19 waterflood project in the unit area?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Have you prepared certain exhibits for
22 presentation in this case?

23 A. Yes, I have.

24 Q. Could you identify and review what has been
25 marked as Seely Exhibit No. 1?

1 A. Exhibit No. 1 is a Unit Agreement of the
2 proposed unit, prepared on the form that's approved by
3 the State of New Mexico Land Commissioner Office.

4 Q. Does this form provide for a waterflood
5 operations in the unit?

6 A. Yes, it does, under Section 11.

7 Q. Does Exhibit C to this Unit Agreement set
8 out the tract participation factors for each of the
9 tracts in the unit area?

10 A. Yes, it does.

11 Q. And could you now review Seely Exhibit No.
12 2 and basically review for the examiner the basis for
13 unit participation?

14 A. The basis for unit participation is a
15 single phase formula composed of 90 percent primary
16 recovery as of January 1, 1991, from the Queen Sand
17 and it includes a 5,000-barrel credit for each usable
18 well in the unit area. This usable well credit is to
19 adjust for the large number of plugged and abandoned
20 wells that will be redrilled on this project. And
21 plus in addition it has a 10 percent factor for
22 acreage.

23 Q. Let's now refer to Seely Exhibit No. 3, and
24 I would ask you to identify that and review it for the
25 examiner?

1 A. Exhibit No. 3 is -- there are two pages.
2 The first page is a map of the -- is Exhibit A to the
3 Unit Agreement, and it shows the revised unit area as
4 it is today. The second page was the unit area as it
5 was originally set out.

6 Q. Mr. Stumhoffer, the proposed unit now
7 consists of nine leases and 13 tracts; is that
8 correct?

9 A. That's correct.

10 Q. And to get this unit into a voluntary
11 posture, Seely deleted certain tracts from the
12 original proposed unit area?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Has that deletion had any material impact
15 on the waterflood project that is being proposed?

16 A. No, it has not.

17 Q. When those tracts were originally included,
18 what was their real value?

19 A. Their value was the fact that they had
20 usable well bores on the tracts that we could use for
21 water injection wells.

22 Q. And now with those tracts out, is Seely
23 prepared to drill new injection wells to replace the
24 well bores that are no longer available?

25 A. Yes. Three new injection wells are

1 necessary now by the deletion of these tracts at a
2 cost of approximately \$600,000.

3 Q. So the actual physical aspects of the
4 project haven't changed, but the costs have been
5 substantially increased?

6 A. That's correct.

7 Q. Does Exhibit No. 3 also show the lessee of
8 record for each of the tracts within the unit area?

9 A. Yes, it shows lessee of record.

10 Q. Have you reviewed this agreement with the
11 New Mexico State Land Office?

12 A. Yes, I have.

13 Q. Could you identify what is marked as Seely
14 Exhibit No. 4?

15 A. Exhibit No. 4 is a letter from the
16 Commissioner of Public Lands Office dated March 17,
17 giving Seely Oil Company preliminary approval of the
18 proposed unit.

19 Q. And in the negotiations with the
20 Commissioner of Public Lands, has Seely reviewed with
21 the Commissioner staff the need to use fresh water as
22 a make-up water source for injection in this unit
23 area?

24 A. Yes, we have.

25 Q. Do we now stand with approval to go forward

1 with that plan from the Land Office?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Could you go to what has been marked Seely
4 Exhibit No. 5, identify that, and review it, please.

5 A. Exhibit No. 5 is the Exhibit B to the Unit
6 Agreement in which we set out the working interest and
7 royalty interest ownership.

8 Q. It shows the ownership by tract, does it
9 not?

10 A. It shows the ownership by tract.

11 Q. What working interests have been committed
12 to the unit?

13 A. 100 percent.

14 Q. Does Seely desire to be designated the
15 operator of this unit?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Does this agreement provide for the
18 periodic filing of plans of development with the State
19 Land Office?

20 A. Yes, it does.

21 Q. Will these plans also be filed with the Oil
22 Conservation Division at the time it's filed with the
23 Land Office?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Could you identify what has been marked for

1 identification as Seely Exhibit No. 6?

2 A. Exhibit No. 6 is the proposed Unit
3 Operating Agreement, which is on a standard form.

4 Q. And this agreement has been or will be
5 voluntarily executed by all the working interests in
6 the unit area?

7 A. That's right.

8 Q. Could you identify Exhibit No. 7, please.

9 A. Exhibit No. 7 is an Affidavit of the
10 mailing of the notice of the formation of the unit and
11 the waterflood development.

12 Q. To whom was notice of this application
13 originally given?

14 A. The waterflood unitization notice was
15 mailed to all the owners of any economic interest in
16 the unit. The waterflood development -- waterflood
17 development plan notice was mailed to all the
18 operators within a two-mile radius of the unit.

19 Q. And has the C-108, the actual application
20 itself, been provided to all leasehold operators
21 within a half mile of any injection well?

22 A. Yes, it has.

23 Q. And has a copy of the C-108 also been
24 provided to the owner of the surface of the land on
25 which any injection well is located?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Are those interest owners identified in the
3 Affidavit attached to Seely Exhibit No. 7?

4 A. Yes, they are.

5 Q. Following the final negotiations with BTA
6 and Ray Westall and the agreement to adjust the unit
7 boundary, were the interest owners in the waterflood
8 project advised of the change in the boundary and the
9 need to drill additional injection wells?

10 A. Yes, they were.

11 Q. Was a letter advising them of this also
12 provided to them March the 5th, 1991?

13 A. That's correct.

14 Q. Were Exhibits 1 through 7 prepared by you?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Or under your direction?

17 A. Yes.

18 MR. CARR: At this time, Mr. Stogner, we
19 would move the admission of Seely Exhibits 1 through
20 7.

21 EXAMINER STOGNER: Exhibits 1 through 7
22 will be admitted into evidence at this time.

23 Q. (BY MR. CARR) Mr. Stumhoffer, will Seely
24 also call two additional engineering witnesses, one to
25 review the technical aspects of the project, and

1 another to review the C-108 waterflood application?

2 A. Yes.

3 MR. CARR: That concludes my direct
4 examination of Mr. Stumhoffer.

5 EXAMINER STOGNER: Any questions, Mr.
6 Stovall?

7 MR. STOVALL: No.

8 EXAMINER STOGNER: I have no questions of
9 Mr. Stumhoffer at this time.

10 MR. CARR: At this time I WOULD call Mr.
11 Charles Seely.

12 CHARLES SEELY,
13 the witness herein, after having been first duly sworn
14 upon his oath, was examined and testified as follows:

15 EXAMINATION

16 BY MR. CARR:

17 Q. Will you state your name for the record,
18 please.

19 A. Charles Seely.

20 Q. Where do you reside?

21 A. Fort Worth, Texas.

22 Q. By whom are you employed?

23 A. Seely Oil Company.

24 Q. And in what capacity?

25 A. Owner and President.

1 Q. Mr. Seely, have you previously testified
2 before the Oil Conservation Division?

3 A. It sounds like a broken record, but a long
4 time ago, 1963 and 4.

5 Q. In that case, could you summarize your
6 educational background and review your work experience
7 for Mr. Stogner.

8 A. B.S., petroleum engineering, from Texas A&M
9 in 1955. Seven years with Mobil as a petroleum
10 engineer. Three years with Newmont as a reservoir and
11 chief engineer. Ten years with Armour Oil Company,
12 production manager and president. Seventeen years as
13 president and owner of Seely Oil Company, 37 years
14 total.

