

Dockets Nos. 8-86 and 9-86 are tentatively set for March 5, and March 19, 1986. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 19, 1986

8:15 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION CONFERENCE ROOM  
STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

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

CASE 8825: Application of C. K. Kinsolving d/b/a/ Kenneth Tank Service for an oil treating plant permit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority for the construction and operation of an oil treating plant for the purpose of treating and reclaiming sediment oil at a site in the NW/4 of Section 35, Township 9 South, Range 35 East.

CASE 8826: Application of Harvey E. Yates Company for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Northeast Lovington-Pennsylvanian Pool underlying the N/2 SE/4 of Section 8, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. 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.

CASE 8820: (Continued from February 5, 1986, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Santa Fe Energy Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp, Strawn, Atoka, and Morrow formations underlying the W/2 of Section 24, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard gas well location thereon. 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.

CASE 8827: Application of The Petroleum Corporation of Delaware for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from 3,500 feet to 5,600 feet underlying the NE/4 SW/4 of Section 12, Township 26 South, Range 29 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. 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.

CASE 8828: Application of The Petroleum Corporation of Delaware for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from 3,500 feet to 5,600 feet underlying the SW/4 NW/4 of Section 12, Township 26 South, Range 29 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. 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.

CASE 8819: (Continued from February 5, 1986, Examiner Hearing)

Application of The Petroleum Corporation of Delaware for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from 3500 feet to 5600 feet underlying the SE/4 SW/4 of Section 12, Township 26 South, Range 29 East, forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit, to be dedicated to a well located at a standard oil well location thereon. 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.

CASE 8829: Application of Amoco Production Company for compulsory pooling, Union County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Tubb formation from the base of the Cimarron Anhydrite Marker to the top of the Precambrian Basement underlying all of Section 33, Township 20 North, Range 35 East, forming a standard 640-acre carbon dioxide gas spacing and proration unit, to be dedicated to its Bravo Dome Carbon Dioxide Gas Unit Well No. 2035-311K located 2310 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the West line of 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 operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 8830: Application of Amoco Production Company for compulsory pooling, Union County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Tubb formation from the base of the Cimarron Anhydrite Marker to the top of the Precambrian Basement underlying all of Section 33, Township 19 North, Range 34 East, forming a standard 640-acre carbon dioxide gas spacing and proration unit to be dedicated to its Bravo Dome Carbon Dioxide Gas Unit Well No. 1934-331G located 1980 feet from the North and East lines of 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 operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 8014: (Reopened)

In the matter of Case 8014 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-7588 which order promulgated temporary special rules and regulations for the Cedar Hill-Fruitland Basal Coal Pool in San Juan County, including a provision for 320-acre spacing units. Operators in said pool may appear and show cause why the pool should not be developed on 160-acre spacing and proration units.

CASE 8831: Application of Inexco Oil Company for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the top of the Strawn formation underlying the SE/4 NE/4 and all mineral interests in the Undesignated South Humble City-Strawn Pool underlying the S/2 NE/4 of Section 14, Township 17 South, Range 37 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox well location 1800 feet from the North line and 500 feet from the East line of said Section 14. 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.

CASE 8773: (Continued from January 22, 1986, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Bliss Petroleum, Inc. for an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location for its existing J. W. Grizzell "A" Well No. 1 located 1034 feet from the South line and 2635 feet from the West line of Section 5, Township 22 South, Range 37 East, San Andres formation, the SW/4 of said Section 5 to be dedicated to said well.

CASE 8810: (Continued from February 5, 1986, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Bliss Petroleum, Inc. for an exception to the special rules and regulations for the Dean Permo-Pennsylvanian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an exception to the special rules and regulations of the Dean Permo-Pennsylvanian Pool, as promulgated by Division Order No. R-892, authorizing a 40-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit comprising the SW/4 NW/4 of Section 35, Township 15 South, Range 36 East, to be dedicated to a well to be located at a standard oil well location thereon.

CASE 3823: (Continued from February 5, 1986, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Nearburg Producing Company for an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the South line and 760 feet from the East line of Section 23, Township 20 South, Range 34 East, Pennsylvanian formation, the S/2 of said Section 23 to be dedicated to the well.

CASE 3689: (Continued from February 5, 1986, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Doyle Hartman for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Jalmat Gas Pool underlying a previously approved 120-acre non-standard proration unit comprising the N/2 NW/4 and SW/4 NW/4 of Section 20, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, to be dedicated to its Justis Christmas Gas Com Well No. 1 located 2225 feet from the North line and 790 feet from the West line of said Section 20. 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.

