

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - JUNE 26, 1997

8:15 AM - 2040 South Pacheco

Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dockets Nos 20-97 and 21-97 are tentatively set for July 10, 1997 and July 24, 1997. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 23 days in advance of hearing date. The following cases will be heard by an Examiner:

CASE 11780: (Continued from June 12, 1997, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Cobra Oil & Gas Corporation for a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval of the Gainer Unit Agreement for an area comprising 80 acres, more or less, of State lands in portions of Sections 21 and 22, Township 10 South, Range 36 East, which is located approximately 12 miles northeast of Tatum, New Mexico.

CASE 11801: (This Case will be continued to the July 10, 1997, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of OXY USA Inc. for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the E/2 of Section 32, Township 19 South, Range 29 East, forming a standard 320-acre spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre gas spacing within said vertical extent, which presently may include but is not necessarily limited to the West Parkway-Morrow Gas Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to its OXY Pearl State Com Well No. 1 to be drilled and completed at a standard gas well location in Unit I of said Section 32. Also to be considered will be the costs of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the costs thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 12 miles northeast of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

CASE 11802: **Application of Xeric Oil & Gas Corporation for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Abo formation underlying the SW/4 SW/4 of Section 19, Township 20 South, Range 39 East, forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing, including but not limited to the D-K-Abo Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to its Carter Well No. 1 to be drilled and completed at a standard well location in Unit M of said Section 19. Also to be considered will be the costs of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the costs thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 10 miles southeast of Hobbs, New Mexico.

CASE 11639: (Continued from May 15, 1997, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Mewbourne Oil Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the base of the Abo formation to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the N/2 of Section 8, Township 18 South, Range 28 East, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing. Applicant proposes to dedicate this pooled unit to its Scoggin Draw "8" State Well No. 1, to be drilled at an orthodox location 660 feet from the North line and 2250 feet from the East line (Unit B) of said Section 8. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 11 miles southwest of Artesia, New Mexico.

CASE 11774: (Reopened)

Application of Marathon Oil Company to reopen Case No. 11774 to amend its proposed unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks to reopen Case 11774 concerning an order pooling all mineral interests from 500 feet below the top of the San Andres formation to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the S/2, the SE/4 and the SE/4 SE/4 of Section 11, Township 18 South, Range 28 East, to be dedicated to its Jim Bowie "11" Federal Well No. 1 and to amend its proposed unorthodox gas well location 1000 feet from the South line and 700 feet from the East line to a new unorthodox gas well location 990 feet from the South and East lines (Unit P) of said Section 11. Said unit is located approximately 15 miles southeast of Artesia, New Mexico.

CASE 11803: Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. for compulsory pooling and a non-standard oil proration and spacing unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Bone Springs formation underlying Lot 4 and the SE/4 SW/4 (S/2 SW/4 equivalent) of Irregular Section 31, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, forming a non-standard 78.09-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 80-acre oil spacing within said vertical extent, which presently may include but is not necessarily limited to the EK-Bone Spring Pool, and forming a non-standard 38.09-acre oil spacing and proration unit underlying Lot 4 (SW/4 SW/4 equivalent) of said Section 31 for any and all formations/pools developed on 40-acre oil spacing. Said unit(s) is to be dedicated to its McElvain "31" Federal Well No. 1 to be drilled and completed at a standard well location in Unit M of said Section 31. Also to be considered will be the costs of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the costs thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 14 miles southeast of Maljamar, New Mexico.

CASE 11751: (Continued from June 12, 1997, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of NM&O Operating Company for compulsory pooling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Mesaverde formation (Undesignated Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool) underlying the S/2 of Section 26, Township 25 North, Range 2 West. Said unit is to be dedicated to applicant's Gavilan Well No. 2, recompleted at an orthodox location in said Section 26. Also to be considered will be the cost of recompleting said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in recompleting said well. Said area is located approximately 4.5 miles north-northeast of Lindrith, New Mexico.

CASE 11638: (Continued from May 29, 1997, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Citation Oil & Gas Corp. for two unorthodox gas well locations and for simultaneous dedication, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval of two unorthodox gas well locations in the Eumont Gas Pool for its existing: (i) Devonian State Well No. 2 (API No. 30-025-04729), located 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit B) of Section 20, Township 21 South, Range 36 East; and, (ii) Devonian State Well No. 3 (API No. 30-025-04730), located 660 feet from the North and East lines (Unit A) of said Section 20. Applicant also seeks approval for Eumont gas production from both wells to be simultaneously dedicated to the existing 320-acre non-standard gas spacing and proration unit comprising the E/2 of said Section 20 (established by Division Administrative Order NSP-488, dated May 11, 1959), which is currently dedicated to its Devonian State Com Well No. 1 (API No. 30-025-04728), located at a standard gas well location 1980 feet from the North and East lines (Unit G) of said Section 20. Further, the applicant at the time of the hearing shall review the status of all other Eumont production, both oil and gas, within the E/2 of said Section 20 and the status and/or effect of Division Administrative Order NSL-3646(SD), dated April 3, 1996, with respect to this application. Said unit is located approximately 2.5 miles south-southeast of Oil Center, New Mexico.

CASE 11786: (Continued from June 12, 1997, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of the Home-Stake Royalty Corporation for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Fusselman and Montoya formations underlying the NE/4 NE/4 of Section 29, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, to form a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for Undesignated Wantz-Fusselman Pool and the Undesignated Cary-Montoya Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to the applicant's Eunice Dome Well No. 1, to be drilled at an orthodox oil well location. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 2 miles northwest of Eunice, New Mexico.

CASE 11785: (Continued from June 12, 1997, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Plains Petroleum Operating Company to Amend Order No. R-10474 by Expanding its Hill-Cayless McKee Pressure Maintenance Project, and Qualification of this Expanded Area for the Recovered Oil Tax Rate Pursuant to the "New Mexico Enhanced Oil Recovery Act", Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks authority to expand its Hill-Cayless McKee Pressure Maintenance Project, previously approved by Division Order No. R-10474, and which currently comprises the SE/4 of Section 34 and the SW/4 of Section 35, both in Township 23 South, Range 37 East, to include the S/2 NE/4 of Section 34 and the S/2 NW/4 of Section 35, Teague (Simpson) Pool. The applicant further seeks to qualify this expanded area for the recovered oil tax rate pursuant to the "New Mexico Enhanced Oil Recovery Act". This project is located approximately 9 miles north of Jal, New Mexico.