15 Q. You are familiar with the applications
16 filed on behalf of Seely in this case?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. In fact, you are responsible and have
19 prepared the technical study upon which the decisions
20 were made to go forward with this project?

21 A. That's correct.

22 MR. CARR: Are the witness's qualifications
23 acceptable?

24 EXAMINER STOGNER: Oh, they are, and
25 they're most welcome. It's good to see people with

1 experience back in here.

2 Q. (BY MR. CARR) Mr. Seely, could you
3 identify first what has been marked as Seely Exhibit
4 No. 8?

5 A. That is the report that was prepared in
6 determining whether or not this was a feasible
7 waterflood prospect, which includes 12 exhibits, 12
8 figures, and 5 tables.

9 Q. What we have is a text on the right-hand
10 side of the exhibit with some tables, and the figures
11 are in the pouch; is that correct?

12 A. The figures are in the pouch. The tables
13 are attached in the middle at the back.

14 Q. Let's go first to what is marked Figure 1
15 to Exhibit 8, and I would ask you first to identify
16 this and then review it for the examiner.

17 A. Okay. Figure 1 is a structure map
18 contoured on top of the Queen in the central portion
19 of the EK Queen field.

20 A little background of the Queen Sand in
21 this area, which is located about 25 miles west of
22 Hobbs. It's in an area of extremely good flood
23 performance for Queen Sand waterfloods. The Queen
24 Sand that we're talking about is in the upper part of
25 the Queen, which is about a total interval of about 50

1 feet. It is part of the Guadalupean series of Permian
2 age.

3 The oil-producing portion of that 50 feet
4 is a grade of fine to medium grain friable quarts
5 sandstone. It's probably either a wedge or a bar sand
6 deposit. It is -- this oil-producing portion is some
7 30 to 35 feet below the top of the Queen formation
8 itself. The structure, as you can see, dips to the
9 south and at the rate of about 100 to 125 feet per
10 mile.

11 The reservoir itself is bounded at least
12 for the entire EK Queen field to the north and the
13 west basically with permeability pinchouts, to the
14 south and east with a water table.

15 The reservoir is a solution gas-drive. It
16 has had no effect from water-drive either from natural
17 causes or from two previously installed and plugged-
18 out floods that have been part of this EK Queen field.

19 Q. At this time, why don't we move to Figure
20 No. 2?

21 A. Okay.

22 Q. If you could, review the primary oil
23 production history of the area for the examiner.

24 A. Let me say, there are two figures that I'll
25 probably refer back to. This is one of them, and the

1 other one is Figure 5, which is the isocum map. But
2 this is a production history of the wells located
3 inside the Central EK Queen area.

4 In addition, it shows the primary
5 production which shows it peaks out at about 10,000
6 barrels per month and declined in a solution gas-drive
7 manner. Also, I show the number of producing wells.

8 At the bottom of this, which is important,
9 I show the active time that the Mobil -- there are two
10 units that have actually operated in the field. One
11 to the south was the Mobil EK Queen Unit, and the
12 other one is the Murphy Baxter to the north.

13 I think what might be important here is the
14 fact that you see when there was water injection into
15 the reservoir, there were only like three or four
16 producing wells in this unit, and they were off to the
17 side.

18 Q. The number of producing wells is indicated
19 by this sort of solid line that steps up and down
20 through the center of the exhibit?

21 A. Yes, it is, that's correct.

22 Q. And when you compare that to the periods
23 when the offsets were injected, you can see that there
24 really were only about three wells in the unit
25 producing?

1 A. That's right.

2 Q. Anything else to show with this exhibit?

3 A. Not at this time.

4 Q. Let's to go Exhibit No. 3. Could you
5 identify then review that for Mr. Stogner -- or Figure
6 3?

7 A. Okay. Let me refer to the isocum map on
8 the wall, which is Exhibit No. 5, which it shows the
9 entire EK Queen field, and it shows that there was a
10 flood up to the north portion, which was done by
11 Murphy Baxter. Then there was a flood done to the
12 south by Mobil. Then you see the outline of our
13 proposed unit, which is in the central portion there.

14 Then back to the curve here of Figure No.
15 3. It's simply a response curve of the Mobil unit.
16 As you can see, they've got a very fast response in
17 less than a year, declined at a very rapid rate,
18 indicative of the type of pattern that was used, which
19 is a five spot. It peaked out at about 60,000 barrels
20 per month.

21 The flood was initiated in 1966, and most
22 of the injection was stopped in 1978; so that by about
23 1983, there were only maybe 6 producing wells and just
24 a few injection wells left that were used mainly for
25 saltwater disposal.

1 Q. If we could go now to Exhibit No. 4, could
2 you identify and review that, please, and again I mean
3 Figure No. 4.

4 A. Yes. Figure No. 4 is the primary and
5 secondary history of the Murphy Baxter North EK Queen
6 Unit, again showing the prime -- well, not again, well
7 similar to our Central EK Queen Unit. The primary
8 production comes down at a very fast clip, indicative,
9 there again, of a solution gas-drive. And then water
10 injection was started like in about the latter part
11 of '70 and you can see a very strong response in 1971,
12 which was something less than a year.

13 What's interesting about this one is that
14 you don't see the same type response as you did with a
15 five spot. This is a peripheral-type pattern, and
16 only nine injection wells were used, but it was a very
17 effective one, also.

18 What you see is instead of a large, tall
19 peak, and extended increased production time period
20 with the amount of oil, maximum amount of oil reaching
21 about 10,000 barrels a month.

22 Q. And this is a similar injection pattern in
23 fact to what you were proposing to implement in the
24 proposed --

25 A. Yes, it is.

1 Q. Are you ready to go to Figure No. 5?

2 A. Well, we've kind of been on No. 5. I'd
3 like, as I said, I've got a little problem with these
4 things. I almost need to go back a little bit on that
5 Central EK Queen Unit itself, Figure No. 2, which is
6 the -- there were or there are are 25, 40-acre
7 locations in this proposed unit. There's productive
8 acreage of about 951 out of 988. Sixteen of the 40
9 tracts had Queen Sand production. Thirteen of the
10 wells that were originally drilled of the 13 that were
11 originally drilled -- and you don't really ever see 13
12 up here because one was plugged out very quickly. Ten
13 of the 13 wells were plugged out at a very early time,
14 in most cases, about 10 or 11 years.

