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December 2, 1982

Re: West Garrett #2 (#342)
H. L. Bro n, Jr. #1 M.
Wright Trust
Lea County, New Mexico

To All Working Interest Owners:

The H. L. Brown, Jr. #1 M. Wright Trust was spudded on October 14, 1982. Drilling proceeded until November 8 when at a depth of 10,112' a DST was conducted. While drilling the section from 10,048-50 we had a good two foot drilling break with a 1300 unit gas increase. Then at 10,088-98 there was a good drilling break with a 1000+ unit gas kick. During the drilling of this section of formation we also began to have a serious drilling fluid loss situation. This condition persisted throughout the rest of the drilling of the well. On the DST from 10,040-19,112 we recovered 9745' of drilling mud and sulphur water with a slight oil cut noted in about 270' of the recovery. The electric log through this section indicates three different scattered thin zones (2't) with very good porosity. The DST effectively condemned these zones for hydrocarbon production.

Top of the Strawn formation was encountered at 11,438' (-7649). This datum is 128' low to the Mesa #8 W. Knowles Unit, the diagonal southwest offset. It is also about 90' low to where we expected it. The #8 West Knowles Unit had an overall productive porosity section of 58' with porosities ranging from 6% to 16%. The #1 M. Wright had in the correlative section about 22' with 3% to 5% porosity. No shows of any kind were found in this zone.

The #1 M. Wright Trust was plugged and abandoned on Nov. 18, 1982.

The drilling of this dry hole would seem to have effectively condemned all the acreage in this prospect. However, the C&K Petroleum #2 Shipp "27" is currently drilling as a west offset to the #1 M. Wright Trust. We will check the progress of this well and if the information from it changes our opinion as to the prospects for the West Garrett #2 acreage we will inform you.

Bill W. Wells, Geologist

BW: mh

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RE: S/2 Section 26-16S - 37E
Lea County New Mexico
State of the Mexico
Order No. R-6945
Case No. 7425
April 14, 1982
HLBJr Ls #342-1583

Gentlemen:

As evidence with the enclosed letter to the Working Interest Owners, our M. Wright Trust #1 Well in Lea County has been plugged and abandoned.

All the necessary forms have been filed; however, in view of the nearby activity, we wish to retain our rights as set out in the above order.

Very truly yours,

H. L. BROWN, JR.

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September 22, 1982

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Thomas Kellahin Kellahin & Kellahin Attorneys at Law Post Office Box 1769 Santa Fe, New Mexico

Case 7425

Re: H. L. Brown, Jr.
Compulsory Pooling
Order No. R-6945

Dear Mr. Kellahin:

The commencement date for drilling Mr. Brown's well authorized under the provisions of Order No. R-6945 is hereby extended to October 20, 1982.

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Yours very truly,

JOE D. RAMEY Director

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Jason Kellahin W. Thomas Kellahin Karen Aubrey James B. Grant

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September 21, 1982

Mr. Joe D. Ramey Oil Conservation Division P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, N. M. 87501

Re: H. L. Brown Jr.
Compulsory Pooling
Division Order R-6945
Case 7425

Dear Mr. Ramey:

Our firm represents Mr. H. L. Brown Jr. in the above referenced Division Case which resulted in Pooling Order R-6945.

On July 9, 1982, I requested an extension of the commented date for drilling from August 1, 1982 to October 1, 1982. That request was granted by your letter dated July 14, 1982.

Mr. Brown has informed me that he has about completed all of the documentation necessary to maximize the voluntary participation of the potential non-consenting parties.

However, in order to schedule a rig, build the location and arrange his financing for drilling, Mr. Brown requests one last extension of the drilling commencement date under this order to October 20, 1982.

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Very truly yours,

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W. Thomas Kellahin

WTK:mm

cc: Mr. Jim Shaw (H. L. Brown Jr.)



ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT

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July 14, 1982

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Case 7425

Kellahin & Kellahin Attorneys at Law P. O. Box 1769 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Gentlemen:

The time for commencing a well under Division Order No. R-6945 is extended to October 1, 1982. It is my understanding that this extension is necessary in order to contact some sixty-eight working interest owners in the drilling unit.

Yours very truly,

JOE D. RAMEY Director

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H. L. Brown, Jr. Re: Compulsory Pooling Division Order R-6945 Case 7425

Dear Mr. Ramey:

Jason Kellahin W. Thomas Kellahin

Karen Aubrey

Our firm represented Mr. H. L. Brown, Jr., in the above referenced Division case which resulted in Pooling Order R-6945. That order provided for a commencement of drilling of the first well not later than August 1, 1982.

This case involved the pooling of some sixty-eight different individuals or companies, including some nine operators active in New Mexico. Several of those operators have indicated a willingness to participate in the well but are still negotiating over the form of Operating Agreement. You may recall that the pooling involves the possibility of different sized proration units depending upon the particular formation that ultimately produces.

At present, there is a significant percentage of non-consenting parties that may either lease or join thereby reducing the economic risk to H. L. Brown as operator. However, an additional sixty days time is necessary in order to complete the operating agreements, obtain signatures and obtain leases from potential non-consenting parties.

Accordingly, on behalf of H. L. Brown, we respectfully request that the commencement date be amended from August 1, 1982, to October 1, 1982.

Mr. Joe D. Ramey OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION July 9, 1982 Page Two

A copy of this request is being mailed to Mr. Hugh Hanagan, the only non-consenting party to appear at the hearing.

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Homas Kellahin

WTK/rb

cc: Mr. Hanagan,

Hanagan & Hanagan Mr. Jim Shaw, H. L. Brown, Jr. H. L. Brown, Jr. 323 WEST MISSOURI Post Office Box 2237 MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701 915 683-5216

April 19, 1982

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Re: West Garrett #2 (#342) Lea Co., New Mexico

Dear Interest Owner:

H. L. Brown, Jr. has obtained a compulsory pooling order from the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division in Case #7425. The order is #R-6945, entered April 14, 1982, a copy of which is enclosed.

In accordance with that order we are providing all non-consenting working interest owners in the S/2 of Section 26, T-16-S, R-37-E, Lea County, New Mexico a copy of an itemized schedule of estimated well costs for the well we propose to drill.

This well will be located at a standard location within 150' of the center of the SW/4 SW/4 Section 26. The primary objective of the well will be the Knowles-Drinkard pool and the Casey-Strawn pool, both 80-acre oil pools. If this well is, in fact, an oil well from one or both of those pools, then we will dedicate the S/2 SW/4 of Section 26 to the well. No other acreage will participate in the well and we will refund any sums paid by interest owners outside that proration and spacing unit.

In the event this is a Wolfcamp or Pennsylvanian gas well, excluding the Atoka and Morrow zones, then we will dedicate the S/2 of Section 26 to the well and those interests in the SE/4 which have elected to participate will do so.

Accordingly, in accordance with Order #R-6945 you have 30 days from the date of your receipt of this letter to pay your share of the estimated well costs for this well. In the event you fail to do so, then H. L. Brown, Jr. will pay your share of those costs and in the event of production will repay himself out of production your share of the actual costs plus the 200% penalty.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Very truly yours, H. L. Brown, Jr.

HLB: mh

cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division

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County, New Mexico.

MR. NUTTER: Call next Case Number 7425.

MR. PEARCE: Application of H. L. Brown, Jr., for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox location, Lea

MR. KELLAHIN: I'm Tom Kellahin of Santa Fe, New Mexico, appearing on behalf of the applicant, and I have two witnesses.

(Witnesses sworn.)

MR. LOPEZ: Mr. Examiner, my name is

Owen Lopez, with the law firm of Montgomery and Andrews in

Santa Fe, New Mexico, appearing on behalf of Hanagan Petroleum

Company, and we have one witness to be sworn, as well.

(Witness sworn.)

MR. KELLAHIN: If the Examiner please, if I may make a few opening comments so maybe we can all understand what we're trying to do.

The second amended application is our latest effort to present to you a pooling case that potentially involves or affects more than 65 individuals with interests underlying the south half of Section 26.

H. L. Brown proposes to drill a well, firs of all, in the south half of the southwest quarter, which is the area shaded in blue on Exhibit Number One, and that well will be drilled to the base of the Strawn formation. The principal objectives would be a Drinkard test and a Strawn test, but there is a potential, perhaps, for gas production in some other horizon.

For example, if they should be fortunate enough to encounter Wolfcamp production, then they would need a south half proration unit of 320 acres.

The application has requested pooling to the base of the Pennsylvanian formation and we would amend it at this time to delete the Morrow and anything below, which would be the Morrow and the Atoka, and we'll pool down to the base of the Strawn.

acre tract are presented to you in this way because for the Casey Strawn Pool and the West Knowles Drinkard Pool, both of those pools, which are the two primary objectives, are spaced on 80 acres. Well locations for those pools require wells to be located within 150 feet of the center of a quarter section, and for one of those locations it would be an unorthodox location, I believe, the second well.

so depending upon where production is

eventually obtained, if at all, then the individuals that are to be pooled, not only will their interest in the well change, but they may be omitted or included in the proration unit.

So at some point after we have production, then a Division order and new notices are going to be furhished to these people so that they'll know what their interests are. That's about the only way we can figure to do it.

But in order to give as broad a notice as possible to anyone that potentially is affected, we have made an effort to contact and notify anyone that had an unleased interest in the south half of the proration unit.

All right, sir.

MR. NUTTER: All right, then a pooling order would be from the top of the San Andres to the base of the Strawn?

MR. KELLAHIN: Yes, sir, that's all we have planned to drill to.

MR. NUTTER: Okay, so it would be amended to eliminate the portion that says to the base of the Pennsylvanian. It would be to the base of the Strawn instead.

MR. KELLAHIN: That's correct. We'll delete the Atoka and the Morrow.

MR. NUTTER: Okay, so the legal notice

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is broader than the aspect that you're seeking, so we would narrow the scope by amending the application for this hearing.

MR. KELLAHIN: Yes, sir, I don't believe there's a need for further notice in that.

MR. NUTTER: Not if we're narrowing rather than broadening the scope.

You may proceed, Mr. Kellahin.

MR. KELLAHIN: All right, sir.

My first witness is a petroleum landman and will devote his testimony to the title problems with regards to this acreage, Mr. Nutter.

WEBB WALKER

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

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. KELLAHIN:

Mr. Webb, for the record would you please

state your --

Walker.

Q I'm sorry, Walker, would you please state your name and occupation?

Webb Walker, Junior. I'm employed by

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H. L. Brown, Junior, in his land department.

Mr. Walker, have you previously testified before the Division as a petroleum landman?

No, sir.

Would you give Mr. Nutter the benefit of summarizing your education and work experience as a petroleum landman?

