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Okay, very good. Now, that leaves us only considering the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter --

A Correct.

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dedicated to a well?

A. I believe it was. Let me check the well file and be sure.

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APPLICATION OF ALPHA TWENTY-ONE PRODUCTION COMPANY FOR TWO NON-STANDARD CAS PRORATION UNITS, COMPULSORY POOLING, UNORTHODOX WELL LOCATION AND APPROVAL OF INFILL DRILLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

#### ORDER OF THE DIVISION

#### BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on January 3, 1980, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this <u>lith</u> day of January, 1980, 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, Alpha Twenty-One Production Company, seeks approval of a 40-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising the SW/4 SE/4 of Section 21, Township 24 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, to be dedicated to the El Paso Natural Gas Company Shell Black Well No. 2.
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- (4) That at the time of the hearing all parties in the proposed 120-acre non-standard proration unit had agreed and that portion of the application relating to compulsory pooling thereof should be dismissed.
- (5) That a well at said unorthodox location will retter enable applicant to produce the gas underlying the 120-acre proration unit.
- (6) That no offset operator objected to the proposed unorthodox location.
- (7) That the evidence in this case indicates that the proposed well on the 120-acre non-standard unit at the requested unorthodex location should recover at least 213 million cubic feet of gas from the Jalmat Gas Pool which cannot be produced by the existing well thereon.
- (8) That both proposed non-standard proration units may reasonably be presumed productive of gas from the Jalmat Gas Pool and that said proration units can be efficiently and economically drained and developed by the aforesaid wells.
- (9) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant and El Paso Natural Gas Company the opportunity to produce their just and equitable share of the gas in the Jalmat Gas Pool, will prevent the 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 will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED!

- (1) That a 40-acre non-standard gas proration unit in the Jalmat Gas Pool comprising the SW/4 SE/4 of Section 21, Township 24 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, is hereby established and dedicated to the El Paso Natural Gas Company Shell Black Well No. 2.
- (2) That a 120-acre non-standard gas proration unit in the Jalmat Gas Pool comprising the E/2 SW/4 and NW/4 SE/4 of said Section 21 is hereby established and dedicated to an Alpha Twenty-One Production Company well to be drilled at an unorthodox location, hereby approved, 990 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the West line of said Section 21. The authorization for infill drilling in the Jalmat Gas Pool granted by this order is necessary to permit the drainage of a portion of the reservoir covered by the 120-acre non-standard proration unit which

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cannot efficiently and economically be drained by any existing

- (3) That the application for compulsory pooling of the aforesaid 120-acre non-standard gas provation unit is hereby well thereon.
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DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO
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MR. NUTTER: Case Number 6768 will be continued to the Examiner Hearing scheduled to be held at this same place at 9:00 o'clock a.m. January 3, 1980, and it will be readvertised.

(Hearing concluded.)

# REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

I, SALLY W. BOYD, a Certified Shorthand Reporter, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached Transcript of Hearing before the Oil Conservation 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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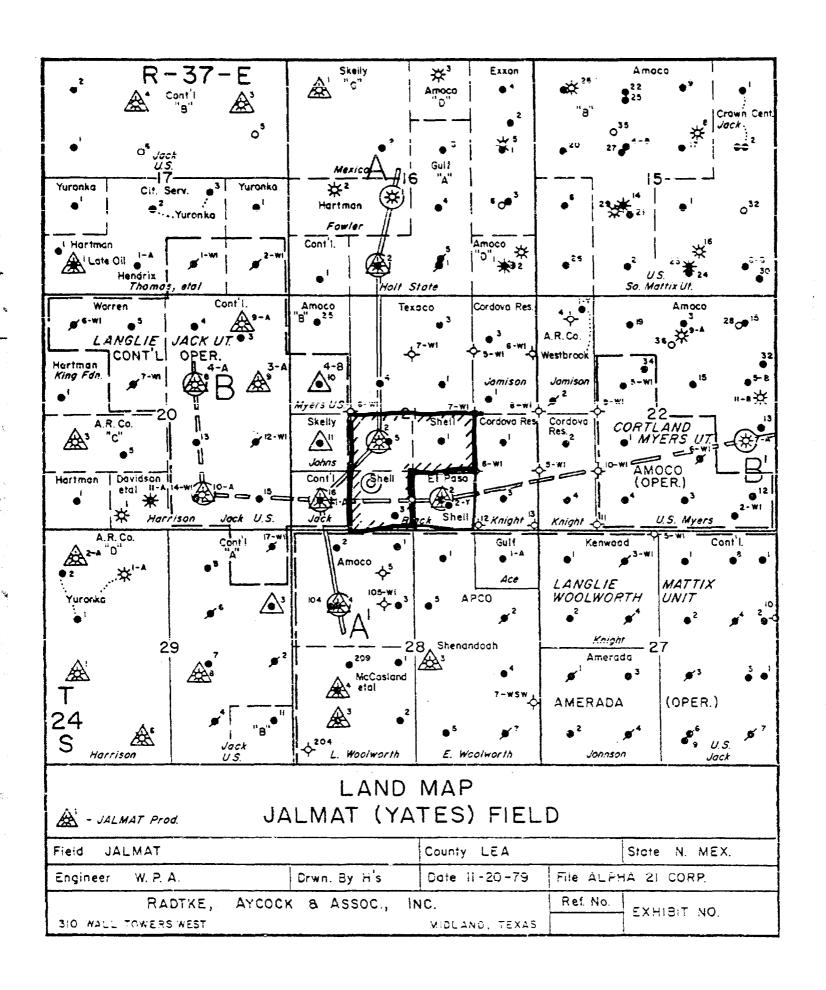
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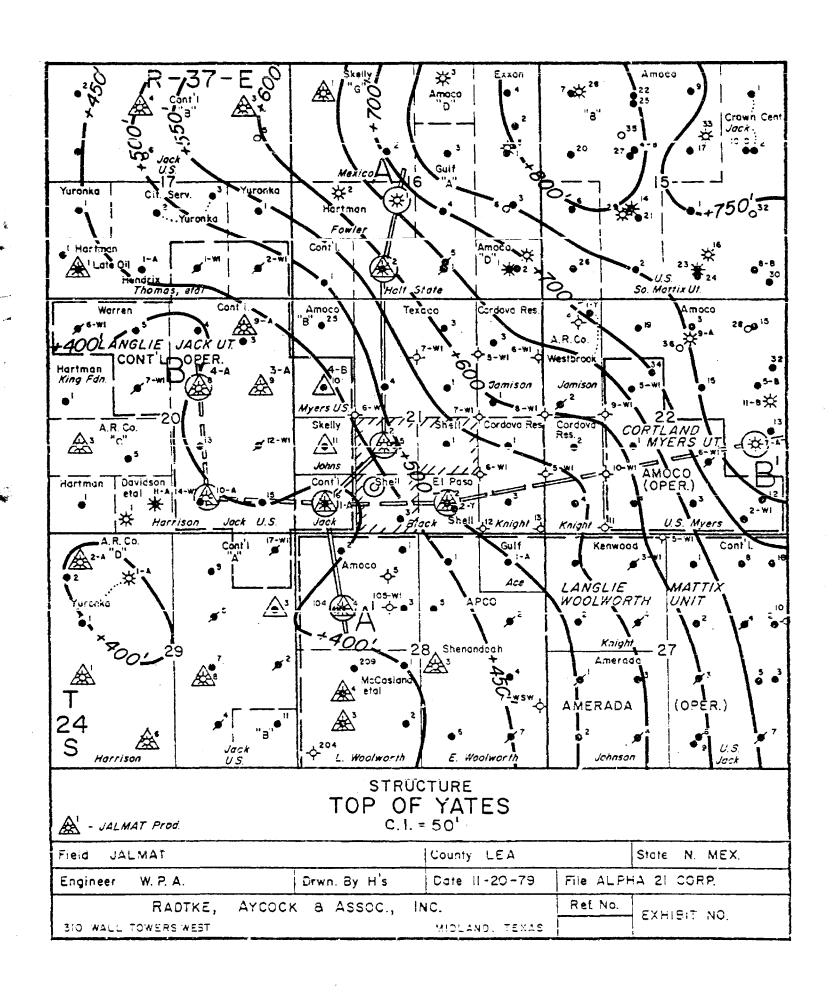
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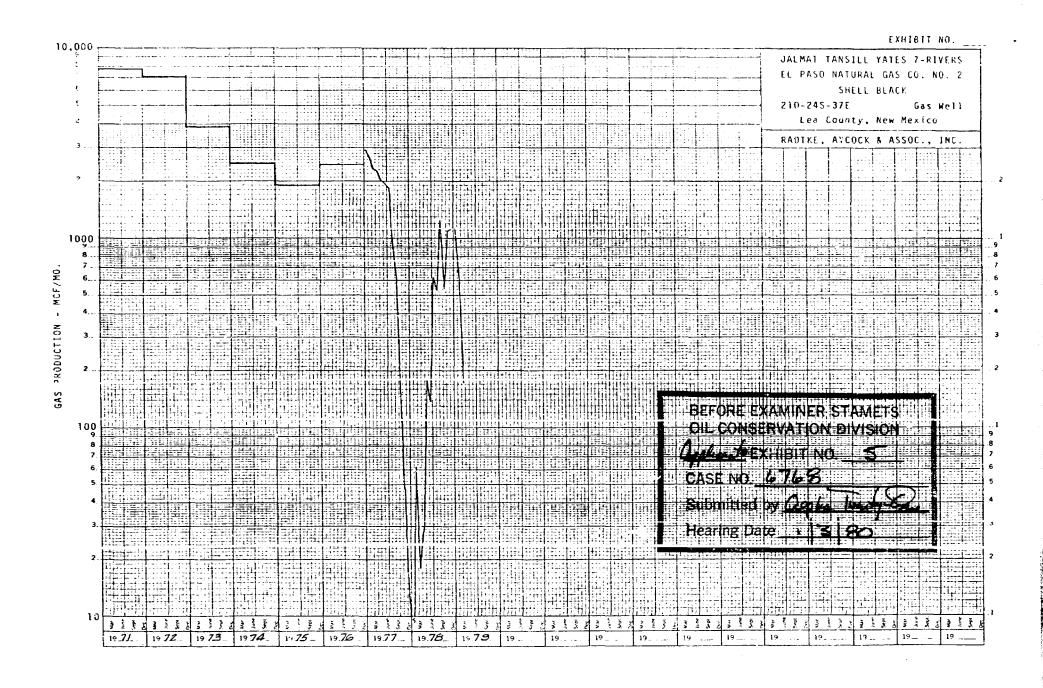
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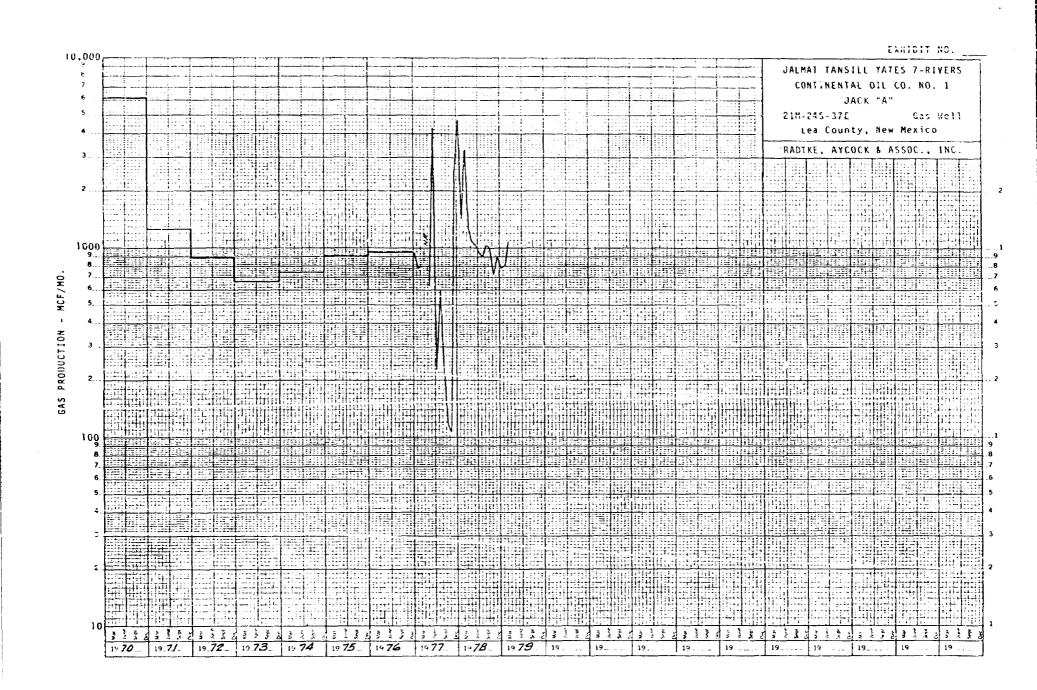
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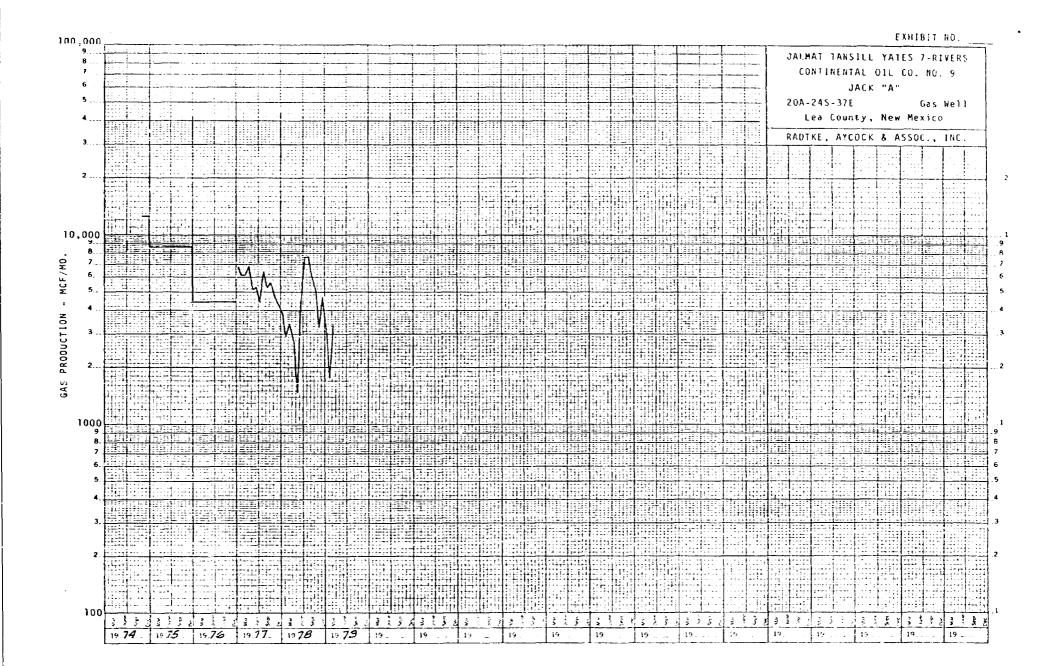
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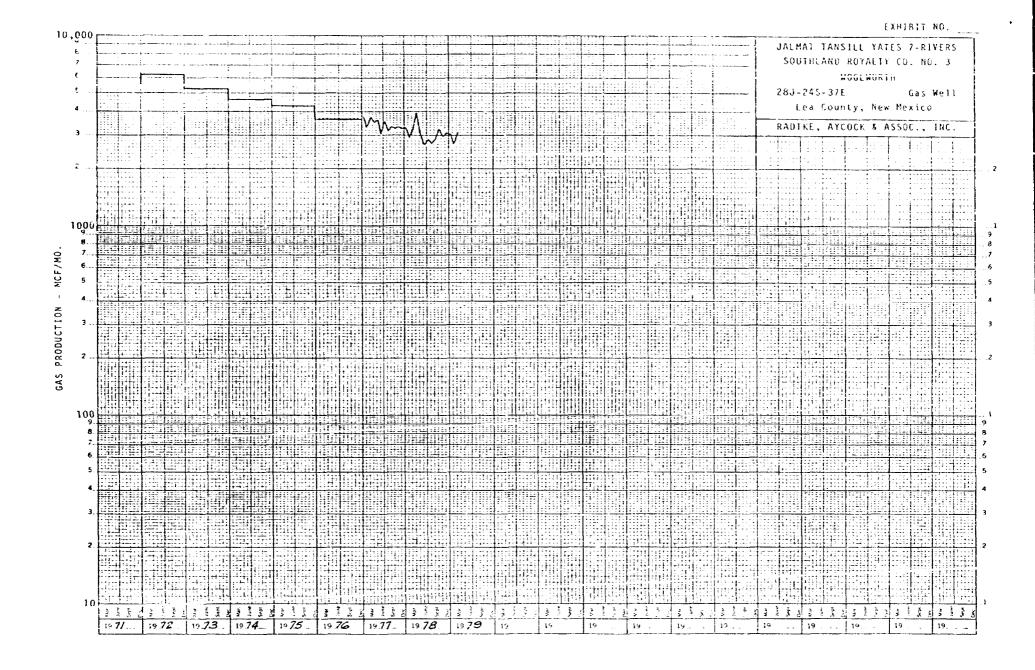


