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IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of William B. Barnhill
for an unorthodox gas well location, CASE
Eddy County, New Mexico. 7521

BEFORE: Daniel S. Nutter

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

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2 MR. NUTTER: We'll call now Case Number
3 7521.

4 MR. PEARCE: Application of William B.
5 Barnhill for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County,
6 New Mexico.

7 MR. NUTTER: Call for appearances in
8 this case.

9 MR. PADILLA: Mr. Examiner, Ernest L.
10 Padilla, Santa Fe, New Mexico, appearing on behalf of the
11 applicant. I will have two witnesses to be sworn.

12 Also, Mr. Examiner, I'll probably only use
13 one witness. It may be necessary to use the second witness
14 on rebuttal, if necessary. Might as well swear them both in
15 at this time.

16 MR. NUTTER: Any other appearances?

17 MR. CARR: Mr. Examiner, my name is
18 William F. Carr with the law firm Campbell, Byrd, and Black,
19 P. A., Santa Fe, New Mexico, appearing on behalf of Chama
20 Petroleum Company. I have one witness who needs to be sworn,
21 and I have no objection to your swearing him with these other
22 witnesses.

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24 (Witnesses sworn.)
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WILLIAM B. BARNHILL

being called as a witness and being duly sworn upon his oath,
testified as follows, to-wit:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. PADILLA:

Q Mr. Barnhill, for the record would you
please state your name and where you reside?

A My name is William Barnhill. I live in
Roswell, New Mexico.

Q Mr. Barnhill, are you the applicant in
this case?

A Yes, I am.

Q Mr. Barnhill, are you familiar with the
Morrow formation and have your credentials been made a matter
of record for testimony before the Oil Conservation Division
or the Oil Conservation Commission at a prior time?

A Yes, they have.

Q How long have you worked with the Morrow
formation in southeast New Mexico and in the area of interest
today?

A Well, I've lived in Roswell for 27 years
and I primarily, almost exclusively, work the Morrow for the
last 15, approximately 15, years.

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2 Q Mr. Barnhill, are you familiar with the
3 purpose of the case today?

4 A Yes, sir.

5 MR. PADILLA: Mr. Examiner, we tender
6 Mr. Barnhill as an expert geologist.

7 MR. NUTTER: Mr. Barnhill is qualified.

8 Q Mr. Barnhill, referring to what has been
9 marked as Exhibit Number One, would you please explain what
10 that is and what it contains?

11 A This is an Isopach map, or a thickness
12 map, of the Morrow formation in this particular area of the
13 southern part of Township 19 South, Range 25 East, and 20
14 South, 25 East, Eddy County.

15 In Sections 34 and 35, of 19, 25, and
16 1, 2, 3, and 4, of 20, 25, we have various wells in there
17 that we can -- we accumulated data, and the Morrow in this
18 area is confined to erosional channels. Erosional channels
19 are -- they've been incised into the Barnett Shale. Often
20 times the erosion has even gone completely through the Bar-
21 nett into the Mississippian, and the best sands are confined
22 to this channel environment, and you have to first find you
23 some sand, then keep in the channel, and then there's the
24 problem of porosity and permeabilities which always occur.

25 Q Mr. Barnhill, what is the area marked

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2 in yellow, or colored yellow?

3 A Well, that's a farmout from Gulf Oil to
4 me in which I propose, or hope to have approved, an unorthodox
5 location, 660 out of the south and west of Section 35, for a
6 Morrow test.

7 Q Mr. Barnhill, what is the red line drawn
8 through the area of Sections 4, 33, and 34 and 35?

9 A That is a cross section representing a
10 channel sequence of this particular area.

11 Q Is that Exhibit Number Two, Mr. Barnhill?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Would you explain what Exhibit Number
14 Two contains? And if necessary, and if it is necessary for
15 you to relate back to Exhibit Number One, please do so.

16 A Well, yes, we can relate to Exhibit
17 Number One which shows the cross section from east -- from
18 east to west, from A-A'.

19 On the lefthand side of the cross sec-
20 tion we start out in Section 4, of 20, 25. You notice the
21 yellow is sand and the grays are shale. That is the Mark
22 Holston Well in Section 4. It's on the bank of a channel.
23 In fact, it's quite removed to the west.

24 We go to Section 34 of 19, 25, to the
25 Coquina Pan Canadian. That has a well developed Morrow sand

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2 and it also -- that's the -- these sometimes split and we
3 call them A's and B's, and you can actually get a C in certain
4 areas.

5 The next log to the right of the first
6 one that we mentioned is the Coquina Pan Canadian, which
7 is a very good well in the Morrow section.

8 The third well from the left is the Pan
9 Am Lakewood. It was drilled back in 1953. It was a Devonian
10 test, which at that time, in 1953, the gas situation was kind
11 of a pain in the neck rather than anybody looking for it.
12 You can see that the sands have thickened by going to the
13 east half of 34.

14 Q Mr. Barnhill, you're talking about the
15 third well on the --

16 A Third well on the cross section.

17 Q On the cross section.

18 A Yes.

19 Q Okay.

20 A Then this cross section is projected
21 through the proposed unorthodox location, and then back to
22 a Hilliard well in the north half of 35, which is out of the
23 channel proper, showing the Morrow sands are present but
24 they're broken and they're extremely shaley.

25 And you go further to the east, now, for

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2 the last part of the cross section, the furthest one on the
3 right, you end up in Section 1 of 20, 25, and that's completely
4 zilch. In other words, there's nothing there.

5 From Section 1 of 20, 25, you're com-
6 pletely on the east bank, and in Section 4 of 20, 25, you're
7 completely on the west bank. In between there's been some
8 sand development and I think that that's what I'm trying to
9 represent here, show you.

10 Q Mr. Barnhill, going to what has been
11 marked as Exhibit Number Three, which is a microlog, would
12 you explain what that is and where it is in relation to your
13 cross section?

14 A Yes, this microlog is of the Stanoline
15 Lakewood. It's in Section 34 of 19, 25.

16 This well was drilled back in 1953, as
17 previously mentioned. You will notice that I've colored in
18 on this log the A and the B Sands, which is the same as the
19 A and the B Sands on this cross section but in the cross sec-
20 tion this is a dual induction log and this log we have is a
21 microlog of the same section, but you can see how -- the
22 comparison, and they're here in this log -- this is a dry
23 hole and there was an attempted recompletion at a later date,
24 but never successful.

25 These sands are very, very well developed.

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2 In fact, I would say that it's one of the better developed
3 sands in this part of the county. And this is the same thing
4 as we see on the cross section but we see it on the microlog.

5 Q The well depicted on that microlog,
6 what -- what did it test? Did it test the Morrow, or what
7 did it test?

8 A They -- this was a test upon -- but --
9 and they got gas in 35 minutes at 47,000. It's marked right
10 to the left of the third log on the section.

11 And they took another DST at 9407 to
12 9540 and they got gas in 55 minutes, volume unknown.

13 Q Was that primarily a Morrow test, Mr.
14 Barnhill?

15 A Yes, it was.

16 Q And that was a dry hole, is that correct?

17 A That's correct.

18 Q Mr. Barnhill, can you tell us something
19 about the -- how all this information depicted on Exhibit
20 Number One, and Number Two, and Number Three, relates to the --
21 your proposed location?

22 A Well, the best Morrow sands on the cross
23 section as goes from west to east, or east to west, wherever
24 you want to start, is in the -- is on the old Stanoline Lake-
25 wood, located in the -- in Section 34, and I believe that the --

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2 if the Commission will refer to the cross section, if I may
3 point something out in relation to these channels that do
4 develop, on the bottom part of the section I have a line
5 called C Marker, and then I have a line called Top of Missis-
6 sippian Lime.

7 Between the Coquina well in 34 and the
8 Stanoline Lakewood in 34 the C marker, you see that although
9 in that very short distance the amount of dip on the C marker?
10 And certainly on the Mississippian Lime.

11 If you continue that erosional surface
12 down to the proposed location it should be just very, very
13 close to the apex of this channel, because when you have to
14 go to the east of 35, back to the Hilliard well, you have to
15 get back to your Mississippian and your C marker, and I think
16 the sands, this is the maximum part of the channel, goes
17 right through the east half of 34 and the west half of 35,
18 and right on down through the west half of 2 and the east
19 half of 3.

20 And what primarily, the main reason,
21 we're asking for this unorthodox location is to get as far
22 away as possible from that Hilliard well in 35, which is the
23 north half proration unit, and which will never pay out, I
24 have the production figures on it, and get as close as the
25 old Stanoline Lakewood, which was drilled in 1953.

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2 Q Mr. Barnhill, can you tell us now some-
3 thing about the production of some of these wells in the
4 area, and in this regard please refer to what has been marked
5 as Exhibit Number Four?

6 A Okay, I can point these out. Of course
7 it's -- for instance, like the Hilliard Well in Section --
8 the north half of 35 of 19, 25. It was completed April 11th
9 of 1974, and in seven years it has produced 189-million
10 cubic feet of gas.

11 The last production figures I have is
12 for November. It's running about the same. I have 80's
13 right on through. It's a very, very poor well. Very likely
14 will it ever pay out, even with gas to the tremendous increase
15 in price.

16 Q Mr. Barnhill, how does this well relate
17 to, say, a standard location on the southwest quarter of
18 Section 35?

19 A Well, I think that if you went to 1980
20 out of the south and west of 35 you'd be in the same boat as
21 the Hilliard-Gulf Well. In other words, it just wouldn't --
22 it would just be impossible situation; I mean a very unfavor-
23 able situation.

24 Q How about a standard location on the
25 southeast quarter of 35?

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2 A Like 1980 from the west and 600 from
3 the south? You'd still be right on strike with it, and this
4 is a very complicated area. This is -- this is the way I
5 would interpret it. There is a sand, a sand lens, and it
6 would be right around the old Lakewood Well, and the further
7 you can get away from that Hilliard Well and the closer you
8 can get to the Stanoline Lakewood in 34, the better off you
9 are for everybody concerned. I mean if you want my opinion.

10 Q But the east, or the southeast quarter
11 of 35, how -- what kind of --

12 A Southeast quarter. The southeast quarter
13 of 35 you'd be some place halfway between absolutely zero
14 from the Gulf Shugart Well in 1 of 20, 25, and from zero to
15 nothing into the north half of 35.

16 Q What's the production on other wells,
17 say, in Section 34? You've testified already that there was
18 a dry hole in the southeast quarter of 34, but what wells --

19 A There's two dry holes in the south half
20 of 34, the Lakewood Well, although all maps show that thing
21 as a gas well, but it's never -- it never has been a gas well.

22 There is another well in the south half
23 of 34 called the Huber Irami. It was a dry hole.

24 In the north half of 34, the Coquina
25 Pan Canadian has been a good well. It's produced 2-1/3 billion

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2 cubic feet out of the Morrow. It depleted out of the Morrow
3 and was recompleted out of the Atoka, and it is apparently
4 producing out of the Atoka, not in any large -- November's
5 production was 1,944,000, which is very light production, but
6 it has been depleted in the Morrow for 2-1/3 billion and re-
7 completed in the Atoka and we've got the cumulatives on that,
8 too.

9 Q Mr. Barnhill, do you have any well con-
10 trol in Sections 2 and 3 to the south of your -- to the south
11 and southwest of your proposed location?

12 A In the west half of 2 currently there's
13 a well drilling, the Santa Fe No. 1 Exxon, 1980 from the
14 south and 660 from the west. That's in the neighborhood of
15 7500 feet in depth, some place right in there.

16 In 3 there is a Chama Huber Federal No.
17 1. I have no information on that but it was reported by the
18 operator to me that they had at least 50 foot of sand in that
19 well. I was promised an electric log on that -- I would have
20 to put a question mark on it -- but I didn't get one. Sample
21 log I do have and these friable sands, they cave in a lot,
22 you get a lot more sand in samples than you would on an elec-
23 tric log.

24 But I don't have any information on 3.
25 And the one in 2 is drilling.

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2 Q Mr. Barnhill, would drilling the well
3 as you propose prove up the acreage in Sections 34 and 35
4 and 2 and 3? In your opinion?

5 A Yes, in my opinion, would help prove,
6 would help it, sure.

7 Q Mr. Barnhill, are -- what -- how do you
8 assess the risk of your well as proposed?

9 A These Morrow wells are terrible high
10 risk, even drilling an offset. They're just a high risk
11 venture.

12 Q How much are you spending on your well?

13 A These wells here AFE out around \$800,000.

14 Q Are you -- do you have any dry hole
15 contributions from any of the offset operators?

16 A No, I do not.

17 Q When does your lease on the south half
18 of 35 run out, Mr. Barnhill?

19 A The southeast quarter runs out May 1,
20 which gives me approximately 30 days, so to speak. It's a
21 Federal lease; to drill it we have to have an archaeology per-
22 mit, BLM, et cetera, et cetera, and et cetera. I am in
23 quite a bind on if it's one way or the other, but it would
24 be, the southeast quarter goes out May 1.

25 Q Do you request from the Division an ex-

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2 petitionous decision on this case?

3 A Yes, I would.

4 Q Does the -- would the USGS issue a
5 drilling permit prior to issuance of an order by the Division?

6 A No, I don't believe they would.

7 Q Mr. Barnhill, would approval of this
8 application impair the correlative rights of offsetting oper-
9 ators?

10 A I don't think so. The way I'm looking
11 at it here, the acreage in 3 and down through 2 and I can
12 only go to where the points are, like in 34 and 35, 1, 2,
13 3, and 4 of 20, 25. That's all the control there is. I
14 can't make them up, and it could change. It could be quite
15 thicker than that; it could be thinner than that; but I
16 just have to take the data that I have, and I don't think it
17 impairs anybody's rights.

18 Q Would it allow you, if you do get a
19 producing well, to recover your fair and equitable share
20 of the hydrocarbons underlying the south half of 35?

21 A I think so.

22 Q Mr. Barnhill, in your opinion should a
23 penalty or a production limitation be assessed against your
24 well should it produce?

25 A I don't think it -- a penalty would be

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2 in order because of the -- I'm offsetting a dry hole and a
3 terrible well to the north, and if I -- if there's gas to be
4 found it's to everybody's benefit, and I don't know why I
5 should be penalized.

6 Q Mr. Barnhill, referring to what has
7 been marked as Exhibit Number Five, would you explain what
8 that is, what it contains?

9 A The green is the south half proration
10 unit with the proposed unorthodox location located 660 from
11 the south and west of 35, 19, 25.

12 The yellow acreage belongs to Chama
13 Petroleum.

14 The -- in Section 2 of 20, 25, there is
15 a west half proration unit, consisting of the west half of 2,
16 in which a well is currently being drilled.

17 Q Going back to your earlier testimony,
18 a producing well at your proposed location would help deter-
19 mine what hydrocarbons, if any, in the Morrow formation would
20 underlie the yellow acreage, wouldn't it?

21 A Yes, with the control data we have on
22 sand thicknesses there, it would, the south half of 34 and 3
23 and could even possibly go down to 10, but I don't have any
24 control down there.

25 MR. PADILLA: Mr. Examiner, we have in-

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2 cluded in this in this package some additional petroleum
3 information and we haven't introduced that, but nonetheless,
4 it's there for your edification should you read it.

5 MR. NUTTER: Those are scout tickets?

6 A Scout tickets of all the wells in the
7 immediate area.

8 MR. PADILLA: And I have no further
9 questions of this witness, Mr. Examiner. We tender Exhibits
10 One through Five.

11 MR. NUTTER: Exhibits One through Five
12 will be admitted in evidence.

13 Any questions?

14 MR. CARR: Yes, sir.

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16 CROSS EXAMINATION

17 BY MR. CARR:

18 Q Mr. Barnhill, I'd like to first direct
19 your attention to your Exhibit Number One, which is your
20 Isopach map. How long have you been working in this area?

21 A I've been working this area -- well, in
22 the Morrow for a good number of years; a minimum of fifteen.

23 Q Now, as I understand, an Isopach shows
24 the sand thickness, is what it's designed to show. It does
25 not show structure.

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A Right. Right.

Q And is structure a significant factor in determining what you've got?

A None whatsoever.

Q So this shows the sand thickness, based on the data you've had available to you, your interpretation? Is that right?

A That's right.

Q Is this the first Isopach of this area you have prepared?

A No.

Q Did you not prepare an Isopach last fall in conjunction with Chama?

A Absolutely. In fact, the Chama well was based exclusively on my geology.

Q I'd like to hand you what's been marked for identification as Chama's Exhibit Number Seven, and ask if this is a copy of that Isopach?

A It's very similar in nature. It's an Isopach.

Q I believe it has on the bottom on the legend, it has your -- your name. Does this look like you --

A Yes, uh-huh. Yes, that's my work.

Q Now, I'd like you to look at this and

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2 focus on the south half of Section Number 35.

3 A All right.

4 Q The Isopach which you prepared for this
5 hearing would show, I believe, that there are sands present
6 throughout the south half of that section. Is that a correct
7 interpretation?

8 A In the south half of 35?

9 Q Yes, sir.

10 A I think the sands would go through part
11 of it, you're right.

12 Q But you said part of it. Do you think --
13 is the entire south half underlain with potentially productive
14 Morrow sand or does it cut off as we move to the east?

15 A Well, as you move to the east you get in
16 a very much poorer environment because you're out of the
17 channel proper. On the cross section from the Hilliard well
18 in 35 to the Gulf Shugart Well in 1, it's a very, very poor
19 section, shaley, tight sands, and your clean sands are depo-
20 sited -- now, the Amoco Well, the Lakewood at 34 has a very
21 well developed Morrow sand, you can see on this microlog.

22 Q Right.

23 A And the Hilliard Well in 35 is very
24 poorly developed and the production in that is just -- is
25 quite sad.

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2 Q Now, if we compare these two Isopachs,
3 it appears to me that the Chama Exhibit Number Six, the first
4 Isopach would tend to show that a substantial portion of the
5 east part of the south half of Section 35 is -- does not con-
6 tain commercial sand, is that correct?

7 A Well, you see, we're not -- you have to,
8 as a geologist, you have to use a little bit of optimism.
9 When -- when I did this prospect and sold it to Chama on the
10 geological merits, I wanted to see a well drilled in 3, pre-
11 ferably where they drilled it, 1980 from the south and the
12 east.

13 The 60-foot Isopach was put in there
14 and you'll notice that on the old Stanoline Lakewood I gave
15 it a value of 44 feet, but here's the same thing and you can
16 come up with 76.

17 Being optimistic, I wanted to see this
18 channel, see if it would -- I knew that this was a dry hole.
19 It's 76 feet. On Chama's Isopach I put 44, but if you want
20 to count the feet off, count them off, they're right there,
21 and 44 is not correct. It's 76.

22 Q I believe you testified that you have
23 received no data on that Chama Huber Well down in Section 3.

24 A The only data that I have is a sample
25 log on it and although I put the prospect together, my rela-

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2 tationship with Chama is -- has gotten a little touchy. They
3 went tight; they didn't give me an electric log. That's why
4 I put 50 question mark, because they never delivered me an
5 electric log, but I do have a sample log, as I mentioned.
6 A lot of these friable sands cave in the hole and look like
7 you're getting just a ton of sand, and looks like you may be
8 getting a couple hundred feet, but it's really all cave-in.

9 Q What --

10 A So you need a log, like this.

11 Q Uh-huh.

12 A Well, you can actually, like on the SP
13 on this old log here, see the maximum. See, that's it, right
14 there.

15 MR. PADILLA: You're talking about a
16 microlog, Mr. Barnhill?

17 A Well, no, just one of these compensated
18 neutron formation density logs now are what we run.

19 Q What additional data have you received
20 since you prepared your first Isopach that would cause you
21 to alter your interpretation? What new data have you used?

22 A The only data I have is from Charles
23 Newburg (sic). He said they had 50 foot of sand in that
24 well, but I haven't seen -- I don't have the electric log,
25 although I was promised one. I have a sample log.

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2 Q Wouldn't you say that your Exhibit Num-
3 ber One paints a more optimistic picture for the south half
4 of Section 35 than the previously prepared Isopach?

5 A That's the way I wanted to present it
6 previously.

7 Q And this is -- and the Exhibit Number
8 One is the way you want to present it here today?

9 A No. I wanted to see a well drilled in
10 the south half of 3. Getting back to the actual facts of it
11 now, instead of a 44 Isopach value in the south half of 34,
12 you'll have to take this log and count them out for yourself,
13 and they're 76.

14 So you take your 76. You've got the
15 Huber-Irami Well in the south half of 34 with 47. You go
16 to 76. You've got Isopach values you've got to put in there.
17 You go from the Coquina Pan Canadian of 40 feet to 76.
18 You go from the Hilliard well in 35, 32 to 76. You've got
19 to put those values in there, and I don't know any other way
20 I can draw it.

21 Q If I compare these two Isopachs, which
22 of the two portrays a more optimistic picture for the -- for
23 making a successful well in the south half of 35?

24 A This one. This one that -- this exhibit.

25 Q Your Exhibit Number One, and that was

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2 prepared specifically for this hearing?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Now, I'd like to go to the cross section.
5 And I'll warn you at the beginning, I can't read a log barely
6 at all, and so if some of the questions are not too logical,
7 I want you to bear with me on it.

8 As I look at this cross section, yellow
9 areas show the Morrow sand, which is the sand which may con-
10 tain productive -- that may be productive of gas, is that
11 correct?

12 A That's correct.

13 Q And as I look at where you've placed
14 your proposed location for the Barnhill No. 1, the sands are
15 thickening sort of to that, to the point of the proposed
16 location.

17 A Hopefully, right.

18 Q What control do you have that would
19 justify thickening of the sand to this point?

20 A Well, the second log from the left is
21 the Coquina well.

22 Q Okay.

23 A And you go to the third one, the old
24 PanAm Lakewood again.

25 Q Uh-huh.

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2 A Those sands, your A and your B sands,
3 are thicker, and at the base -- base of the B Sand you will
4 notice that that is an erosional surface, the Barnett shale.
5 It's dipping, or dipping off to the east.

6 You go to your C marker and -- which
7 shows that dip, and your top of your original Mississippian
8 Lime shows that dip. It would indicate from that dip that
9 you could go to a degree further east and may get into the
10 deepest part of that channel, because you've got to reverse
11 yourself to get back to this Hilliard Well in 35.

12 Q Uh-huh. But as I look at this, is it
13 not correct, that in the Hilliard Well and also in the Pan
14 American Lakewood Well, that the C marker is virtually the
15 same depth?

16 A Well, you can certainly see, this C
17 marker, how it correlates in the Hilliard Well going to the
18 Coquina Well. You see the -- I'm not trying to give you a
19 lesson on logs but --

20 Q I probably could stand one.

21 Now, it is possible, however that the
22 deepest portion of this channel might be in the Lakewood and
23 that you could at that point turn the C marker up and just
24 simply correlate it right over to the Hilliard Gulf Federal
25 No. 1. Is that not possible to interpret it that way, also?

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2 A Well, if you went just -- yeah, if you
3 went from the Coquina -- the Stanoline Lakewood back to the
4 Hilliard Well, you've got well developed sands in the Lakewood
5 and poorly developed sands in the Hilliard, and so therefor,
6 the proposal is stay away from that Hilliard. You don't want
7 to go in that direction. You want to get as close to the --
8 to the Lakewood Well as possible, because it had the best
9 sands.

10 Q Was it not also a dry hole?

11 A Yes, it is.

12 Q Was the Lakewood not originally a Devon-
13 ian test?

14 A It was a Devonian test.

15 Q And wasn't there some indication of some
16 water problems in completing that well?

17 A Well, this was drilled back in 1953.
18 When you drill Morrow wells, you're going to have all kind
19 of problems. Primarily, if you don't have a low water loss
20 and a good mud system, you might as well forget about the
21 Morrow.

22 They drilled this -- they were drilling
23 this with -- this Morrow Sand here, with water; went on down
24 to the Devonian, tested, and got water in the Devonian.

25 To do that to the Morrow, you're absolutely

1 just killing yourself.

2 These sands are full of montmorillonites,
3 bentonites, and once contact with water, they swell up and
4 they're just like cement.
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6 So you have to use a very low water
7 washed drilling fluid in there, which inhibits the water from
8 contaminating these montmorillonite, kaolinite parts.

9 And there was an attempted recompletion
10 of that at a later date, completely unsuccessful, which is
11 not surprising at all.

12 Q Could it be that the completion prac-
13 tices in that Lakewood Well contributed to the fact that the
14 Morrow did not produce?

15 A I don't think you could complete it
16 under any circumstances the way it was drilled.

17 Q Do you think if a well was drilled at
18 that location and this well had never been drilled, that you
19 might be able to complete a producer there today?

20 A Yes, I do.

21 Q With better techniques existing now?

22 So actually, the objective is to get
23 away from the Hilliard Well, which you consider to be a poor
24 well, and towards this other well?

25 A Yes.

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Q Because the better portion of the sand is over there, is that correct?

A I think it would have a -- if not better, at least maybe equally as good as the old Lakewood Well drilled back in '53.

Q Were there any completion problems in the Hilliard-Gulf Federal Well that you're aware of?

A There's completion problems in all of these Morrow wells. There's formation damage in every one. I don't know of one -- unless you could drill it with air or gas, without fluid, I don't know how you could complete one without damage.

Q If we look at the Huber-Irami Well, that was also dry.

A Yes, uh-huh. The sands developed there but they lacked porosity and permeability. That's another thing you fight in these.

Q When was that completed? Do you recall?

A I don't recall but I have the card on it. The Huber-Irami was spudded 3-14-74, completed 4-23-74.

Q Do you think it's possible that techniques in terms of completing these wells, have improved enough that a commercial well might have been made there today if it were drilled today?

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A At the Irami location?

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Q Yes.

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A No, there wasn't anything wrong at the

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Irami location. It had the sands but just lacked the poro-

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sity and permeability, and there's not a thing you can do

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about it.

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Q Was that well fractured?

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A No.

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Q Would that have improved that or is

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that a --

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A No, the electric logs, which I don't

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have one, but the electric logs just show that dude just to

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be tight; very, very tight.

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And it just doesn't have any porosity

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and permeability. And they ran a good set of logs. They

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run the compensated neutron and just zilched out on them,

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that's all. The sands were there.

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Q Now if we look at this Lakewood Well and
if there were problems in completing it, and it thereby didn't--

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doesn't necessarily condemn the acreage right there, isn't

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it possible that a well at your proposed location is going

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to be draining reserves from the southeast quarter of 34?

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Q Well, it could. Sure, it would be in

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the same sand body. I mean if there was no additional drilling

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2 and this was a successful test, it would -- it would drain
3 a certain amount of area, hopefully.

4 Q Do you know what the standard spacing
5 rules are for a well drilled in a laydown unit, like the
6 south half of Section 35?

7 A Yeah, it would be 1980 from the south
8 and west, which would be a direct offset to the Hilliard.

9 It could be a 1980 from the west and a
10 660 from the south, which would be a double offset from the
11 Hilliard; speaking of forties.

12 Q And so the closest that you could drill
13 to the west line of Section 34 and have a standard location
14 would be 1980 feet, is that correct?

15 A Now how was that again?

16 Q The closest that you could drill a well
17 to the west line of Section 35 would be 1980 feet, if you
18 were having to stay with a standard location?

19 A Yes.

20 Q By moving 1320 feet to the west aren't
21 you extending the drainage into Section 34 by, oh, a substan-
22 tial amount, if not exactly 1320?

23 A Well, yeah, it would possibly drain 34.
24 Probably a new well should be drilled where the old Amoco
25 Well is. A well should be drilled in the north half of 3.

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2 The proration unit in 2 down there is a west half proration
3 unit. I think the -- if this proration unit is authorized,
4 I think -- this unorthodox location -- I think it will show
5 up a lot of things in there.

6 Q But to protect themselves would Chama
7 have to drill 660 feet from the east line of Section 34?

8 A No.

9 Q Do you think that a well drilled at
10 another location would be able to offset any drainage that
11 might come from your proposed well?