CASE 3832: Application of Tenneco Oil Company for an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line of Section 13, Township 12 South, Range 34 East, to test the Undesignated West Ranger Lake-Devonian Gas Pool, the W/2 of said Section 13 to be dedicated to the well.CASE 8833: Application of V-F Petroleum, Inc. for an exception to the special pool rules and regulations of the Dean Permo-Pennsylvanian Pool as promulgated by Division Order No. R-892, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an exception to the special rules and regulations of the Dean Permo-Pennsylvanian Pool as promulgated by Division Order No. R-892 to permit applicant to complete its ARCO State Lease Well No. 1 located at an unorthodox oil well location 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 35, Township 15 South, Range 36 East, the NW/4 SW/4 (Unit L) of said Section 35 to be dedicated to the well forming a non-standard oil spacing and proration unit.CASE 8834: Application of Cities Service Oil & Gas Corporation for pool creation, special pool rules, discovery allowable, and unorthodox well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the creation of a new oil pool for Bough "C" Pennsylvanian production comprising the W/2 SW/4 of Section 25, Township 13 South, Range 34 East, and the promulgation of temporary special rules therefor including a provision for 80-acre spacing and designated well locations. Applicant further seeks the assignment of an oil discovery allowable as allowed by General Rule 509 to the discovery well for said pool being the applicant's Elkan "A" Well No. 1 located at an unorthodox location for the proposed special pool rules 1650 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the West line of said Section 25.CASE 8807: (Continued from January 22, 1986, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Joseph S. Sprinkle for a determination of reasonable well costs, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, as an interest owner in the TXO Production Corporation Sprinkle Federal Well No. 1 located 660 feet from the North and West lines of Section 26, Township 18 South, Range 32 East, Querecho Plains-Upper Bone Spring Pool, which was drilled pursuant to the compulsory pooling provisions of Division Order No. R-7850, entered in Case No. 8494 and dated March 14, 1985, and to which is dedicated the NW/4 NW/4 (Unit D) of said Section 26, seeks an order ascertaining the reasonableness of actual well costs for the subject well.

DOCKET: COMMISSION HEARING - WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 26, 1986

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION - 9 A.M. - MORGAN HALL, STATE  
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CASE 8749: (Continued from January 7, 1986, Commission Hearing)

Application of the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to rescind Order No. R-1670, as amended, to recodify and amend the General Rules and Regulations for the Prorated Gas Pools contained therein and to amend the special gas prorationing rules for the Atoka-Pennsylvanian, Blinberry, Buffalo Valley-Pennsylvanian, Burton Flat-Morrow, Burton Flat-Strawn, South Carlsbad-Morrow, Crosby-Devonian, Eumont, Indian Basin-Morrow, Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian, Jalmat, Justis-Glorieta, Monument McKee-Ellenburger, and Tubbs Gas Pools of Lea, Eddy and Chaves Counties, and the special gas prorationing rules for the Basin-Dakota, Blanco-Mesaverde, South Blanco-Pictured Cliffs, and Tapacito-Pictured Cliffs Gas Pools of San Juan, Sandoval, and Rio Arriba Counties.

CASE 8792: (Continued from January 7, 1986, Commission Hearing)

Application of Northwest Pipeline Corporation to amend Oil Conservation Division Rule 403, Rule 1100, Rule 1111, and Form C-111. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the proposed amendments to clarify the rules and duties of gas transporters and gas purchasers under the Division's General Rules.

CASE 8835: Application of the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to require Division approval of all commercial and centralized oil field fluid waste collection or disposal facilities utilizing ponds, pits, and below grade tanks in McKinley, Rio Arriba, Sandoval and San Juan Counties, New Mexico. Applicant also seeks to require commercial disposal pit operators to keep and make available records on the volume, source, dates, and type of oil field fluid waste received, and the hauling companies using their facilities. Copies of the proposed rules are available at Santa Fe and at the Aztec District office.CASE 8463: (Continued from January 7, 1986, Commission Hearing)(This case will be dismissed)

Application of David Fasken for termination of prorationing in the Burton Flat-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order terminating prorationing in the Burton Flat-Morrow Gas Pool located in portions of Townships 20 and 21 South, Ranges 26, 27, and 28 East, and to also cancel all cumulative overproduction and underproduction within said pool.