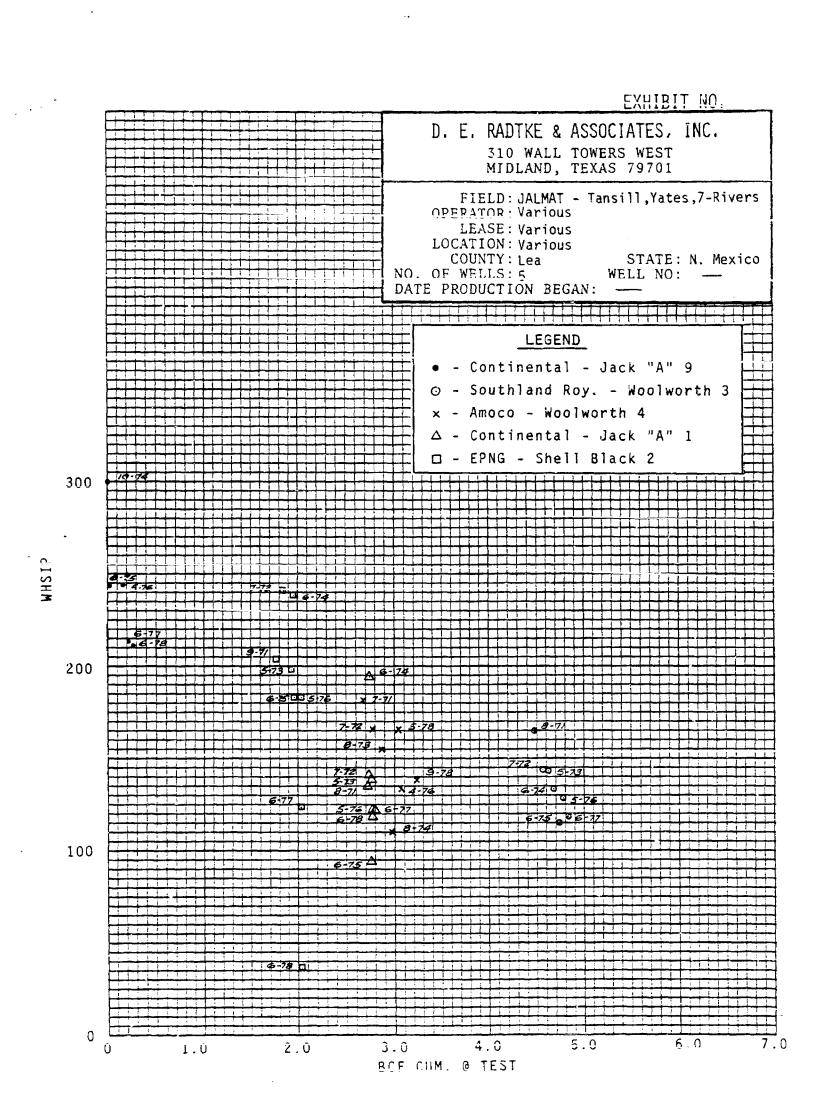












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BEFORE EXAMINER STAMETS OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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November 28, 197

