

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - AUGUST 26, 1993
8:15 A.M. - MORGAN HALL, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Dockets Nos. 26-93 and 27-93 are tentatively set for September 9, 1993 and September 23, 1993. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 23 days in advance of hearing date.

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

CASE 10687: (Continued from August 12, 1993, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Mewbourne Oil Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from 500 feet below the top of the San Andres formation to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the following described areas in Section 17, Township 18 South, Range 28 East, and in the following manner: the E/2 forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within said vertical extent; and the SE/4 forming a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent. Said unit is to be dedicated to its Illinois Camp "17" State Well No. 2, to be drilled at a standard location within said E/2 proration unit. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 2 miles north of Illinois Camp.

CASE 10688: (Continued from July 15, 1993, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Mewbourne Oil Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the base of the Abo formation to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the following described areas in Section 31, Township 17 South, Range 28 East, and in the following manner: the S/2 forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within said vertical extent; the SE/4 forming a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent; and the SW/4 SE/4 forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within said vertical extent. Said unit is to be dedicated to its Chalk Bluff "31" State Well No. 1, to be drilled at a standard location within said S/2 proration unit. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 1 mile southwest of the Baylor Triangulation Station.

CASE 10760: (Continued from July 29, 1993, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Breck Operating Corporation for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool underlying the W/2 of Section 20, Township 28 North, Range 10 West, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool developed within said vertical extent. Said unit is to be dedicated to its Kutz-Government Well No. 9, recompleted at an approved unorthodox location within said W/2 proration unit. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling and completing said well. Said well is located approximately 5 miles southeast of Bloomfield, New Mexico.

CASE 10800: **Application of Merrion Oil & Gas Corporation for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) formation, underlying the E/2 of Section 26, Township 26 North, Range 13 West, forming a standard 320-acre coal gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within said vertical extent, including the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to its Serendipity Well No. 1 to be recompleted at a standard coal gas well location 1650 feet from the South line and 2310 feet from the East line of said Section 26. Also to be considered will be the cost of recompleting said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in recompleting said well. Said well is located approximately 3 miles southeast of the Chaco Gas Plant.

CASE 10801: Application of Merrion Oil & Gas Corporation for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Fruitland Sand formation, underlying the SW/4 of Section 22, Township 30 North, Range 12 West, forming a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent. Said unit is to be dedicated to its Osborn Well No. 1 to be recompleted at a standard gas well location 790 feet from the South line and 900 feet from the West line of said Section 22. Also to be considered will be the cost of recompleting said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in recompleting said well. Said well is located near Flora Vista, New Mexico.

CASE 10802: Application of Phillips Petroleum Company for an unorthodox oil well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval of an unorthodox subsurface oil well location for its James "E" Federal Well No. 8 which was directionally drilled to an unorthodox subsurface location being a point at the top of the Cherry Canyon Formation 1970 feet from the South line and 1030 feet from the East line (Unit D) of Section 11, Township 22 South, Range 30 East, Cabin Lake-Delaware Pool. The NE/4 SE/4 of said Section 11 is to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing unit. Said unit is located approximately 22 miles east of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

CASES 10745
and 10754: (Reopened)

Application of Meridian Oil Inc. to amend Division Order No. R-9920 and to reopen Cases 10754 and 10745, San Juan and Rio Arriba Counties, New Mexico. Applicant seeks to amend Division Order No. R-9920, dated July 9, 1993, entered in Cases 10721, 10722, 10723, 10724, and 10725 and to Reopen Cases 10745 and 10754 in order to present additional evidence. Specifically, applicant seeks to amend those provisions of Order No. R-9920 which established an economic limit for downhole commingling of production in certain wells in the Pictured Cliffs formation and the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool and to have said amendments applied to orders to be issued in Cases 10745 and 10754. These cases involve a total of seven wells located and described in Division Examiner dockets of April 22, 1993 and July 1, 1993.

