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March 23, 1995

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Mr. Michael E. Stogner
Chief Hearing Examiner
Oil Conservation Division
2040 South Pacheco
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

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Oil Conservation Division

Re: J. M. Denton Lease
Application of Marathon Oil Company
to Amend Division Order R-10082-A to
provide for another High Angle/Horizontal/
Directional Well in its Denton-Devonian Project,
Lea County, New Mexico

Case 11261

Dear Mr. Stogner:

On behalf of Marathon Oil Company, please find enclosed our Application to amend Division Order R-10082-A in order to add the J. M. Denton Well No. 5 as another high angle/horizontal well for this Project as referenced above, which we request be set for hearing on the next available Examiner's docket now scheduled for April 20, 1995.

By copy of this letter and application, sent certified mail, we are notifying all interested parties within a 1/2 mile radius of the subject project of their right to appear at the hearing and participate in this case, including the right to present evidence either in support of or in opposition to the application and that failure to appear at the hearing may preclude them from any involvement in this case at a later date.

Pursuant to the Division's Memorandum 2-90, all parties are hereby informed that if they appear in this case, then they are requested to file a Pre-Hearing Statement with the Division not later than 4:00 PM on Friday, April 14, 1995, with a copy delivered to the undersigned.

Also enclosed is our proposed advertisement of this case for the NMOCD docket.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Thomas Kellahin', written in a cursive style.

W. Thomas Kellahin

Enclosure

cc: Dow Campbell, Esq.
Marathon Oil Company

By Certified Mail - Return Receipt

All Parties Listed on Exhibit "C" of Application

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PROPOSED ADVERTISEMENT

CASE 11261 Application of Marathon Oil Company to amend Division Order R-10082-A, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks to amend Division Order R-10082-A to authorize the applicant to add the J. M. Denton Well No. 5 located in Unit N of Section 11, as an additional well for the subject high angle/horizontal/ directional drilling project in the Denton-Devonian Pool, underlying a Project Area being the SW/4, N/2SE/4 and SE/4SE/4 of Section 11, T15S, R37E. Applicant proposes to re-enter and directionally drill its J. M. Denton Well No. 5 located in Unit N of Section 11, T15S, R37E, NMPM, then kicking-off from vertical in a northeasterly direction for the J. M. Denton Well No. 5, commencing to build angle at an appropriate rate to vertically and/or horizontally intersect the proposed producing area such that the producing interval will be located in Unit N of Section 11. Applicant further seeks the designation of a target window for said well such that the horizontal or producing portion of said wellbore shall be no closer than 330 feet to any outer boundary of the project area. Said project is located approximately 4.5 miles south-southeast from Prairieview, New Mexico.

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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CONSIDERING:

CASE: 11261

APPLICATION OF MARATHON OIL COMPANY
TO AMEND DIVISION ORDER R-10082-A TO
PROVIDE FOR AN ADDITIONAL HIGH ANGLE/
HORIZONTAL/DIRECTIONALLY DRILLED WELL
IN ITS DENTON-DEVONIAN PROJECT,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

A P P L I C A T I O N

Comes Now MARATHON OIL COMPANY, by and through its attorneys, Kellahin & Kellahin, and applies to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division to amend Division Order R-10082-A to now authorize the applicant to add the J. M. Denton Well No. 5 located in Unit N of Section 11, as an additional well for the subject high angle/horizontal/directional drilling project in the Denton-Devonian Pool, underlying a Project Area being the SW/4, N/2SE/4 and SE/4SE/4 of Section 11, T15S, R37E. Applicant proposes to re-enter and directionally drill its J. M. Denton Well No. 5 located in Unit N of Section 11, T15S, R37E, NMPM, then kicking-off from vertical in a northeasterly direction for J. M. Denton Well No. 5, commencing to build angle at an appropriate rate to vertically and/or horizontally intersect the proposed producing area such that the producing interval will be located in Unit N of Section 11. Applicant further seeks the designation of a target window for said well such that the horizontal or producing portion of said wellbore shall be no closer than 330 feet to any outer boundary of the project area.

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In support thereof states:

(1) Applicant is the operator of the J. M. Denton lease consisting of the SW/4, N/2SE/4 and SE/4SE/4 of Section 11, T15S, R37E, NMPPM, Lea County, New Mexico as shown on Exhibit "A" attached.

(2) Division Order R-1008-A, entered March 15, 1994, granted Applicant's request to use both the J. M. Denton Well No. 4 located in Unit K and the J. M. Denton Well No. 6 in Unit P of said Section 11 as project wells for its high angle/horizontal/ directional well project.

(3) This project is an attempt to test the feasibility of improving ultimate recovery from the Denton-Devonian Pool by placing the producing lateral of a horizontal well at the highest structural point of greatest reservoir thickness within the project area between existing or formerly producing oil wells to produce remaining oil that may not have been recovered by any prior well.

(4) Marathon has now successfully completed the J. M. Denton Well No. 4 as a high angle/horizontal/directional drilled wellbore capable of increased production from the Denton-Devonian Pool which was not being adequately produced with the existing vertical wells thus resulting in the recovery of a greater amounts of gas and oil, thereby preventing waste.

