

Dockets Nos. 32-87 and 33-87 are tentatively set for October 21 and November 4, 1987. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 7, 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 November, 1987, from fourteen prorated pools in Lea, Eddy, and Chaves Counties, New Mexico.
 - (2) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for November, 1987, from four prorated pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico.

CASE 9179: (Continued from September 9, 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 9213: (Continued from September 23, 1987, Examiner Hearing)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to permit Paramount Petroleum Corporation and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Aztec Totah Unit Well No. 7 located on a Federal tract of land 660 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit O) of Section 20, Township 29 North, Range 13 West, San Juan County, New Mexico (which is approximately 1.2 miles south of the San Juan River Bridge on New Mexico Highway 371), should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program.

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CASE 9214: (Continued from September 23, 1987, Examiner Hearing)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to permit Paramount Petroleum Corporation, Natural Surety Corporation, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Aztec Totah Unit Well No. 16 located 705 feet from the South line and 2110 feet from the East line (Unit O) of Section 18, Township 29 North, Range 13 West, San Juan County, New Mexico (which is approximately 1 mile west of the San Juan River Bridge on New Mexico Highway 371), should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program.

CASE 9223: (Continued from September 23, 1987, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Sun Exploration and Production Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests below a depth of 8800 feet underlying the S/2 of Section 15, Township 18 South, Range 27 East, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools within this vertical extent being developed on 320-acre spacing 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 location is approximately 10 miles southeast of Artesia, New Mexico.

CASE 9233: 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 9207: (Continued from September 9, 1987, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Western Oil Producers, Inc. for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line (Unit L) of Section 1, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, Undesignated East Carlsbad-Wolfcamp Gas Pool, the S/2 of said Section 1 to be dedicated to the well. Said location is approximately 5 miles east of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

CASE 9208: (Readvertised)
(Continued from September 23, 1987, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Hixon Development Company for a gas storage well, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authorization to utilize its Carson Unit Well No. 34-18 located 660 feet from the South line and 1976 feet from the East line (Unit O) of Section 18, Township 25 North, Range 11 West, Bisti-Lower Gallup Pool (which is approximately 5 miles south-southeast of the Carson Trading Post), as a gas storage well.

CASE 9234: Application of Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L. P. for four non-standard gas proration units, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of four 160-acre, more or less, non-standard gas spacing and proration units for the East Carlsbad-Wolfcamp Gas Pool, said units to comprise the NW/4 and SW/4 of Section 2 and the NW/4 and SW/4 of Section 11, both in Township 22 South, Range 27 East. Said area is 4 miles east of the junction of U. S. 62/180 and U. S. 285 in Carlsbad, New Mexico.

CASE 9224: (Continued from September 23, 1987, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Robert N. Enfield for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location 1980 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the East line (Unit H) of Section 7, Township 19 South, Range 27 East, Undesignated McMillan-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool (which is approximately 4.5 miles northeast of Lakewood, New Mexico), the N/2 of said Section 7 to be dedicated to the well.

CASE 8874: (Reopened)

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 8802: (Reopened)

In the matter of Case 8802 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Division Order No. R-8181-B, which order promulgated temporary special rules and regulations for the South Corbin-Wolfcamp Pool in Lea County, including a provision for 80-acre spacing units. Interested parties may appear and show cause why said pool should not be developed on 40-acre spacing units.

CASE 9235: Application of Conoco Inc. for an exception to Division Order No. R-3221, as amended, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an exception to the provisions of Division Order No. R-3221, as amended, to permit the disposal of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil and gas from its Buffalo Federal Lease into an unlined pit located in the NW/4 SW/4 of Section 18, Township 18 South, Range 32 East. Said area is located on the Lea County side of the Lea/Eddy County line approximately 3.75 miles south of Mile Post No. 4 located on New Mexico Highway 529.

CASE 9202: (Continued from September 23, 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 9123: (Continued from September 9, 1987, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Curtis J. Little for a non-standard gas proration unit and for an exception to Rule 5(a)2(2) of Division Order No. R-8170, as amended, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for a 160-acre non-standard gas spacing and proration unit comprising the SE/4 of Section 14, Township 27 North, Range 13 West, Basin-Dakota Pool, to be dedicated to the applicant's Fairfield Well No. 1-E, located 1850 feet from the South line and 800 feet from the East line (Unit I) of said Section 14. Applicant further seeks an exception to Rule 5(a)2(2) of the General Rules for the Prorated Gas Pools of New Mexico as promulgated by Division Order No. R-8170, as amended, permitting the application of a full deliverability factor in the formula utilized in determining the allowable for said non-standard gas proration unit.