15 I'd also like to refer to Table 1, which is
16 in the back, back here. And what I've tried to
17 indicate here is that there is a substantial amount of
18 primary oil that was never recovered from this
19 reservoir due to the premature plugging of several of
20 these wells, these ten wells.

21 The three wells that have produced
22 continually, as you look all the way over to the
23 right, you can see that they've averaged 29,000
24 barrels a well over and above what the ten that were
25 plugged out made.

1 In addition to indicate that there's still
2 primary oil left, four wells were redrilled, and
3 they're shown on this curve at different times under
4 the general operating, Amoco State General Operating,
5 Santa Fe State 1, General Operating State AJ No. 1,
6 and the Santa Fe State No. 2. And those four wells
7 have averaged anywhere from 5 to 17,000 barrels, and
8 have averaged 10,000 barrels a well.

9 The total primary recovery from this
10 reservoir is 444,562 barrels as of 1-1-91, and that's
11 only like maybe 65 barrels per acre foot, if you take
12 all of the productive acreage, which is only like 11
13 percent of the oil in place. If you take the full
14 developed area or just the developed area only, that
15 increases to about 93 barrels per acre foot or 16
16 percent of the oil in place, which seems to be a
17 little bit more logical.

18 There were also in this area three
19 locations that have since been proved up that were not
20 drilled by some deeper wells that had been drilled in
21 there.

22 I think maybe now we might want to go to --
23 back up to Figure 5 and also to the two cross-
24 sections.

25 Q. Those your your Figures 6 and 7?

1 A. That's correct.

2 Q. All right.

3 A. What we're really trying to do here is to
4 show the proximity of the Central EK Queen Unit to the
5 other two floods, and to show -- and we've got a
6 cross-section that runs north and south and one which
7 is B-B', and one that goes east and west. And you can
8 see the tie lines on the two cross-sections, and you
9 can see that there is a portion of porosity about 30
10 or 35 feet below the top of the Queen that correlates
11 continually through the Murphy Baxter flood, through
12 the Central EK Queen Unit area, down to the Mobil
13 flood. And you can also see that in the one going
14 from west to east, that you can also correlate all the
15 way across it.

16 The two floods themselves were studied, and
17 there was excellent recoveries, and on that isocum
18 map, I show the performance of both floods. The
19 Murphy Baxter north unit had 702,000 barrels of
20 secondary recovery for a primary recovery of 513 or a
21 secondary primary of 1.37.

22 The Mobil unit had a primary recovery of
23 1,737,000 barrels and a secondary recovery of
24 2,140,000 for a secondary to primary of 1.23.

25 Basically what we're trying to do is to

1 show that we've got the same type reservoir
2 characteristics as the other two. And I guess the
3 things that certainly are common to the central and
4 the others is that you can certainly correlate an oil
5 productive porosity zone in from one to the other and
6 all the way across it. All of them had similar
7 initial potentials. There was little or no water
8 production in any of the field. All of the three
9 areas have a solution gas-drive. And also on Figure
10 8, which is a structure map of the entire field, you
11 can see that basically they're all the same type
12 structure with a dip to the south.

13 There's further evidence of the
14 floodability of the central area. Well No. 601, which
15 is also Tract No. -- Well, 6 well No. 1, was used as a
16 saltwater disposal well in the Queen Sand for the
17 period of around 1987 to 1989.

18 Our State BC lease, Tract No. 2, which is
19 located in the south half, southeast quarter of
20 Section 8, responded significantly to the injection in
21 that saltwater disposal well. This could be seen, if
22 we go back to this Figure 2, the primary decline curve
23 for the unit, and about in '89, you can see that
24 production went up for some reason, and there was not
25 anything caused that other than the fact that it

1 responded to this water injection.

2 Then in 1989, the production ceased, and
3 the increase in production from Tract No. 2 was lost.

4 I think we --

5 Q. Are you ready to go to the isopach map?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Figure No. 9?

8 A. Right.

9 Q. Just identify and explain to the examiner
10 what this shows.

11 A. Okay. Figure No. 9 is an isopachus map in
12 the Central EK Queen area. Just to tell you the
13 information that I had to prepare this, I did have two
14 detailed cores plus a summary of average core data
15 that had been presented in a report, in a report done
16 for Mobil back in the 50's. So I actually had core
17 data on seven wells in the unit area.

18 In addition, to make comparisons, I had a
19 summary of core data on 24 wells in the Mobil unit.
20 And, incidentally, the porosity for the central unit
21 averages 13.4, for the Mobil unit 13.3. Permeability
22 is 35 millidarcies for the central unit and 33 for the
23 Mobil unit. So from that point you can see it's very
24 similar.

25 In addition to the cores, I had

1 radioactivity logs on all the other wells. This would
2 have been the time of about 1956 through around '58.
3 But in addition to that, there were two wells that
4 were drilled over to the east there in Section 9 that
5 were drilled later that had modern logs. These four
6 wells that were redrilled in -- let me just say, in
7 Section 8 and Section 17, well, plus the Santa Fe
8 State No. 2 in Section 18, all of these wells have
9 modern logs. So we were able to get good porosity
10 figures and water saturation figures.

11 In addition to that, there was a Bone
12 Spring or there is a Bone Springs plate. Going back
13 to Figure 5 over there on the wall, you can see
14 there's triangles just to the west of the unit
15 itself. All of those are deeper wells, and you can
16 see some of those come into the unit itself. We were
17 able to use those logs, which are modern, density
18 neutron plus dual lateral logs, in coming up with net
19 pay.

20 So we feel like we've had a fairly good --
21 we think that there may be a connection with the old
22 Mobil flood with this central flood. You can see we
23 show zero contours. However, there's one, two, three
24 dry holes -- four dry holes in one direction and a
25 couple down offsetting the Mobil flood. It's our

1 opinion that it's probably not completely separated,
2 but that it probably does have some pressure
3 communication between the two.

4 Q. If we look at the isopach map, Mr. Seely,
5 is the dark-hatched line that comes across kind of the
6 southwest corner of this exhibit, that's the boundary
7 of the old Mobil flood?

8 A. Yes, it is.

9 Q. Then we have the Murphy Baxter flood --
10 where did it actually come in the reservoir?

11 A. I don't have it shown on there, but that's
12 interesting to show. We're actually using two of the
13 old Murphy Baxter injection wells for our injection
14 wells. One of them, which is Tract 13, Well 1301, the
15 other one is in Tract 4, Well 401. The Murphy Baxter
16 unit came down just south of those two wells. It's
17 been dissolved; so we were able to come up with these
18 two wells.

19 Q. And the boundaries of this proposed unit
20 actually conformed to the area that you've isopached,
21 that's productive in the area?

22 A. That's right.

23 Q. Are you ready to go to your Figures 10 and
24 11?

25 A. I think maybe we need to do maybe a little

1 bit of talking about how we came up with secondary
2 reserves. We did it by two approaches. One was
3 volumetric, and the other was offset production. We
4 took the acre-feet from the isopachus map and
5 multiplied by recovery factor to come up with the
6 secondary reserves. That calculated to be 130 barrels
7 per acre foot. Calculations are shown in Tables 2 and
8 3.