(5) Now Marathon seeks to add the J. M. Denton Well No. 5 in Unit N of Section 11 as an additional high angle/horizontal well and to re-enter this existing but inactive Devonian well and directionally drilling it towards the highest structure position and the greatest reservoir thickness in the project area.

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(6) In as much as the exact distance and direction of the lateral portion of the J. M. Denton Well No. 5 is not known at this time, the Applicant seeks approval to be allowed to drill and produce said lateral portion anywhere within an area designated the drilling/producing window such that no portion of the wellbore open for production shall be closer than 330 feet to the outer boundary of the project area. See Exhibit "A"

(7) As required, notice is provided to those offsetting operators as listed on Exhibit "B."

(8) The granting of this Application will be in the best interest of conservation, the prevention of waste and the protection of correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this matter be set for hearing on April 20, 1995 before a duly appointed Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its Order granting this application.

Respectfully submitted,

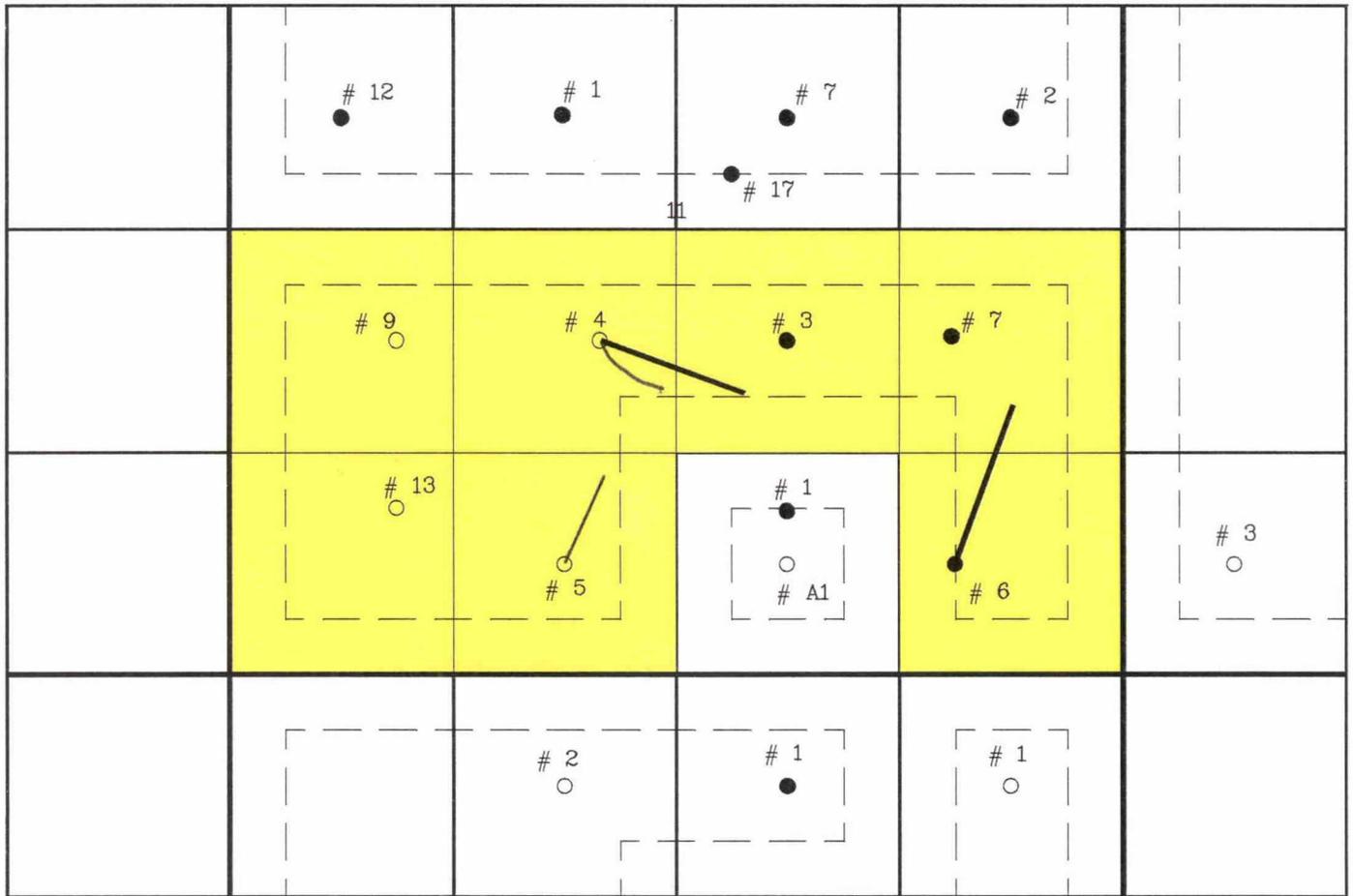
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T-15-S, R-37-E
 EXHIBIT A TO APPLICATION