Well, I'm -- have a law degree from the University of Texas. I have a BA degree. I've been in the land business. Shortly after graduation from school I went to work for W. A. Moncrief; worked for him for about seven or eight years. Was on my own as an independent landman up until about eight or nine years -- eight years ago, before I went to work for Mr. H. L. Brown, Junior.

And pursuant to your employment by Mr. Brown, have you made a study of the oil and gas land title matters with regards to this application?

Yes, I have.

MR. KELLAHIN: We tender Mr. Walker as an expert petroleum landman.

MR. NUTTER: He is qualified.

Mr. Walker, let me direct your attention to what we've marked as Applicant Exhibit Number One, and have you identify that exhibit for me.

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 A. Well, it's a map showing the south half of Section 26, 16, 17, in Lea County, which we wish to pool the --

MR. NUTTER: 16, 37.

A. 16, 37, pardon me, sir, 16, 37, where we wish to pool the unleased mineral interests in that half section. I mean there's so many very small mineral interests in there it's the only way we can do it. We can't find them.

All right, sir. Perhaps as way of summary, Mr. Walker, you would indicate to the Examiner, what happened to the oil and gas minerals in this particular area to cause there to be so many of these very tiny, unleased oil and gas interest owners?

Well, there was a gentleman named Harry Wright, as I recall, I think his first name was Harry Wright, bought mineral interest in this half a section and formed what he called the Lucky Wright Syndicate, and it was sold all over the State of Iowa and across the midwest in as small an interests as 1/64th of 1 percent of 320 acres.

MR. NUTTER: When was this he was operating?

Mell, this was back in the forties.

And it was under this syndicate, as I

understand it from Mrs. Wright, who stills lives up in Farmington,

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them.

that about a year ago this syndicate dissolved, and these interests became vested. Up until that time she had the power under the syndicate to exercise or give leases on these minute interests.

Well, when they vested, you got to find

Q All right, sir, in regards to locating these owners of minerals, what efforts have you made or have been made in general by Mr. Brown?

Rell, we, of course, used the county records, if we could, and the indices of the abstract companies there, to try to find these people. We searched old telephone directories. We made phone calls. We would find maybe one of these people; we would then start asking if they knew, reading down the list, if they knew them. We took ads in two newspapers and ran them for over a week at a time in the State of Iowa, where the majority of these very minute interests are, asking any of them, anybody that knew somebody that owned an interest in this particular half section to please come forward, let us know, and we heard from people who said no, but we own minerals in Roosevelt County. We'd he interested in letting you have those, if you want them.

MR. NUTTER: You'd better get them before

they become vested.

A. Yes, sir, that's true.

Q. Mr. Walker, I'm oing to show you what we've marked as Applicant Exhibit Number Two.

A. All right, sir.

Q And have you identify that for us.

A. This is a letter written by Mr. Brown to all the various unleased mineral interests as of the 25th of September, 1981, advising them what we proposed to do, or what he proposed to do, and offering to buy a lease from them or they were welcome to join us in the drilling of the well, and this letter, with the four exhibits attached thereto, were mailed to all the unleased mineral interests as of that date, with return receipt requested.

All right, sir.

MR. KELLAHIN: If the Examiner please, Exhibit Number Three is a reproduction of the return receipt cards for the mailing of the application for hearing before the Division. It doesn't represent all the mailings to all these people but it was our effort to notify these people of the application before the Division and our pending hearing.

And that's what's represented in Exhibit

Number Three.

MR. NUTTER: What was actually mailed to

them, Mr. Kellahin?

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MR. KELLAHIN: A copy of the application itself before the Commission, setting forth what we propose

Now, Exhibit Number Two, Mr. Walker, is a letter Mr. Brown sent to these people that he was able to find and locate.

As best we had an address from the -from the search of the records, yes, sir.

All right, sir, and that was --

Some of them was just a town, no street or post office box address.

All right. Let's get on to Exhibit Number Four, then.

MR. NUTTER: Well, while we're on that exhibit, I see some of them are marked that they have been received; others maybe weren't received. Where they have just an "X" on them, what does that mean?

MR, KELLAHIN: That's directions to the post office to show to whom it was delivered and the date of delivery. That's all that check indicates.

MR. NUTTER: Well, did -- was it de-

livered?

MR. KELLAHIN: Only if they're represented by the return receipt card, which is the first few

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pages of the exhibit.

MR. NUTTER: In other words, these three pages are the only ones that you have returns on.

MR. KELLAHIN: That's right.

MR. NUTTER: The rest you don't know.

MR. KELLAHIN: Right.

Q. All right, Mr. Walker, would you identify what we're marked as Exhibit Number Four, please?

Exhibit Number Four is a letter to myself from Charles R. Qualia of -- a petroleum landman in
Midland, Texas, who I employed to try to put this half section
together for the drilling of a well.

As you can see from this exhibit, on page -- well, underneath his cover letter on page one of the exhibit there, he started on this project in January the 9th, or prior to that, even, January of 1981, and contacted this Mrs. Wright in Farmington, who we hoped could give us a list of the names of these outstanding mineral owners, of these small outstanding mineral owners.

And then Mr. Qualia went on through just giving a date by date of each person that we had contacted and able to find, and their response and whether we were able to buy a lease from them or not.

And there on the second page of his re-

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 port at the very bottom he speaks there of when we ran the two ads that I spoke of. That's under entry number twenty-one, the two ads we ran there in Iowa trying to locate. these people.

And, well, we even went so far, I notice in his report here, there on entry number forty-eight, we tried to request death certificates from the Department of Statistical Services in Iowa, and they replied with, you can see there, that they will not issue copies of death certificates unless you are the relative or the deceased has been dead for fifty-five or more years.

Then there's a summary there on the last page of the -- of his report to me, which states that -- what he -- what he did and what he -- how he tried to contact and what we've done in trying to locate these various people.

Mr. Walker, I'd like to go on to Exhibit

Five, which is a summary showing where we stand with regards

to those interests that are still unleased or uncommitted to

A. Yes, sir.

Q -- the properties, and we may have to give you copies of this after the hearing, Mr. Nutter. The notations in the lefthand margin, I'm afraid are very difficult to read.

If we could start with Sun Oil, Mr. Walker,

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Q.	All right, sir, and Petroleum Corporation
of Texas, where o	lo they stand?
A.	They will join.
Q.	Heritage Resources?
А.	They'll join.
Q.	Woods Estate?
A. 4. 4.4.	Woods Estate, we sent them the letter
that I believe wa	as Exhibit Two and we got back a return re-
	All right, no response?
	No response.
Q .	Felmont Oil?
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	Fisco?
A.	Join.
Q.	J. B. Read?
	No response. We sent them, as I say,
a copy of a le	tter of our Number Two and we've got a re-
	Engwall?
	He'll join.
	of Texas, where of A. A. Q. A. that I believe was ceipt from them, Q. A. Q. A. Q. A. Q. A. Q. A. Q. A.

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2		Hanagan and Hanagan?
3	A.	I had a phone call from Mr. Hanagan.
4	He said he want	ed to be here.
5	Q	All right.
6		MR. NUTTER: He is.
7	А.	Yeah, he is.
8		Mesa Petroleum Company?
9	B.	They'll join.
10	(1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1)	Estate of Burton E. Shipp?
11		We have a lease from the Shipps. We
12	received a lease	e from them, the two Shipps there.
13	Q	Coates?
14	A.	Have a lease.
15		Harlan?
16	A.	Release.
17		You have a lease?
82		Yes, sir.
19	Q	Gossman?
20	Α.	Lease; have a lease.
21	Q	Crew?
22	4 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	Letter returned. I mean we mailed a
23	letter and it wa	s unknown; couldn't find them.
24		And it came back to you?
25	A.	Right.

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2		Q	All right. Hanson?	
3		A.	They received it and the receipt was re	e-
¹ 4	turned	but no re	sponse.	
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6		A.	Letter returned.	
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12		A.	Have a lease.	
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20		A.	Letter returned.	
21		Q.	Probert?	
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23		Q.	Christokos?	
24		A.	Letter returned.	
25		Q.	Peterson?	

2	A.	Letter returned. No, wait a minute, I'm
3	sorry, on Mr. Peters	sen, the receipt was returned but no re-
4	sponse.	
· 5 :	Q.	Okay. Elwidge?
6	A - 1	Mr. Elwidge and Effie Elwidge are de-
7	ceased and we had a	reply from a man in Minnesota, Ewan (sic)
8	and he said he was g	oing to talk to his lawyer, and that's
9	all we've heard.	
19	The second secon	Clifford Gray?
11	A.	Clifford Gray, we received a letter from
12	him and he said that	he was not going to lease to us but that
13	he wasn't going to j	oin in the well, but good luck.
14	Q	Mr. and Mrs. Woodburn?
15	A.	Letter returned.
16	Q. Comment	Petersen?
17	A.	Letter returned.
18		Holmes?
19	A. (1)	Mr. Holmes, we got back the letter
20	was returned and was	marked deceased.
21	Q	Okay. Kennedy?
22	À.	Letter was returned.
23	Q.	Brown?
24	.	Returned.
25	Q	Hitchcock?

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2	A.	Returned.
3	Q	Ferguson?
4	A.	We got a return receipt but no response.
5	Q	Lohr?
6	A.	Letter returned.
7	Q. San	Tiss?
8	A. Q	Received a lease. Kemper?
10	After	Letter returned.
11	Q.	Satoka?
12	1	Letter ceturned.
13	Q	Seullin?
14	A.	Well, we didn't have an address. We
15	couldn't	
16	Q	Couldn't find an address
17	A.	No.
18	Q	for her at all?
19	A.	No, sir.
20	Q	All right. Grace?
21	A.	Letter returned. If you want to move
22	on, the rest of that	page is all returned.
23	Q	All right.
24	A.	All the letters were returned.
25	Q	Okay, how about the next page, page four

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3	A	Okay, let's see. Drop down to to Mr.
4	Britson, Arthur Br	itson, about the middle of the page.
5	Q	Okay.
6	A.	Of Roland, Iowa. We return receipt
7	there but no respo	mse.
8		All those above him, all the letters were
9 .	returned prior to	that Mr. Britson.
10	Q	Okay, then what happens?
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12	third or fourth fr	om the bottom, we received a lease from
13	him.	
14		And Mr. Scrader, we have mailed him a
15	lease. We receive	d a letter from him and we've mailed him a
16	lease, although I	did not have it in hand when leaving Midland
17	yesterday.	
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19	A.	It was letter was returned.
20	Q	All right, page five?
21	A.	The last page, all of them, letter was
22	returned.	
23	Q Q	All right, sir.
24	A.	Mr. Hemphill, there's no address there
5	on him,	
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Q Okay.

