

1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO
2 ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
3 OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
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7 EXAMINER HEARING
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9 IN THE MATTER OF:

10 Application of Meridian Oil Inc. Case 9812
11 on behalf of El Paso Natural Gas
12 Company, for an unorthodox coal
13 gas well location, Rio Arriba County,
14 New Mexico
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17 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
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19 BEFORE: DAVID R. CATANACH, EXAMINER
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21 STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING

22 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

23 November 15, 1989
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1 HEARING EXAMINER: Call Case 9812.

2 MR. STOVALL: Application of Meridian Oil
3 Inc. on behalf of El Paso Natural Gas for an
4 unorthodox gas well location, Rio Arriba County, New
5 Mexico.

6 Applicant requests this case be continued
7 to the hearing for December 13, 1989.

8 HEARING EXAMINER: Case 9812 is hereby
9 continued to the December 13 hearing.

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1 CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

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3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
4) ss.
5 COUNTY OF SANTA FE)


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8 Reporter and Notary Public, HEREBY CERTIFY that the
9 foregoing transcript of proceedings before the Oil
10 Conservation Division was reported by me; that I
11 caused my notes to be transcribed under my personal
12 supervision; and that the foregoing is a true and
13 accurate record of the proceedings.

14 I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am not a relative
15 or employee of any of the parties or attorneys
16 involved in this matter and that I have no personal
17 interest in the final disposition of this matter.

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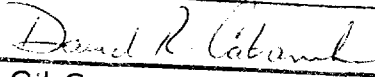
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21 My commission expires: August 10, 1990

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23 I do hereby certify that the foregoing is
24 a complete record of the proceedings in
the Examiner hearing of Case No. 9812
heard by me on November 15, 1989

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Daniel R. Cabanik, Examiner
Oil Conservation Division

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Cases: 9712, 9713, 9828, 9838, 9799,
9812, 9813, 9788, 9827, 9829

CONTINUATIONS AND DISMISSALS
FROM THE EXAMINER HEARING

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

BEFORE: DAVID R. CATANACH, EXAMINER

STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

December 13, 1989

A P P E A R A N C E S

FOR THE DIVISION:

ROBERT G. STOVALL
Attorney at Law
Legal Counsel to the Divison
State Land Office Building
Santa Fe, New Mexico

1 HEARING EXAMINER: We'll call this hearing
2 to order this morning for Docket No. 3589. We'll run
3 through the continuances and dismissals first this
4 morning.

5 Call Case 9712.

6 MR. STOVALL: In the matter of the hearing
7 called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own
8 motion to permit Tom L. Ingram, American Employers'
9 Insurance Company, and other interested parties to
10 appear to show cause why the Chappell "5" Well No. 1
11 in San Miguel County, New Mexico, should not be
12 plugged and abandoned in accordance with a
13 Division-approved plugging program.

14 We knew if we postponed this case long
15 enough that that well would somehow get plugged, and
16 so the Division moves to dismiss it at this time.

17 HEARING EXAMINER: Case 9712 is hereby
18 dismissed.

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20 HEARING EXAMINER: Call Case 9713.

21 MR. STOVALL: In the matter of the hearing
22 called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own
23 motion to permit Tom L. Ingram, American Employers'
24 Insurance Company, and all other interested parties to
25 show cause why the Gihon "31" Well No. 1, San Miguel

1 County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and
2 abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved
3 plugging program. Worked for two of them.

4 Move to dismiss this case as well.

5 HEARING OFFICER: Case 9713 is hereby
6 dismissed.

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8 HEARING EXAMINER: Call Case 9828.

9 MR. STOVALL: Application of Bill Fenn,
10 Inc., for an amendment of Division Order No. R-8951 as
11 amended, Eddy County, New Mexico.

12 Applicant requests this case be dismissed.

13 HEARING OFFICER: Case 9828 is hereby
14 dismissed.

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16 HEARING EXAMINER: Call Case 9838.

17 MR. STOVALL: Application of Parker
18 Drilling Company for the institution of gas
19 prorationing and the adoption of Special Rules for the
20 Pitchfork Ranch-Atoka Gas Pool, Lea County, New
21 Mexico.

22 Applicant requests this case be continued
23 to December 27, 1989.

24 HEARING OFFICER: Case 9838 will hereby be
25 continued to the December 27th docket.

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HEARING EXAMINER: Call Case 9799.

MR. STOVALL: The application of Bannon Energy Incorporated for an unorthodox oil well location, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

Applicant requests this case be dismissed.

HEARING OFFICER: Case 9799 is hereby dismissed.

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HEARING EXAMINER: Call Case 9812.

MR. STOVALL: Application of Meridian Oil, Inc., on behalf of El Paso Natural Gas Company, for an unorthodox coal gas well location, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

Applicant requests this case be continued to December 27, 1989.

HEARING OFFICER: Case 9812 is hereby continued to the December 27th docket.

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HEARING EXAMINER: Call Case 9813.

MR. STOVALL: Application of Meridian Oil, Inc., on behalf of El Paso Natural Gas Company, for an unorthodox coal gas well location, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

Applicant requests this case be continued

1 to December 27.