- Active Devonian Well
- Inactive Devonian Well

Before The Oil Conservation Division
 Santa Fe, New Mexico

Case No. _____
 Exhibit No. _____
 Submitted by Marathon Oil Company
 November 10, 1994

MARATHON OIL COMPANY

J. M. Denton Lease
 Lea County, New Mexico

EXHIBIT "B"
OFFSET OPERATORS
Marathon's Proposed Project Area
Lea County, New Mexico

Pennzoil exploration & Production Company
P.O. Box 2967
Houston, Texas 77252-2967

Cody Energy, Inc.
16825 Northchase Drive, Suite 1200
Houston, Texas 77060-6030

Polaris Production Corporation
P. O. Box 1749
Midland, Texas 79702-1749

Phillips Petroleum Company
4001 Penbrook
Odessa, Texas 79762

Dinero Operating Company
P. O. Box 10505
Midland, Texas 79702

Fasken Oil
303 W Wall St
Midland, Texas 79701

SUPPLEMENT TO EXHIBIT " B "

UNLEASED MINERAL OWNERS

Offset to our Denton Lease

Lea County, New Mexico

Dickinson Mineral Trust
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Roswell, New Mexico 88202

June D. Speight
P. O. Drawer 1687
Lovington, New Mexico 88260

First National Bank of West Texas
Successor Trustee of the J. E. Simmons Trust A-JSS
J. E. Simmons Trust B-MJH, Beulah H. Simmons Trust A-J55
Beulah H. Simmons Trust B-MJH
P. O. Box 1241
Lubbock, Texas 79408

Carlsbad National Bank
Trustee of the Jean S. Sullivan Trust
U/A Dated 9-1-77
P. O. Box 1359
Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220

Hugh H. Sprunt
Trustee of the Barbara H. Sprunt Trust
U/A Dated 11-8-90
3508 Watercrest Court
Farmers Branch, Texas 75234

William Noble Smith, Jr.
1984 Trust by Raymond B. Keating III
Successor Trustee
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Houston, Texas 77002

Virginia Howe Smith
c/o Raymond B. Keating III
806 Main Street, Suite 960
Houston, Texas 77002

Roger H. Davis Family Trust
c/o R. B. Keating III
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Houston, Texas 77002

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Houston, Texas 77039

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Evergreen, Colorado 80439

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Lloyd P. Fadrique, Robert M. Kurtzs
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Trustee for the Campbell Smith Trust
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c/o Trust Department
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Lubbock, Texas 79408-1241

Sidney Davis Smith
c/o R. B. Keating III
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Julia F. Hutchison Estate
by Raymond B. Keating III
Attorney-in-Fact for Sandra Buell
c/o R. B. Keating III
806 Main Street, Suite 960
Houston, Texas 77002

First National Bank of Abilene Texas
Independent Executor and Trustee U/W/O
William W. Davis
P. O. Box 701
Abilene, Texas 79604

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - APRIL 20, 1995**8:15 A.M. - 2040 South Pacheo
Santa Fe, New Mexico**

Dockets Nos 13-95 and 14-95 are tentatively set for May 4, 1995 and May 18, 1995. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 23 days in advance of hearing date. The following cases will be heard by an Examiner:

CASE 11202: (Continued from February 16, 1995, Examiner Hearing.)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") on its own motion to permit Billy R. Wilson Robinson Brothers Drilling (Company), Inc., operator, The Travelers Indemnity Company, surety, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the State "A" Well No. 1 (API No. 30-015-02331), located 660 feet from the South and West lines (Unit M) of Section 36, Township 19 South, Range 28 East, Eddy County, New Mexico (which is approximately 8 miles southeast by south of the old Illinois Production Camp), should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program. Should the operator fail to properly plug said well, the Division should then be authorized to take such action as is deemed necessary to have the well properly plugged and abandoned and to direct the operator to pay the costs of such plugging.

CASE 11252: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") on its own motion to permit Stevens Operating Corporation, operator, American Employers Insurance, surety, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Marjohn State Well No. 1 (API No. 30-005-00380), located 660 feet from the North and East lines (Unit A) of Section 11, Township 13 South, Range 28 East, Chaves County, New Mexico (which is approximately 15 miles east-northeast of Hagerman, New Mexico), should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program. Should the operator fail to properly plug said wells, the Division should then be authorized to take such action as is deemed necessary to have both wells properly plugged and abandoned and to direct the operator to pay the costs of such plugging.

CASE 11253: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") on its own motion to permit Charles W. Harle, operator, American Manufacturers Mutual Insurance Company, surety, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Zimmerman Well No. 1, located 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit C) of Section 35, Township 10 South, Range 25 East, Chaves County, New Mexico (which is approximately 8 miles east of Roswell, New Mexico), should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program. Should the operator fail to properly plug said well, the Division should then be authorized to take such action as is deemed necessary to have said well properly plugged and abandoned and to direct the operator to pay the costs of such plugging.

