

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION FOR AN
UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION, EDDY
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. 10241

APPLICATION

COMES NOW YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION, by its attorneys,
and in support hereof respectfully states:

1. Applicant is the operator of the Cisco Canyon
Formation underlying:

Township 20 South, Range 24 East, N.M.P.M.

Section 9: E/2,

and proposes to drill its Judith "AIJ" Federal No. 1 Well at a
point located 560 feet from the South line and 560 feet from the
East line of said Section 9.

2. The applicant seeks an exception to the well loca-
tion requirements of Rule 104-C.2(a) of the Oil Conservation
Division to permit the drilling of the well at the above mentioned
unorthodox location to a depth sufficient to adequately test the
Cisco Canyon Formation.

3. A standard 320-acre proration unit comprising the
E/2 of said Section 9 should be dedicated to such well or to such

lesser portion thereof as is reasonably shown to be reasonably productive of hydrocarbons.

4. The acreage upon which this well is proposed to be drilled is federal acreage, and said location of 560 feet from the South line and 560 feet from the East line of said E/2 of Section 9 is the wellsite location as approved and dictated by the Bureau of Land Management, as shown on the letter attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference. The lease upon which this well is to be drilled expires January 31, 1991.

5. The approval of this application will afford applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of hydrocarbons, will prevent economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, avoid the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, and will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, applicant prays:

A. That this application be set for hearing before an examiner and that notice of said hearing be given as required by law.

B. That upon hearing the Division enter its order granting applicant permission to drill a well 560 feet from the South line and 560 feet from the East line of said Section 9 and to dedicate the E/2 of Section 9, which is reasonably presumed to be productive of hydrocarbons from the Cisco Canyon Formation.

C. And for such other relief as may be just in the premises.

YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION

By: 
Ernest L. Carroll

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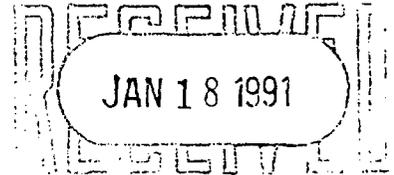
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NM-39121

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Yates Petroleum Corporation
105 South Fourth Street
Artesia, NM 88210
Attn: Randy Patterson

RE: Judith AIS Federal No. 1
SESE Sec. 9, T20S, R24E
NM-39121
Eddy County, NM

Dear Randy:

Thank you for your quick response to our inquiry for geologic information concerning the Judith location. The data has proven valuable in making our decision.

After conducting an additional onsite with members of my staff and myself, I have concluded the best location for the subject well would be 560+ FSL and 560+ FEL. By moving the location approximately 100 feet to the east, there is a significant difference in the amount of cut required to build the location as well as avoid a small drainage to the north. The geologic evidence indicates such a move would place the well in a slightly thicker dolomite pay zone, however, I really doubt the minor nature of the move would have any real effect on the final downhole location.

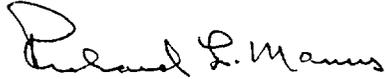
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In accordance to 43 CFR 3165.3(b), you have the right to an Administrative Review (AR) which must be filed within twenty (20) business days from receipt of this notice. All AR requests must be filed to the BLM State Director, P.O. Box 1449, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87504, ATTN: (922).

Sincerely,

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Richard L. Manus
Area Manager

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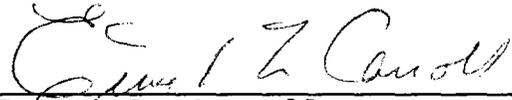
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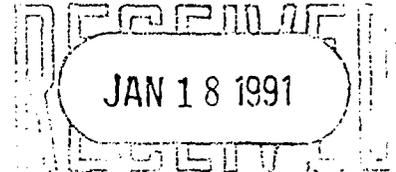
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Richard L. Manus
Area Manager

Dockets Nos. 7-91 and 8-91 are tentatively set for March 7, 1991 and March 21, 1991. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 23 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - FEBRUARY 21, 1991

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 Jim Morrow or Michael E. Stogner, Alternate Examiners:

CASE 9582: (Reopened)

In the matter of Case 9582 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Division Order No. R-8872, which order promulgated special rules and regulations for the Hat Mesa-Bone Spring Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, including provisions for 80-acre spacing and proration units and designated well location requirements. Operators in said pool may appear and show cause why the temporary rules for the Hat Mesa-Bone Spring Pool should not be rescinded.