MR. NUTTER: Will these people, Mr. --

A. Walker.

MR. NUTTER: -- Walker, be working interest owners, then, that you don't have leases on? They own the minerals.

A. They own a mineral interest, yes, sir.

MR. NUTTER: So they will be working interest owners as well as royalty owners.

A. I'm sorry to say, yes, sir.

Mr. Walker, I direct your attention to what we've marked as Exhibit Number Six, and ask you to identify this exhibit.

A. This is an AFE, or Authority for Drilling, prepared by Mr. Brown's office by Mr. Bob Fraley, R. E. Fraley, who is a drilling superintendent, and prepared this AFE for Mr. Brown's approval to send to the various people that we contacted with our Exhibit -- or mailed our Exhibit Number Two, to the various mineral interest owners, having attached this Authority for Drilling.

Q. Based upon your knowledge and information, Mr. Walker, is this AFE representative of the reasonable cost for a well drilled through to test the Strawn formation at this location?

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And after the first well is completed, what are Mr. Brown's plans with regards to a second well applied for in the application?

A For the second well applied for we would, of course, if we make a well in the first one, a producer, then we would like to move up within 120 days from completion of the first well and drill a well there, as indicated in the yellow -- or orange, pardon me, orange acreage in the north half of the southwest of Section 26.

All right, sir.

MR. KELLAHIN: I believe that concludes my examination of Mr. Walker.

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. NUTTER:

Q. Mr. Walker, now all these parties that you mentioned when you went through on Exhibit Number Five, -

A. Yes, sir.

Q -- they have this interest that's indicated on the exhibit, being a fraction of one percent, or whatever.

A. Yes, sir.

Q. But that's an undivided interest throughout the entire 320, is that correct?

2 A. Yes, sir, that is. 3 So their interest does not change whatsoever be it a 320-acre unit, an 80-acre unit, or two 80-acre units? A. No, sir, it does not. Q. Okay. You'll notice on that page, sir, that you 9 will see in the middle of where they have these -- well, on 10 the third page of that exhibit, you will notice there, that 11 most of them show 1/64th of one percent. 12 Q Right. 13 You'll see some of them that show a 14 1/640th, and then evidently this guy sold pretty good and 15 he got some there and they bought a 1/32nd of one percent, so 16 it's -- not everybody is 1/64th, I wanted to point that out. 17 Right, it's --18 Yes, sir. 19 -- all kinds of --20 Yes, sir, but it's common across the 21 south half. Yes. 22 It's uniform throughout, 0 23 Λ. Where he sold those minor interests, 24 yes, sir. 25 Okay. Q.

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2 MR. KELLAHIN: Is that only with regards 3 to that particular interest or does that apply to all the interests listed on Exhibit Number Five, including Sun --Exhibit --6 MR. KELLAHIN: -- Hanagan, and the rest? 7 -- Number Five, to the best of my recollection, Mr. Kellahin, that is across the whole south half. 9 MR. KELLAHIN: All right, sir. Now, if 10 we only end up pooling an 80-acre tract in the south half of 11 the southwest quarter, --12 That would all be proportionately re-13 duced. 14 MR. KELLAHIN: Proportionately reduced, 15 but an individual that has an interest, such as Mr. Hanagan, 16 of 3/16ths, --17 Uh-huh. 18 MR. KELLAHIN: -- that is an undivided 19 interest in the south half entirely. 20 That's my understanding, yes. 21 MR. KELLAHIN: All right, sir. 22 MR. NUTTER: Are there any other ques-23 tions of Mr. Walker? 24 MR. LOPEZ: I have just a few. 25 MR. NUTTER: Mr. Lopez.

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CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. LOPEZ:

Q Now, Mr. Walker, I was looking to Exhibit Number Six, your AFE.

A. Yes, sir.

And I note that it is for the Strawn test, and you've indicated a spacing pattern of 80 acres to be comprised of the south half of the southwest quarter of Section 26.

A. Uh-huh.

Q. On this -- what is your justification if this was the AFE that was sent to all the mineral interest owners and working interest owners for seeking to force pool a 320-acre section?

A. 220 acres?

Q. A 320-acre section?

A. Maybe I don't follow.

Q. If your test is for an 80-acre proration

unit.

A. Maybe I'm thick; I'm not following you.

I'm sorry.

Q Well, your application is to pool a 320-

acre spacing unit, or the entire south half of Section 26,

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yet your notification to all mineral interest owners and working interest owners was for a Casey Strawn test, which was comprised of an 80-acre spacing unit, not a 320.

A. Well, we're not -- I think we've with-drawn, if I'm correct, the --

MR. NUTTER: You've withdrawn everything below the Strawn, but as Mr. Kellahin pointed out, if they should get gas production in the Wolfcamp, which is shallower than the Strawn, then the 320 would be applicable.

But if they got their oil in the Strawn, then the 80 acres would be applicable.

Q Okay, well, that would lead to another question.

If they were capable -- well, first of all, let me ask a question this way.

I don't see on your Exhibit Number One any gas production in the area, so I don't know what your -- your projections are with regard to the optimism you may share about obtaining gas production.

Would you wish to comment on that?

Well, I'm not --

MR. KELLAHIN: It's the second witness that's going to talk about that.

MR. LOPEZ: Okay.

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2	Q. Then my next question would be, if you
3	did discover or make a gas production, would not your propos
4	location be at an unorthodox location?
5	A. Well, I'm not an expert in New Mexico,
6	but I can't answer that honestly.
7	Q Okay. And I believe I heard you state
8	to Mr. Nutter that as far as you know, and I'd like you to
9	reassure me in this regard, that the working interest owner-
10	ship is the same throughout the south half of Section 26.
11	Can you so testify?
12	A. Well, to the best of my recollection,
13	I believe I said, but I'm not I couldn't swear to that.
14	I mean I'd have to go back and review my notes and things.
15	I don't I'm not I couldn't say right now.
16	Q But that would change the picture, woul
17	it not, if
18	A. Well, say somebody owned in the south-
19	east quarter and didn't own a working interest in the or
20	had a lease, had a lease on some minerals that only covered
21	the southeast, yes, it would change, of course.
22	MR. NUTTER: Mr. Webb, for your or
23	Walker, for your information, it would be an unorthodox
24	location if it were completed as a gas well in the Wolfcamp.
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Well, I'm not a geologist, sir.

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you to understand that.

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MR. KELLAHIN: We understand, Mr. Nutter, that if it's a Wolfcamp well by some remote possibility, then we'll have to come back and get approval for an unorthodox location.

MR. NUTTER: Because it's still adver-

MR. NUTTER: Are there any further ques-

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tised at a standard location for a gas well.

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A. Well, if it is a gas well, I think it would be a geological phenomenon, but that's -- that's just

Mr. Examiner, was that if indeed what we're trying to do is

force pool an 80-acre oil production unit, I see no justifi-

MR. LOPEZ:

cation for going for a 320-acre gas (inaudible).

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

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. KELLAHIN:

Mr. Wells, would you please state your

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the base -- on the top of the Strawn formation, Pennsylvanian in age, of the area in question.

It shows that there are a number of accumulations in the Strawn similar in nature to that of the Casey Strawn Field; namely, these accumulations are nosings, strong nosings off the big main Lovington structure, and on the nosings, if porosity develops in the Strawn, you may find hydrocarbon accumulations; namely, the Northeast Lovington Field, and to the south, the Humble City Strawn Field, and the Casey Strawn Field.

Q. Based upon your study of the geology in this area, Mr. Wells, what, in your opinion, are the most likely productive horizons for this unit?

Nowing for the Strawn. This accumulation, now, is not controlled entirely by the structure. It appears that, in my study it appears that if you get the top of the Strawn above a subsea datum of -7600, that you have a reasonable chance of finding production; however, there are some instances in the Casey Strawn itself are an instance, where a well did find the Strawn above 7600, but did not find porosity, and off the flanks, up in the Lovington Northeast -- or the Northeast Lovington Strawn Field there in Section 21 in the northwest corner, well, that wellgot the top of the Strawn at -7602.

That is not below the water but there was no porosity develop-

In the field itself, in the Casey Field itself, there's a well in the southwest of the northeast that's sort of obscured by a contour line, or by the line that encompasses the -- the productive area there, that was the Mesa No. 7 West Knowles Unit, which was amply high but found no porosity. It's offsetting, directly offsetting a good Strawn well, but there was no porosity in the Strawn section in that well. In the porosity zone it had, well, the zone, or the log shows a washed out zone where the porosity was, which would perhaps indicate that it was marly, or some such thing.

 $$\operatorname{MR.}$ NUTTER: Okay, that's the well that is shown as a -7518.

A. Yes, it is, uh-huh.

Now the other, the other horizon that we think has some possibility, very, very slight possibility, in fact, from recent developments, is in the Drinkard, which does produce, and actually that's on another exhibit, you can see it, it's one with the little green dots on it --

Q Yeah, we'll come to that in a minute.

A. Okay.

Q With regards to the drilling of a Strawn

test, Mr. Wells, do you have an opinion as a petroleum geologist as to what percentage risk ought to be assessed against a nonconsenting owner in this pooling case?

A. Well, this is anything but a sure bet for a Strawn producer. Obviously, we want to drill it and we think that our chances are reasonable.

I might point out, in the southeast corner of Section 26 there is a well, and there is an estimated top Strawn point on that well, done by taking the thickness from the top of the Drinkard down to the Strawn from other wells in the area and applying it, because this well did not go deep enough, and that really is the only control that we have off this flank of the thing.

Q. That well out of the southeast corner of 26 was not drilled to a depth sufficient to encounter the Strawn?

A. That's right. It was -- it was drilled to the Drinkard and the point that I used there in making this interpretation is a projected point. It may or may not be that way.

So certainly there is considerable risk involved for that reason, because we do not have -- well, the nearest control is about two miles out there to that Gulf Beardsly --

34 Over in Section 30? -- over in Section 30, right. So in terms of the statutory percentage that the Division can assess against nonconsenting owners, in your opinion, Mr. Wells, what is the fair and reasonable percentage to assess? I think that the 200 percent risk is fair and reasonable. Let's go on to --10 11 Incidentally, that location in the south-12 west corner has been staked as a 554 location, which is a 13 legal location, being 150 feet from the center of that 40-acre 14 tract. 15 As long as you've made that point, Mr. 16 Wells, what about the second well in the north half of the 17 southwest quarter? 18 The second well would not be legal in 19 that it would not have the required footage between wells. 20 We've put it there because we are fighting that -7600 datum. 21 I feel like we have to try to stay above it in order to find 22 the porosity, and of course, the information from the first 23 well will give us a lot -- will determine, certainly, whether 24 or not we will want to go on to that next well location, but

our plans at this point are that we will.

