

Dockets Nos. 20-92 and 21-92 are tentatively set for July 9, 1992 and July 23, 1992. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 23 days in advance of hearing date.

**DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - JUNE 25, 1992**

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

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

**CASE 10493:** **Application of Maralo, Inc. for a unit agreement, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Little Bear Unit Agreement for an area comprising 638.72 acres, more or less, of State lands comprising all of Section 18, Township 24 South, Range 25 East, which is approximately 4.5 miles northwest of White City, New Mexico.

**CASE 10494:** **Application of Union Oil Company of California d/b/a UNOCAL for pool contraction, pool creation and special pool rules, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the contraction of the vertical limits of the Red Hills-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, which is currently comprised of Sections 31, 32, and 33, Township 25 South, Range 33 East, and Sections 4, 5, and 6, Township 26 South, Range 33 East, to include only the interval from the top of the lower "Atoka lime" to the base of the Morrow formation. Further, the applicant seeks the creation of a new pool for the production of gas from the "Upper Atoka" formation underlying all of Section 5, Township 26 South, Range 33 East, and the promulgation of special pool rules therefor, including provisions for 640-acre spacing and proration units and designated well location requirements. Said area is located approximately 23 miles west by south of Jal, New Mexico.

**CASE 10323:** **(Continued from May 14, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)**

**Application of Collins & Ware, Inc. for compulsory pooling and a non-standard gas proration unit, 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 Morrow formation or to a depth of 15,100 feet, whichever is deeper, underlying Lots 1 through 4 and the E/2 W/2 (W/2 equivalent) of Section 31, Township 21 South, Range 32 East, forming a non-standard 334.72-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools within said vertical extent developed on 320-acre spacing, which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Red Tank-Atoka Gas Pool and Undesignated Bilbrey-Morrow Gas Pool. 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 32.75 miles west of Eunice, New Mexico.

**CASE 10479:** **(Continued from June 11, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)**

**Application of Bird Creek Resources, Inc. 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 Delaware formation underlying the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 22, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within said vertical extent which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the East Loving-Delaware Pool. Said unit is 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 area is located approximately 1.75 miles east-northeast of Loving, New Mexico.

**CASE 10495:** **Application of Beach Exploration Inc. for amendment of Division Order No. R-9453 to increase the injection pressure limitation in its Red Lake Unit Penrose Waterflood Project, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order increasing the surface injection limitation pressure to 1500 psi in each of the fourteen existing injection wells located in Sections 24, 25, 35 and 36, Township 16 South, Range 28 East, NMPM. Said project is located approximately 16 miles east-northeast of Artesia, New Mexico.

**CASE 10496:** **Application of Southland Royalty Company for an unorthodox gas well location, downhole commingling, and to amend Division Administrative Order No. NWU-80, San Juan County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval to commingle gas production from the Fulcher Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool and the Basin Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool within the wellbore of its proposed Aztec Well No. 700 to be drilled at an unorthodox well location for both producing horizons 2280 feet from the South line and 1500 feet from the West line (Unit K) of Section 14, Township 28 North, Range 11 West. The S/2 of said Section 14 forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for the Basin Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool is to be dedicated to said well. Further, Division Administrative Order NWU-80, dated May 20, 1955, which authorized a non-standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit in the Fulcher Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool comprising the W/2 NW/4 and N/2 SW/4 of said Section 14 is to be amended to show that the proposed Aztec Well No. 700 is to replace the existing Aztec Well No. 3 located in Unit E as the unit's only producing well. Said area is located approximately 4 miles south by east of Bloomfield, New Mexico.

**CASE 10480:** (Continued from June 11, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

**Application of Marathon Oil Company for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Undesignated Lea-Wolfcamp Pool underlying the S/2 of Section 1, Township 20 South, Range 35 East, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to the plugged and abandoned Amoco Production Company Selby Well No. 1 located at a standard gas well location 660 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit N) of said Section 1. Also to be considered will be the cost of re-entering and recompleting 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 re-entering and recompleting said well. Said well is located approximately 9 miles west by south of Monument, New Mexico.

**CASE 10486:** (Continued from June 11, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Meridian Oil Inc. for a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project, special operating rules therefor, a non-standard oil proration unit, a special project oil allowable, and special GOR assignment, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to initiate a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project in an area that includes all of Section 20, Township 30 North, Range 15 West, Undesignated Horseshoe-Gallup Oil Pool. Within said area the applicant seeks to dedicate up to 320 acres to a horizontal well to be drilled from an unorthodox surface oil well location in the SE/4 SW/4 (Unit N) of said Section 20. Special rules and provisions would be promulgated for the area including the designation of a prescribed area limiting the horizontal displacement of the producing interval of the wellbore, special allowable considerations, and the adoption of a special gas/oil ratio of 4500 to 1. Said pilot project area is located approximately 4.75 miles northwest by north of Fruitland, New Mexico.