9 To back up that 130 barrels per acre foot
10 figure, another approach was taken. I had all the
11 core data from the Mobil flood, and Mobil had done
12 some statistical studies concerning permeability
13 capacity distribution, and with relative permeability
14 of water to oil, they were able to come up with
15 recovery versus percent water saturation. And they
16 estimated from this core data that at 1340 barrels per
17 acre foot, the water percentage would be 96.5, which
18 would probably be pretty close to the economic limit
19 of this flood.

20 When you figure the reserves based on
21 offset production, we've already talked about the
22 isocum map and the location of it, and we've gone over
23 the amount of production that each unit and the ratios
24 of secondary to primary. We feel that the ratio of
25 this 1.26 is a very good figure. The only thing that

1 we think is probably not quite right is the fact that
2 we do have primary oil left in the reservoir because
3 there were ten wells that were plugged out early, and
4 there were three proved locations that have never been
5 drilled.

6 And we've estimated that from this ten
7 wells and the three new locations, that there would
8 probably have been another 175 to 200,000 barrels of
9 additional primary oil, had the wells been drilled and
10 had the other ten wells not been plugged earlier.

11 Q. This production cannot, though, now be
12 recovered by primary operations?

13 A. Oh, no.

14 Q. Reservoir energy no longer exists?

15 A. No, there is no energy there. By using
16 Mobil's primary recovery factor of -- you take the
17 1,737,000 barrels that they produced in their unit,
18 and take that over the acre-footage, that's about 90.5
19 barrels per acre foot.

20 If you use this recovery factor in with the
21 acre-footage that's going to be swept, that would
22 increase from this 444,000 to 617. Then if you use
23 the combined flood performance of the two floods of
24 1.26, the secondary would be 777,000 barrels, which is
25 in good agreement with the figure we came up with

1 volumetrically, and also by the permeability, relative
2 permeability relationships.

3 This would be secondary recovery of 130
4 barrels per acre feet foot or about 22 percent of the
5 oil in place. This results in an ultimate recovery of
6 1,230,000 barrels or 180 barrels per acre foot or
7 about 31 percent of the oil in place, which I would
8 think would be a very reasonable figure in this case.

9 Figures --

10 Q. Are you ready to go --

11 A. We didn't really talk about -- I talked
12 about it, but I didn't refer to it -- Figures 10 and
13 11 were the basic data that Mobil had presented to
14 come up with the water-cut relationship versus
15 recovery.

16 Q. All right. Now we have Exhibit No. 12. It
17 is a waterflood development map for the unit copied
18 below the isocum plat?

19 A. That's right.

20 Q. Could you just generally review the plan
21 for the examiner?

22 A. Okay. This plan, as you can see, if you
23 follow, the injection wells are in triangles. They're
24 colored as to when we think we'll probably put them
25 all in. Since we are having to drill a number of

1 wells, we're staggering when we're converting and
2 drilling the wells over a period of about three
3 years.

4 As you can see, the yellow wells will be
5 done in 1993, and the others in '94, '95, and '96.
6 This total thing is going to require drilling six new
7 water injection wells and four new producers.

8 We will also have to reenter and complete
9 two old water ejection wells, the wells that I
10 mentioned earlier with the Murphy Baxter unit. We
11 will start up the injection again in the saltwater
12 disposal well over there that we had received response
13 earlier from.

14 We will -- there's a Well 301, which is now
15 a Yates sand producer, which we will recomplete and
16 make it an injection well. And we will be converting
17 one producer to water injection. In addition, we have
18 seven existing producing wells. We think the total
19 number of wells will be 11 injection wells and 11
20 producers.

21 Q. Mr. Seely, part of our negotiations with
22 BTA resulted in the contraction of the unit boundary
23 to exclude three, 40-acre tracts on the western end of
24 the unit area?

25 A. That's correct.

1 Q. Because of that, there were wellbores no
2 longer available to Seely to convert to injection?

3 A. That's right.

4 Q. And you have proposed two injection wells
5 that are just 50 feet inside the boundaries of the
6 unit on the western perimeter?

7 A. That's correct.

8 Q. Could you explain to the examiner why those
9 wells are located that close to the unit boundary?

10 A. We do not feel that there is very much
11 significant reservoir in Section 12 in that 120 acres
12 that we have proposed for the unit. There are two
13 wells there that show as dry holes.

14 Q. Those are in Section 12?

15 A. In Section 12. One is in the northeast of
16 the southeast quarter. The other one is in the
17 northwest of the northeast quarter. The first one
18 that I talked about, actually they set pipe on it,
19 frac'd it, did not make a well. The other well, they
20 cored and didn't get a show and didn't set pipe on
21 it.

22 Since that time, there have been some
23 deeper wells drilled, and there appears to be a small
24 amount of reservoir that exists fairly close to the
25 line there but not really a significant amount. So

1 our maybe purpose was to put that 120 acres in to save
2 \$400,000. We think that since they really wanted to
3 use these wellbores for deeper wells, and I understand
4 that, that -- and we've talked to both BTA and OXY,
5 and they do not have an objection for us putting these
6 wells in.

7 Q. If the injection wells sweep production to
8 the west, is there any producing well out there, or do
9 you foresee one that would recover that production?

10 A. Not only is there not one there, but there
11 has never been any Queen Sand production on that
12 lease.

13 Q. So is it fair to say that by placing the
14 wells where we're proposing, that the production in
15 the Queen formation that we will be sweeping will in
16 fact be swept toward wells that can produce those
17 reserves?

18 A. That's correct.

19 Q. And we have discussed this with both BTA
20 and OXY, the owners in those 40-acre tracts, and by
21 deleting the tracts and placing the wells here,
22 they've expressed no objection?

23 A. That's correct.

24 Q. Is there anything else that you would like
25 to review with the examiner in terms of the figures or

1 the tables contained in your technical report marked
2 Exhibit No. 8?

3 A. I don't know if I referred to Table 2 or
4 not, but that's just a summary of basic data. It
5 gives all the productive acres, the acre-footage, the
6 total acre-foot, the acre-footage within the pattern
7 that we've proposed to flood. It gives the residual
8 oil in place and the expected secondary, ultimate
9 primary.

10 Table 3 is a calculation of the oil in
11 place and also the calculation of the secondary
12 reserves. Using a flooding efficiency of 50 percent,
13 which I think is probably certainly within line of
14 what we think we might get, residual oil saturation of
15 23.5, based on water, water-based mud core analyses,
16 and a water saturation of 30 percent which was
17 obtained from about four recent electric logs.

18 Table 4 is nothing more than what was
19 presented earlier. This was the basis for coming up
20 with the unit. It just shows how the participation
21 factors were developed.

22 Table 5 shows a plan of development and
23 cost figures with a total cost of about \$2,375,000
24 being the development cost to put in the flood.

25 In addition to that, we estimate the

1 operating cost over a period of about 14, 15 years to
2 be about \$3.6 million, with a total development and
3 operating cost of about \$6 million.