CASE 10241: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for an unorthodox well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox well location in the Undesignated South Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool to be drilled 560 feet from the South and East lines (Unit P) of Section 9, Township 20 South, Range 24 East, the E/2 of said Section 9 to be dedicated to said well forming a standard oil or gas spacing and proration unit. Said unit is located approximately 10 miles west of Seven Rivers, New Mexico.

CASE 10242: Application of Yates Energy Corporation 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 SW/4 SE/4 (Unit O) of Section 1, Township 18 South, Range 31 East, forming a 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 Shugart Pool, Undesignated Maljamar Pool, Undesignated Tamano-San Andres Pool, and Undesignated North Shugart-San Andres 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 unit is located approximately 7 miles southwest by south of Maljamar, New Mexico.

CASE 10243: Application of Yates Energy Corporation 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 NE/4 SW/4 (Unit K) of Section 1, Township 18 South, Range 31 East, forming a 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 Shugart Pool and North Shugart-San Andres 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 unit is located approximately 7 miles southwest by south of Maljamar, New Mexico.

CASE 10244: Application of Newbourne 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 acreage in Section 14, Township 17 South, Range 26 East and in the following manner: the N/2 forming a standard 320-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 Kennedy Farms-Upper Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Undesignated Kennedy Farms-Atoka Gas Pool, Undesignated Riverside-Atoka Gas Pool, and Undesignated Kennedy Farms-Morrow Gas Pool; the NW/4 forming a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools within said vertical extent developed on 160-acre gas spacing; and the SW/4 NW/4 of Section 14 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 oil spacing. Said units are to be dedicated to its Haideman Well No. 1 to be drilled at a previously approved unorthodox Morrow gas well location 1980 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line (Unit E) of said Section 14 (Division Order No. R-9417). 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 2.5 miles east of Artesia, New Mexico.

CASE 10141: (Readvertised)

Application of Samuel Gary Jr. and Associates, Inc. for a gas reinjection/pressure maintenance project, Sandoval County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a gas reinjection/pressure maintenance project in its San Isidro (Shallow) Unit Area located in Townships 20 and 21 North, Ranges 2 and 3 West, by the injection of gas into the Rio Puerco-Mancos Oil Pool through the perforated interval from approximately 3691 feet to 4127 feet in its San Isidro 13 Well No. 11 located 1980 feet from the South and West lines (Unit K) of Section 13, Township 20 South, Range 3 West. Said project area is located approximately 5 to 13 miles west-southwest of Cuba, New Mexico.

CASE 10245: Application of Conoco Inc. for pool creation, special pool rules, and contraction of the Blinebry Oil and Gas and Warren-Tubb Gas Pools, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the creation of a new oil and gas pool for Blinebry and Tubb production comprising all or portions of Sections 22, 26, 27, 33, 34, and 35, Township 20 South, Range 38 East, to be designated the Warren Blinebry-Tubb Oil and Gas Pool, and the promulgation of special pool rules therefor, including a provision to allow for simultaneous dedication of pool acreage to both oil and gas wells, special gas allowable considerations, and any other provisions deemed necessary for such a pool. Applicant also seeks the concomitant contraction of the Blinebry Oil and Gas Pool and the Warren-Tubb Gas Pool and the creation of a new gas pool for Tubb production comprising the SE/4 of Section 23, SW/4 of Section 24, W/2 of Section 25 and the NW/4 of Section 36, Township 20 South, Range 38 East. Said area is located approximately 10 miles south of Hobbs, New Mexico.

