

CASE 5769: YACAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION  
FOR A NON-STANDARD OIL PRODUCTION UNIT,  
UNORTHODOX WELL LOCATION, AND DOWNHOLE  
COMINGLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Case No.

6900

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Re: CASE NO. 6900  
ORDER NO. R-6362

Applicant:

Yates Petroleum Corporation

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced Division order recently entered in the subject case.

Yours very truly,

**JOE D. RAMEY**  
**Director**

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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. 6900  
Order No. R-6362

APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLEUM  
CORPORATION FOR A NON-STANDARD OIL  
PRORATION UNIT, UNORTHODOX WELL  
LOCATION, AND DOWNHOLE COMMINGLING,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on May 21, 1960,  
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 5th day of June, 1960, 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, Yates Petroleum Corporation, seeks  
approval of an 80-acre non-standard oil proration unit compris-  
ing the N/2 SE/4 of Section 22, Township 16 South, Range 33 East,  
NMM, Kempt-Wolfcamp Pool, to be dedicated to its Sombraero  
"A" State Well No. 1 at an unorthodox location 1650 feet from  
the South line and 1650 feet from the East line of said Section  
22.

(3) That the special rules for said pool prescribe that  
drilling and proration units shall comprise either the East half  
or the West half of a governmental quarter section and that well  
locations shall be within 150 feet of the center of the North-  
east quarter or the Southwest quarter of a governmental quarter  
section.



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(4) That the entire non-standard proration unit may reasonably be presumed productive of oil from the Kemnitz-Wolfcamp Pool and that the entire non-standard oil proration unit can be efficiently and economically drained and developed by the aforesaid well.

(5) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce his just and equitable share of the oil in the Kemnitz-Wolfcamp 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.

(6) That the applicant also seeks approval for the down-hole commingling of Wolfcamp and Cisco production in the wellbore of said well.

(7) That from each of said zones, the subject well is currently capable of marginal production.

(8) That the production from said zones is expected to initially decline at a relatively rapid rate.

(9) That the proposed commingling may result in the recovery of additional hydrocarbons from each of the subject pools, thereby preventing waste, and will not violate correlative rights.

(10) That the reservoir characteristics of each of the subject zones are such that underground waste would not be caused by the proposed commingling provided that the well is not shut-in for an extended period.

(11) That to afford the Division the opportunity to assess the potential for waste and to expeditiously order appropriate remedial action, the operator should notify the Hobbs district office of the Division any time the subject well is shut-in for 7 consecutive days.

(12) That in order to allocate the commingled production to each of the commingled zones in the well, applicant should consult with the supervisor of the Hobbs district office of the Division and determine an allocation formula for each of the production zones.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That an 80-acre non-standard oil proration unit in the Kemnitz-Wolfcamp Pool comprising the N/2 SE/4 of Section 22, Township 16 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, is hereby established and dedicated to the Yates Petroleum Corporation Sombbrero "MS" State Well No. 1 at an unorthodox location, hereby approved, 1650 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the East line of said Section 22.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

(1) That Yates Petroleum Corporation is hereby authorized to commingle Wolfcamp and Cisco production within the wellbore of said Sombbrero "MS" State Well No. 1.

(2) That the applicant shall consult with the Supervisor of the Hobbs district office of the Division and determine an allocation formula for the allocation of production to each zone in the subject well.

(3) That the operator of the subject well shall immediately notify the Division's Hobbs district office any time the well has been shut-in for 7 consecutive days and shall concurrently present, to the Division, a plan for remedial action.

(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.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

  
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Director

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SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO  
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EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of Yates Petroleum Corpor-  
ation for a non-standard oil proration  
unit, unorthodox well location, and  
downhole commingling, Lea County, New  
Mexico.

CASE  
6900

BEFORE: Richard L. Stamets

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

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1 MR. STAMETS: We'll call next Case 6900.

2 MR. PADILLA: Application of Yates Petro-  
3 leum Corporation for a non-standard oil proration unit, un-  
4 orthodox well location, and downhole commingling, Lea County,  
5 New Mexico.

6 MR. DICKERSON: Chad Dickerson, Mr. Exa-  
7 miner, on behalf of the applicant and we have one witness.

8 (Witness sworn.)  
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10 EDDIE MAHFOOD  
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12 being called as a witness and having been duly sworn upon  
13 his oath, testified as follows, to-wit:  
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15 DIRECT EXAMINATION

16 BY MR. DICKERSON:

17 Q Will you state your name and your occu-  
18 pation and by whom you are employed, please?

19 A Eddie Mahfood, petroleum engineer for the  
20 Yates Petroleum Corporation in Artesia, New Mexico.

21 Q And, Mr. Mahfood, you have previously  
22 testified before the Oil Conservation Division as an expert  
23 engineer and have had your qualifications accepted?

24 A Yes.

25 MR. DICKERSON: I tender Mr. Mahfood as

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1 a witness.

2 MR. STAMETS: He is considered qualified.

3 Q Mr. Mahfood, will you briefly describe  
4 the purposes of Yates -- that Yates seeks by its application  
5 in this proceeding?

6 A We seek a non-standard location and down-  
7 hole commingling in this well. The non-standard location is  
8 created by special pool rules which the company was unaware  
9 of when we spudded the well.

10 Q What field rules are you referring to?

11 A I'm referring to the Kemnitz Lower Wolf-  
12 camp Field Rules.

13 Q And that was created by Commission Order  
14 R-1011?

15 A That is correct.

16 Q Mr. Mahfood, please refer to what is  
17 marked Exhibit Number One and describe what it shows.

18 A Exhibit Number One is an ownership map  
19 of the area showing the location of our well, which is loca-  
20 ted in about the middle of the four different fields, the  
21 Kemnitz Wolfcamp Field, the Sombrero Gas Field, Kemnitz West  
22 Wolfcamp and Cisco Field, and the Pennsylvania Field.

23 Q What is the footage location this well  
24 that we're involved with today?

25 A This well is located 1650 from the south



1 and east lines of Section 22, 16, 33.

2 Q Mr. Mahfood, will you point out other  
3 wells which have a bearing on this proceeding in the area  
4 which is shown on Exhibit Number One?

5 A Yes. To the west of our location is a  
6 Westland oil development well, New Mexico State No. 1, and  
7 to the east in Section 23 there's an Amoco Cisco completion  
8 been plugged back -- Cisco discovery well, which has been  
9 plugged back to the Wolfcamp. And to the south there is  
10 in Section 27, there is also a Wolfcamp completion.

11 Q Did you point out the well in the west  
12 half of Section 22?

13 A It's in Unit K, Section 22.

14 Q And whose well is that?

15 A Westland Oil Development Company.

16 Q Now, Mr. Mahfood, to what zone was the  
17 Yates well in Section 22 projected?

18 A It was projected to the Seaman zone in  
19 the Cisco formation.

20 Q Will you refer to Exhibit Number Two and  
21 describe what it shows?

22 A Exhibit Number Two is our application for  
23 permit to drill in which we applied to drill the Seaman and  
24 intermediate formations, knowing that the Wolfcamp zone was  
25 a highly potential zone.

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1 Q Now back to Exhibit Number ONE, your  
2 projected test of the Cisco formation would be an orthodox  
3 location under the State rules, would it not, for the Cisco?

4 A It would have been orthodox for the Cisco,  
5 yes.

6 Q And what bearing does this Commission  
7 Order R-1011 that we spoke about have on the -- what would  
8 be standard location for the Kemnitz under that order?

9 A Okay, it would place it in Unit O, or  
10 Unit I.

11 Q That would be either in the approximate  
12 center of the northwest quarter or rather the northeast  
13 quarter, or the southwest quarter, is that right?

14 A That is correct.

15 Q So your Exhibit Number Two, Mr. Mahfood,  
16 reflects that Yates filed its application projecting the  
17 well to test both the Cisco and intermediate --

18 A This is --

19 Q -- horizons.

20 A This is correct.

21 Q And that your application was approved  
22 at the location shown?

23 A Right. Attached to this first page is  
24 a plat dedicating the 40 acres which shows that the Commis-  
25 sion didn't know that this was a -- designated South Cisco

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1 Kemnitz possibility there.

2 Q And would you describe how you subse-  
3 quently learned of the field rules which affected this zone?

4 A Okay. This lease was drilled further be-  
5 cause of the oil permit expiration date and our geologist  
6 was asked to -- what was his recommendation. He recommended  
7 this location and staked the first one and was drilling it,  
8 and staked the second location and was preparing to drill  
9 it. We filed the APD for the second location and at that  
10 time the Oil Commission pointed out to us that an exception --  
11 that the location was non-standard for the Kemnitz zone; that  
12 the Kemnitz Field had been extended to include this area  
13 and thereby creating this non-standard location for the  
14 No. 1 Well.

15 Q Mr. Mahfood, in this Sombrero "MS" Well  
16 what zones have -- has Yates Petroleum decided are poten-  
17 tially productive?

18 A The Cisco zone and the Kemnitz zone;  
19 the Seaman zone of the Cisco formation and the Kemnitz zone  
20 of the Wolfcamp formation are both potential.

21 Q And has that well been completed in both  
22 those zones?

23 A The well has been completed in both zones.

24 Q And have you conducted tests to determine  
25 the potential productivity of those zones?

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1 A We have swab tested the well. The well  
2 is incapable of flowing from either zone.

3 Q What have your swab tests shown you con-  
4 cerning the possible productivity of oil and water from the  
5 well?

6 A Okay, the Cisco zone swab tested 85 bar-  
7 rels in three days of oil, and water, approximately one half  
8 the amount of oil, and the Kemnitz zone potentialized -- swab  
9 tested 42 barrels a day oil with a very minor amount of  
10 water.

11 Q Mr. Mahfood, would it be possible for  
12 Yates Petroleum Corporation to complete both these zones  
13 and produce them through separate strings of tubing?

14 A No, the well was cased with 5-1/2 casing  
15 and the only way to put them in separate tubing strings  
16 would be to use 2-1/16 tubing, and since the well isn't cap-  
17 able of flowing, this would not be practical.

18 Q Mr. Mahfood, do you have an opinion con-  
19 cerning the probable compatibility of the fluids from the  
20 Cisco and the Kemnitz zones?

21 A Yes. We don't have any oil analysis to  
22 back us up, but they're both carbonate formations and ap-  
23 parently in the same reef buildup; therefor, I would sus-  
24 pect that the -- I think, I would conclude that the forma-  
25 tions would be -- the formation waters would be compatible.

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1 Q If this application for commingling of  
2 this production is granted, is it your intention to determine  
3 for certainty the compatibility of those fluids?

4 A Yes. Yes, we'll certainly do that.

5 Q Mr. Mahfood, do you have an opinion as to  
6 whether or not the total value of the crude production that  
7 can be produced from both these zones will be greater or  
8 less if it's allowed to be completed in both zones simul-  
9 taneously or whether both zones were depleted separately?

10 A If they are completed separately I think  
11 the Cisco zone would produce a negligible amount of oil and  
12 that a considerable reserves would be lost.

13 In the Kemnitz zone would produce just  
14 slightly less amount of oil than we would by commingling  
15 because of the early point of -- the early economic limit,  
16 by producing separately.

17 Q Mr. Mahfood, you have also sought by this  
18 application a non-standard unit for the -- consisting of the  
19 north half southeast of this section for Cisco production,  
20 is that correct?