4 Q. From the study alone, I'd like to in a
5 minute have you look at those portions of your
6 testimony that relate to qualifying the project for
7 the enhanced oil recovery incentive tax rate. Could
8 you just summarize the conclusions that you have been
9 able to reach as a result of this technical study?

10 A. There have been two previous waterfloods in
11 the EK Queen field, the Mobil EK Queen Unit and the
12 Murphy Baxter unit, and they've both been very
13 successful. There has been little or no secondary oil
14 produced from the Central EK Queen area. The ultimate
15 recovery from the Upper Queen can be increased
16 significantly by waterflooding.

17 Using a peripheral water injection pattern
18 and by drilling six new injection wells and four new
19 producers, we think reserves can be increased by
20 786,000 barrels. Capital expenditures over 3-1/2 year
21 period is \$2,375,000. And for the waterflood
22 operations to be efficient, it's absolutely necessary
23 that we unitize this Upper Queen formation.

24 Q. Seely is requesting that this project be
25 certified for the incentive oil tax rate?

1 A. Yes, we are.

2 Q. You have indicated that the estimated
3 capital cost for these additional facilities will be
4 \$2,375,000; is that correct?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Have you estimated the total project cost?

7 A. Yes. That's at \$6 million.

8 Q. Will the proposed waterflood in this
9 reservoir, in your opinion, result in an increase in
10 the amount of crude oil that ultimately will be
11 recovered from the Queen formation in this area?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And you've indicated that the additional
14 recovery will be 786,000 barrels?

15 A. Right.

16 Q. What would be the estimated total value of
17 this additional production?

18 A. About \$15.7 million.

19 Q. What price per barrel are you using to
20 estimate this figure?

21 A. \$20 a barrel.

22 Q. In your opinion, is this area so depleted
23 that it is now prudent to apply enhanced recovery
24 techniques to maximize recovery from this area?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. When do you anticipate that you could start
2 the commencement of the actual injection into the unit
3 area?

4 A. After approval, within six months.

5 Q. Will you advise the Division prior to the
6 commencement of any injection?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Were you present this morning when Mr.
9 Stovall discussed the requirements of this agency --

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. -- for projects of this nature? And you
12 understand that you will have to keep them advised as
13 to when you experience a positive production response?

14 A. Right.

15 Q. Does the proposed waterflood project, in
16 your opinion, appear to be technically and
17 economically reasonable?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And it isn't premature to begin an
20 operation of this nature, is it?

21 A. No.

22 Q. In your opinion, would approval of this
23 application be in the best interest of conservation,
24 the prevention of waste, and the protection of
25 correlative rights?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Mr. Seely, was Exhibit 8 prepared by you?

3 A. Yes.

4 MR. CARR: At this time, Mr. Stogner, we
5 would move the admission of Seely Exhibit No. 8.

6 EXAMINER STOGNER: Exhibit 8 will be
7 admitted into evidence.

8 MR. CARR: And that concludes my direct
9 examination of Mr. Seely.

10 EXAMINER STOGNER: Mr. Stovall, do you have
11 any questions?

12 EXAMINATION

13 BY MR. STOVALL:

14 Q. Let's just touch on the EOR tax rate here.
15 You heard the discussion about the relationship
16 between the time of certification and the time
17 required to get to file the positive production
18 response?

19 A. Five years, I believe, isn't it?

20 Q. Yes. And you're talking about injection
21 within six months after the order?

22 A. Um-hm.

23 Q. Inasmuch as you are doing a phased
24 development of this, do you have any requests that we
25 delay the certification until you start injection, or

1 would you want that certification issued with the
2 order?

3 A. I don't think it really matters because I
4 really feel the reservoir is just almost full due to
5 the other two floods, and I think response is going to
6 be a lot quicker than it normally would. I don't
7 think you'll have to wait two years or a year and a
8 half or even a year to see a response. I think once
9 injection starts, I think you'll see it almost
10 instantaneously.

11 Q. It appears that what you're doing is,
12 you're kind OF starting in the northwest and working
13 around the south to the central part of the unit and
14 then the east side of the unit with your injection
15 development; is that correct?

16 A. Yeah. Actually, we're starting to the
17 north and to the west and to the south, and then we're
18 moving over to the east side, and we're pushing it
19 like this, and then waiting to the last to drill those
20 green wells there which are more in the center of --
21 which would not have gotten response at that time.

22 Q. Is there a problem with this being a -- do
23 you anticipate getting a positive production response
24 throughout the unit area within the five years so you
25 don't have to phase the --

1 A. If you mean every well --

2 Q. I don't mean every well.

3 A. But can we really see a response? Oh,
4 yeah.

5 Q. Where I'm coming from is, under the rules
6 as we have interpreted them, you only get a credit for
7 essentially what you get a response for.

8 A. Um-hm.

9 Q. And you can't certify an entire area and
10 then only initiate a flood in part of it and only get
11 a response in part of it but then get a credit for the
12 entire area. And we want to make sure we do this in
13 such a way that -- assuming in fact that you do do the
14 development of the entire project area, that you get a
15 flood -- or that you get the credit for it, my
16 question is whether it should be a phased -- to
17 whether we should certify it in phases in accordance
18 with the way you're developing it.

19 A. That seems to make sense, but it also -- I
20 really think that we'll have response to the whole
21 thing before the end of five years.

22 Q. That's fine. I'm asking you, I'm not
23 telling you what to do.

24 A. Right, I know.

25 Q. And, again, it's not -- the purpose of it

1 is to, of course, make sure that you have a full
2 project development and response. What I would think,
3 my example would be that, say, if you did it on that
4 eastern portion first -- if you go into the western
5 portion in 1995, that really does, and you get a
6 response within a year or two, that still gives you
7 plenty of time. And the central part is just sort of
8 filling it out. That shouldn't be a problem then?

9 A. That's right.

10 Q. It appears then that we could certify the
11 whole project --

12 A. I really think we can.

13 Q. -- immediately?

14 I have no other questions.

15 EXAMINER STOGNER: Mr. Carr, is your next
16 witness --

17 MR. CARR: The next witness, Mr. Stogner,
18 will review the C-108 application and considerations
19 related to that part of the waterflood.

20 EXAMINER STOGNER: And the actual locations
21 of the injector wells and stuff?

22 MR. CARR: Yes.

23 EXAMINATION

24 BY EXAMINER STOGNER:

25 Q. Mr. Seely, you did mention that there was

1 an old saltwater disposal well in this area. Which
2 one was that one?

3 A. It's in the northwest of the southwest of
4 Section 9. It's 601, Tract 6. It's all the way over
5 to the east.

6 Q. And that is no longer a saltwater disposal
7 well?

8 A. We actually bought the well. The only
9 thing that happened to it is that water was stopped
10 being injected, but the packer, the plastic-coated
11 tubing, everything that was in the well is still
12 there. So it's still available for putting water in
13 almost instantaneously. We know it's going into the
14 right place because we got response.

