

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 16, 1974

9 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM,
STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING - SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

The following cases will be heard before Richard L. Stamets, Examiner, or Daniel S. Nutter, Alternate Examiner:

- ALLOWABLE: (1) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for February, 1974, from fifteen prorated pools in Lea, Eddy, Roosevelt and Chaves Counties, New Mexico;
- (2) Consideration of the allowable production of gas from nine prorated pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico, for February, 1974.

CASE 5110: (Continued from the November 15, 1973, Examiner Hearing)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to consider extending the horizontal limits of the Washington Ranch-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, to include the S/2 of Section 28, Township 25 South, Range 24 East.

Also to be considered will be the institution of gas prorationing in said pool to provide for fixing the total allowable natural gas production from said pool to an amount equal to reasonable market demand and to the capacity of the gas transportation facilities. Also to be considered will be the adoption of special rules and regulations for said pool including a provision for allocating the allowable production among the wells in the pool.

CASE 5111: (Continued from the November 15, 1973, Examiner Hearing)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to consider extending the horizontal limits of the Burton Flats-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, to include the S/2 of Section 34, Township 20 South, Range 28 East, and the N/2 of Sections 8 and 9, and all of Section 10, Township 21 South, Range 27 East.

Also to be considered will be the institution of gas prorationing in said pool to provide for fixing the total allowable natural gas production from said pool to an amount equal to reasonable market demand and to the capacity of the gas transportation facilities. Also to be considered will be the adoption of special rules and regulations for said pool including a provision for allocating the allowable production among the wells in the pool.

CASE 5112: (Continued from the November 15, 1973, Examiner Hearing)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to consider extending the horizontal limits of the Burton Flats-Strawn Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, to include all of Section 10, Township 21 South, Range 27 East.

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Also to be considered will be the institution of gas prorationing in said pool to provide for fixing the total allowable natural gas production from said pool to an amount equal to reasonable market demand and to the capacity of the gas transportation facilities. Also to be considered will be the adoption of special rules and regulations for said pool including a provision for allocating the allowable production among the wells in the pool.

CASE 5113: (Continued from the November 15, 1973, Examiner Hearing)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to consider the institution of gas prorationing in the Burton Flats-Atoka Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, and to provide for fixing the total allowable natural gas production from said pool to an amount equal to reasonable market demand and to the capacity of the gas transportation facilities. Also to be considered will be the adoption of special rules and regulations for said pool including a provision for allocating the allowable production among the wells in the pool.

CASE 5124: (Continued from the November 28, 1973, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Belco Petroleum Corporation for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests underlying the S/2 of Section 30, Township 20 South, Range 33 East, South Salt Lake-Morrow Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 660 feet from the South line and 1300 feet from the East line of said Section 30. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of such costs, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered is the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 5143: Application of El Paso Natural Gas Company for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its proposed Rocky Arroyo "D" Com. Well No. 2 in the center of Unit L of Section 4, Township 22 South, Range 22 East, Rocky Arroyo-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, the S/2 of said Section 4 to be dedicated to the well.

CASE 5144: Application of Depco, Inc. for two waterflood projects, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute two waterflood projects by the injection of water into the Grayburg-San Andres formation through six wells located on applicant's State 647 lease in Sections 31 and 32, Township 17 South, Range 28 East, Artesia Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, and through one well on the Kersey and Company Ramapo "A" Lease in said Section 32.

CASE 5145: Application of Texas Pacific Oil Company for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Devonian formation in the perforated interval from 10,872 feet to 11,032 feet in its State "B" Well No. 2 located in Unit B of Section 11, Township 12 South, Range 33 East, Bagley Siluro-Devonian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 4969: (Reopened)

In the matter of Case No. 4969 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-4557, which order established a temporary special depth bracket allowable for the Tocito Dome-Pennsylvanian "D" Oil Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico. All interested parties may appear and show cause why the special allowable should be made permanent.

CASE 5146: Application of Midwest Oil Corporation for a unit agreement, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the Target Unit Area comprising 5120 acres, more or less, of State and Federal lands in Townships 25 and 26 South, Range 25 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.

CASE 5147: Application of Mesa Petroleum Corporation for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Morrow formation underlying the S/2 of Section 12, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, North Shoe Bar Field, Lea County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location for said unit in Unit 0 of said Section 12. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of such costs, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered is the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 5148: Application of Coquina Oil Corporation for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to drill a well at an unorthodox gas well location 990 feet from the North and East lines of Section 16, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, Boyd-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, the N/2 of said Section 16 to be dedicated to said well.

CASE 5149: Application of Cities Service Oil Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Pennsylvanian formation underlying the N/2 of Section 33, Township 21 South, Range 27 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard Pennsylvanian gas well location for said unit. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of such costs, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered is the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 5150: Application of Hanson Oil Corporation for a waterflood project, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project by the injection of water into the Queen formation through 10 wells in its Mescalero Ridge Unit Area in Sections 26 and 35, Township 19 South, Range 34 East, Pearl-Queen Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 5151: Application of Penroc Oil Corporation for a dual completion, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause seeks approval for the dual completion (conventional) of its Dero-Federal A-Com Well No. 1, located in Unit N of Section 35, Township 19 South, Range 28 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, in such a manner as to produce gas from the Winchester-Wolfcamp gas pool and an undesignated Strawn gas pool through the casing-tubing annulus and through tubing.

CASE 5152: Application of Petro-Lewis Corporation for a Special Depth Bracket Allowable, Media-Entrada Oil Pool, Sandoval County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks a special depth bracket allowable for the Media-Entrada Oil Pool, Township 19 North, Range 3 West, Sandoval County, New Mexico.