**CASE 10487:** (Continued from June 11, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Meridian Oil Inc. for a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project, special operating rules therefor, a non-standard oil proration unit, a special project oil allowable, and special GOR assignment, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to initiate a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project in an area that includes the N/2 and SW/4 of Section 17 and Lots 1 and 2, E/2, and E/2 NW/4 of Section 18, both in Township 30 North, Range 15 West, designated and Undesignated Horseshoe-Gallup Oil Pool. Within said area the applicant seeks to dedicate up to 320 acres to a horizontal well to be drilled from an unorthodox surface oil well location in the NW/4 NW/4 (Unit D) of said Section 17. Special rules and provisions would be promulgated for the area including the designation of a prescribed area limiting the horizontal displacement of the producing interval of the wellbore, special allowable considerations, and the adoption of a special gas/oil ratio of 4500 to 1. Said pilot project area is located approximately 6 miles northwest by north of Fruitland, New Mexico.

**CASE 10488:** (Continued from June 11, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

**Application of Meridian Oil Inc. for a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project, special operating rules therefor, a non-standard oil proration unit, a special project oil allowable, and special GOR assignment, San Juan County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the formation of a 160-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit in the Gallup formation comprising the SW/4 of Section 24, Township 32 North, Range 13 West, for the purpose of initiating a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project. The applicant proposes to utilize its existing USA Well No. 2 located 930 feet from the South line and 1050 feet from the West line (Unit M) of said Section 24, by sidetracking and drilling a lateral borehole within said project area. Applicant further seeks special rules and provisions within the pilot project area including the designation of a prescribed area limiting the horizontal displacement of the wellbore such that its producing interval be no closer than 330 feet from the subject area. Also to be considered will be special allowable provisions for a spacing unit larger than the statewide accepted 40-acre oil proration unit. The project area is located approximately 3.25 miles northeast by north of La Plata, New Mexico.

**CASE 10485: (Readvertised)**

**Application of Mewbourne Oil Company 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 Morrow formation underlying the following described area in Section 15, Township 18 South, Range 28 East, and in the following manner: the W/2 forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre gas spacing within said vertical extent, which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Empire-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Undesignated Palmillo Draw-Atoka Gas Pool, and North Illinois Camp-Morrow Gas Pool; the NW/4 forming a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations developed on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent; either the W/2 NW/4 or S/2 NW/4 forming a standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 80-acre spacing which presently includes only the Undesignated Travis-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool; and the SW/4 NW/4 forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within said vertical extent, which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Artesia Queen-Grayburg San Andres Pool. Said units are to be dedicated to a single well to be drilled in Unit E and considered standard for all zones. 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 the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 12 miles west-southwest of Loco Hills, New Mexico.

**CASE 10497:** **Application of Mewbourne Oil Company for two secondary recovery pilot projects, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authorization to institute two secondary recovery pilot projects in the Querecho Plains-Upper Bone Spring Pool by the injection of water into the perforated interval from approximately 8501 feet to 8530 feet in the Federal "E" Well No. 10 located 2310 feet from the North and East lines (Unit G) of Section 27 and from approximately 8454 feet to 8515 feet in the Government "K" Well No. 2 located 1950 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit K) of Section 23, both in Township 18 South, Range 32 East. Said pool is centered approximately 9 miles south by east of Maljamar, New Mexico.

**CASE 10498:** **Application of Charles Gillespie for compulsory pooling and a non-standard oil spacing and proration unit, 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 Strawn formation underlying Lot 3 of Section 1, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, forming a non-standard 51.08-acre oil spacing and proration unit. Said unit is 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 one mile north of the Lovington-Lea County Airport.

**CASE 10145: (Continued from May 14, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)**

In the matter of Case 10145 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Division Order No. R-6368-B, which order promulgated a temporary gas-oil ratio limitation of 4,000 to 1 for the Avalon-Delaware Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico. Operators may appear and present evidence and show cause why the foregoing temporary gas-oil ratio limitation should remain in effect.

**CASE 10460: (Reopened and Readvertised)**

**Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for directional drilling and a non-standard oil proration unit, Eddy and Lea Counties, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval to directionally drill its proposed Bonneville "AKK" Federal Well No. 3, to be located at a surface location at or around a point 810 feet from the South line and 200 feet from the East line (Unit P) of Section 24, Township 21 South, Range 31 East, in Eddy County, in such a manner as to bottom the well in the Undesignated Lost Tank-Delaware Pool at a standard oil well location in Lot 3 (NW/4 SW/4 equivalent), of Section 19, Township 21 South, Range 32 East, Lea County, being a non-standard 43.39-acre oil spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said unit is located approximately 15 miles north of State Highway 128 at the Lea/Eddy County line. **IN THE ABSENCE OF OBJECTION THIS MATTER WILL BE TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT.**

- (t) EXTEND the Lea-Wolfcamp Gas Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, NMPM

Section 11: S/2

- (u) EXTEND the East Livingston Ridge-Delaware Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, NMPM

Section 15: SW/4

Section 16: S/2

Section 17: SE/4

- (v) EXTEND the Lost Tank-Delaware Pool in Eddy and Lea Counties, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, NMPM

Section 31: NW/4

- (w) EXTEND the East Lusk-Delaware Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, NMPM

Section 35: SE/4

- (x) EXTEND the Paddock Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 38 EAST, NMPM

Section 19: NE/4

Section 20: NW/4

- (y) EXTEND the North Querecho Plains-Delaware Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, NMPM

Section 24: SE/4

- (z) EXTEND the Sanmal-Wolfcamp Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM

Section 28: SW/4

- aa. EXTEND the Weir-Blinebry Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM

Section 14: N/2