15 Q. That injected into the Queen, I assume?

16 A. Yes, it did.

17 Q. What kind of water did it inject?

18 A. Bone Springs.

19 Q. Produced water?

20 A. Produced water.

21 Q. But yet you're going to be injecting fresh
22 water out here?

23 A. Yes, that's correct. The Bone Springs well
24 is no longer there. And we didn't own the Bone
25 Springs well, another operator.

1 Q. If you got a response with produced water,
2 how come you have to use fresh water?

3 A. Well, this was another company that had the
4 Bone Springs well. It was only one well. We now own
5 that well, and we own the disposal well, which was
6 also a deep well. And during the time they were
7 producing their Bone Springs well, they used 601 as an
8 injection well.

9 Q. Into the Queen?

10 A. Into the Queen. And why it went into the
11 Queen, I don't know, because they didn't own anything
12 else in there, and they certainly didn't -- well, I
13 don't know why.

14 Q. That's not what I'm asking. You saw
15 response from that well in the Queen formation, and it
16 utilized old saltwater or produced water, and now you
17 have to use fresh water to get a response.

18 MR. CARR: Mr. Stogner, the fresh water is
19 only to be used as a makeup or a fill-in.

20 THE WITNESS: That's right.

21 MR. CARR: We're going to be reinjecting
22 all the produced water we can get, but it was just a
23 question of availability, and we're only using that as
24 makeup over and above what we can locate having been
25 professional produced. And in our C-108 portion of

1 that, we can show you which wells, and we have a
2 separate exhibit which identifies not only the
3 existing source wells for produced well but where we
4 will be drilling fresh water wells to use as a makeup.

5 EXAMINER STOGNER:

6 Q. Okay. I appreciate you straightening me up
7 on that one. So within the unit area, the 601, the
8 401, and the 1301 are the only wells that had any kind
9 of Queen injection or disposal or whatever; is that
10 correct?

11 A. That's correct. There was a lot of water
12 that was put in 401 and 1301.

13 EXAMINER STOGNER: Mr. Carr, it will
14 probably be necessary to dig out those old
15 authorizations and supersede them at this point.

16 MR. CARR: Okay.

17 EXAMINER STOGNER: With that, I have no
18 other questions of Mr. Seely.

19 MR. CARR: Mr. Stogner, would you like me
20 to locate those old authorizations for you?

21 EXAMINER STOGNER: We should have one on
22 record. I may --

23 MR. CARR: I'll check with you on that.

24 At this time I'd like to call David L.
25 Henderson.

1 DAVID L. HENDERSON,
2 the witness herein, after having been first duly sworn
3 upon his oath, was examined and testified as follows:

4 EXAMINATION

5 BY MR. CARR:

6 Q. Will you state your name and place of
7 residence?

8 A. David. Henderson, Fort Worth, Texas.

9 Q. By whom are you employed and in what
10 capacity?

11 A. Seely Oil Company as Vice President.

12 Q. Mr. Henderson, have you previously
13 testified before this Division?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Could you briefly review for Mr. Stogner
16 your educational background and then summarize your
17 work experience?

18 A. I have a B.S. in civil engineering from
19 Texas A&M University. I have been with Seely Oil
20 Company for 12-1/2 years. I'm a member of the Society
21 of Petroleum Engineers.

22 Q. And your work with Seely is as a petroleum
23 engineer?

24 A. That is correct.

25 Q. Are you familiar with the application filed

1 in this case for approval of a waterflood project?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Are you the individual who was responsible
4 for and in fact did prepare the C-108 and its
5 attachments?

6 A. Yes.

7 MR. CARR: Are the witness's credentials
8 acceptable?

9 EXAMINER STOGNER: They are.

10 Q. (BY MR. CARR) Could you refer to what has
11 been marked Seely Exhibit No. 9 and identify this and
12 explain what it shows?

13 A. Seely Exhibit No. 9 is a completed Form
14 C-108 with all the attachments.

15 Q. And this is for a new project?

16 A. That is correct.

17 Q. This C-108 is not identical to the one that
18 was filed with the Division in November of 1992; is
19 that correct?

20 A. That's correct. The data has not changed
21 per such, but we've had to delete wells that are no
22 longer going to be used for injection or are in the
23 area of review.

24 Q. So basically what you have done is, for
25 wells in the east half of the east half of Section 12,

1 those wells have simply been deleted from this
2 exhibit?

3 A. That's exactly right.

4 Q. And you are using the sample diagrammatic
5 sketch for an injection well for the new wells, and
6 that was also included in the original filing?

7 A. That's exactly right.

8 Q. So, in essence, we haven't put any
9 additional information in this exhibit; we have
10 deleted some because the boundaries have been
11 contracted?

12 A. That is correct.

13 Q. Let's go to pages 12 and 13 of this
14 exhibit, and could you initially just identify those
15 for the examiner?

16 A. Page 12 is an area map showing ownership
17 within two miles of all injection wells.

18 Q. And then on page 13, that's a similar plat,
19 but what have you done to that?

20 A. Page 13 shows the area of review in a
21 circle, one-half mile radius, within each proposed
22 injection well.

23 Q. Now, I think at this point, it would be
24 helpful again to simply define the areas that are now
25 excluded from the unit area that were included when

1 the application was originally filed.

2 A. Okay. We have deleted the east half of the
3 southeast quarter and the southeast of the northeast
4 quarter of Section 12, 18 South, 33 East, and the
5 northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section
6 16, Township 18 South, Range 34 East.

7 Q. So we've deleted 40 acres in the extreme
8 southeast corner?

9 A. That's correct.

10 Q. And we've taken 120 acres off the west edge
11 of the unit?

12 A. That's right.

13 Q. Because of that, you're going to have to
14 drill three additional injection wells?

15 A. That's correct.

16 Q. What are the locations of those wells?

17 A. Section 7, 50 feet from the south and 50
18 feet from the west line. Again in Section 7, 1370
19 feet from the south line and 50 feet from the west
20 line. And in Section 17, 900 feet from the north line
21 and 330 feet from the east line.

22 MR. CARR: Mr. Stogner, when we reached
23 agreement with BTA, at that time we were within the
24 20-day notice period preceding this hearing date. On
25 March the 5th by certified mail, I advised all

1 interest owners or all owners who were entitled to
2 notice in accordance with Form C-108. That's all the
3 leasehold operators within a half mile of an injection
4 well and all surface owners, one, of the change in
5 unit boundary, and, two, we advised them of the
6 location of each of the new injection wells, told them
7 that we would go forward to hearing at this date.

8 We recognize that the time period, the
9 statutory 20 day-time period for notice has not run,
10 and for that reason we would request that the case be
11 readvertised with these well locations in it so that
12 at your next hearing, it could be taken under
13 advisement.

14 We have talked to the affected parties, we
15 anticipate no opposition, but we would prefer to have
16 all the loose ends tied up before we start going with
17 injection wells, locations 50 feet from the outer
18 boundary of the unit.