CASE 5140: (Continued from the January 3, 1974, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Pierce & Dehlinger for compulsory pooling, Vada-Pennsylvanian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Vada-Pennsylvanian Pool underlying the NW/4 of Section 24, Township 9 South, Range 33 East, Lea County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to the King Resources Sheridan Well No. 1-A located in Unit C of said Section 24. Also to be considered is designation of the applicant as operator of the NW/4 of said Section 24 and the well located thereon, provision for allocation of actual operating costs and charges for supervision, and allocation of costs for reworking said well including a 200% charge attributable to any non-consenting working interest owner's pro rata share of said workover costs, for the risk involved in said workover.

CASE 4956: (Reopened) (Continued from the January 3, 1974, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Pierce & Dehlinger for a determination of well costs, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, as operator of the Sheridan Well No. 1 located in Unit M of Section 13, Township 9 South, Range 33 East, Lea County, New Mexico, to which well is dedicated the SW/4 of said Section 13, all mineral interests in the Vada-Pennsylvanian Pool thereunder having been pooled by Commission Order No. R-4560, seeks the determination of reasonable well costs attributable to applicant and to King Resources, including, but not limited to, the costs of reworking and placing said Sheridan Well No. 1 back on production and attorneys fees in connection therewith. Applicant further seeks an order assessing, as a charge for the risk involved in the reworking of the well, 120% of the pro rata share of the reasonable well costs attributable to the working interest of King Resources.

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CASE 5153: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to consider the amendment of Commission Form C-113, Refiner's Monthly Report.

CASE 5154: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion, at the recommendation of the Commission's "Pictured Cliffs Gas Proration Committee," to consider the amendment of Commission Order No. R-1670 for the purpose of elimination of gas prorationing in the Aztec-Pictured Cliffs, Ballard-Pictured Cliffs, Fulcher Kutz-Pictured Cliffs, and West Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Gas Pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico.

CASE 5128: (Continued from the January 3, 1974, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Gulf Oil Corporation for a non-standard gas proration unit and simultaneous dedication, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for a 160-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising the NE/4 SW/4 and W/2 SE/4 of Section 28 and the NW/4 NE/4 of Section 33, both in Township 21 South, Range 37 East, Blinbry Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to be simultaneously dedicated to its J. N. Carson Wells Nos. 4 and 9 located in Units O and K, respectively, of Section 28.

CASE 5132: (Continued from the January 3, 1974, Examiner Hearing)

Application of American Quasar Petroleum Company of New Mexico for a unit agreement, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the White City Unit Area comprising 5,120 acres, more or less, of Federal, State and fee lands in Township 25 South, Ranges 25 and 26 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.

CASE 5155: Application of Harding Oil Company for directional drilling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to re-enter an existing well, the surface location of which is 2310 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the West line of Section 34, Township 13 South, Range 32 East, adjacent to the old Gross-Devonian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, and to directionally drill said well in such a manner as to bottom the well in the Devonian formation within 100 feet of a point 430 feet South 60 degrees West of the surface location.

- CASE 5156: Application of Franklin, Aston & Fair for pool creation and special pool rules, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the creation of a new gas pool for Morrow production for its McIntyre Well No. 6-A located in Unit O of Section 20, Township 17 South, Range 30 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, and for the promulgation of special pool rules therefor including a provision for 640-acre spacing.
- CASE 5159: Application of Petroleum Reserve Corporation for a unit agreement, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the Wood Canyon Unit Area comprising 2,560 acres, more or less, of Federal and fee lands in Township 24 South, Range 25 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- CASE 5160: Application of Randolph M. Richardson for a unit agreement, Eddy and Chaves Counties, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the West Hope Unit Area comprising 13,448 acres, more or less, of Federal, State and Fee lands in Townships 17 and 18 South, Ranges 20 and 21 East, Eddy and Chaves Counties, New Mexico.
- CASE 5161: Application of Depco, Inc. for a unit agreement, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for its Northwest Artesia Unit Area comprising 640 acres, more or less of State lands in Sections 31 and 32, Township 17 South, Range 28 East, and Section 6, Township 18 South, Range 28 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- CASE 5144: (Continued and Readvertised)
- Application of Depco, Inc. for a waterflood project, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project by the injection of water into the Grayburg-San Andres formation through six wells located in its Northwest Artesia Unit Area, Artesia Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- CASE 5162: Application of Western Oil Producers, Inc. for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to drill an undesignated Morrow gas well at an unorthodox location 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 34, Township 17 South, Range 26 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, the S/2 of said Section 34 to be dedicated to the well.
- CASE 5163: Application of Western Oil Producers, Inc. for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to drill an undesignated Morrow gas well at an unorthodox location 660 feet from the South and East lines of Section 27, Township 17 South, Range 26 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, the S/2 of said Section 27 to be dedicated to the well. As an alternative, applicant seeks approval for a location 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line of said Section 27.

CASE 5158: Application of Cities Service Oil Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Pennsylvanian formation underlying the E/2 of Section 29, Township 21 South, Range 27 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to its Simpson Well No. 1 to be drilled at an orthodox location for said unit. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of such costs, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered is the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 5157: Application of Cities Service Oil Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Pennsylvanian formation underlying the S/2 of Section 9, Township 21 South, Range 27 East, Burton Flats Field, Eddy County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to its State C-P Well No. 1 to be drilled at an orthodox location for said unit. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of such costs, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered is the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 5164: Application of Jake L. Hamon for compulsory pooling and for an unorthodox location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order force pooling all mineral interests in the Strawn and Morrow formations underlying the E/2 of Section 9, Township 21 South, Range 27 East, Burton Flats Field, Eddy County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 1650 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line of said Section 9. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of such costs, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered is the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.