

Dockets Nos. 2-88 and 3-88 are tentatively set for January 20 and February 3, 1988. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 6, 1988

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

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

- ALLOWABLE:
- (1) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for February, 1988, from fourteen prorated pools in Lea, Eddy, and Chaves Counties, New Mexico.
  - (2) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for February, 1988, from four prorated pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico.

CASE 9281:

Application of H. L. Brown, Jr. for an unorthodox oil well location, Roosevelt County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox oil well location to be drilled 1650 feet from the North line and 330 feet from the East line (Unit H) of Section 28, Township 7 South, Range 37 East, Undesignated North Bluit Siluro-Devonian Pool, the S/2 NE/4 of said Section 28 to be dedicated to the well forming a standard 80-acre spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said location is approximately 3 miles North of the Perkins Memorial Cemetery.

CASE 9282: *(Continued and Readvertised) (This case will be dismissed.)*

Application of Mobil Producing Texas and New Mexico Inc. for the expansion of the West Lindrith Gallup-Dakota Oil Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the expansion of the West Lindrith Gallup-Dakota Oil Pool to include all of Sections 6, 7, 8, and 9, Township 24 North, Range 2 West. Said area is approximately one-half mile north of Lindrith, New Mexico.

CASE 8874: (Reopened) (Continued from November 18, 1987, Examiner Hearing)

In the matter of Case 8874 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Division Order No. R-639-C, which order reclassified the Crosby-Devonian Gas Pool in Lea County as an associated pool. Interested parties may appear and show cause why the Crosby-Devonian Associated Pool should not be reclassified as a gas pool to be governed by the rules set forth by Division Orders Nos. R-639, as amended, and R-8170, as amended.

CASE 9283:

Application of Nearburg Producing Company for compulsory pooling and unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Mississippian formation underlying the E/2 of Section 15, Township 20 South, Range 25 East, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox gas well location 1755 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line (Unit H) of said Section 15. 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 proposed well is approximately 3 miles southeast of the townsite of Seven Rivers.

CASE 9277: (Continued from December 16, 1987, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Reading and Bates Company for compulsory pooling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Gavilan-Mancos Oil Pool underlying all of Section 10, Township 25 North, Range 2 West, forming a standard 640-acre oil spacing and proration unit for said pool, 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. Said unit is approximately 7 miles north of Lindrith, New Mexico.

CASE 9284:

Application of Enron Oil and Gas Company for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Atoka formation underlying the N/2 of Section 17, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said formation, or pooling all mineral interests in the Morrow formation underlying all of said Section 17 forming a standard 640-acre gas spacing and proration unit in the Cinta Roja-Morrow Gas Pool for said formation, both units to be dedicated to a single 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. Said well is located approximately 26 miles west of Jal, New Mexico.

CASE 9285: (This case will be continued to the January 20, 1987, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Bettis Brothers, Inc. for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the North line and 860 feet from the East line (Unit A) of Section 8, Township 25 South, Range 29 East, to test the Delaware, Wolfcamp, Strawn, Atoka and Morrow formations, the N/2 of said Section 8 to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said location is approximately 8 miles southeast of Malaga, New Mexico.

CASE 9286:

Application of Curtis J. Little for a non-standard oil proration unit, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for a 160-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit comprising the S/2 NE/4 and N/2 SE/4 of Section 2, Township 25 North, Range 3 West, West Lindrith Gallup-Dakota Oil Pool, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard oil well location thereon. Said unit is located approximately 1 mile west of the Ojito Post Office.

CASE 9276: (Continued from December 16, 1987, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Marathon Oil Company for an unorthodox gas well location and a non-standard gas proration unit, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location 560 feet from the South line and 1550 feet from the West line (Unit N) of Section 20, Township 21 South, Range 24 East, Indian Basin-Morrow Gas Pool, all of said Section 20 to be dedicated to said well forming a non-standard 631.58-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool which is developed on 640-acre spacing. Said location is approximately 2.5 miles east of the Marathon Oil Company's Indian Basin Gas Plant.

CASE 9279: (Continued from December 16, 1987, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Texaco Inc. for a non-standard gas proration unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an 80-acre non-standard gas spacing and proration unit comprising the E/2 SE/4 of Section 15, Township 17 South, Range 32 East, Undesignated Maljamar-Queen Gas Pool, to be dedicated to its Federal U.S.A. "C" Well No. 2 located at a standard gas well location 650 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line (Unit I) of said Section 15. Said well is located approximately 2 miles South-Southeast of Maljamar, New Mexico.