12 A Yeah, I think so.

13 Q I believe you indicated there was no
14 dry hole contribution from any offsetting operator, is that
15 correct?

16 A I don't have any.

17 Q Have you requested any?

18 A No, I haven't.

19 Q Now I think you also testified that a
20 well drilled at the proposed location would -- and if it pro-
21 duced gas it would be to everyone's benefit. Is that what --
22 is that a correct statement?

23 A I think it would -- as far as Section 2
24 is concerned, that being a west half proration unit, I wouldn't
25 want to see an operator go to the east half of 2. It would

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2 certainly help the leasehold interest in 3 and possibly on
3 10, if in the event this sandbar type thing would be extended.

4 Q And how would it help them?

5 A Well, using the data in there. There's
6 a well in the south half of 3, the Chama Well, which is re-
7 ported very -- a commercial producer. That certainly has a --
8 and if there was one in the southwest southwest of 35, if that
9 was a commercial producer, what's wrong with the north half
10 of 3?

11 And so everything has a bearing on every-
12 thing else.

13 Q It would benefit them then because they
14 would have additional data for projecting the area, is that
15 correct?

16 A Well, that would be one way of looking
17 at it.

18 Q Who would be paid for the reserves pro-
19 duced from that well?

20 A Who'd be paid for the reserves?

21 Q I mean who would receive compensation
22 for the gas produced from that well? Only the owners of the
23 south half of 35, is that not correct?

24 A Well, that's true. That would be the
25 proration unit, that's right.

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2 Q You have a May 1 expiration date, is
3 that right?

4 A In the southeast quarter, yeah.

5 Q Do you have to have a final Commission
6 order before you can go ahead and start that well?

7 A At this unorthodox location, and sure
8 would for this proposal.

9 Q And if this, whatever order is appealed,
10 would that impair your ability to get USGS approval, or do
11 you know?

12 A I'm sure it would. This being a Federal
13 lease, too, there's just roughly thirty days to go on it.
14 They still have the archaeologist to go out there and make
15 that report. The BLM has got to go out there and do their
16 thing. And it takes time.

17 MR. CARR: I have no further questions.

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19 CROSS EXAMINATION

20 BY MR. NUTTER:

21 Q Mr. Barnhill, you've interpreted on
22 your Exhibit Number One that that Lakewood Well had 76 feet
23 of pay but you think the reason it's not a producing well
24 is because of its exposure to all that water during the
25 drilling to the Devonian, is that it?

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2 A Yes, sir. I think they actually ruined
3 that well when they were drilling to the Devonian. Had it
4 been drilled, or I think you could drill a new well there
5 under present day drilling techniques and have a very good
6 chance of commercial gas.

7 Q What unit is dedicated to the Coquina
8 Pan Canadian?

9 A That's a north half proration unit.

10 Q North half.

11 A Yes, sir.

12 Q So, presumably, that -- another well in
13 the south half would have the south half dedicated to it.

14 A That's all you could dedicate in 34 would
15 be the south half.

16 Q Now, down here in Section 3, how does
17 Chama have it's lands dedicated to that well that's drilling?

18 A 3. The well is a south half proration
19 unit and the south half of 3 is the proration unit.

20 Q And the west half is dedicated to this
21 Santa Fe-Exxon No. 1.

22 A The west half of 2 is the proration unit
23 for Santa Fe Exploration.

24 Q Now, I presume that Hilliard is still
25 producing this Gulf Federal even though it is just making a

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2 very small amount of gas.

3 A Yes, sir. I can give you November's --

4 Q I noticed November's production on one
5 of your exhibits there, 257 Mcf for the month.

6 A That's right, something like that.

7 Q 10 a day or less.

8 Now you also mentioned that the cumu-
9 lative production from the Pan Canadian was 2.3 billion from
10 the Morrow and I thought you said it was now recompleted to
11 the Atoka.

12 A That's correct.

13 Q Isn't it the other way around, that it
14 was originally an Atoka well and then was recompleted in the
15 Morrow?

16 A No, sir.

17 Q Well, then this exhibit must be in error,
18 where it shows the -- it's a revamp from the statistical re-
19 port, but on page 534 it shows production for the North
20 Cemetary Atoka Pool, but it doesn't show any production in
21 the year 1980, and it says recompleted to Cemetary Morrow
22 Gas.

23 A That -- that is a -- that's an error.

24 It was completed out of the Morrow and after that was -- went
25 down, it was recomplted out of the Atoka, and on the cards

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2 we have the --

3 Q Well, when was it recompleted, do you
4 know that?

5 A I'd rather --

6 Q Because it shows a full year's production
7 for 1979 from the Morrow.

8 A It was recompleted 5-5-77 according to
9 this card. It was completed originally, potentialed from the
10 Morrow perforations in January the 17th of '74.

11 It was recompleted with initial calcu-
12 lated open flow of 1,221,000 out of the Atoka in 5-5-77.

13 Q And then was it recompleted back to the
14 Morrow, then?

15 A You know, I have a suspicion that they
16 may have the -- even the Morrow perforations open still on
17 this, but -- and I was just going off the data available.

18 Q Well, you see your sheet here that's
19 labeled 1979, so all that production during '79 has been from
20 the Cemetary Morrow.

21 A That is -- that is Cemetary Morrow
22 production.

23 Q Uh-huh.

24 A Right, the one in '79.

25 Q And then this sheet for November of 1981

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2 attached to that same exhibit shows production in November
3 of '81 from the Cemetary Morrow again.

4 So maybe it was completed in the Morrow,
5 recompleted in the Atoka, and then put back in the Morrow.

6 A Well, I'm sure it was completed in the
7 Morrow and then recompleted in the Atoka, and that we've got
8 something mixed up here and I can't exactly tell you what it
9 is.

10 MR. PADILLA: Mr. Examiner, maybe we can
11 verify that information through the records of the Division
12 while we're here.

13 MR. NUTTER: There may be something in
14 the well file to show what's been happening to that well.

15 Q Now it's your opinion, Mr. Barnhill, I
16 believe you stated that you don't feel any penalty should be
17 imposed on your proposed well because of its unorthodox loca-
18 tion because in effect you said you'd be benefitting the en-
19 tire area by showing the existance of the channel and pro-
20 ducing formations coming up through this particular area.

21 Do you believe that your entire south
22 half of Section 35 would be productive from the Morrow if
23 the well were productive?

24 A I don't think you could drill a well in
25 the southeast of 35 and get a well. I think you're on the

1 bank on that side.

2 Q It's coming up the slope there and some
3 place or other you're getting up out of the channel.

4 A You're getting up out of the channel.
5 You'll be on the east bank, and that's what's happened in
6 this area. These channels were incised, eroded into the Bar-
7 nett. Some of them have even gone down into the top of the
8 Mississippian Lime, and they deposited with the sands due to
9 the various situations; meander into the old arroyo or channel
10 caused a dumping action of sand in which you get just kind of
11 a sandbar build-up. I've noticed this on various areas I've
12 worked.

13 Q Well now why do you think the Huber-
14 Irami Well was a dry hole?

15 A Well, there are apparently plugs of im-
16 permeability existing in this. Now what causes it, I can't
17 explain, and I've talked to a lot of intelligent people. You
18 can -- the sands can be present but they can be just tight
19 and they seem to be local spots of silica. Silica was depo-
20 sited and choked off permeability and porosity. It's local-
21 ized, kind of a localized induration.

22 The sands were very well developed in the
23 Huber-Irami Well but just tight, and that is just something
24 else you have to fight when you're --
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2 Q Well, it's got an equal position with
3 respect to the channel that the Pan Canadian has, even ac-
4 tually more sands.

5 A Yes, it did, but it was tight.

6 Q And didn't produce at all.

7 A So it's going to have localized areas
8 of induration which you just hope you don't run into.

9 Q Okay.

10 MR. NUTTER: Are there any further ques-
11 tions of Mr. Barnhill?

12 MR. PADILLA: May I ask a couple of
13 questions, Mr. Examiner?

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15 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

16 BY MR. PADILLA:

17 Q Mr. Barnhill, would you consider drilling
18 the well in any of the standard locations in Section -- in
19 the south half of Section 35?

20 A No, I'm afraid I couldn't. It's just
21 too risky. This stuff is a high risk at best.

22 Q Also, with respect to the change in the
23 Isopach, did the well that Chama drilled have any influence
24 in your decision to make a change?

25 A No, I'm glad to see that they got a well

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2 down there, but -- and that's where I recommended they drill
3 this well -- but I have the opportunity to possibly drill a
4 well in the south half of 35, and I think that that didn't
5 have any particular bearing on it.

6 Q Did the limited information about 50
7 feet have anything to do with the changes that seems to --

8 A No, because when you go across this cross
9 section here and you take the factual data, actually the
10 original Isopach and getting Chama to drill where they drilled
11 in the south half of 3, that's where it needed to be drilled.
12 But you -- but now I did not represent in that Isopach the
13 true amount of sand in the -- in this old Stanoline Lakewood.

14 This channel certainly does come down
15 through that and I'd like to drill a well in the south half
16 of 35, but it would need to be an unorthodox location because
17 these things are so restricted from the standpoint you can
18 get on the bank so fast and get on the other bank. They're
19 about a mile wide.

20 Q Looking at the Hilliard Well, do you --
21 as far as the net amount of sand that's shown on the Isopach,
22 does that -- does that consider the shale as depicted in the --

23 A Well, what happens when you get out of
24 the channel, when you get up on the banks, they -- your good,
25 clean sands are deposited in -- just imagine a big arroyo,

big channel, and as you get up on the bank they get -- that's where a lot of shale, a lot of trash, a lot of stuff came in and just broke up, and you get fingers of sand.

Q Do you show it on your Isopach, this total amount of feet as shown in the cross section, do you show the entire --

A I show that as what I would consider net clean sand is 32 feet.

Q And do you consider that the sand as shown at the Hilliard Well by drilling at a standard location you would encounter the same type of sand?

A I think you have a good chance. I think you have an excellent chance.

MR. PADILLA: Mr. Examiner, I have no further questions.

RE CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. NUTTER:

Q What do you know about the status of the Chama Well in Section 3 at this present time, Mr. Barnhill?

A The only thing I really know, that the operator reported they had 50 feet of sand and they've gone tight on me, but the operator is present here in the room. You might ask him.

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2 Q Well, I will. You don't know whether
3 they've --

4 A I don't know what they're doing. I do
5 know they ran pipe, and I don't know what they've done.

6 Q Okay.

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8 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

9 BY MR. PADILLA:

10 Q Mr. Barnhill, would wells drilled in
11 the south half of 34, the north half of 3, and even in Section
12 2, would they have the opportunity of draining Section 35?

13 A Sure they would.

14 MR. PADILLA: No further questions.

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16 RECROSS EXAMINATION

17 BY MR. CARR:

18 Q Mr. Barnhill, in preparing the two Iso-
19 pachs did you, and looking at the Hilliard Well in both in-
20 stances, use net clean sand? Is that what you used in both
21 instances?

22 A Yeah. It's best to try to use the over-
23 all interval, because you've got these shales through it and
24 they vary.

25 MR. CARR: May it please the Examiner,

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2 at this time I would like to offer into evidence the Isopach
3 which has been marked as Chama Exhibit Number Six.

4 MR. NUTTER: Chama Exhibit Number Six
5 will be admitted into evidence.

6 MR. CARR: I have no further questions.

7 MR. NUTTER: If there are no further
8 questions, the witness may be excused.

9 Call your other witness, please.

10 MR. PADILLA: Mr. Examiner, we will only
11 use Mr. MC Coy as a rebuttal witness, if necessary.

12 MR. CARR: At this time I'd call James
13 Montgomery.

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15 JAMES H. MONTGOMERY

16 being called as a witness and being duly sworn upon his oath,
17 testified as follows, to-wit:

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19 DIRECT EXAMINATION

20 BY MR. CARR:

21 Q Will you state your full name and place
22 of residence?

23 A James H. MONTgomery. I live in Dallas,
24 Texas.

25 Q Mr. Montgomery, by whom are you employed

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2 and in what capacity?

3 A I'm a consulting geologist and engineer,
4 representing Chama Petroleum, Mr. Charles Nearburg.

5 Q And Mr. Nearburg is the President of
6 Chama Petroleum?

7 A That's correct.

8 Q Have you previously testified before this
9 Commission or one of its examiners?

10 A I have. It's been over ten years ago.

11 Q Would you summarize your educational
12 background and your work experience for the Examiner?

13 A All right. I have a Bachelor's degree
14 in geology from Louisiana State University and have a Master's
15 degree in geology, a Bachelor's degree in petroleum engin-
16 eering from the University of Tulsa.

17 Spent 32 years in the oil business with
18 major oil companies, large independents, and now am a con-
19 sultant.

20 Q And how long have you been a petroleum
21 consultant?

22 A Twelve years.

23 Q Are you familiar with the application
24 filed in this case on behalf of Mr. Barnhill?

25 A Yes, sir.

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Q And are you familiar with the subject area?

A Yes, I am.

MR. CARR: Are the witness' qualifications acceptable?

MR. NUTTER: He was qualified ten years ago. He's got ten more years experience, so we will qualify him.

Q Mr. Montgomery, will you summarize briefly Chama Petroleum Company's reasons for appearing in this case?

A Well, Chama is here to oppose an unorthodox location proposed by Mr. Barnhill without some kind of a penalty on it.

Q Have you prepared certain exhibits for introduction in this case?

A Yes, I have.

Q Will you please refer to what has been marked for identification as Chama Exhibit Number One, identify this and explain what it shows?

A This is a land plat showing Chama's ownership. The acreage owned by Chama is cross hatched.

It also has the lines of the cross sections, which we'll introduce later in the testimony.

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2 Q Is also shown the proposed well location?
3 A Yes, the proposed location and the
4 standard location and the proposed proration unit in the
5 south half of Section 35.
6 Q What are the spacing rules for the Mor-
7 row in this area?
8 A 320 acre spacing.
9 Q And what are the well locations on pro-
10 ration units?
11 A 1980 from ' - in this case 1930 from
12 the west line and 660 from the south or 1980 from the west
13 and 1980 from the south.
14 Q How much of an advantage in terms of
15 feet is Mr. Barnhill seeking to obtain by approval of the
16 proposed location?
17 A 1,200 feet.
18 Q Now I'd like to direct your attention
19 to the south half of Section 34.
20 A Yes, sir.
21 Q A portion of the south half of that
22 section is not shaded and the question is, who owns the re-
23 maining interest in the south half of 34?
24 A Exxon owns it and Chama Petroleum is in
25 negotiations with them for a farmout now. Chama will contro!

the unit to be drilled and does expect to operate it.

Q So Chame does propose to drill a well --

A Yes.

Q -- in the south half? And I believe it's already been testified to, who owns the north half of that section?

A Yes, Coquina.

Q And a well is dedicated to it. The south half proration unit that is being put together by Chama, Chama would have the major interest ownership in that.

A That's correct.

Q I'd like to direct your attention to the northhalf of Section 3, which is the diagonal offset to the proposed location --

A Yes, sir.

Q -- and ask you to note just for the record what the ownership is.

A It's 100 percent Chama.

Q Will you now refer to what has been marked for identification as Chama Exhibit Number Two, and identify this, please.

A It's a topographic sheet of the area, showing that there is no topographical reason why it can't be drilled at a standard location.

Q Will you now refer to Chama Exhibit Number Three and review this for Mr. Nutter?

A This is a production cumulative map of the wells in the area. The Morrow wells are colored in yellow on the map and the others are colored by the appropriate color on the legend.

This shows 2.4 billion for the Coquina Well out of the Morrow. I'm uncertain, too, now what it's producing from. I don't know, either, whether it's Atoka or what. This shows production in the old Pan Am Lakewood, which I don't think was ever the case. I mean out of the Morrow.

Q Would you, first of all, what is the date on this? It shows production through what date?

A Production is to 1-1-81.

Q Yes. Now, using this map would you look at the wells immediately to the north of the proposed location and just for the Examiner review the quality of these wells?

A All right. The Coquina Well has made the 2.4 billion. The Hilliard Well is a very poor one, 187-million. The PanAm Lakewood, I think, will make an excellent well. The sand there is well developed, if a well were drilled next to it now it would produce.

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2 I also think the Huber-Irami, although
3 it's a dry hole, as we will show later on the cross section,
4 the sand is terrifically thick, has gas effect all the way
5 through it, and I think with a frac job it would produce.

6 Q Now, Mr. Montgomery, I don't see on
7 this map the Chama Well located in Section 3.

8 A No, that's an oversight. It's there.

9 Q What is the location of that well?

10 A That's 1980 from the east and 1980 from
11 the south.

12 Q And when was it completed?

13 A It was completed in late February.

14 Q And have you reviewed data on that well?

15 A Yes, I have.

16 Q Would you summarize that data for the
17 Examiner, referring to the number of feet of sand and the
18 characteristics of the well?

19 A Well, I have picked 55 feet of net sand
20 in that well. It's on the same criteria that I think Mr.
21 Barnhill was picking on his first Isopach.

22 Q Does it appear to be a good Morrow
23 producer?

24 A Yes, it is an excellent well. Some of
25 it's got 25 percent porosity.

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2 MR. NUTTER: Do you have a potential on
3 it, Mr. Montgomery?

4 A I don't have. It has been completed
5 and I don't -- but I don't know. I haven't seen a calculated
6 open flow.

7 MR. NUTTER: All right.

8 A It has not been hooked up, so I don't
9 know.

10 MR. CARR: Mr. Nutter, Charles Nearburg
11 is here and he can give you the potential on that well, if
12 you would like that.

13 MR. NUTTER: I'd just like to have some
14 idea what kind of potential it's got, Mr. Nearburg.

15 MR. NEARBURG: We, General Servicing of
16 Hcbbs tested the well for a calculated absolute open flow of
17 30-million cubic feet a day.

18 MR. NUTTER: Thank you.

19 Q Now, Mr. Montgomery, would you look at
20 the Coquina Well in Section 34 and also the Hilliard Well in
21 35 and compare these two wells?

22 A The Coquina Well, of course, is by far
23 the best. The Hilliard Well has a lot thinner sand, a lot
24 shadier sand, and it has produced accordingly.

25 Q Now if you'll look at the Lakewood Well

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2 in Section 34, the PanAm Lakewood Well, in your opinion if
3 that well were drilled today do you think it could be made
4 into a commercial producer?

5 A Yes, sir, I do.

6 Q From the Morrow?

7 A Yes, from the Morrow.

8 Q And what about the Huber-Irami Well?

9 A I feel the same thing with it. It would
10 probably take a frac job but I think you could do it.

11 Q And you've reviewed the logs on that
12 well?

13 A Yes, I have.

14 Q Are they contained on your cross section?

15 A Yes.

16 Q All right, at this time I would direct
17 your attention to Chama Exhibit Number Four and ask that you
18 review this for Mr. Nutter.

19 A All right. This is an east-west cross
20 section, E-E', which is shown on --

21 Q On Exhibit Number One.

22 A Number One, coming through the Max Well,
23 through the Coquina Well, through the Stanoline Lakewood
24 Unit, through the Hilliard Well, then on to the Gulf Well,
25 which is out of the channel. I should point out that on

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2 this cross section the Stanoline Lakewood Unit is half the
3 scale of the other logs.

4 Q So the yellow shaded area is a lot --

5 A The yellow shaded area is a lot thicker
6 than it appears here. You've seen the microlog on that be-
7 cause it is admitted in evidence.

8 Q This shows the general characteristics
9 of the sand through this area?

10 A You can see the thickness in the Coquina
11 Well, the thinness in the Hilliard Well, and the lack of
12 sand in the Mark Production and the Gulf.

13 Q Would you concur with Mr. Barnhill's
14 statement that structure is not important in this area in
15 terms of making a Morrow -- successful Morrow completion?

16 A I agree with him.

17 Q And what you're looking for when you
18 drill a well in this area is productive sand.

19 A The thicker the better.

20 Q So the -- is it fair to say that the
21 thicker the sand body the, generally speaking, the greater
22 reserves you would find under that -- in that location?

23 A Yes, sir.

24 Q Will you now refer to Chama Exhibit Num-
25 ber Five and review this?

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2 A That is cross section, D-D', again
3 starting with the Mark Production Well, through the Coquina
4 Well, through the Huber-Irami Well, and then down to the
5 southeast through the PanAmerican.

6 Q And this is the log of the Huber-Irami
7 Well which you referred to before.

8 A Yes. If you will note on that log, on
9 the Huber-Irami log, the porosity is low. A drill stem test
10 recovered 60 feet of mud. The final shut-in pressure was
11 1879 pounds. An analysis of the build-up curve on that shows
12 it to be still building, and it shows that there is some feed
13 in from somewhere. At least that is the analysis that we
14 have derived from testing.

15 I think that the gas effect shown on
16 that log, with a not too large frac job would enable you to
17 make a well out of it at present prices and this was drilled
18 before these days prices.

19 MR. NUTTER: When was that Huber Well
20 drilled?

21 A '74, 1974, March.

22 Q Now, Mr. Montgomery, have you reviewed
23 the Isopach which has already been admitted into evidence
24 which was prepared by Mr. Barnhill?

25 A Yes, sir. I reviewed that and these

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2 two cross sections when Mr. Barnhill submitted this to Chama
3 Petroleum. I reviewed it for Chama. Based on Mr. Barnhill's
4 work, I thought he has the channel lined up pretty well. I
5 differed with him a little bit on some of the sands, that
6 this is not quite enough, actually, from his first cross sec-
7 tion, or first Isopach, and I approved and recommended the
8 deal to Chama and that's the reason they took it and drilled
9 it.

10 Q Have you taken the raw data and on your
11 own prepared an Isopach?

12 A Yes, sir, I have.

13 Q And is that Isopach what has been marked
14 for identification as Exhibit Number Seven?

15 A Yes, sir.

16 Q Would you please review this for Mr.
17 Nutter?

18 A This, to me, is what is productive, or
19 gross productive sands across this area. I gave the Chama,
20 the new Chama-Huber Well 53 feet, the Huber-Irami 47 feet,
21 the Coquina PanAmerican 30 feet, the PanAm Lakewood 44 feet,
22 the Hilliard Well 26 feet.

23 Q Now I believe you're also trained as a
24 geologist, not just as a --

25 A Yes, I am.

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Q Do you believe there is sufficient control in this area, in the area now around the proposed location, to make a fairly accurate interpretation of the area?

A Yes, sir, I do, across 34, 35, and 3, I think you can make a pretty accurate gauge as to where the thickest part of the channel is, or the largest reserves.

Q That is without an additional well drilled at the proposed location?

A Yes.

Q Now as I look at this, the channel seems to generally trend north/south, is that correct?

A Yes, sir.

Q Would the general trending of this channel, in your opinion have any effect on the drainage pattern surrounding the proposed location?

A No, sir, it's going to drain, with thick reserves it's going to be in the thick part and with thinner-- the thinner areas will drain from the thicker areas, invariably.

Q Do you believe it would drain basically in a radial fashion?

A Radial, if the reservoir was completely homogeneous then it would be completely radial.

Q Where would the better portion of this reservoir be located?

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2 A In Section 34 and Section 3.

3 Q So would a greater proportion of the
4 drainage, do you believe, come from that acreage?

5 Q Yes, sir.

6 A And upon what do you base that statement
7 that that portion of the reservoir is better?

8 Q That's where the best well is; that's
9 where the thickest sand is.

10 Q And how --

11 A To date, I mean.

12 Q And how would you compare the quality
13 of the sand in that area?

14 A The sand is the best developed there.
15 That's the only place where they have cleaned up sufficient
16 is in the PanAm Lakewood and Chama Huber and the Coquina
17 Well.

18 Q Now, Mr. MONTgomery, I would direct your
19 attention to Chama Exhibit Number Eight.

20 A Yes, sir.

21 Q And I would ask you to identify this
22 for Mr. Nutter and then review what it shows.

23 A This is a planimeter study that we made
24 based on this Isopach, which is an ordinary engineering func-
25 tion in determining net acre feet.

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Q Which Isopach are you talking about?

A The Isopach prepared by me, Exhibit
Number Seven.

We have Isopached the acre feet present
in the south half of Section 35 and the acre feet present in
the south half of Section 34.

Q And how do they compare?

A 75 percent of the acreage is in the south
half of Section 34 and 25 percent in the south half of Sec-
tion 35.

Q Now, a well in the proposed location,
would it drain all of the reserves from the south half of
Section 34?

A No, sir, it probably wouldn't drain it
all, no.

Q Would not drain -- I'm sorry, I didn't
hear you.

A I said it would not drain the entire
south half of 34.

Q Have you tried to estimate what percent-
age of -- or what portion of the south half of Section 34
would contribute reserves to a well at the proposed unortho-
dox location?

A It would probably drain the southeast

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2 quarter of Section 34, 160 acres.

3 Q And would it also drain into Section 3,
4 the diagonal offset?

5 A It would drain a portion, probably the
6 northeast quarter of Section 3.

7 Q Have you attempted to compute a per-
8 centage of the reserves that would be drawn from the offset-
9 ting acreage and produced by a well at the proposed location?

10 A Yes, sir, using those figures, using the
11 southeast of 34, the northeast of 3, the southwest of 35, and
12 the northwest of 2, it would be 69 percent lying under 34
13 and 3, the southeast quarter of 34 and the northeast quarter
14 of 3.

15 Q So your opinion is that 69 percent of
16 the reserves would be drained from adjoining properties, is
17 that correct?

18 A Yes, sir.

19 Q Are you prepared to make a recommendation
20 to the Examiner as to the penalty which should be imposed on
21 any well drilled at the proposed location?

22 A I would recommend a 69 percent penalty.

23 Q And what should this penalty be applied
24 against?

25 A Oh, usually the semi-annual flow test or

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2 on the calculated open flow.

3 Q Would the semi-annual deliverability
4 test be satisfactory?

5 A Yes, uh-huh.

6 Q In your opinion could Chama Petroleum
7 Company protect itself by drilling a well in the south half
8 of Section 34?

9 A They could protect if we could drill at
10 a normal location. If we had to drill in the southeast quarter
11 of Section 34, I mean in the southeast southeast of 34, I
12 don't think it would drain the reserves under the south half
13 of 34.

14 Q To protect themselves from drainage from
15 the proposed well, where would they have to locate?

16 A They'd have to drill 660 from the line,
17 just like Mr. Barnhill.

18 Q And I believe it was your testimony --
19 would a well at that location drain the entire south half of
20 34?

21 A No, sir, it would not recover anything
22 in the southwest quarter, I don't think.

23 Q To produce the reserves in the southwest
24 quarter what would you have to do?

25 A Would have to drill an additional well.

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Q Is that an unnecessary well?

A Yes, it would be a wasteful well.

Q In your opinion would granting this application without imposing a 69 percent penalty afford Chama the opportunity to produce its just and fair share of the reserves under their tract without waste?

A Yes, sir, if we put the penalty on, it would, yes.

Q If they're penalized your correlative rights would not be impaired?

A They would not be impaired, no.

Q Were Exhibits One through Eight either prepared by you or have you reviewed them and can you testify from your own knowledge to their accuracy?

A Yes, sir, I can.

MR. CARR: At this time, Mr. Nutter, we would offer Chama Exhibits One through Five, Seven and Eight.

MR. NUTTER: Chama Exhibits One through Five, Seven and Eight, will be admitted in evidence.

MR. CARR: I have no further questions.

MR. NUTTER: Any questions of the witness?

MR. PADILLA: Just a moment, Mr. Examiner.

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. PADILLA:

Q Mr. Montgomery, you have testified that you have studied this area and that you're familiar with the area, but you've also testified that, or acknowledged that you did not know what the calculated open flow for the well that Chama drilled, is that correct?

A That's correct. I just hadn't been furnished with the data.

Q Wouldn't that be important in calculating reserves for -- underlying -- at least the reserves in Section 3?

A Yes, sir, it would be.

