

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - DECEMBER 16, 1993
8:15 A.M. - MORGAN HALL, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Dockets Nos. 1-94 and 2-94 are tentatively set for January 6, 1994 and January 20, 1994. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 23 days in advance of hearing date. The following cases will be heard by an Examiner:

CASE 10883: Application of PG&E Resources Company for a unit agreement, Sandoval County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval of the Hatch Lake Unit Agreement for an area comprising 24,852.84 acres, more or less, of State, Federal and Fee lands in a portion of Townships 21 and 22 North, Range 1 West, which is located in an area between the communities of Cuba and Regina, New Mexico.

CASE 10884: Application of Gecko, Inc. for an unorthodox oil well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks authority to drill its Gecko State "35" Well No. 1 at an unorthodox oil well location 434 feet from the North line and 1762 feet from the East line (Unit B) of Section 35, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, to test the Undesignated Casey-Strawn Pool, the N/2 NE/4 of said Section 35 is to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said unit is located approximately 6 miles north of Humble City, New Mexico.

CASE 10870: (Continued from November 18, 1993, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Pogo Producing Company for special pool rules for the Los Medanos-Delaware and West Sand Dunes-Delaware Pools, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks the promulgation of special pool rules for both the Los Medanos-Delaware and West Sand Dunes-Delaware Pools including a provision for a gas-oil ratio limitation of 8,000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil. The Los Medanos-Delaware Pool covers all or parts of Sections 9, 16, and 17 and the West Sand Dunes-Delaware Pool covers all or parts of Sections 20, 21, 28, 29, 32, and 33, all in Township 23 South, Range 31 East. Said area is located approximately at mile marker 15 on State Highway 128.

CASE 10866: (Readvertised)

Application of OXY USA, Inc. to amend Division Order No. R-2901 and to either institute a new waterflood project or for waterflood expansion, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks to renew its authority, originally granted by Division Order No. R-2901, dated May 4, 1965, to inject water into the Eumont (Yates-Seven Rivers-Queen) Gas Pool within a portion of its East Eumont Unit located in Sections 33 and 34, Township 18 South, Range 37 East and in Sections 3, 4, 9, 10, 15 and 16, Township 19 South, Range 37 East, through 21 certain wells to be converted and one to be drilled. That portion of said Unit Area is covered in this application is located approximately 2 miles west of the Hobbs-Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 10867: (Continued from November 18, 1993, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of OXY USA Inc. for Enhanced Oil Recovery Project Qualification for the recovered oil tax rate for the East Eumont Unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pursuant to the rules and procedures for Qualification of Enhanced Oil Recovery Project and Certification for the Recovery Oil Tax Rate, as promulgated by Division Order No. R-9708, qualifying the north portion of the East Eumont Unit for the Recovered Oil Tax Rate under the "Enhanced Oil Recovery Act" (Laws 1992, Chapter 38, Sections 1 through 5). The portion of the East Eumont Unit to be included in the project area is as follows: Portions of Sections 33 and 34, Township 18 South, Range 37 East; portions of Sections 3, 4, 9, 10, 15, and 16, Township 19 South, Range 37 East. Said project is located south of Hobbs, New Mexico.

CASE 10874: (Continued from December 2, 1993, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Mewbourne Oil Company for compulsory pooling, unorthodox well location, and non-standard spacing units, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation underlying following described areas in Section 19, Township 19 South, Range 29 East, and in the following manner: the W/2 forming a standard 320-acre spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within said vertical extent, the SW/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; the SW/4 SW/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 Parkchester "19" State Well No. 1 to be drilled at an unorthodox location 990 feet from the South line and 740 feet from the West line of said Section 19. 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 area is located approximately 17 miles southeast of Artesia, New Mexico.

CASE 10885: Application of Meridian Oil, Inc. for an unorthodox gas well location, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks authority to drill its Ute Well No. 24 at an unorthodox gas well location 1595 feet from the North line and 1250 feet from the West line (Unit E) of Section 20, Township 32 North, Range 14 West, to be dedicated to a standard 640-acre spacing unit consisting of all of said Section 20. Said location is approximately 8 miles west-northwest of La Plata, New Mexico.

CASE 10886: Application of Exxon Corporation for acreage reorientation and for two non-standard gas proration units, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval to reorient the existing acreage currently dedicated in the Blinebry Gas Pool to its New Mexico "S" State Well No. 12, being the 79.50 acres comprising Lots 1 and 2 (N/2 NE/4 equivalent) of Section 2, Township 22 South, Range 37 East, and its New Mexico "S" State Well No. 14, being the 39.78 acres comprising Lot 3 (NE/4 NW/4 equivalent) of said Section 2, both non-standard units previously approved by Division Administrative Orders NSP-954-A and NSP-1599, respectively. The applicant now proposes to combine Lots 2 and 3 (the NW/4 NE/4 and NE/4 NW/4 equivalents) of said Section 2 to form a non-standard 79.52-acre gas spacing and proration unit in the Blinebry Gas Pool for the No. 14 well located at a standard gas well location 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit C) of said Section 2 and to dedicate the remaining 39.74 acres comprising Lot 1 (NE/4 NE/4 equivalent) to the No. 12 located 660 feet from the North and East lines (Unit A) of said Section 2. This acreage is located approximately two miles east southeast of Eunice, New Mexico.

CASE 10854: (Reopened)

Application of Phillips Petroleum Company for a special oil allowable for the Cabin-Lake Delaware Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order establishing a special oil allowable of 187 barrels of oil per day at a 2,000 to 1 GOR for the Cabin Lake-Delaware Pool located in portions of Townships 21 and 22 South, Range 30 East. Applicant further seeks the cancellation of any overproduction charged against any well in the pool as of the effective date of any order entered in this case. This pool is in the Nash Draw area and its center is located approximately 1 mile north of Smith, New Mexico.

CASE 10859: (Continued from November 18, 1993, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Hallwood Petroleum, Inc. for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Pictured Cliffs formation underlying the E/2 of Section 33, Township 30 North, Range 12 West. Said unit is be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location in the E/2 of said Section 33 to test any and all formations to the base of the Pictured Cliffs formation including the Fruitland formation, Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool and the Pictured Cliffs formation, Fulcher Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Gas Pool. 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 area is located approximately 2 miles southeast of Flora Vista, New Mexico.

CASE 10850: (Continued from November 18, 1993, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Hallwood Petroleum, Inc. for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Pictured Cliffs formation underlying the W/2 of Section 14, Township 29 North, Range 13 West. Said unit is be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location in the W/2 of said Section 14 to test any and all formations to the base of the Pictured Cliffs formation including the Fruitland formation, Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool and the Pictured Cliffs formation, West Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool. 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 approximately 5 miles south of Berry Park.

CASE 10851: (Continued from November 18, 1993, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Hallwood Petroleum, Inc. for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Pictured Cliffs formation underlying the S/2 of Section 28, Township 30 North, Range 12 West. Said unit is be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location in the S/2 of said Section 28 to test any and all formations to the base of the Pictured Cliffs formation including the Fruitland formation, Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool and the pictured Cliffs formation, Fulcher Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool. 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 approximately 1 mile south of Farmington Lake.