19 EXAMINER STOGNER: Okay, Mr. Carr. I'm
20 sure you will provide me a --

21 MR. CARR: I will do that.

22 EXAMINER STOGNER: In writing, with those
23 locations?

24 MR. CARR: Yes, sir, I will.

25 EXAMINER STOGNER: Okay.

1 Q. (BY MR. CARR) Mr. Henderson, let's go to
2 Exhibit No. 9. I direct your attention to pages 28
3 through 116. I'd like you just to, in a generic way,
4 identify what we're talking about.

5 A. Okay. This is data sheets on all the wells
6 that are within the area of review which penetrate the
7 injection zone. They're organized by section and then
8 by unit letter within each section.

9 Q. What we have in this portion of the C-108
10 is a diagrammatic or a well data sheet for each of
11 these wells?

12 A. That is correct.

13 Q. And it contains on these sheets all the
14 information required, well by well, for each well
15 within an area of review?

16 A. That's correct.

17 Q. Are the plugged and abandoned wells also
18 included in these diagrammatic sketches?

19 A. That is correct.

20 Q. How many plugged wells are we talking about
21 within the proposed unit area, approximately?

22 A. About 32, I believe.

23 Q. We have diagrammatic sketches in this
24 material for each of those plugged and abandoned wells
25 showing the location of all plugs?

1 A. That's correct.

2 Q. And it shows casing strings or anything
3 else unique in any of the wells that have been plugged
4 and abandoned?

5 A. That is also correct.

6 Q. Did you prepare these sketches?

7 A. That is correct.

8 Q. Have you reviewed the plugging detail on
9 each of these?

10 A. Yes, I did.

11 Q. In your opinion, are there any wells that
12 could become, because of the way they're plugged, a
13 vehicle for migration of injection fluids out of zone?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Has this material been provided to the
16 Hobbs District Office of the Oil Conservation
17 Division?

18 A. A copy of the C-108 has been provided to
19 the district office. As late as this week there has
20 been no -- in a conversation, there was no indication
21 of any problems.

22 Q. And this-week contact was made with Mr.
23 Sexton to confirm there were no problems?

24 A. That is correct.

25 Q. If anything is discovered where it appears

1 there needs to be additional work or that a well might
2 become a problem, are you prepared to work with either
3 the Santa Fe or the district office to address that
4 problem?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Let's go to what has been marked in this
7 exhibit pages 14 through 27. Could you identify those
8 for Mr. Stogner?

9 A. Those are well data sheets and schematics
10 on all injection wells that we're proposing, both the
11 current construction and the proposed construction.

12 Q. And so you will have a proposed
13 construction sheet, and then you will also show the
14 current construction on each of these wells?

15 A. That is correct.

16 Q. And this gives the current location of each
17 well that you intend to use for injection in the new
18 unit?

19 A. Yes, along with a typical well diagram.

20 Q. And that typical well diagram is set out on
21 page 28 of this exhibit?

22 A. That is correct.

23 Q. Now, the formation into which we're
24 proposing to inject or flood was defined by Mr. Seely,
25 was it not?

1 A. That's correct.

2 Q. Could you identify the source of the water
3 that you propose to inject into this waterflood
4 project?

5 A. We will inject produced water from all
6 producing wells within the unit along with fresh water
7 which will be used for makeup water.

8 Q. Has the Commissioner of Public Lands
9 approved the use of fresh water for makeup in the unit
10 area?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Have the fresh water wells been drilled at
13 this time?

14 A. No, they have not.

15 Q. Have you obtained permits or filed permits
16 with the State Engineer's Office?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And you have the water rights to drill
19 these wells?

20 A. That is correct.

21 Q. Can you tell us the general location of the
22 water supply wells that will be drilled as part of
23 this project?

24 A. Yes. There will be two of them. One will
25 be in the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter

1 of Section 8. The other will be in the northeast
2 quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 17.

3 Q. What volumes are you initially proposing to
4 inject?

5 A. Two hundred barrels of water injected per
6 day per well.

7 Q. And what maximum daily injection rate might
8 you have to achieve for an effective flood?

9 A. Two hundred barrels per day per injection
10 well.

11 Q. And you're going to have an open or a
12 closed system?

13 A. It will be a closed system.

14 Q. Will it be necessary to inject under
15 pressure?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Would a pressure limitation of .2 pound per
18 foot of depth to the top of the injection interval be
19 satisfactory for your purposes?

20 A. No.

21 Q. What would be the maximum injection
22 pressure you anticipate you might need?

23 A. Approximately 2,000 psi.

24 Q. Would it be satisfactory to Seely to
25 establish an injection pressure in excess of .2 pound

1 per foot of depth?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Do that by having Division-witness separate
4 tests conducted on the injection wells?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And then in conjunction with the district
7 office of the Division, you could establish a safe and
8 appropriate injection pressure for this project?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Let's go to what has been marked as Exhibit
11 No. 10. Could you identify that for Mr. Stogner?

12 A. Exhibit No. 10 is a water analysis of two
13 injection fluids, both produced water from the eight
14 producing wells that are currently producing in the
15 unit plus makeup water, which is fresh water.

16 Q. So by looking at these analyses, you can
17 not only obtain an understanding of the
18 characteristics of the water, but you can also
19 identify the water sources you intend to use?

20 A. That is correct.

21 Q. The fresh water samples, their locations
22 are indicated. You, of course, will be using fresh
23 water from the supply wells?

24 A. That's correct.

25 Q. And into what formation will you be

1 drilling these supply wells?

2 A. The fresh water will come from the Ogallala
3 at a depth of approximately 250 feet.

4 Q. Are there any other fresh water zones in
5 the area other than the Ogallala?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Are there any fresh water wells within a
8 mile of the injection wells?

9 A. There are none in the State Engineer's
10 records.

11 Q. Are the logs of the proposed injection
12 wells -- of the wells which you will be converting to
13 injection on file with the Division?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Have you examined the available geologic
16 and engineering data on the area?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. As a result of that examination, have you
19 found any evidence of open faults or any other
20 hydrologic connections between the injection zone and
21 any underground source of drinking water?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Were Exhibits 8 and 9 prepared by you or
24 compiled under your direction?

25 A. Yes.

1 MR. CARR: At this time, Mr. Stogner, we
2 would move the introduction of Seely Exhibits -- I'm
3 sorry, Exhibits 9 and 10 are the two we're talking
4 about.

5 Q. They were prepared by you?

6 A. Yes.

7 MR. CARR: We would move the admission of
8 Seely Exhibits 9 and 10.

9 EXAMINER STOGNER: Exhibits 9 and 10 will
10 be admitted into evidence.

11 MR. CARR: And that concludes my direct
12 examination of Mr. Henderson.

13 EXAMINATION

14 BY EXAMINER STOGNER:

15 Q. Your C-108 represents how many schematics
16 and information on how many wells within the area of
17 review?

18 A. Total number of wells within the area of
19 review is somewhere around 60, I believe. I'm not
20 exactly sure.

21 Q. You have tops of cement shown on all those
22 60 wells?

23 A. Yes, I have. The schematics are drawn on
24 the plugged-out wells plus the injection wells. The
25 other I just have data sheets that show tops of

1 cements.

