

Examiner Hearing - Wednesday - March 30, 1988

CASE 9340: Application of Union Oil Company of California d/b/a/ Unocal for downhole commingling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval to commingle production from the Gallup formation (Undesignated Largo-Gallup Gas Pool, Undesignated South Blanco-Tocito Oil Pool, or the undesignated Gallup formation) and Basin-Dakota Pool (prorated gas) underlying Sections 1 and 2, Township 26 North, Range 7 West. Said area is located approximately 2.5 miles north-northeast of the El Paso Natural Gas Company Largo Station.

CASE 9341: Application of Enron Oil & Gas Company for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval to re-enter the Amoco Production Company Teledyne 4 Gas Well No. 1 located at an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the South line and 330 feet from the East line (Unit P) of Section 4, Township 23 South, Range 29 East, to test the Undesignated Laguna Salado-Atoka Gas Pool, the S/2 of said Section 4 to be dedicated to the well. Said location is approximately 1.5 miles southeast of the junction of New Mexico Highways Nos. 31 and 128.

CASE 9325: (Continued from March 2, 1988, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Enron Oil & Gas Company for amendment of special pool rules, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to amend the special pool rules promulgated by Division Order No. R-3161 for the Cinta Roja Morrow Gas Pool in Township 24 South, Range 35 East, to include a provision for 320-acre infill drilling and appropriate findings relative thereto. Said pool is located approximately 6 miles south-southeast of the San Simon Sink.

CASE 9333: (Continued from March 16, 1988, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Terra Resources, Inc. for compulsory pooling, unorthodox gas well location, and an exception to special pool rules, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow Formation underlying the N/2 of Section 22, Township 15 South, Range 27 East, Undesignated Buffalo Valley-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox gas well location 1650 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line (Unit H) of said Section 22. Applicant further seeks exception to the special rules for the Buffalo Valley-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool for the completion of its well in the NE/4 of Section 22 at said unorthodox location. 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 the risk involved in drilling said well. Said location is approximately 10 miles Southeast of Hagerman, New Mexico.

CASE 9350: Application of Amerind Oil Company for a non-standard oil proration unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an 80-acre non-standard oil proration unit for production from the Strawn and Atoka formations comprising the SE/4 NE/4 and NE/4 SE/4 of Section 2, Township 17 South, Range 37 East, Undesignated Shipp-Strawn Pool, Undesignated Humble City-Strawn Pool, and Undesignated Humble City-Atoka Pool, said unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard oil well location thereon. Said unit is located approximately 4.5 miles north of Humble City, New Mexico.

CASE 9342: Application of the Petroleum Corporation of Delaware for simultaneous dedication and to amend Division Administrative Order No. NSP-1290, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to amend Division Administrative Order No. NSP-1290, dated April 28, 1982, which Order authorized a 299.84, more or less, non-standard gas spacing and proration unit for the East Burton Flat-Morrow Gas Pool comprising Lots 6 and 7, the E/2 SW/4, and the SE/4 of Section 6, Township 20 South, Range 29 East, to include the East Burton Flat-Strawn Gas Pool. Applicant further seeks authorization to simultaneously dedicate the production from both pools within said non-standard gas proration units to the existing dually completed Superior Federal Well. No. 6 located 660 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit N) of said Section 6 and to the proposed Superior Federal Well No. 7 to be drilled at a standard location within the SE/4 of said Section 6. Said unit is located approximately 7.5 miles northwest of the junction of New Mexico Highway No. 31 North and U.S. 62/180.

CASE 9343: Application of Mesa Grande Resources, Inc. for compulsory pooling and a non-standard oil proration unit, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Dakota formation underlying the W/2 of Section 15, Township 25 North, Range 2 West, forming a standard 320-acre oil spacing and proration unit for the Undesignated Gavilan Greenhorn-Graneros-Dakota Oil Pool. Applicant further seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Gallup formation underlying the aforementioned acreage, thereby forming a non-standard 320-acre oil spacing and proration unit for the Gavilan-Mancos Oil Pool. Both units are to be dedicated to a single well to be drilled at a location which satisfies the standard location requirements for both pools. 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 6.25 miles north of Lindrith, New Mexico.

CASE 9344: Application of Nanco, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Gavilan-Pictured Cliffs Pool underlying the SW/4 of Section 15, Township 25 North, Range 2 West, forming a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit, to be dedicated to its Locer Well No. 2 located at a standard gas well location for said pool, 1725 feet from the South line and 1799 feet from the West line (Unit K) 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 well is located approximately 6 miles north of Lindrith, New Mexico.