21 A That is correct.

22 Q Is the ownership common throughout the  
23 north half southeast as to all zones that we're concerned  
24 with?

25 A It is common.

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1 Q Do you feel, Mr. Mahfood, that there would  
2 be any detriment to possible future secondary recovery oper-  
3 ations, or anything of that nature, which would flow from  
4 the granting of this application?

5 A No, I don't see why there should be any  
6 detriment.

7 Q Mr. Mahfood, will you refer to what is  
8 marked Exhibit Number Three and describe what it shows?

9 A This is a diagrammatic sketch of the pro-  
10 posed dual completion downhole commingling. This shows one  
11 tubing string. The present completion has two packers and  
12 bridge plug, packers in between the two Cisco zones and a  
13 bridge plug above the upper Cisco zone, separating the  
14 Cisco from the Wolfcamp, and another packer above the Wolf-  
15 camp zone.

16 We propose to pull the packer and the  
17 bridge plug to latch onto that bottom packer, or replace the  
18 bottom packer with a tubing anchor, and thereby allowing  
19 the two zones to be produced simultaneously.

20 A seeding nipple will be set in the  
21 tubing above the Kemnitz perforations to allow the well to  
22 be pumped from that point.

23 Q What's the significance of the dotted  
24 lines indicated along the tubing?

25 A The dotted line would be -- would indi-

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1 cate the perforated nipple if we leave the packer in the  
2 hole, and if we put this -- if we replace the packer with  
3 a tubing anchor, we would not need it.

4 Q Mr. Mahfood, please refer to Exhibit  
5 Number Four and describe what it shows.

6 A Exhibit Four is a copy of the log on this  
7 well. On the left is the porosity log, which is a CNL den-  
8 sity log. The upper zone is colored orange is the Kemnitz  
9 Wolfcamp zone and the lower zone marked in orange are the  
10 Seaman Cisco zones.

11 On the right is a duolateral log and the  
12 orange is the separation between the shallow lateral and the  
13 deep lateral, and orange is the RXO separation.

14 Q Is there anything else of any significance  
15 that you would like to point out to the Examiner reflected  
16 on Exhibit Number Four?

17 A Okay, we did a drill stem test of the  
18 Kemnitz zone and we -- it was very tight. We did recover  
19 some oil, some oil-cut drilling mud, and I don't have this  
20 written on here, but on the top of the page there is the  
21 drill stem number one, the drill stem test results. Gas to  
22 surface in the second flow period; recovered 155 feet of  
23 mud; 403 feet of condensate; and oil-cut mud. Pressures,  
24 initial shut-in pressure 2377; the 60 minutes final shut-in  
25 tubing pressure is 2224 in 120 minutes. These pressures are

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1 very low. It extrapolated out to 2850 or 2875 pounds. It  
2 was very low for virgin reservoir, which indicates that this  
3 reservoir is being drained.

4 Q You conducted no drill stem test on the  
5 Cisco?

6 A No, no drill stem test was conducted on  
7 the Cisco.

8 Q Mr. Mahfood, turn to Exhibit Number Five  
9 and explain what this shows.

10 A Exhibit Number Five is a bottom hole  
11 pressure survey report, dated May 11, 1980. The well had  
12 been shut-in for approximately two months and it shows bot-  
13 tom hole pressure of 2974 with some 3500 feet of water at  
14 the bottom.

15 Q Now what zone was this pressure test run  
16 on?

17 A This was run on the Kemnitz zone.

18 MR. STAMETS: The Wolfcamp zone?

19 A The Wolfcamp zone. It is possible that  
20 we might have a slight tubing leak which has caused some  
21 water to fall on the -- we don't know for sure. We're  
22 going to check to see. This is a very recent test.

23 Q What does this exhibit reflect as to the  
24 bottom hole pressure of this Wolfcamp zone?

25 A It shows that the zone is still well below

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1 the expected virgin reservoir.

2 Q And do you have an opinion as to what  
3 causes that?

4 A Yes. I feel like we're being drained.

5 Q Mr. Mahfood, referring back to Exhibit  
6 Number One, you testified that under the rules for the area  
7 you could have tested the Wolfcamp Kemnitz zone at a stand-  
8 ard location in the center of the southwest quarter of the  
9 southeast quarter, is that correct?

10 A Yes, I believe we could have. It would  
11 be awfully close to that highway and --

12 Q Well, have you made calculations as to  
13 how much closer your actual well location is than the stand-  
14 ard location would have been if located in the southwest  
15 quarter?

16 A Okay, the standard location would have  
17 been 1857 feet, and from where we drilled --

18 Q From what point?

19 A From the Westland well. And the location  
20 we actually drilled turned out to be 1683 feet, I believe.  
21 Or 184 feet closer than the standard location would have  
22 been.

23 Q Mr. Mahfood, were Exhibits One through  
24 Five either prepared by you or reflect information that you  
25 know of your own knowledge?

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A Yes.

MR. DICKERSON: Mr. Examiner, we'd move the admission of Exhibits One through Five into evidence.

MR. STAMETS: These exhibits will be admitted.

Q Mr. Mahfood, in your opinion would the granting of this application be in the prevention of waste and the --

A Protection of correlative rights?

Q Yes.

A Yes.

MR. DICKERSON: Mr. Examiner, that's our presentation.

#### CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. STAMETS:

Q Okay. Mr. Mahfood, you did not indicate any gas volumes on either of these two wells.

A No, sir, the well was swabbed. We had no facilities for testing the well. We know that the gas was negligible from the Wolfcamp and the Cisco's gas was probably in the ratio of about 1000 to one. The Cisco was probably more like 200 or 300 to one.

Q Now, referring to Exhibit Number Three, you have two Cisco zones shown there, 11,207 to 225, and then

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1 11,148 to 225?

2 A To 158. We had -- okay, I said earlier  
3 that there's a packer between the two Cisco zones. In this  
4 packer we had a standing valve. See the two Cisco zones  
5 were communicated while we were testing the upper zone.

6 Q Okay

7 A The standing valve would allow us to  
8 acidize.

9 Q So this is the current location of that  
10 packer. It's located between the two Cisco zones.

11 A That is correct.

12 Q So this water that you had at 3000 feet  
13 in the Wolfcamp zone may be water from the Cisco.

14 A No, sir, it should not because there is  
15 a retrievable bridge plug between the Cisco zones and the  
16 Wolfcamp zone. In other words there's a retrievable bridge  
17 plug above the uppermost Seaman zone. To be precise, the  
18 retrievable bridge plug is at 10,832.

19 Q So if the water is not from the Wolfcamp  
20 it must be from the tubing leak that you indicated.

21 A We suspect so.

22 Q Okay. What would be the problem with  
23 producing each of these zones separately; producing the  
24 Cisco zone to depletion and then resetting your packers and  
25 producing the Wolfcamp to depletion?

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1 A There wouldn't be any problem with doing  
2 that except I think we'd lose considerable reserves.

3 Q Okay, for what reason?

4 A Well, to begin with the Wolfcamp zone by  
5 itself is hardly a commercial well, 42 barrels a day on ini-  
6 tial -- you know, on a brief test. Now for an extended test  
7 it would probably drop to maybe a marginal status.

8 Q Have you got any pressure information on  
9 the Cisco zone?

10 A I have calculated -- we have no actual  
11 pressure tests of it. I have calculated the pressure, bottom  
12 hole pressure, from the shutin tubing pressure and the  
13 amount of fluid that we find in the hole, and I've come up  
14 with approximately 3740 pounds. This does not disagree  
15 very much with the pressure as found in the Westall well.

16 Q And that compares with about 2870 in the  
17 Wolfcamp formation.

18 A Yes, sir.

19 Q What sort of porosity do you have in the  
20 Wolfcamp zone?

21 A Well, Wolfcamp zone is reading approxi-  
22 mately 8 percent porosity. The offset operator, his well,  
23 the Westall well is reading somewhere in the neighborhood  
24 of 60 to 70 percent porosity, somewhat better than ours.

25 Q Is this a fairly permeable formation or

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1 relatively impermeable?

2 A It's -- in our well it's just fairly  
3 permeable.

4 Q What action will you take to see that this  
5 well, if it's allowed to be commingled, stays on the pump  
6 so that you can't have any cross flow between the two zones?

7 A Well, actually we need to get our money  
8 back, and the only way we can get it back as marginal as it  
9 is, the only way we can get it back is to keep the well  
10 pumping, and we have a pumper checking it every day, a con-  
11 tract pumper, and he'll report to us whenever there is no  
12 production. Well, if the well goes down he'll report to us  
13 immediately so we can do some remedial work or whatever is  
14 necessary.

15 Q Everybody's concerned about these wells  
16 when they make a lot of oil but when they take off and reach  
17 their economic limit, why that concern tends to diminish.

18 A That is correct.

19 Q But the potential for a cross flow and  
20 the contamination of one zone by the other doesn't diminish.  
21 And so that begins to be the area of my concern.

22 MR. DICKERSON: Mr. Mahfood, if this  
23 application were granted, it would be possible, would it  
24 not, to treat this well especially carefully because of the  
25 knowledge that it's necessary to prevent the problem that

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1 the Examiner's concerned about?

2 A Yes, it certainly can.

3 Q The non-standard proration unit is a  
4 directional non-standard proration unit rather than the  
5 size of the unit, isn't it?

6 MR. DICKERSON: It would be size, Mr.  
7 Examiner, as to the Cisco because the Cisco is a 40-acre  
8 proration.

9 MR. STAMETS: Right, but the standard  
10 unit for the Wolfcamp is 80.

11 MR. DICKERSON: But it is --

12 MR. STAMETS: What you're asking for is  
13 a laydown unit instead of a standup unit.

14 MR. DICKERSON: Correct.

15 MR. STAMETS: Any other questions of the  
16 witness? He may be excused.

17 Anything further in this case?

18 The case will be taken under advisement.

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20 (Hearing concluded.)  
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I, SALLY W. BOYD, C.S.R., DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing 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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21 May 1980

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of Yates Petroleum Corpor-  
ation for a non-standard oil proration  
unit, unorthodox well location, and  
downhole commingling, Lea County, New  
Mexico.

CASE  
6900

BEFORE: Richard L. Stamets

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

A P P E A R A N C E S

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1 MR. STAMETS: We'll call next Case 6900.

2 MR. PADILLA: Application of Yates Petro-  
3 leum Corporation for a non-standard oil proration unit, un-  
4 orthodox well location, and downhole commingling, Lea County,  
5 New Mexico.

6 MR. DICKERSON: Chad Dickerson, Mr. Exa-  
7 miner, on behalf of the applicant and we have one witness.

8  
9 (Witness sworn.)

10  
11 EDDIE MAHFOOD

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

14  
15 DIRECT EXAMINATION

16 BY MR. DICKERSON:

17 Q Will you state your name and your occu-  
18 pation and by whom you are employed, please?

19 A Eddie Mahfood, petroleum engineer for the  
20 Yates Petroleum Corporation in Artesia, New Mexico.

21 Q And, Mr. Mahfood, you have previously  
22 testified before the Oil Conservation Division as an expert  
23 engineer and have had your qualifications accepted?

24 A Yes.

25 MR. DICKERSON: I tender Mr. Mahfood as

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1 a witness.