2 Q. And that either showed whether they were
3 calculated or had actual tops of cements verified by
4 temperature surveys?

5 A. Temperature surveys or by logs, that's
6 correct.

7 Q. Of these 60 wells, 60 plus or minus odd
8 wells, how many wells penetrated the injection
9 interval?

10 A. All of them.

11 Q. And how many are P & A'd of these 60 wells?

12 A. Around 30.

13 Q. And how many of these wells are, say,
14 producing wells but are deeper than the proposed
15 injection interval? Do you have any deep gas wells,
16 anything like that?

17 A. Of the plugged?

18 Q. No, of the -- let me rephrase it. Of these
19 60-odd wells, are there any that are producing from a
20 deeper horizon than this Queen interval?

21 A. Yes, a substantial number of them.

22 Q. Give or take?

23 A. Twenty.

24 Q. And how many of these wells will be
25 utilized or are now being utilized as EK producing

1 wells?

2 A. There's eight producers in the unit area at
3 this time.

4 Q. You're ultimately seeking the maximum of
5 2,000 psi injection interval; right?

6 A. That's correct.

7 Q. Or have any of the previous two floods had
8 a higher pressure, do you know?

9 A. I do not know, I do not know if it was
10 higher than 2,000.

11 Q. Do you know if it was higher than the .2
12 psi per foot?

13 A. I feel certain that it's above that.

14 Q. You feel that's going to contribute to your
15 need of going up to 2,000 psi?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. On your review of the old plugged and
18 abandoned wells, about what era or what time period
19 were they plugged and abandoned?

20 A. There were a substantial number in
21 the '60's. Most of them were in the '60's and early
22 '70's.

23 Q. Do you think the plugging techniques
24 utilized back then on those wells are going to be able
25 to withstand 2,000 psi?

1 A. Yes. There's standard commission plugs in
2 all of them, 2556, whatever was required, and it's
3 basically the same that's required now.

4 Q. What makes you feel that they are adequate
5 to withstand 2,000 psi?

6 A. Because there's plugs above and below
7 wherever there should be porosity. And most of the
8 wells that are plugged just went to this interval, in
9 fact, the old wells inside the unit. And also, in
10 addition, most of the deep wells have 8-5/8 set
11 through this interval in several cases.

12 Q. I guess I'm concerned, on some of those P &
13 A'd wells, is the production string still through that
14 interval?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Are there a bunch that are open-holed
17 through there or had the 5-1/2-inch casing pulled?

18 A. No. Oh, like I say, most of these wells
19 were drilled before that formation, and the pipe was
20 left.

21 Q. So there are none of them out there that
22 are without 5-1/2-inch production casing?

23 A. There are some that have had the casing cut
24 and pulled from 2,800 to 1,800 feet, something like
25 that.

1 Q. Are there any out there absent the
2 production casing?

3 A. Dry holes?

4 Q. Yes, or old P & A'd, for that matter.

5 A. Maybe a couple. I'm not exactly sure.

6 Q. Let's talk about one. Let's turn to page
7 77.

8 A. Okay.

9 Q. What can you tell me about that old well?

10 A. Okay. That well was drilled -- that was
11 drilled by Zia Petroleum. That's a recently drilled
12 well, drilled in the '80's, and was a dry hole with no
13 porosity in the Queen, which is our injection
14 interval. You've got 25 sacks plugged above, which is
15 about half above and half below the Queen interval, at
16 around 4,350, 25 sacks at 3,150, which is above the
17 Yates, and 25 sacks at the bottom of your surface
18 pipe, 10 sacks surface plugged.

19 Q. So there's no casing in that well at the
20 injection interval?

21 A. That's correct.

22 Q. But there is a 25-sack plug?

23 A. Right above -- directly -- it's across the
24 Queen interval. Some of the plug is above, and some
25 of it will be below.

1 Q. And that's going to seal off 2,000 psi?

2 A. There's no porosity in the well in the
3 Queen.

4 Q. So you don't feel it will get over there in
5 the first place?

6 A. No, I do not.

7 Q. So Exhibit No. 5 is questionable. Okay.
8 On page 99, what's the corresponding
9 injection interval in this well?

10 A. It is around 44 -- it's on there, around
11 4,400 feet. It's a little bit deeper, 4,450,
12 something like that. It should correspond to some of
13 the wells down in the EK Queen unit.

14 Q. Has this one got porosity in that interval?

15 A. Let me see. Southwest, northwest of 17.
16 No, it does not. It was a well drilled for the Queen
17 which was unsuccessful.

18 Q. Now, as opposed to going through all 60
19 wells tonight -- of course, at this point we -- never
20 mind.

21 Is there anything further, Mr. Carr?

22 MR. CARR: Nothing further, Mr. Stogner.

23 EXAMINER STOGNER: Would you give me some
24 of the sack locations so I can re- --

25 MR. CARR: I will. I will prepare a

1 proposed advertisement and bring that to you tomorrow,
2 if you're going to be in tomorrow.

3 EXAMINER STOGNER: No, I won't be. Will
4 Monday be sufficient?

5 MR. CARR: Monday will be better for me.

6 EXAMINER STOGNER: And that will be for the
7 April 22?

8 MR. CARR: Yes, sir.

9 EXAMINER STOGNER: With that, do you have
10 anything further?

11 MR. CARR: Nothing further.

12 EXAMINER STOGNER: Do you have anything
13 further, Mr. Stovall?

14 Does anybody else have anything further in
15 this case?

16 With that, we can take Case No. 10647 under
17 advisement; is that correct?

18 MR. CARR: That will be --

19 EXAMINER STOGNER: That's the Unit
20 Agreement.

21 MR. CARR: Yes, sir.

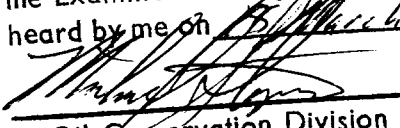
22 EXAMINER STOGNER: Okay. So we'll just
23 need to readvertise 10648.

24 MR. CARR: Correct.

25 EXAMINER STOGNER: With that, I'll take

1 Case 10647 under advisement, and Case 10648 will be
2 continued and readvertised for the hearing scheduled
3 for April 22.

4 With that, hearing adjourned.

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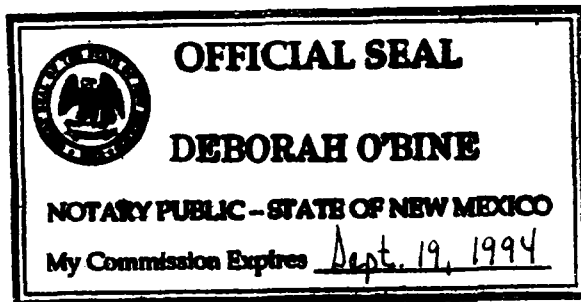
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