- CASE 10246: Application of Conoco Inc. for an unorthodox oil well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox oil well location for its Burger B-20 Well No. 4 to be drilled 2200 feet from the North line and 2450 feet from the West line (Unit F) of Section 20, Township 20 South, Range 38 East, Warren-McKee Pool. The SE/4 NW/4 of said Section 20 is to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said unit is located approximately 8.5 miles north of Eunice, New Mexico.
- CASE 10247: Application of Meridian Oil Inc. for an unorthodox oil well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox oil well location to be drilled 1140 feet from the South line and 330 feet from the East line (Unit P) of Section 3, Township 19 South, Range 30 East. The SE/4 SE/4 of said Section 3 is to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools to the base of the Grayburg formation spaced on 40-acre oil spacing and proration units, which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Shugart Pool and Undesignated North Benson Queen Grayburg Pool. Said unit is located approximately 9.5 miles south by east of Loco Hills, New Mexico.
- CASE 10248: Application of Pitts Energy Co. for an unorthodox oil well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox oil well location to be drilled 1500 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the East line (Unit J) of Section 5, Township 12 South, Range 38 East, the NW/4 SE/4 of said Section 5 to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing from the surface to the base of the Devonian formation, which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Gladiola-Wolfcamp Pool, Undesignated Gladiola-Mississippian Pool, and Gladiola-Devonian Pool. Said unit is located approximately 5 miles northeast of Gladiola, New Mexico.
- CASE 10249: Application of Pacific Enterprises Oil Company (USA) for a non-standard gas proration unit and an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an exception to the current Special Rules and Regulations for the McMillan-Morrow Gas Pool, as promulgated by Division Order No. R-2917, as amended, and to establish a non-standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit comprising the S/2 of Section 18, Township 20 South, Range 27 East, 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 West line (Unit N) of said Section 18. Said unit is located approximately 9.5 miles south of the Old Illinois Camp.
- CASE 10250: Application of Pacific Enterprises Oil Company (USA) for the rescission of special pool rules and for two non-standard 640-acre gas proration units or, in the alternative, to amend Division Order No. R-2917, as amended, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the rescission of the Special Rules and Regulations for the spacing and location of wells in the McMillan-Morrow Gas Pool, comprising Sections 13 and 24, Township 20 South, Range 26 East and Sections 7, 18, and 19, Township 20 South, Range 27 East, and seeks to have said pool governed by the provisions of General Rule 104.C.II(a) for gas pools of Pennsylvanian age. Further, the applicant requests the concomitant creation of two non-standard 640-acre gas spacing and proration units for the McMillan-Morrow Gas Pool in Section 13, Township 20 South, Range 26 East, for the existing Yates Drilling Company Pecos River Deep Unit located in Unit H of said Section 13 and in Section 19, Township 20 South, Range 27 East, for the existing Presidio Exploration Inc. State "I" Com Well No. 1 located in Unit F of Section 19, Township 20 South, Range 27 East. IN THE ALTERNATIVE, the applicant seeks to amend the current Rules and Regulations for said McMillan-Morrow Gas Pool, as promulgated by Division Order No. R-2917, as amended, to permit the optional drilling of an additional well on each 640-acre proration unit. Said pool is located approximately 5 miles south-southeast of Lakewood, New Mexico.
- CASE 10226: (Continued from February 7, 1991, Examiner Hearing.)
Application of Bird Creek Resources for special pool rules, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order promulgating special rules and regulations for the East Loving-Delaware Pool including a provision for a limiting gas-oil ratio of 5000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil. Said pool is located in Township 23 South, Range 28 East, being approximately 2 miles east of Loving, New Mexico.
- CASE 10227: (Continued from February 7, 1991, Examiner Hearing.)
Application of Nearburg Producing 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 N/2 of Section 29, Township 18 South, Range 25 East, to form a standard 320-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 Penasco Draw San Andres-Yeso Associated Pool, Undesignated Penasco Draw-Permo Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Undesignated Penasco Draw-Atoka Gas Pool, and Penasco Draw-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 7 miles west of Dayton, New Mexico.
- CASE 10156: (Continued from February 7, 1991, Examiner Hearing.)
Application of ARCO Oil and Gas 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 Ellenburger formation, underlying the S/2 of Section 32, Township 20 South, Range 37 East, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing, said unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard gas well location thereon. Also to be considered will be the costs 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 the drilling of said well. Said unit is located approximately 2 miles north-northwest of Oil Center, New Mexico.

Dockets Nos. 8-91 and 9-91 are tentatively set for March 21, 1991 and April 4, 1991. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 23 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - MARCH 7, 1991

8:15 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION CONFERENCE ROOM,
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CASE 10233: (Continued from February 7, 1991, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Mobil Exploration & Producing Company for approval of salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the South Vacuum Devonian Pool, in the open hole interval from approximately 11,800 feet to 13,970 feet in its State Section 27 Well No. 1 located 660 feet from the North line and 1983 feet from the East line (Unit B) of Section 27, Township 18 South, Range 35 East. Said well is located approximately 5 miles east of the old Hobbs Army Air Corps Auxiliary Airfield No. 4.