CASE 10803: Application of Texaco Exploration and Production, Inc. for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval to drill its Dow "B" 33 Federal Well No. 2 as a gas well at an unorthodox location 660 feet from the North line and 2310 feet from the West line (Unit C) of Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 31 East, to test the Morrow formation. The W/2 of said Section 33 is to be dedicated to the well. Applicant further requests approval of the unorthodox location as to all prospective pools or formations including but not limited to the Morrow formation. Said well is located approximately 4 1/2 miles south of Maljamar, New Mexico.

CASE 10804: Application of Collins & Ware, Inc. for special pool rules, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks the promulgation of special pool rules for the Happy Valley-Delaware Pool, located in the NE/4 NW/4 of Section 33, Township 22 South, Range 26 East, including a provision for a gas-oil ratio limitation of 10,000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil and a special oil allowable of 160 barrels per day. Said area is located approximately 5 miles southwest of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

CASE 10805: Application of Collins & Ware, Inc. for an unorthodox gas well location and simultaneous dedication, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location 710 feet from the South and East lines (Unit P) of Section 25, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, South Culebra Bluff-Atoka Gas Pool. In addition, the applicant seeks an exception to Division General Rule 104(c)(2) to allow the existing 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit comprising the S/2 of said Section 25 to be simultaneously dedicated in this pool to the proposed well and to the existing Ray "25" Well No. 1 located at a standard gas well location 897 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit N) of said Section 25. Said unit is located approximately 3.5 miles east by southeast of Loving, New Mexico.

CASE 10791: (Continued from August 12, 1993, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval to drill its Beauregard ANP State Com Well No. 1 to the Morrow formation, Illinois Camp-Morrow Gas Pool, at an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit B) of Section 14, Township 18 South, Range 27 East. The E/2 of said Section 14 is to be dedicated to the well. Applicant further requests approval of the unorthodox location as to all prospective pools or formations including but not limited to the Morrow spaced on 320 acres. Said well is located approximately 4 miles northeast of Illinois Camp.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 9, 1993
8:15 A.M. - MORGAN HALL, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING
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Dockets Nos. 27-93 and 28-93 are tentatively set for September 23, 1993 and October 7, 1993. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 23 days in advance of hearing date.

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

CASE 10811: (This case will be continued to September 23, 1993.)

Application of Giant Exploration & Production Company for an unorthodox oil well location, Santa Fe County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval of an unorthodox oil well location 1300 feet from the South line and 1000 feet from the West line (Unit M) of Section 10, Township 20 North, Range 9 East, to test the Pennsylvanian formation. The SW/4 SW/4 of said Section 10 is to be dedicated to said well. Said well is located approximately 2 miles southwest of El Patrero, New Mexico.

CASE 10812: (This case will be continued to September 23, 1993.)

Application of Giant Exploration & Production Company for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool, underlying the N/2 of Section 33, Township 26 North, Range 11 West, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within said vertical extent, which presently includes only the Basin Fruitland Coal Gas Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon in said Section 33. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as the operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located near the Huerfano Boarding School.

CASE 10800: (Continued from August 26, 1993, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Merrion Oil & Gas Corporation for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) formation, underlying the E/2 of Section 26, Township 26 North, Range 13 West, forming a standard 320-acre coal gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within said vertical extent, including the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to its Serendipity Well No. 1 to be recompleted at a standard coal gas well location 1650 feet from the South line and 2310 feet from the East line of said Section 26. Also to be considered will be the cost of recompleting said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in recompleting said well. Said well is located approximately 3 miles southeast of the Chaco Gas Plant.

CASE 10813: Application of Arco Oil & Gas Company for approval of the conversion of sixteen wells in the Empire Abo Unit to injection, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval to convert sixteen wells to injection in the Empire Abo Unit which is located in portions of Townships 17 and 18 South, Ranges 27, 28 and 29 East. This unit is located approximately 6 to 12 miles east of Artesia, New Mexico.