CASE 9287:

Application of Penroc Oil Corporation for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Vacuum Grayburg-San Andres Pool in the perforated interval from approximately 4790 feet to 5086 feet in its George McGonagill Well No. 1 located 330 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the East line (Unit A) of Section 2, Township 18 South, Range 35 East. Said well is approximately 6 miles southeast of Buckeye, New Mexico.

CASE 9288:

Application of Primary Fuels, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests below the top of the Wolfcamp formation underlying the N/2 of Section 19, Township 22 South, Range 26 East, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools within this vertical extent, 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. Said unit is approximately 5 miles Southwest of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

CASE 9289:

Application of Foran Oil Company for compulsory pooling and unorthodox well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests underlying the following described acreage in Section 5, Township 16 South, Range 36 East, in the following described manner:

Lots 11 through 14 and SW/4 of Section 5 to form a 320-acre, more or less, gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools within said vertical limits developed on 320-acre spacing; and

Lots 11 and 14 to form an 80-acre, more or less, oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools within said vertical limits developed on 80-acre spacing; and

Lot 14 to form a 40-acre, more or less, oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools within said vertical limits developed on 40-acre spacing.

All of the above described units are to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox well location 3950 feet from the North line and 1550 feet from the West line (Unit K) of said Section 5. 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 approximately one-half mile West of Lovington, New Mexico.

CASE 9290:

Application of Foran Oil Company for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests underlying the following described acreage in Section 8, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, in the following described manner:

W/2 SW/4 to form an 80-acre, more or less, oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools within said vertical limits developed on 80-acre spacing; and

NW/4 SW/4 to form a 40-acre, more or less, oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools within said vertical limits developed on 40-acre spacing.

Dockets Nos. 16-89 and 17-89 are tentatively set for May 24 and June 7, 1989. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

**DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - MAY 10, 1989**

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

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

- ALLOWABLE:** (1) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for June, 1989, from fourteen prorated gas pools in Lea, Eddy, and Chaves Counties, New Mexico.
- (2) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for June, 1989, from four prorated gas pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico.

**CASE 9653: (Readvertised)**

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for a unit agreement, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Middle Creek State Unit Area comprising 15,680.73 acres, more or less, of State and Fee lands in a portion of Townships 8 and 9 South, Range 23 East. Said unit is located approximately 13 miles north-northwest of Roswell, New Mexico.

**CASE 9654: (Readvertised) (This case will be dismissed.)**

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for a unit agreement, Roosevelt County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the North Todd Unit Area comprising 960 acres, more or less, of State and Federal lands in the E/2 of Section 17 and all of Section 16, Township 7 South, Range 35 East. Said unit is located approximately 5 miles north-northwest of Milnesand, New Mexico.

**CASE 9282: (Continued & Readvertised) (This Case will be dismissed.)**

Application of Mobil Producing Texas and New Mexico Inc. for the expansion of the West Lindrith Gallup-Dakota Oil Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the expansion of the West Lindrith Gallup-Dakota Oil Pool to include all of Sections 6, 7, 8, and 9, Township 24 North, Range 2 West. Said area is approximately one-half mile north of Lindrith, New Mexico.

**CASE 9663:** Application of The Petroleum Corporation of Delaware for downhole commingling, the amendment of Division Order No. R-7269, and the amendment of Division Administrative Order NSP-1290, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, and as operator of the Superior Federal Well No. 6 located 660 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit N) of Section 6, Township 20 South, Range 29 East, seeks to downhole commingle production from the Undesignated East Burton Flat-Atoka Gas Pool and the East Burton Flat-Morrow Gas Pool. Applicant also seeks to permit such commingled production to be produced through tubing and the production of gas from the East Burton Flat-Strawn Gas Pool through the casing-tubing annulus of said well and that Division Order No. R-7269 be amended accordingly. Applicant further seeks to amend Division Administrative Order NSP-1290, dated April 28, 1982; which authorized a 299.84-acre, more or less, gas spacing and proration unit for the East Burton Flat-Strawn Gas Pool comprising Lots 6 and 7, the E/2 SW/4, and the SE/4 of said Section 6 for said well; to include both the Undesignated East Burton Flat-Atoka Gas Pool and the East Burton Flat-Morrow Gas Pool. Applicant also requests that any such order issued in this case be made effective retroactively to May 1987. Said well is located approximately 7.5 miles northwest of the junction of New Mexico Highway No. 31 North and U.S. Highway 62/180.