Alpha 21 Prod. Co. 2100 First National Bank Building Midland, Texas 79701

Attention Mr. Tom Phipps

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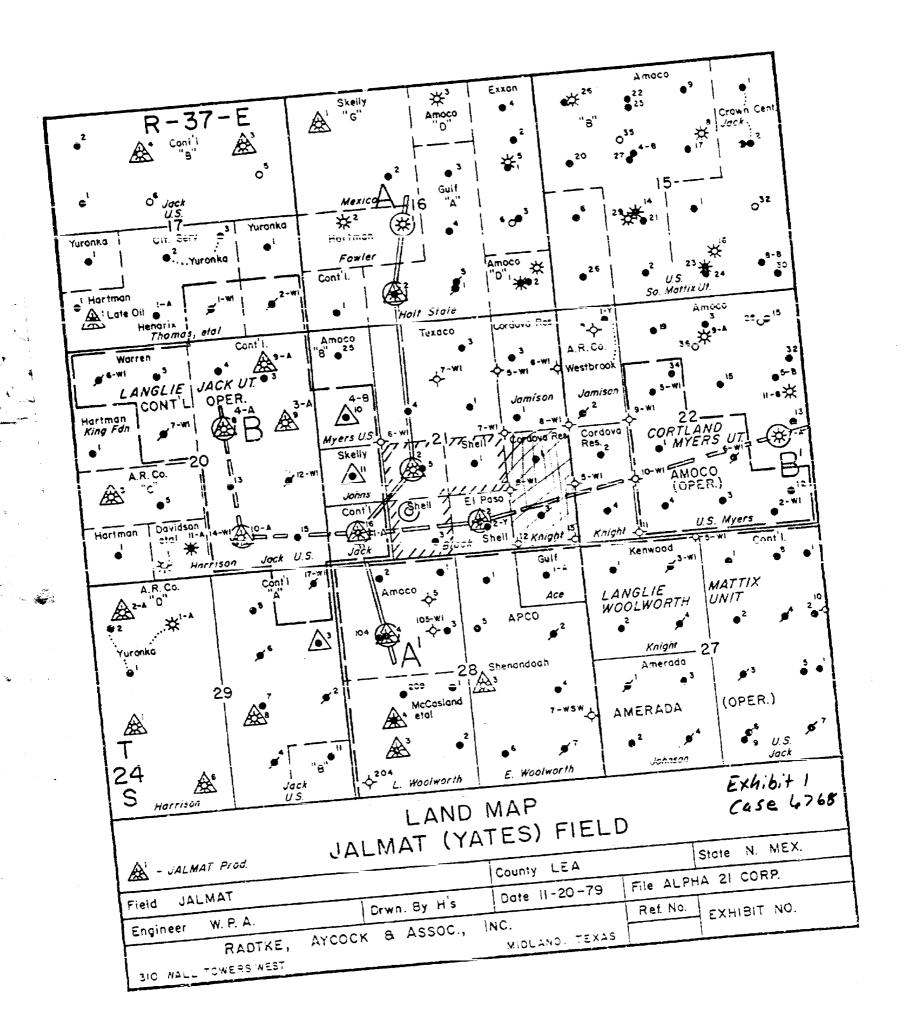
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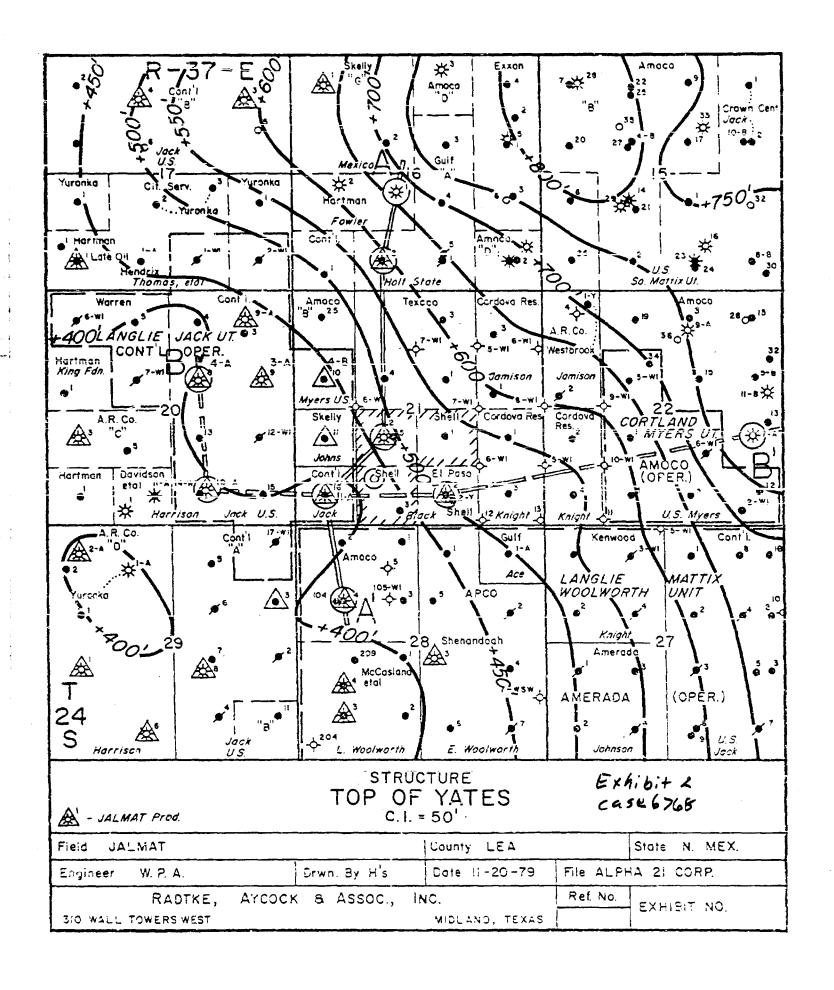
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12-19-50	NA	12-4-44	7-30-74	NA	8-19-52
1170	NA	-	1072	NA	1700
3000-3200	NA	2990-3145	2830-3200	NA	2925-3018
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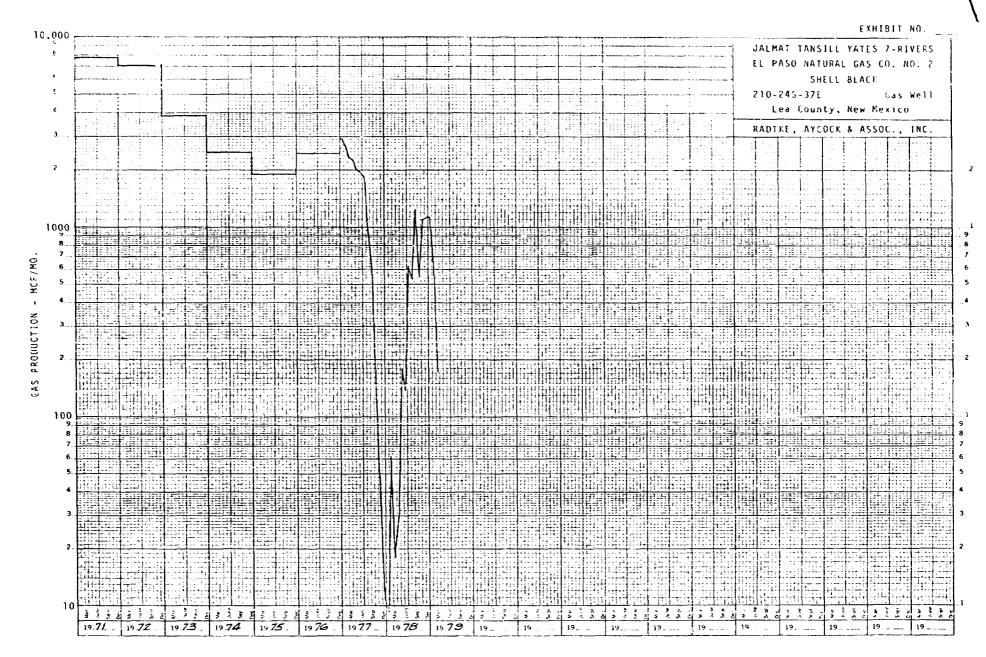