2 HEARING OFFICER: Case 9813 is hereby
3 continued to the December 27th docket.

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5 HEARING EXAMINER: Call Case 9788.

6 MR. STOVALL: Application of Yates
7 Petroleum Corporation for directional drilling and an
8 unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico.
9 Applicant requests this case be dismissed.

10 HEARING OFFICER: Case 9788 is hereby
11 dismissed.

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13 HEARING EXAMINER: Call Case 9827.

14 MR. STOVALL: Application of Exxon
15 Corporation for special casinghead gas allowable, Lea
16 County, New Mexico.

17 The Applicant requests this case be
18 continued to a hearing in February of 1990. Hearing
19 date to be determined when the schedule is published.

20 HEARING EXAMINER: Case 9827 is hereby
21 continued to the first hearing in February 1990.

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23 HEARING EXAMINER: At this time we'll call
24 Case 9829.

25 MR. STOVALL: Application of Roberts and

1 Hammack, Inc., for a nonstandard oil proration unit,
2 Lea County, New Mexico.

3 Mr. Examiner, this case has been previously
4 heard and is being readvertised to correct notice
5 deficiencies.

6 HEARING EXAMINER: Are there any additional
7 appearances at this time?

8 MR. STOVALL: We will take this case under
9 advisement.

10 HEARING EXAMINER: There being no further
11 appearances, Case 9829 will be taken under advisement
12 at this time.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
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COUNTY OF SANTA FE)

I, Freda Simmons, Certified Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing transcript of proceedings before the Oil Conservation Division was reported by me; that I caused my notes to be transcribed under my personal supervision; and that the foregoing is a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

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WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL February 18, 1989.

Freda Simmons
FREDA SIMMONS

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is
a correct copy of the proceedings before
the Oil Conservation Division of the State of New Mexico.
Heard and reported on *December 13, 1989*

David R. Catant, Examiner
Oil Conservation Division

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

CASE 9078

CASE 9846

CASE 9847

CASE 9812

CASE 9813

CASE 9850

EXAMINER HEARING

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

CONTINUED AND DISMISSED CASES

BEFORE: MICHAEL E. STOGNER, EXAMINER

STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

December 27, 1989

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(505) 984-2244

1 HEARING EXAMINER: This hearing will come
2 to order. I'm Michael E. Stogner, appointed Examiner
3 for today's docket. Note today's date, December 27,
4 1989.

5 What I'll do first is call all the
6 continued and dismissed cases. So, we'll start by
7 calling Case No. 9078, which is in the matter of case
8 number 9078 being reopened pursuant to the provisions
9 of Division Order Nos. R-8450.

10 This case will be continued to the
11 Examiner's hearing scheduled for January 10, 1990.

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13 HEARING EXAMINER: Call next case, No.
14 9846, which is the application of Yates Petroleum
15 Corporation for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New
16 Mexico.

17 At the Applicant's request, this case will
18 be continued to the Examiner's hearing scheduled for
19 January 10, 1990.

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21 HEARING EXAMINER: Call next case, No.
22 9847, which is the application of Yates Petroleum
23 Corporation for an unorthodoxed oil well location, Lea
24 County, New Mexico.

25 At the Applicant's request, this case will

1 be dismissed.

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3 HEARING EXAMINER: Over to the next page,
4 I'll call next case, No. 9812, which is the
5 application of Meridian Oil, Incorporated, on behalf
6 of El Paso Natural Gas Company, for an unorthodox coal
7 gas well location, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

8 At the Applicant's request, this case is
9 dismissed.

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11 HEARING EXAMINER: Call next case, No.
12 9813, which is the application of Meridian Oil
13 Incorporated, on behalf of El Paso Natural Gas
14 Company, for an unorthodox coal gas well location, Rio
15 Arriba County, New Mexico.

16 At the Applicant's request, this case is
17 also continued to the Examiner's hearing scheduled for
18 January 10, 1990.

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20 HEARING EXAMINER: Well, we're on the last
21 page, on page 6, Case No. 9850, which is in the matter
22 of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division
23 on its own motion for an order extending certain
24 existing pools in Rio Arriba and San Juan Counties,
25 New Mexico.

1 This case is also continued to the
2 Examiner's hearing scheduled for January 10, 1990.

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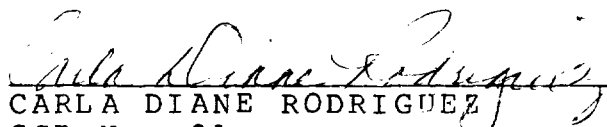
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or employee of any of the parties or attorneys
involved in this matter and that I have no personal
interest in the final disposition of this matter.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL December 29, 1989.


CARLA DIANE RODRIGUEZ
CSR No. 91

My commission expires: May 25, 1991

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is
a complete and true transcript of the
proceedings before the Oil Conservation Division of Case No. 9812,
dated December 27, 1989.

Michael E. Stoyne, Secretary
Oil Conservation Division