CASE 11254: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") on its own motion to permit Charles W. Harle, operator, American Manufacturers Mutual Insurance Company, surety, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Zimmerman Well No. 2, located 1650 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit F) of Section 35, Township 10 South, Range 25 East, Chaves County, New Mexico (which is approximately 8 miles east of Roswell, New Mexico), should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program. Should the operator fail to properly plug said well, the Division should then be authorized to take such action as is deemed necessary to have said well properly plugged and abandoned and to direct the operator to pay the costs of such plugging.

CASE 11255: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") on its own motion to permit Charles W. Harle, operator, American Employers' Insurance Company, surety, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Christopher Well No. 1 (API No. 30-005-60591), located 330 feet from the North line and 2310 feet from the East line (Unit B) of Section 32, Township 6 South, Range 26 East, Chaves County, New Mexico (which is approximately 15.5 miles west-northwest of Elkins, New Mexico), should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program. Should the operator fail to properly plug said well, the Division should then be authorized to take such action as is deemed necessary to have said well properly plugged and abandoned and to direct the operator to pay the costs of such plugging.

CASE 11256: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") on its own motion to permit the operator, Otis H. Sanders, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Thigpen, et al Well No. 1-Y (API No. 30-015-22933), located 1800 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit F) of Section 7, Township 16 South, Range 25 East, Eddy County, New Mexico (which is approximately 7.25 miles northwest by north of the Artesia, New Mexico Municipal Airport), should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program. Additionally, should the operator fail to properly plug said well, the Division seeks an order directing the operator to pay the costs of such plugging and if failing to do so, ordering a forfeiture of the plugging bond covering this well and authorizing the Director of the Division to make demand upon Sunwest Bank at Roswell, New Mexico to pay to the Division so much of the funds of the certificate of deposit given as collateral for said bond as is necessary to compensate the costs of plugging said well.

CASE 11257: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") on its own motion to permit the operator, A. L. Dawsey, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the El Vado Well No. 1 (API No. 30-039-24055), located 610 feet from the South line and 2000 feet from the West line (Unit N) of Section 11, Township 27 North, Range 1 East, as projected into the unsurveyed Tierra Amarilla Land Grant, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico (which is approximately 5.5 miles northwest of El Vado, New Mexico), should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program. Additionally, should the operator fail to properly plug said well, the Division seeks an order directing the operator to pay the costs of such plugging and if failing to do so, ordering a forfeiture of the plugging bond covering this well and authorizing the Director of the Division to make demand upon the First Security Bank, formerly First National Bank in Albuquerque, New Mexico to pay to the Division so much of the funds of the certificate of deposit given as collateral for said bond as is necessary to compensate the costs of plugging said well.

CASE 11258: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") on its own motion to permit the operator, A. L. Dawsey, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the El Vado Well No. 2 (API No. 30-039-24053), located 1770 feet from the South line and 970 feet from the East line (Unit I) of Section 11, Township 27 North, Range 1 East, as projected into the unsurveyed Tierra Amarilla Land Grant, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico (which is approximately 5 miles northwest of El Vado, New Mexico), should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program. Additionally, should the operator fail to properly plug said well, the Division seeks an order directing the operator to pay the costs of such plugging and if failing to do so, ordering a forfeiture of the plugging bond covering this well and authorizing the Director of the Division to make demand upon the First Security Bank, formerly First National Bank in Albuquerque, New Mexico to pay to the Division so much of the funds of the certificate of deposit given as collateral for said bond as is necessary to compensate the costs of plugging said well.

CASE 11259: **Application of Chevron U.S.A. Inc. for an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for its W. T. McComack Well No. 18, formerly the Central Drinkard Unit Well No. 428, (API No. 30-025-26447) to be recompleted to the Tubb Oil and Gas Pool at an unorthodox gas well location 210 feet from the North line and 2390 feet from the East line (Unit B) of Section 32, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, the NE/4 of said Section 32 is to be dedicated to said well to form a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said unit is located approximately one mile west of Eunice, New Mexico. IN THE ABSENCE OF OBJECTION THIS APPLICATION WILL BE TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT.

CASE 11260: **Application of Santa Fe Energy Resources, Inc. for a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Abe Unit Agreement for an area comprising 3,200 acres, more or less, of State and Fee lands in Sections 21, 22, 27, 28, and 29, Township 21 South, Range 33 East. Said unit area is centered approximately 24 miles West-Northwest of Eunice, New Mexico.

CASE 11191: (Continued from March 16, 1995, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Great Western Drilling Company for an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location for its existing Glenn Cleveland Well No. 1 located 660 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit O) of Section 7, Township 15 South, Range 35 East, in order to test and recomplete this well in the Morrow formation. The E/2 of said Section 7 to be dedicated to said well to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit. Said unit is located approximately 7 miles northwest of Lovington, New Mexico.

CASE 11261: **Application of Marathon Oil Company for an additional high angle/horizontal wellbore and to amend Division Order No. R-10082-A, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to amend Division Order No. R-10082-A to authorize the applicant to utilize the existing J. M. Denton Well No. 5 located in Unit "N" of Section 11, Township 15 South, Range 37 East, by kicking-off from vertical, build angle to approximately 90 degrees with a short-radius curve and continue drilling a horizontal drainhole within its "high angle/horizontal directional drilling project" in the Denton-Devonian Pool, currently comprising the SW/4, N/2 SE/4 and SE/4 SE/4 of said Section 11. Applicant further seeks the designation of a target window for said well such that the horizontal or producing portion of said wellbore shall be no closer than 330 feet to the outer boundary of said project area, the creation and formation of an oversized and irregularly shaped spacing and proration unit to accommodate said wellbore, and the assignment of a special oil allowable for such non-standard oil proration unit. Said project area is located approximately 4.5 miles south-southeast of Prairieview, New Mexico.

CASE 11262: **Application of Texaco Exploration and Production, Inc. for special pool rules, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order promulgating special rules and regulations for the South Sand Dunes-Bone Spring Pool including a provision for a limiting gas-oil ratio of 10,000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil. Said pool currently comprises portions of Sections 29, 30, 31, and 32, of Township 23 South, Range 32 East, and is located on the Lea/Eddy County line approximately 2 miles north of State Highway No. 128.

CASE 11224: Continued from March 16, 1995, Examiner Hearing.

Application of Southeastern Petroleum, 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 Strawn formation underlying the following described acreage in Section 28, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, and in the following manner: the W/2 SW/4 thereby forming a standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all pools developed on 80-acre spacing within said vertical extent which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated West Knowles-Drinkard Pool and the Undesignated West Casey-Strawn Pool; and the SW/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 Lovington-Grayburg San Andres Pool, Undesignated Lovington-Paddock Pool, Lovington-Abo Pool, and the Undesignated East Lovington-Upper Pennsylvanian (Cisco and Canyon formations) Pool. Said units are to be dedicated to the plugged and abandoned Shell Oil Company Home Stake Well No. 1 (T.D. - 12,125 feet), located at a standard oil well location 660 feet from the South and West lines (Unit M) of said Section 28. Also to be considered will be the costs of re-entering and the recompletion of said well and the allocation of the costs thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for the risk involved in the re-entry of said well. The location of this wellbore is approximately 7 miles north-northwest of Humble City, New Mexico.

CASE 11263: Application of Yates Petroleum 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 Canyon formation underlying the NE/4 of Section 21, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, forming a standard 160-acre 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 North Dagger Draw Upper-Pennsylvanian Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to its Ross "EG" Federal Com Well No. 14 to be drilled at a standard location in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of said Section 21. 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 unit, and a charge for risk involved in drilling and completing said well. Said unit is located approximately 6.25 miles west by north of Lakewood, New Mexico.

CASE 11232: (Contined from April 6, 1995, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Nearburg Exploration 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 Canyon formation underlying the NE/4 of Section 24, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, forming a standard 160-acre 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 Undesignated North Dagger Draw Upper-Pennsylvanian Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to its Fairchild "24" Well No. 2 to be drilled at a standard location in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of said Section 24. 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 Nearburg Producing Company as the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling and completing said well. Said unit is located approximately 4 miles west-northwest of Lakewood, New Mexico.

CASE 11264: Application of Yates Petroleum 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 Canyon formation underlying the NE/4 of Section 24, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, forming a standard 160-acre 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 Undesignated North Dagger Draw Upper-Pennsylvanian Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to its Fairchild "24" Well No. 2 to be drilled at a standard location in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of said Section 24. 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 unit, and a charge for risk involved in drilling and completing said well. Said unit is located approximately 4 miles west-northwest of Lakewood, New Mexico.

CASE 11265: Application of Nearburg Exploration 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 Canyon formation underlying the NE/4 of Section 21, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, forming a standard 160-acre 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 North Dagger Draw Upper-Pennsylvanian Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to its Alto "21" Well No. 1 to be drilled at a standard location in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of said Section 21. 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 Nearburg Producing Company as the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling and completing said well. Said unit is located approximately 6.25 miles west by north of Lakewood, New Mexico.

CASE 11266: Application of Nearburg Exploration 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 32, Township 17 South, Range 27 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 Jennings Spring-Wolfcamp Gas Pool, Undesignated Logan Draw-Cisco/Canyon Gas Pool, Undesignated Red Lake-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Undesignated West Logan Draw-Morrow Gas Pool, and Undesignated Logan Draw-Morrow 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; and the NW/4 NE/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 Red Lake Queen-Grayburg-San Andres Pool, Undesignated Empire-Abo Pool, and Undesignated Chalk Bluff-Wolfcamp Pool. Said units are to be dedicated to a single well to be drilled and completed at a standard location in Unit "B" of said Section 32. 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 Nearburg Producing Company as the operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said well location is approximately 2.5 miles south of Riverside, New Mexico.

CASE 11267: Application of Arch Petroleum Inc. for special pool rules, Lea County, New Mexic. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order promulgating special rules and regulations for the Justis-Fusselman Pool including a provision for a limiting gas-oil ratio of 10,000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil. Said pool currently comprises all or portions of Sections 13, 24, 25, and 36, of Township 25 South, Range 37 East, and portions of Sections 30 and 31, of Township 25 South, Range 38 East and is located approximately 5 miles east of Jal, New Mexico.

CASE 11268: Application of Mack Energy Corporation 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 Drinkard formation, underlying the NE/4 NW/4 (Unit C) of Section 27, Township 16 South, Range 38 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 Garrett-San Andres Pool, Undesignated Garrett-Drinkard Pool, and Undesignated East Garrett-Drinkard Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to either the plugged and abandoned Texas Oil Company Gotlieb Ertel Well No. 1, located at a standard oil well location 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet, more or less, from the West line of said Section 27, in which the applicant proposes to re-enter, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE, to a new well to be drilled at a standard oil well location thereon. Also to be considered will be the costs of re-entering and the recompletion of said plugged well or drilling and completing a new well and the allocation of the costs thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the unit and subsequent well, and a charge for the risk involved in the re-entry of said plugged well or in drilling a new well. Said unit is located approximately 4 miles north of Knowles, New Mexico.

CASE 11269: Application of Amerada Hess Corporation for pool creation, the promulgation of special pool rules, assignment of an appropriate oil allowable, and for an unorthodox oil well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the creation of a new pool for the production of oil from the Ellenburger formation underlying all of Section 5, Township 23 South, Range 34 East (being approximately 20.5 miles west-southwest of Eunice, New Mexico) and for the promulgation of special rules and regulations therefor including provisions for 640-acre oil spacing and proration units, designated well location requirements, and for the assignment of an appropriate poolwide depth bracket oil allowable. Applicant further seeks approval of an unorthodox oil well location in this newly created Ellenburger oil pool for its North Bell Federal Well No. 2 (API No. 30-025-32672), located 1100 feet from the South line and 1500 feet from the West line (Unit N) of said Section 5, all of said Section 5 to be dedicated to said well thereby forming a 640.28-acre oil spacing and proration unit.

CASE 11270: Application of Maralo, 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 Morrow formation underlying Lots 3 and 4, the S/2 NW/4, and the SW/4 (W/2 equivalent) of Section 3, Township 19 South, Range 28 East, thereby forming a 320.90-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 Millman-Wolfcamp Gas Pool, Undesignated Millman-Atoka Gas Pool, Undesignated North Turkey Track-Atoka Gas Pool, and Undesignated Millman-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 the operator of the well and unit, and a charge for risk involved in drilling and completing said well. Said unit is located approximately 3 miles east-southeast of the old Illinois Oil Camp.

CASE 11271: **Application of Medallion Production Company 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 from the surface to the base of the Atoka formation, underlying the following described acreage in Section 31, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, and in the following manner: the E/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 North Vacuum Atoka-Morrow Gas Pool and Undesignated Shoe Bar-Atoka Gas Pool; the SE/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; the W/2 SE/4 to form a standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all pools developed on 80-acre spacing within said vertical extent which presently includes only the Undesignated North Vacuum-Abo Pool; and the SW/4 SE/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 Vacuum-Grayburg San Andres Pool and Undesignated Northeast Vacuum-Wolfcamp Pool. Said units are to be dedicated to a single well to be drilled 660 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit O) of said Section 31 being a standard well location for 40, 80, and 160-acre spacing and proration units but an unorthodox gas well location for a 320-acre spacing unit. 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 well location is approximately 5 miles north of Buckeye, New Mexico.

CASE 11227: **Continued from March 16, 1995, Examiner Hearing.**

Application of PermOK Oil, Inc. for a non-standard gas proration unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval to establish a non-standard 80-acre gas spacing and proration unit in the Undesignated Rhodes Yates-Seven Rivers Gas Pool comprising the N/2 NW/4 of Section 23, Township 26 South, Range 37 East, being approximately 6.5 miles southeast by south of Jal, New Mexico. Said unit is to be dedicated to its proposed Leonard Brothers "A" Federal Well No. 2 to be drilled at a standard gas well location 660 feet from the North and West lines (Unit D) of said Section 23.

CASE 11194: **(Continued from April 6, 1995, Examiner Hearing.)**

Application of Charles B. Gillespie, Jr. for a pressure maintenance project and qualification for the recovered oil tax rate pursuant to the "New Mexico Enhanced Oil Recovery Act", Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval to institute a pressure maintenance project in the designated and Undesignated West Lovington-Strawn Pool within its proposed West Lovington Strawn Unit Area (being the subject of Case No. 11195) located in portions of Townships 15 and 16 South, Ranges 35 and 36 East, by the injection of natural gas through the perforated interval from approximately 11,424 feet to 11,434 feet into its existing Speight Fee Well No. 1 located 660 feet from the North line and 2310 feet from the West line (Lot 3/Unit C) of Section 1, Township 16 South, Range 35 East. Applicant further seeks to qualify this project for the recovered oil tax rate pursuant to the "New Mexico Enhanced Oil Recovery Act" (Law 1992, Chapter 38, Sections 1 through 5). Said project is located approximately 4.5 miles west-northwest of Lovington, New Mexico.

