

Dockets Nos. 34-87 and 35-87 are tentatively set for November 18 and December 2, 1987. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 4, 1987

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:

- ALLOWABLE: (1) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for December, 1987, from fourteen prorated pools in Lea, Eddy, and Chaves Counties, New Mexico.
- (2) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for December, 1987, from four prorated pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico.

CASE 9179: (Continued from October 21, 1987, Examiner Hearing)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to permit Turman & Hayes, Western Surety Company, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the following four wells located on the "B" Lee State Lease in Section 7, Township 18 South, Range 35 East, Lea County, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program:

Well No. 1 located 1650 feet from the North line and 2236 feet from the West line (Unit F);

Well No. 3 located 2319 feet from the North line and 918 feet from the West line (Unit E);

Well No. 4 located 2055 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line (Unit L); and

Well No. 5 located 994 feet from the South line and 330 feet from the West line (Unit M).

All of these wells are located approximately 2.5 to 3 miles south of Buckeye, New Mexico.

CASE 9243: Application of Elk Oil Company for a unit agreement, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Runyan Unit Area comprising 3,764.40 acres, more or less, of State and Fee lands in Township 8 South, Range 27 East. Said area is located 5 miles south of the west end of Railroad Mountain.

CASE 9244: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Lazy Tree State Unit Area comprising 4,640 acres, more or less, of State lands in Township 13 South, Ranges 32 and 33 East. Said area is located approximately 20 miles west of Tatum, New Mexico.

CASE 9245: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for a unit agreement, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Cactus Flower State Unit Area comprising 5,496.2 acres, more or less, of State lands in Township 8 South, Range 27 East. Said area is located approximately 3 miles south of the west end of Railroad Mountain.

CASE 9246: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for a unit agreement, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Dragonfly State Unit Area comprising 1,282.08 acres, more or less, of State lands in Township 9 South, Range 27 East. Said area is located approximately 10 miles south of the west end of Railroad Mountain.

CASE 9247: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for a unit agreement, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the East Wind State Unit Area comprising 3,520 acres, more or less, of State lands in Township 9 South, Range 27 East. Said area is located approximately 7 miles south of the west end of Railroad Mountain.

CASE 9248: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for a unit agreement, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Hard as Nails State Unit Area comprising 2,080.37 acres, more or less, of State lands in Townships 9 and 10 South, Range 26 East. Said area is located approximately 11 miles south of the west end of Railroad Mountain.

CASE 9249: 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 2310 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line (Unit L) of Section 8, Township 19 South, Range 27 East, to test all formations from the top of the Wolfcamp through the base of the Morrow, the S/2 of said Section 8 to be dedicated to the well. Said well is located approximately 17 miles southeast of Artesia, New Mexico.

CASE 9238: (Continued from October 21, 1987, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for downhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval to commingle production from the Sanmal-Queen and the Undesignated Maljamar Grayburg-San Andres Pools in the wellbore of its Hoover "ADR" State Well No. 6 located 330 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the West line (Unit M) of Section 1, Township 17 South, Range 33 East. Said well is located approximately 8 miles south of Maljamar, New Mexico.

CASE 9239: (Continued from October 21, 1987, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for downhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval to commingle production from the Undesignated Sanmal-Queen and Undesignated Maljamar Grayburg-San Andres Pools in the wellbore of its Billy "AES" State Well No. 2 located 530 feet from the North line and 1750 feet from the West line (Unit C) of Section 12, Township 17 South, Range 33 East. Said well is located approximately 8 miles east of Maljamar, New Mexico.

CASE 9233: (Continued from October 7, 1987, Examiner Hearing)

Application of TXO Production Corporation for compulsory pooling and directional drilling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order authorizing its re-entry into the plugged and abandoned Mesa Petroleum Company Hightower Well No. 1 located 810 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line (Unit A) of Section 4, Township 17 South, Range 37 East, wherein applicant proposes to deepen and deviate said well to the Shipp-Strawn Pool at a standard sub-surface oil well location in Lot 1 (Unit A) of said Section 4. Applicant further seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Shipp-Strawn Pool underlying Lot 1 and the SE/4 NE/4 of said Section 4, forming a standard 80.95-acre spacing and proration unit, to be dedicated to the above-described well. Also to be considered will be the cost of re-entering, deepening, and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said well is located approximately 8 miles southeast of Lovington, New Mexico.

CASE 9250: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion for an order extending a certain pool in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico:

(a) EXTEND the Gavilan-Mancos Oil Pool in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, NMPM  
Sections 3 and 4: All  
Section 8: E/2  
Sections 9 and 10: All

TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, NMPM  
Section 15: All  
Section 22: All  
Section 27: All  
Section 34: All

CASE 9251: Application of Dugan Production Corporation 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 21, Township 26 North, Range 2 West, forming a standard 640-acre oil spacing and proration unit for said 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 location is approximately 11.5 miles north of Lindrith, New Mexico.

CASE 9252: Application of Dugan Production Corporation 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 28, Township 26 North, Range 2 West, forming a standard 640-acre oil spacing and proration unit for said 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 location is approximately 10 miles north of Lindrith, New Mexico.

CASE 9202: (Continued from October 21, 1987, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Meridian Oil 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 Devonian formation underlying the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A) of Section 35, Township 18 South, Range 35 East, forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit 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 location is approximately one mile north from the junction of New Mexico Highways Nos. 8 and 529.

CASE 9253: Application of Manzano Oil Corporation for pool creation and special pool rules, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the creation of a new oil pool for Bone Spring production comprising the E/2 NE/4 of Section 30, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, and the promulgation of special rules therefor including a provision for 80-acre spacing and designated well locations. Said location is approximately 7 miles south of Loco Hills, New Mexico.

CASE 8874: (Reopened) (Continued from October 7, 1987, Examiner Hearing)

In the matter of Case 8874 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Division Order No. R-639-C, which order reclassified the Crosby-Devonian Gas Pool in Lea County as an associated pool. Interested parties may appear and show cause why the Crosby-Devonian Associated Pool should not be reclassified as a gas pool to be governed by the rules set forth by Division Orders Nos. R-639, as amended, and R-8170, as amended.

CASE 9168: (Continued from October 21, 1987, Examiner Hearing)

Application of J. (James) A. Davidson for a determination of reasonable well costs, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, as an interested owner in the Marathon Oil Company Benson Well No. 1 located 330 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the East line (Unit P) of Section 14, Township 16 South, Range 38 East (located approximately 2 1/2 miles south of the old Hobbs Army Air Corps Auxiliary Airfield No. 1 on State Highway No. 132), which was drilled pursuant to the compulsory pooling provisions of Division Order No. R-8282, as amended, seeks an order ascertaining the reasonableness of actual well costs for the subject well.