

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 9, 1993
8:15 A.M. - MORGAN HALL, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

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 10814: Application of Collins & Ware, Inc. for a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project and special operating rules therefor, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks to initiate a horizontal drilling project in the Devonian formation, Denton-Devonian Pool, underlying the SW/4 SE/4 of Section 26, Township 14 South, Range 37 East. Applicant proposes to re-enter its S. & J. Operating T.D. Pope Well No. 14 at an orthodox surface location 660 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit O) of Section 26, kick-off from vertical in a southeasterly direction commencing to build angle at an appropriate rate to vertically and horizontally traverse the proposed producing area. Applicant further seeks the adoption of special operating provisions and rules within the project area including the designation of a target window such that the horizontal or producing portion of the wellbore shall be no closer than 330 feet to any boundary of the proration unit, and for a special project allowable. Said project is located near Prairieview.

CASE 10815: Application of Collins & Ware, Inc. for a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project and special operating rules therefor, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks to initiate a horizontal drilling project in the Devonian formation, Denton-Devonian Pool, underlying the NE/4 NE/4 of Section 35, Township 14 South, Range 37 East. Applicant proposes to re-enter its S. & J. Operating, J.D. Pope Well No. 21 at an orthodox surface location 660 feet from the North and East lines (Unit A) of said Section 35, kick-off from vertical in a northeasterly direction commencing to build angle at an appropriate rate to vertically and horizontally traverse the proposed producing area. Applicant further seeks the adoption of special operating provisions and rules within the project area including the designation of a target window such that the horizontal or producing portion of the wellbore shall be no closer than 330 feet to any boundary of the proration unit, and for a special project allowable. Said project is located approximately 2 miles southeast of Prairieview.

CASE 10816: Application of Collins & Ware, Inc. for a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project and special operating rules therefor, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks to initiate a horizontal drilling project in the Devonian formation, Denton-Devonian Pool, underlying the NW/4 NW/4 of Section 36, Township 14 South, Range 37 East. Applicant proposes to re-enter its Polaris Pope Well No. 6 at an orthodox surface location 660 feet from the North line and 330 feet from the West line (Unit D) of said Section 36, kick-off from vertical in a southeasterly direction commencing to build angle at an appropriate rate to vertically and horizontally traverse the proposed producing area. Applicant further seeks the adoption of special operating provisions and rules within the project area including the designation of a target window such that the horizontal or producing portion of the wellbore shall be no closer than 330 feet to any boundary of the proration unit, and for a special project allowable. Said project is located approximately 2 miles southeast of Prairieview.

CASE 10772: (Continued from August 26, 1993, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Barber Oil Inc. for salt water disposal, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks authority to utilize its Stovall-Wood Well No. 5 located 880 feet from the North line and 1580 feet from the West line (Unit C) of Section 20, Township 20 South, Range 30 East, to dispose of produced salt water into the Rustler Lime formation through the perforated interval from approximately 195 feet to 255 feet. Said well is located 2 miles northeast of the National Potash Company Mine.

CASE 10766: (Continued from August 26, 1993, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of David H. Arrington Oil & Gas Inc. for an unorthodox gas well location and non-standard gas spacing unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks authorization to drill a well at an unorthodox location 1980 feet from the North line and 1650 feet from the West line (Unit F) of Section 11, Township 21 South, Range 36 East, Eumont Gas Pool. Applicant also seeks authority to dedicate a non-standard spacing unit comprised of the SE/4 NW/4, S/2 NE/4 and the NW/4 SE/4 of said Section 11 to said well. Said unit is located approximately 1 mile east of Oil Center, New Mexico.

CASE 10795: (Continued from August 26, 1993, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of David H. Arrington Oil & Gas Inc. for an unorthodox gas well location and a non-standard spacing unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks authorization to drill its Foster Well No. 3 in the Eumont Gas Pool at an unorthodox gas well location 330 feet from the South and East lines (Unit P) of Section 34, Township 19 South, Range 36 East, to be dedicated to a non-standard 160-acre gas proration unit comprising the S/2 S/2 of said Section 34. Said area is approximately 1 mile northwest of the Warren Gas Co. Compressor Station.