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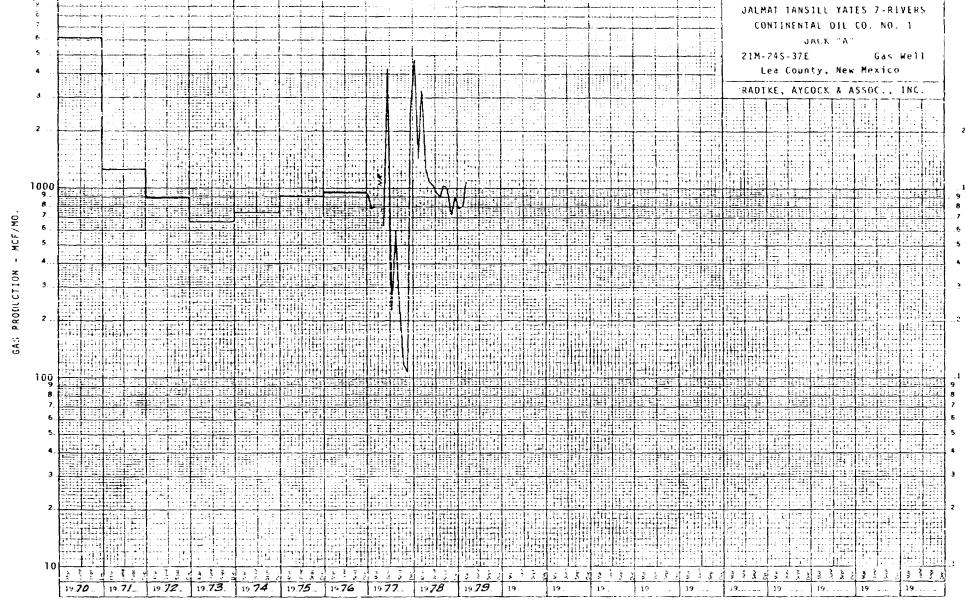
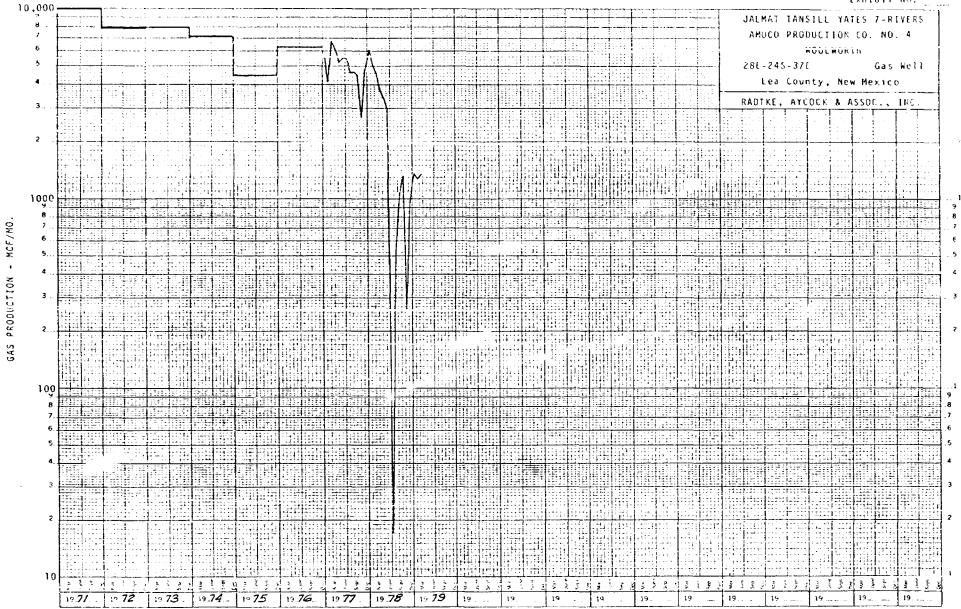
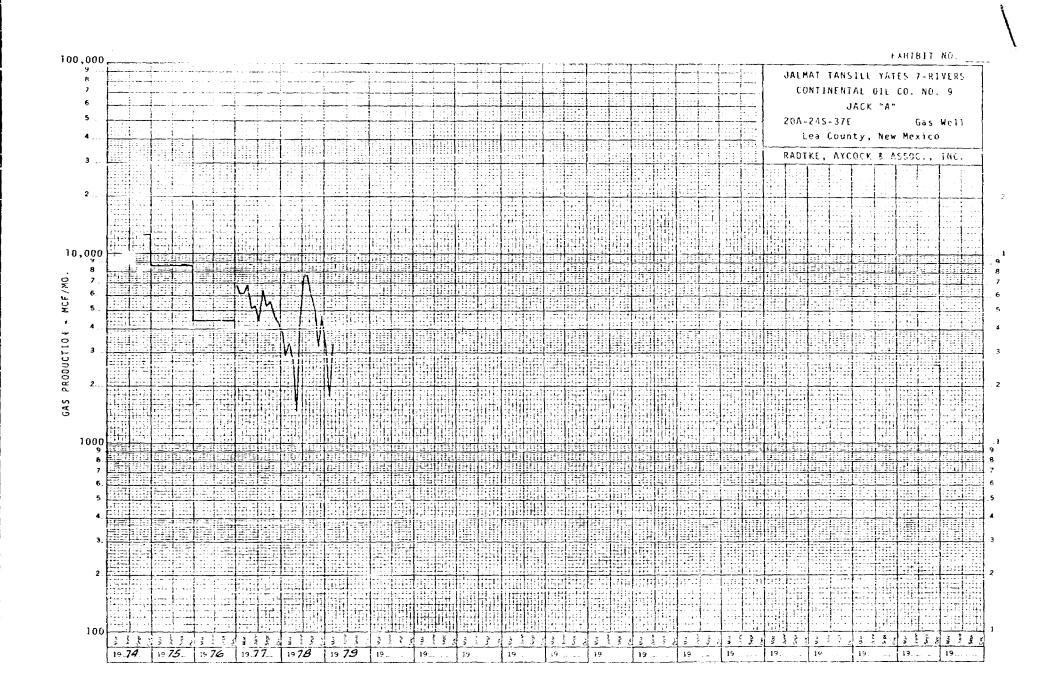


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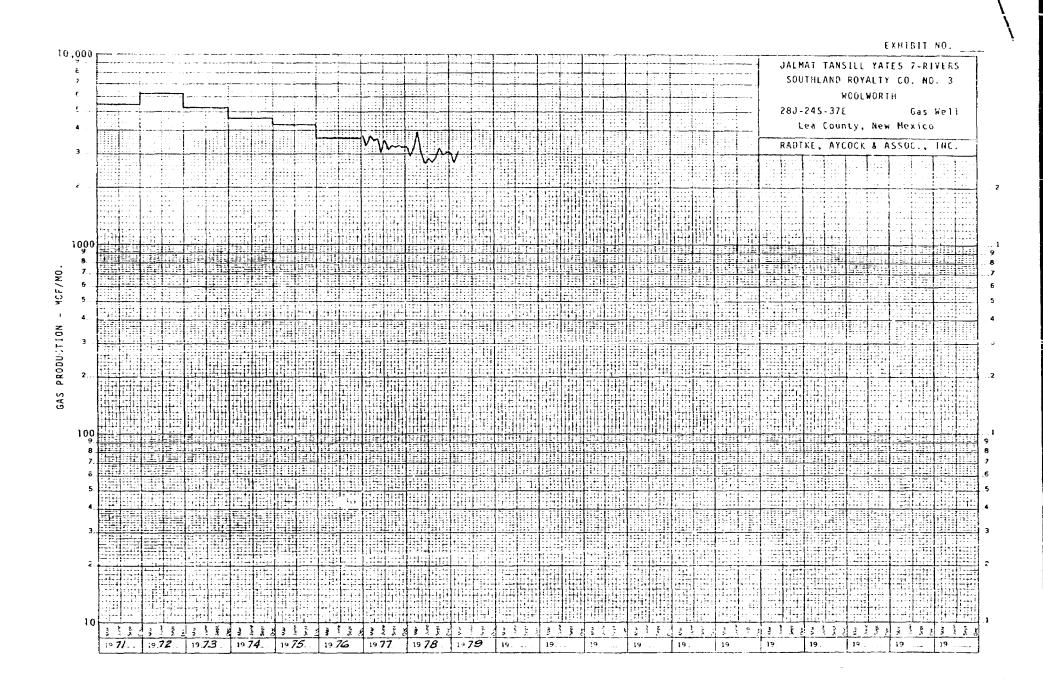


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Distance and Direction From Proposed Location	1000', S	1500', ESE	1150', SW	2800', WNW	2800', SSW	4000', NNW	<b>38</b> 0
Completion Date	2-22-37	3-23-51	12-19-50	NA	12-4-44	7 - 30 - 74	N
Init. CAOFP, MCF/day	200	180	1170	NA	-	1072	N
Completion Interval	2945-3096	2897-3076	3000-3200	NA	2990-3145	2830-3200	Ŋ
Cumulative Gas Production, MCF @ 4-1-79	3,852,910	2,048,151	2,799,130	212,796	3,224,679	320,941	2,647
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Est. Gas Rec. Factor, % OGIP	•	94.6	71.9	-	62.5	52.2	<u>.</u>
Estimated Drainage Area, Acres	86	59	41	-	75	•	6

<sup>\*</sup>Logs not available

\*\*Estimated from gross completion interval as correlated with original gas-in-place (acres)

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ALPHA 21 PRODUCTION CO.