CASE 10711: (Reopened)

In the matter of Case No. 10711 being reopened upon the application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for new injection well locations in the waterflood project approved for its Creek "AL" Federal Lease by Division Order No. R-9896, issued in Case 10711 on May 18, 1993. The Creek "AL" Federal Lease is located in the E/2 SE/4 of Section 23, the NW/4 SW/4 and S/2 S/2 of Section 24 and the NW/4 and E/2 NE/4 of Section 25, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, which is located approximately 6 miles east of Walters Lake.

CASE 10805: (Continued from August 26, 1993, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Collins & Ware, Inc. for an unorthodox gas well location and simultaneous dedication, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location 710 feet from the South and East lines (Unit P) of Section 25, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, South Culebra Bluff-Atoka Gas Pool. In addition, the applicant seeks an exception to Division General Rule 104(c)(2) to allow the existing 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit comprising the S/2 of said Section 25 to be simultaneously dedicated in this pool to the proposed well and to the existing Ray "25" Well No. 1 located at a standard gas well location 897 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit N) of said Section 25. Said unit is located approximately 3.5 miles east by southeast of Loving, New Mexico.

CASE 10817: (Continued from September 9, 1993, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Meridian Oil Inc. for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the top of the Wolfcamp formation to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the S/2 of Section 35, Township 17 South, Range 30 East, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within said vertical extent, which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Cedar Lake-Morrow Gas Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to its Loco Hills "35" Federal Well No. 1 to be drilled and completed at a standard location within Unit J (NW/4 SE/4) of said Section 35. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the costs thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling and completing said well. Said unit is located approximately 3 miles southeast of Loco Hills, New Mexico.

CASE 10830: Application of Comoco Inc. for establishment of a temporary special testing allowable, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order establishing a special testing allowable for its Lockhart A-27 Lease Project, N/2 of Section 27, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, Paddock Pool, for a maximum period of twelve months at a maximum rate equal to the capacity of each well up to a limiting 6,000 to 1 GOR within the project to produce oil from said pool. This project is located approximately one mile northeast of Eunice, New Mexico.

CASE 10831: Application of Robert L. Bayless for downhole commingling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval to downhole commingle oil production from the Cabresto-Gallup and East Blanco-Pictured Cliffs fields within the wellbore of the Simms Com Well No. 1, located in Unit J of Section 13, Township 30 North, Range 4 West. Said well is located approximately 7.5 miles east of Ojo Encino Trailer School.

CASE 10832: Application of Robert L. Bayless for an unorthodox gas well location, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location 2100 feet from the South line and 490 feet from the East line (Unit I) of Section 11, Township 24 North, Range 7 West, to test the Undesignated Ballard-Pictured Cliffs Pool. The SE/4 of said Section 11 is to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool. The proposed unit is located approximately 6 miles north of the Sunterra Gas Processing Lybrook Gas Plant.

CASE 10781: (Reopened)

Application of Marathon Oil Company for an unorthodox coal gas well location, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval of an unorthodox well location in the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool for its proposed Schwerdtfeger Well No. 17-2 to be drilled at an unorthodox well location 1605 feet from the South line and 1135 feet from the East line (Unit D) of Section 17, Township 27 North, Range 11 West. Said well is to be dedicated to a 320-acre spacing unit consisting of the E/2 of Section 17. Said unit is located approximately 9 miles south of Bloomfield, New Mexico.

CASE 10811: (Continued from September 9, 1993, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Giant Exploration & Production Company for an unorthodox oil well location, Santa Fe County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval of an unorthodox oil well location 1300 feet from the South line and 1000 feet from the West line (Unit M) of Section 10, Township 20 North, Range 9 East, to test the Pennsylvanian formation. The SW/4 SW/4 of said Section 10 is to be dedicated to said well. Said well is located approximately 2 miles southwest of El Patrero, New Mexico.

CASE 10812: (Continued from September 9, 1993, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Giant Exploration & Production Company for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool, underlying the N/2 of Section 33, Township 26 North, Range 11 West, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within said vertical extent, which presently includes only the Basin Fruitland Coal Gas Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon in said Section 33. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as the operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located near the Huerfano Boarding School.