CASE 9345: Application Nanco, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Gavilan-Pictured Cliffs Pool underlying the NW/4 of Section 15, Township 25 North, Range 2 West, forming a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit, to be dedicated to its Locer Well No. 1 located at a standard gas well location 933 feet from the North line and 1676 feet from the West line (Unit C) 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 well is located approximately 6.5 miles of Lindrith, New Mexico.

CASE 9346: Application of Read & Stevens, Inc. for termination of gas prorationing cancellation of overproduction, and emergency relief from shut-in requirements, BuffaloValley-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order terminating gas prorationing and for cancellation of overproduction in the Buffalo Valley-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool located in portions of Townships 14 and 15 South, Ranges 27 and 28 East. Applicant further requests emergency relief from shut-in requirements due to overproduction for its Harris Federal Wells Nos. 8 and 9 located in Unit F of Sections 26 and 23, respectively, of Township 15 South, Range 27 East, and for any additional relief as the Division may deem necessary in this matter. Both wells are located in an area approximately 10.5 miles southeast by south of Hagerman, New Mexico.

CASE 9272: (Continued from March 16, 1988, Examiner Hearing)

In the matter of Case No. 9272 being reopened upon application of Arco Oil and Gas Company to reconsider the provisions of Division Order No. R-8579, issued in said Case No. 9272, which granted the application of Mitchell Energy Corporation to compulsorily pool all mineral interests below the top of the Wolfcamp formation underlying the following described acreage in Section 3, Township 15 South, Range 35 East, Lea County, New Mexico, and in the following described manner:

Lots 1 through 4 and S/2 N/2 to form a non-standard 324.7-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;

Lots 3 and 4 to form a non-standard 82.8-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;

Lot 3 to form a non-standard 41.3-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.

CASE 9326: (Continued from March 2, 1988, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Sun Exploration and Production 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 26, Township 26 North, Range 2 West, to form a standard 640-acre oil spacing and proration unit in said pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to the Sun Exploration and Production Company Wildfire Well No. 1 located 900 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the West line (Unit N) of said Section 26 which is presently completed in and producing from the Gavilan-Mancos Oil Pool. Also to be considered will be the method for cost allocation and participation thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Applicant further requests that Sun Exploration and Production Company remain as operator of the well and that the effective date of any order issued in the case be retroactive to June 8, 1987. Said well is located approximately 4.5 miles east-northeast of the Ojito Post Office.

CASE 9323: (Continued from March 2, 1988, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Ralph E. Williamson for a non-standard oil proration unit and simultaneous dedication, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for a 56.19-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit comprising Lots 8 and 9 of Section 35, Township 26 South, Range 29 East, Brushy Draw-Delaware Pool, to be simultaneously dedicated to its Stateline Federal Well No. 1 located in Lot 8 and to its Stateline Federal Well No. 2 to be located at a previously approved unorthodox location 610 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the West line in Lot 9 of said Section 35. Said unit is located approximately 1 mile east of where the Pecos River crosses the New Mexico/Texas Stateline.

CASE 9331: Application of Phillips Petroleum Company for a non-standard gas proration unit and unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the North and West lines (Unit D) of Section 22, Township 17 South, Range 35 East, to test the South Shoe Bar-Atoka Gas Pool and the Morrow formation, said well to be dedicated either to a 160-acre non-standard gas proration and spacing unit consisting of the N/2 SW/4 and W/2 NW/4 of said Section 22, or in the alternative, to an 80-acre non-standard gas proration and spacing unit consisting of the W/2 NW/4 of said Section 22. Said location is approximately 3.5 miles Northeast by East of Buckeye, New Mexico.

CASE 9327: (Continued from March 2, 1988, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Dugan Production Corporation for an order pooling all mineral interests in the Gavilan-Mancos Oil Pool underlying a certain 640-acre tract of land or, in the alternative, for a non-standard 320-acre oil proration unit in said pool and compulsory pooling therein, 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 22, Township 26 North, Range 2 West, to form a standard 640-acre oil spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to the Amoco Production Company Seifert Gas Com "A" Well No. 1 located 940 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the east line (Unit P) of said Section 22 which is presently completed in and producing from the Gavilan-Mancos Oil Pool and dedicated to a previously approved 320-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit (see Rule 2(a) as promulgated by Division Order No. R-7407-E) underlying the E/2 of said Section 22. Also to be considered will be the cost of participation in the well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Applicant further requests that Amoco Production Company remain as operator of the well and that the effective date of any order issued in the case be made retroactive to June 8, 1987. IN THE ALTERNATIVE, applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Gavilan-Mancos Oil Pool underlying the W/2 of said Section 22, thereby forming a non-standard 320-acre oil spacing and proration unit for said pool, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered in this particular matter 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 the applicant as operator of the well and unit and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. This area is located approximately 11 miles north of Lindrith, New Mexico.