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Docket No. 1-80

Dockets Nos. 2-80 and 3-80 are tentatively set for January 16 and 30, 1980. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

#### DOCKET: FXAMINER READING THURSDAY JANUARY 3, 1980

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

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

- CASE 6770: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to permit National Petroleum Company and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why its Well No. 1 located 905 feet from the North line and 1155 feet from the West line of Section 22, Township 29 North, Range 11 West, San Juan County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program.
- CASE 6786: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to consider the amendment of its administrative procedure for the approval of infill drilling on existing gas proration units as promulgated by Order No. R-6013 to permit the approval of infill wells as new onshore production wells pursuant to the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 without notice and hearing even though such wells have been spudded prior to receiving such approval.
- CASE 6771: Application of Getty Oil Company for a non-standard gas proration unit, Lea County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of a 160-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising the E/2 SW/4 of Section 3i, Township 24 South, Range 37 East, and the NW/4 NE/4 and NE/4 NW/4 of Section 6, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, Jalmat Gas Pool, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon.
- CASE 6772: Application of Reading & Bates Petroleum Co. for compulsory pooling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

  Applicant. in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Dakota formation underlying the SE/4 of Section 17. Township 24 North, Range 3 West, Chacon-Dakota Fool, 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. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- CASE 6773: Application of Southland Royalty Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Pennsylvanian formation underlying the E/2 of Section 20, Township 19 South, Range 27 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. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- Application of Dayle Nortman for an unorthodox location, non standard proration unit, and approval of infill drilling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of a 120-acre non-standard proration unit comprising the NW/4 NW/4 of Section 6, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, and the W/2 SW/4 of Section 31, Township 24 South, Range 37 East, to be dedicated to his Federal Jalmat Com Well No. 1 at an unorthodox location 590 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line of said Section 6; applicant further seeks a finding that the drilling of said well is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain that portion of an existing proration unit which cannot be so drained by the existing well.

CASE 6768: (Continued and Readvertised)

Application of Alpha Twenty-One Production Company for two non-standard gas proration units, compulsory pooling, unorthodox well location, and approval of infill drilling, Lea County, New Mexico.

Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of a 40-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising the SW/4 SE/4 of Section 21, Township 24 South, Range 37 East, Jalmat Gas Pool, to be dedicated to the El Paso Natural Gas Company Shell Black Well No. 2. Applicant also seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Jalmat Gas Pool underlying the E/2 SW/4 and NW/4 SE/4 of said Section 21 to form a 120-acre non-standard gas proration unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 990 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the West line of said Section 21. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Applicant further seeks a finding that the drilling of said well is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain that portion of the existing proration unit which cannot be so drained by the existing well.

CASE 6767: (Continued from December 12, 1979, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Alpha Twenty-One Production Company for two non-standard gas proration units, unorthodox well location, and approval of infill drilling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-skyled cause, seeks approval of a 40-acre non-standard proration unit comprising the NW/4 NW/4 of Section 27, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, Jaimat Gas Pool, to be dedicated to El Faso Natural Gas Company's Harrison Well No. 2, and also a 200-acre unit comprising the S/2 N/2 and NE/4 NW/4 of said Section 27 to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 1980 feet from the North line and 560 feet from the West line of Section 27. Applicant further seeks a finding that the drilling of the latter well is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain that postion of an existing proration unit which cannot be so drained by the existing well.

CASE 6437: (Continued from October 17, 1979, Examiner Hearing)

Application of El Paso Notural Gas Company for approval of infill drilling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks a waiver of existing well-spacing requirements and a finding that the drilling of its Shell E State Com Well No. 2 located in Unit N of Section 6, Township 21 South, Range 36 East, Eumont Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain that portion of the proration unit which cannot be so drained by the existing well.

CASE 6732: (Continued from November 28, 1979, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Dorchester Exploration, Inc. for an unorthodox oil well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its Morton Solid State Unit Well No. 1 located 2156 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the West line of Section 4, Township 15 South, Range 34 East, Tres Papalotes-Pennsylvanian Pool.

- Application of Harvey E. Yates Company for a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the Young Deep Unit Area, comprising 2242 acres, more or less, of Federal lands in Township 18 South, Range 32 East.
- Application of Harvey E. Natco Company for an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its Young Deep Unit Well No. 1, a Morrow test to be drilled 660 feet from the North and West lines of Section 10, Township 18 South, Range 32 East, the W/2 of said Section 10 to be dedicated to the well.
- CASE 6777: Application of Harvey E. Yates Company for an NGPA determination, Eddy County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks a new onshore reservoir determination for its Amoco
  22 State Well No. 2 located in Unit G of Section 22, Township 23 South, Range 27 East.
- CASE 6778: Application of Harvey E. Yates Company for an NGPA determination, Eddy County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks a new onshore reservoir determination for its Loco Hills Welch Well Mo. 2 located in Unit N of Section 4, Township 18 South, Range 29 East.
- CASE 6745: (Continued from November 28, 1979, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Harvey E. Yates Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp-Pennsylvanian formations underlying the W/2 of Section 28, Township 23 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. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

- CASE 6779: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the Pronghorn Unit Area, comprising 5,120 acres, more or less, of State and Federal lands in Townships 22 and 23 South, Range 33 East.
- CASE 6780: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for a unit agreement, Eddy County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the Serpentine Bends Unit Area, comprising 4,602 acres, more or less, of State and Federal lands in Township 24 South, Ranges 23 and 24 East.
- CASE 6781: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of a Merrow test well to be drilled 660 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line of Section 1, Township 20 South, Range 28 East, the E/2 of said Section 1 to be dedicated to the well.

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- CASE 6782: Application of Inexco Oil Company for an exception to Order No. R-3221, Lea County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an exception to Order No. R-3221 to permit disposal of produced brine into an unlined surface pit located in Unit H of Section 7, Township 19 South, Range 33 East.
- CASE 6783: Application of McClellan Oil Corporation for an unorthodox oil well location, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its Marlisue State Well No. 6 located 1155 feet from the North line and 2475 feet from the West line of Section 24, Township 14 South, Range 29 East, Double "L"-Queen Associated Pool, the NE/4 NW/4 of said Section 24 to be dedicated to the well.
- CASE 6784: Application of Merrion & Bayless for a non-standard protection unit and an unorthodox gas well location, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, socks approval for a 640 acre non-standard gas protection unit comprising the W/2 of Section 18 and the W/2 of Section 19, Township 32 North, Range 14 West, Barker Creek-Paradox Pool, to be dedicated to its Ute Well No. 7 at an unorthodox location 1685 feet from the South line and 3335 feet from the East line of said Section 19.

In the alternative, applicant seeks an order force pooling all of said Section 19 to form a standard 640-acre unit.