2 MR. STAMETS: He is considered qualified.

3 Q Mr. Mahfood, will you briefly describe  
4 the purposes of Yates -- that Yates seeks by its application  
5 in this proceeding?

6 A We seek a non-standard location and down-  
7 hole commingling in this well. The non-standard location is  
8 created by special pool rules which the company was unaware  
9 of when we spudded the well.

10 Q What field rules are you referring to?

11 A I'm referring to the Kemnitz Lower Wolf-  
12 camp Field Rules.

13 Q And that was created by Commission Order  
14 R-1011?

15 A That is correct.

16 Q Mr. Mahfood, please refer to what is  
17 marked Exhibit Number One and describe what it shows.

18 A Exhibit Number One is an ownership map  
19 of the area showing the location of our well, which is loca-  
20 ted in about the middle of the four different fields, the  
21 Kemnitz Wolfcamp Field, the Sombrero Gas Field, Kemnitz West  
22 Wolfcamp and Cisco Field, and the Pennsylvania Field.

23 Q What is the footage location this well  
24 that we're involved with today?

25 A This well is located 1650 from the south

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1 and east lines of Section 22, 16, 33.

2 Q Mr. Mayfood, will you point out other  
3 wells which have a bearing on this proceeding in the area  
4 which is shown on Exhibit Number One?

5 A Yes. To the west of our location is a  
6 Westland oil development well, New Mexico State No. 1, and  
7 to the east in Section 23 there's an Amoco Cisco completion  
8 been plugged back -- Cisco discovery well, which has been  
9 plugged back to the Wolfcamp. And to the south there is  
10 in Section 27, there is also a Wolfcamp completion.

11 Q Did you point out the well in the west  
12 half of Section 22?

13 A It's in Unit K, Section 22.

14 Q And whose well is that?

15 A Westland Oil Development Company.

16 Q Now, Mr. Mahfood, to what zone was the  
17 Yates well in Section 22 projected?

18 A It was projected to the Seaman zone in  
19 the Cisco formation.

20 Q Will you refer to Exhibit Number Two and  
21 describe what it shows?

22 A Exhibit Number Two is our application for  
23 permit to drill in which we applied to drill the Seaman and  
24 intermediate formations, knowing that the Wolfcamp zone was  
25 a highly potential zone.

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1 Q Now back to Exhibit Number ONE, your  
2 projected test of the Cisco formation would be an orthodox  
3 location under the State rules, would it not, for the Cisco?

4 A It would have been orthodox for the Cisco,  
5 yes.

6 Q And what bearing does this Commission  
7 Order R-1011 that we spoke about have on the -- what would  
8 be standard location for the Kemnitz under that order?

9 A Okay, it would place it in Unit O, or  
10 Unit I.

11 Q That would be either in the approximate  
12 center of the northwest quarter or rather the northeast  
13 quarter, or the southwest quarter, is that right?

14 A That is correct.

15 Q So your Exhibit Number Two, Mr. Mahfood,  
16 reflects that Yates filed its application projecting the  
17 well to test both the Cisco and intermediate --

18 A This is --

19 Q -- horizons.

20 A This is correct.

21 Q And that your application was approved  
22 at the location shown?

23 A Right. Attached to this first page is  
24 a plat dedicating the 40 acres which shows that the Commis-  
25 sion didn't know that this was a -- designated South Cisco

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1 Kemnitz possibility there.

2 Q And would you describe how you subse-  
3 quently learned of the field rules which affected this zone?

4 A Okay. This lease was drilled further be-  
5 cause of the oil permit expiration date and our geologist  
6 was asked to -- what was his recommendation. He recommended  
7 this location and staked the first one and was drilling it,  
8 and staked the second location and was preparing to drill  
9 it. We filed the APD for the second location and at that  
10 time the Oil Commission pointed out to us that an exception  
11 that the location was non-standard for the Kemnitz zone; that  
12 the Kemnitz Field had been extended to include this area  
13 and thereby creating this non-standard location for the  
14 No. 1 Well.

15 Q Mr. Mahfood, in this Sombrero "MC" well  
16 what zones have -- has Yates Petroleum decided are poten-  
17 tially productive?

18 A The Cisco zone and the Kemnitz zone;  
19 the Seaman zone of the Cisco formation and the Kemnitz zone  
20 of the Wolfcamp formation are both potential.

21 Q And has that well been completed in both  
22 those zones?

23 A The well has been completed in both zones.

24 Q And have you conducted tests to determine  
25 the potential productivity of those zones?

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1 A We have swab tested the well. The well  
2 is incapable of flowing from either zone.

3 Q What have your swab tests shown you con-  
4 cerning the possible productivity of oil and water from the  
5 well?

6 A Okay, the Cisco zone swab tested 85 bar-  
7 rels in three days of oil, and water, approximately one half  
8 the amount of oil, and the Kennitz zone potentialized -- swab  
9 tested 42 barrels a day oil with a very minor amount of  
10 water.

11 Q Mr. Mahfood, would it be possible for  
12 Yates Petroleum Corporation to complete both these zones  
13 and produce them through separate strings of tubing?

14 A No, the well was cased with 5-1/2 casing  
15 and the only way to put them in separate tubing strings  
16 would be to use 2-1/16 tubing, and since the well isn't cap-  
17 able of flowing, this would not be practical.

18 Q Mr. Mahfood, do you have an opinion con-  
19 cerning the probable compatibility of the fluids from the  
20 Cisco and the Kennitz zones?

21 A Yes. We don't have any oil analysis to  
22 back us up, but they're both carbonate formations and ap-  
23 parently in the same reef buildup; therefore, I would sus-  
24 pect that the -- I think, I would conclude that the forma-  
25 tions would be -- the formation waters would be compatible.

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1 Q If this application for commingling of  
2 this production is granted, is it your intention to determine  
3 for certainty the compatibility of those fluids?

4 A Yes. Yes, we'll certainly do that.

5 Q Mr. Mahfood, do you have an opinion as to  
6 whether or not the total value of the crude production that  
7 can be produced from both these zones will be greater or  
8 less if it's allowed to be completed in both zones simul-  
9 taneously or whether both zones were depleted separately?

10 A If they are completed separately I think  
11 the Cisco zone would produce a negligible amount of oil and  
12 that a considerable reserves would be lost.

13 In the Kemnitz zone would produce just  
14 slightly less amount of oil than we would by commingling  
15 because of the early point of -- the early economic limit,  
16 by producing separately.

17 Q Mr. Mahfood, you have also sought by this  
18 application a non-standard unit for the -- consisting of the  
19 north half southeast of this section for Cisco production,  
20 is that correct?

21 A That is correct.

22 Q Is the ownership common throughout the  
23 north half southeast as to all zones that we're concerned  
24 with?

25 A It is common.

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1 Q Do you feel, Mr. Mahfood, that there would  
2 be any detriment to possible future secondary recovery oper-  
3 ations, or anything of that nature, which would flow from  
4 the granting of this application?

5 A No, I don't see why there should be any  
6 detriment.

7 Q Mr. Mahfood, will you refer to what is  
8 marked Exhibit Number Three and describe what it shows?

9 A This is a diagrammatic sketch of the pro-  
10 posed dual completion downhole commingling. This shows one  
11 tubing string. The present completion has two packers and  
12 bridge plug, packers in between the two Cisco zones and a  
13 bridge plug above the upper Cisco zone, separating the  
14 Cisco from the Wolfcamp, and another packer above the Wolf-  
15 camp zone.

16 We propose to pull the packer and the  
17 bridge plug to latch onto that bottom packer, or replace the  
18 bottom packer with a tubing anchor, and thereby allowing  
19 the two zones to be produced simultaneously.

20 A seeding nipple will be set in the  
21 tubing above the Kemnitz perforations to allow the well to  
22 be pumped from that point.

23 Q What's the significance of the dotted  
24 lines indicated along the tubing?

25 A The dotted line would be -- would indi-

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1 cate the perforated nipple if we leave the packer in the  
2 hole, and if we put this -- if we replace the packer with  
3 a tubing anchor, we would not need it.

4 Q Mr. Mahfood, please refer to Exhibit  
5 Number Four and describe what it shows.

6 A Exhibit Four is a copy of the log on this  
7 well. On the left is the porosity log, which is a CUL den-  
8 sity log. The upper zone is colored orange is the Kemnitz  
9 Wolfcamp zone and the lower zone marked in orange are the  
10 Seaman Cisco zones.

11 On the right is a duolateral log and the  
12 orange is the separation between the shallow lateral and the  
13 deep lateral, and orange is the RXO separation.

14 Q Is there anything else of any significance  
15 that you would like to point out to the Examiner reflected  
16 on Exhibit Number Four?

17 A Okay, we did a drill stem test of the  
18 Kemnitz zone and we -- it was very tight. We did recover  
19 some oil, some oil-cut drilling mud, and I don't have this  
20 written on here, but on the top of the page there is the  
21 drill stem number one, the drill stem test results. Gas to  
22 surface in the second flow period; recovered 155 feet of  
23 mud; 403 feet of condensate; and oil-cut mud. Pressures,  
24 initial shut-in pressure 2377; the 60 minutes final shut-in  
25 tubing pressure is 2224 in 120 minutes. These pressures are

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1 very low. It extrapolated out to 2850 or 2875 pounds. It  
2 was very low for virgin reservoir, which indicates that this  
3 reservoir is being drained.

4 Q You conducted no drill stem test on the  
5 Cisco?

6 A No, no drill stem test was conducted on  
7 the Cisco.

8 Q Mr. Mahfood, turn to Exhibit Number Five  
9 and explain what this shows.

10 A Exhibit Number Five is a bottom hole  
11 pressure survey report, dated May 11, 1930. The well had  
12 been shut-in for approximately two months and it shows bot-  
13 tom hole pressure of 2974 with some 3500 feet of water at  
14 the bottom.

15 Q Now what zone was this pressure test run  
16 on?

17 A This was run on the Kemnitz zone.

18 MR. STAMETS: The Wolfcamp zone?

19 A The Wolfcamp zone. It is possible that  
20 we might have a slight tubing leak which has caused some  
21 water to fall on the -- we don't know for sure. We're  
22 going to check to see. This is a very recent test.

23 Q What does this exhibit reflect as to the  
24 bottom hole pressure of this Wolfcamp zone?

25 A It shows that the zone is still well below

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1 the expected virgin reservoir.

2 Q And do you have an opinion as to what  
3 causes that?

4 A Yes. I feel like we're being drained.

5 Q Mr. Mahfood, referring back to Exhibit  
6 Number One, you testified that under the rules for the area  
7 you could have tested the Wolfcamp Kennnitz zone at a stand-  
8 ard location in the center of the southwest quarter of the  
9 southeast quarter, is that correct?

10 A Yes, I believe we could have. It would  
11 be awfully close to that highway and --

12 Q Well, have you made calculations as to  
13 how much closer your actual well location is than the stand-  
14 ard location would have been if located in the southwest  
15 quarter?

16 A Okay, the standard location would have  
17 been 1857 feet, and from where we drilled --

18 Q From what point?

19 A From the Westland well. And the location  
20 we actually drilled turned out to be 1683 feet, I believe.  
21 Or 184 feet closer than the standard location would have  
22 been.