CASE 9332: Application of Terra Resources, Inc. for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox gas well location, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow Formation underlying the E/2 of Section 22, Township 14 South, Range 27 East, Undesignated Springer Basin Atoka-Morrow Gas Pool, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox gas well location 330 feet from the South and East lines (Unit P) of said Section 22. 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 the risk involved in drilling said well. Said location is approximately 6.5 miles East-Southeast of Hagerman, New Mexico.

CASE 9333: Application of Terra Resources, Inc. for compulsory pooling, unorthodox gas well location, and an exception to special pool rules, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow Formation underlying the N/2 of Section 22, Township 15 South, Range 27 East, Undesignated Buffalo Valley-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox gas well location 1650 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line (Unit H) of said Section 22. Applicant further seeks exception to the special rules for the Buffalo Valley-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool for the completion of its well in the NE/4 of Section 22 at said unorthodox location. 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 the risk involved in drilling said well. Said location is approximately 10 miles Southeast of Hagerman, New Mexico.

CASE 9334: Application of Union Texas Petroleum for a non-standard oil proration unit, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an 80-acre non standard oil proration unit comprising the N/2 SW/4 of Section 2, Township 25 North, Range 3 West, West Lindrith Gallup-Dakota Oil Pool, to be dedicated to its McCroden "C" Well No. 1 located at a standard location 2146 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the West line (Unit K) of said Section 2. Said well is located approximately 1.75 miles West by South of the Ojito Post Office.

CASE 8371: (Readadvertised)
In the matter of Case No. 8371 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Division Order No. R-7783 which promulgated temporary special rules and regulations for the Burton Flat-Upper Strawn Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, including a provision for 160-acre spacing units. Operators is the subject pool may appear and show cause why the Burton Flat-Upper Strawn Pool should not be developed on 40-acre proration units.

CASE 9294: (Readadvertised)
Application of Nearburg Producing Company for compulsory pooling, unorthodox gas well location, and a non-standard gas proration unit, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Undesignated Four Mile Draw-Morrow Gas Pool underlying Lots 1 and 2, the E/2 NW/4, and the NE/4 of Section 7, Township 19 South, Range 26 East, to form a non-standard 318.85-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 1980 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line (Unit E) of said Section 7. 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 11 miles south of Artesia, New Mexico.

CASE 9314: (Continued from March 2, 1988, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Nearburg Producing Company to Amend Division Order No. R-6933, as amended, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authorization to re-enter and deepen to the Morrow formation the Santa Fe Exploration Company Gulf Com. Well No. 1 located at an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the North and West lines (Unit D) of Section 14, Township 20 South, Range 25 East, previously approved by Division Order No. R-6933, as amended. Applicant also seeks to rescind the production limitation factor provisions of said Order. This well is located approximately 5.5 miles west by south of Seven Rivers, New Mexico.

CASE 9324: (Continued from March 2, 1988, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Amoco Production Company for compulsory pooling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Undesignated Gavilan-Mancos Oil Pool underlying Lots 3 and 4, S/2 NW/4, and SW/4 of Section 5 and all of Section 6, both in Township 25 North, Range 2 West, which is a non-standard oil spacing and proration unit for said pool previously approved by Division Order No. R-8268. Said unit is to be dedicated to its Hill Trust Federal Com. Well No. 1 to be drilled at a standard location 1660 feet from the North line and 1680 feet from the West line (Unit F) 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 location is approximately 3/4 of a mile west of the Ojito Post Office.

CASE 9272: (Continued from March 2, 1988, Examiner Hearing)

In the matter of Case No. 9272 being reopened upon application of Arco Oil and Gas Company to reconsider the provisions of Division Order No. R-8579, issued in said Case No. 9272, which granted the application of Mitchell Energy Corporation to compulsorily pool all mineral interests below the top of the Wolfcamp formation underlying the following described acreage in Section 3, Township 15 South, Range 35 East, Lea County, New Mexico, and in the following described manner: