

Dockets Nos. 30-88 and 31-88 are tentatively set for October 12 and October 26, 1988. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 28, 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:

CASE 9413: (Continued from August 17, 1988, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Yates Petroleum Company for special pool rules, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the promulgation of temporary special pool rules for the Avalon-Delaware Pool located in portions of Township 20 South, Ranges 27 and 28 East, including a provision to increase the gas-oil ratio limitation to 5,000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil. Said area is located approximately 9 miles north of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

CASE 9487: Application of TXO Producing Company for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Strawn and Atoka formations underlying either the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) of Section 2, Township 17 South, Range 38 East, to form a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for said zones and/or the W/2 SW/4 of said Section 2 to form a standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit for said zones (subject to the adoption of Special Pool Rules). Said unit(s) are to be dedicated to either well covered in Division Case 9470. Also to be considered will be the costs of drilling (or re-entering) and completing the 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 re-entering and directional drilling or in drilling the well. The proposed units are located approximately 6.75 miles south of the old Hobbs Army Air Forces Auxiliary Airfield No. 1.

CASE 9456: (Continued from August 31, 1988, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Foy and Middlebrook for an unorthodox gas well location, dual completion, and salt water disposal, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dually complete its Culp Ranch Unit Well No. 2 located 330 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the West line (Unit D) of Section 11, Township 12 South, Range 30 East, by disposing of produced salt water down through tubing into the Graham Springs-Devonian Pool in the open hole interval from 10,370 feet to 10,393 feet and producing gas from the Morrow formation up the casing/tubing annulus in said well, which is at an unorthodox gas well location, the N/2 of said Section 11 to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit. Said well is located approximately 12.75 miles S 60° W of Caprock, New Mexico.

CASE 9488: Application of BHP Petroleum Company for compulsory pooling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the base of the Pictured Cliffs formation to the base of the Dakota formation or to a depth of 8100 feet, whichever is deeper, underlying Section 28, Township 24 North, Range 1 West, forming a 640-acre spacing and proration unit for the West Puerto Chiquito Mancos-Oil Pool or other pools having 640-acre spacing; the E/2 of said section for pools having 320-acre spacing, or the SW/4 NE/4 of said section for pools having 40-acre spacing. Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location in 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 units are located approximately 6½ miles north of Regina, New Mexico.

CASE 9480: (Continued from September 14, 1988, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P., for compulsory pooling, 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 Wolfcamp formation underlying the W/2 of Section 11, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing (which only includes the Undesignated East Carlsbad-Wolfcamp Gas Pool at this time). Said unit is 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 located approximately 3/4 mile east of the Carlsbad Municipal Sewage Disposal Plant.

CASE 9489: Application of Blackwood & Nichols Co., Ltd. for salt water disposal, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Nacimiento formation in the perforated interval from approximately 1798 feet to 2250 feet in its Northeast Blanco Unit Well No. 206 located 790 feet from the South line and 1190 feet from the West line (Unit M) of Section 10, Township 31 North, Range 7 West, which is located approximately 8 miles north-northeast of Navajo dam, New Mexico.

CASE 9468: (Continued from August 31, 1988, Examiner Hearing.)

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 400 feet from the North line and 2240 feet from the East line (Unit B) of Section 30, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, to test the Strawn formation, Northeast Lovington-Pennsylvanian Pool, the N/2 NE/4 of said Section 30 to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit for said formation. Said location is approximately 4.5 miles southeast of Lovington, New Mexico.

CASE 9490: Application of Texaco Producing Inc. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in any and all formations to the base of the Strawn formation underlying the E/2 of Section 17, Township 25 South, Range 36 East, forming a standard 320-acre spacing and proration unit for any and all formations developed on 320-acre spacing. Said unit is to be dedicated to its West Jal B Deep Well No. 1 located at a standard location 1980 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line of said Section 17. 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 5 1/2 miles west by north of Jal, New Mexico.

CASE 9472: (Continued from September 14, 1988, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Terra Resources, Inc. for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the top of the Wolfcamp to either the base of the Morrow formation or to a depth of 9300 feet, whichever is deeper, (which includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Dayton-Wolfcamp Gas Pool, Undesignated Boyd-Morrow Gas Pool, and Undesignated Atoka-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool) underlying Lots 1 through 4 and the E/2 W/2 of Section 31, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, forming a standard 316-acre, more or less, gas spacing and proration unit, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled 1980 feet from the North line and 1617 feet from the West line (Unit F) of said Section 31, which is unorthodox for the Atoka-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool Rules. 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 6 miles northwest by north of Lakewood, New Mexico.

CASE 9491: Application of Foran Oil Company for simultaneous dedication, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to simultaneously dedicate a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit in the Diamond Mound Atoka-Morrow Gas Pool consisting of the W/2 of Section 36, Township 15 South, Range 27 East, to the existing State "ET" Well No. 1 located at a standard gas well location 990 feet from the North line and 1650 feet from the West line (Unit C) of said Section 36 and to a second well to be drilled at a standard gas well location in the SW/4 of said Section 36. Said unit is located approximately 14 miles east-northeast of Artesia, New Mexico.

CASE 9475: (Continued from August 31, 1988, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Meridian Oil, Inc. 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 all of Section 2, Township 26 North, Range 2 West, to form a 638.28-acre, more or less, standard oil spacing and proration unit for said pool, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard oil well location in Lot 3 of said Section 2. 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 14 miles north of Lindrith, New Mexico.

CASE 9476: (Continued from August 31, 1988, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Meridian Oil, Inc. 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 all of Section 3, Township 26 North, Range 2 West, to form a 636.80-acre, more or less, standard oil spacing and proration unit for said pool, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard oil well location in the SW/4 NW/4 (Unit E) of said Section 3. 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 14 miles north of Lindrith, New Mexico.

Dockets Nos. 33-88 and 34-88 are tentatively set for November 9 and November 22, 1988. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 26, 1988

8:15 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION CONFERENCE ROOM,
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The following cases will be heard before Michael E. Stogner, Examiner, or David R. Catanach, Alternate Examiner:

CASE 9510: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location for its New Deal "AFD" Federal Well No. 1 located 1980 feet from the North line and 760 feet from the East line (Unit H) of Section 6, Township 18 South, Range 25 East, to test all formations and/or pools from the top of the Wolfcamp formation to the base of the Mississippian formation (which includes but is not necessarily limited to the Eagle Creek Permo-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Undesignated Eagle Creek-Strawn Gas Pool and the Undesignated Richard Knob Atoka-Morrow Gas Pool), Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, the SE/4 NW/4, and the S/2 NE/4 of said Section 6 to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 324.66-acre gas spacing and proration unit. Said well is located approximately 10 miles southwest by west of Artesia, New Mexico.

CASE 9413: (Continued from September 28, 1988, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Yates Petroleum Company for special pool rules, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the promulgation of temporary special pool rules for the Avalon-Delaware Pool located in portions of Township 20 South, Ranges 27 and 28 East, including a provision to increase the gas-oil ratio limitation to 5,000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil. Said area is located approximately 9 miles north of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

CASE 9497: (Continued from October 12, 1988, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Corinne B. Grace for salt water disposal, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Bell Canyon and Upper Cherry Canyon formations of the East Ross Draw-Delaware Pool in the perforated interval from approximately 3886 feet to 4990 feet in its Zac Federal Well No. 1 located 660 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit N) of Section 25, Township 26 South, Range 30 East. Said well is located approximately 1/4 mile north-northwest of Monument No. 45 on the Texas/New Mexico stateline.

CASE 9511: Application of Phillips Petroleum Company for salt water disposal, Roosevelt County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced water into the South Peterson-Fusselman Pool and Montoya formation in the perforated interval from approximately 7892 feet to 7944 feet in its Lambirth "A" Well No. 6 located 1830 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit J) of Section 30, Township 5 South, Range 33 East, which is located 10.5 miles west of Pep, New Mexico.

CASE 9391: In the matter of Case 9391 being reopened upon the application of Foran Oil Company in order to add the Home-Stake Royalty Corporation and the Home-Stake Oil and Gas Company to Division Order No. R-8674, which is the order resulting from said Case 9391 providing for the compulsory pooling of all mineral interests in the Strawn formation underlying the E/2 SE/4 of Section 7, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, Northeast Lovington-Pennsylvanian Pool. Said unit is located approximately 4 miles east by south of the junction of U.S. Highway 82 and New Mexico State 18 in Lovington, New Mexico.

CASE 9491: (Readvertised)

Application of Foran Oil Company for simultaneous dedication, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to simultaneously dedicate a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit in the Diamond Mound Atoka-Morrow Gas Pool consisting of the W/2 of Section 36, Township 15 South, Range 27 East, to the existing State "ET" Well No. 1 located at a standard gas well location 990 feet from the North line and 1650 feet from the West line (Unit C) of said Section 36 and to a second well to be drilled at a standard gas well location in the SW/4 of said Section 36. Said unit is located approximately 14 miles east-northeast of Artesia, New Mexico.

CASE 9475: (Continued from September 28, 1988, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Meridian Oil, Inc. 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 all of Section 2, Township 26 North, Range 2 West, to form a 638.28-acre, more or less, standard oil spacing and proration unit for said pool, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard oil well location in Lot 3 of said Section 2. 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 14 miles north of Lindrith, New Mexico.

CASE 9476: (Continued from September 28, 1988, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Meridian Oil, Inc. 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 all of Section 3, Township 26 North, Range 2 West, to form a 636.80-acre, more or less, standard oil spacing and proration unit for said pool, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard oil well location in the SW/4 NW/4 (Unit E) of said Section 3. 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 14 miles north of Lindrieth, New Mexico.

CASE 9435: (Reopened and Readvertised)

Application of Union Oil Company of California d/b/a Unocal 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 in the Undesignated House Yates-Seven Rivers Gas Pool for a well to be drilled in Lot 1 at a point 600 feet from the North line of Irregular Section 5, Township 20 South, Range 39 East, and 330 feet East of the western boundary of Lot 1 in said Section 5, said well to be dedicated to Lots 1 and 4 of said Section 5 thereby forming a 58.72-acre non-standard gas proration and spacing unit for said pool. Said location is approximately 3.75 miles S 73° E of Nadine, New Mexico.

CASE 9490: (Continued from September 28, 1988, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Texaco Producing Inc. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in any and all formations to the base of the Strawn formation underlying the E/2 of Section 17, Township 25 South, Range 36 East, forming a standard 320-acre spacing and proration unit for any and all formations developed on 320-acre spacing. Said unit is to be dedicated to its West Jal B Deep Well No. 1 located at a standard location 1980 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line of said Section 17. 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 5½ miles west by north of Jal, New Mexico.

CASE 9512: Application of ARCO Oil and Gas Company to reinstate Division Order No. R-4984, simultaneous dedication and an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to reinstate Division Order No. R-4984 which authorized the standard 640-acre gas spacing and proration unit in the Jalmat Gas Pool, consisting of Section 14, Township 22 South, Range 36 East, to be simultaneously dedicated to the McDonald "WN" State Wells No. 11 and 27 (Well No. 27 being at an unorthodox gas well location) located in Units D and O, respectively. Applicant further seeks the addition of the McDonald "WN" State Wells No. 28 (authorized by the Division Director by letter dated June 18, 1976) and 31 located in Units F and A, respectively, of said Section 14, said Well No. 31 being at an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the North and East lines of said Section 14. Said unit is located approximately 7 miles southwest by west of Eunice, New Mexico.

CASE 9513: Application of Nearburg Producing Company for directionally drilling and an unorthodox oil well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to reenter the Texas International Petroleum Corp. Byers Well No. 1 located 660 feet from the South and West lines (Unit M) of Section 12, Township 17 South, Range 37 East, wherein the applicant proposes to deviate from vertical at a depth of approximately 7000 feet and bottom said wellbore in the Strawn formation at a subsurface unorthodox oil well location 330 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the West line of said Section 12. IN THE ALTERNATIVE, should re-entry into the aforementioned well be unsuccessful, the applicant seeks to drill a well at an unorthodox oil well location 330 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the West line (Unit M) of Section 12. In either case, the S/2 SW/4 of said Section 12 is to be dedicated to the appropriate well forming a standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit for either the Undesignated Humble City-Strawn Pool or South Humble City-Strawn Pool. The proposed unit is located approximately 4.75 miles west of Knowles, New Mexico.

CASE 9514: Application of OXY USA, Inc. 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 Wolfcamp formation underlying the SE/4 SE/4 (Unit P) of Section 29, Township 19 South, Range 36 East, to form a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all pools or formations developed on statewide 40-acre spacing (which includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated East Pearl-Queen Pool, Undesignated Eunice Monument-Grayburg-San Andres Pool, and an oil well in the Undesignated Eumont Gas 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 located approximately 6 miles west of Monument, New Mexico.