23 Q Mr. Mahfood, were Exhibits One through  
24 Five either prepared by you or reflect information that you  
25 know of your own knowledge?

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1 A Yes.

2 MR. DICKERSON: Mr. Examiner, we'd move  
3 the admission of Exhibits One through Five into evidence.

4 MR. STAMETS: These exhibits will be ad-  
5 mitted.

6 Q Mr. Mahfood, in your opinion would the  
7 granting of this application be in the prevention of waste  
8 and the --

9 A Protection of correlative rights?

10 Q Yes.

11 A Yes.

12 MR. DICKERSON: Mr. Examiner, that's our  
13 presentation.

14  
15 CROSS EXAMINATION

16 BY MR. STAMETS:

17 Q Okay. Mr. Mahfood, you did not indicate  
18 any gas volumes on either of these two wells.

19 A No, sir, the well was swabbed. We had  
20 no facilities for testing the well. We know that the gas  
21 was negligible from the Wolfcamp and the Cisco's gas was  
22 probably in the ratio of about 1000 to one. The Cisco was  
23 probably more like 200 or 300 to one.

24 Q Now, referring to Exhibit Number Three,  
25 you have two Cisco zones shown there, 11,207 to 225, and then

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1 11,148 to 225?

2 A To 158. We had -- okay, I said earlier  
3 that there's a packer between the two Cisco zones. In this  
4 packer we had a standing valve. See the two Cisco zones  
6 were communicated while we were testing the upper zone.

6 Q Okay.

7 A The standing valve would allow us to  
8 acidize.

9 Q So this is the current location of that  
10 packer. It's located between the two Cisco zones.

11 A That is correct.

12 Q So this water that you had at 3000 feet  
13 in the Wolfcamp zone may be water from the Cisco.

14 A No, sir, it should not because there is  
15 a retrievable bridge plug between the Cisco zones and the  
16 Wolfcamp zone. In other words there's a retrievable bridge  
17 plug above the uppermost Seaman zone. To be precise, the  
18 retrievable bridge plug is at 10,832.

19 Q So if the water is not from the Wolfcamp  
20 it must be from the tubing leak that you indicated.

21 A We suspect so.

22 Q Okay. What would be the problem with  
23 producing each of these zones separately; producing the  
24 Cisco zone to depletion and then resetting your packers and  
25 producing the Wolfcamp to depletion?

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1 A There wouldn't be any problem with doing  
2 that except I think we'd lose considerable reserves.

3 Q Okay, for what reason?

4 A Well, to begin with the Wolfcamp zone by  
5 itself is hardly a commercial well, 42 barrels a day on ini-  
6 tial -- you know, on a brief test. Now for an extended test  
7 it would probably drop to maybe a marginal status.

8 Q Have you got any pressure information on  
9 the Cisco zone?

10 A I have calculated -- we have no actual  
11 pressure tests of it. I have calculated the pressure, bottom  
12 hole pressure, from the shutin tubing pressure and the  
13 amount of fluid that we find in the hole, and I've come up  
14 with approximately 3740 pounds. This does not disagree  
15 very much with the pressure as found in the Westall well.

16 Q And that compares with about 2870 in the  
17 Wolfcamp formation.

18 A Yes, sir.

19 Q What sort of porosity do you have in the  
20 Wolfcamp zone?

21 A Well, Wolfcamp zone is reading approxi-  
22 mately 8 percent porosity. The offset operator, his well,  
23 the Westall well is reading somewhere in the neighborhood  
24 of 60 to 70 percent porosity, somewhat better than ours.

25 Q Is this a fairly permeable formation or

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1 relatively impermeable?

2 A It's -- in our well it's just fairly  
3 permeable.

4 Q What action will you take to see that this  
5 well, if it's allowed to be commingled, stays on the pump  
6 so that you can't have any cross flow between the two zones?

7 A Well, actually we need to get our money  
8 back, and the only way we can get it back as marginal as it  
9 is, the only way we can get it back is to keep the well  
10 pumping, and we have a pumper checking it every day, a con-  
11 tract pumper, and he'll report to us whenever there is no  
12 production. Well, if the well goes down he'll report to us  
13 immediately so we can do some remedial work or whatever is  
14 necessary.

15 Q Everybody's concerned about these wells  
16 when they make a lot of oil but when they take off and reach  
17 their economic limit, why that concern tends to diminish.

18 A That is correct.

19 Q But the potential for a cross flow and  
20 the contamination of one zone by the other doesn't diminish.  
21 And so that begins to be the area of my concern.

22 MR. DICKERSON: Mr. Mahfood, if this  
23 application were granted, it would be possible, would it  
24 not, to treat this well especially carefully because of the  
25 knowledge that it's necessary to prevent the problem that

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1 the Examiner's concerned about?

2 A Yes, it certainly can.

3 Q The non-standard proration unit is a  
4 directional non-standard proration unit rather than the  
5 size of the unit, isn't it?

6 MR. DICKERSON: It would be size, Mr.  
7 Examiner, as to the Cisco because the Cisco is a 40-acre  
8 proration.

9 MR. STAMETS: Right, but the standard  
10 unit for the Wolfcamp is 80.

11 MR. DICKERSON: But it is --

12 MR. STAMETS: What you're asking for is  
13 a laydown unit instead of a standup unit.

14 MR. DICKERSON: Correct.

15 MR. STAMETS: Any other questions of the  
16 witness? He may be excused.

17 Anything further in this case?

18 The case will be taken under advisement.

19  
20 (Hearing concluded.)  
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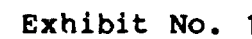
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5A. Indicate Type of Lease
STATE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FEE <input type="checkbox"/>
5. State Oil & Gas Lease No.
LG 3819

## APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL, DEEPEN, OR PLUG BACK

1C. Type of Work		7. Unit Agreement Name	
b. Type of Well DRILL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEEPEN <input type="checkbox"/> PLUG BACK <input type="checkbox"/>		8. Farm or Lease Name	
OIL WELL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GAS WELL <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE ZONE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE ZONE <input type="checkbox"/>		Sombbrero MS State	
2. Name of Operator		9. Well No.	
Yates Petroleum Corporation		1	
3. Address of Operator		10. Field and Pool, or Wildcat	
207 South 4th Street, Artesia, New Mexico 88210		Kempit 25-15-1-30	
4. Location of Well		12. County	
UNIT LETTER J LOCATED 1650 FEET FROM THE South LINE		Lea	
AND 1650 FEET FROM THE East LINE OF SEC. 22 TWP. 16S RGE. 33E NMPM			
19. Proposed Depth		19A. Formation	
11800		Cisco	
20. Rotary or C.T.		Rotary	
21A. Kind & Status Plug. Band		22. Approx. Date Work will start	
Blanket		Soon as approved	
21B. Drilling Contractor			
Ard Drilling Co.			

23.

## PROPOSED CASING AND CEMENT PROGRAM

SIZE OF HOLE	SIZE OF CASING	WEIGHT PER FOOT	SETTING DEPTH	SACKS OF CEMENT	EST. TOP
17 1/2	13 3/8	48#	approx. 320	225 sx	Circ.
12 1/2 - 11	8 5/8	24-32#	approx. 4500	1200 sx	Circ.
7 7/8	5 1/2 or 4 1/2	17 - 20# or 10.5 - 11.6#	TD	250 sx	

We propose to drill and test the Cisco and intermediate formations. Surface casing and intermediate casing will be circulated. If commercial pay is encountered, 5 1/2" or 4 1/2" production casing will be run and cemented with at least 600' of cement cover.

**MUD PROGRAM:** Gel & LCM to 320', Native mud & LCM to 4500', Fresh water to 8000', starch -Drispak-KCL to 10200', salt gel-drispak-KCL to TD.

**BOP PROGRAM:** BOP's on 13 3/8 to 4500', on 8 5/8" casing to TD, tested and Yellow Jacket.

IN ABOVE SPACE DESCRIBE PROPOSED PROGRAM IF PROPOSAL IS TO DEEPEN OR PLUG BACK, GIVE DATA ON PRESENT PRODUCTIVE ZONE AND PROPOSED NEW PRODUCTIVE ZONE. GIVE BLOWOUT PREVENTER PROGRAM, IF ANY.

I hereby certify that the information above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed Eddie M. Matfield Title Engineer Date 12/13/79

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CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL, IF ANY: Yates Petroleum Corporation  
N. M. Oil Conservation Div.  
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Exhibit No. 2

**MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMM**  
**WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT**

Form C-102  
Supersedes C-128  
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All distances must be from the outer boundaries of the Section.

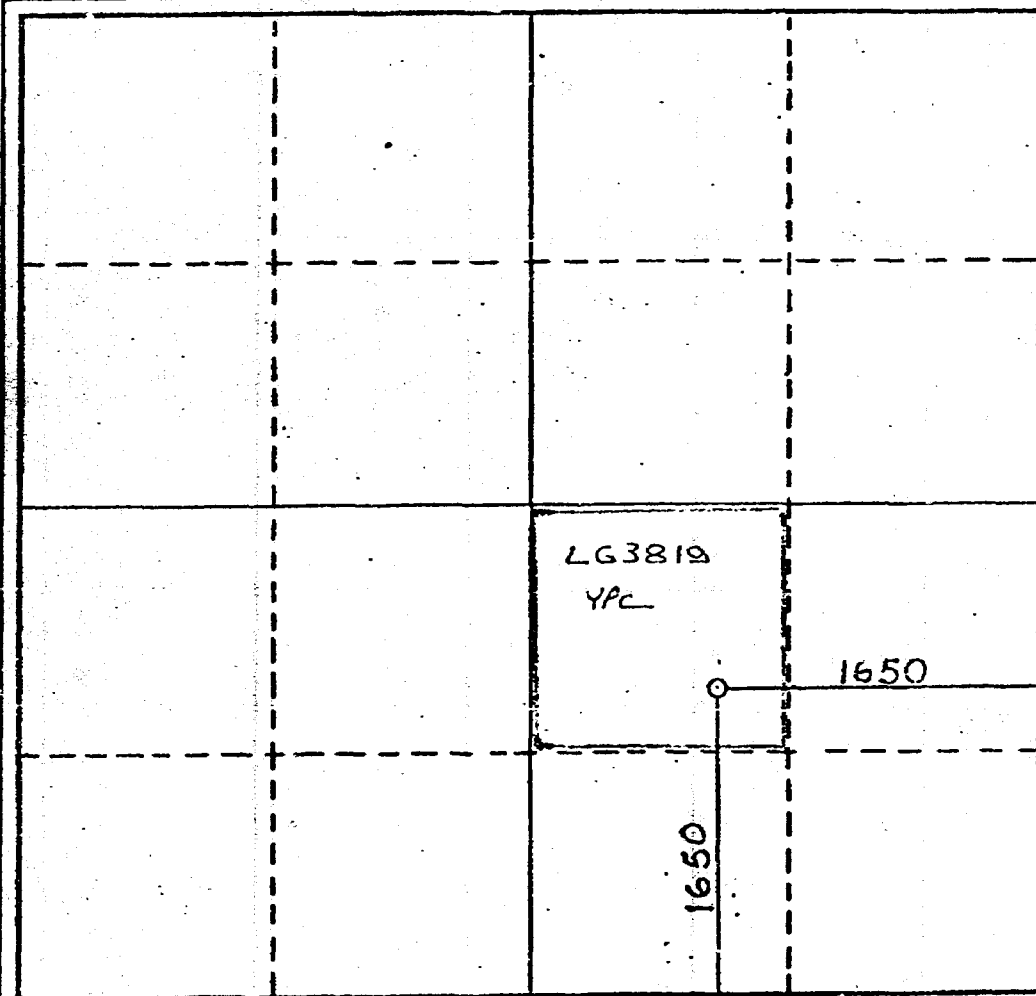
Operator <b>YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION</b>			Lease <b>SOMBRERO "MS" STATE</b>		Well No. <b>1</b>
Unit Letter <b>J</b>	Section <b>22</b>	Township <b>16S</b>	Range <b>33E</b>	County <b>LEA</b>	
Actual Footage Location of Well: <b>1650</b> feet from the <b>SOUTH</b> line and <b>1650</b> feet from the <b>EAST</b> line					
Ground Level Elev. <b>4195</b>	Producing Formation <b>CISCO</b>		Pool <b>South Cisco</b> <b>KEMNITZ-SEAMAN</b>		Dedicated Acreage: <b>40</b> Acres

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**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

*Glise R. Rodriguez*  
Name

**GLISE R. RODRIGUEZ**

Position

**GEOGRAPHER**

Company

**YATES PETROLEUM CORP**

Date

**12-14-79**

I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

**12/13/79**

Date Surveyed

Registered Professional Engineer  
and/or Land Surveyor

*Herschel A. Jones*  
Certificate No.



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**COMP. NUTRITION FORM DENSITY**

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WELL: 10772-774

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COUNTY: DALLAS

DEPT: OIL

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**DUAL LAT MICRO-SFL**

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**DST #1 Results**

30", 60", 60", 120"

GTS in 2nd Flow

Rec. 155' M

403' 540 CM

SP1 Rec. 16.00 C-6M

160 PSI

4.5 cu ft gas

HP 5,079-5,122

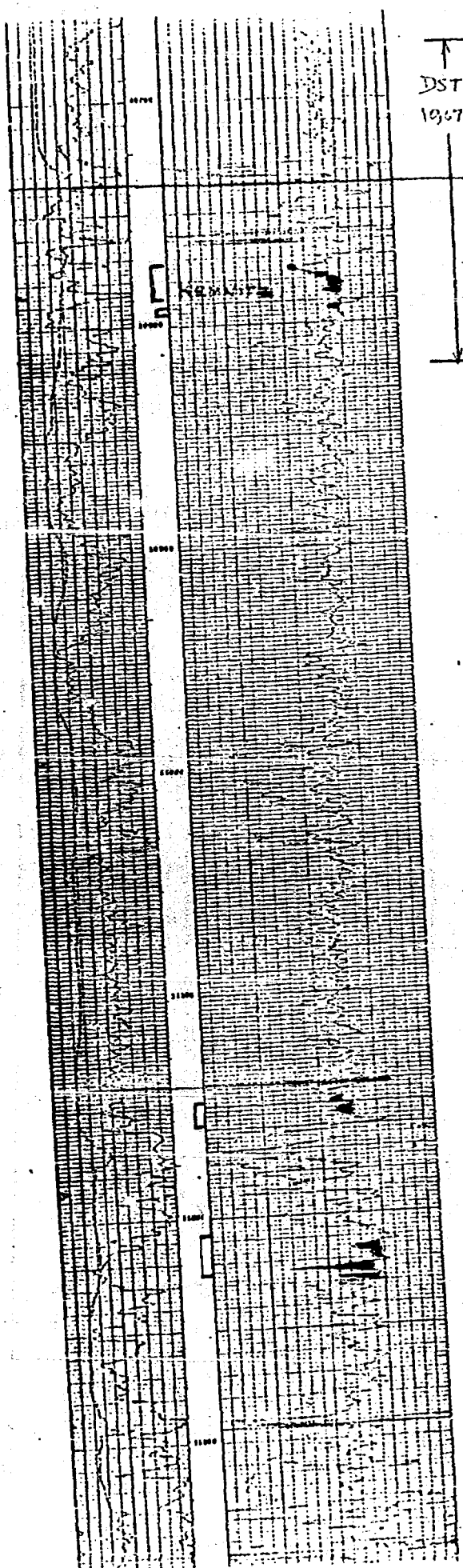
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ENT 145'



**DST #1**

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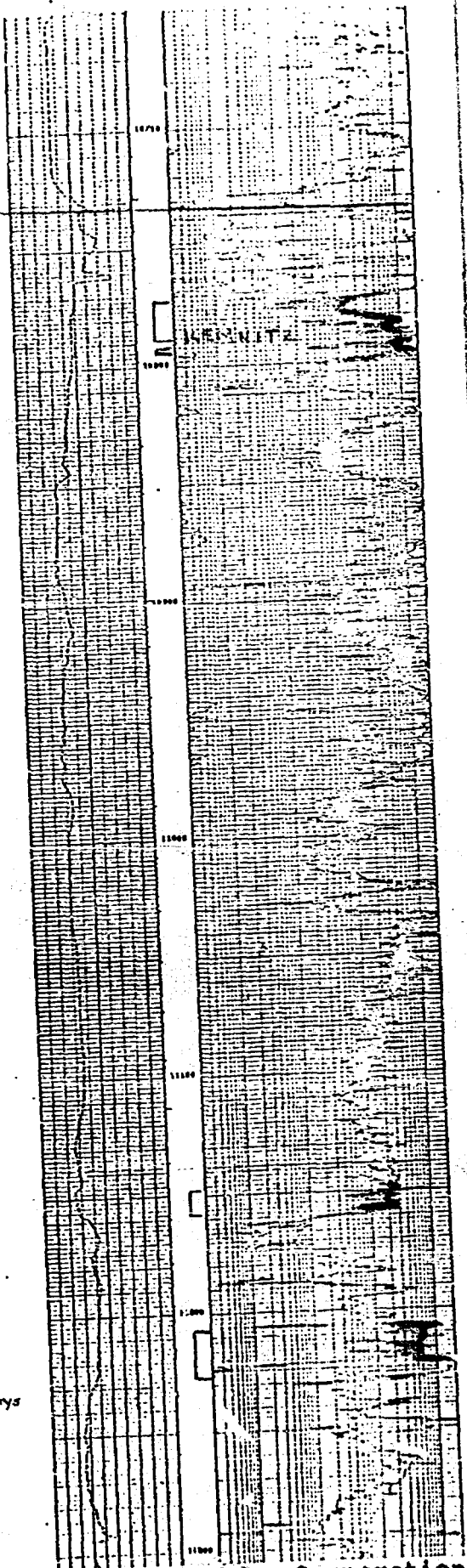
TOP KEMNITZ LAY.

Perf 10,772-778 (17-0.5")

10,772-774 (18-0.5")

Trt. w/2500 gal. 20% DS-30

Rec. 4 Bbl/hr



**SEAMAN ZONE**

Perf 11,148-158 (20-0.5")

Trt w/1000 gal. 20% DS-30

Swabbed & Flowed 380/hr

from 11,148-225

Perf 11,207-225 (16-0.5")

Trt w/2500 gal 20% DS-30

Swabbed & Flowed 85 B0/3Days

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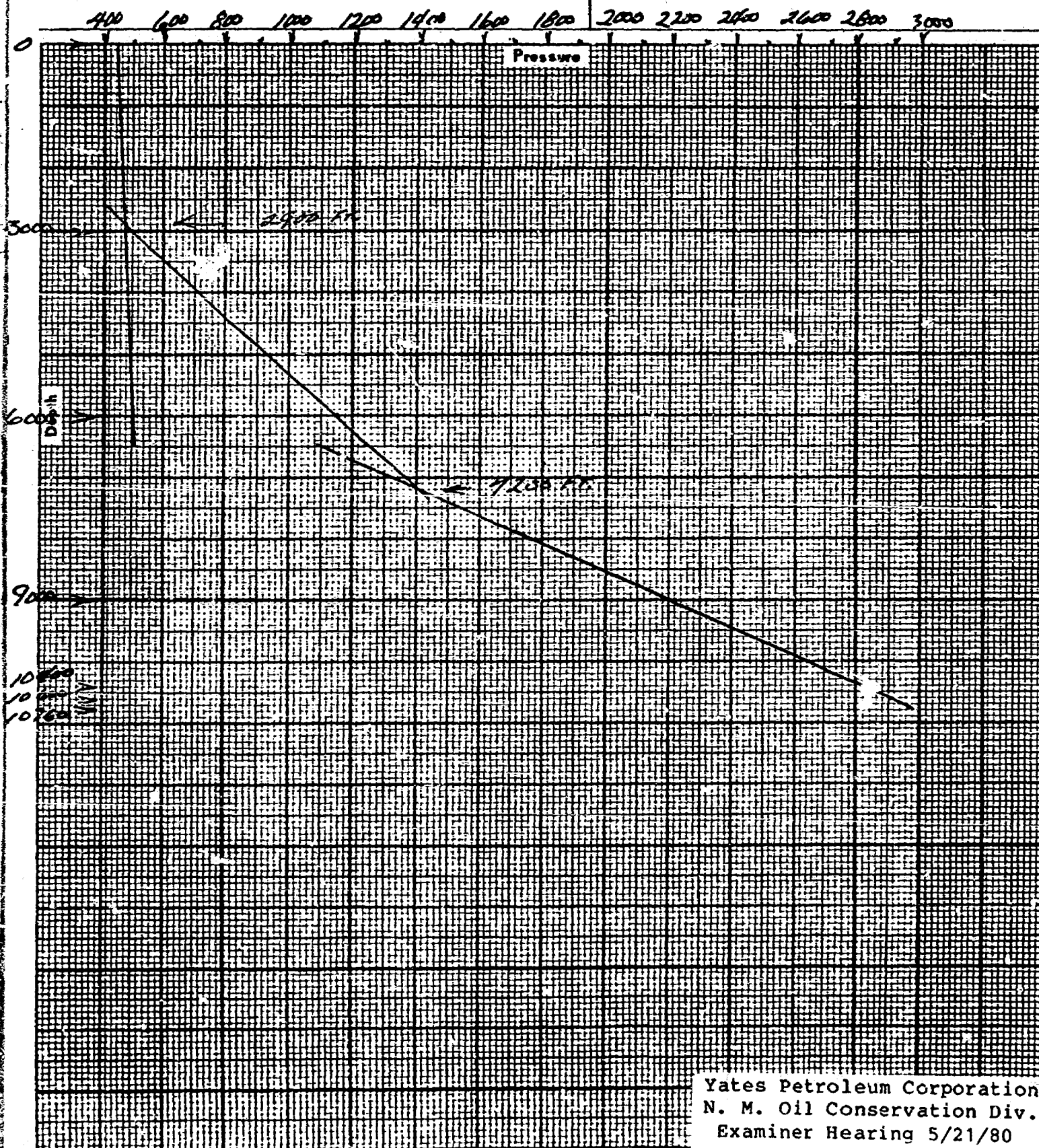


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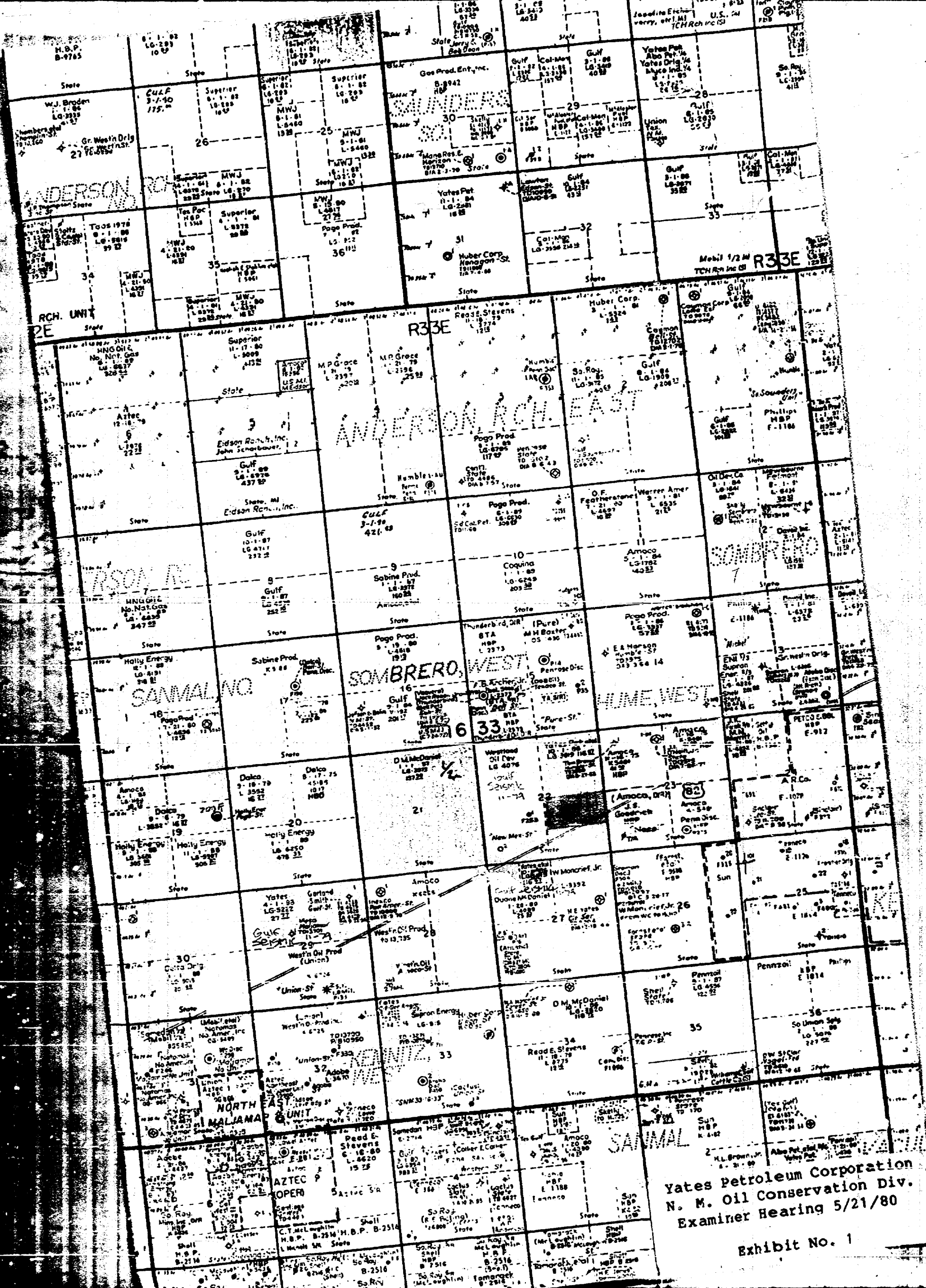
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TEMP \_\_\_\_\_ RUN BY R. J. CATHEY  
CLOCK NO. \_\_\_\_\_ GAUGE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
ELEMENT NO. RPG3# 46950 0-7,000 LB. RANGE

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# NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Form C-101  
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5A. Indicate Type of Lease
STATE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FEE <input type="checkbox"/>
5. State Oil & Gas Lease No.
LG 3819

## APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL, DEEPEN, OR PLUG BACK

1a. Type of Work		7. Unit Agreement Name	
b. Type of Well DRILL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEEPEN <input type="checkbox"/> PLUG BACK <input type="checkbox"/> OIL WELL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GAS WELL <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE ZONE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE ZONE <input type="checkbox"/>		8. Farm or Lease Name	
2. Name of Operator		Sombbrero MS State	
Yates Petroleum Corporation		9. Well No.	
3. Address of Operator		10. Field and Pool, or Wildcat	
207 South 4th Street, Artesia, New Mexico 88210		Kehntz, Texas	
4. Location of Well		12. County	
UNIT LETTER J LOCATED 1650 FEET FROM THE South LINE		Lea	
AND 1650 FEET FROM THE East LINE OF SEC. 22 TWP. 16S RGE. 33E NMPM			
19. Proposed Depth		19A. Formation	
11800		Cisco	
20. Rotary or C.T.		Rotary	
21. Elevations (Show whether DR, RT, etc.)		22. Approx. Date Work will start	
4195		Soon as approved	
21A. Kind & Status Plug. Bond		21B. Drilling Contractor	
Blanket		Ard Drilling Co.	

23. PROPOSED CASING AND CEMENT PROGRAM					
SIZE OF HOLE	SIZE OF CASING	WEIGHT PER FOOT	SETTING DEPTH	SACKS OF CEMENT	EST. TOP
17 1/2	13 3/8	48#	approx. 320	225 sx	Circ.
12 1/2 - 11	8 5/8	24-32#	approx. 4500	1200 sx	Circ.
7 7/8	5 1/2 or 4 1/2	17 - 20# or 10.5 - 11.6#	TD	250 sx	

We propose to drill and test the Cisco and intermediate formations. Surface casing and intermediate casing will be circulated. If commercial pay is encountered, 5 1/2" or 4 1/2" production casing will be run and cemented with at least 600' of cement cover.

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IN ABOVE SPACE DESCRIBE PROPOSED PROGRAM: IF PROPOSAL IS TO DEEPEN OR PLUG BACK, GIVE DATA ON PRESENT PRODUCTIVE ZONE AND PROPOSED NEW PRODUCTION ZONE. GIVE BLOWOUT PREVENTER PROGRAM, IF ANY.

I hereby certify that the information above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed Eldredge, Mark Title Engineer Date 12/13/79

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APPROVED BY [Signature] TITLE SUPERVISOR DATE DEC 14 1979  
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**MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMM**  
**WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT**

Form C-102  
Supersedes C-128  
Effective 1-1-65

All distances must be from the outer boundaries of the Section.

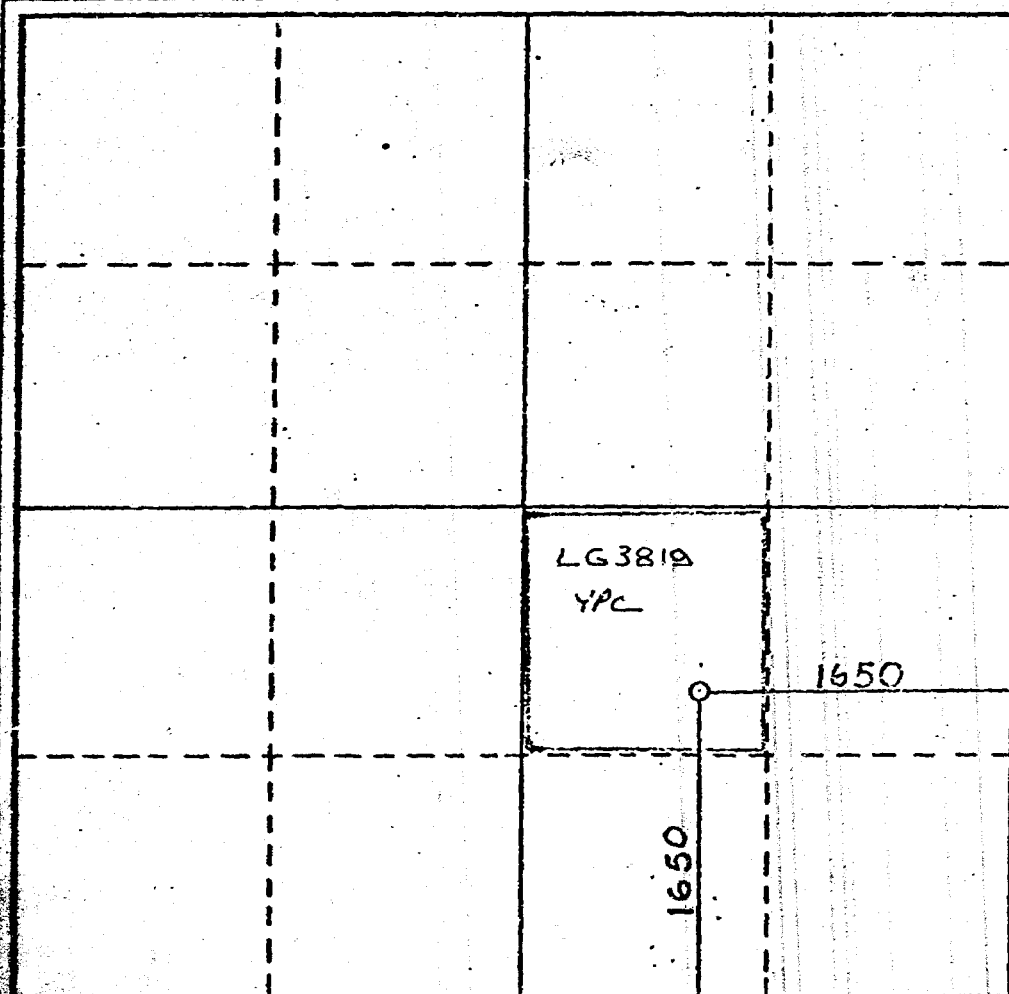
Operator <b>YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION</b>		Lease <b>SOBREIRO "MS" STATE</b>		Well No. <b>1</b>
Unit Letter <b>J</b>	Section <b>22</b>	Township <b>16S</b>	Range <b>33E</b>	County <b>LEA</b>
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*Gliserio Rodriguez*  
Name

**GLISERIO RODRIGUEZ**  
Position

**GEORAPHER**  
Company

**YATES PETROLEUM CORP**  
Date

**12-14-79**

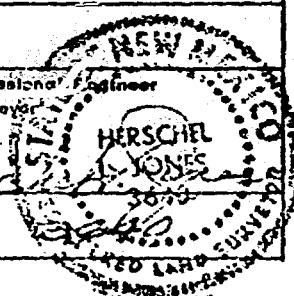
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**12/13/79**

Date Surveyed

Registered Professional Engineer and/or Land Surveyor

*Herschel A. Jones*  
Certificate No.



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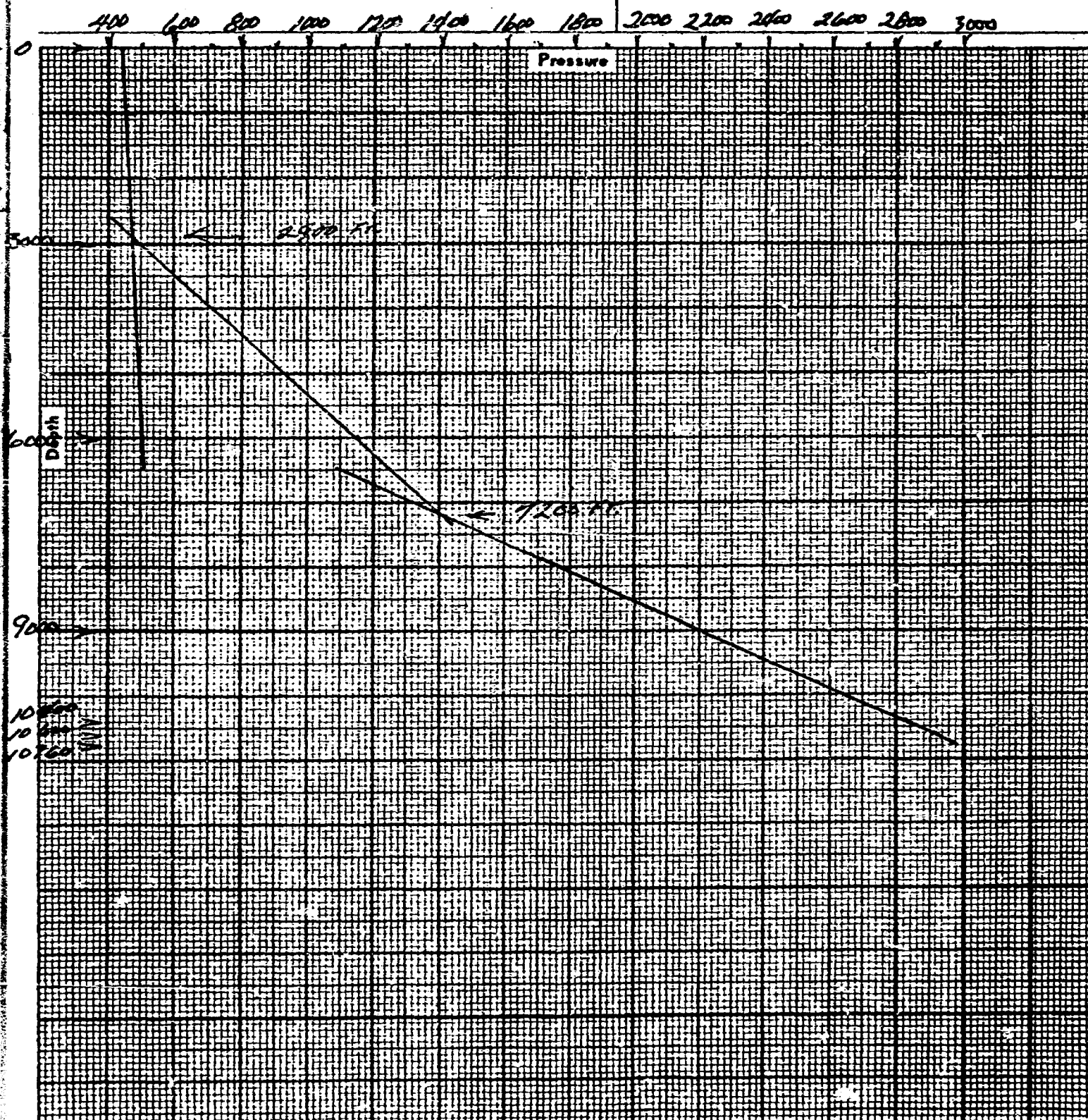
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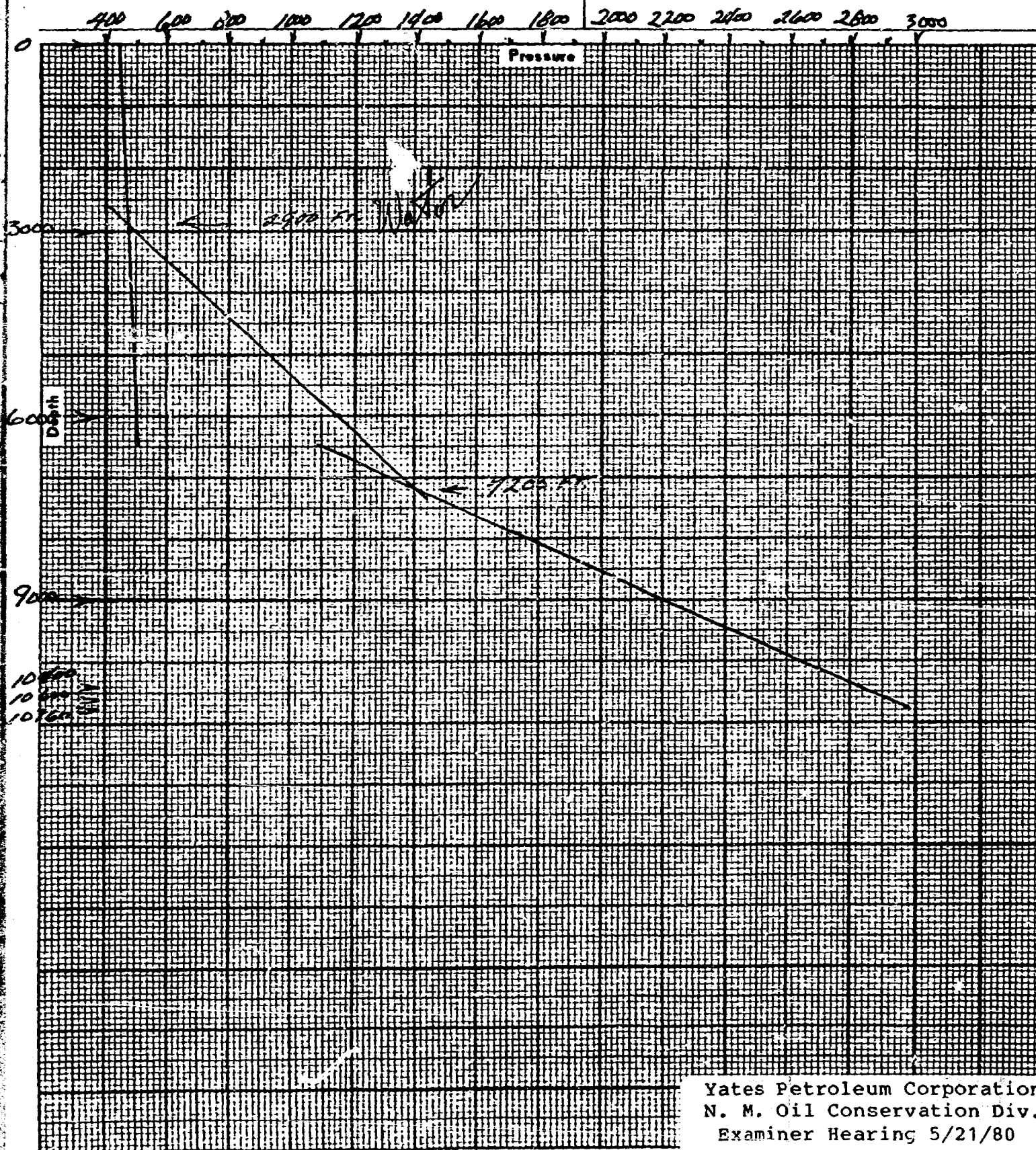


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Docket No. 14-80

Dockets Nos. 16-80 and 17-80 are tentatively set for June 4 and 25, 1980. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: COMMISSION HEARING - TUESDAY - MAY 20, 1980

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION - 9 A.M. - ROOM 205  
STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

CASE 6715: (DE NOVO)

Application of Texaco Inc. for an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its Loomis Fed. Well No. 1 to be drilled 1600 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 5, Township 21 South, Range 32 East, South Salt Lake-Morrow Gas Pool, the N/2 of said Section 5 to be dedicated to the well.

Upon application of Texaco Inc. and Bass Enterprises Production Company this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

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Docket No. 15-80

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - MAY 21, 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:

- ALLOWABLE: (1) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for June, 1980, from fifteen prorated pools in Lea, Eddy, and Chaves Counties, New Mexico.
- (2) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for June, 1980, from four prorated pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico.

CASE 6891: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to permit Midwest Refining Company and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the State Well No. 1 located in Unit A of Section 16, Township 33 South, Range 14 West, Hidalgo County, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program.

CASE 6859: (Continued from April 9, 1980, Examiner Hearing)

Application of R & G Drilling Company for an unorthodox gas well location, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of a well to be drilled 1890 feet from the North line and 1830 feet from the East line of Section 28, Township 28 North, Range 11 West, Kutz-Fruitland Pool, the NE/4 of said Section 28 to be dedicated to the well.

CASE 6886: (Continued from May 7, 1980, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Aminoil USA, Inc. for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp and Pennsylvanian formations underlying the S/2 of Section 10, Township 24 South, Range 28 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 2080 feet from the South line and 1773 feet from the East line of said Section 10. 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 6884: (Continued from May 7, 1980, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Supron Energy Corporation for compulsory pooling and a dual completion, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Mesaverde and Dakota formations underlying the N/2 of Section 4, Township 30 North, Range 11 West, to be dedicated to a proposed dual completion 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.

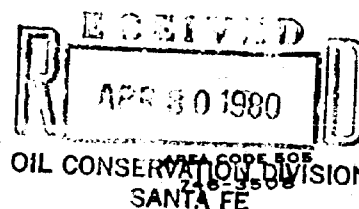
- CASE 6892:** Application of Merrion & Bayless for compulsory pooling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the South Blanco-Pictured Cliffs Pool underlying the SW/4 of Section 27, Township 24 North, Range 2 West, to be 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 6878:** (Peadvertised)  
Application of Stevens Oil Company for a non-standard gas proration unit and unorthodox location, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of a 160-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising the N/2 SW/4 and S/2 NW/4 of Section 25, Township 8 South, Range 28 East, Twin Lakes-San Andres Associated Pool, to be dedicated to its O'Brien "F" Well No. 4 at an unorthodox location 1650 feet from the South line and 2310 feet from the West line of said Section 25.
- CASE 6893:** Application of Stevens Oil Company to amend Order No. R-5353, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks a revision of the special rules for the Twin Lakes-San Andres Associated Pool as promulgated by Order No. R-5353 to provide that each well, oil or gas, shall be located no nearer than 330 feet to any quarter-quarter section line, except that any well drilled in a known gas productive area shall be located within 150 feet of the center of the quarter-quarter section.
- CASE 6894:** Application of Sun Oil Company for an unorthodox well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its Jennings-Federal "B" Well No. 1, a Yates test to be drilled 2440 feet from the South line and 2290 feet from the West line of Section 15, Township 19 South, Range 32 East, Lusk Field, the NE/4 SW/4 to be dedicated to the well.
- CASE 6895:** Application of Sun Gas Company for an NGPA determination, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks findings that the drilling of its J. A. Akens Well No. 10 located in Unit N of Section 3, Township 21 South, Range 36 East, was necessary to effectively and efficiently drain that portion of an existing proration unit which could not be drained by the existing well.
- CASE 6896:** Application of John E. Schalk for a non-standard gas proration unit and an unorthodox gas well location, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of a 160-acre non-standard Blanco Mesaverde gas proration unit comprising the NE/4 of Section 8, Township 25 North, Range 3 West, to be dedicated to his Gulf Well No. 2 to be drilled at an unorthodox location 1925 feet from the North line and 790 feet from the East line of said Section 8.
- CASE 6897:** Application of McClellan Oil Corporation for two compulsory poolings, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from 1200 feet below the surface to the base of the Abo formation underlying the SW/4 and the SE/4 of Section 30, Township 6 South, Range 26 East, each to be dedicated to a proposed gas 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. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the wells and a charge for risk involved in drilling said wells.
- CASE 6898:** Application of Conoco Inc. for an unorthodox gas well location and simultaneous dedication, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its Meyer B-28 Well No. 4 to be drilled 560 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line of Section 28, Township 20 South, Range 37 East, Eumont Gas Pool, to be simultaneously dedicated with its Meyer B-28 Well No. 1 in Unit G to the NE/4 and E/2 NW/4 of said Section 28.
- CASE 6899:** 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 Morrow test well to be drilled 660 feet from the South and East lines of Section 9, Township 17 South, Range 26 East, the E/2 of said Section 9 to be dedicated to the well.
- CASE 6900:** Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for a non-standard oil proration unit, unorthodox well location, and downhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an 80-acre non-standard oil proration unit comprising the N/2 SE/4 of Section 22, Township 16 South, Range 33 East, Kennitz Field, to be dedicated to its Sombrero "MS" State Well No. 1 at an unorthodox location 1650 feet from the South and East lines of said Section 22. Applicant also seeks approval for the downhole commingling of Wolfcamp and Cisco production in the wellbore of said well.



- CASE 6901:** Application of Harvey E. Yates Company for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp thru Mississippian formations underlying the E/2 of Section 19, Township 14 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. 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 6902:** Application of Harvey E. Yates Company for a dual completion, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the dual completion (conventional) of its Young Deep Unit Well No. 1 located in Unit D of Section 10, Township 18 South, Range 32 East, to produce gas from the Morrow formation and oil from the Bone Springs formation thru parallel strings of tubing.
- CASE 6903:** Application of Harvey E. Yates 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-Mississippian test well to be drilled 660 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the East line of Section 33, Township 13 South, Range 36 East, the S/2 of said Section 33 to be dedicated to the well.
- CASE 6904:** Application of Harvey E. Yates Company for a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the McDonald Unit Area, comprising 1,440 acres, more or less, of fee lands in Townships 13 and 14 South, Range 36 East.
- CASE 6905:** Application of Harvey E. Yates Company for a unit agreement, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the Buffalo Lake Unit Area, comprising 2,560 acres, more or less, of Federal, State, and fee lands in Township 15 South, Range 27 East.

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April 29, 1980

Mr. Joe D. Ramey, Director  
Energy and Minerals Department  
Oil Conservation Division  
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Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

*Case 6890*

Dear Mr. Ramey:

Enclosed for filing, please find three copies of the Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for an Unorthodox Location, a Non-Standard Unit, and Downhole Commingling in Lea County, New Mexico.

We ask that this case be set for hearing before an examiner and that you furnish us with a docket of said hearing.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

LOSEE, CARSON & DICKERSON, P.A.

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Enclosures

cc: Yates Petroleum Corporation

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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
SANTA FE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION FOR AN  
UNORTHODOX LOCATION, A NON-STANDARD  
UNIT, AND DOWNHOLE COMMINGLING, LEA  
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. 6890

APPLICATION

COMES NOW Yates Petroleum Corporation, by its attorneys, and in support hereof, respectfully states:

1. Applicant, as operator, has heretofore drilled its Sombrero "MS" State No. 1 Well at a location 1,650 feet from the south line and 1,650 feet from the east line of Section 22, Township 16 South, Range 33 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico, and proposes to dedicate the N/2 SE/4 to the well.
2. Applicant proposes to complete its well in the Kennitz Zone of the Wolfcamp formation and in the Seaman Zone of the Cisco formation for the production of oil from both formations, and to commingle such production. Title to all production is common in both zones.
3. Applicant's well is located within the boundaries of the Kennitz Lower Wolfcamp Pool, and said well location is an unorthodox location under the pool rules for such pool, but is an orthodox location for applicant's well in the Seaman Zone of the Cisco formation.
4. That applicant's proposal to commingle downhole the production from its well as aforesaid is feasible, in accordance with good conservation practices and will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, applicant prays:

- A. That this application be set for hearing before an examiner and that notice of said hearing be given as required by law.

B. That applicant's location be approved for completion of its well at an unorthodox location as aforesaid in the Kemnitz Zone of the Wolfcamp formation, and that applicant be allowed to dedicate N/2 SE/4 Section 22 to the well.

C. That the Division enter its order granting permission to applicant to commingle downhole its Sombrero "MS" State No. 1 Well for the production of oil from the Kemnitz and Seaman Zones described herein.

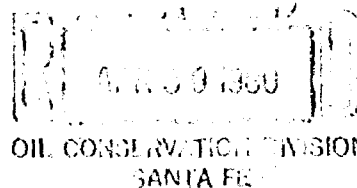
D. And for such other and further relief as may be just in the premises.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION FOR AN  
UNORTHODOX LOCATION, A NON-STANDARD  
UNIT, AND DOWNHOLE COMMINGLING, LEA  
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. 6890

APPLICATION

COMES NOW Yates Petroleum Corporation, by its attorneys, and in support hereof, respectfully states:

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- A. That this application be set for hearing before an examiner and that notice of said hearing be given as required by law.

B. That applicant's location be approved for completion of its well at an unorthodox location as aforesaid in the Kennits Zone of the Wolfcamp formation, and that applicant be allowed to dedicate N/2 SE/4 Section 22 to the well.

C. That the Division enter its order granting permission to applicant to commingle downhole its Sombrero "MS" State No. 1 Well for the production of oil from the Kennits and Seaman Zones described herein.

D. And for such other and further relief as may be just in the premises.

YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION

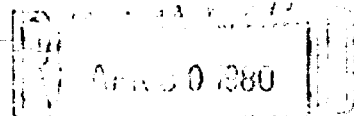
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YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION FOR AN  
UNORTHODOX LOCATION, A NON-STANDARD  
UNIT, AND DOWNHOLE COMMINGLING, LEA  
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO.

6890

APPLICATION

COMES NOW Yates Petroleum Corporation, by its attorneys, and in support hereof, respectfully states:

1. Applicant, as operator, has heretofore drilled its Sombra "MS" State No. 1 Well at a location 1,650 feet from the south line and 1,650 feet from the east line of Section 22, Township 16 South, Range 33 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico, and proposes to dedicate the N/2 SE/4 to the well.
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4. That applicant's proposal to commingle downhole the production from its well as aforesaid is feasible, in accordance with good conservation practices and will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, applicant prays:

- A. That this application be set for hearing before an examiner and that notice of said hearing be given as required by law.

B. That applicant's location be approved for completion of its well at an unorthodox location as aforesaid in the Kennitz zone of the Wolfcamp formation, and that applicant be allowed to dedicate N/2 SE/4 Section 22 to the well.

C. That the Division enter its order granting permission to applicant to commingle downhole its Sombrero "MS" State No. 1 Well for the production of oil from the Kennitz and Seaman zones described herein.

D. And for such other and further relief as may be just in the premises.

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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. 6900

Order No. R-6362

APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION  
OIL

FOR A NON-STANDARD PRORATION UNIT, UNORTHODOX WELL LOCATION, AND  
DOWNHOLE COMMINGLING,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on May 21  
19 80, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets

NOW, on this day of May, 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.

(2) That the applicant, Yates Petroleum Corporation  
seeks approval of an 80-acre non-standard <sup>oil</sup> proration unit  
comprising the N/2 SE/4 of Section 22, Town-  
ship 16 South, Range 33 East, <sup>Kennitz-Wolfcamp Pool</sup> NMPM, to be dedicated to  
its Sombrero "MS" State Well No. 1/ at an unorthodox location 1650 feet  
1650 feet from the East line of said Section 22 from the South ~~line~~ line and  
~~the East line of said Section 22~~

That the special rules for said pool prescribe that drilling  
and proration units shall comprise either the East half or the  
West half of a governmental quarter section and that well  
locations shall be within 150 feet of the center of the Northeast  
quarter or the Southwest quarter of a governmental quarter section.

That the entire non-standard proration unit may reasonably  
be presumed productive of <sup>oil</sup> gas from the <sup>Kennitz-Wolfcamp</sup>  
Pool and that the entire non-standard <sup>oil</sup> proration unit can  
be efficiently and economically drained and developed by the

5 (4) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce his just and equitable share of the <sup>oil</sup> ~~gas~~ in the Kemnitz ~~Field~~ - Wolfcamp Pool

~~5 (5) That~~, 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.

6 (5) That the applicant also seeks approval for the downhole commingling of Wolfcamp and Cisco production in the wellbore of said well.

7 (4) That from <sup>each of said</sup> ~~the~~ Wolfcamp zones the subject well is <sup>currently</sup> capable of ~~low~~ marginal production, ~~only~~.

*initially*  
8 (5) That <sup>the production from said zones is expected to</sup> ~~from the~~ decline at a relatively rapid rate. ~~the subject well is capable of low marginal production only.~~

9 (6) That the proposed commingling may result in the recovery of additional hydrocarbons from each of the subject pools, thereby preventing waste, and will not violate correlative rights.

10 (2) That the reservoir characteristics of each of the subject zones are such that underground waste would not be caused by the proposed commingling provided that the well is not shut-in for an extended period.

11 (8) That to afford the Division the opportunity to assess the potential for waste and to expeditiously order appropriate remedial action, the operator should notify the Hobbs district office of the Division any time the subject well is shut-in for 7 consecutive days.

12 (9) That in order to allocate the commingled production to each of the commingled zones in the wells, applicant should consult with the supervisor of the Hobbs district office of the Division and determine an allocation formula for each of the production zones.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That an 80 -acre non-standard ~~gas~~ <sup>oil</sup> proration unit  
in the Kemnitz ~~Pool~~ Wolfcamp Pool ~~xxxxx~~ comprising the  
N/2 SE/4 of Section 22, Township 16 South,  
Range 33 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico,  
is hereby established and dedicated to ~~the~~ the Y. P. Petroleum Corporation Sombraero "MS" State Well  
No. 1 at an unorthodox location 1650 feet from the South line and  
1650 feet from the East line ~~located in Unit xxxxx~~ of said  
Section 22. Handy approved,

IT IS <sup>Further</sup> ~~THEREFORE~~ ORDERED:

(1) That ~~the applicant~~ Y. P. Petroleum Corporation, is  
hereby authorized to commingle Wolfcamp and  
Cisco production within the wellbore of  
Said Sombraero "MS" State Well No. 1, located in Unit        of  
Section       , Township       , Range       ,  
NMPM,        County, New Mexico.

(2) That the applicant shall consult with the Supervisor  
of the Hobbs district office of the Division and  
determine an allocation formula for the allocation of production  
to each zone in ~~each of~~ the subject wells.

(ALTERNATE)

(2) That        percent of the commingled  
production shall be allocated to the         
zone and        percent of the commingled  
production shall be allocated to the         
zone.

(3) That the operator of the subject well shall immediately  
notify the Division's Hobbs district office any time the  
well has been shut-in for 7 consecutive days and shall concurrently  
present, to the Division, a plan for remedial action.

(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.