Application of The Harlow Corporation for compulsory pooling, Chaves County, New Mexico.

Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the San Andres formation underlying the SW/4 SW/4 of Section 18, Township 8 South, Range 29 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. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

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Docket No. 45-79

Dockets Nos. 1-90 and 2-80 are tentatively set for January 3 and 16, 1980. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

#### DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 12, 1979

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

- The following cases will be heard before Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner, or Richard L. Stamets, Atternate Examiner:
- ALLOWABLE: (1) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for January, 1980, from fifteen prorated pools in Lea, Eddy, and Chaves Counties, New Mexico.
  - (2) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for January, 1980, from four prorated pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico.
- CASE 6752: Application of Bill Stapler for a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the Quark Unit Area, comprising 11,200 acres, more or less, of State and Federal Lands in Township 22 South, Range 34 East.
- CASE 6753: Application of Amax Chemical Corporation for the amendment of Order No. R-111-A, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the amendment of Order No. R-111-A to extend the boundaries of the Potash-Oil Area by the inclusion of certain lands in Sections 26 and 27, Township 19 South, Range 29 East.
- CASE 6754: Application of Petroleum Development Corporation for a non-standard gas proration unit and an unorthodox location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location for a well to be drilled 660 feet from the North and West lines of Section 15, Township 19 South, Range 32 East, Lusk-Morrow Gas Pool, the W/2 of said Section 15 to be dedicated to the well as a non-standard 320-acre preration unit.
- CASE 6755: Application of Dome Petroleum Corporation for water disposal, San Juan County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to extend the previously authorized water disposal interval in its Santa Fe 20 Well No. 2 located in Unit F of Section 20, Township 21 North,

  Range 8 West, Snake Eyes-Entrada Oil Pool, to include the perforated interval from 5756 feet to 5790 feet in the Entrada formation.
- Application of Amoco Production Company for pool contraction and creation, Lea County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the contraction of the vertical limits of the Air Strip-Bone Spring Pool to comprise the Middle Bone Spring formation only, from 9300 feet to 0460 fact, and the creation of the Air Strip-Upper Bone Spring Pool to Comprise said formation from 9180 feet to 9260 fact and the Air Strip-Lower Bone Spring Pool to comprise said formation from 10,100 feet to 10,400 feet. All depths are from the log of the Amoco State FU Well No. 2 in Unit N of Section 25, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, for which well applicant also seeks 51,310 barrels of discovery allowable.
- CASE 6757: Application of Amoco Production Company for a dual completion, Lea County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the dual completion (conventional) of its

  State FU Well No. 1 located in Unit K of Section 25, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, to produce oil

  from the Air Strip Upper and Middle Bone Spring Pools thru parallel strings of tubing.
- CASE 6758: Application of Among Production Company for a dual completion, lea County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the dual completion of its State "C" Tract

  11 Well No. 11 located in Unit X of Section 2, Township 21 South, Range 36 East, to produce oil from
  the Hardy-Blinebry Pool and an undesignated Drinkard pool through parallel strings of tubing.
- CASP 6710: (Continued and Readvertised)

Application of Sam H. Snoddy for an amendment to Order No. R-5521, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the amendment of Order No. K-5521, which authorizes the directional drilling of the Federal Well No. 2 in Section 25, Township 20 South, Range 32 East, to permit the well to be bottomed within 400 feet of a point 1320 feet from the South and West lines of Section 25.

Application of Sun Oil Company for an unorthodox location, non-standard gas proration unit, infill findings, simultaneous dedication, and downhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its Reeves Well No. 6, 660 feat from the North line and 610 feet from the East line of Section 29, Township 20 South, Range 37 East, Fimont Gas Pool, to be simultaneously dedicated with its Reeves Well No. 2 in Unit D of Section 29 to a 160-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising the N/2 N/2 of Section 29. Also sought are findings that the proposed well is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain that portion of the proration unit which cannot be so drained by the existing unit well, and authority to commingle Eumont and Monument production in the wellbore of the proposed well.

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- CASE 6760: Application of Sun Oil Company for an unorthodox location, non-standard gas proration unit, infill findings, and simultaneous dedication. Roosevelt County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its State "AY" Well No. 5, located in Unit E of Section 36, Township 7 South, Range 35 East, Todd-Upper San Andres Gas Pool, to be simultaneously dedicated with its State "AY" Well No. 3 in Unit F of Section 36 to a 160-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising the NW/4 of Section 36. Also sought are findings that the proposed well is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain that portion of the proration unit which cannot be so drained by the existing unit well.
- CASE 6761: Application of Phillips Petroleum Company for an unorthodox gas well location and approval of infill drilling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of an Atoka-Morrow test well to be drilled 660 feet from the North and West lines of Section 2, Township 24 South, Range 28 East; applicant further seeks a finding that the drilling of said well is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain that portion of the proration unit, being the W/2 of said Section 2, which cannot be so drained by the existing well.
- CASE 6762: Application of Joe Don Cook for an exception to Order No. R-3221, Eddy County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an exception to Order No. R-3221 to permit disposal of produced brine into an unlined surface pit located in Section 1. Township 19 South, Range 31 East, Shighert Pool.
- CASE 6763: Application of Adams Exploration Company for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the North Osudo-Morrow Gas Pool underlying Section 16, Township 20 South, Range 36 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 660 feet from the South and West lines of said Section 16. 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. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- CASE 6729: (Continued from November 14, 1979, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Adams Exploration Company for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Pennsylvanian formation underlying Section 16, Township 20 South, Range 36 East, North Osudo-Morrow Gas 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 well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 6725: (Continued from November 28, 1979, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Tenneco Oil Company for three non-standard gas proration units, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of a 291.23-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising the W/2 of Section 6 and the NN/4 of Section 7, a 347.58-acre unit comprising the W/2 of Section 19 and the NW/4 of Section 30, and a 375.17-acre unit comprising the SW/4 of Section 30 and the W/2 of Section 31, all in Township 29 North, Range 8 West, Basin-Dakota Pool, each unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon.

CASE 6751: (Continued from November 20, 1070, Examiner nearing)

Application of Tenneco 0il Company for the rescission of special pool rules, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the rescission of the special pool rules for the Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool to provide for 320-acre spacing rather than 640 acres. In the absence of objection, the pool rules will be rescinded and the pool placed on standard 320-acre spacing for Pennsylvanian gas pools rather than the present 640-acre spacing.

- CASE 6764: Application of Lee Crane for surface commingling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the surface commingling of undesignated Ojo Alamo and Oswell-Farmington production from his Martin Wells Nos. 1 and 3 located in Section 34, rownship 30 North, Range 11 West.
- Application of Mesa Petroleum Company for an exception to Order No. R-111-A and an unorthodox well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an exception to the casing-compating rules of Order No. R-111-A to complete its Bass Federal Well No. 2 to be drilled at an unorthodox location 1450 feet from the North line and 1850 feet from the West line and its Bass Federal Well No. 3 to be drilled in Unit D, both in Section 6, Township 20 South, Range 31 East, by setting surface casing in the "Red Bed" section of the basel Rustler formation and production casing at total depth. Both casing strings would have cement circulated to the surface.