CASE 11195: **(Continued from April 6, 1995, Examiner Hearing.)**

Application of Charles B. Gillespie, Jr. for statutory unitization, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order unitizing, for the purpose of establishing a pressure maintenance project, all mineral interests in the designated and Undesignated West Lovington-Strawn Pool underlying its proposed West Lovington Strawn Unit Area encompassing some 1457.05-acres, more or less, of Federal, State, and Fee lands comprising all of Section 33 and the W/2 of Section 34 of Township 15 South, Range 35 East, a portion of Section 1, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, and a portion of Section 6, Township 16 South, Range 36 East. Among the matters to be considered at the hearing, pursuant to the "New Mexico Statutory Unitization Act", Sections 70-7-1 et. seq., NMSA, 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 investments, to each of the various tracts in the unit area; the determination of credits and changes 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 necessarily limited to unit voting procedures, selection, removal or substitution of the unit operator, and time of commencement and termination of unit operations. Said unit area is centered approximately 4.5 miles West-Northwest of Lovington, New Mexico.

CASE 11243: (Continued from April 6, 1995, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Amoco Production Company for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Pictured Cliffs formation underlying the following described acreage in Section 12, Township 29 North, Range 13 West, and in the following manner: the W/2 thereby forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all pools developed on 320-acre spacing within said vertical extent which presently includes only the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool; and 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 which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated West Kutz-Fruitland Sand Pool and Undesignated West Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool. Said units are to be dedicated to a single well (the proposed Burnham Gas Com "B" Well No. 1) to be drilled at a standard gas well location in the SW/4 of said Section 12. 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 2.5 miles east-northeast of Farmington, New Mexico.

CASE 11244: (Continued from April 6, 1995, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Amoco Production Company for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Pictured Cliffs formation underlying the NW/4 of Section 12, Township 29 North, Range 13 West, thereby forming 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 Undesignated West Kutz-Fruitland Sand Pool and Undesignated West Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to a single well (the proposed Burnham Gas Com "A" Well No. 1) 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 the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 2.5 miles east-northeast of Farmington, New Mexico.

CASE 11247: (Continued from April 6, 1995, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Richardson Operating Co. for compulsory pooling, downhole commingling and an unorthodox gas well location, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Undesignated West Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool underlying the SW/4 of Section 12, Township 29 North, Range 13 West, and all mineral interests in the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool, underlying the W/2 of said Section 12, thereby forming a standard 160-acre and 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for both pools, respectively. Said units are to be dedicated to a single well, the proposed ROPCO Federal "12" Well No. 3, which is to be drilled at a potential unorthodox gas well location within 200 feet of a point 870 feet from the South line and 1180 feet from the West line of said Section 12. Applicant further seeks authorization to commingle Undesignated West Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool production with gas production from the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool within the wellbore of said well. Also to be considered will be the cost of participation in said well, including but not limited to the costs of drilling, completing and equipping, with the inclusion of a risk factor penalty and the allocation of those costs and income therefor as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as the operator of the well. Said well is located approximately 2.5 miles east-northeast of Farmington, New Mexico.

CASE 11245: (Continued from April 6, 1995, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Amoco 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 Undesignated West Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool underlying the NE/4 of Section 14, Township 29 North, Range 13 West, thereby forming a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit. Said unit is to be dedicated to the Roberts Well No. 1 to be drilled at a standard 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 the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling and completing said well. Said area is located approximately 1.5 miles east of Farmington, New Mexico.

CASE 11248: (Continued from April 6, 1995, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Bahlburg Exploration, Inc. for directional drilling and unorthodox oil well locations, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to re-enter the plugged and abandoned Manzano Oil Corporation Kim Harris Well No. 2, located 600 feet from the North line and 797 feet from the East line (Unit A) of Section 12, Township 16 South, Range 36 East, wherein the applicant proposes to kick-off from the vertical portion of the wellbore in a northerly direction to within 50 feet of the following targeted locations (both of which are unorthodox):

- in the Northeast Lovington-Wolfcamp Pool, 300 feet from the North line and 797 feet from the East line of said Section 12, the NE/4 NE/4 to be dedicated to this interval to form a standard 40-acre oil proration unit; and,
- in the Undesignated Northeast Lovington-Pennsylvanian Pool, 50 feet from the North line and 797 feet from the East line of said Section 12, the N/2 NE/4 to be dedicated to form a standard 80-acre oil proration unit.

Said well is located approximately 3 miles east of Lovington, New Mexico.

CASE 11272: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division upon its own motion for an order creating and extending certain pools in Rio Arriba, Sandoval, and San Juan Counties, New Mexico.

- (a) CREATE a new pool in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for Mancos production and designated as the Dike Rock-Mancos Oil Pool. The discovery well is the Enre Corporation Leavry Canyon 18 I Well No. 1 located in Unit I of Section 18, Township 27 North, Range 2 West, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, NMPM

Section 18: NE/4 SE/4

(Paragraph (b) will be dismissed.)