CASE 9124: (Readvertised)

Application of Rocanville Corporation for a non-standard gas proration unit and for an exception to Rule 5(a)2(2) of Division Order No. R-8170, as amended, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for a 160-acre non-standard gas spacing and proration unit comprising the NE/4 of Section 14, Township 27 North, Range 13 West, Basin-Dakota Pool, to be dedicated to the applicant's Fairfield Well No. 1, located 1100 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the East line (Unit A) of said Section 14. Applicant further seeks an exception to Rule 5(a)2(2) of the General Rules for the Prorated Gas Pools of New Mexico as promulgated by Division Order No. R-8170, as amended, permitting the application of a full deliverability factor in the formula utilized in determining the allowable for said non-standard gas proration unit.

CASE 9168: (Continued from September 9, 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.

CASE 8668: (Reopened) (Continued from September 9, 1987, Examiner Hearing)

In the matter of Case No. 8668 being reopened upon application of Howard Olsen to reconsider the provisions of Division Order No. R-8031, issued in said Case No. 8668 and dated September 27, 1985, which granted the application of Doyle Hartman to compulsorily pool all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Langlie-Mattix Pool underlying the SE/4 SE/4 (Unit P) of Section 23, Township 25 South, Range 37 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. Said well is located approximately 4 miles east of Jal, New Mexico.

CASE 8769: (Reopened) (Continued from September 9, 1987, Examiner Hearing)

In the matter of Case No. 8769 being reopened upon application of Howard Olsen to reconsider the provisions of Division Order No. R-8091, issued in said Case No. 8769 and dated December 6, 1985, which granted the application of Doyle Hartman to compulsorily pool all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Langlie-Mattix Pool underlying the SE/4 NE/4 (Unit H) of Section 26, Township 25 South, Range 37 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. Said well is located approximately 4 miles east of Jal, New Mexico.

Docket No. 31-87

DOCKET: COMMISSION HEARING - THURSDAY - OCTOBER 15, 1987

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

CASE 9134: (Continued from September 24, 1987, Commission Hearing)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to consider the amendment of Rule 1207(a)7 regarding notice to royalty interest owners.

CASE 9073: (De Novo) (Continued from September 24, 1987, Commission Hearing)

Application of Mallon Oil Company for the reinstatement of oil production allowables and an exception to the provisions of Division General Rule 502 for certain wells located in the Gavilan-Mancos Oil Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order reinstating the oil allowables which should have been assigned to the following described wells, all in Township 25 North, Range 2 West, Gavilan-Mancos Oil Pool, for the months of January, February, March and April, 1986. Applicant further seeks an exemption to the provisions of Division General Rule 502 which limit the period of time an operator is given to make up any overproduction of oil and casinghead gas:

Howard Federal "1" Well No. 8 located in Unit H of Section 1;
Howard Federal "1" Well No. 11 located in Unit K of Section 1;
Fisher Federal "2" Well No. 1 located in Unit A of Section 2;
Ribeyowids Federal "2" Well No. 16 located in Unit P of Section 2; and,
Johnson Federal "12" Well No. 5 located in Unit E of Section 12.

Upon application of Mallon Oil Company, this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 8951: (Continued from September 24, 1987, Commission Hearing)

Application of Benson-Montin-Greer Drilling Corporation for the amendment of Division Order No. R-8124, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division by Division Order No. R-8124, dated January 16, 1986, issued in Case 8745, authorized the applicant to conduct a long-term reservoir pressure test in the Mancos formation using certain wells in Rio Arriba County and further authorized the shut-in of certain wells and provided six months after completion of the test during which certain accumulated underproduction can be made up. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, now seeks the amendment of said Order No. R-8124 to provide for twelve months after completion of the reservoir pressure test during which to make up the accumulated underproduction of certain wells resulting from the test. Applicant further requests that all other provisions in said Order No. R-8124 remain in full force and effect.

CASE 9111: (Continued from September 24, 1987, Commission Hearing)

Application of Benson-Montin-Greer Drilling Corporation for the expansion of the BMG West Puerto Chiquito-Mancos Pressure Maintenance Project Area, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the expansion of the BMG West Puerto Chiquito-Mancos Pressure Maintenance Project Area as promulgated by Division Order No. R-3401, as amended, to include certain lands in Townships 24, 25, and 26 North, Range 1 West.