Q Isn't it also true that offsetting operators could -- could drill wells in Section 34, Section 3, and possible even Section 2, and therefor would somehow equalize any type of drainage, is that correct?

A No, sir, I don't think that's correct at all.

Q Isn't your 69 percent --

A I testified that I did not believe that a well drilled in the southeast quarter of -- the southeast southeast of 34 would drain the south half of 34. That's

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2 where we'd have to drill to protect ourselves from this loca-
3 tion.

4 Q Isn't your 69 -- doesn't your 69 percent
5 penalty assume that there would be no wells drilled offsetting
6 the proposed well?

7 A No, we're proposing to drill in 34, but
8 I would certainly like to see you penalized 69 percent any-
9 way to protect ourselves from the drainage we would suffer by
10 that well.

11 Q Are you saying then that even if you
12 drilled a well 660 from the north -- from the corner of Sec-
13 tion -- northeast corner of Section 3 that 69 percent -- per-
14 cent penalty should still apply?

15 A We don't plan to drill in the northeast
16 quarter of 3. We don't want to drill there unless we're
17 forced to. We prefer to drill in the middle of the channel
18 where the thickest reserves are.

19 Q You have no quarrel with Mr. Barnhill's
20 geology, do you?

21 A No. I do object to some of his picks,
22 but he revised one Isopach to show different figures, but
23 then that's my privilege and his privilege, too, when we see
24 different interpretations.

25 Q You've introduced Exhibits Four and Five,

1 haven't you, and those were prepared by Mr. Barnhill?

2 A Yes, sir, they were.

3 Q You've given the PanAmerican Well 44 per-
4 cent -- or 44 feet of net pay. Do you differ with Mr. Barn-
5 hill on the -- or differ with the microlog that's introduced
6 as Exhibit Number Three?
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8 A Mr. Barnhill didn't pick 76 feet of pay
9 on the microlog. He picked it on the self potential curve,
10 the SP curve. I think the old SP is not as good as the newer
11 SP's and my pick as compared with the others, I think is
12 more accurate.

13 I'm trying to compare with all the wells
14 and he compared it this way at first and now he's -- he's
15 changed it to read 76 feet.

16 Q You don't agree with the information
17 contained on the microlog, then?

18 A I agree with information shown on the
19 microlog. I don't agree that there is 76 feet of net ef-
20 fective sands.

21 Q Mr. Montgomery, on Exhibit Three you've
22 shown some information, some production information. Now
23 the wells you've indicated and colored red and purple to
24 the north of the proposed location are in a separate area,
25 aren't they?

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A Yes, uh-huh.

Q And aren't the wells to the southwest in the channel shown in that exhibit, they're in a separate channel, too?

A Yes, they are.

Q So when we look at the area around the proposed well you really have very little well control, isn't that right?

A Well, right now you've got one, two, three, four, four wells in a mile and a half. I'd say that's pretty close to it.

Q How many of those are dry holes?

A I don't think any of them are.

Q They're not producing now, are they?

A They're not producing, no.

Q Mr. Barnhill, do you know whether Chama proposes to drill a well on the south half of Section 34?

A Yes, sir, we do. It's been proposed.

Q Where do you propose to drill that well?

A Propose to drill it at a normal location in there, which will probably be 1980 from the east and 1980 from the south.

MR. PADILLA: Mr. Examiner, I think that's all we have now.

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2 MR. NUTTER: Are there any further ques-
3 tions of Mr. Montgomery? Mr. Carr?
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5 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

6 BY MR. CARR:

7 Q Mr. Montgomery, I believe you indicated
8 that you didn't have all the data on the Chama well either.

9 A That's true.

10 Q And you heard the calculated flow for
11 the first time here today?

12 A Here today. I have seen the logs.

13 Q Based on that data, does that tend to
14 confirm or dispute your calculations as to reserves under the
15 tract?

16 A Confirm, and from the looks of the log,
17 it couldn't be anything but that good. It's the best looking
18 Morrow section I've seen out here in a long time.

19 MR. CARR: I have no further questions.
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21 CROSS EXAMINATION

22 BY MR. NUTTER:

23 Q Mr. Montgomery, your Exhibit Eight is a
24 planimeter analysis of the thickness under these various
25 tracts around here.

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A Yes, sir.

Q Now what did you base your 69 percent on?

A It was a combination of the northeast quarter of 3, which is half of these tracts, and the southeast quarter of 34, plus the southwest quarter of 35 and the northeast quarter of 2.

Q Well now, was that on thickness of pay or was that on actual reserves, or what?

A That was thickness of pay, right.

Q Okay, from the same data for what you had from the planimeter analysis?

A Yes. You have to change part of this because it's different tracts. In other words, part of this has to come off.

Q You used quarter sections in each one of those then.

A Yeah, that's right. You have to cut part of this off on these studies.

I don't have anything on 2. I did that last night and I didn't have time to prepare it.

Q I see, okay, but it was just a straight mathematical analysis of pay thickness --

A That's right.

Q -- under each of the four 160-acre tracts.

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2 A Yes, sir, and you can see here for the
3 half sections, and you can knock them off at your leisure.
4 I mean if you want to compare it the way I did.

5 Q And so then what you did, you assumed,
6 then, that if a well were drilled right there at the inter-
7 section --

8 A Right.

9 Q -- of Sections 34, 35, 2, and 3 --

10 A And it drained equally in all --

11 Q -- that 69 percent of the drainage would
12 come from 2, 3, and 34, and 100 percent minus 69, that would
13 be 31 percent coming from Section 35.

14 A Right.

15 MR. NUTTER: Are there any further ques-
16 tions of the witness? He may be excused.

17 MR. PADILLA: We have no further testi-
18 mony, Mr. Examiner.

19 MR. NUTTER: If there is no further
20 testimony in the case, I'll call for closing statements. Mr.
21 Padilla, being applicant, you may go last.

22 MR. CARR: May it please the Examiner,
23 Mr. Barnhill today is before you seeking approval of an un-
24 orthodox well location for a Morrow well. What he is doing
25 is proposing to move 320 feet toward acreage that will be

1 operated by Chama Petroleum Company.

2 He's moving, as he admits, to gain structur-
3 al advantage. He's not only moving close to the Chama pro-
4 perty, but he's also moving into a better, cleaner section of
5 the sand, and the testimony before you today shows the sub-
6 stantial portion of the drainage will come from offsetting
7 tracts.

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9 Now the rules under which oil and gas
10 properties are operated in New Mexico in terms of spacing
11 and well locations are designed to protect tracts from drain-
12 age from offsetting properties that cannot be compensated
13 for without -- that cannot be compensated for without creating
14 a situation in which waste will result.

15 I think it's important to remember that
16 the jurisdiction of this Commission is based on waste pre-
17 vention and protection of correlative rights, and with that
18 in mind, if you'll look at the evidence presented, you will
19 see that approving this application without imposing a sub-
20 stantial penalty will impair correlative rights of Chama, for
21 they would have to come in and drill a well 660 out of the
22 southeast corner of Section 34. This would be an unnecessary
23 well because it would not be effective in terms of producing
24 all the reserves underneath the south half of that section.
25 And it would result in the drilling of an additional well and

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2 that well would be an unnecessary well, which would result
3 in waste.

4 Now, I think that if we take a look at
5 the duties that are imposed on this Commission, you are em-
6 powered to take such action as will reasonably offset any
7 advantage gained by, in this case, Mr. Barnhill, by reason
8 of his unorthodox location.

9 We therefor, have come before you today
10 and ask that you impose a fairly substantial penalty. Tradi-
11 tionally penalties are imposed on a straight acreage basis,
12 but we submit to you that that does not stand when there is
13 better evidence, when better evidence is presented as to the
14 reserves under each tract, and under the very definition of
15 correlative rights, we need to present testimony that shows
16 that the bulk of the productive acre feet are under offsetting
17 properties. You should look at that and consider that in
18 assessing a penalty against the production.

19 We therefor request that in approving
20 the application of Mr. Barnhill you impose a penalty which
21 will be sufficient to protect Chama from the advantage which
22 he is gaining by virtue of moving 1320 feet closer to our
23 property and locating his well in a better portion of the
24 channel.

25 MR. NUTTER: Thank you, Mr. Carr. Mr.

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2 Padilla.

3 MR. PADILLA: Mr. Nutter, I believe
4 that the opposition in this case assumes that Mr. Barnhill's
5 well is going to be a producing well and that's the only as-
6 sumption that they have made.

7 I don't think the area and the evidence
8 from both sides here demonstrates that the well is going to
9 be a producing well.

10 Mr. Carr has cited the Continental case
11 and of course the Continental case indicates that some type
12 of reserves be calculated as far as is practicable to do so.

13 Mr. Montgomery had some type of evidence,
14 at least on a calculated open flow, as to whether or not it
15 will calculate reserves in the well drilled by Chama in Sec-
16 tion 3. This has not been done.

17 We have shown, and I think are consistent
18 with a precedent for the Morrow formation in southeast New
19 Mexico, that the well is necessary at the proposed location
20 in order to minimize the risk that Mr. Barnhill faces in
21 drilling this well.

22 In addition to that, he will prove up
23 acreage that currently is not available, and to penalize Mr.
24 Barnhill at this time is certainly unfair.

25 MR. NUTTER: Thank you, Mr. Padilla.

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2 Are there any other statements to be made
3 in Case Number 7521?

4 If there is nothing further, we'll take
5 the case under advisement.

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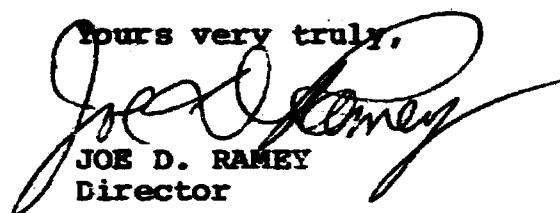
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IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CONSIDERING:

CASE No. 7521
Order No. R-6948

APPLICATION OF WILLIAM B. BARNHILL
FOR AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on March 31, 1982, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 16th day of April, 1982, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

(1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That the applicant, William B. Barnhill, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 35, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, to test the Permo-Penn, Strawn, Atoka and Morrow formations, in the so-called "Boyd Channel" Area, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(3) That the S/2 of said Section 35 is to be dedicated to the well.

(4) That an offset operator, Chama Petroleum Company, appeared at the hearing and objected to approval of the aforesaid unorthodox location without penalty on the grounds that a well drilled at said location would drain gas from offsetting leases, thereby violating correlative rights.

(5) That approval of the unorthodox location will improve applicant's geological prospect for encountering the Morrow formation in a thickened section of the Boyd Channel and will better enable it to produce the gas underlying the S/2 of the aforesaid Section 35.

(6) That said unorthodox location will also place applicant in a more favorable position to drain gas from the offsetting leases which drainage would not be compensated for by counter drainage.

(7) That such drainage without counter drainage would result in the impairment of offsetting correlative rights.

(8) That approval of the proposed unorthodox location should be considered only if an adequate penalty is imposed on production from such location to minimize the aforesaid drainage and thus protect correlative rights.

(9) That a well drilled at the proposed unorthodox location and having the S/2 of the section dedicated thereto would be located at a standard distance relative to the South boundary of the spacing and proration unit.

(10) That a well drilled at the proposed unorthodox location and having the S/2 of the section dedicated thereto would be located 1320 feet or 67 percent closer to the west boundary of the spacing and proration unit than a well drilled at a standard location.

(11) That the drainage pattern of a well located at the proposed location would be encroaching primarily on two presently undeveloped spacing and proration units, namely the S/2 of Section 34, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, and the N/2 of Section 3, Township 20 South, Range 25 East, NMPM.

(12) That according to the best geological evidence available at the hearing, the aforesaid two spacing and proration units have a total of some 13,638.5 and 13,443.6 acre feet of pay, respectively, or an average of 13,541.1 acre feet apiece, whereas the S/2 of Section 35, being the spacing and proration unit to which the well drilled at the proposed location would be dedicated, has some 3450.3 acre feet of pay.

(13) That on an acre-feet- of-pay basis, the S/2 of Section 26 has 25.5 percent of the acre feet of pay as the average of the two most directly affected spacing and proration units.

(14) That in accordance with Finding No. (8) above, the proposed unorthodox location should only be approved subject to a production limitation factor, and such factor should be computed by averaging the variation from a standard location and comparable acre feet of pay as follows: distance from south line of section, 100 percent of standard; distance from west line of section, 33 percent of standard; comparison of acre feet of pay with affected offsetting units' acre feet of pay, 25.5

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percent, or, 100 percent plus 33 percent plus 25.5 percent divided by three equals 53 percent.

(15) That in the absence of any special rules and regulations for the prorationing of production from the subject well, the aforesaid production limitation factor should be applied against the well's ability to produce into the pipe line as determined by periodic tests.

(16) That in order to avoid premature abandonment and subsequent loss of recoverable reserves, provision should be made for a reasonable minimum allowable for the subject well, and 500,000 cubic feet of gas per day is a reasonable figure for a minimum allowable.

(17) That approval to drill the proposed well at the unorthodox location described in Finding No. (2) above, subject to the Production Limitation Factor described in Finding No. (14) above, will not impair but will protect correlative rights, will not cause waste, and should be given.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, William B. Barnhill, is hereby authorized to drill a well to test the Permo-Penn, Strawn, Atoka and Morrow formations at a point 660 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 35, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, subject to a Production Limitation Factor of 0.53 applicable as described below.

(2) That in the absence of any Special Rules and Regulations prorating production from the subject well, the following Special Rules and Regulations for a non-prorated gas well shall apply, if the well is drilled at the location described in Paragraph (1) above.

SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS
FOR THE
APPLICATION OF A "PRODUCTION LIMITATION FACTOR"
TO A NON-PRORATED GAS WELL

APPLICATION OF RULES

RULE 1. These rules shall apply to the William B. Barnhill Morrow formation gas well located 660 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 35, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, which well's Production Limitation Factor of 0.53 shall be applied to the well's deliverability (as determined by the hereinafter set

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forth procedure) to determine its maximum allowable rate of production.

ALLOWABLE PERIOD

RULE 2. The allowable period for the subject well shall be six months.

RULE 3. The year shall be divided into two allowable periods commencing at 7:00 o'clock a.m. on January 1 and July 1.

DETERMINATION OF DELIVERY CAPACITY

RULE 4. Immediately upon connection of the well the operator shall determine the open flow capacity of the well in accordance with the Division "Manual for Back-Pressure Testing of Natural Gas Wells" then current, and the well's initial deliverability shall be calculated against average pipeline pressure in the manner described in the last paragraph on Page I-6 of said test manual.

RULE 5. The well's "subsequent deliverability" shall be determined twice a year, and shall be equal to its highest single day's production during the months of April and May or October and November, whichever is applicable. Said subsequent deliverability, certified by the pipeline, shall be submitted to the appropriate District Office of the Division not later than June 15 and December 15 of each year.

RULE 6. The Division Director may authorize special deliverability tests to be conducted upon a showing that the well has been worked over or that the subsequent deliverability determined under Rule 5 above is erroneous. Any such special test shall be conducted in accordance with Rule 4 above.

RULE 7. The operator shall notify the appropriate district office of the Division and all offset operators of the date and time of initial or special deliverability tests in order that the Division or any such operator may at their option witness such tests.

CALCULATION AND ASSIGNMENT OF ALLOWABLES

RULE 8. The well's allowable shall commence upon the date of connection to a pipeline and when the operator has complied with all appropriate filing requirements of the Rules and Regulations and any special rules and regulations.

RULE 9. The well's allowable during its first allowable period shall be determined by multiplying its initial deliverability by its production limitation factor.

RULE 10. The well's allowable during all ensuing allowable periods shall be determined by multiplying its latest subsequent deliverability, as determined under provisions of Rule 5, by its production limitation factor. If the well shall not have been producing for at least 60 days prior to the end of its first allowable period, the allowable for the second allowable period shall be determined in accordance with Rule 9.

RULE 11. Revision of allowable based upon special well tests shall become effective upon the date of such test provided the results of such test are filed with the Division's district office within 30 days after the date of the test; otherwise the date shall be the date the test report is received in said office.

RULE 12. Revised allowables based on special well tests shall remain effective until the beginning of the next allowable period.

RULE 13. In no event shall the well receive an allowable of less than 500,000 cubic feet of gas per day.

BALANCING OF PRODUCTION

RULE 14. January 1 and July 1 of each year shall be known as the balancing dates.

RULE 15. If the well has an underproduced status at the end of a six-month allowable period, it shall be allowed to carry such underproduction forward into the next period and may produce such underproduction in addition to its regularly assigned allowable. Any underproduction carried forward into any allowable period which remains unproduced at the end of the period shall be cancelled.

RULE 16. Production during any one month of an allowable period in excess of the monthly allowable assigned to the well shall be applied against the underproduction carried into the period in determining the amount of allowable, if any, to be cancelled.

RULE 17. If the well has an overproduced status at the end of a six-month allowable period, it shall be shut in until such overproduction is made up.

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RULE 18. If, during any month, it is discovered that the well is overproduced in an amount exceeding three times its average monthly allowable, it shall be shut in during that month and during each succeeding month until it is overproduced in an amount three times or less its monthly allowable, as determined hereinabove.

RULE 19. The Director of the Division shall have authority to permit the well, if it is subject to shut-in pursuant to Rules 17 and 18 above, to produce up to 500 MCF of gas per month upon proper showing to the Director that complete shut-in would cause undue hardship, provided however, such permission shall be rescinded for the well if it has produced in excess of the monthly rate authorized by the Director.

RULE 20. The Division may allow overproduction to be made up at a lesser rate than permitted under Rules 17 or 18 above upon a showing that the same is necessary to avoid material damage to the well.

GENERAL

RULE 21. Failure to comply with the provisions of this order or the rules contained herein or the Rules and Regulations of the Division shall result in the cancellation of allowable assigned to the well. No further allowable shall be assigned to the well until all rules and regulations are complied with. The Division shall notify the operator of the well and the purchaser, in writing, of the date of allowable cancellation and the reason therefor.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

(1) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION



Joe D. Ramey
JOE D. RAMEY,
Director

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CONTINUED CENEVARY HARBOR (GAS)

WELL NO.	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	YR-PROD	OP. ACCUM.
POWER OF CO 11 120424E GAS	62	14	179	72	113	122	74	90	73	43	190	55	1092	20210
POWER OF CO 11 120424E GAS	1061	1427	1134	993	1704	1090	4042	4006	7205	5750	5510	5406	42001	257062
POWER OF CO 11 120424E GAS	RECOMPLETED TO CENEVARY HARBOR, NORTH (GAS)													232
COMPANY TOTAL	1192	1441	1333	1064	1817	1018	4933	4104	7278	5801	5660	5541	44074	304254

CENEVARY HARBOR (GAS)

MC 7M TO 8M

DEAD AND STEVENS, INC.

11 120424E GAS	3000	622	1012	2587	2114	1737	1579	2061	1762	1405	1722	1750	22466	92772
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CENEVARY HARBOR, NORTH (GAS)

PA 8M TO 9M

CHAMBERLAIN CORPORATION

11 120424E GAS	RECOMPLETED TO CENEVARY HARBOR (GAS)													20547
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CHAMBERLAIN CORPORATION

11 120424E GAS	2929	2630	2430	2444	2427	2444	2462	1604	3169	2332	2135	2092	29306	304511
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STATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION

11 120424E GAS	2001	1900	1999	1004	2074	1709	2260	2340	1904	1950	1419	1937	23327	36493
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STATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION

11 120424E GAS	4737	3791	3640	3379	3600	2029	2415	3213	3061	1920	2026	1873	37300	113070
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COMPANY TOTAL

11 120424E GAS	4018	3770	3633	3112	3752	4613	4679	3553	3767	3070	3045	3010	60914	160115
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CENEVARY HARBOR (GAS) ABANDONED

7M TO 8M

CHAMBERLAIN CORPORATION

11 120424E GAS	PLUGGING APPROVED 1980													24480
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CHAMBERLAIN CORPORATION

11 120424E GAS	LAST PROD. DATE 11/76													10172
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CINWA HARBOR (GAS)

PH 14M TO 15M

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

11 120424E GAS	3971	3964	3971	3020	3970	3937	4126	4114	3167	3974	3051	3097	46704	104401
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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

11 120424E GAS	10715	11778	10047	11189	10527	10641	10380	9088	10142	9455	10140	115900	115900	261
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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

11 120424E GAS	116	240	150	51	50	23	11	30	10142	9455	10140	115900	115900	261
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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

11 120424E GAS										2221	974	3197	3197	44
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CORBIN DELAWARE (GAS)

DL 8M TO 5M

LANDO EARTH

11 120424E GAS	PLUGGING APPROVED 1980													14262
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LANDO EARTH

11 120424E GAS														28
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CORBIN HARBOR (GAS)

PH 11M TO 12M

EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY

11 120424E GAS	164	134	227	301	1042	1167	1192	1200	9601	4394	2003	2960	67279	433240
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CORBIN HARBOR, SOUTH (GAS)

PH 13M TO 14M

L. S. FRENCH, JR.

11 120424E GAS	3317	2742	3540	2520	1564	1112	7742	8742	0070	2324	3703	644	100414	7000333
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L. S. FRENCH, JR.

11 120424E GAS	1030	1717	2031	2540	2217	370	1942	2359	2231	2194	2042	2475	24079	47200
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ATLANTIC PETROLEUM, INC.

11 120424E GAS														1160
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ATLANTIC PETROLEUM, INC.

11 120424E GAS	12300	4423	1022	33100	33447	25300	29222	24173	24051	24450	23045	23100	34914	291367
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ATLANTIC PETROLEUM, INC.

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ATLANTIC PETROLEUM, INC.

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COMPANY TOTAL

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ATLANTIC PETROLEUM, INC.

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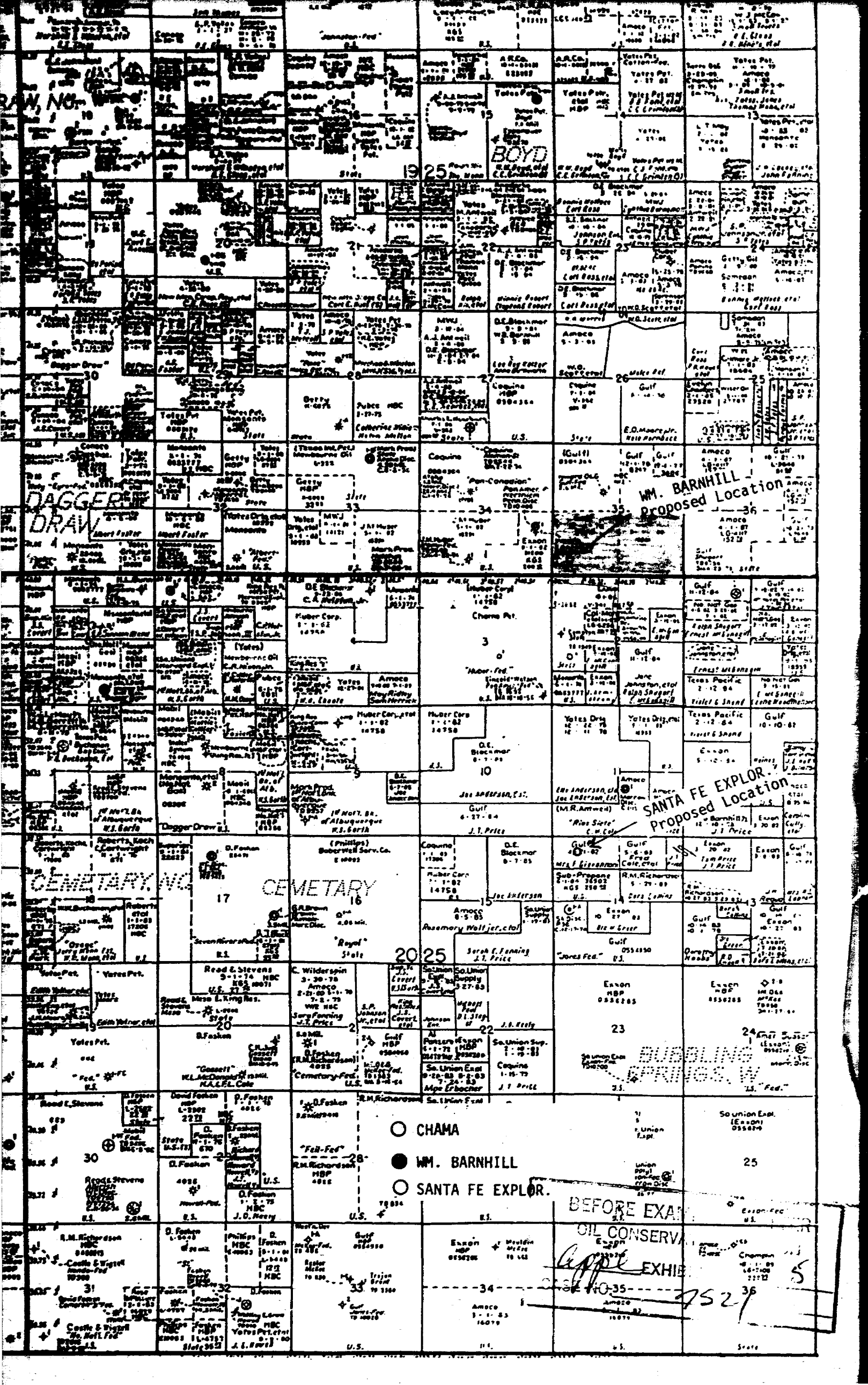
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○ CHAMA
● WM. BARNHILL
○ SANTA FE EXPLOR.

BEFORE EXAM

OIL CONSERVATION

EXHIBIT

WM. BARNHILL
Proposed Location

SANTA FE EXPLOR.
Proposed Location

BUBBLING
SPRINGS

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Montgomery Map
Field Seven Rivers - So. Bowd Prospects County Eddy State New Mexico
Lease S/2 of 34 - 19S - 35E Job No. 1305
Operator _____ Conversion Factor 2.22415

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Computed By: W Date: 3-25-81

Totals:	320.3		13,638.5
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Field Seven Rivers - So. Blvd Prospects County Eddy State New Mexico

County _____
Job No. 1305

Conversion Factor 2.22415

Planimetered By: JK Date: 3-29-81
Computed By: JK Date: 3-29-81

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Montgomery Map

Field Seven Rivers - So. Boyd Prospects County Eddy State New Mexico

Lease N/2 of 3 - 20S - 25E Job No. 1305

Operator _____ **Conversion Factor** 2.22415

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Totals:

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Dockets Nos. 10-82 and 11-82 are tentatively set for April 14 and April 28, 1982. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - MARCH 31, 1982
9 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION CONFERENCE ROOM
STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

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

CASE 7469: (Continued from March 3, 1982, Examiner Hearing)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to permit R. M. Bailey & Associates, Commercial Union Insurance Company, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the following wells on the H. M. Bailey Lease, Township 21 South, Range 1 West, Dona Ana County, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program: In Section 10: Nos. 9 in Unit A, 9, 11, 12, and 13 in Unit B, 10 and 14 in Unit C; and No. 15 in Unit C of Section 9.

CASE 7497: (Continued and Readvertised)

Application of Parabo, Inc. for an oil treatment plant permit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority for the construction and operation of an oil treating plant for the purpose of treating and reclaiming sediment oil at its salt water disposal site in the SW/4 of Section 29, Township 21 South, Range 38 East.

CASE 7516: Application of Benson-Montin-Greer for a unit agreement, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the North Canada Ojitos Unit Area, comprising 12,361 acres, more or less, of Jicarilla Apache Indian lands in Township 27 North, Range 1 West.

CASE 7517: Application of Anadarko Production Company for an unorthodox oil well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox location 1450 feet from the South line and 1400 feet from the West line of Section 15, Township 22 South, Range 37 East, Penrose Skelly Pool, the NE/4 SW/4 of said Section 15 to be dedicated to the well.

