

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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

NOMENCLATURE
CASE NO. 10660
ORDER NO. R-9722-A

**APPLICATION OF CHARLES B. GILLESPIE, JR. FOR POOL REDESIGNATION
AND TO AMEND DIVISION ORDER NO. R-9722, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on January 21, 1993 at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Michael E. Stogner.

NOW, on this 26th day of January, 1993 the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS THAT:

- (1) Due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) By Division Order No. R-9722, issued in Case No. 10530 and dated September 23, 1992, the East Big Dog-Strawn Pool was created for the production of oil from the Strawn formation in a portion of Section 33, Township 15 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. Said order also promulgated special rules and regulations for said pool including provisions for 80-acre spacing and designated well location requirements.
- (3) The applicant in said Case No. 10530, Charles B. Gillespie, Jr., requested the subject pool be designated the "Patience-Strawn Pool", however this name was rejected by the Division due to its "pool-naming" policy (see Finding Paragraph No. 10 of Order No. R-9722). The East Big Dog-Strawn designation came from the nearby "Big Dog-Strawn Pool" located approximately two miles west in Section 32, Township 15 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico (hence the name East Big Dog).

(4) At this time the applicant, Charles B. Gillespie, Jr., seeks the redesignation of the "East Big Dog-Strawn Pool" to the "West Lovington-Strawn Pool."

(5) As pointed out by the applicant by letter dated October 6, 1992, the name "Big Dog" does not appear to reference any known geographical place name or large canine-like feature that may be or have been found, either dead or alive, in the immediate area and therefore, perhaps, was not in accordance with policy in the first place.

(6) As a compromise, Gillespie's request to reference a nearby community by name is appropriate and should therefore be accepted.

(7) No objection to this compromise was filed by any interested party.

(8) All references to the "East Big Dog-Strawn Pool" in said Order No. R-9722 should be changed to read "West Lovington-Strawn Pool."

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

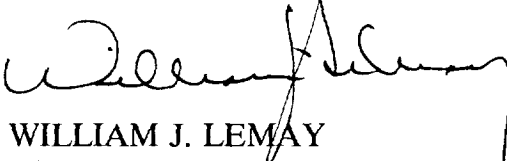
(1) All references to the "EAST BIG DOG-STRAWN POOL" made in Decretory Paragraph No. (1) on page 3; No. (2), including Rule 1, on page 3; No. (3) on page 5; No. (4) on page 5; and No. (5) on page 5 of said Division Order No. R-9722 are hereby amended to read the "WEST LOVINGTON-STRAWN POOL".

(2) Said amendments set forth in this order shall be entered retroactively to September 23, 1992.

(3) 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.

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WILLIAM J. LEMAY
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