CASE 10255: Application of Mobil Exploration & Producing U.S. Inc. for an unorthodox oil well location and a non-standard oil proration unit, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox oil well location in the Undesignated West Lindrith Gallup-Dakota Oil Pool for its Lindrith "B" Unit Well No. 78 to be drilled 2030 feet from the South line and 143 feet from the West line (Unit L) of Section 6, Township 24 North, Range 2 West, Lots 6 and 7 and the E/2 SW/4 (SW/4 equivalent) of said Section 6 to be dedicated to said well forming a non-standard 151.34-acre oil spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said unit is located approximately 3.5 miles northwest of Lindrith, New Mexico.

CASE 10241: (Readvertised)

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CASE 10234: (Continued from February 7, 1991, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation 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 Ordovician formation underlying the following described acreage in Section 29, Township 9 South, Range 26 East, and in the following manner: the N/2 to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within said vertical extent, which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Four Ranch-PrePermian Gas Pool and Undesignated East Bitter Lakes-Wolfcamp Gas Pool; the NE/4 to form a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent, which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the South Pecos Slope-Abo Gas Pool; and the SW/4 NE/4 to form a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations developed on 40-acre oil spacing within said vertical extent. Said units are to be dedicated to a single well to be drilled 1980 feet from the North line and 2310 feet from the East line (Unit G) of said Section 29, which is a standard oil and gas well location for zones spaced on 320 acres and 40 acres but is an unorthodox gas well location for zones spaced on 160 acres. 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 7 miles north of Mile Marker No. 167 on U.S. Highway 380.

CASE 10256: Application of LBO New Mexico, 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 Mississippian formation or to a depth of 11,200 feet, whichever is deeper, underlying the following described acreage in Section 9, Township 11 South, Range 33 East and in the following manner: the S/2 forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within said vertical extent; the W/2 SW/4 forming a standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit in the North Bagley-Permo Pennsylvanian Pool; and the NW/4 SW/4 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. Said units are to be dedicated to a single well to be drilled 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line (Unit L) of said Section 9 being a standard oil well location but an unorthodox gas well 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 risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 5 miles east by south of Caprock, New Mexico.

CASE 10202: (Continued from February 7, 1991, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Seay Exploration, 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 Abo formation underlying the following described acreage and in the following manner: Lots 1 and 2 and the S/2 NE/4 (NE/4 equivalent) of Section 6, Township 20 South, Range 39 East, forming a 160.12-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools within said vertical extent developed on 160-acre spacing, which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the House-Yates Seven Rivers Gas Pool and the SW/4 NE/4 of said Section 6 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 House-San Andres, Undesignated House-Blinebry and House-Drinkard Pools. Said units are to be dedicated to a single well to be drilled at a standard location in the SW/4 NE/4 (Unit G) of said Section 6. 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 east-southeast of the community of Nadine, New Mexico.

CASE 10257: Application of Nearburg Producing Company 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 in the Undesignated North Osudo-Morrow Gas Pool underlying all of irregular Section 19, Township 19 South, Range 36 East, forming a non-standard 629.62-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, 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 8 miles west by north of Monument, New Mexico.

CASE 10258: Application of Nearburg Producing 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 Morrow formation underlying the N/2 of Section 23, Township 20 South, Range 34 East, forming a standard 320-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 Laguna Valley-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 4.5 miles south of U.S. Highway 62/180 at Mile Marker No. 80.5.

CASE 10259: Application of Chevron U.S.A., Inc. for statutory unitization, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order unitizing, for the purpose of establishing a secondary recovery project, all mineral interests in the Grayburg and San Andres formations, more or less, underlying 5922.26 acres, more or less, of Federal, State, and Fee lands comprising portions of Townships 21 and 22 South, Ranges 36 and 37 East. Said unit is to be designated the Arrowhead Grayburg (San Andres) Unit. Among the matters to be considered at the hearing will be the necessity of unit operations; the designation of a unit operator; the determination of horizontal and vertical limits of the unit area; the determination of the fair, reasonable, and equitable allocation of production and costs of production, including capital investment to each of the various tracts in the unit area; the determination of credits and charges to be made among the various owners in the unit area for their investment in wells and equipment; and such other matters as may be necessary and appropriate for carrying on efficient unit operations, including but not limited to, unit voting procedures, selection, removal or substitution of unit operator, and time of commencement and termination of unit operations. Said Unit Area is located 3 to 5 miles west of Eunice, New Mexico.

CASE 10260: Application of Chevron U.S.A., Inc. for a waterflood project, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project on its proposed Arrowhead Grayburg (San Andres) Unit Area (Division Case No. 10259) located in portions of Townships 21 and 22 South, Ranges 36 and 37 East, by the injection of water into the unitized internal which includes the Grayburg and San Andres formations, more or less, through 50 certain wells to either be drilled, recompleted or converted from producing to water injection wells. Said project area is located 3 to 5 miles west of Eunice, New Mexico.