CASE 7518: Application of Consolidated Oil & Gas Inc., for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Abo formation in the perforated interval from 8688 feet to 8856 feet in its Midway State Well No. 1, located in Section 8, Township 17 South, Range 37 East, Midway-Abo Pool.

CASE 7519: Application of S & J Oil Company for special pool rules, McKinley County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the promulgation of special pool rules for the Seven Lakes-Menafee Oil Pool to provide for wells to be located not nearer than 25 feet to the quarter-quarter section line nor nearer than 165 feet to lands owned by an offset operator.

CASE 7510: (Continued from March 16, 1982, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Union Oil Company of California for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp and Penn formations underlying the W/2 of Section 10, Township 22 South, Range 32 East, to be dedicated to a well 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 operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 7511: (Continued from March 16, 1982, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Buffton Oil & Gas Inc. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp through Devonian formations underlying the W/2 of Section 35, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, to be dedicated to a well 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 operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 7520: Application of Lewis B. Burleson Inc. for compulsory pooling and a non-standard proration and spacing unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Jalmat Pool underlying a 160-acre non-standard proration unit comprising the NW/4 of Section 15, Township 24 South, Range 36 East, to be dedicated to a well 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 operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 7521: Application of William B. Barnhill for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox location 660 feet from the South and West lines of Section 35, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, Permian-Penn, Strawn, Atoka and Morrow formations, the S/2 of said Section 35 to be dedicated to the well.

CASE 7522: Application of Santa Fe Exploration Co. for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox location 660 feet from the North and West lines of Section 14, Township 20 South, Range 25 East, Permian-Penn, Strawn, Atoka and Morrow formations, the W/2 of said Section 14 to be dedicated to the well.

CASE 7523: Application of Robert M. Enfield for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp-Penn formations underlying the E/2 of Section 18, Township 19 South, Range 27 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 660 feet from the North and East lines of said Section 18. 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.

CASE 7524 THRU 7535: Application of Jack J. Grynberg for compulsory pooling, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in each of the following 12 cases, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests down through the Abo formation underlying the lands specified in each case, each to form a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered in each case will be the cost of drilling and completing said wells and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the wells and a charge for risk involved in drilling said wells:

CASE 7524: SE/4 Section 2, Township 5 South, Range 24 East

CASE 7525: SW/4 Section 3, Township 5 South, Range 24 East

CASE 7526: NW/4 Section 3, Township 5 South, Range 24 East

CASE 7527: SE/4 Section 3, Township 5 South, Range 24 East

CASE 7528: NW/4 Section 4, Township 5 South, Range 24 East

CASE 7529: NE/4 Section 4, Township 5 South, Range 24 East

CASE 7530: NW/4 Section 11, Township 6 South, Range 24 East

CASE 7531: SW/4 Section 11, Township 6 South, Range 24 East

CASE 7532: SE/4 Section 27, Township 6 South, Range 24 East

CASE 7533: SW/4 Section 27, Township 6 South, Range 24 East

CASE 7534: NW/4 Section 34, Township 6 South, Range 24 East

CASE 7535: SW/4 Section 17, Township 6 South, Range 25 East

CASE 7515: (Continued and Readvertised)

Application of Four Corners Gas Producers Association for designation of a tight formation, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the designation of the Dakota formation underlying all or portions of Townships 26 and 27 North, Ranges 12 and 13 West, Township 28 North, Range 13 West, Township 29 North, Ranges 13 through 15 West, and Township 30 North, Ranges 14 and 15 West, containing 164,120 acres, more or less, as a tight formation pursuant to Section 107 of the Natural Gas Policy Act and 18 CFR Section 271. 701-705.

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March 30, 1982

Mr. Joe D. Ramey
Director
Oil Conservation Division
Post Office Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

Re: Case Nos. 7521 and 7522

Dear Mr. Ramey:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced cases is our SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL, the purpose of which is to enter the appearance of Roger L. Copple and myself as attorneys of record in both cases and the withdrawal of the law firm of Atwood, Malone, Mann & Cooter. Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,



Ernest L. Padilla

ELP:pfm
Enclosures
cc: Roger L. Copple, Esq.
Paul Cooter, Esq.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF WM. B. BARNHILL FOR AN UNORTHODOX
LOCATION, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 7521

SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL

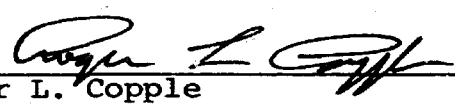
COME NOW Atwood, Malone, Mann & Cooter and withdraw
as counsel for the Applicant Wm. B. Barnhill, and

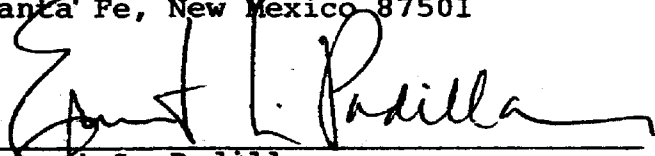
Roger L. Copple and Ernest L. Padilla enter their
appearance for him herein.

ATWOOD, MALONE, MANN & COOTER, P.A.

By 

P. O. Drawer 700
Roswell, New Mexico 88201


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Form 7-331
(May 1963)

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

SUBMIT IN TRIPPLICATE*
(Other instructions on re-
verse side)

Form approved
Budget Bureau No. 42-R1424

5. LEASE DESIGNATION AND SERIAL NO.

NM 0504364 B

6. IF INDIAN, ALLOTTEE OR TRIBE NAME

SUNDRY NOTICES AND REPORTS ON WELLS

(Do not use this form for proposals to drill or to deepen or plug back to a different reservoir.
Use "APPLICATION FOR PERMIT—" for such proposals)

1. ☐ OIL WELL ☐ GAS WELL ☒ OTHER

2. NAME OF OPERATOR

Coquina Oil Corporation

3. ADDRESS OF OPERATOR

P. O. Drawer 2960 Midland, Texas 79702

4. LOCATION OF WELL (Report location clearly and in accordance with any State requirements.*
See also space 17 below.)

At surface

Unit F, 1980' FNL & 1980' FWL of Sec. 34

7. UNIT AGREEMENT NAME

8. FARM OR LEASE NAME

Pan Canadian

9. WELL NO.

1

10. FIELD AND POOL OR WILDCAT

Cemetery Morrow

11. SEC., T., R., M., OR BLM. AND SURVEY OR AREA

Sec. 34, T19S, R25E

12. COUNTY OR PARISH 13. STATE

Eddy

New Mexico

14. PERMIT NO.

does not apply

15. ELEVATIONS (Show whether DF, RT, GR, etc.)

3521 GR

16. Check Appropriate Box To Indicate Nature of Notice, Report, or Other Data

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO:

TEST WATER SHUT-OFF

FRACTURE TREAT

SHOOT OR ACIDIZE

REPAIR WELL

(Other)

PULL OR ALTER CASING

MULTIPLE COMPLETE

ABANDON*

CHANGE PLANS

SUBSEQUENT REPORT OF:

WATER SHUT-OFF

FRACTURE TREATMENT

SHOOTING OR ACIDIZING

(Other)

RE-AGING WELL

ALTERING CASING

ABANDONMENT*

Remedial Work

(NOTE: Report results of multiple completion on Well Completion or Recompletion Report and Log form.)

17. DESCRIBE PROPOSED OR COMPLETED OPERATIONS (Clearly state all pertinent details, and give pertinent dates, including estimated date of starting any proposed work. If well is directionally drilled, give subsurface locations and measured and true vertical depths for all markers and zones pertinent to this work.)*

The Atoka Formation in above captioned well reached economic producing limit after rapid decline of a small limited reservoir. The Morrow Formation perforations of original completion were returned to production which should be enhanced with imminent compressor installation. Work began on September 26, 1977 and is summarized as follows:

MIRUPU. Killed Atoka Zone w/KCl water. Installed BOP. POOH with packers and tubing. Bailed sand from top of on-off tool and packer at 9177 +'. Ran on-off tool, sliding-sleeve in closed position and top packer and tubing. Latched onto on-off tool at 9177 +' with sliding sleeve at 9170' and top packer at 8741'. Tested tubing to 1500 psi. Pulled blanking plug from lower portion of on-off tool above lower packer and reopened Morrow Zone to production. Release PU. Return Morrow Zone to sales line on 10-8-77. completed 10-10-77.

Note: Working drawing attached for your information.

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18. I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct

SIGNED C. Alan Bump Alan Bump

TITLE Engineering Assistant

DATE November 16, 1977

(This space for Federal or State office use)

APPROVED BY Sec. J. Lara

TITLE ACTING DISTRICT ENGINEER

DATE NOV 22 1977

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL, IF ANY:

*See Instructions on Reverse Side

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CLASS		ELEV		L & S	
POD	3-14-74	FORMATION	DATUM	FORMATION	DATUM
CSB	4-23-74				
13 3/8" at 485' w/325 sx					
TO 9600'				POD	

CONTR	Delta	OPNS ELEV	3527'	GL,	3545'	KB	PD	9500'	TYPE	RT
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F.R. 2-25-74
(Morrow)

3-14-74 MIKT
3-20-74 Drlg 535'
3-27-74 Drlg 2958' lm
4-3-74 Drlg 4710' lm
4-10-74 Drlg 7060' lm & sh
4-17-74 Drlg 8865' lm & sh
4-24-74 TD 9600' P/P & A

— DST 9300-9410', open 1 hr,
Rec 60' DM (Spl 840 cc's DM + 1 CFG)
1 hr ISIP 608#, FP 87-62#
2 hr FSIP 1839#, HP 4808-4808#

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HUBER, J. H. CORP.

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4-29-74 TD 9600'; PLUGGED & ABANDONED
LOG TOPS: Wolfcamp 6552', Cisco 7702',
Canyon 8237'
Strawn 8512', Atoka 8895', Morrow 9244',
Chester 9572'
5-4-74 COMPLETION REPORTED

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NEW MEXICO

ATOKA FIELD

Well: COQUINA OIL CORP. 1 Pan Canadian (OWWO)

Result GAS DC

Locn: 7 mi W/Lakewood, 1980' FNL 1980' FWL Sec 34-19S-25E.

Re-Spud: 4-28-77; Re-Comp: 5-S-77; Elev: 3521' grd; TD: 9640' Miss; PB: 9177'

Casing: 13 3/8" 472' / 550' ss, 8 5/8" 1320' / 600' ss, 5 1/2" 9640' / 325' ss

Prod Zone: (Atoka) T/Pay 8838', prod thru perfs 8838-8922'

IP CAOF: 1, 251,000 CFCPD, COR 270-l, Grav (gas) .645, (cond) NR, SIWHP 3163#

Comp info: (Orig. #1 Pan Canadian, Comp 1-17-74 thru (Morrow) perfs 9236-9318'; OTD

9640'; PB to 9177'; Perf (Atoka) 8838-41', 8866-80', 8917-22' w/2 SPF; natural;

(Atoka) Four Point Gauges: F/444 MCFCPD, 1" orifice, 120 min, TP 2811#; F/567

MCFCPD, 1" orifice, 120 min, TP 2610#; F/636 MCFCPD, 1" orifice, 120 min, TP

2444#; F/943 MCFCPD, 1" orifice, 120 min, TP 2031#; C/NR.

Tops: NR

API No.: 30-GIS-20997

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CO-ONE

TO 96401 PEO

Grav (Gas) .675; SIWHP 3070#; SIBHP 3771#

PO 10.000¹ TYPE RT

DST (NA), Miss Run

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COQUINA OIL CORP.

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1 Pan Canadian
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12-3-73

Drilg 9110'
DST 8805-56', open 2 hrs 15 mins, GTS
in 13 mins @ 70 MCFGPD, incr to 282
MCFGPD, rec 15' M, 1 hr ISIP 4455#, IFP
313-521#, FFP 146-208#, 4 hr FSIP 4455#,
HP 4824-4721#, BHT 140 deg

12-11-73

Drilg 9456'
DST 8870-8908', open 1 hr 10 mins, GTS
in 5 min @ 195 MCFGPD, incr to 458 MCFGPD,
rec 90' SGCM, 1 hr ISIP 4853#, FP 45-87#,
2 hr FSIP 4903#, HP 4934-4880#, BHT 133 deg
DST 9208-9289', open 1 hr 45 mins, GTS in
2 mins @ 15,000 MCFGPD (Max), Aver 5500

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Continued
MCFGPD, rec 100' F (70' Cond + 30' SGCM),
1 hr ISIP 3840#, FP 1455-1396#, 4 hr FSIP
3840#, HP 5129-5069#

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TD 9640'; WOC
DST 9289-9347', open 2 hrs 10 mins, GTS in
1 min @ 8500 MCFGPD (Max 14,000 MCFGPD), rec
10' Cond, 1 hr ISIP 3820#, FP 1697-1861#,
2 hr 30 min FSIP 3820#, HP 5069-5049#, BHT
152 deg

12-25-73

TD 9640'; WOCU

12-31-73

TD 9640'; Prep Run Tbg

1-7-74

TD 9640'; Rng Tbg

1-14-74

TD 9640'; Prep Perf

1-15-74

TD 9640'; SI WO Test Equip

Perf 9326-9318' w/104 shots (overall)

Flwd 7550 MCFGPD thru 24/64" chk, TP 2450#

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COQUINA OIL CORP.

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1 Pan Canadian
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1-22-74 TD 9640'; WO Pipeline Conn
CAOF 28,462 MCFGPD

3-11-74 TD 9640'; COMPLETE

(Morrow) FOUR POINT GAUGES:

Flwd 1197 MCFGPD, 1.75" orifice, 1 hr, TP 3000#
Flwd 1606 MCFGPD, 1.75" orifice, 1 hr, TP 2967#
Flwd 1946 MCFGPD, 1.75" orifice, 1 hr, TP 2939#
Flwd 2526 MCFGPD, 1.75" orifice, 1 hr, TP 2889#
LOG TOPS: Grayburg 520', San Andres 812',
Glorieta 2365', Tubb 3170', Abo 3775', Third
Bone Spring Sand 6175', Wolfcamp 6422',
Canyon 7858', Strawn 8295', Atoka 8568',
Morrow 8938', Barnett 9348', Chester 9573'

Co EDDY WILDCAT S.M. 2223-58

Co Western Drlg. Co. - #1 - Lakewood

3536DF

1830'PSL & 660'PEL

Sec. 34, T.19-S, R. 25-E

950'

42' to 50'

10 - 45-

Gryb. 815

5 - 817-500

10-31-57 4-9-58

P & A

500

500 acid; 10,000 WF. TD 899' sd.,
SI; P. 1 BO & 5 BXW/4 hrs.

899 sd.

EDDY, N.M. 34-19-25
 Pan American - #1 - A. L. Werthlen.
 1980 EST 360125
 Sec. 31-1-19-58
 9600 (OTD-10,486)

PERMIAN STRAW DISCOVERY
 Werthlen (11/1)
 Standalone 15-1-1958
 Unit, Sec. 31-1-19-58
 For 15-1-1958

2/9/52-9475
 2/9/52-46
 2/9/54-58
 2/9/52-46
 2/9/54-58
 3000 acid; 40,000 fracs
 2-2-28-59 6-5-59

P. 357 MCFG/16 hrs., 31/64" ch.
 300 410
 PB 9537; CO 9631; Perf: 667
 2-75-A-1000
 9442
 10:486 L.
 9537
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EDDY, N.M. 34-19-25
 Pan American - #1 - A. L. Werthlen.
 K-2223-59
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 Sub. 144 bbls. LW & 24 BAW/24 hrs. w/30; reA/2000 swb.
 43 BAW & 134 BLW/53 hrs. & swb. dry w/sli. blow
 Gas, TSTM; blow down well; SITr 2950# to 1500#;
 20/64" ch. 30" blew to 200# 45.64" ch. next 30"
 end of blow down had steady blow of gas.
 30,000 SWF (16,500' sd) swb. 200 BLW/14 hrs. F. & rate
 540 MCFGPD + 2 bbls. LW/1 hrs., 25/64" ch.; PTP 300
 FCP 800#; P. 390 MCP + 4 BLW/1 hrs., 30/64" ch.;
 FTP 100#; FCP 600#; SI 12 hrs., TP 2000#; CP 2300#;
 P. 47 BLW/9 hrs. 25/64" ch., gas & 750 MCF to 384
 MCFG; P. 23 BLW/12 hrs., 30/64" ch. no gas ggo.,
 FTP 150#; CP 500#.
 PB 9537; ggo. 600 MCFG/12 hrs., 30/64" ch.; FTP 110-150#
 CP 500#; F. 13 bbls. LW/12 hrs., 30/64" ch.; TP 145#;
 CP 500#; SI 12 hrs.; CP 2200#; TP 2200#.
 Perf. 24/9/52-46
 Perf. 24/9/54-58; 10,000 SWF (10,000# sd.) swb. 143 bbls.
 10 & 1 bbl. LW/11 hrs.; Swb. 100 BLW/11 hrs., SI 12 hrs.,
 CP 1200#; swb. & flow load; SI/16'; SITP 1250#; SICP 1400#.

EDDY, NEW MEXICO 34-19-25
Stanolind #1 - Lakewood Unit.

K-2223-53
AGE 3

DST 10373-423 op 3 hrs. Rec. 225' mud.
PP 120 20 mins SIP 180#

DST 10433-488 op 4 hrs. Rec. 270' mud / 10330 black
brackish wtr. PP 4275 SIP 4475

EDDY, NEW MEXICO 34-19-25
Stanolind - #1 - Lakewood Unit

K-2223-53
AGE 2

DST 810-861 op 2 hrs. rec. 105' SO&GCM. PP 55 SIP-O-

DST 2610-42 op 2 hrs. rec. 135' SO&GCM,

DST 7770-2850 op 1 hr. 45 mins rec. 108' SOCM

DST 3310-3385 op 2 hrs. rec. 84' mud.

DST 6605-6700 op 4 hrs. 10 mins Gas 2 hrs. 15 mins Rec.
270' mud. 2515' IW. PP 1465 20 mins SIP 2605#

DST 7030-8123 op 4 hrs. Gas 35 mins rec. 60' SOCM,
PP 130 20 mins SIP 175#

DST 7836-78 op 3 hrs. Rec. 39' mud, H.S.

-DST 9397-9500 op 5 hrs. rec. gas 35 mins 47000 CPGPD,
Rec. 284' HECM, PP 115 20 mins SIP 2936#

-DST 9407-9540 op 3 hrs. rec. gas 55 mins 315' HECM, PP 20
20 mins SIP 1810#

DST 10,350-351 op 1 hr. 30 mins Rec. 20' mud.

DST 10,350-373 op 1 hr. 22 mins rec. 15' mud.

DST 10370-398 op 3 hrs. rec. 90' mud.

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WILDCAT

STATE N.M. GREENLEAF 2223-55

Stanolind - #1 - Lakewood Unit

Elev. 3542'

(CHGD TO: Pan American - #1 - A. B. Northlon, S.M.)

660' PSL & 1980' PSL of sec.

CARD #2223-59 for
OWWO)

Sec. 34, T-19-S; R-25-E

ACID OR S-HOT		Casing Record		Tops	
		13-3/8 300 373		Gray	885
		9-5/8 3578 200		S.A.	900
				Glor.	2450
				C'P.	3260
				Abo	4190
				W.C.	6620
				Penn	8150
				Miss	9865-16422-6323
				Dev.	10340
SPD.	9-25-52	COMP.	1-27-53	TP	
P.	REA			TD	10486' line.
REMARKS				PSD	

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AMEND OPERATOR: Formerly reported as
Barnhill-Richardson

Drig 1095' lm & anhy

Drig 3015' lm & dolo

Drig 3865' lm & dolo

DST 2801-3052', open 1 hr 15 mins, rec

600' GIDP + 20' OG&SWCDF, 1 hr 15 min

ISIP 333#, FP 166-150#, 2 hr 30 min FSIP

416#, HP 1279-1279#, BHT 100 deg

Drig 5280' lm

Drig 7880' lm & sh

Drig 9183'

TD 9633'; Prep to drill

6. Control system: The system is controlled by a microcontroller (PIC16C84) which is connected to a keyboard and a display. The microcontroller is also connected to a serial port which is used to communicate with a computer. The computer is used to collect data and to control the system.

CONTR	Capitan	DEMS ELEV	3503' GL	PD	9900'	TYPE	RT
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DST 9506-9573', open 4 hr 15 mins, GTS in 12 mins @ 250 MCFGPD thru 1/2" chk, FTP 24#, rec 270' GCM (Sampler rec 1.5 CFG @ 375#), 1 hr 30 min ISIP 3924#, FP 113-151#, 6 hr FSIP 3847#, HP 4551-4551#
DST 9561-9633#, open 1 hr 15 mins, rec 500' GIDP + 180' GCM (Sampler rec 3.56 CFG +

3-11-74

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200G cc's GCH @ 1650#, 1 hr 30 min ISIP
2746#, FP 57-75#, 3 hr FSIP 3391#, HP
4589-4570#

3-18-74

TD 9835'; MORT

3-26-74

TD 9835'; WOCU

4-15-74

TD 9835'; PBD 9705'; Tstg

Perf 9437-9563' w/15 shots (overall)

Acid (9437-9563') 6000 gals (7½% MSA)

4-29-74

TD 9835'; PBD 9705'; SI PBU

5-7-74

TD 9835'; PBD 9705'; Tstg

6-16-74

TD 9835'; PBD 9705'; WO Pot

CAOF 2639 MCFGPD

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TD 9835'; PBD 9705'; COMPLETE

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HILLIARD OIL & GAS CO.

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(Morrow) FOUR POINT GAUGES:

Flwd 472 MCFGPD, .5" Orifice, 1 hr, TP 2901#

Flwd 799 MCFGPD, .5" Orifice, 1 hr, TP 2740#

Flwd 1295 MCFGPD, 1.0" Orifice, 1 hr, 2423#

Flwd 2119 MCFGPD, 1.0" Orifice, 1 hr, 1481#

LOG TOPS: Yeso 2455', Second Bone Spring

Sand 3285', Third Bone Spring Sand 6364',

Wolfcamp 6635', Cisco 7879', Canyon 8139',

Strawn 8558', Atoka 9016', Morrow 9325',

Chester 9795'

6-22-74

COMPLETION REPORTED

CLASS		REV.	
3-11-73 CUB 4-23-73		3426 L.A.	
FORMATION	DATUM	FORMATION	DATUM
13 3/8" at 299' w/320 SX			
8 5/8" at 2090' w/1245 SX			
TO 9756'		PCO	

PLUGGED & ABANDONED

CONTR McVay Drlg. OPNS ELEV 3411' GL 3429' KB PD 9650' TYPE RT

" 3-19-73
 (Morrow)
 3-19-73 TD 2090' 1m; WOC
 3-26-73 Drlg 4310' 1m & sd
 4-2-73 Drlg 6643' 1m
 4-9-73 Drlg 8430' 1m & sh
 DST (Cisco) 7678-7903', open 1 hr 30 mins, rec 130'
 DM, 1 hr ISIP 1570#, FP 43-85#, 1 hr 30 min FSIP
 2139#, HP 3815-3772#, BHT 84 deg
 4-16-73 Drlg 9595' sd & cht
 DST 8538-8644', open 1 hr, rec 272' mud + 1589'
 salt wtr, 1 hr ISIP 3309#, FP 415-739#, 1 hr FSIP
 3264#, HP 4199-4154#, BHT 160 deg
 4-23-73 TD 9756'; P&A 4-23-73 (Hold for Tops)
 DST (Morrow) 9565-9631', open 1 hr 30 mins, GTS
 in 63 mins @ TSTM, rec 210' DM, 1 hr 2 min ISIP
 1122#, FP 94-140#, 3 hr FSIP 2963#, HP 4256-4256#,
 BHT 154 deg

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1 Shugart, Rena Com

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4-23-73 Continued
DST 9672-9756', open 1 hr, rec 480' mud, 1 hr
ISIP 3489#, FP 237-237#, 1 hr FSIP 2546#, HP
4739-4762#, NET 162 deg
SP-DST 2830-2910', open 1 hr, rec 335' DM, 1 hr
ISIP 836#, FP 198-209#, 2 hr FSIP 773#, HP 1349-
1370#
4-30-73 TD 9756'; PLUGGED & ABANDONED
LOG TOPS: San Andres 1002', Third Bone Spring
Sand 6535', Wolfcamp 6887', Cisco 7858', Strawn
8525', Atoka 9080', Morrow 9440'
5-5-73 COMPLETION REPORTED

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EDDY Undesignated
MARK PRODUCTION CO.
1 Holstun Com.
Sec 4, T-20-S, R-25-E
660' FNL, 1980' FEL of Sec

STATE NM
APR 30-015-21141
SERIAL
MAP
CO. ONE

		CLASS D		ELEV		L & S	
6-20-74	7-20-74	FORMATION	DATUM	FORMATION	DATUM		
12 3/4" at 305' w/200 SX							
8 5/8" at 1205' w/600 SX							
		TC	9550' (MSSP)	POD			

PLUGGED & ABANDONED

Cactus 3592' GL 10,000' TYPE RT

F.R. 4-8-74
(Pennsylvanian)
7-10-74 Drlg 8027'
7-17-74 Drlg 8970'
7-24-74 TD 9550'; Prep P&A
DST 9245-9350', open 1 hr 15 mins, rec 160'
Mud (Sampler rec 15 CFG + 400 cc's Mud), 1 hr
ISIP 533#, FP 133-133#, 2 hr FSIP 1131#, HP
4374-4374#
7-31-74 TD 9550'; P&A (Hold)
8-5-74 TD 9550'; PLUGGED & ABANDONED
LOG TOPS: Wolfcamp 6330', Pennsylvania... 7423',
Morrow 9035', Mississippian 9515'
8-10-74 COMPLETION REPORTED

EDDY COUNTY NEW MEXICO UNDESIGNATED FIELD

Well: SOUTHERN UNION EXPL. CO. 2 Exxon Federal Result DCA D

Loc'n: 6 mi SW/Lakewood, 660' FSL 1980' FEL Sec 23-20S-25E.

Spud: 6-3-78; Comp: 9-6-78; Elev: 3491' grd; TD: 10,200' Barnett;
Casing: 13 3/8" 353'/375 sx, 8 5/8" 2223'/1450 sx, 4 1/2" 3730'/450 sx
Comp Info: Perf (Bone Sprg) 3584-3626' w/l SPF; A/6000 gals (15% MCA); S/sulf wtr;
sqd w/75 sx; Perf (Bone Sprg) 3562-76' w/l SPF; A/1000 gals (7 1/2%); S/lid w/NS; ran
DILL, CNL & FDC logs; C/Big West.
Tops (EL) San And 750', Bone Sprg 3665', 3rd Bone Sprg 6660', Wolfc 7050', Cisco
7874', Cany 8288', Strawn 8560', Atoka 9205', Morrow Lm 9500', Morrow Clastic
9645', Morrow Sh 9840', Barnett Sh 9970'
API No.: 30-015-22546

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EDDY COUNTY NEW MEXICO WILDCAT
 Well: AMOCO PROD. CO. I Rios Siete Result: GAS WFD
 Loc: 5 mi SW/Lakehead, 1980' FSL 2310' FEL Sec II-20S-2SE.