Upon application of David Fasken this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 8796: (Continued from January 7, 1986, Commission Hearing)

Application of Rio Pecos Corporation for enforcement of the Common Purchaser Requirements of Section 70-2-19 NMSA, 1978 (1984 Supplement) and other pertinent provisions of the Oil and Gas Act, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order requiring El Paso Natural Gas Company to purchase the applicant's share of gas production from the Yates Petroleum Corporation Little Box Canyon Unit Well No. 5 located 800 feet from the South line and 1600 feet from the West line of Section 7, Township 21 South, Range 22 East, without discrimination as to price paid, quantities purchased, bases of measurement or gas transportation facilities afforded as compared to gas from other wells of like quantity, quality, and pressure. Applicant further seeks an order requiring El Paso Natural Gas Company to take ratably the gas produced from aforementioned well and any such other relief as may be appropriate.

CASE 8640: (Continued from January 7, 1986, Commission Hearing)

Application of Caulkins Oil Company for compulsory pooling, downhole commingling, and dual completion, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Basin-Dakota and Blanco-Mesaverde Pools underlying the N/2 of Section 20, Township 26 North, Range 6 West, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit in both zones, and in the Pictured Cliffs and Chacra formations underlying the NE/4 of said Section 20, forming a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit in both of these zones, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Applicant further seeks approval to dually complete said well in such a manner that Blanco-Mesaverde and Basin-Dakota production would be commingled separately and the aforesaid intervals dually completed with commingled Pictured Cliffs and Chacra production and both commingled zones produced through parallel strings of tubing. 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.

Upon application of Meridian Oil Inc. and El Paso Natural Gas Company this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 8712: (De Novo)

Application of Kimbell Oil Company of Texas for HARDSHIP GAS WELL CLASSIFICATION, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks a determination that its Salazar Well No. 4-E located 1630 feet from the North line and 1460 feet from the West line (Unit F) of Section 34, Township 25 North, Range 6 West, Basin-Dakota Pool, is a hardship gas well which should be granted priority access to pipeline takes in order to avoid waste.

Upon application of Kimbell Oil Company of Texas, this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 8690: (De Novo)

Application of Doyle Hartman for compulsory pooling, a non-standard proration unit, two unorthodox locations, and simultaneous dedication, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks a finding that the drilling of two wells to be located at unorthodox well locations, the first of which is to be at least 1325 feet from the South line but not more than 1650 feet from the South line and at least 660 feet from the West line but not more than 850 feet from the West line of Section 22, and the second of which is to be at least 250 feet from the North line but not more than 990 feet from the North line and at least 660 feet from the West line but not more than 1980 feet from the West line of Section 27, all in Township 25 South, Range 37 East, Jalmat Gas Pool and Langlie Mattix Pool, is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain that portion of a 400-acre non-standard gas proration unit in the Jalmat Gas Pool only, comprising the W/2 SW/4 and W/2 SE/4 of Section 22 and the NW/4 and W/2 NE/4 of Section 27, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, which cannot be so drained by the existing Jalmat wells. Applicant further seeks approval for the simultaneous dedication of said 400-acre non-standard Jalmat proration unit to the subject wells and the currently producing Carlson-Harrison Federal Com Well Nos. 1, 2, and 3. Applicant further seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Jalmat Gas Pool underlying the above non-standard 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.

Upon application of Doyle Hartman, this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 8219: (De Novo)

Application of Dinero Operating Company for HARDSHIP GAS WELL CLASSIFICATION, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks a determination that its Little Squaw Comm. Well No. 1 located in Unit F of Section 27, Township 22 South, Range 28 East, Dublin Ranch-Morrow Gas Pool, is a hardship gas well which should be granted priority access to pipeline takes in order to avoid waste.

Upon application of Dinero Operating Company, this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 8220: (De Novo)

Application of Dinero Operating Company for HARDSHIP GAS WELL CLASSIFICATION, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks a determination that its Big Chief Comm. Well No. 4 located in Unit N of Section 15, Township 22 South, Range 28 East, Dublin Ranch-Morrow Gas Pool, is a hardship gas well which should be granted priority access to pipeline takes in order to avoid waste.

Upon application of Dinero Operating Company, this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 8755: (De Novo)

Application of TXO Production Corp. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in all formations from 4,825 feet beneath the surface to the base of the Bone Spring formation underlying the SW/4 NW/4 of Section 26, Township 18 South, Range 32 East, forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard oil well location thereon. 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.

Upon application of TXO Production Corp. this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.