CASE 10261: Application of Chevron U.S.A., Inc. for pool extensions and contractions, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, in conjunction with its Arrowhead Grayburg (San Andres) Unit and waterflood project (Division Cases Nos. 10259 and 10260), applicant seeks to contract and extend the horizontal and/or vertical limits of the Arrowhead-Grayburg, Penrose-Skelly, Langlie-Mattix, and Eumont Gas Pools in portions of Townships 21 and 22 South, Ranges 36 and 37 East, which is 3 to 5 miles west of Eunice, New Mexico.

CASE 10236: (Continued from February 7, 1991, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Meridian Oil Inc. for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from 50 feet below the base of the Queen formation to 50 feet below the base of the Delaware formation underlying the NW/4 SE/4 (Unit J) of Section 12, Township 18 South, Range 31 East, to form 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 Undesignated East Shugart-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 unit is located approximately 2.75 miles south by west of New Mexico State Highway No. 529 at the Lea/Eddy County line.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - MARCH 21, 1991

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

CASE 10263: Application of Giant Exploration & Production Company 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 of Section 30, Township 25 North, Range 12 West, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the NE/4 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 unit is located approximately 9 miles southwest by west of the B.I.A. Huerfano Community School.

CASE 10264: Application of Robert L. Bayless for designation of a tight formation, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the designation of the Pictured Cliffs formation underlying portions of Townships 29, 30, 31 and 32 North, Ranges 2, 3, and 4 West, containing 193,090 acres, more or less, as a "Tight Formation" pursuant to Section 107 of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 and 18 C.F.R. Section 271.701-705. Said area for the most part comprises the northwestern portion of the Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation.

CASE 10265: Application of Northwest Pipeline Corporation for clarification of Division Order No. R-8332 relating to compulsory pooling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order clarifying Division Order No. R-8332, which order pooled certain interests in the Gavilan Mancos Oil Pool underlying the S/2 of Section 24, Township 25 North, Range 2 West, forming a standard 320-acre proration unit for said pool. Specifically, Northwest seeks an interpretation of decretory paragraph No. (7) to determine whether Northwest must account for the proceeds from the date of first production or from the effective date of Division Order R-7407, which enacted special pool rules for the Gavilan-Mancos Oil Pool establishing 320-acre proration units. Said proration unit is located approximately 5.5 miles north-northeast of Lindrith, New Mexico.

CASE 10241: (Readvertised)

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 in both the Undesignated South Dagger Draw-Upper-Pennsylvanian Associated Pool and the Undesignated West Dagger Draw-Morrow Gas Pool to be drilled 560 feet from the South and East lines (Unit P) of Section 9, Township 20 South, Range 24 East, the E/2 of said Section 9 to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 320-acre oil or gas spacing and proration unit. Said unit is located approximately 10 miles west of Seven Rivers, New Mexico.

CASE 10234: (Continued from March 7, 1991, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation 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 Ordovician formation underlying the following described acreage in Section 29, Township 9 South, Range 26 East, and in the following manner: the N/2 to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within said vertical extent, which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Four Ranch-PrePermian Gas Pool and Undesignated East Bitter Lakes-Wolfcamp Gas Pool; the NE/4 to form a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent, which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the South Pecos Slope-Abo Gas Pool; and the SW/4 NE/4 to form a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations developed on 40-acre oil spacing within said vertical extent. Said units are to be dedicated to a single well to be drilled 1900 feet from the North line and 2310 feet from the East line (Unit G) of said Section 29, which is a standard oil and gas well location for zones spaced on 320 acres and 40 acres but is an unorthodox gas well location for zones spaced on 160 acres. 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 7 miles north of Mile Marker No. 167 on U.S. Highway 380.

CASE 10266: Application of Fina Oil and Chemical Company for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests below a depth of 10,907 feet underlying the E/2 of Section 28, Township 16 South, Range 34 East, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formation and/or pools within said vertical extent developed on 320-acre spacing, which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the South Kennitz Atoka-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 7 miles northwest by north of Buckeye, New Mexico.