Spud: 11-13-78; Comp: 1-19-79; Elev: 3366' gnd; TD: 9865' (Barnett); PB: 9825'
 Casing: 13 3/8" 333'/325' sx, 8 5/8" 1500'/750' sx, 5 1/2" 9865'/250' sx
 Prod Zone: (Morrow) T/Pay 9448', prod thru perf 9448-9660'
 IFF: 750 MCF/GPD, 14/64" ch, GOR NR, Grav NR, CP plr, TP 525#
 Comp Info: DST (Morrow) 2457-9530', op 3 hrs 45 min, GTS 30 min @ 70 MCF/GPD, 3/8" ch, TP 12#, incr to 220 MCF/GPD, 3/8" ch, TP 52#, rec 3106' slt GCDF, 1 hr 30 min, ISIP 3902#, HP 4565-4520#; well sold to Amoco Prod Co.; Perf (Morrow) 9448-68', 9510-14', 9528-32', 9636-60' w/ISPF; S/I BW/9 hrs; A/5000 gals (7 1/4%); F/750 MCF-GPD/24 hrs, 14/64" ch, TP 525#; ran DILL, MICL & CNDL logs; C/Moranco #9.
 Tops: (EL) Third Bone Spg 6423', Wolfc 7052', Cisco 7743', Cany 8256', Atoka 8992', Morrow 9408', Barnett 9661'
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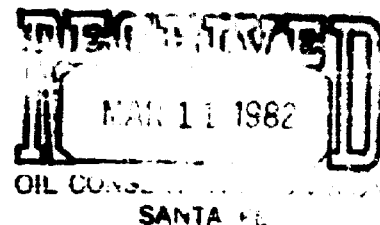
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION



IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF WM. B. BARNHILL FOR AN UNORTHODOX
LOCATION, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 7521

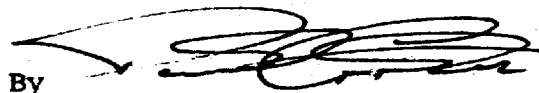
APPLICATION

COMES NOW Wm. B. Barnhill and hereby makes application for an unorthodox location for the drilling of a well to test the Permo-Penn, Strawn, Atoka and Morrow formations at a location 660 feet from the south and west lines of Section 35, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico, and as grounds therefor states:

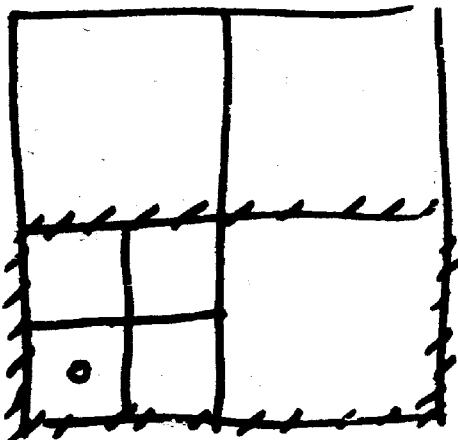
1. The $S\frac{1}{2}$ of said Section 35 would be dedicated to that well.
2. A well at that unorthodox location will better enable Applicant to produce the gas underlying the proration unit, and afford Applicant the opportunity to produce his just and equitable share of gas in the undesignated pool, prevent economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, avoid the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells and otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. B. BARNEILL

By 

for ATWOOD, MALONE, MANN & COOTER
P. O. Drawer 700
Roswell, New Mexico 88201



Under Review

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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

JAR

CASE No. 7521

Order No. R-6948

APPLICATION OF WILLIAM B. BARNHILL
FOR AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

[Signature]
MS.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on March 31,
1982, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S.
Nutter.

NOW, on this _____ day of April, 1982, the Division
Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the
recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the
premises,

FINDS:

(1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That the applicant, William B. Barnhill, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 35, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, to test the Permo-Penn, Strawn, Atoka and Morrow formations, in the so-called "Boyd Channel" Area, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(3) That the S/2 of said Section 35 is to be dedicated to the well.

(4) That an offset operator, Chama Petroleum Company, appeared at the hearing and objected to approval of the aforesaid unorthodox location without penalty on the grounds that a well drilled at said location would drain gas from offsetting leases, thereby violating correlative rights.

(5) That approval of the unorthodox location will improve applicant's geological prospect for encountering the Morrow formation in a thickened section of the Boyd Channel and will better enable it to produce the gas underlying the S/2 of the aforesaid Section 35.

(6) That said unorthodox location will also place applicant in a more favorable position to drain gas from the offsetting leases which drainage would not be compensated for by counter drainage.

(7) That such drainage without counter drainage would result in the impairment of offsetting correlative rights.

(8) That approval of the proposed unorthodox location should be considered only if an adequate penalty is imposed on production from such location to minimize the aforesaid drainage and thus protect correlative rights.

(9) That a well drilled at the proposed unorthodox location and having the S/2 of the section dedicated thereto would be located at a standard distance relative to the South boundary of the spacing and proration unit.

(10) That a well drilled at the proposed unorthodox location and having the S/2 of the section dedicated thereto would be located 1320 feet or 67 percent closer to the west boundary of the spacing and proration unit *than a well drilled at a standard location.*

(11) That the drainage pattern of a well located at the proposed location would be encroaching primarily on two presently undeveloped spacing and proration units, namely the S/2 of Section 34, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, and the N/2 of Section 3, Township 20 South, Range 25 East, NMPM.

(12) That according to the best geological evidence available at the hearing, the aforesaid two spacing and proration units have a total of some 13,638.5 and 13,443.6 acre feet of pay, respectively, or an average of 13,541.0 acre feet apiece, whereas the S/2 of Section 35, being the spacing and proration unit to which the well drilled at the proposed location would be dedicated, has some 3450.3 acre feet of pay.

(13) That on an acre-feet-of-pay basis, the S/2 of Section 26 has 25.5 percent of the acre feet of pay as the average of the two most directly affected spacing and proration units.

shall "3" →
(14) That in accordance with Finding No. (8) above, the proposed unorthodox location should only be approved subject to a production limitation factor, and such factor should be computed by averaging the variation from a standard location and comparable acre feet of pay as follows: distance from south line of section, 100 percent of standard; distance from west line of section, 33 percent of standard; comparison of acre feet of pay with affected offsetting units' acre feet of pay, 25.5 percent, or, 100 percent plus 33 percent plus 25.5 percent divided by three equals 53 percent.

(15) That in the absence of any special rules and regulations for the prorationing of production from the subject well, the aforesaid production limitation factor should be applied against the well's ability to produce into the pipe line as determined by periodic tests.

(16) That in order to avoid premature abandonment and subsequent loss of recoverable reserves, provision should be made for a reasonable minimum allowable for the subject well, and ~~50,000~~ ^{500,000} cubic feet of gas per day is a reasonable figure for a minimum allowable.

(17) That approval to drill the proposed well at the unorthodox location described in Finding No. (2) above, subject to the Production Limitation Factor described in Finding No.

(14) above, will not impair but will protect correlative rights, will not cause waste, and should be given.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, William B. Barnhill, is hereby authorized to drill a well to test the Permo-Penn, Strawn, Atoka and Morrow formations at a point 660 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 35, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, subject to a Production Limitation Factor of 0.53 applicable as described below.

(2) That in the absence of any Special Rules and Regulations prorating production from the subject well, the following Special Rules and Regulations for a non-prorated gas well shall apply, if the well is drilled at the location described in Paragraph (1) above.

SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

FOR THE

APPLICATION OF A "PRODUCTION LIMITATION FACTOR"

TO A NON-PRORATED GAS WELL

APPLICATION OF RULES

RULE 1. These rules shall apply to the William B. Barnhill Morrow formation gas well located 660 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 35, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, which well's Production Limitation Factor of 0.53 shall

be applied to the well's deliverability (as determined by the hereinafter set forth procedure) to determine its maximum allowable rate of production.

ALLOWABLE PERIOD

RULE 2. The allowable period for the subject well shall be six months.

RULE 3. The year shall be divided into two allowable periods commencing at 7:00 o'clock a.m. on January 1 and July 1.

DETERMINATION OF DELIVERY CAPACITY

RULE 4. Immediately upon connection of the well the operator shall determine the open flow capacity of the well in accordance with the Division "Manual for Back-Pressure Testing of Natural Gas Wells" then current, and the well's initial deliverability shall be calculated against average pipeline pressure in the manner described in the last paragraph on Page I-6 of said test manual.

RULE 5. The well's "subsequent deliverability" shall be determined twice a year, and shall be equal to its highest single day's production during the months of April and May or October and November, whichever is applicable. Said subsequent deliverability, certified by the pipeline, shall be submitted to the appropriate District Office of the Division not later than June 15 and December 15 of each year.

RULE 6. The Division Director may authorize special deliverability tests to be conducted upon a showing that the well has been worked over or that the subsequent deliverability determined under Rule 5 above is erroneous. Any such special test shall be conducted in accordance with Rule 4 above.

RULE 7. The operator shall notify the appropriate district office of the Division and all offset operators of the date and time of initial or special deliverability tests in order that the Division or any such operator may at their option witness such tests.

CALCULATION AND ASSIGNMENT OF ALLOWABLES

RULE 8. The well's allowable shall commence upon the date of connection to a pipeline and when the operator has complied with all appropriate filing requirements of the Rules and Regulations and any special rules and regulations.

RULE 9. The well's allowable during its first allowable period shall be determined by multiplying its initial deliverability by its production limitation factor.

RULE 10. The well's allowable during all ensuing allowable periods shall be determined by multiplying its latest subsequent deliverability, as determined under provisions of Rule 5, by its production limitation factor. If the well shall not have been producing for at least 60 days prior to the end of its first allowable period, the allowable for the second allowable period shall be determined in accordance with Rule 9.

RULE 11. Revision of allowable based upon special well tests shall become effective upon the date of such test provided the results of such test are filed with the Division's district office within 30 days after the date of the test; otherwise the date shall be the date the test report is received in said office.

RULE 12. Revised allowables based on special well tests shall remain effective until the beginning of the next allowable period.

RULE 13. In no event shall the well receive an allowable of less than 100,000 cubic feet of gas per day.

BALANCING OF PRODUCTION

RULE 14. January 1 and July 1 of each year shall be known as the balancing dates.

RULE 15. If the well has an underproduced status at the end of a six-month allowable period, it shall be allowed to carry such underproduction forward into the next period and may produce such underproduction in addition to its regularly assigned allowable. Any underproduction carried forward into any allowable period which remains unproduced at the end of the period shall be cancelled.

RULE 16. Production during any one month of an allowable period in excess of the monthly allowable assigned to the well shall be applied against the underproduction carried into the

period in determining the amount of allowable, if any, to be cancelled.

RULE 17. If the well has an overproduced status at the end of a six-month allowable period, it shall be shut in until such overproduction is made up.

RULE 18. If, during any month, it is discovered that the well is overproduced in an amount exceeding three times its average monthly allowable, it shall be shut in during that month and during each succeeding month until it is overproduced in an amount three times or less its monthly allowable, as determined hereinabove.

RULE 19. The Director of the Division shall have authority to permit the well, if it is subject to shut-in pursuant to Rules 17 and 18 above, to produce up to 500 MCF of gas per month upon proper showing to the Director that complete shut-in would cause undue hardship, provided however, such permission shall be rescinded for the well if it has produced in excess of the monthly rate authorized by the Director.

RULE 20. The Division may allow overproduction to be made up at a lesser rate than permitted under Rules 17 or 18 above upon a showing that the same is necessary to avoid material damage to the well.

GENERAL

RULE 21. Failure to comply with the provisions of this order or the rules contained herein or the Rules and

Regulations of the Division shall result in the cancellation of allowable assigned to the well. No further allowable shall be assigned to the well until all rules and regulations are complied with. The Division shall notify the operator of the well and the purchaser, in writing, of the date of allowable cancellation and the reason therefor.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

(1) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

JOE D. RAMEY,
Director

S E A L

CASE NO.

7521 DE NOVO

APPLICATION,
TRANSCRIPTS,
SMALL EXHIBITS,
ETC.

NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

COMMISSION HEARING

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Hearing Date JUNE 25, 1982 Time: 9:00 A.M.

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25 June 1982

COMMISSION HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of William H. Barnhill	CASE
for an unorthodox gas well location,	7521
Eddy County, New Mexico.	

BEFORE: Commissioner Ramey
Commissioner Arnold

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

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2 MR. RAMEY: The hearing will come to order.
3 We'll call first Case 7521.

4 MR. PEARCE: That is the application of
5 William B. Barnhill for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy
6 County, New Mexico.

7 MR. PADILLA: Mr. Examiner, Ernest L.
8 Padilla on behalf of the applicant in this case.

9 I have one witness who needs to be sworn.

10 MR. CARR: May it please the Commission,
11 my name is William F. Carr, with the law firm Campbell, Byrd,
12 and Black, P. A., of Santa Fe, appearing on behalf of Chama
13 Petroleum Company in opposition to the application.

14 I have one witness.

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16 (Witnesses sworn.)

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18 WILLIAM B. BARNHILL
19 being called as a witness and being duly sworn upon his oath,
20 testified as follows, to-wit:

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22 DIRECT EXAMINATION

23 BY MR. PADILLA:

24 Q Mr. Barnhill, for the record would you
25 please state your name and where you reside?

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2 A William B. Barnhill. I live in Roswell,
3 New Mexico.

4 Q Mr. Barnhill, what is your connection with
5 the applicant, Santa Fe -- William Barnhill, in this case?
6 Are you the same William B. Barnhill?

7 A The same.

8 Q And Mr. Barnhill, have your credentials
9 as a geologist been accepted before the Oil Conservation Com-
10 mission and accepted as a matter of record?

11 A Yes, they have.

12 Q Are you familiar with the Morrow formation
13 in the area of concern in this case?

14 A Yes, I believe so.

15 MR. PADILLA: Mr. Chairman, we request
16 that Mr. Barnhill's credentials be accepted as an expert.

17 MR. RAMEY: He is so qualified, Mr. Padilla.

18 Q Mr. Barnhill, referring to what has been
19 marked as Exhibit Number One, would you please state what that
20 is and what it contains?

21 A Exhibit Number One is the acreage colored
22 in green is the proration unit and the location in question,
23 an unorthodox location location, located 660 feet from the
24 south and the west of 35. The yellow acreage colored in is
25 acreage controlled by Chama Petroleum.

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2 Q Chama Petroleum is the opposition in this
3 case?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Mr. Barnhill, referring to what has been
6 marked as Exhibit Number Two, would you tell us what that is
7 and what it contains?

8 A Exhibit Number Two is a revised Isopach
9 map, or thickness map, of the Morrow sand in question in the
10 area, delineating the sand body as I recognize it.

11 We have additional information since the
12 hearing in March, which further substantiates some alterations
13 as originally presented.

14 Q Mr. Barnhill, how did you originally --
15 in general, how did you originally present this Isopach at
16 the Division hearing?

17 A In March?

18 Q In March, yes.

19 A At that time I thought the, a good part
20 of the thickest part of the sand would -- would be a little
21 further east than is shown on this recent plat. With addi-
22 tional drilling in there, it's delineated as shown on this
23 exhibit here.

24 Q What additional drilling has occurred
25 since that time, Mr. Barnhill?

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2 A Well, down in the Section 2 of 20, 25,
3 Santa Fe Exploration has drilled and run pipe on the Exxon
4 State. It's located 1980 from the south, 660 from the east.

5 Q What other information do you have on this
6 Isopach that was not depicted in your earlier Isopach?

7 A Well, on the other Isopach I had the
8 sand thickness encroaching to the east considerably and I'd
9 like to present electric logs and a cross section, which is
10 marked A-A on the Isopach map.

11 If we start at the north half of 35 from
12 the Hilliard Well, down to my proposed location, into the new
13 Santa Fe Exxon State Well, which we didn't have at the original
14 hearing.

15 Q Mr. Barnhill, going on now to what has
16 been marked Exhibits Three-A and Three-B, would you tell us
17 and explain what they contain?

18 It would be -- would it facilitate to put
19 this on the wall, Mr. Barnhill?

20 A Well, it's so small I think everybody can
21 just glance at it right on the table.

22 This -- this is a cross section. On the
23 left is the Hilliard Gulf Federal. Colored in yellow is --

24 Q Where is the Hilliard Gulf Federal located?

25 A That's in -- 1980 out of the north and

west of Section 35, 19 South, Range 25 East.

Q And that's depicted in the Exhibit Number Two, is that correct?

A Yes..

Q In the north half of 35.

A Yes. And this cross section that I have now would be a straight line cross section between the Hilliard Gulf Well, located in 35, to the Santa Fe Exxon Well, located in the west half of 2, showing the similarity of the sand in question.

I have with this cross section a loose log, which is Three-B, which is the Chama Well located in Section 3 of Township 20 South, Range 25 East. This, this log here, if you put the Chama well against the Hilliard and line up the top of the Morrow, you can see what a poor sequence of sands the Hilliard Gulf Federal had.

If you lay that log along the recently drilled Santa Fe Exxon State, you can see what a poorly developed sand Santa Fe Exploration has.

Santa Fe Exploration and Hilliard Oil and Gas, in my opinion, are definitely on the well defined east bank of this channel section, and it's difficult to compare either of these, the Santa Fe or the Hilliard Well, with the recently completed Chama well, and that's the purpose of this

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2 section here.

3 Q How do the -- how does the cross section
4 and the Isopach depict the sand thickness in the channel of
5 the Morrow formation?

6 A Well, there are some additional sands in
7 the lower part of the log, but the sand in question, the Chama
8 Huber Federal in Section 3, I depicted 4-foot of net sand.

9 In the Santa Fe Exxon State, to the east
10 in Section 2, I can give it 28, very tight, high water satu-
11 rations.

12 The Chama Well, the porosities in there
13 were 20 - 25 percent, water saturations were 10 - 12, in that
14 neighborhood.

15 The Hilliard Gulf Well is comparable, most
16 comparable to the Santa Fe Exxon, or the Santa Fe Exxon is
17 most comparable to the Hilliard.

18 These are both, in the Hilliard Well and
19 in the Santa Fe Well, are both advanced facies. They're shaley
20 sands, are not in the main part of the channel, as I had thought
21 at one time, in fact at the last hearing, but there's not any
22 question in my mind that we're talking about the same sand,
23 but both the Hilliard and the Santa Fe Well are on a shaley
24 facies. They lack porosity and the permeability necessary
25 for commercial, real, good commercial production.

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Does that affect the area of drainage or the potential deliverability of this, say, the Hilliard Gulf and the Santa Fe Exxon State Well?

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Yes, I would definitely say so. For instance, taking the Hilliard well in Section 35 first, the cumulative production in eight years has been 189-million. The production figures are in the exhibits someplace.

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Is that Exhibit Four-A and Four-B, is that -- what is it?

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Yes, that's right. It would be in the bottom part of Four-B, the Hilliard Well. The cumulative through 1981 is 189-million, just to round it off. This well in my opinion is possibly draining as much as 80 acres.

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Which well, Mr. Barnhill?

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The Hilliard Well. There's no way, although this is the same sand, and if I may point out, that on the final shut-in pressures of the Hilliard Well in 35, the final shut-in pressure was 3879. The bottom hole pressure, as reported to me on the Chama Well, were 3896. It's only 17 pounds difference.

They do have the same bottom hole pressures and there's no question in my mind that they are the

same sands. The Hilliard Well in 35 is on the east bank,

tight and shaley, and has no deliverability, and will not drain

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2 any of this Morrow sand the Chama has. It doesn't have the
3 porosity or the permeability, and in my opinion, it may be
4 draining as much as 80 acres.

5 The Chama Well would probably produce the
6 total amount that the Hilliard Well produced in thirty days,
7 and this has been going on for eight years.

8 Q In terms of payout, Mr. Barnhill, how --
9 supposed you had the same type of production that Hilliard
10 Gulf Well had, would you payout a well at the 660 location,
11 as you are intending?

12 A No, we couldn't, we couldn't pay it out,
13 at that type of production, with that type of production.

14 The same relationship is going to be for
15 Santa Fe Exploration, located in Section 2, to the south.
16 They're going to have a very difficult time making payout.
17 It's, there again, it's a tight, shaley sand. There's no way
18 that, in my opinion, that they're going to be able to, with
19 their porosities and permeabilities and water saturations,
20 drain any of this thick Morrow sand the Chama has found to the
21 west in Section 3.

22 They're going to have, they're going to be
23 hard pressed to make a commercial well there.

24 Q Mr. Barnhill, would wells located in the
25 Chama acreage at standard or nonstandard locations, for that

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2 matter, would they be able to drill their equitable share --
3 or drain their equitable share of gas underlying those lands?

4 A Most definitely. The, the biggest part,
5 90 percent, or the best part of the channel, in fact it looks
6 like all of the best part of the channel lies on the Chama
7 acreage, going right through the center of Section 3 and con-
8 tinuing on south.

9 The, as I mentioned in the hearing we had
10 in March, I did think that the sands would be considerably
11 thicker to the east, but that's the nature of them, and it
12 didn't prove out that way, and with the Santa Fe well, which
13 we didn't have in evidence at the original hearing, and com-
14 paring it to the Hilliard well, they look almost identical,
15 and in my opinion, I don't see how they're going to really
16 tap into the Chama well.

17 Q Mr. --

18 A Or the sand that the Chama's got, because
19 as you come out of these channels the porosity is, actually
20 the permeability is good and the sands are clean, and you go
21 up on the banks and they become shaley and even though you
22 might get the same bottom hole pressures, and the correlations
23 are good, and all that, they -- they have no deliverability,
24 and --

25 Q Going back to, and looking at the Santa Fe

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2 Exxon State Well, what kind of thickness did you give it at
3 the last hearing?

4 A As I recall, I thought they'd have as much
5 as 50 or 60 feet out there.

6 Q So you've got basically half.

7 A Half, and not only half, but it's very --
8 it's impermeable and it's tight, low porosity. It's just on
9 the -- it's on the bank and it's not going to have any deli-
10 verability.

11 Q What are the -- what are the porosity
12 figures that you have for the -- for the wells in question
13 here, the Santa Fe Exxon Well and, say, the Chama Well?

14 A Well, the porosities on the Chama Well
15 run 20 to 25 percent, water saturation about 10 or 12. I
16 didn't put those on the log but the operator's here and I'm
17 sure he can verify that statement.

18 And since this is the latest well, the
19 Santa Fe Well is the latest well drilled in the area, I have
20 the porosities in that sand, and if I may just call the atten-
21 tion again of that section, comparing the Chama Well to the
22 Santa Fe and lining up the top of the Morrow sands, you can
23 see a shale break just approximately halfway in between coming
24 in, which is a typical type bank system, and as you go further
25 up the bank, which would be to the east here, it would break

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2 up completely and you just have slight stringers of sand, and
3 if you go back to the Isopach map, we have two wells in almost
4 a north/south alignment, which show to be the east bank of
5 this so-called Boyd Channel.

6 To the west, in Section 3, we certainly
7 can see what happens there. They are definitely in the chan-
8 nel, and the proposal here is to drill an unorthodox location
9 which a considerable amount of money has already been spent
10 and the well has been started, but if the economic considera-
11 tions aren't there, a better climate is going to have to be
12 found for the -- for the funds.

13 Q Mr. Barnhill, what's the present status
14 of the well that you have located on -- at a 660 location?

15 A What's the what?

16 Q 660 location?

17 A What about it?

18 Q What is the present status of it?

19 A The present status is that conductor pipe
20 has been set and cemented and before a large rotary, which
21 would involve a much larger expenditure to put on there, in
22 trying to get the results of this hearing, as to on the de
23 novo, and we've had a ruling of -- on it in March or April,
24 I guess it was when we got the ruling on the penalty, I'm
25 asking the Commission to reconsider the whole thing and elimi-

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2 nate the penalty in its entirety.

3 Q Let's assume that -- that the Commission
4 leaves the penalty as -- in accordance, or the same penalty
5 that the Division gave, what would your decision in that case
6 be?

7 A For what --

8 Q What are your thoughts in relation to what
9 you might do?

10 A Well, I might say this. If you got pro-
11 duction like I'm anticipating for the Santa Fe Well in Section
12 2 or the Hilliard Well in Section 35, you'd have to have --
13 with a penalty would just -- they're not going to pay out in
14 the first place and with a penalty it just makes it that much
15 worse, and I just have to make my own judgment at that time
16 whether -- although money has been spent, the well has been
17 started, I'm trying to explain to the Commission that I don't
18 think, since funds have been committed to this, that a penalty
19 is justified when I'm trying to present some evidence that
20 is sound, in my judgment.

21 Q Have you -- what's the status of that
22 lease now covering Section -- the south half of Section 35?

23 A The status of that lease, if you'd refer
24 to the land plat, which is Exhibit One, the southeast -- the
25 south half of 35 was communitized for a 320-acre proration

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2 unit. The southeast quarter of 35 would have expired in May
3 1 of '82. It was communitized and a well was appropriately
4 started to save that.

5 Due to the hearing we had and then a re-
6 scheduling of the de novo and then it was cancelled several
7 times for various reasons, the thing has sort of drug out and
8 I went to the USGS and asked them if they would approve an
9 extension for this proration unit so I could find out really
10 what the economic climate was on the unit, and they have given
11 me an extension which will terminate June the 30th.

12 Q In that regard, Mr. Barnhill, would you
13 ask -- request an expeditious decision by the Commission?

14 A I'm afraid I would have to ask that.

15 Now the southeast quarter of that section
16 was held because it's in the proration unit, but since a well
17 was started in due time and in a prudent manner, they have
18 extended this. Usually they don't like to extend them like
19 that, but until I could have at least some interpretation of
20 what we're talking about here in the way of penalty or some-
21 thing.

22 Q Mr. Barnhill, what are the contents of
23 Exhibit Number Five?

24 A Number Five? Those are just completion
25 records, cards, of the various wells that are of concern in

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2 this immediate area.

3 Q Mr. Barnhill, do you have anything else
4 to add to your testimony today?

5 A No, except, as I said, obtaining the new
6 evidence by drilling of the Santa Fe Exxon State in Section 2,
7 my original concept in there certainly wasn't correct. It's
8 definitely on the -- on the east bank, and we're talking about
9 an alignment of a north/south alignment of this unorthodox
10 location, which pretty much throws it right in line with the
11 others, and the Santa Fe Well just didn't have the sands and
12 it's very comparable to a very, very poor well in the north
13 half of 35, the Hilliard Gulf Federal, and they're going to
14 be very hard pressed to make a commercial well out of that,
15 and it was, of course, drilled 660 from a west line but it
16 was a standard proration unit because it stood up 1980 out of
17 the south, but it just goes to show you how close you can get
18 and yet how far away you can be on one of these sand bodies.

19 MR. PADILLA: Mr. Chairman, we offer Ex-
20 hibits One through Five, and I have nothing further of this
21 witness at this time.

22 MR. RAMEY: Exhibits One through Five
23 and Four-A and Four-B are admitted.
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CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. RAMEY:

Q Mr. Barnhill, you found the pressure, the initial pressure in the Coquina Well to be 3879 and the well, or the pressure in the newly drilled Chama Well to be 3896, or identical pressures?

A The -- the shut-in pressure, yeah, the -- it was 3633 in the Santa Fe Exxon State, located in Section 2.

Q 3633?

A Yes, sir.

Q That's the original shut-in pressure?

A That's the final.

Q Final shut-in pressure on drill stem test, I see.

A Yes. And that would be about 129 pounds difference, I believe, from the Chama Well.

The Hilliard Well to the north is identical. There's six pounds difference, but it certainly shows low deliverability or capacity to produce. I don't think -- we're -- we're talking about the same reservoir, the same sands. It's just that the Hilliard and Santa Fe are on the east bank and just don't have any deliverability, due to porosity and permeability of the section.

Q Okay, now let me get this straight. The

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2 Hilliard Well in Section 35 --

3 A Yes, sir.

4 Q -- had a final shut-in pressure of 3879.

5 A Yes, sir.

6 Q Okay. The Santa Fe Exxon State in Section
7 2 --

8 A Yes, sir.

9 Q -- had a final shut-in pressure of 3633?

10 A Yes.

11 Q And then the Chama Well in Section 3 had
12 a shut-in pressure of 3896?

13 A Yes. Yes, 3896, that's what was reported
14 to me by -- on the Chama Well, 3896.

15 Q Do you have any pressure information on
16 the two wells in Section 34?

17 A 34. Well --

18 Q Are those in the same reservoir?

19 A Yeah, they'd be in the same reservoir.

20 We can go back to the Exhibit Five, Exhibit Five, and go back
21 to the completion cards. If you want to go up to Section 34
22 of 19, 25, we can take the Coquina PanCanadian, 1980 out of
23 the north and west, and we can get the data there.