Q All right, and if the second well is located -- drilled as proposed, it would be at an unorthodox location for those two pools advertised.

A. Yes, it would be.

All right, fine. Let's go on to Exhibit
Number Eight, if that's all right, Mr. Wells.

All right. The wells in the Casey Straws
Field, the five producing wells, of those five the well that
is in Section 27, the northernmost well, and the two wells
that are in the northwest quarter of Section 34, all produce
water. They do not -- in varying amounts. I am not sure,
I really do not believe that there is a water table, as such,
because of the subseas of where these wells, the bottom perforations in these wells, and the amounts of water that they
produce.

However, the well in the northeast of the northwest, that's the No. 1-A, and you have this reduced Welex log is of the Chambers and Kennedy Shipp No. 34-A No. 1, it was perforated and tested in the zone indicated there from 11,4 -- I think that's 72 to 76, with a light acid job and swabbed nothing but water. Now that's at a subsea of a -7685. And so we do have -- seemingly have some water established at that point.

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are essentially water free, although the last well that was completed, which is the No. 8 Well in the northeast of the northeast of Section 34, I think produced like 14 or 16 barrels of water on potential test.

Q All right, let's look at Exhibit Number
Nine.

A. All right. Exhibit Number Nine is a structure map on top of the Drinkard pay with a wave line showing the Drinkard pay porosity pinchout, and the Drinkard producers are indicated there in green.

The last well drilled and completed in the Drinkard in this field was the well that is in the southwest of the northwest of Section 35. It was the Mesa No. 9
West Knowles Unit. Much section was gone there.

The well in the northeast of the northeast of 34 had no productive porosity in the Drinkard, and so that pinchout line is shown through there and we'd be most fortunate, I think, if we get -- find any porosity in the Drinkard in that -- either of those locations, although they certainly -- that is a possibility, because the Drinkard does produce a half mile away.

Q. In your opinion, Mr. Wells, what is the percentage of risk that you would recommend be assessed against the nonconsenting owners with regards to the Drinkard?

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2	A. 200 percent.
3	Q If production is obtained in any other
4	formation other than the Strawn or the Drinkard, in your
5	opinion would the risk of obtaining that production be greate
6	than either the Strawn or the Drinkard?
7	A. Definitely.
8	All right. Is there any possibility
9	for gas production in this area? Are you aware of gas wells
10	in this area, Mr. Wells?
11	A. No, I'm not aware of any gas wells any-
12	where in the nearby in this area.
13	Q Were Exhibits Seven, Eight, and Nine
14	prepared by you or compiled under your direction and super-
15	vision?
16	A. Yes, sir, they were.
17	Q And in your opinion, Mr. Wells, will
18	approval of this application be in the best interests of
19	conservation, prevention of waste, and the protection of cor-
20	relative rights?
21	A. Yes, it will.
22	MR. KELLAHIN: If the Examiner please,
23	we move the introduction of Exhibits One through Nine.
24	MR. NUTTER: Exhibits (1) through Nine
25	will be admitted in evidence.

Are there any questions of the witness? 3 MR. LOPEZ: Yes, Mr. Examiner. CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. LOPEZ: Mr. Wells, referring to your Exhibit Number Seven, could you tell me what the well in the north-9 east of the northeast of Section 34 potentialed for? 10 In the northeast of the northeast of 34? 11 It potentialed for 981 barrels a day and 16 barrels Yes. 12 of water. 13 981 barrels of oil and 16 barrels of 14 water. 15 And how recent was this? 16 Probably six weeks ago; two months ago. 17 I don't remember exactly. 18 And --19 But within the last two months, I would 20 say. 21 Could you tell me whether or not the Q. 22 proration unit in the southeast of the southeast of Section 23 27 is a laydown unit or a standup unit? 24 No, I do not know. I do not have that 25 information.

Now I believe in your earlier testimony you mentioned if your application is granted with respect to the south half of the southwest quarter of 26, in the sense that you go ahead and drill it at an orthodox location, that your intention is to drill the well indicated on your Exhibit Number Seven in the north half of the southwest quarter within 120 days of the completion of the well in the south half.

I'd like you to explain your logic and justification for doing this. Do you think 120 days is going to be sufficient time in which to determine whether or not you want to continue to drill at an unorthodox location?

A. Yes, I believe that production for that length of time, of course, will tell us whether we want to drill, period, or not. I think that unless we get, and you know, wonderful things can happen, and I would like to see that come up enough so that we wouldn't have to drill it unorthodox, but I don't anticipate that it will, and this is —this is based on what we now know.

Is it possible, though, that once you've received the information from this well in the south half, that you may wish to change your minds and drill at an orthodox location.

A. It's not -- it's not impossible that we would, yes.

Q Then what's the logic of not waiting until you see what happens with the well in the south --

A. Well, we're really wanting not to have to come back; that's the main thing. I mean just to take care of it so we can go on about our business.

Do you think it's fair, if a working interest owner doesn't have the opportunity to determine what the outcome of the first well drilled is, whether or not to go ahead and join in a second proposed well before he has the opportunity to determine what --

A. Well, they will -- at this point my understanding is that they're not -- they're not being forced to join the drilling of the second well. In other words, when we get ready to drill it, the working interest owners will be mailed an AFE and given the option to join or not join it at that point in time.

Q Okay. Well, maybe I misunderstand your application but it appears to me that the intention is to go ahead and force pool and assess a risk factor to all nonconsenting interest owners in the south half of the entire Section 26.

No. Well, I see, yeah. Well, at this point I'm not sure that I have a good answer for that.

Q. And isn't it true that if we follow your

logic entirely, one can go ahead and force pool on a poolwide basis if you have common ownership, which hasn't been clearly established, in the pool, and have a proposed development drilling program and force pool all working interest owners and mineral interest owners in the poolwide basis, not only on a half section basis?

A. Yes, it could be, I suppose.

MR. LOPEZ: No further questions.

MR. NUTTER: Mr. Kellahin.

MR. KELLAHIN: Yes, sir.

MR. NUTTER: Mr. Lopez there has raised some questions in my mind as to just how this pooling order, if entered, should be entered.

As I understand it as of now, and from the testimony of Mr. Walker and Mr. Wells, and the amended application, we're seeking an order here that, first of all, would pool the south half with respect to gas down through the Strawn. Well, it would have to be from the top of the Wolfcamp down through the Strawn. And that 320-acre pooling order would be applicable only if gas were obtained.

You're also seeking a pooling order in accordance with what Mr. Wells just stated, pooling the south half of the southwest quarter of Section 26 in the event that oil production is obtained in the Strawn.

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Now, Mr. Wells, is the Drinkard an 80-acre

MR. WELLS: Yes.

MR. NUTTER: So it would be applicable to the Drinkard or to the Strawn.

MR. WELLS: To the Drinkard and the

MR. NUTTER: And then in the event that production was obtained and a decision was made to drill the second well, which would be in the north half of the southwest of 26, then the pooling order would be extended to that area and a new AFE would be submitted to the poolees and an opportunity to join in the drilling of that well without penalty, is that correct?

MR. KELLAHIN: Not necessarily so on two

The first well doesn't have to obtain production. The operator could still elect to drill the second well if he wanted to.

MR. NUTTER: Okay.

MR. KELLAHIN: The second point is that we are asking for what the Division did in Coronado Exploration versus Tenneco back in February of this year. I don't remember the order number. But in that case Mr. Yates pooled

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some six, I believe, proration units at the same time with the same 200 percent risk factor applicable to the first unit as well as all subsequent units, with no subsequent opportunity for operators to subsequently elect to join.

MR. NUTTER: Okay, now that's contrary

MR. KELLAHIN: Yes, sir. I have no difficulty with the order. I'm saying we've gone to all kinds
of extremes when we do more than one. It's not unusual; we've
done it many times.

to what Mr. Wells stated awhile ago, though, isn't it?

My suggestion is that it's not unreasonable after this is pooled so we don't have to pool some 65 or 70 people again to at least, if it's a concern for Mr.

Hanagan, to mail Mr. Hanagan an AFE prior to the time we start the second well and give Mr. Hanagan an opportunity to join in the second well.

I don't propose to have to do that to all these people.

We have half a dozen, or more, principal operators in this area, none of which have seemed to bother with what we're doing except Mr. Hanagan.

MR. NUTTER: Well now, the operating agreement that these other people -- you have other working interest owners in this?

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MR. KELLAHIN: I don't know that the operating agreements have been executed by these people. The interests we have are leases, and --

MR. NUTTER: Well now, when Mr. Walker went through that list that had all those people on it, that Exhibit Number Two or Three, whatever it was, and he stated that they had joined, joined, joined, joined --

MR. WALKER: They had indicated that they would join in the drilling of the well.

MR. KELLAHIN: They haven't signed the operating agreement.

MR. WALKER: They have not signed an operating agreement.

MR. NUTTER: No, they're not going to lease to you. They're going to join as working interest owners.

MR. WALKER: Yes, sir. Yes, sir.

MR. NUTTER: All right. Will that operating agreement call for the drilling of two wells?

MR. WALKER: Yes.

MR. NUTTER: So they're committed to the second well, also, then.

MR. WALKER: Yes, sir.

MR. NUTTER: And you're seeking that this

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pooling order would commit all working interest owners that you're pooling to the drilling of the second well, but would you give them the option to pay their share of the well without a penalty on the second well?

MR. KELLAHIN: I'm willing to give Mr. Hanagan that option.

MR. NUTTER: But not the others?

MR. KELLANIN: He's the only one that's expressed a concern to have that done.

MR. NUTTER: I see.

MR. KELLAHIN: I don't know why the operating agreement couldn't provide for that, Mr. Nutter, something could be negotiated among all these people, but I don't want to have to send it to some 80 different people in this list after we've pooled it. I see no reason to have to do it. You haven't required us to do it in the past.

MR. NUTTER: Well, that problem had entered my mind as a result of what Mr. Wells had said there, that we'd be pooling one unit and then depending on what was obtained in that unit, would be pooling the second unit, and give them the opportunity to join or not in the second go-around.

MR. KELLAHIN: I think the operator ought to have the right to elect not to drill the second

1 well, but I don't want it contingent based upon production 2 from the first well. In other words, if it's a dry hole, he 3 might elect to drill the second well anyway, and I don't want to have to come back and pool all these people again. MR. NUTTER: Well, you wouldn't be coming back to pool them. The only thing I'm saying, would you give them the opportunity to join without penalty. Or to pay their share. They're going to be in the unit, but would they 10 have the opportunity to pay their share without penalty. 11 MR. KELLAHIN: Again, I have no problem 12 with giving Mr. Hanagan that. No one else has asked for it. 13 MR. NUTTER: Are there any other questions 14 of Mr. Wells? He may be excused. 15 Do you have anything further, Mr. Kella-16 hin? 17 MR. KELLAHIN: No, sir, I don't. 18 MR. NUTTER: Mr. Lopez, would you call 19 your witness, please? 20 21 HUGH HANAGAN

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

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DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. LOPEZ:

A. My name's Hugh Hanagan I'm president of Hanagan Petroleum Corporation.

Mr. Hanagan, have you previously testified before the Commission and had your qualifications accepted as a matter of record?