CASE 9095: (De Novo)

Application of Curtis J. Little for the promulgation of special pool rules for the Ojito Gallup-Dakota Oil Pool or, in the alternative, to abolish the Ojito Gallup-Dakota Oil Pool and to concomitantly expand the West Lindrith Gallup-Dakota Oil Pool, Rio Arriba and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to establish special rules and regulations for the Ojito Gallup-Dakota Oil Pool including a provision for 160-acre spacing. IN THE ALTERNATIVE, the applicant seeks to abolish said Ojito Gallup-Dakota Oil Pool and to concomitantly expand the horizontal limits of the West Lindrith Gallup-Dakota Oil Pool to include the horizontal extent of the abolished pool plus the E/2 NE/4 of Section 21, Township 25 North, Range 3 West, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

Upon application of Curtis J. Little, this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 9226: (Continued from September 23, 1987, Examiner Hearing)

In the matter called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to amend the Special Pool Rules for the West Lindrith Gallup-Dakota Oil Pool in Rio Arriba and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico, as promulgated by Division Order No. R-4314, to reconsider the well location requirements poolwide, to restate the allowable in the pool to reflect the daily oil allowable for a 160-acre unit in the depth range of this pool to 382 BOPD as promulgated by Division General Rule 305, and to create a buffer zone in those sections that adjoin the Gavilan-Mancos Oil Pool to the east (Sections 1, 12, 13, 24, 25 and 36, Township 25 North, Range 3 West, Rio Arriba County) with any additional provisions which may be necessary and/or advisable to protect correlative rights along the common boundary of the two pools. Said area is situated 10 to 20 miles west-northwest of Lindrith, New Mexico.

CASE 9227: (Continued from September 23, 1987, Examiner Hearing)

In the matter called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to amend the Special Pool Rules for the Gavilan-Mancos Oil Pool in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, as promulgated by Division Order No. R-7407, as amended, to create a buffer zone utilizing those existing proration units in Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30, 31 and 32, Township 25 North, Range 2 West, that adjoin the West Lindrith Gallup-Dakota Oil Pool with any additional provisions which may be necessary and/or advisable to protect correlative rights along the common boundary of the two pools. Said area is situated 4 to 9 miles northwest of Lindrith, New Mexico.

CASE 9228: (Continued from September 23, 1987, Examiner Hearing)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion for an order abolishing and extending certain pools in Rio Arriba and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico:

(a) ABOLISH the Ojito Gallup-Dakota Oil Pool in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, in order that the productive acreage may be included in the West Lindrith Gallup-Dakota Oil Pool in Rio Arriba and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico.

(b) EXTEND the West Lindrith Gallup-Dakota Oil Pool in Rio Arriba and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, NMPM
Sections 1 through 18: All
Section 19: NE/4
Section 20: N/2
Section 21: N/2
Section 23: NE/4 and S/2
Sections 24 through 26: All
Section 34: S/2
Sections 35 and 36: All

CASE 9225: (Continued from September 23, 1987, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Mesa Grande, Ltd. for an order pooling all mineral interests in the Gavilan-Mancos Oil Pool underlying a certain 640-acre tract of land in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Gavilan-Mancos Oil Pool underlying all of Section 20, Township 25 North, Range 2 West, to form a standard 640-acre oil spacing and proration unit in said pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to the Sun Exploration and Production Company Loddy Well No. 1 located 1750 feet from the North and West lines (Unit F) of said Section 20 which is presently completed in and producing from the Gavilan-Mancos Oil Pool and dedicated to a previously approved 320-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit (see Rule 2(a) as promulgated by Division Order No. R-7407-E) underlying the W/2 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. Applicant further requests that Sun Exploration and Production Company remain as operator of the well and that the effective date of any order issued in this case be retroactive to June 3, 1987. Said well is located approximately 5.5 miles north-northwest of Lindrith, New Mexico.

CASE 9236: Application of Mesa Grande Resources, Inc. for compulsory pooling and a non-standard oil proration unit, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Gavilan-Mancos Oil Pool underlying all of Irregular Section 1, Township 24 North, Range 2 West, forming a non-standard 650.22-acre oil spacing and proration unit to be dedicated to the existing Federal Invader Well No. 1 located at a standard location 1040 feet from the North line and 850 feet from the West line (Unit D) of said Section 1. 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 the applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said well is located approximately 3.5 miles northeast of Lindrith, New Mexico.