24 Let's see. It looks like the final shut-
25 in there would be 3820.

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Q How about the other well in the south half of 34, do you have the pressure on it?

A The Huber-Irami took a test. Well, now their final shut-in there on the Huber-Irami, 660 from the south and 1980 from the west of Section 34 shows on this completion card final shut-in as 1839.

Q What about the, what is it, PanAmerican Wertheim? Do you have anything on it or --

A They went on down to the Devonian. I think they came back and tried something in there. They have a -- they have a shut-in pressure 2936.

Q Is that the dry hole? Is that well --

A Yes, sir, that's a dry hole.

Q Okay, what about the producing well just to the north of it but the same -- same location?

A That's the Coquina PanCanadian, which, that pressure was -- we just had it here --

Q Is that the PanCanadian?

A Yes, sir.

Q Okay, then I've got the -- I thought you said that was --

A 38 -- 3820.

Q I thought you said that was the pressure for the well that was 1980 from north and west.

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A That is the Coquina PanCanadian, yes, sir.

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Q Well, what about the well that's 19 --

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looks like it's 1980 plus from the south and 660 from the east?

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That is right next to the Wertheim well.

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A That's the -- that's the Stanoline Lakewood

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or the Wertheim, as it was called, showing a shut-in there of --

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of a test in there, recovery interval, 1810.

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Q I thought that was -- I thought you gave

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me that information for the dry hole, now. There's two wells

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A Right.

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Q What are those?

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A One's a shallow well. It only went down

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to 899 feet.

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Q And that's a dry hole.

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A Right, and the one that shows as a gas well

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is not a gas well. It's just -- all maps carry that. That

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is the PanAm Wertheim, or the Lakewood, it's also called, and

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it was a Devonian test and plugged as a Devonian test, but

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they did test the Morrow interval and have a shut-in pressure

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Q So essentially all, all the shut-in pres-

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ures you have here of the producing wells, why, they're es-

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entially the same except for the Santa Fe Exxon State, which

perhaps shows some pressure decline.

A Right, and on their -- on their drill stem test they have gas in 40 minutes, 123,000, rather a poor test.

Q But you feel that between the -- between the Hilliard Gulf and the Chama Huber there's essentially no depletion from the production from the Hilliard Gulf?

A No, I -- I look like the Hilliard Gulf in the north half of 35, it's draining a -- it's draining something there in that little bit of sand, but it doesn't have the capability or the capacity to do much, possibly maybe 80 acres or something there, because it's tight and impermeable and the subject -- I think the Chama Well down in Section 3 of 20, 25, could kick out that much gas in a month, equal to eight years of production from the Hilliard Well, and the Santa Fe Well in 2 is going to be somewhat faced with a similar situation, if -- if you'll look at -- compare the logs, straight line correlation, north/south. They -- the sand just didn't get over there. It's on the -- on the east bank, and --

Q And then a well that's drilled at your location is going to more -- be more similar to the Hilliard Well and Santa Fe Exxon State than it is to the Chama Huber Well.

A Well, I certainly wouldn't think that I

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2 certainly wouldn't think that I could -- can get the sand that
3 the Chama Huber Well has in Section 3. I think that would be
4 foolish to anticipate that. It's, hopefully, the porosity
5 and permeability would be better at this unorthodox location,
6 but I don't -- I'm not going to get the sand, I don't believe,
7 that the Chama Huber has in the Section 3, and if it's too far
8 up on the east bank, it's just going to be too far up, and
9 that would be essentially the same as the Santa Fe Well in 2
10 and the Hilliard Well in 35. It's not exactly in a north/south
11 straight line correlation but so relatively close that it's
12 going to be either on the bank or maybe possibly a little bit --
13 but it's not going to have the sand section that the Chama
14 Well found in Section 3.

15 Q Are you, with your pressure information
16 are you trying to show perhaps that there is no pressure re-
17 lationship between the wells on the east bank and those that
18 are in the channel?

19 A Well, I think for the pressure relation-
20 ship, I think we -- we have the bottom hole pressures that
21 are essentially the same or very close to the Chama Well in
22 3, and there's not any question in my mind that we're talking
23 about the same sand. It's just that -- that the best of the
24 channel is to the west, as defined on this Isopach.

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2 ther to the east, but I don't believe that to be true now with
3 the additional data that we have from the well drilled in
4 Section 2, the Santa Fe Well, and if we're looking at an econ-
5 omic climate for the cost of these wells and production like
6 the Hilliard, or what I'm assuming the Santa Fe is going to
7 run into, with a penalty and one thing or another, just wouldn't
8 warrant drilling, continuing the drilling of this test, irre-
9 gardless of the expenditure that's already been done.

10 Q Okay.

11 MR. RAMEY: Any other questions of Mr.
12 Barnhill? Mr. Carr?

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14 CROSS EXAMINATION

15 BY MR. CARR:

16 Q Mr. Barnhill, I'd like to direct your at-
17 tention first to the Isopach.

18 Could you tell me what is indicated by the
19 yellow line?

20 A That's just a color scheme. That would
21 be, that's the 50-foot Isopach interval, and then the green
22 is shaded in -- the 40-foot one is shaded in green just to --
23 that's all. It has no significance.

24 Q Just indicates the --

25 A Yeah.

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2 Q -- different depths or the thickness of
3 the channel.

4 A Thickness.

5 Q Thickness. I'd like to -- you to address
6 your attention to the proposed well. I believe you testified
7 that it's important that you have a final order from the Com-
8 mission by the end of this month, is that correct?

9 A That's when my extension from the United
10 States Geological Survey terminates.

11 Q And was it necessary to spud the well to
12 keep the Gulf lease from -- farmout from terminating on the
13 southeast quarter of that section?

14 A That's correct.

15 Q How deep is that well at the present time?

16 A That has 20-foot of conductor pipe and
17 is cemented to the surface.

18 Q So you're at a present depth of 20 feet.

19 A Right, and the USGS granted me approval
20 and they said that's enough to keep the proration unit in or-
21 der until you find out what in the world is going on in these
22 de novos.

23 Q Now when you actually spudded the well you
24 were aware that an order had been entered imposing a penalty
25 on the well's production, did you not?

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A That's right.

Q Now, if I understand your -- your cross section, it shows that the Morrow formation in the Hilliard Gulf Well and in the Santa Fe Exxon State Well are fairly comparable. Is that a fair characterization?

A I think so.

Q And is it also your testimony that you're likely to encounter a similar sort of a Morrow sand at the proposed location?

A It could well be because at our original hearing back in March I certainly had the idea that the better part of the channel, not the better part but a good part of the channel would be to the east -- to the easterly direction, and upon the drilling, which we didn't have the data at that time, the Santa Fe Well now has been drilled, certainly with a -- the comparison of the Santa Fe and the Hilliard Well, that is defining that east bank over there and the channel has to be to the west. I'm talking about the channel sand as Chama encountered.

Q And so you're running a substantial risk of drilling a well that will not be a successful economic venture, is that not true?

A No, I wouldn't put it that way. It's just that these porosities and permeabilities can change and they

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2 are just absolutely unknown until you drill them.

3 Q I believe you indicated that in your opin-
4 ion the Hilliard Gulf Well drained approximately 80 acres, is
5 that right?

6 A Well, that's an estimate. I am not a re-
7 servoir engineer. I know one thing. It can't be draining
8 much and it certainly isn't -- if it was tapped into the Chama
9 sand, really tapped into it, it would have been an excellent
10 producer, but in eight years it's made 189-million. This
11 Chama well could probably produce that in a month, if they
12 wanted to turn it loose.

13 Q Was it your testimony that a well at the
14 proposed location would probably drain only approximately 80
15 acres?

16 A (Not understood.)

17 Q No, I'm talking about the well that you're --
18 that's the subject of this hearing.

19 Was it your testimony that that well would
20 drain only a limited area, like the Hilliard well?

21 A If it hits a section where the porosities
22 and permeabilities like the Santa Fe or the Hilliard well, I
23 would say it would probably drain 80 acres, maybe.

24 Q But it is possible that it could encounter
25 a substantially -- that you could make a substantially better

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2 well than either of those wells?

3 A Hopefully.

4 Q What would be --

5 A The porosity and permeability is what
6 determines these. Now I think you can delineate the east bank
7 of this channel and the Hilliard well is discussed and the
8 Santa Fe well is going to be just really not much, but you --
9 we've got that delineated there, and this unorthodox location
10 is, I don't think it warrants, if you're looking at it in this
11 light, a penalty of any kind because of the hazardous idea
12 that you may be on that bank and end up with something like
13 Hilliard.

14 Q What was the porosity originally encountered
15 in the Coquina PanAmerican well in Section 34?

16 A I don't -- I don't have that. I do have
17 it in the office but I didn't bring that.

18 Q It's a very good well, is it not?

19 A Yes. Well, it was. It's depleted in the
20 Morrow and was subsequently plugged back to the Atoka.

21 Q It was a successful well in the Morrow?

22 A Yes.

23 Q If you look at the Huber-Irami Well, it
24 was -- it was the dry hole.

25 A Yes, down in -- yes.

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Q And it was dry not because of completion problems but because of the absence of permeability and porosity, is that correct?

A Lack of porosity and permeability, that's correct.

Q And if you compare those two, they are certainly in comparable parts of the -- this Boyd Channel, based on your Isopach, is that -- are they not?

A Yes.

Q And so based on that it's possible that at your proposed location you might have the reverse and get a very good well, even though there's a -- the Hilliard Well is not a good well.

A Well, I also want to remind you of the fact that there's a dry hole, the PanAm Wertheim, 1980 from the north and 660 from the east.

Q But it's possible --

A A Devonian test.

Q But isn't it also possible that there might be some reservoir characteristics in Section 35, is that not true?

A Yeah.

Q And so it is possible that you could get a very good well at the unorthodox location.

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A Well, I'm not going to get anything like Chama has in Section 3, I'll guarantee you that.

Q But you could get a well substantially better than the Hilliard Gulf?

A Well, hopefully.

Q I believe you testified that the Coquina Pan Canadian Well and the Chama-Huber Well were located in the same reservoir, same channel, is that correct?

A In my opinion, definitely.

Q When did the Coquina PanCanadian first start producing, do you know that?

A Yes. Not by memory. The PanCanadian was completed January 17th, 1974.

Q Now you may have answered this and I just don't recall. Did you tell me you had any pressure data, initial pressure data on that well?

A Let's see, didn't we just check that? Yes. We have pressure data on it, 3820.

Q Do you happen to know what the initial pressure would have been in the Chama-Huber Well?

A No, they didn't run a drill stem test but it was given to me that the -- the bottom hole pressures when they were 3896. Now the operator is here. If that is not a correct number, he can correct it.

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2 Q But they're fairly comparable, the initial
3 pressures?

4 A Yeah, uh-huh.

5 Q Wouldn't you expect that if they were in
6 the same reservoir that there would have been some pressure
7 drop down in the Chama-Huber Well after the Coquina Well had
8 produced, oh, some years?

9 A Well, you're looking at a distance of over
10 a mile away and this -- this Chama, the Huber Well in Section
11 3, this thick sand that Chama encountered goes to the south
12 and goes to the north, and you're talking about a well that's
13 been producing since whatever I told you, '74, it made a con-
14 siderable amount of gas; it's not going to last forever, and
15 it won't -- it wouldn't drain this whole channel system, if
16 that's what you're inferring.

17 Q But you wouldn't expect any pressure de-
18 cline, then, in the Chama location from that other well?

19 A Not necessarily.

20 Q How many Morrow wells do you operate?

21 A I don't operate any.

22 Q How many do you have an interest in?

23 A Well, it would be a good number.

24 Q Based on your experience in the area, when
25 a Morrow well is produced is it customary to produce the well

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at its potential or do you produce it at a rate below that?

A Well, a prudent operator, I think, could produce it at an optimum level so that he's not going to damage the reservoir, and I think most people would agree with that. Some people pull these wells too hard and they just ruin them pretty quick.

A good Morrow well, such as we have in Eddy County, I think that 3/4-million cubic feet a day is a good level to produce, provided when you run your various bottom hole pressure surveys, and one thing and another, but to run one of these things like some operators have in Eddy County, some of them as much as over 20-million a day, up to 30-million a day, they get their money back in a couple of weeks, but they sure aren't doing that well any good.

Q So they're producing it at well deliverability. I don't know if that's the right term. Can you --

A Yeah, though you won't find -- most prudent operators will pull the well back so that they're going to -- they're going to have a life span that is optimum.

Q What happens if you just produce these at their deliverability? What kind of problems develop with a well?

A Well, you take any well, if it -- if you produce it at full deliverability, it's not going to last as

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2 long as if you use it, work in the prudent manner. Just like
3 running a good race horse, you could kill it in the first day,
4 if you wanted to.

5 Q What kind of problems does it cause? I
6 just -- if you produce a Morrow well, what risks are you run-
7 ning? What causes it to die the first day on you?

8 A Well, if it's a water -- if it's a water
9 drive, you're going to -- you're going to pull that water in
10 very, very rapidly.

11 Q And then that would create the situation
12 we had in the Lakewood Well where the formation play in this
13 well -- or something like that? Where you get water in it?
14 If you put water into a well that damages the formation just
15 like the Lakewood Well was drilled when it was completed, or
16 drilled with water, is that what you're saying?

17 A Well, when a water drive, when that water
18 hits the wellbore it's usually that's -- that's the end of the
19 story.

20 Q You're actually -- actually won't know how
21 good a well you'll get at your location until you go ahead and
22 take the risk of drilling the test, obviously right, isn't it?

23 A Right.

24 Q And the penalty will be established before
25 we have that information, if there is a penalty.

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A Right.

Q In your opinion would it be possible to drill at a standard location in the south half of 35 and make a commercial well?

A No way. You're just -- you're just compounding the situation, getting further east.

Q Do you believe the entire south half of 35 will contribute gas to a well at the unorthodox location?

A Well, it would contribute some, but not -- I mean as you go east what I've represented here is the way I truly believe it to be. You're getting up on this bank and it's -- unless that porosity and permeability change there at this unorthodox location, if it, as I said before, if you've got something like the Hilliard well or the Gulf well, you're probably going to drain 80 acres, and it would just be a miserable failure.

Q Have you made any estimates of the reserves that might underlie the south half of 35?

A No, I haven't.

Q Have you made an estimate of the reserves under 34?

A No.

Q Now you said that you felt that by authorizing you to go forward with this well without a penalty at

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2 the unorthodox location would not impair Chama's ability to
3 produce its equitable share of the reserves in the channel,
4 is that correct?

5 A That's correct. Because I don't think the
6 Hilliard well in Section 35 has any way of -- of getting the
7 gas that Chama encountered which we have on this log. It doesn't
8 have the porosity, the permeability. It's on the bank, shaled
9 out. It's very tight.

10 Same way with the Santa Fe well. They're
11 going to have a difficult time making some kind of a well,
12 but it will not, under the porosities and permeabilities and
13 the shaley nature of the sand, drilling 660 feet from the
14 west line of Section 2, it will not get that Chama sand.

15 Q When you said that you felt it would en-
16 able Chama to drain their equitable share, do you mean that
17 they can -- will be able to drain all the reserves under their
18 tract?

19 A I would certainly think so. But Santa Fe
20 is not going to get it in Section 2.

21 Q You don't believe there's any chance that
22 they are -- that the radius of drainage will extend into
23 Section 3?

24 A No, I don't. We have a drill stem test
25 data on the Santa Fe well and the log calculations. The poro-

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2 sities are low. The waters are high. There's no way that you
3 could compare this Chama well located in Section 3. You'd
4 think that this well was twenty miles away someplace, and it's --
5 the Santa Fe Well is 660 feet from the west line of Section 2.
6 And at our hearing back in March, I thought that the sand would
7 be encroached to the east. They definitely don't, and Santa
8 Fe, unfortunately for Santa Fe, they're not going to be able
9 to tap into this sand section here. It's just a -- it is the
10 same sand. The bottom hole pressures are relatively the same.
11 There's a difference, a little difference in the Santa Fe bot-
12 tom hole pressure, but they're relatively the same. It's the
13 tight, shaley, bank facies, which will not have much deliver-
14 ability.

15 Q Mr. Barnhill, you propose to dedicate the
16 south of 35 to the well, is that correct?

17 A That's true.

18 Q What are the -- what would be a standard
19 location in the south half of 35?

20 A Well, 660 out of the south and 1980 out of
21 the west.

22 Q Is that your --

23 A Or you could go 660 out of the south and
24 1980 out of the east.

25 Q So you're moving 1320 feet toward the

Chama property.

A Uh-huh, yes.

MR. CARR: I have nothing further.

MR. RAMEY: Any other questions of Mr. Barnhill? Mr. Padilla.

REDIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. PADILLA:

Q Mr. Barnhill, what's your experience with the Morrow formation in southeast New Mexico?

A I've almost exclusively devoted my time to the Morrow the last fifteen, sixteen years. I can't give you the exact date.

Q Do you think the 47 percent penalty that was assessed on this location is fair under the circumstances?

A On presentation of the new evidence of the well drilled in Section 2, I do not think it's fair. We have this new evidence, which we didn't have before. At the original hearing I could understand the penalty. I personally felt, as I mentioned, not to be repetitious, the sands would go further to the east. They do not. They are straight north/south alignment on the east bank; the channel is to the west.

Certain funds -- I didn't know that but certain funds have been committed to drilling that test; cer-

tain funds have been expended, but I do not think it warrants a penalty and if a better economic climate couldn't be found, I don't believe the well will be drilled.

MR. PADILLA: Nothing further, Mr. Chairman.

RE CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. RAMEY:

Q Okay, I think the gist of your testimony is, Mr. Barnhill, that if the well is up on the east bank, then it's not going to tap the porosity that is associated with the channel.

A That's correct.

Q If you got a well that would deliver 2-million to the pipeline and you were penalized to 1-million, would that still be an economical well, providing it produced the 1-million for a period of time? Even for a year?

A That would be pretty light production, considering the cost. These wells AFE cut now at around \$800,000. It would be very marginal.

Q How much, how much production would you need overall to pay out a well, considering your operations, expenses, and any overrides you may have; just roughly? 400-million?

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Q About 400-million?

MR. RAMEY: Any other questions of Mr. Barnhill? He may be excused.

MR. CARR: Mr. Ramey, may we have a few minutes?

MR. RAMEY: Yes, let's do.

(Thereupon a short recess was taken.)

MR. RAMEY: The hearing will come to order. Mr. Carr, you may proceed.

JAMES H. MONTGOMERY

being called as a witness and being duly sworn upon his oath, testified as follows, to-wit:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. CARR:

Q Will you state your full name and place of residence?

A James H. Montgomery. I live in Dallas, Texas.

Q Mr. Montgomery, by whom are you employed

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2 and in what capacity?

3 A Consulting geologist and engineer; I am
4 employed by Chama Petroleum for this hearing.

5 Q Would you briefly summarize your educational
6 background and your work experience for the Commission?

7 A I have a Bachelor's degree in geology from
8 Louisiana State University. I have a Master's degree in
9 geology from the University of Tulsa. I have a Bachelor's
10 degree in petroleum engineering from the University of Tulsa.

11 Q And will you review your work experience?

12 A I worked for Magnolia Petroleum Company,
13 Mobil, a number of independents. I spent thirty-two years in
14 the oil business; the last twelve years as a consultant.

15 Q Are you familiar with the application
16 filed in this case by Mr. Barnhill?

17 A Yes, sir, I am.

18 Q Are you familiar with the area which is
19 the subject of this application?

20 A Yes, sir.

21 Q Would you just very briefly summarize for
22 the Commission your work in this immediate area?

23 A About a year and a half ago Mr. Barnhill
24 submitted a geological idea to the Chama Petroleum, to Mr.
25 Charles Nerberg (sic). I was asked to review it; seemed like

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2 a nice channel, MORrow channel deal.

3 Mr. Nerberg acquired the acreage and went
4 out and proceeded to drill the Chama-Huber Well.

5 So I've been involved in this specific
6 spot for about the last year and a half.

7 Q Are you the engineer that is responsible
8 to Chama and for Chama's development in this area?

9 A Yes, sir.

10 MR. CARR: At this time we would tender
11 Mr. Montgomery as an expert witness in petroleum geology and
12 engineering.

13 MR. RAMEY: He is so qualified, Mr. Carr.

14 Q Will you briefly summarize Chama's reasons
15 for appearing in this case?

16 A Well, we're here to oppose the granting
17 of an unorthodox gas well location without a severe penalty.

18 Q Have you prepared certain exhibits for
19 introduction in this case?

20 A Yes, sir, I have.

21 Q Will you please refer to what has been
22 marked for identification as Chama Exhibit Number One, identify
23 this and explain what it shows.

24 A This is a -- mainly a land map showing the
25 Chama acreage in the area; the acreage owned by Chama Petroleum

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2 is cross hatched.

3 It also shows the standard and proposed
4 locations and outlines the proration unit.

5 Q What is a standard proration unit in this
6 area?

7 A 320 acres.

8 Q And what are standard well locations?

9 A In this case 1980 from the west and 660
10 from the south.

11 Q How much of an advantage in terms of feet
12 is Mr. Barnhill seeking to gain on the Chama property by virtue
13 of his proposal?

14 A 1320 feet.

15 Q Now I'd like to direct your attention to
16 the south half of Section 34. A portion of that is not shaded.
17 Who owns the remaining interest in the south half of Section
18 34?

19 A That's owned by Exxon. Chama is nego-
20 tiating for a farmout with them now. Chama will control the
21 south half of 34.

22 Q Does Chama propose to drill a well in
23 the south half of 34?

24 A Yes, sir.

25 Q To the Morrow?

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A Yes, in the immediate future.

Q Who owns the north half of that section?

A It's held by Coquina, Section -- the north half of 34.

Q Is the north half dedicated to a well?

A Yes, sir, the Coquina PanAm -- Pan Canadian.

Q So Chama would be required to develop the south half as a laydown unit, is that correct?

A That's correct.

Q To develop that acreage at a standard location how far from the east boundary of Section 34 would you have to locate the well?

A We'd prefer to drill it 1980 from the east.

Q And Chame would then, of course, have the major ownership interest in that south half unit?

A Yes, sir.

Q Now I'd like to direct your attention to the north half of Section 3, the southwest diagonal offset and ask you if Chama has any plans for the development of that acreage?

A Yes, sir, planning to drill one there, the Chama Huber is in the south half of that section and we plan to drill one 1980 from the east line and 660 from the north, standard location.

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Q Will you now refer to what's been marked for identification as Chama Exhibit Number Two and identify this and explain what it shows?

A This is a topographic plat of the area. We're showing that there is no topographic reason for moving the location from a standard location to the unorthodox location.

Q Now will you refer to Exhibit Number Three and review this for the Commission?

A This is a production map of the area. The Morrow wells are colored in yellow.

Also on this map are the lines of two cross sections, which were previously prepared for the last hearing by Mr. Barnhill.

Q And this map was originally prepared by Mr. Barnhill?

A Yes, it was.

Q What is the date on the production reflected on this map?

A The production goes to 1-1-81, through 1980.

Q Now using this map, will you please refer to the wells immediately to the north of the proposed location and review each of these wells in terms of quality for the

members of the Commission?

A The Coquina PanCanadian Well has made about 2-1/2 billion out of the Morrow.

 The Hilliard Well in Section 35 has made 190-million. It's a very poor well. The PanCanadian Well, the Coquina PanCanadian was an excellent well. I'm not sure at the present time, I've been able -- unable to determine whether it's producing out of the Morrow or the Atoka, at the present time. It has produced some from the Atoka. The last I saw, it was now producing out of the Morrow, so I'm not sure just what the status of it is.

 The Stanolin Lakewood Unit in the east half of Section 34 is shown as a producing well. It has never produced. I think it was actually potentialized at one time from the Morrow. It was drilled to the Devonian in 1953. Five years later they plugged back, made a completion attempt in the Morrow. They potentialized to 197,000. The price of gas was low. They didn't attempt a frac job. They didn't attempt anything. It had set there with mud on it after having been drilled through with water. It would probably make a well if you drilled next to it today. It's got an excellent log on it. It has nice, thick sand.

Q What about the Huber-Irami?

A The Huber-Irami is another case. It is

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2 tight. It has a thick Morrow sand section; is extremely
3 tight. Their extrapolation on the bottom hole pressures made
4 shows 3820. You can extrapolate them to go on up further than
5 that. It shows gas effect all through the log but porosities
6 are 8 percent or less average.

7 I think with a frac job it could -- it
8 would make a well today, but it is tight.

9 Q Now looking at this plat I don't see the
10 Chama well in Section 3.

11 A At the time this plat was made those wells
12 were not drilled, the two wells. There have been two wells
13 drilled since these maps were prepared by Mr. Barnhill, the
14 Santa Fe Well in the west half of 2 and the Chama well in the
15 south half of Section 3.

16 Q And the well in the south half of Section
17 3 was drilled by who?

18 A Chama.

19 Q If you would, briefly, for the Commission
20 summarize the data you have on the Chama well in Section 3.

21 A The Chama well in Section Three averages
22 about 20 percent porosity. It's got 53 feet of net sand.
23 It's the best well in the area by far. It has the thickest
24 sand. It has the best porosities. As Mr. Barnhill has said,
25 it looks like it ought to be in another area, but it is by far

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2 the best well in this area. It's in the middle of the channel
3 and it is thick.

4 Q When you say net effective sands, what do
5 you mean?

6 A I'm using a cutoff of about 7 percent and
7 taking all clean sand above that point.

8 Q You mean productive sand?

9 A Net productive sand that will contribute
10 to the reservoir, right.

11 Q And the --

12 A Which, I think, is what Mr. Barnhill was
13 doing, because this is, when I reviewed his maps I was coming
14 up with pretty much the same figures and I think we still have
15 pretty much the same figures, so --

16 MR. RAMEY: How many net feet of pay did
17 you say, net effective --

18 A In which well?

19 MR. RAMEY: In the Chama well.

20 A 53 feet. We'll have an Isopach so you can
21 see it.

22 Q Mr. Montgomery, at this time I'd direct
23 your attention to Chama's Exhibit Number Four and ask if you
24 would review this for the Commission?

25 A This is the cross section A to A' running

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2 east/west across the channel, starting with the production
3 well in Section 4, which is on the west bank of the channel,
4 very shaley, and has only about, oh, 8 feet of sand; coming
5 through the Coquina PanCanadian Well, which has a nice, thick
6 sand section, and did produce, you know, 2-1/2 billion; coming
7 next to the Stanoline Lakewood Well, which has -- and I should
8 point out that on this cross section that particular log is
9 only half the scale of the others, so the sand is thicker
10 than it appears there by comparison. I calculate it to have
11 48 feet of net sand and then on to the Hilliard Well, which
12 I think I gave 25 feet of net sand, and it's on the east
13 bank. Then you come on to the Gulf Well in Section 1, which
14 has no sand at all.

15 Q This cross section generally shows the
16 characteristics of the sand across this area, is that --

17 A Yes.

18 Q -- what you're saying?

19 A Yes, sir.

20 Q In your opinion is structure of any impor-
21 tance in this area in terms of making a successful Morrow
22 completion?

23 A No, sir.

24 Q What then are you looking for when you
25 drill a well?

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A Thick productive sands.

Q Such as was found in the Chama Well in
Section 3.

Now, looking at this, you have the log on
this cross section of the Stanline Well, is that correct?

A Yes, sir.

Q And I believe you testified that it appeared
to have very good sand?

A Yes, I did, 40 net feet of net effective
sand based on the old log which was run.

Q And --

MR. RAMEY: Which well is this again?

A That Stanoline Lakewood, the PanAm Wer-
theim, or there's a confusion in the names there.

MR. RAMEY: The one in the middle?

A Yeah, right. The Northwestern Develop-
ment Company Lakewood is the little thing that went to 899
TD.

When Stanoline drilled it originally it
was called the -- the deep test, it was called the Stanoline
Lakewood; when they re-entered it later they called it the
Pan Am Wertheim, so that's where all the mixup was.