- (b) CREATE a new pool in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for Gallup production and designated as the Ensenada-Gallup Oil Pool. The discovery well is the Meridian Oil Inc. Klein Well No. 28E located in Unit C of Section 33, Township 26 North, Range 6 West, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST, NMPM

Section 33: NW/4

- (c) CREATE a new pool in San Juan County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for Gallup production and designated as the Greek-Gallup Oil Pool. The discovery well is the Dugan Production Corporation Pole's Paradise Well No. 2 located in Unit K of Section 9, Township 30 North, Range 14 West, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 30 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST, NMPM

Section 9: NW/4 SW/4

- (d) EXTEND the BS Mesa-Gallup Pool in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST, NMPM

Section 2: SW/4

- (e) EXTEND the Ballard-Pictured Cliffs Pool in Rio Arriba, San Juan, and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 24 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST, NMPM

Section 7: SW/4

Section 18: W/2

- (f) EXTEND the Bisti-Chacra Pool in San Juan County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 22 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, NMPM

Section 1: N/2 and SW/4

TOWNSHIP 23 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, NMPM

Section 36: SW/4

- (g) EXTEND the Blanco-Mesaverde Pool in Rio Arriba and San Juan Counties, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST, NMPM

Section 19: N/2
Section 20: SW/4
Section 29: W/2
Section 32: All

- (h) EXTEND the Cha Cha-Gallup Oil Pool in San Juan County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST, NMPM

Section 23: N/2 SW/4

- (i) EXTEND the Fulcher Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool in San Juan County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 30 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST, NMPM

Section 27: SE/4
Section 35: SE/4

- (j) EXTEND the West Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool in San Juan County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST, NMPM

Section 11: SE/4
Section 14: NE/4

TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST, NMPM

Section 20: E/2
Section 21: W/2

TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, NMPM

Section 12: NE/4

- (k) EXTEND the Otero-Chacra Pool in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, NMPM

Section 13: SW/4
Section 24: W/2
Section 25: NW/4

- (l) EXTEND the West Puerto Chiquito-Mancos Oil Pool in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, NMPM

Sections 1 and 2: All

- (m) EXTEND the Rusty-Chacra Pool in Sandoval County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 22 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST, NMPM

Section 5: SW/4
Section 6: S/2 and NE/4
Section 7: NE/4
Sections 8 and 9: All
Section 15: N/2 and SW/4
Section 16: All
Section 17: N/2
Section 21: NW/4
Section 22: NW/4

- (n) EXTEND the Tapacito-Pictured Cliffs Pool in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, NMPM

Section 19: SE/4

TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST, NMPM

Section 15: SW/4

Section 22: S/2 and NW/4

Section 23: S/2

Section 26: N/2

Section 27: N/2

DOCKET NO. 12-95

DOCKET: COMMISSION HEARING - THURSDAY - APRIL 27, 1995

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CASE 11273: In the matter of the application of the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion for an order adopting rules to implement the recently passed Production Restoration Incentive and Workover Severance Tax Exemption Act (HB 65). The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division seeks an order adopting rules setting forth the procedures to implement the provisions of this Act providing for the qualification of projects and the certification for the "Production Restoration or Workover Tax Rate". Evidence and testimony will not be taken at this time but a Committee will be appointed to produce a preliminary draft of rules for the Commission to consider at a later date.

CASE 11274: Application of Meridian Oil Inc. to establish a statewide administrative procedure for approval of high angle/horizontal directional drilling projects in the State of New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the establishment of a new rule or an amended Rule 111 of the Oil Conservation Division Rules and Regulations establishing a statewide administrative procedure for approval of high angle/horizontal directional drilling projects in the State of New Mexico without the necessity of holding a hearing.

CASE 10280: De Novo

In the matter of the Case No. 10280 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Division Order Nos. R-9594 and R-9594-A, which orders promulgated temporary special rules and regulations for the Milnesand-Abo Pool in Lea and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico, including a provision for 80-acre spacing. Operators in the subject pool may appear and show cause why said special pool rules should not be rescinded and why the Milnesand-Abo Pool should not be developed on other than 40-acre spacing and proration units. Upon the application of Petroleum Production Management, Inc., this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

**SUPPLEMENT TO DOCKET NO. 11-95
EXAMINER HEARING**

CASE 11213: (Continued from April 6, 1995, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Maralo, Inc. for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox oil well location, 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 NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 20, Township 13 South, Range 38 East, forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit. Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox oil well location 350 feet from the North line and 1500 feet from the East line of said Section 20. 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 and completing said well. Said unit is located approximately 6.25 miles southeast by south of Gladiola, New Mexico.

CASE 11246: (Continued from April 6, 1995, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Richardson Operating Company for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox gas well location, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Undesignated West Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool underlying the NW/4 of Section 12, Township 29 North, Range 13 West, thereby forming a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to a single well (the proposed ROPCO Fee "12" Well No. 4) to be drilled at a non-standard gas well location within 200 feet of a point 147 feet from the North line and 1500 feet from the West line of said Section 12. 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 unit is located approximately 2.5 miles east-northeast of Farmington, New Mexico.