**CASE 9664:** Application of Bass Enterprises Production Company for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Queen formation or to a depth of 4,600 feet, whichever is deeper, underlying the NW/4 SE/4 of Section 21, Township 18 South, Range 35 East, forming a standard statewide 40-acre spacing and proration unit, said unit to be dedicated to its Reeves 21 State Well No. 2 to be drilled at a standard oil well location 1980 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit J) of said Section 21. 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 well location is approximately one quarter mile west of Milepost No. 3 on Old State Highway 8.

**CASE 9665:** Application of Bass Enterprises Production Company for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Undesignated Reeves-Queen Pool or to a depth of 4,600 feet, whichever is deeper, underlying the NE/4 SE/4 of Section 21, Township 18 South, Range 35 East, forming a standard statewide 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit, said unit to be dedicated to its Reeves 21 State Well No. 3 to be drilled at a standard oil well location 1980 feet from the South line and 780 feet from the East line (Unit I) of said Section 21. 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 well location is approximately 100 feet east of Milepost No. 3 on Old State Highway No. 8.

**CASE 9639:** (Continued from April 26, 1989, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Meridian Oil, Inc. for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool underlying the E/2 (equivalent) of Section 23, Township 31 North, Range 10 West, forming a standard 313.78-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, to be dedicated to its Atlantic "D" Com Well No. 205 to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the NW/4 of said Section 23. 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 location is approximately 9 miles northeast of Aztec, New Mexico.

**CASE 9641:** (Continued from April 26, 1989, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Meridian Oil, Inc. for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool underlying the W/2 (equivalent) of Section 23, Township 31 North, Range 10 West, forming a standard 315.75-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, to be dedicated to its Atlantic "B" Com Well No. 205 to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the SW/4 of said Section 23. 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 location is approximately 9 miles northeast of Aztec, New Mexico.

**CASE 9666:** Application of Bill Fenn, Inc. for an unorthodox gas well location and dual completion, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dually complete a well in the Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Gas Pool and the Undesignated Indian Basin-Morrow Gas Pool at an unorthodox gas well location 825 feet from the North line and 1650 feet from the East line (Unit B) of Section 7, Township 22 South, Range 24 East, all of said Irregular Section 7 to be dedicated to the well forming a 617.68-acre gas spacing and proration unit for both pools. Said well location is approximately 4.5 miles south-southeast of the Marathon Oil Company Indian Basin Gas Plant.

**CASE 9667:** Application of Midland Phoenix Corporation for unorthodox gas well location and compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Undesignated Pitchfork Ranch-Atoka Gas Pool and the Undesignated Pitchfork Ranch-Morrow Gas Pool underlying the E/2 of Section 34, Township 24 South, Range 34 East, to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for both pools, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit O) of said Section 34. 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 3 miles west-southwest of the Junction of Old State Highway No. 128 and County Road No. 2.

**CASE 9645:** (Readvertised)

Application of BP Exploration, Inc., for compulsory pooling and directional drilling, 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 Atoka formation underlying the SE/4 SW/4 of Section 30, Township 17 South, Range 38 East, forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools within said vertical extent developed on 40-acre spacing (which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Hobbs Channel-Bone Spring Pool, Undesignated Hobbs Channel-San Andres Pool, and the Undesignated Hobbs Channel-Wolfcamp Pool). Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be directionally drilled from a surface location 1138 feet from the South line and 1633 feet from the West line of said Section 30 to a point within 100 feet of a standard bottomhole oil well location 660 feet from the South line and 1817 feet from the West line of said Section 30. 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 location is approximately 1.5 miles east of Humble City, New Mexico.

**CASE 9668:** Application of Nearburg Producing Company for an unorthodox oil well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox oil well location 990 feet from the North line and 1500 feet from the West line (Unit C) of Section 12, Township 17 South, Range 37 East, Undesignated Shipp-Strawn Pool, the N/2 NW/4 of said Section 12 to be dedicated to the well forming a standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit. Said location is approximately 4 miles north of Humble City, New Mexico.

**CASE 9669:** Application of Enron Oil & Gas Company for compulsory pooling, unorthodox gas well location, and non-standard gas proration unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Undesignated Pitchfork Ranch-Morrow Gas Pool underlying the S/2 of Section 34, Township 24 South, Range 34 East, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool. Applicant further seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Undesignated Pitchfork Ranch-Atoka Gas Pool underlying the SE/4 of said Section 34, forming a non-standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool. Both aforementioned units are to be dedicated to a single well to be drilled