Q Just to be sure this is in the record,
why did that well not produce?

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2 A Primarily, I think, because they drilled
3 through the Morrow with an extremely high water loss, and I
4 think that -- in fact they drill stem tested it and got gas
5 to the surface and, you know, even after wrecking it, but
6 then when they tried to complete it they -- by that time it
7 had been sitting for five years with mud on it, so I think
8 if you drilled next to it now you'd make a well without a
9 doubt.

10 Q Is it fair to say that the more sand you
11 get, the more net productive sand you get in a well, the
12 better the well should be?

13 A Yes, sir, it is, definitely.

14 Q Is it also true that the more net productive
15 sand you have under a tract the more reserves you should have.

16 A That's correct.

17 Q Will you now refer to Chama's Exhibit
18 Number Five and review this?

19 A That's cross section B-B', which runs from
20 the Mark Olsen Well in Section 4 again, to the Coquina Well,
21 to the Huber-Irami, and down to the Amoco Antweil Well, or
22 Amoco Rio State.

23 Again we see that the Mark production
24 well just has about 8 feet of sand. The Coquina Well has
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2 a thick section. The Huber-Irami has a very thick section.
3 You can see the gas effect on the log there, but it also very
4 tight. I'd say it's an average of maybe 8 percent porosity
5 at best; however, I think a frac job would do it.

6 Then down to the Antweil Well in Section
7 11, which again is lying on the east side of the channel,
8 like the Gulf Hilliard Well, and it's shaley and has about
9 25 feet of sand.

10 Q Will you now refer to Chama Exhibit Number
11 Six and identify this for the Commission?

12 A This is an Isopach that I prepared for the
13 first hearing in March and then --

14 Q Are you referring to Exhibit Number Six
15 now or is it Seven?

16 A No, I don't have six. Six is an Isopach
17 that was prepared by Mr. Barnhill and it was submitted to me
18 last year.

19 Q Did you review this Isopach?

20 A Yes, I did at the time. I found it reason-
21 able at the time. I --

22 Q Did you agree with Mr. Barnhill's inter-
23 pretation?

24 A Yes, at that time he got the wells on the
25 east side of the channel that ought to be on the east side of

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2 the channel; the thicknesses are very much the same that he
3 had picked and I had picked. He's got thicker sand where
4 Chama is than Chama had. That's all right. I'll settle for
5 53 feet. And actually, he has -- he's got, well, the well
6 that was drilled by Santa Fe, he's got it a little thicker
7 than it is; to me it only has 25 feet of sand; he's got it
8 at about 35 feet, I think, it's not shown on the map, but
9 there's not a lot of reasons for changing that Isopach.
10 The two wells that have been drilled, one of them is thinner,
11 both of them are thinner than they should be, but the Iso-
12 pach is still generally correct, and I think he shows that
13 on the Isopach he's introduced today.

14 Q Now I'd like you to look at the Isopach
15 that was originally prepared and I'd like you to specifically
16 compare that Isopach with the Isopach prepared for the
17 hearing today, as they relate to the south half of Section
18 35.

19 A Okay.

20 Q Mr. Montgomery, I'm asking you to look at
21 Exhibit Six, being the original Barnhill Isopach --

22 A Right.

23 Q -- and also Mr. Barnhill's Isopach that
24 was prepared for the hearing today.

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Q And ask you to compare those two as they depict the sand that underlies the south half of Section 35.

A I'd say they are essentially the same. He's cut down some of the pay. He had 32 feet in the Gulf Hilliard Well; today he's colored 24 feet. He has 40 feet in the PanCanadian and Coquina Well; he's got 40 feet today. Huber-Irami has 47 and he showed 47 today. 44 on the PanAm Lakewood; 46 today; 54 on the Chama Well.

I'd say they're essentially the same.

Q Both of them indicate that productive sands underlie the south half of Section 35?

A Underlie part of the south half of Section 35.

Q Have you reviewed the data that was presented on Mr. Barnhill's original Isopach and from this constructed an Isopach map of your own?

A Yes, sir, I have.

Q Is that what has been marked for identification as Chama Exhibit Number Seven?

A Yes.

Q Does this Exhibit Number Seven take into consideration and use the data from the Santa Fe Well?

A Yes, sir, it honors all the wells that have been drilled in the area to date. This Isopach was ac-

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2 tually prepared back in March and I don't think we had to
3 change anything. We had the information on the Huber well
4 then. The Santa Fe Well was drilled since then and it shows
5 25 feet of sand; it shows to be on the east side of the chan-
6 nel, which is the way we figured it and Mr. Barnhill has
7 figured it.

8 Essentially I think it shows that the
9 majority of the thick sand lies in Section 34 and Section 3
10 and Section 10, and the east bank of the channel runs through
11 35, 2, and 11; the west bank of the channel runs through
12 33, 4, and 9.

13 Q Now, Mr. Montgomery, I believe you also
14 testified that you're trained as a -- had been trained as a
15 geologist.

16 A Yes, sir.

17 Q You were qualified as an expert witness
18 in geology.

19 A Yes, sir.

20 Q Do you believe there is sufficient control
21 in this area for you to accurately interpret the Boyd Channel
22 as it runs through Sections 34 and 35?

23 A Well, in here you've got one, two, three,
24 four, five, five wells in a mile and a half. That ought to
25 be enough control for anybody.

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2 Q Now, as I look at the Isopach, the channel
3 generally trends north to south, is that correct?

4 A Yes, sir.

5 Q Would this general trending of the channel,
6 in your opinion, have any effect on the drainage pattern
7 around the proposed well?

8 A No, sir, I don't -- I don't think that it
9 will drain in any north/south area just because the channel
10 runs that way. Generally the greater reserves are going to
11 lie in the thicker sands; the thinner areas will drain from
12 the thicker areas, which has happened many times and it hap-
13 pens everyday.

14 Q Are we looking at basically radial drain-
15 age?

16 A If it were an entirely homogeneous reser-
17 voir you would have radial drainage. I doubt that you've
18 got perfectly radial drainage here; in fact, a well drilled
19 in Section 35 is probably going to tend to drain more of 34
20 and 3 than -- especially one drilled at this location, because
21 we know that the Hilliard Well is not draining anything
22 hardly, if you could -- even though it's probably connected,
23 it seems to be the same sand, the Santa Fe Well doesn't look
24 like it's going to drain much of anything, but if you can tie
25 in and if you can get a well in here that has enough perme-

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2 ability and porosity to plug into that -- the Hilliard Well
3 is plugged in in some way because of the pressures. I think
4 that essentially most of the drainage is going to come from
5 the west part where the bigger sand is into any well drilled
6 in 35.

7 Q Mr. Montgomery, would you concur that the
8 new Chama Well and the Coquina PanCanadian are in the same
9 reservoir?

10 A I don't know. I don't know what the bottom
11 hole pressure is in the Coquina PanCanadian now. I know the
12 Chama is what Mr. Barnhill testified to and those are essen-
13 tially the same.

14 Originally that pressure would have seemed
15 to fit, I mean the original bottom hole pressure in the Co-
16 quina Well would seem to have fit in the reservoir; however,
17 I'm sure it's down now because it's not producing very much,
18 so I would think that there is some sort of separation, but
19 probably it hasn't drained that far south. I don't think
20 it's going to drain a mile and a half away.

21 Q Now let me direct your attention to what's
22 been marked as Chama Exhibit Number Eight and ask you to first
23 of all identify this and then explain what it shows.

24 A This is just a blown up section of the
25 previous Isopach. It was done with the tracts numbered to

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2 facilitate an engineer -- a planimeter survey of the area,
3 which is kind of a normal engineering practice for this type
4 of thing.

5 Essentially, we've numbered the tracts,
6 Tract A being the south half of 35; Tract B being the south
7 half of 34; Tract C being the north half of 3; that Tract D
8 being the west half of Section 2. Those are the proration
9 units in the area.

10 It also shows the standard and the unortho-
11 dox proposed location.

12 Q Now, Mr. Montgomery, will you --

13 A The planimeter surveys are attached to that.

14 Q -- refer to this and explain the purpose
15 for this exhibit?

16 A The reason for this is to demonstrate --
17 first I took the two proration units that are opposed here,
18 the south half of Section 35 and the south half of Section 34.

19 Of the total acre feet in those two tracts
20 21 percent is in the south half of Section 35; 79 percent is
21 is in the south half of Section 34.

22 Looking at it a different way, taking the
23 southwest quarter of Section 35, the northwest quarter of
24 Section 2, the northeast quarter of Section 3, and the north
25 the southeast quarter of Section 34, of the total acre feet

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2 in those tracts, 72 -- 73 percent are under Section 34 and
3 Section 3, and 27 percent is under Section 35 and Section 2.

4 Based on those type of analogies, we would
5 recommend a 75 percent penalty.

6 Q Now, Mr. Montgomery, wouldn't it have been
7 better to use radial drainage circles?

8 A It doesn't make any difference. You just
9 knocked the corners off. I mean, we're square, but, you know,
10 who knows? I don't think, but essentially it would have come
11 out the same way.

12 Q Do you think you would have received any
13 better data by taking that approach?

14 A No. This just seemed to be the most
15 equitable method for doing it, and assuming that it would
16 drain equally in all directions. I don't think it will. I
17 think most of the drainage is going to come from the west to
18 east, but --

19 Q Now you recommended a 75 percent penalty.

20 A Yes, sir.

21 Q Against what should this penalty be applied?

22 A Well I think it ought to be against the
23 semi-annual deliverability test, but at the same time we do
24 have a problem in that, in that, well, we were discussing
25 earlier, my experience in the Morrow, if you get a good well,

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2 an operator get a good well out here in the Morrow, with a
3 high deliverability, they rarely will produce it at over 50
4 percent of that deliverability, so that a 50 percent penalty
5 doesn't really bother you if you've got a good well. Mainly
6 this is to produce water coning, keep from producing water
7 coning, keep the clay fines from coming in, keep the Morrow
8 from falling in, and those clay fines have been known to stop
9 up the surface of the formation, allow it to get into the
10 borehole and people have lost several holes out here because
11 of that that were good producers, just pulling them too hard.

12 Q In your opinion could Chama Drilling Com-
13 pany protect itself by drilling a well in the south half of
14 Section 34?

15 A If this unorthodox location were granted
16 we would have to protect ourselves by trying to drill 660
17 out of the corner.

18 Q Now is that a prudent place, in your opin-
19 ion, to locate a Morrow well on that --

20 A No, sir, it is not.

21 Q -- proration unit?

22 A I would prefer to drill at an orthodox
23 location in the section in order to drain it in the thickest
24 part of the sand.

25 Q Now if you drill a well 660 out of the

southeast corner of 34, would it produce the -- in your opinion, produce the reserves that underlie the south half of Section 34?

A Excuse me, would you ask it again?

Q Yes. If Chama were to drill a Morrow well 660 out of the southeast corner of Section 34, in your opinion, would a well at that location effectively drain the reserves that underlie the south half of 34?

A No, sir, it would not.

Q To recover all the reserves under the south half of 34, what would Chama be required to do?

A We would have to drill an additional well, in that case, which would be wasteful, but we would be leaving behind gas in the southwest quarter.

Q Absent that well?

A Yes.

Q In your opinion, would granting this application without imposing an effective penalty, afford Chama an opportunity to produce its just and fair share of the reserves under this tract without waste?

A No, sir, it wouldn't.

Q If an effective penalty is not imposed, is it your -- would the correlative rights of Chama be impaired?

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A I feel that it would be -- they would be.

Q Were Exhibits One through Eight prepared either by you or under your direction and supervision?

A Yes, sir, they have been?

Q And you have reviewed these exhibits and can testify as to their accuracy?

A Yes, sir.

MR. CARR: At this time, Mr. Ramey, we would offer into evidence Applicant's Exhibits One through Eight.

MR. RAMEY: Applicant's Exhibits, Mr. Carr?

MR. CARR: Chama's Exhibits One through Eight.

MR. RAMEY: Chama Exhibits One through Eight will be admitted.

MR. CARR: That concludes our direct examination of this witness.

MR. RAMEY: Any questions of the witness? Mr. Padilla.

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. PADILLA:

Q Mr. Montgomery, on looking at your Exhibit

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2 Number Eight, doesn't that assume a homogeneous reservoir?

3 A Yes, sir, in preparing the acre/foot there?

4 A Yes.

5 A Yes, that's what you're doing. You're
6 saying it is, and assuming the drainage would be, you know,
7 even in both directions.

8 I do, I would like to add, you know, that
9 I know and I think Mr. Barnhill knows, all of us realize that
10 when you get below 30 feet of sand it seems to be shaley and
11 tight on both sides of the channel. When you drop below that
12 amount, you've got faults. I mean in drainage.

13 Q You would agree that the porosity and
14 permeability of the middle of the channel are better than in
15 the bank of the channel, wouldn't you?

16 A In -- well, there are a few cases that I
17 don't know about. I know that the Huber-Irami Well is not
18 good. It's in the middle of the channel and yet it is tight
19 as a tick.

20 The PanAm, the Stanoline Lakewood unit, I
21 don't think is that tight. I think it's good, I mean from the
22 old log.

23 So you've got one instance where it defi-
24 nitely is tight in the channel, in the center of the channel.

25 Q You would agree also that based upon the,

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2 say, different porosities and different permeabilities, that
3 deliverability of the well that's in the channel is much
4 better than one on the channel.

5 A Yes, sir.

6 Q I mean on the bank.

7 A Sure. As I say, the Chama Well is the -- by
8 far the best looking well in there so far, in this area.

9 Q With respect to drilling a well in the --
10 at the standard location on the south half of Section 34,
11 and also with your agreement essentially -- essential agree-
12 ment with Mr. Barnhill's geology, you wouldn't -- you wouldn't
13 drill it further east at that point, would you?

14 A I feel that if Mr. Barnhill went in with-
15 out a penalty and drilled down in that corner, we would be
16 forced to drill down there to protect ourselves, 660 out of
17 that corner.

18 Now I'd prefer not to drill there because
19 I think it's going to waste some gas in half the section,
20 but --

21 Q Well, assuming you did drill a well there
22 and Mr. Barnhill's well was penalized, your well should
23 then have an equal penalty, shouldn't it?

24 A Probably. I'd prefer not to drill it there.
25 And if there's enough of a penalty that's put on Mr. Barnhill's

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2 well, then I won't have to drill it down there.

3 MR. PADILLA: We have no further questions.
4 Mr. Chairman.

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6 CROSS EXAMINATION

7 BY MR. RAMEY:

8 Q Mr. Montgomery, do you think that the Chama
9 Well in Section 3 is on the same reservoir as the Coquina
10 Pan Canadian Well in Section 34?

11 A I don't know. I think it is, but that's
12 my opinion. At the present time I couldn't say. I don't
13 think that -- I do know that drainage hasn't affected the
14 Chama Well at all; there's been no pressure decline.

15 Q You wouldn't apply for a category 102 for
16 the Chama Well in respect of pressure?

17 A Might like to.

18 Q Well. Well, I look at this, and I, you
19 know, I see all these pressures there essentially the same.
20 I just wonder if we don't have every well in a different
21 reservoir.

22 A Well, that sometimes is a question because
23 some of them drain, some of them don't. Of course, what
24 I'd like to see, and what we don't have in a lot of them,
25 on Chama's well we've got it, the bottom hole pressures,

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2 rather than a drill stem test, which you can extrapolate and
3 it's still not as good, and that's what I'd like to see and
4 those don't have those.

5 They might tell us something.

6 Q Have you looked at the pressure in the
7 Santa Fe Well in Section 2?

8 A No, sir, I have not. All I know about it,
9 I have seen the log, otherwise all I know about it is from
10 Mr. Barnhill, what he testified to today.

11 Q That one doesn't seem to fit the pattern.

12 A No, it doesn't.

13 Q The pressures don't.

14 MR. RAMEY: Any other questions of Mr.
15 Montgomery?

16 MR. CARR: No, thank you.

17 MR. RAMEY: He may be excused. Do you
18 have anything further, Mr. Carr?

19 MR. CARR: I have a closing statement.

20 MR. RAMEY: You may proceed.

21 MR. CARR: Mr. Ramey, Mr. Barnhill is
22 appearing before you today seeking approval of an unorthodox
23 well location in the Morrow. What he would like to do is
24 move 320 feet closer to the common lease line between this
25 tract and property owned by Chama Petroleum Company.

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2 He admits he's trying to gain an advantage
3 by moving toward the better sand, and I think the testimony
4 presented here today shows a substantial portion of the re-
5 serves in this channel underlie the property of Chama, and
6 substantially a greater portion of the reserves underlie
7 the south half of Section 34, operated by Chama, than under-
8 lie the south half of 35, on which Mr. Barnhill would like to
9 drill.

10 Mr. Barnhill has commenced a well. He's
11 at a total of 20 feet.

12 We submit that if the geology looks like it
13 isn't good, he doesn't have to continue to drill to the
14 Morrow. If it is good and if he does get a well, the chances
15 are great that he will substantially impair the correlative
16 rights of Chama Petroleum Company by virtue of the advantage
17 that he has gained.

18 Now the Commission has rules covering the
19 spacing of wells. They're based in your authority to pro-
20 tect correlative rights of operators in the pool.

21 If this property is developed with a well
22 set back 990 feet from the common lease line, as required by
23 your rules, the drainage that would result from Mr. Barnhill's
24 well would be offset by counter drainage. But that's not
25 what is being proposed.

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2 When this situation comes before you, you
3 are authorized to take action to protect our correlative
4 rights by penalizing the production from the well that is
5 drilled in a location to gain -- in a position to gain advan-
6 tage from the offsetting property.

7 Now we submit that this is the perfect
8 case for the imposition of a substantial penalty. If no
9 penalty, or no meaningful penalty is imposed, then we have
10 a well drilled 660 from the common lease line, and it turns
11 out to be a good well in the Morrow, then the only alternative
12 Chama will have is to come in and offset that well 660 from
13 the lease line and then to produce the reserves under the
14 south half of 34, they'd have to then drill an unnecessary
15 well, and that would be waste as defined by your rules and
16 regulations.

17 We believe that the evidence submitted here
18 today clearly shows that Mr. Barnhill is moving as close to
19 our property as he can. We have a situation where without
20 that penalty we will have -- it will be like two cylinders
21 calipered one to the reserves under their tract, one to the
22 reserves under our tract, connected at the bottom. You let
23 the small cylinder production -- you permit production from
24 the small cylinder and the large cylinder at the same rate,
25 then the small one will empty and it will fill up the larger

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2 one, and it will empty and fill up again from the larger,
3 from the property, from taking the reserves from under Chama's
4 tract. We feel that if you fail to impose an effective pen-
5 alty, that you fail to carry out your jurisdictional respon-
6 sibility to protect correlative rights, and we think it's
7 important that you look at the penalty, you realize it needs
8 to be an effective penalty. Both witnesses admit that a pru-
9 dent way to develop the Morrow property is to produce the
10 well far, far below its deliverability to prevent water coning
11 and other problems of that nature. And a penalty, really much
12 less than what has been proposed by Chama here today, would
13 not be effective, for it would in fact be no penalty at all.

14 We therefor request that you approve
15 drilling of a well, for certainly he has a right to drill and
16 produce reserves from under his tract, but at the same time
17 impose a penalty that will restrict the recovery to the re-
18 serves from under his tract.

19 MR. RAMEY: Your penalty, you said only
20 75 percent, Mr. Montgomery, is that right?

21 A Yes, sir.

22 MR. RAMEY: So that would be in effect
23 25 percent of his producing capacity, is what you're saying.

24 A Yes, sir.

25 MR. RAMEY: Mr. Padilla, do you have a

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2 statement?

3 MR. PADILLA: Yes, sir.

4 Mr. Chairman, Mr. Arnold, I don't think
5 it's as simple as Mr. Carr paints a picture about a cylinder
6 filling up and a cylinder -- I think you have to take into
7 consideration the porosity and the permeability of the reser-
8 voir, and it's not homogeneous and Mr. Montgomery agrees with
9 that, and I think it's also a matter of economics. I think
10 economics are important factor in the oil field. Whether or
11 not -- there's no one that wants to drill a dry hole, and
12 certainly the information and data we have presented today,
13 we don't believe that we are taking advantage of the Chama
14 area.

15 They have testified that they would not
16 drill -- they would not want to drill a well at a 660 loca-
17 tion in Section 34, southwest, from the southwest corner of
18 that section. In fact, it seems apparent and prudent to
19 drill the well at a standard location on the south half of
20 34, not only from a standpoint of deliverability but I think
21 from the standpoint of drainage.

22 We just simply don't believe that we will
23 be draining, based upon porosity and permeability, drilling
24 a well on the bank of the channel. We would like to drill
25 a commercial well.

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2 For that reason we request that a penalty
3 not be assessed against the well.

4 Thank you.

5 MR. RAMEY: Thank you, Mr. Padilla.

6 Does anyone have anything further to add
7 in this case?

8 If not, the Commission will take the case
9 under advisement, and we'll take a fifteen minute recess.

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11 (Hearing concluded.)
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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, SALLY W. BOYD, C.S.R., DO HEREBY CERTIFY that
the foregoing Transcript of Hearing Before the Oil Conserva-
tion Division was reported by me; that the said transcript
is a full, true, and correct record of the hearing, prepared
by me to the best of my ability.

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COMMISSION HEARING

CASE 7521
(DE NOVO)

W. Perry Pearce
Legal Counsel for the Commission
State Land Office Building
Santa Fe, New Mexico

MR. RAMEY: Call Case 7521.

MR. PEARCE: Case 7521, application of William B. Barnhill for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. It is requested that this case be continued to June 22, 1982.

MR RAMEY: The case is hereby continued to June 22, 1982. The hearing is adjourned.



BRUCE KING
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SECRETARY

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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Re: CASE NO. 7521
ORDER NO. R-6948-A

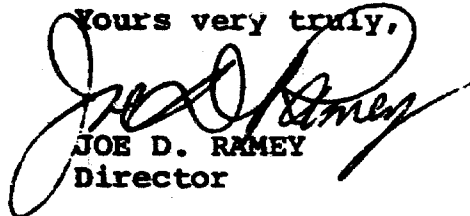
Applicant:

William B. Barnhill

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced
Commission order recently entered in the subject case.

Yours very truly,


JOE D. RAMEY
Director

JDR/fd

Copy of order also sent to:

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Artesia OCC x
Aztec OCC

Other William F. Carr

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR
THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 7521 DE NOVO
Order No. R-6948-A

APPLICATION OF WILLIAM B. BARNHILL
FOR AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on June 25, 1982, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 30th day of June, 1982, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony presented and the exhibits received at said hearing, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

- (1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicant, William B. Barnhill, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 35, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, to test the Permo Penn, Strawn, Atoka and Morrow formations, in the so-called "Boyd Channel" Area, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the matter came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on March 31, 1982, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter and, pursuant to this hearing, Order No. R-6948 was issued on April 16, 1982, which granted Barnhill's application subject to certain restrictions.
- (4) That on May 11 and May 12, 1982, application for Hearing De Novo was made by Chama Petroleum Company and William B. Barnhill, respectively, and the matter was set for hearing before the Commission.

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(5) That the matter came on for hearing De Novo on June 25, 1982.

(6) That the evidence adduced at said hearing indicates that Findings (12), (13), and (14) of said Division Order No. R-6948 entered April 16, 1982, should be changed to read in their entirety as follows:

"(12) That according to the best geological evidence available at the hearing, the aforesaid two spacing and proration units have a total of some 13,224 and 15,254 acre feet of pay, respectively, or an average of 14,239 acre feet apiece, whereas the S/2 of Section 35, being the spacing and proration unit to which the well drilled at the proposed location would be dedicated, has some 3483 acre feet of pay.

(13) That on an acre-feet-of-pay basis, the S/2 of Section 26 has 24.5 percent of the acre feet of pay as the average of the two most directly affected spacing and proration units.

(14) That in accordance with Finding No. (8) above, the proposed unorthodox location should only be approved subject to a production limitation factor, and such factor should be computed by averaging the variation from a standard location and comparable acre feet of pay as follows: distance from south line of section, 100 percent of standard; distance from west line of section, 33 percent of standard; comparison of acre feet of pay with affected offsetting units' acre feet of pay, 24.5 percent, or, 100 percent plus 33 percent plus 24.5 percent divided by three equals 53 percent."

(7) That the remainder of Division Order No. R-6948 should be affirmed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Findings (12), (13), and (14) in Division Order No. R-6948 entered April 16, 1982, are changed to read in their entirety as follows:

"(12) That according to the best geological evidence available at the hearing, the aforesaid two spacing and proration units have a total of some 13,224 and 15,254 acre feet of pay, respectively, or an average of 14,239 acre feet apiece, whereas the S/2 of Section 35, being

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(2) That the remainder of Division Order No. R-6948 is hereby affirmed.

(3) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION



Emery C. Arnold
EMERY C. ARNOLD, Chairman

ALEX J. ARMISTO, Member

Joe D. Ramey
JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Secretary

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EDDY COUNTY

NEW MEXICO

WILDCAT

Well: AMOCO PROD. CO. 1 Rios Siete

Result: GAS WFD

Loc: 5 mi SW/Lakewood, 1980' FSL 2310' FEL Sec 11-20S-25E.

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Spud: 11-13-78; Comp: 1-19-79; Elev: 3366' grd; TD: 9865' (Barnett); PB: 9825'

Casing: 13 3/8" 333'/325' sx, 8 5/8" 1500'/750' sx, 5 1/2" 9865'/250' sx

Prod Zone: (Morrow) T/Pay 9448', prod thru perf 9448-9660'

PF: 750 MCFGPD, 14/64" ch, COR NR, Grav NR, CF plr, TP 525#

Comp Info: DST (Morrow) 9457-9530', op 3 hrs 45 min, GTS 30 min @ 70 MCFGPD, 3/8" ch, TP 12#, incr to 220 MCFGPD, 3/8" ch, TP 52#, rec 3106' slt GCDF, 1 hr 30 min, ISIP 3902#, HP 4565-4520#; well sold to Amoco Prod Co.; Perf (Morrow) 9448-68', 9530-14', 9525-32', 9636-60' w/ISPF: S/I BW/9 hrs; A/5000 gals (7 1/2%); F/750 MCFGPD/24 hr, 14/64" ch, TP 525#; ran DILL, MICL & CNDL logs; C/Moranco #9.

Top: (EL) Third Bone Sprg 6423', Wolfc 7052', Cisco 7743', Cany 8256', Atoka 8992', Morrow 9408', Barnett 9661'

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Re-Prod: 4-28-77; Re-Comp: 5-5-77; Elev: 3521' gnd; TD: 9640' Miss; PB 9177'

Casing: 13 3/8" 472' 550 sx, 8 5/8" 1320' 600 sx, 5 1/2" 9640' 325 sx

Prod Zone: (Atoka) T/Pay 8838', prod thru perfs 8838-8822'

IP CAGP: 1,251,000 CFPD, GOR 270-1, Grav (gas) .645, (cond) NR, SIWHP 3163#

Comp info: (Orig. #1 Pan Canadian, Comp 1-17-74 thru (Morrow) perfs 9236-9318'; OTD

9640'); PB to 9177'; Perf (Atoka) 8838-41', 8866-80', 8917-22' w/2 SPF; natural;

(Atoka) Four Point Gauges: F/444 MCFGPD, 1" orifice, 120 min, TP 2611#; F/567

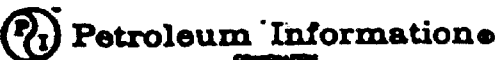
MCFGPD, 1" orifice, 120 min, TP 2610#; F/636 MCFGPD, 1" orifice, 120 min, TP

2444#; F/943 MCFGPD, 1" orifice, 120 min, TP 2031#; C/NR.

Tests: NR

API No.: 30-015-20997

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COUNTY	EDDY	FIELD	Wildcat	STATE	NM
OPR	COQUINA OIL CORP.			API	30-015-20997
NO	1	LEASE	Pan Canadian	SERIAL	
	Sec 34, T-19-S, R-25-E			MAP	
	1980' FNL, 1980' FWL of Sec			CO-ORD	
SPD	10-25-73	CL	1-17-74	FORMATION	DATUM
	13 3/8" at 472'		w/550 sx		
	8 5/8" at 1320'		w/600 sx		
	5 1/2" at 9640'		w/325 sx		
		TO	9640'	PBO	

IP (Morrow) Perfs 9236-9318' CAGP 28,463 MCFGPD. GOR Dry;
Grav (Gas) .675; SIWHP 3070#; SIBHP 3771#

CONTR WEK OPER ELEV 3521' CL PD 10,000' TYPE RT

F.R. 10-22-73
(Morrow)
10-29-73 Drlg 1050'
11-5-73 Drlg 3421' 1m
11-12-73 Drlg 5733' 1m
11-19-73 Drlg 7885'
DST 6420-6460', open 1 hr, rec 2400'
GIDP, 1 hr ISIP 758#, FP 25-25#, 2 hr
FSIP 343#, HP 2892-2875#, BHT 118 deg
11-26-73 TD 8856'; On DST (8805-56')
DST (NA), Miss Run
DST (NA), Miss Run

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COQUINA OIL CORP. 1 Pan Canadian Page #2
Sec 34, T19S, R25E

12-3-73 Drlg 9110'
DST 8805-56', open 2 hrs 15 mins, GTS
in 13 mins @ 70 MCFGPD, incr to 282
MCFGPD, rec 15' M, 1 hr ISIP 4455#, IFP
313-521#, FFP 146-208#, 4 hr FSIP 4455#,
HP 4824-4721#, BHT 140 deg
12-11-73 Drlg 9456'
DST 8870-8908', open 1 hr 10 mins, GTS
in 5 min @ 195 MCFGPD, incr to 458 MCFGPD,
rec 90' SGCM, 1 hr ISIP 4853#, FP 45-87#,
2 hr FSIP 4903#, HP 4934-4880#, BHT 133 deg
DST 9208-9289', open 1 hr 45 mins, GTS in
2 mins @ 15,000 MCFGPD (Max), Aver 5500

12-11-73 Continued
MCFGPD, rec 100' F (70' Cond + 30' SGCH),
1 hr ISIP 3840#, FP 1455-1396#, 4 hr FSIP
3840#, HP 5129-5069#

12-17-73 TD 9640'; WOC
DST 9289-9347', open 2 hrs 10 mins, GTS in
1 min @ 8500 MCFGPD (Max 14,000 MCFGPD), rec
10' Cond. 1 hr ISIP 3820#, FP 1697-1861#,
2 hr 30 min FSIP 3820#, HP 5069-5049#, BHT
152 deg

12-25-73 TD 9640'; WOCU

12-31-73 TD 9640'; Prep Run Tbg

1-7-74 TD 9640'; Rng Tbg

1-14-74 TD 9640'; Prep Perf

1-15-74 TD 9640'; SI WO Test Equip
Perf 9326-9318' w/104 shots (overall)
Flwd 7550 MCFGPD thru 24/64" chk, TP 2450#

EDDY
COQUINA OIL CORP.

Wildcat
1 Pan Canadian
Sec 34, T19S, R25E

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1-22-74 TD 9640'; WO Pipeline Conn
CAOF 28,462 MCFGPD

3-11-74 TD 9640'; COMPLETE
(Morrow) FOUR POINT GAUGES:
Flwd 1197 MCFGPD, 1.75" orifice, 1 hr, TP 3000#
Flwd 1606 MCFGPD, 1.75" orifice, 1 hr, TP 2967#
Flwd 1946 MCFGPD, 1.75" orifice, 1 hr, TP 2939#
Flwd 2526 MCFGPD, 1.75" orifice, 1 hr, TP 2889#
LOG TOPS: Grayburg 520', San Andres 812',
Glorieta 2365', Tubb 3170', Abo 3775', Third
Bone Spring Sand 6175', Wolfcamp 6422,
Canyon 7868', Strawn 8295', Atoka 8568',
Morrow 8938', Barnett 9348', Chester 9573'

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Co EDDY

WILDCAT

N.M. 2223-58

Western Drilg. Co. - #1 - Lakewood

3536DF

1830 PSL & 660 FEL

Sec. 24, T.19-S, R. 25-E

950

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Gryb. 815

5 - 817-500

10-31-57

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P & A

500 acid

899 sd.

500 acid; 10,000 WF. TD 899' sd.,
SI; P. 1 BO & 5 BXW/4 hrs.

WILDCAT N.M. 2223-58
PRE-FLUORIN STRAW DISCOVERY
Pan American Drilg. Co. - #1 - A. L. Werthiom, Italy.
Stanolind #1 - Lakewood
Unit, Sec. 24, T.19-S, R. 25-E
96001 (OTD-10-4861)

Perf. 24/9/42-46

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EDDY, N.M. 34-19-25

Pan American - #1 - A. L. Werthiom.

Swb. 144 bbls. LW & 24 BAW/24 hrs. w/SO; reA/2000 swb.

49 BAW & 134 BLW/53 hrs. & swb. dry w/all. blow

gas, TSTM; blow down well; SITP 2950# to 1500#;

20/64" ch. 30" blew to 200# 45.64" ch. next 30"

end of blow down had steady blow of gas.

30,000 SWF (10,500' sd) swb. 200 BLW/14 hrs. P. & rate

540 MCFGPD + 2 bbls. LW/1 hrs., 25/64" ch.; PTP 300

FCP 800#; P. 390 MCP + 4 BLW/1 hrs., 30/64" ch.;

PTP 100#; PCP 600#; SI 12 hrs., TP 2000#; CP 2300#;

P. 47 BLW/9 hrs. 25/64" ch., gas & 750 MCF to 384

MCFG; P. 23 BLW/12 hrs., 30/64" ch. no gas ego.,

PTP 150#; CP 500#.

PB 9537'; ego. 600 MCFG/12 hrs., 30/64" ch.; PTP 110-150#

CP 500#; P. 13 bbls. LW/12 hrs., 30/64" ch.; TP 145#;

CP 500#; SI 12 hrs.; CP 2200#; TP 2200#.

Perf. 24/9/42-46

Perf. 24/9/42-46; 10,000 SWF (10,000' sd.) swb. 144 bbls.

LO & 1 bbl. LW/11 hrs.; Swb. 100 BLW/11 hrs., SI 12 hrs.,

CP 1200#; swb. & flow load; SI/16'; SITP 1250#; SICP 1400#.

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AGE 3

EDDY, N.M. 34-19-25
Stanolind #1 - Lakewood Unit.

DST 10373-423 op 3 hrs. Rec. 225' mud.

PP 120 20 mlr SIP 180#

DST 10433-488 op 4 hrs. Rec. 270' mud / 10:30 black
brackish wtr. PP 4275 SIP 4475

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Stanolind - #1 - Lakewood Unit

CL. 3542'

(CHGD TO: Pan American - #1 - A. E. Worthien, S.H.)

650' PEL & 1980' PSL of sec.

CARD #2223-59 for

Sec. 34, T-19-S; E-25-E

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9-5/8 3578 200

Gray 686
S.A. 900
Glor. 2450
C'F. 3260
Abo 4190
W.C. 6620
Pann 8150
Miss 9865
Dov. 10340

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REMARKS GOR TP CP
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EDDY, NEW MEXICO 34-19-25
Stanolind - #1 - Lakewood Unit

DST 810-861 op 2 hrs. rec. 105' SOGCM. PP 55 SIP-O-
DST 2610-42 op 2 hrs. rec. 135' SOGCM,
DST 7770-2850 op 1 hr. 45 mins rec. 108' SOCM
DST 3310-3385 op 2 hrs. rec. 84' mud.
DST 6605-8700 op 4 hrs. 10 mins Gas 2 hrs. 15 mins Rec.
270' mud. 2615' IW. P: 1465 20 mins SIP 2605#
DST 7030-8123 op 4 hrs. Gas 35 mins rec. 60' SOCM,
PP 130 20 mins SIP 175#
DST 7036-78 op 3 hrs. Rec. 39' mud, N.S.
DST 9397-9500 op 5 hrs. rec. gas 35 mins 47000 CPGPD,
Rec. 284' HECM, PP 115 20 mins SIP 2936#
DST 9407-9540 op 3 hrs. rec. gas 55 mins 315' HECM, PP 20
20 mins SIP 1810#
DST 10,330-351 op 1 hr. 30 mins Rec. 20' mud.
DST 10,350-373 op 1 hr. 22 mins rec. 15' mud.
DST 10370-398 op 3 hrs. rec. 90' mud.

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(Morrow) FOUR POINT GAUGES:

Flwd 472 MCFCPD, .5" Orifice, 1 hr, TP 2901#

Flwd 799 MCFCPD, .5" Orifice, 1 hr, TP 2740#

Flwd 1295 MCFCPD, 1.0" Orifice, 1 hr, 2423#

Flwd 2119 MCFCPD, 1.0" Orifice, 1 hr, 1481#

LOG TOPS: Yaso 2455', Second Bone Spring

Sand 3285', Third Bone Spring Sand 6364',

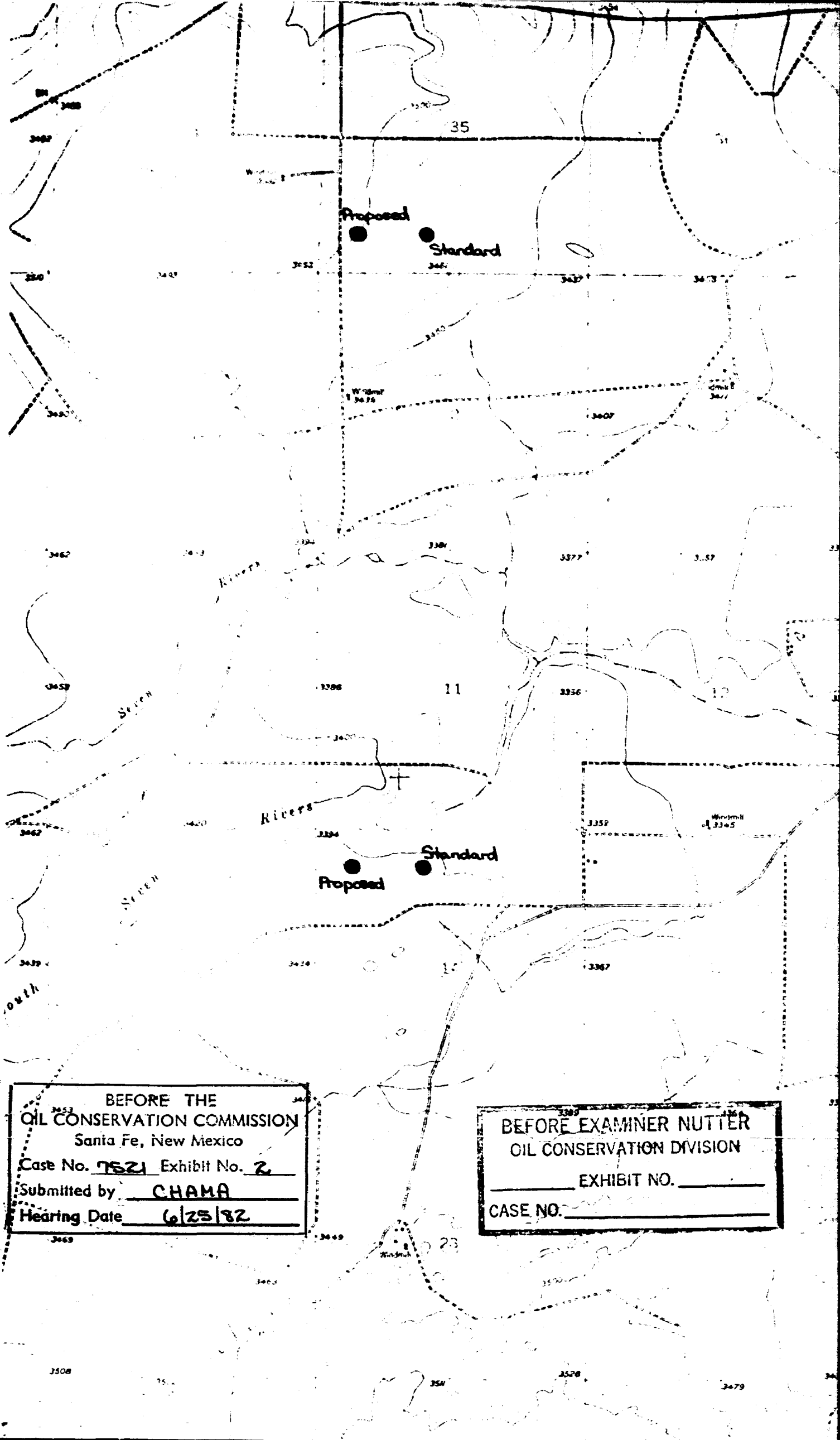
Wolfcamp 6635', Cisco 7879', Canyon 8139',

Scraper 8558', Atoka 9016', Morrow 9325',

Chester 9795'

6-22-74

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BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Santa Fe, New Mexico
Case No. 7521 Exhibit No. 2
Submitted by CHAMA
Hearing Date 6/23/82

BEFORE EXAMINER NUTTER
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
EXHIBIT NO. _____
CASE NO. _____

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Submitted by	CHAMA
Hearing Date	6/28/82

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	Location	Ft	Acres	Ac Ft
1	Tract A-1	-	40	-
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3	Tract A-2	5	12	90
4		11	2	22
5				<u>112</u>
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7	Tract A-3	7	4	28
8		15	25	375
9		23	11	253
10				<u>656</u>
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12	Tract A-4	27	13	351
13		35	24	840
14		43	3	129
15				<u>1320</u>
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17	Tract A-5	34	13	442
18		25	21	525
19		18	6	108
20				<u>1075</u>
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22	Tract A-6	13	15	195
23		5	19	95
24				<u>320</u>
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26	Tract A-7	1	1	1
27				<u>1</u>
28	Tract A-8	-	40	0
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	Location	Ft	Acres	Ac Ft
1	Tract B-1	38	1	38
2		45	25	1125
3		52	14	728
4				<u>1891</u>
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6	Tract B-2	53	40	2120
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8	Tract B-3	52	8	416
9		45	22	990
10		37	10	370
11				<u>1776</u>
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13	Tract B-4	38	11	363
14		25	20	500
15		17	9	153
16				<u>1016</u>
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18	Tract B-5	19	53	10
19		25	19.96	499
20		35	19	665
21		41	51	21
22				<u>1175</u>
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24	Tract B-6	39	1	39
25		45	23	1035
26		52	16	832
27				<u>1906</u>
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29	Tract B-7	53	40	2120
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31	Tract B-8	52	7.70	400
32		45	24.72	1112
33		38	7.58	288
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1	Tract C-1	38'	3	1190
2		45'	23	1035
3		52'	14	<u>728</u>
4				1877
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6	Tract C-2	53	40	2120
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8	Tract C-3	52'	29	1508
9		47'	11	<u>517</u>
10				2025
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12	Tract C-4	43	16	688
13		35'	17	595
14		27'	7	<u>189</u>
15				1472
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17	Tract C-5	35'	11	385
18		45'	23	<u>1035</u>
19				1420
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21	Tract C-6	49	1	48
22		53'	39	<u>2067</u>
23				2115
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25	Tract C-7	53	40	2120
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27	Tract C-8	52'	15.77	720
28		45'	21.58	971
29		39'	2.65	<u>103</u>
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1	Tract D-1	5	18	90
2		12	17	182
3				172
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5	Tract D-2	5	17	85
6		13	16	208
7				293
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9	Tract D-3	5	21	105
10		13	6	78
11				183
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13	Tract D-4	5	25	125
14		13	5	65
15				190
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17	Tract D-5	16	19	298
18		25	22	550
19				848
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21	Tract D-6	16	12	192
22		25	20	500
23		33	8	264
24				956
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26	Tract D-7	16	6	96
27		25'	16	400
28		35'	18	630
29				1126
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31	Tract D-8	16	6	96
32		25'	18	450
33		35'	16	560
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Dockets Nos. 21-82 and 22-82 are tentatively set for July 7 and 21, 1982. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: COMMISSION HEARING - TUESDAY - JUNE 22, 1982

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

The following cases were continued from the June 2, 1982, Commission hearing:

CASE 7522: (DE NOVO)

Application of Santa Fe Exploration Co. for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox location 660 feet from the North and West lines of Section 14, Township 20 South, Range 25 East, Permo-Penn, Strawn, Atoka and Morrow formations, the W/2 of said Section 14 to be dedicated to the well.

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

CASE 7521: (DE NOVO)

Application of William B. Barnhill for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox location 660 feet from the South and West lines of Section 35, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, Permo-Penn, Strawn, Atoka and Morrow formations, the S/2 of said Section 35 to be dedicated to the well.

Upon application of Chama Petroleum Company and William B. Barnhill, this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

Docket No. 20-82

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - JUNE 23, 1982

9 A.M., MORGAN HALL, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING,
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

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

CASE 7610: Application of Stevens Oil Company for salt water disposal, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the San Andres formation in the perforated interval from 2724 feet to 2745 feet in its O'Brien "J" Well No. 9 located in Unit A, Section 31, Township 8 South, Range 29 East, Twinlakes-San Andres Pool.

CASE 7611: Application of Texaco Inc. for special pool rules, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks special pool rules for the Skaggs-Drinkard Pool, including provision for a limiting gas-oil ratio of 10,000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil.

CASE 7612: Application of B & E, Inc. for salt water disposal, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to install and operate a commercial facility for the disposal of salt water into the Southeast end of Laguna Tres in Section 12, Township 23 South, Range 29 East and/or into the Northeast side of Laguna Cuatro in Section 6, Township 23 South, Range 30 East.

CASE 7613: Application of Tenneco Oil Company for an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of a Pennsylvanian test well to be located 660 feet from the South and West lines of Section 28, Township 16 South, Range 34 East, the W/2 of said Section 28 to be dedicated to the well.

CASE 7548: (Continued from June 9, 1982, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Tahoe Oil & Cattle Co. for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the San Andres formation in the perforated interval from 4932 feet to 4992 feet in its Schwalbe Well No. 1, located in Unit P of Section 21, Township 9 South, Range 37 East, West Sawyer-San Andres Pool.

CASES 7614 AND 7615: Application of Inaxco Oil Company for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in each of the following cases seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface through the Strawn formation underlying the lands specified in each case, to form a standard 80-acre oil proration unit in the South Humble City-Strawn Pool to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said wells and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the wells and a charge for risk involved in drilling said wells:

CASE 7614: W/2 NE/4 Section 23, Township 17 South, Range 37 East

CASE 7615: E/2 NE/4 Section 23, Township 17 South, Range 37 East

CASES 7616 AND 7617: Application of Southland Royalty Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in each of the following cases seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Pennsylvanian formation underlying the lands specified in each case, to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said wells and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the wells and a charge for risk involved in drilling said wells:

CASE 7616: W/2 Section 21, Township 18 South, Range 29 East

CASE 7617: S/2 Section 21, Township 18 South, Range 29 East

CASE 7618: Application of Doyle Hartman for an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of a gas well to be drilled 1450 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line of Section 20, Township 20 South, Range 37 East, Emmer Gas Pool, the SE/4 of said Section 20 to be dedicated to the well.

CASE 7605: (Continued from June 9, 1982, Examiner Hearing)

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 top of the Wolfcamp formation through the uppermost 100 feet of the Mississippian Chester Limestone underlying the W/2 of Section 35, Township 19 South, Range 24 East, to be dedicated to a well 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 operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 7458: (Continued from April 28, 1982, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Marks & Garner Production Company for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of salt water into the Bough C formation in the perforated interval from 9596 feet to 9616 feet in its Betenbough Well No. 2, located in Unit M of Section 12, Township 9 South, Range 35 East.

CASE 7598: (This case was heard on May 26, 1982. However, due to an error in originally advertising the case in the Torrance County newspaper, it has been readvertised in Torrance County only and will be reopened June 23, 1982, with respect to Torrance County only.)

Application of AMR Production Company and Yates Petroleum Corporation for designation of a tight formation in San Miguel, Torrance, Guadalupe, De Baca, Lincoln and Chaves Counties, New Mexico. Pursuant to Section 107 of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 and 18 CFR Section 271.701-705, applicants, in the above-styled cause, seeks the designation as a tight formation of the Abo formation underlying the following described lands in the above-named counties.

All of:

Townships 1 thru 4 North, Ranges 14 thru 27 East;
Townships 5 thru 11 North, Ranges 14 thru 26 East;
Township 1 South, Ranges 14 thru 27 East;
Townships 2 thru 5 South, Ranges 14 thru 21 East;
Townships 6 thru 11 South, Ranges 15 thru 21 East;
Township 12 South, Ranges 17 thru 21 1/2 East; and
Townships 13 and 14 South, Ranges 17 thru 21 East;
containing 5,168,563 acres, more or less, but excluding the not yet defined Capitan Wilderness Area.

Dockets Nos. 18-82 and 19-82 are tentatively set for June 23 and July 7, 1982. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: COMMISSION HEARING - MONDAY - JUNE 2, 1982
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION - 9 A.M.
MORAN HALL, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

CASE 7522: (DE NOVO - Continued from May 17, 1982. Commission Hearing)

Application of Santa Fe Exploration Co. for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cases, seeks approval of an unorthodox location 660 feet from the North and West lines of Section 14, Township 20 South, Range 25 East, Permo-Penn, Strawn, Atoka and Morrow formations, the W/2 of said Section 14 to be dedicated to the well.

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

CASE 7521: (DE NOVO)

Application of William B. Barnhill for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cases, seeks approval of an unorthodox location 660 feet from the South and West lines of Section 35, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, Permo-Penn, Strawn, Atoka and Morrow formations, the S/2 of said Section 35 to be dedicated to the well.

Upon application of Chas Petroleum Company and William B. Barnhill, this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

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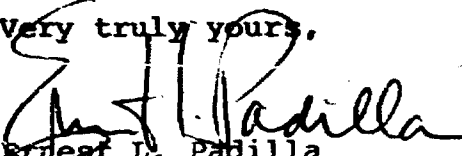
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Oil Conservation Division Case No. 7521
Application for Unorthodox Location,
Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Ramey:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced case
are the original and copies of Application for Hearing De
Novo of William Barnhill.

Very truly yours,


Ernest L. Padilla

ELP:PFM
Enclosures
cc: Mr. William Barnhill

BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND MINERALS

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF WILLIAM B. BARNHILL FOR AN
UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

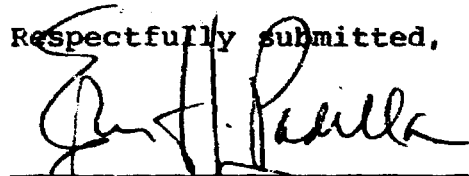
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APPLICATION FOR HEARING DE NOVO

Comes now WILLIAM B. BARNHILL, by and through his undersigned attorney, and states that he is a party adversely affected by Order No. R-6948 which was entered in the above-referenced case on April 16, 1982 and pursuant to Section 70-2-13, NMSA, 1978 Compilation, hereby makes application for this case to be heard de novo before the Oil Conservation Commission.

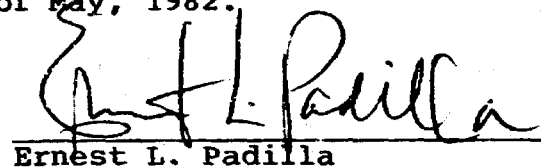
Respectfully submitted,



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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing Application for Hearing De Novo were sent to all counsel of record this 13th day of May, 1982.



Ernest L. Padilla

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HAND DELIVERED

Re: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Case No. 7521:
Application of William B. Barnhill for an Unorthodox
Gas Well Location, Eddy County, New Mexico

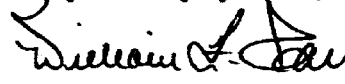
Dear Mr. Ramey:

Enclosed in triplicate is the application of Chama Petroleum Company for hearing de novo in the above-referenced case.

Chama Petroleum requests that this matter be set for hearing before the full Oil Conservation Commission at the earliest possible date.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



William F. Carr

WFC:jh

w/enc.

cc: Mr. Charles E. Nearburg (w/enc.)
Ernest L. Padilla, Esquire (w/enc.)

BEFORE THE
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NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND MINERALS

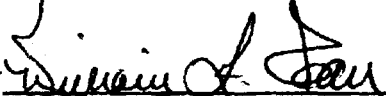
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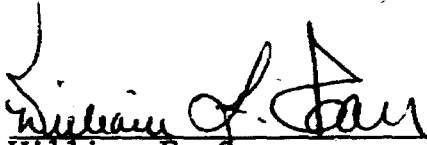
Comes now CHAMA PETROLEUM COMPANY, by and through its undersigned attorneys, and states that is is a party adversely affected by Order No. R-6948 which was entered in the above-referenced case on April 16, 1982 and pursuant to Oil Conservation Division Rule 1220, hereby makes application for this case to be heard de novo before the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,
CAMPBELL, BYRD & BLACK, P.A.

By 
William F. Carr
Post Office Box 2208
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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that true copies of the Application for Hearing De Novo were served on all opposing counsel of record on this 11th day of May, 1982.


William F. Carr

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR
THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 7521 DE NOVO
Order No. R-6948-A

APPLICATION OF WILLIAM B.
BARNHILL FOR AN UNORTHODOX
GASWELL LOCATION, EDDY
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on June 25, 1982, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this June 25 day of June, 1982, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony presented and the exhibits received at said hearing, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

(1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That the applicant, William B. Barnhill, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the west line of Section 35, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, NMPN, to test the Permo-Penn, Strawn, Alota and Morrow Formations, in the so-called "Boyd Channel" Area, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(3) That the matter came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on March 31, 1982, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter and, pursuant to this hearing, Order No. R-6948 was issued on April 16, 1982, which granted Barnhill's application subject to certain restrictions with restrictions.

(4) That on May 11, 1982, application for Hearing De Novo was made by ~~Chen's Petroleum Company~~ and William B. Barnhill, respectively, and the matter was set for hearing before the Commission.

(5) That the matter came on for hearing de novo on June 25, 1982.

Findings 12, 13, and 14 of said (6) That the evidence adduced at said hearing indicates that Division Order No. R-6948 entered April 16, 1982, should be ~~affirmed~~ changed to read in its entirety as follows:

~~"(11) That the drainage pattern of a well located at the proposed location would be encroaching primarily on two previously developed spacing and proration units, namely the S/2 of Section 34, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, and the N/2 of Section 3, Township 20 South, Range 25 East, NMPM.~~

(12) That according to the best geological evidence available at the hearing, the aforesaid two spacing and proration units have a total of some 13,220 and 15,254 acre feet of pay, respectively, or an average of 14,239 acre feet apiece, whereas the S/2 of Section 35, being the spacing and proration unit to which the well drilled at the proposed location would be dedicated, has some 3483 acre feet of pay.

(13) That on an acre-feet-of-pay basis, the S/2 of Section 26 has 24.5 percent of the acre feet of pay as the average of the two most directly affected spacing and proration units.

(14) That in accordance with Finding No. (8) above, the proposed unorthodox location should only be approved subject to a production limitation factor, and such factor should be computed by averaging the variation from a standard location and comparable acre feet of pay as follows: distance from south line of section, 100 percent of standard; distance from west line of section, 33 percent of standard; comparison of acre feet of pay with affected offsetting units' acre feet of pay, 24.5 percent,

or, 100 percent plus 33 percent plus 24.5 percent divided by three equals 53 percent.

(7) That the remainder of ~~said~~ Division Order R-6948 should be affirmed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Findings 12, 13, and 14 in Division Order No. R-6948 entered April 16, 1982, are changed to read:

(2) That the remainder of Division Order No. R-6948 ~~is~~ is hereby affirmed.

(3) Jurisdiction