- CASE 6766: Application of Supron Energy Corporation for two non-standard gas proration units, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of two non-standard gas proration units, the first being 192.97 acres comprising the W/2 of Section 7, Township 28 North, Range 10 West, and the E/2 E/2 of Section 12, Township 28 North, Range 11 West, for the Fruitland, Pictured Cliffs and Chacra formations, and the second being 190.89 acres comprising the W/2 and W/2 E/2 of said Section 12 for the Fruitland formation only, both units to be dedicated to wells to be drilled at etaudard locations thereon.
- CASE 6700: (Reopened and Readvertised)

Application of Doyle Hartman to reopen Case No. 6700, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the reopening of Case No. 6700, heard October 17, 1979, to amend the original unorthodox vol. 1 location 2310 feet from the North line and 330 feet from the West line of Section 29, Township 25 South. Range 37 Fast, to a new unorthodox location 1870 feet from the North line and 280 feet from the West line of said Section 29. All other aspects of Case No. 6700 would remain the same.

- Application of Alpha Twenty-One Production Company for two non-standard gas proration units, unorthodox well location, and approval of infill drilling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of a 40-acre non-standard proration unit comprising the NW/4 NW/4 of Section 27, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, Jalmat Gas Pool, to be dedicated to El Paso Natural Gas Company's Harrison Well No. 2, and also a 200-acre unit comprising the S/2 N/2 and NE/4 NW/4 of Section 27 to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 1980 feet from the North line and 560 feet from the West line of Section 27. Applicant further seeks a finding that the drilling of the latter well is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain that portion of an existing proration unit which cannot be so drained by the existing well.
- CASE 6768: Application of Alpha Twenty-One Production Company for two non-standard gas proration units, compulsory pooling, unorthodox well location, and approval of infill drilling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of a 40-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising the SW/4 SW/4 of Section 21, Township 24 South, Range 37 East, Jaimat Gas Pool, to be dedicated to the El Paso Natural Gas Company Shell Black Well No. 2. Applicant also seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Jaimat Gas Pool underlying the E/2 SW/4 and NW/4 SE/4 of said section 21 to form a 120-acre non-standard gas proration unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 990 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the West line of said Section 21. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Applicant further seeks a finding that the drilling of said well is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain that portion of the existing proration unit which cannot be so drained by the existing well.
- CASE 6656: (Continued from October 2, 1979, Examiner Hearing)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to permit Emergy Oil & Gas Gorp., The Travelers Indemnity Co., and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Sadler Well No. 1 located in Unit I of Section 3, Township 24 North, Range 29 East, Union County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program.

- CASE 6769: In the matter of the hearing called by the 0il Conservation Division on its own motion for an order creating, reclassifying, and extending certain pools in Chaves, Eddy, Lea, and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico:
  - (a) CREATE a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Morrow production and designated as the West Double X-Morrow Gas Pool. The discovery well is Union Oil Company of California Paduca Federal Well No. 1 located in Unit G of Section 30, Township 24 South, Range 32 East, NMFM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, NMPM Section 30: E/2

(b) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Atoka production and designated as the Dublin Ranch-Atoka Gas Pool. The discovery well is J. C. Barnes Little Squaw Com Well No. 2 located in Unit N of Section 27, Township 22 South, Range 28 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NMPM Section 27: S/2

(c) CREATE a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Morrow production and designated as the Gem-Morrow Cas Pool. The discovery well is Union Oil Company of California Maduro Unit Federal Well No. 1 located in Unit J of Section 29, Township 19 South, Range 33 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

## TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM Section 29: S/2

(d) CREATE a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Morrow production and designated as the East Gem-Morrow Gas Pool. The discovery well is Union 0il Company of California Laguna Deep Unit Federal Well No. 1 located in Unit G of Section 35, Township 12 South, Range 22 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

## TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM Section 35: N/2

(e) CREATE a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Atoka production and designated as the Halfway-Atoka Gas Pool. The discovery well is Amoco Production Company Federal Y Com Well No. 1 located in Unit G of Section 27, Township 20 South, Range 33 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

#### TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM Section 27: E/2

(f) CREATE a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for Devonian production and designated as the Midway-Devonian Pool. The discovery well is David Fasken Warren Well No. 1 located in Unit G of Section 8, Township 17 South, Range 37 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

#### TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM Section 8: NE/4

(c) CREATE a new pool in Lea County. New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Atoka production and designated as the East Triste Draw-Atoka Cas Pool. The discovery well is Getty Oil Company State 29 J Well No. 1 located in Unit J of Section 29, Township 24 South, Range 33 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

## TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NAPH

Section 29: E/2

(h) CREATE a new pool in Roosevelt County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for Bough C production and designated as the Tucker Ranch-Bough C Pool. The discovery well is Pauley Petroleum, Inc. Tucker Well No. 1 located in Unit J of Section 9, Township 7 South, Range 33 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

## TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM Section 9: SE/4

- (i) RECLASSIFY the Oil Center-Glorieta Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, as the Oil Center-Glorieta Gas Pool. The pool was created by Order R-5988 as an oil pool but was advertised as a gas pool.
- (j) EXTEND the Angell Ranch-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

#### TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM

Section 1:

Section 2: N/2

(k) EXTEND the Atoka-San Andres Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

#### TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, NMPM

Section 28: S/2 SE/4

(1) EXTEND the Atoky-Yeso Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

### TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, NMPM

Section 34: E/2 NW/4

(m) EXTEND the Austin-Mississippian Gas Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 14 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, NMPM

Section 16: N/2

(n) EXTEND the Blinebry Oil and Gas Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 38 EAST, NMPM Section 20: SE/4

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMFM Section 18: SW/4

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 36 FAST, NMPM Section 1: NW/4

(o) EXTEND the Bluitt-Wolfcamp Gas Pool in Rossevelt County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 37 FAST, NMPM Section 3: NE/4

(p) EXTEND the South Brunson-Granite Wash Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 38 EAST, NMPM Section 31: NE/4

(q) EXTEND the Cass Draw-Wolfcamp Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM Section 11: W/2

(r) EXTEND the Chaveroo-San Andres Pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, NMPM Section 3: SE/4

(s) EXTEND the Cinta Roja-Morrow Gas Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, NMPM Section 10: All

(t) EXTEND the Comanche-San Andres Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, NMPM Section 14: NW/4 NW/4

(u) EXTEND the Corbin-Queen Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM Section 34: NE/4

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TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM Section 36: E/2

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Section 20: E/2

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Section 12: NE/4

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FLORENE DAVIDSON ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

Called in by Bill Carr on November 16, 1839

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November 21, 1979

Mr. Joe D. Ramey Division Director Oil Conservation Division New Mexico Department of Energy & Minerals Post Office Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re: Application of Alpha Twenty One Production Company for Compulsory Pooling, Two Non-Standard Proration Units, an Unorthodox Gas Well Location and Approval of Infill Drilling, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Ramey:

Enclosed in triplicate is the application of Alpha Twenty One Production Company in the above-referenced matter.

The applicant requests that this matter be included on the docket for the examiner hearing scheduled to be held on December 12, 1979.

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William F. Carr

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Tom Phipps

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#### STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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

CASE NO. 6768

Order No. R-6241

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ORDER OF THE DIVISION

#### BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on January 3

19 80 , at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets

NOW, on this day of January , 19 80 , 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.
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Case No. 6761 Order No. 8-6231

- (5) That a well at said unorthodox location will better enable applicant to produce the gas underlying the proration unit.
- (6) That no offset operator objected to the proposed unorthodox location.

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an Alpha Twenty - One Production Company well to

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The authorization for infill drilling in the Jahran fermation granted by this order is necessary to permit the drainage of a portion of the reservoir covered by the 120-40-40 mm shaded existing 320-acre proration unit which cannot efficiently and economically be drained by any existing well thereon.

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(4) 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.