- CASE 10267: Application of Pacific Enterprises Oil Company (USA) 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 Devonian formation underlying the following described acreage in Section 4, Township 23 South, Range 34 East, and in the following manner: All of said Section 4 forming a 639.52-acre gas spacing and proration unit in the Undesignated North Bell Lake-Devonian Gas Pool which is spaced on 640 acres; Lots 3 and 4, S/2 NW/4 and SW/4 (W/2 equivalent) to form a 320.16-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within said vertical extent which includes, but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated North Antelope Ridge-Wolfcamp Gas Pool, Undesignated Antelope Ridge-Atoka Gas Pool, Undesignated North Bell Lake-Morrow Gas Pool and the Undesignated Antelope Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool; the SW/4 to form a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent; and, the NE/4 SW/4 to form 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 Undesignated Northwest Antelope Ridge-Bone Spring Pool. Said units are to be dedicated to a single well to be drilled at a standard location in the NE/4 SW/4 (Unit K) of said Section 4. 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 20 miles west-southwest of Eunice, New Mexico.
- CASE 10248: (Readvertised)
- Application of Pitts Energy Co. for an unorthodox oil well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox oil well location to be drilled 1500 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the East line (Unit J) of Section 5, Township 12 South, Range 38 East, the NW/4 SE/4 of said Section 5 to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing from the surface to the base of the Devonian formation, which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Gladiola-Wolfcamp Pool, Undesignated Gladiola-Mississippian Pool, and Gladiola-Devonian Pool. Said unit is located approximately 5 miles northeast of Gladiola, New Mexico.
- CASE 10268: Application of BTA Oil Producers for salt water disposal, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, in compliance with the provisions of Division Order No. R-9147-B, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the East Loving-Delaware Pool, in the perforated interval from approximately 3,500 feet to 3,875 feet in its existing Pardue "C" 8808 JV-P Well No. 1 located 176 feet from the South line and 1550 feet from the West line (Unit M) of Section 11, Township 23 South, Range 28 East. Said well is located approximately 3 miles northeast of Loving, New Mexico.
- CASE 10269: Application of Marathon Oil Company for a waterflood project and 12 unorthodox injection well locations, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project on its McDonald State A/C 2 Lease underlying the E/2, SE/4 NW/4, and SW/4 of Section 16, Township 22 South, Range 36 East, by the injection of water into the South Eunice Seven Rivers-Queen Pool, through the perforated interval from 3500 feet to 3800 feet in 12 injection wells, each to be drilled at unorthodox locations (five of which could be considered as Lease line injection wells). Further, the applicant seeks authorization to inject water under pressure in said project in excess of the NMOCD guideline of 0.2 psi per foot of depth. Said project area is located approximately seven miles south of Oil Center, New Mexico.
- CASE 10270: Application of Oryx Energy Company for compulsory pooling, non-standard gas proration unit, 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 formation to the base of the Morrow formation underlying Lots 3 and 4, the E/2 SW/4 and SE/4 (S/2 equivalent) of Section 19, Township 18 South, Range 28 East, to form a non-standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within said vertical extent, which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Red Lake Atoka-Morrow Gas Pool and Undesignated North Turkey Track-Morrow Gas Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox gas well location 990 feet from the South and East lines (Unit P) of said Section 19. 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 1.5 miles north of the Old Illinois Oil Camp.
- CASE 10271: Application of Stevens Operating Corporation for directional drilling and an unorthodox bottomhole oil well location, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to reenter the plugged and abandoned Intex Oil Company Gulf State Well No. 1 located 660 feet from the North and East lines (Unit A) of Section 11, Township 13 South, Range 28 East, and directionally drill from the existing wellbore in such a manner as to bottom the deviated well in the Devonian formation at an unorthodox bottomhole oil well location within a target area described as a rectangle 130 to 530 feet from the North line and from 1400 to 1800 feet from the East line of said Section 11, the NW/4 NE/4 of said Section 11 to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit. Said unit is located approximately 15.5 miles east of Dexter, New Mexico.
- CASE 10272: Application of Amoco Production Company for directional drilling and an unorthodox bottomhole gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to recomplete its existing Smith Federal Gas Com Well No. 1 located 1613 feet from the North line and 2336 feet from the West line (Unit F) of Section 12, Township 22 South, Range 23 East, by directionally drilling from the existing wellbore in such a manner as to bottom the deviated well in the Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Gas Pool at an unorthodox gas well location within a target area described as a rectangle 1800 to 2000 feet from the North line and 330 feet to 430 feet from the West line in Unit E of said Section 12, all of Section 12 to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 640-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said unit is located approximately 20 miles west of Carlsbad, New Mexico.