A. Yes, I have.

Q Would you describe the interest of
Hanagan Petroleum Corporation in the south half of Section
26, which is the subject matter of this hearing?

Hanagan Petroleum has a lease, two leases, actually; one lease covering a portion of the southwest quarter of the south half of that pooled section, whatever that section number is, 26.

We also have another lease covering the southeast quarter of Section 26.

oddly enough, in this case there is the same number of acres in each lease so the two leases -- so if you pooled the south half, of course, Hanagan Petroleum would have the same interest, working interest, as if you pooled an 80-acre or the southwest quarter. In other words,

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it would have the same working interest.

MR. NUTTER: Okay, you've got a lease covering a portion -- an interest in the southwest quarter, and you have a lease covering an interest in the southeast quarter.

A. That's correct.

MR. NUTTER: And this is an undivided interest throughout the entire 320, is that correct?

A. No, that is not correct. It's a different ownership. We have two leases but as it turns out, both of them have the same number of acres in the lease; therefor, we would have the same working interest, you see what I mean?

Whether it was a 320-acre unit, we'd have a 3/16th working interest, or whether it was an 80-acre Strawn well, we would have a 3/16th working interest.

Now, Mr. Hanagan, could you describe for the Examiner the efforts that were made to contact you with respect to your either leasing or joining in the proposed well in the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 26?

A. Yes. We received a registered letter that Mr. Brown has passed as Exhibit whatever that exhibit number is on that letter.

Exhibit Four. No, not Exhibit Four.

Probably Exhibit One or Two, that letter that Mr. Brown wrote to all the --

MR. NUTTER: That's Exhibit Four.

A. Exhibit Four.

MR. NUTTER: No, no.

A. It was entered by Mr. Walker, so it would either be One or Two, I would think.

MR. KELLAHIN: It's Two.

A. Two. At any rate, we received that letter from Mr. Brown in which he did offer to either purchase our lease hold interest or to join in the drilling of the well, of a Strawn well, and my answer was, I called, and I believe I talked to Mr. Walker, about two, or a few days after I got that letter and told him that we would not be interested in selling the lease; that we would possibly join in the drilling of the Strawn oil well; that we would also entertain a possible farmout proposal, which they never offered; and my one big objection at that time was to the pooling of the whole south half. I objected to it by phone.

I did try to call Mr. Brown himself once or twice after that but I never, never did talk to -- to him directly, nor to anyone else with Brown since that date.

Now, could you describe what your concerns are and why you're objecting to the proposed application

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with respect to the fact that the application calls for the drilling of a second well within 120 days of completion of the first well?

Well, I think in effect what you're doing is you're going to -- you're pooling -- you're pooling, or you're forcing the nonworking interest owner into a continuous development program by tying him down to committing to a second well at an exact footage, which is unorthodox, to begin with, and at the same time before the first well is ever down. You don't know what the structural position is or anything until that first well is down.

So you're force pooling somebody that has a working interest and therefor is subject to paying his part of that well. You're forcing him to agree to drilling a second well before a first well has ever even been drilled, and I strongly object to that type of development.

You don't know the structural position of that second well until you drill the first well. You don't know the productive capacity of it. You don't know the water table. You don't know the GOR or bottom hole pressures or a thing.

And 120 days may or may not be long enough to evaluate that first well. But, again, if you grant them that forced pooling, they can drill it anyway without

your advice or whatever, any comment whatsoever from you in 120 days.

I don't think it's fair to a non-working interest owner.

Q Or to a working interest owner like yourself.

MR. NUTTER: You mean a non-operator.

A. I mean a non-operating working interest owner.

Now, would you care to comment with respect to the risk faculty that's being proposed, 200 percent penalty?

A. Well, the risk factor, they're asking for a maximum risk factor, the top factor that the Commission can allow, or Division can allow, which is 200 percent.

You can look at the offset production there, the latest well, which as testified earlier, has just been completed for 900 barrels a day. That's a direct southwest offset to the proposed test well that Brown would like to drill.

The other two wells, the nearest wells, the one in Section 27, the Strawn well, and the one in the northwest of the northeast of Section 34, the one in 27 has produced in excess of 300,000 barrels of oil. The one off-

setting, the most recent well there that's mentioned in Section 34, has produced over 400,000 barrels of oil.

So you can see you're dealing with an

So you can see you're dealing with an area that the risk factor is not the maximum risk factor.

Certainly there is a risk factor but it should not be 200 percent.

MR. NUTTER: Which well was that that produced over 400,000, Mr. Hanagan?

A. The one in -- the well in Section 34, the northwest quarter of the northwast quarter.

MR. NUTTER: That would be No. 4, wouldn't

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A. Yes.

MR. NUTTER: And that No. 8, that's the new well that was just completed six weeks ago, isn't it?

A. That's -- that's correct.

And of course, the four wells previous to the one just completed, the four wells, the four Strawn wells shown on his exhibit there, totally they have produced in excess of a million barrels of oil letween those four wells.

So you see, you're lot in -- you're not in a wildcat area and you're certainly not even in a wild development area. You're offsetting a well that has just recently made 900 barrels of oil, potentialed for 900 barrels

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cent is too high.

MR. NUTTER: Do you have a recommendation as to what the percentage risk factor should be?

No, I've been asked that a lot of times in front of these committees.

MR. NUTTER: Depends on whether you're drilling it or whether you're being pooled or --

Well, I kind of, you know, I've been on the other side of the fence and been the operator, too, and I think certainly that the operator should have a risk factor But I really don't want to propose one. MR. NUTTER: But you do think 200 per-

Well, I think it should not be the maximum allowed.

One of my other objections has already been answered and that was force pooling us below -- force pooling the whole Pennsylvanian horizon. I definitely was opposed to that.

MR. NUTTER: Yeah, the application has been amended to the base of the Strawn.

Right. So basically, as I see it, what we're opposed to is -- is committing us to a 320-acre -force pooling a 320-acre tract. We think that only the 80

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acres -- the well is set up for a Strawn, Casey Strawn oil test. The Casey Strawn Field rules are 80-acre spacing.

Therefor, as far as I'm concerned, that's all that should be force pooled, that 80 acres.

I am against being force pooled on a second well at an unorthodox location before the first well is ever drilled. I'm against that.

I'm against a 200 percent factor. Outside of that, why, fine.

Do you have anything further to add?

No, I don't believe so.

MR. NUTTER: Are there any questions of

the witness?

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MR. KELLAHIN: Yes, sir.

MR. NUTTER: Mr. Kellahin.

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. KELLAHIN:

Mr. Hanagan, I'd like to discuss with you for a moment your objections to the forced pooling of two units for two wells with 120 days between completion of the first and commencement of the second.

We could have avoided that entire argument, Mr. Hanagan, if we'd filed two separate pooling appli-

cations and not tied it to anything. We could have drilled in less than 120 days, couldn't we?

- A. The second well?
- Q Yes, sir.
- A. Right next to each other, offsetting each other?
- Q Yes, sir, we'd file a pooling application for 80 acres in the north half of the southwest and at the same hearing docketed as a separate case, for the south half of the southwest.
- A. But that doesn't mean that the Commission has to allow both of them. Isn't that right?
- Q I understand, but it could have been far worse than what we've proposed in this. We've implied a drilling program of at least a maximum 120 days between wells.
- A. Sure, anything can be worse and anything can be better, too. I mean I don't -- I don't visualize what you're getting at, I guess.
- Q Well, the Commission has done this in the past, has it not, Mr. Hanagan? You're aware of that.
- A. Yes, there was the case that you quoted, the Tenneco case happens to be one case that I don't think the Commission was really correct in doing that.

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Q Yes, sir, and it's happened on a number of occasions. This is not the first case that this has occurred --

A. That's right.

Q -- where there's a proposal to pool for two wells at the same hearing.

A. I feel so strongly about the Tenneco case, if I'd of been Tenneco, I'd have taken it to the courthouse.

Q. Well, I made the same arguments for Fenneco in that case that you're making today, Mr. Hanagan. It didn't work that time.

A. Well, I'm not --- I understand that, what you're saying, that the Commission has the authority to do that and has done it, and I'm not arguing that point.

I'm arguing the point that I don't favor that, I mean that I am objecting to it. Now what the Commission does, that's their decision.

Q All right, sir. If the order provides you with an opportunity prior to the commencement of the second well to participate in the second well would that remove your objection?

A. Well, actually, actually you're going to be required to allow us to get into it anyway. I mean

the opportunity to join in either well.

Q. Yes, sir, what I'm saying is that the opportunity for the second well will be given after the first well is either drilled to total depth, completed or abandoned.

how are you going to keep us out of either one of the wells?

We're either going to join or we're going to ride you down,

A. Uh-huh.

or something is done with the first well.

Q. We can send you an AFE for both wells at the same time and run both time periods at the same time, you see. That's not what I'm proposing. I'm suggesting that after the first well is drilled, completed or whatever, then at that point, then you're sent the AFE and given an opportunity to determine from the information you've learned from the first well what you'll want to do with your interest in the second well.

A. Oh, sure, I'd be agreeable with that, sure.

All right, sir. The other point of objection was with regards to the risk factor encountered. I believe Mr. Wells gave us some examples of at least one instance up in this Lovington Strawn area up to the northwest of where there are producing Strawn wells and -- but

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appear to be -- to be located a reasonable Strawn prospect turned out to be a dry hole that was immediately offsetting a known Strawn production.

So it can occur, can it not?

A. Oh, it -- there's always a risk.

Q So even though there is a pretty good Strawn well up here in the northeast of the northeast of 34, there is still a substantial risk of encountering an uneconomic well there in the offset location there in Section 26.

A. Definitely there's a risk and I have so stated, but I don't believe it's the maximum risk.

MR. KELLAHIN: I have nothing further.

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. NUTTER:

Q In other words, in response to Mr. Kel-lahin's question, Mr. Hanagan, you would withdraw your objection to the pooling of two units if you were given the opportunity to elect to participate or not in the second well.

A. Yes, sir.

Q. But you haven't withdrawn your objection to the 200 percent and you have not withdrawn your objection to the pooling of 320 acres.

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	back in and have another pooling hearing?		
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	unorthodox location.		
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	A. T	hey'll have to have a hearing anyway.	
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	ME	R. NUTTER: Are there any other ques-	
	tions of Mr. Hanagan?		
	MR	. KELLAHIN: Yes, sir, it's a follow-	
+)	up question on the Wolf	camp.	

RECROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. KELLAHIN:

Admittedly they'd have to come back for an unorthodox location hearing, but if the well gets production in the Wolfcamp it would also open the door for everyone to come in and avoid the risk factor penalty, doesn't it, Mr. Ilanagan?

A. It would have to be reconsidered, I think, that's correct.

Q. Yes, sir, and the operator at that point has assumed the entire risk of drilling what we know is a highly risky Wolfcamp if there's no known Wolfcamp production in the area, and having assumed and taken that risk, and having been fortuitous enough to get Wolfcamp production, and yet he can't penalize anyone else that refused to join him in that risk.

Mell, I hardly think that. I mean I -
if it's a -- if it is a Wolfcamp well, where is your risk

factor? I mean you're going to get -- I mean are you saying

it should be a maximum risk factor applied to the 320, or

what?

Absolutely. Do you know of any other Wolfcamp wells in this area?

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drilling the well primarily as a Strawn well. You're not basing your --

MR. NUTTER: I believe he's right, Mr. Kellahin. The Wolfcamp is getting a free ride on a Strawn test.

That's always the case when you run into I mean 640 acres it's the same case, but large gas unit. what I'm -- what I'm saying is the risk factor should be applied to their primary zone, anyway, and the primary zone is the Strawn. That is why they're drilling the well. That is how they testified that's what the primary zone is. Their letters all indicate that's what they're after. They're not after the Wolfcamp.

I'm objecting to having 320 acres dedicated before -- now, right at the present time, is they have through forced pooling control of the whole 320-acre unit, and as a non-operating working interest owner, I don't think that they ought to have control of my interest over that whole 320-acre unit.

Have you proposed a well for drilling of a gas well, Mr. Hanagan, for the south half of this section?

I don't know anybody that would, No. except one. I will say one did, and a Yates asked me.

MR. KELLAHIN: I have nothing else of

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No, I see what he's getting at.

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MR. NUTTER: Any other questions --

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A. But I think that -- I think that my an-

swer to that is he would be getting the risk factor assigned

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whatever that risk factor is, and he should not get the maxi-

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objective is the two oil zones, Drinkard and the Strawn.

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The Wolfcamp is a far-fetched deal. It can happen but I don't

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that 320 acres should be force pooled.

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There is no evidence to the effect that

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you're going to get a Wolfcamp well anywhere in the area.

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MR. NUTTER: Do you know where the nearest

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Wolfcamp gas production is by any chance?

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A. I would say that the Dean Field, which

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is up to the north, I don't have a map in front of me, what, 10 or 15 miles, 10 miles?

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that's oil.

MR. NUTTER: Dean is not gas, is it,

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A. Well, that might be, that Dean. Well,

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there anything in the Townsend Wolfcamp? Now there's the

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MR. NUTTER: I think the Townsend is oil,

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MR. RAMEY: I think so.

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MR. NUTTER: Not the Wolfcamp. I don't

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know of anything.

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A. I don't know either. Vacuum, Eddy County.

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But anyway, I don't know what the answer to that is.

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MR. NUTTER: Are there any other ques-

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tions of the witness? He may be excused.

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We'll call for closing statements. Mr.

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Kellahin, you may go last.

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MR. LOPEZ: Mr. Examiner, I'll be very

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fairly clearly. He certainly objects to having to decide at this point whether or not he wants to join in the second

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Strawn or the Drinkard production is developed in the area,

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and that he in that sense would be foreclosed from being the operator himself rather than having to join in the proposed operation.

I think he also made it fairly clear that there seems to be no logic except that expressed by Mr. Kellahin in the sense of the multiple ownership; that a 320-acre spacing unit should be dedicated when there's really no intention whatsoever to drill a gas well, but the target area is clearly oil production on an 80-acre spacing unit basis.

And I think it's been fairly clear why he objects as to the proposed risk factor, that's being proposed.

I have nothing further.

MR. KELLAHIN: Mr. Nutter, I have made those same arguments that Mr. Lopez and Mr. Hanagan have presented to you in a situation where a client in Mr. Hanagan's position didn't have only 3/16ths interest, had almost 50 percent interest, and wasn't the pooling of simply two units for the drilling of a well but was in excess of six, I believe, and all those wonderful, logical arguments were denied.

In this case I think we've been fair more reasonable to Mr. Hanagan than my client was handled in the other case. We have avoided his principal objection, and that

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was to be pooled for a second well without having an oppotunity to join after the first well.

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I think the order can be written in a reasonable fashion that will accommodate him on that point.

With regards to the penalty factor, Mr.

Hanagan was unwilling to give us a recommendation as to what he thought the penalty was and he admitted that the risk was substantial; that he doesn't propose to drill a well in this area; he hasn't proposed one yet, and we are out front doing work, proposing the well, putting the money at risk, and we believe it's not unreasonable to get a 200 percent risk factor based on the geological testimony.

We think it's also not unreasonable to pool the south half of this particular section in the expectation that there might be gas productive in some horizon.

I think it's unreasonable to require us to come back at a subsequent hearing to pool all these individuals in that -- in that event, and we recommend that you enter the order as requested.

MR. NUTTER: Thank you, gentlemen.

We'll take the case -- or does anyone

else have any comment to make in Case Number 7425?

We'll take the case under advisement.

(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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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. 7425 Order No. R-6945

APPLICATION OF H. L. BROWN, JR. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING AND AN UNORTHODOX LOCATION, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on December 2, 1981, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 14th day of April, 1982, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

- (1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicant, H. L. Brown, Jr., originally requested an order in this case pooling all mineral interests from the top of the San Andres formation to the base of the Pennsylvanian formation underlying the S/2 of Section 26, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon, provided that in the event the subject well encountered production in the Casey-Strawn Pool and/or the West Knowles Drinkard Pool, the lands pooled would be the S/2 SW/4 of said Section 26. Applicant further requested approval for the commencement of a second well within 120 days after completion of the first well, said well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 1650 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 26, and dedicated to the N/2 SW/4 of said Section 26 which applicant also seeks to be pooled.
- (3) That at the hearing the applicant amended his application to delete the Atoka and Morrow zones of the Pennsylvanian formation, so that the application as it now stands is for pooling only to the base of the Strawn.

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- (4) That the applicant has the right to drill on the lands proposed to be pooled and does propose to drill a well thereon.
- (5) That there are interest owners in the lands proposed to be pooled who have not agreed to pool their interests.
- (6) That to avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, to protect correlative rights, and to afford to the owner of each interest in said lands the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense his just and fair share of the gas in said pool, the subject application should be approved by pooling all mineral interests, whatever they may be, within said lands.
- (7) That due to the ambiguous nature of the application and the uncertainty of obtaining production from the various formations involved, the Division should prescribe certain lands to be pooled for specific production and certain contingent pooling involving other production from other formations.
- (8) That the primary objective of the applicant is to dedicate the S/2 SW/4 of Section 26 to a well to be drilled to the Knowles-Drinkard Pool and the Casey-Strawn Pool, both 80-acre oil pools, said well to be drilled at a standard location within 150 feet of the center of the SW/4 SW/4 of said Section 26.
- (9) That such spacing and proration unit in said pools for the aforesaid well should be approved and the applicant should be designated as the operator of said well and unit.
- (10) That the second objective of the applicant is to dedicate the N/2 SW/4 of Section 26 to a well to be drilled to the Knowles-Drinkard Pool and the Casey-Strawn Pool, said well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 1650 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of said Section 26, to be commenced within 120 days following completion of the first well.
- (11) That such spacing and proration unit and unorthodox location for said pools should be approved, but the proposed second well should not be required to be drilled only at said unorthodox location, and a specific time frame within which to commence said well should be adopted.
- (12) That a period of from 60 days to 180 days after completion of the first well should be sufficient to determine whether and where the second well should be drilled, and this period of time should be established for making such determination.

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- (13) That the applicant should be designated the operator of the second well and unit.
- (14) That in the event either of the aforesaid wells is classified as a gas well in the Wolfcamp formation or in any other formation down through the Strawn formation, said well should have dedicated thereto for the gas producing formation 320 acres, being the S/2 of Section 26, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, and said lands should be herein pooled to form such a spacing and proration unit.
- (15) That all interests in the S/2 of the aforesaid Section 26 are common throughout, and ownership in all of the aforesaid three proration and spacing units proposed to be pooled, i.e., the S/2 SW/4 of Section 26, the N/2 SW/4 of Section 26, and the S/2 of Section 26 is therefore identical.
- (16) That the proportionate share of each working interest owner, both as to production benefits and development and operating costs, would remain constant, whether one oil well, two oil wells, a gas well, or any combination thereof resulted from the proposed development.
- (17) That after the effective date of this order and within 90 days prior to commencing the well in the S/2 SW/4 of Section 26, the operator should furnish the Division and each known working interest owner in the subject unit an itemized schedule of estimated well costs.
- (18) That at least 60 but not more than 180 days after completion of the unit well in the S/2 SW/4 of Section 26, the operator should make a determination as to whether and where the second well herein authorized should be drilled, and should furnish the Division and each known working interest owner in the subject unit an itemized schedule of estimated well costs.
- (19) That any non-consenting working interest owner in either of the aforesaid spacing and proration units should be afforded the opportunity to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production.
- (20) That any non-consenting working interest owner who does not pay his share of estimated well costs should have withheld from production his share of the reasonable well costs plus an additional 200 percent thereof as a reasonable charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well.
- (21) That any non-consenting interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to object to the actual well costs but

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that actual well costs should be adopted as the reasonable well costs in the absence of such objection.

- (22) That following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner who has paid his share of estimated costs should pay to the operator any amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and should receive from the operator any amount that paid estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.
- (23) That \$3700.00 per month while drilling and \$435.00 per month while producing should be fixed as reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates) for each well; that the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charges attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating each of the subject wells, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.
- (24) That all proceeds from production from the subject wells which are not disbursed for any reason should be placed in escrow to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership.
- (25) That upon the failure of the operator to commence drilling of the first of the aforesaid wells, to which the S/2 SW/4 of Section 26 is dedicated, on or before August 1, 1982, this order should become null and void and of no effect whatsoever.
- (26) That upon the failure of the operator to commence drilling of the second of the aforesaid wells, to which the N/2 SW/4 of Section 26 is dedicated, within 60 days after the determination described in Finding No. (18) above is made, that part of this order pooling the N/2 SW/4 of Section 26 should become null and void and of no effect whatsoever.
- (27) That the unorthodox location for the well proposed to be drilled in the N/2 SW/4 of Section 26 should be approved, but that said location should not be considered binding for said unit, and the unit well may be drilled at any standard location thereon or, subject to prior and separate approval by the Division, at some other unorthodox location.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That all mineral interests, whatever they may be, in the West Knowles-Drinkard Pool and in the Casey-Strawn Pool underlying the S/2 SW/4 of Section 26, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, are hereby pooled to form a standard 80-acre spacing and proracion unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon.

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the operator of said unit shall commence the drilling of said well on or before the first day of August, 1982, and shall thereafter continue the drilling of said well with due diligence to a depth sufficient to test the Strawn formation;

PROVIDED FURTHER, that in the event said operator does not commence the drilling of said well on or before the first day of August, 1982, Order (1) of this order shall be null and void and of no effect whatsoever, unless said operator obtains a time extension from the Division for good calle shown.

PROVIDED FURTHER, that should said well not be drilled to completion, or abandonment, within 120 days after commencement thereof, said operator shall appear before the Division Director and show cause why Order (1) of this order should not be rescinded.

- (2) That H. L. Brown, Jr., is hereby designated the operator of the subject well and unit.
- (3) That after the effective date of this order and within 90 days prior to commencing said well, the operator shall furnish the Division and each known working interest owner in the subject unit an itemized schedule of estimated well costs.
- (4) That at least 60 days but not more than 180 days after the completion of the unit well on the S/2 SW/4 of the aforesaid Section 26, the operator shall make a determination as to whether and where to drill another well, to be located on the N/2 SW/4 of said Section 26, and shall, within 10 days of such determination so advise the Division Director and each known working interest owner of such fact, and shall furnish the Division and each known working interest owner in the N/2 SW/4 of said Section 26 an itemized schedule of estimated well costs
- (5) That when the operator has made a determination to drill such second well, and has so notified the Division and each known working interest owner of such fact, and has furnished the itemized schedule of estimated well costs as required above, all mineral interests, whatever they may be, in

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the West Knowles-Drinkard Pool and the Casey-Strawn Pool underlying the N/2 SW/4 of Section 26, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, shall be considered pooled to form a standard 30-acre spacing and proration unit to be dedicated to such second well.

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the operator of said unit shall commence the drilling of such second well within 90 days after making the determination to drill said well, and shall thereafter continue the drilling of said well with due diligence to a depth sufficient to test the Strawn formation.

PROVIDED FURTHER, that in the event said operator does not commence the drilling of said well within 90 days after determining said well should be drilled, the pooling provisions of Order (5) of this order shall be null and void and of no effect whatsoever, unless said operator obtains a time extension from the Division for good cause shown.

PROVIDED FURTHER, that should said well not be drilled to completion, or abandonment, within 120 days after commencement thereof, said operator shall appear before the Division Director and show cause why the pooling provisions of Order (5) of this order should not be rescinded.

PROVIDED FURTHER, that said well may be drilled at an unorthodox location 1650 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 26, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, NMPM.

- (6) That H. L. Brown, Jr. is hereby designated the operator of the subject well and unit.
- (7) That within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him in accordance with Order (3) or Order (4) of this Order, any non-consenting working interest owner shall have the right to pay his share of estimated well costs for that well to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production, and that any such owner who pays his share of estimated well costs as provided above shall remain liable for operating costs but shall not be liable for risk charges.
- (8) That the operator shall furnish the Division and each known working interest owner an itemized schedule of actual well costs within 90 days following completion of each well; that if no objection to the actual well costs is received by the Division and the Division has not objected within 45 days following receipt of said schedule, the actual well costs shall be the reasonable well costs; provided however, that if there is

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an objection to actual well costs within said 45-day period the Division will determine reasonable well costs after public notice and hearing.

- (9) That within 60 days following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner who has paid his share of estimated costs in advance for that well as provided above shall pay to the operator his pro rata share of the amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and shall receive from the operator his pro rata share of the amount that estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.
- (10) That the operator is hereby authorized to withhold the following costs and charges from production:
 - (A) The pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs for that well within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.
 - (B) As a charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well, 200 percent of the pro rata share of reasonable well costs for that well attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.
- (11) That the operator shall distribute said costs and charges withheld from production from a well to the parties who advanced the well costs for that well.
- (12) That \$3700.00 per month while drilling and \$435.00 per month while producing are hereby fixed as reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates) for each well; that the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production from each well the proportionate share of such supervision charges attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production from each well the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating such well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.
- (13) That in the event either of the wells authorized by this order should be completed as a gas well in the Wolfcamp of

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Pennsylvanian formations and so classified by the Division's Hobbs District Supervisor, the S/2 of Section 26, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, is hereby pooled to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit to be dedicated to said well.

- (14) That any unsevered mineral interest underlying the S/2 SW/4, N/2 SW/4, or the S/2 of Section 26, Township 16 South Range 37 East, NMPM, shall be considered a seven-eighths (7/8) working interest and a one-eighth (1/8) royalty interest for the purpose of allocating costs and charges under the terms of this order.
- (15) That any well costs or charges which are to be paid out of production shall be withheld only from the working interest's share of production, and no costs or charges shall be withheld from production attributable to royalty interests.
- (16) That all proceeds from production from either of the subject wells which are not disbursed for any reason shall immediately be placed in escrow in Lea County, New Mexico, to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership; that the operator shall notify the Division of the name and address of said escrow agent within 30 days from the date of first deposit with said escrow agent.
- (17) 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 hemet Altowe designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OLL CONSERVATION DIVISION

JOE D. RAMEY

Director

MR. STAMETS: Call next Case 7425.

MR. PEARCE: Application of H. L. Brown,

Jr., for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox location, Lea County, New Mexico.

MR. STAMETS: This case will be readvertised and continued to December 2nd Examiner Hearing.

(Hearing concluded.)

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CERTIFICATE

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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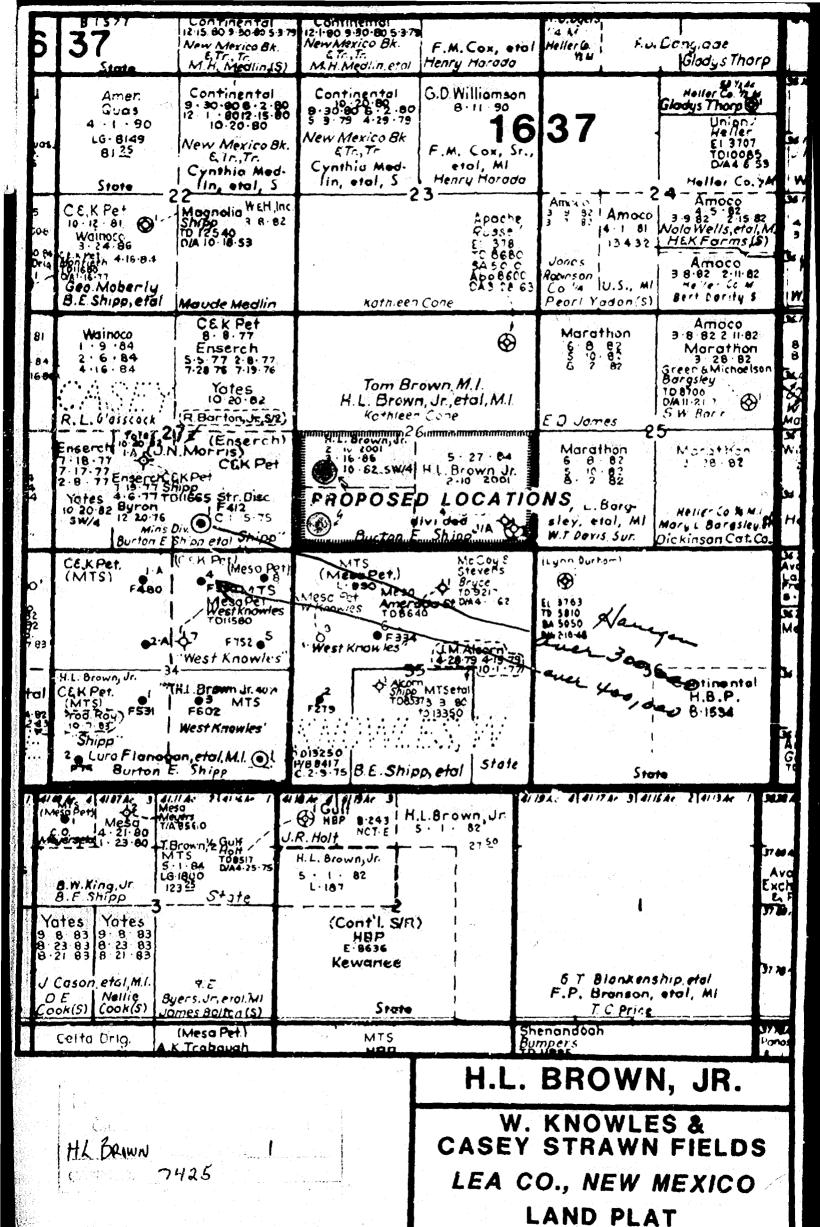
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H. L. BROWN, JR. 323 WEST MISSOURI POST OFFICE BOX 2237 MIDLAND, TEXAS 79702 915 683-5216

September 25, 1981

Re: HLBJr. Prospect #342; W/Garrett #2, South One-Half (S/2 of Sec. 26, T-16-S, R-37-E, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Interest Owner:

Since February of 1981 I have attempted to acquire oil and gas leases covering the captioned tract of land. As of this writing I own oil and gas leases covering approximately an undivided 140 acres of the captioned tract. Attached hereto is a list of individuals (Ex. A) whose interest in the captioned, according to the records of Lea County, New Mexico as of September 25, 1981, were not subject to an oil and gas lease or were oil and gas leases I do not own. This letter is being forwarded not only to people that we were able to locate and who have not accepted our offer, but also to certain individuals whom we have attempted but were unable to locate. In the case of the individuals whom we have been unable to locate, this letter is being sent to their last known address. To all parties on the attached Exhibit A, I hereby renew my offer to purchase an oil and gas lease from you or assignment of your oil and gas lease for \$100 per mineral/lease acre, 3/16 royalty, 2-year term. Shown by each name on Exhibit A is the number of mineral/lease acres that we believe you own. A copy of our lease form (Ex. C) is attached for your consideration.

Should you not desire to grant an oil and gas lease or assignment under the above terms, I hereby invite you to join me in the drilling of this well. Please find attached an AFE (Ex. D) showing estimated drilling and completion costs for the initial test well. I propose to drill the initial well as an 11,700' Strawn test to be located 554' FSL and 554' FWL of Sec. 26, T-16-S, R-37-E (see attached land plat, Ex. B). I plan to commence this well, subject to rig availability, in January of 1982. Should you elect to join me in the drilling of this well, please so advise and I will submit to you an operating agreement covering the S/2 of this section.

By this letter I am offering to each individual on Ex. A the opportunity to either sell or join in the drilling operations. Please advise me in writing at the above address as to your election on or before October 10, 1981 as to whether you wish to lease or join. Immediately after October 10, 1981 as to those individuals who have not elected nor whom I have been able to locate, I plan to make application to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission and ask them to set a hearing whereby these interests can be force-pooled under the New Mexico statutes.

Attachments:

Ex. A - List of Owners

Ex. B - Plat of Area

Ex. C - H.L. Brown Lease Form

H. L. Brown, Jr.

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UNLEASED MINERAL INTERES AS OF SEPTEMBER 25, 1981

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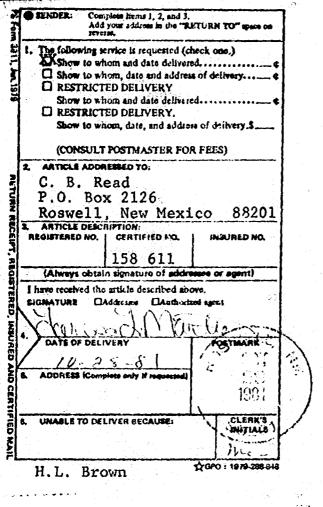
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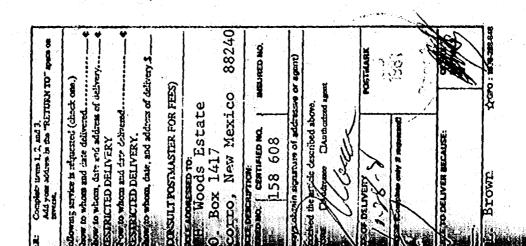
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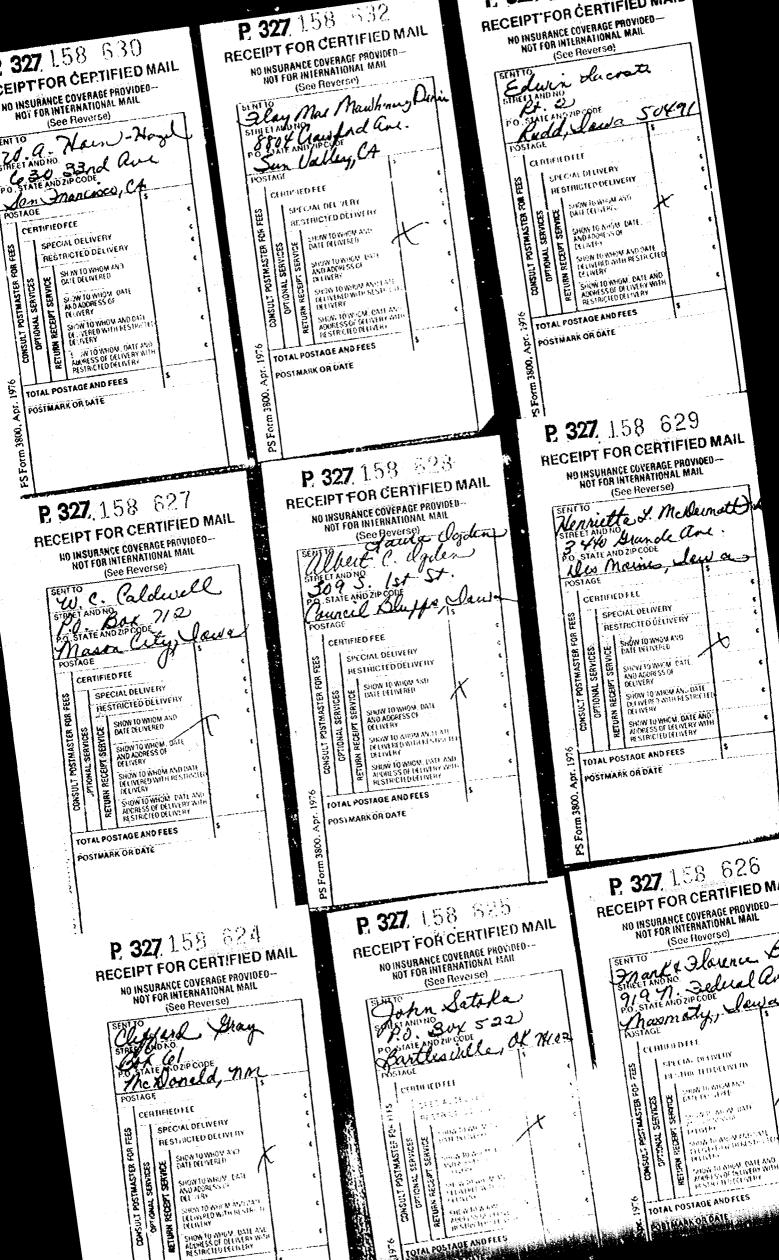


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November 13, 1981

Webb Walker, Jr. P.O. Box 2237 Midland, Texas 79702

> Re: Wright Prospect S/2 of Section 26 T-16-S, R-37-E Lea County, New Mexico

AAPL

Dear Webb:

PBLA

Recited below is a list of all activities undertaken with regard to the mineral interests that various people and entities own in the above described tract of land. The described activities cover all of my work from inception of this job dated January 5, 1981 through the date of this final compilation dated November 13, 1981.

If there is anything else that you may need or require of me please let me know and I will be happy to undertake such requirements.

Sincerely yours,

Charles R. Qualia

CIL CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

HL Brown Exhibit No. 4

CASE NO. 7485

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S/2 of Section 26 T-16-S, R-37-E Lea County, New Mexico

- 1. Mildred A. Wright, Trustee 1-9-81 Sent Lease and draft, \$100.00-3/16-5yr.
- Twila Goodding, Trustee
 1-9-81 Sent letter with offer to lease, \$100-3/16-5yr.
 1-24-81 Rec'd reply of letter dated 1-9-81, agree to lease
 2-2-81 Sent lease and draft, \$100-3/16-5yr.
- Laura Kaempf
 1-9-81 Sent letter with offer to lease, \$100-3/16-5yr.
 1-23-81 Called her concerning lease proposal
 1-23-81 Sent lease and draft, \$100-3/16-5yr.
- 4. Mrs. John H. Wiggins
 1-9-81 Sent letter with offer to lease, \$100-1/8 -5yr.
 1-12-81 Rec'd reply to letter dated 1-9-81, agree to lease
 1-22-81 Sent lease and draft, \$100-1/8-5yr.
- 5. Dr. John H. Wiggins
 1-22-81 Sent letter with offer to lease, \$100-1/8-5yr.
 1-28-81 Rec'd reply to letter dated 1-22-81, agree to lease
 1-28-81 Called and gathered lease information
 2-3-81 Sent lease and draft, \$100-1/8-5yr.
- 6. Mrs. James Alford
 1-22-81 Sent letter with offer to lease, \$100-1/8-5yr.
 2-3-81 Rec'd reply to letter dated 1-22-81, agree to lease
 2-6-81 Sent lease and draft, \$100-1/8-5yr.
- 7. Estate of J.E. and Beulah H. Simmons
 1-9-81 Sent letter with offer to lease
 1-21-81 Rec'd reply to letter dated 1-9-81, requested \$100-3/16-3yr.
 2-5-81 Sent lease and draft, \$100-3/16-3yr.
- 8. Mrs. Jennie Anderson Buck
 1-26-81 Sent letter with offer to lease, \$100-1/8-5yr.
 2-9-81 Rec'd reply to letter dated 1-26-81, agree to lease
 2-9-81 Sent lease and draft
- 9. Estate of Matilda Sarsgard, Esther J. Ruble, Attorney-in-fact 1-22-81 Sent letter with offer to lease, \$100-1/8-5yr. 1-27-81 Rec'd reply to letter dated 1-22-81 2-9-81 Sent lease and draft, \$100-1/8-5yr.
- 10. Mildred Morgan Sneefus
 1-9-81 Sent letter with offer to lease, \$100-1/8-5yr.
 1-13-81 Rec'd reply to letter dated 1-9-81, agree to lease
 1-22-81 Sent lease and draft, \$100-1/8-5yr.
- 11. Jean D. Beckwith
 1-29-81 Sent letter with offer to lease, \$100-1/8-5yr.
 2-11-81 Sent lease and draft, \$100-1/8-5yr.
- 12. Mr. Leonard Arthur Miller
 1-26-81 Sent letter with offer to lease, \$100-1/8-5yr.
 2-?-81 Called Mr. Miller concerning letter dated 1-26-81, agree to lease
 2-10-81 Sent lease and draft, \$100-1/8-20yr.
- 13. Cora M. Werthenbach C/O Amarett Schmitz
 2-4-81 Sent letter with offer to lease, \$100-1/8-5yr.
 2-9-81 Rec'd reply to letter dated 2-4-81, wanted more information regarding an oil & gas lease
 2-16-81 Sent letter with information along with lease and draft, \$100-1/8-5yr.

14. Dale 1. Morgan

2-5 31 Sent letter with offer to lease

2-11-81 Rec'd reply to letter dated 2-5-81, agree to lease

2-16-81 Sent lease and draft, \$100-1/8-5yr.

15. Mrs. Pat Alston Ward

2-7-81 Sent letter with offer to lease, \$100-3/16-5yr.

2-16-81 Called Mrs. Ward and she countered with \$100-1/4-3yr.

2-24-81 Called Mrs. Ward and I offered her \$100-3/16-lyr.

2-27-81 Rec'd letter from Mrs. Ward, agree to \$100-3/16-lyr.

3-10-81 Sent lease and draft, \$100-3/16-lyr.

16. Mrs. D.W. Wendle (Bess Ellestad interest)

1-23-81 Sent letter with offer to lease, \$100-1/8-5yr.

2-11-81 Called Mr. Wendle, he wanted more information on the matter

2-11-81 Sent letter giving more information in the matter of an oil & gas lease

3-23-81 Called Mr. Wendle, he wanted \$155-3/16-5yr pd. up lease

4-1-81 Called Mr. Wendle, agreed upon \$105-3/16-5yr pd. up lease

4-1-81 Sent lease and draft, \$105-3/16-5yr. pd. up lease

17. Lola Helvick C/O Ronald Helvick

Mrs. Grace Mackintosh

(Lula F. Allphin interest)

Mr. Robert Bennett Mrs. Marjorie Vance

1-23-81 Sent letter with offer to lease, \$100-1/8-5yr.

2-11-81 Called Mrs. Helvick, her caretaker told me to contact her son, Ronald Helvick

2-23-81 Rec'd letter from Ronald Helvick concerning Mrs. helvick's interest

3-7-81 Wrote a letter to Mr. helvick explaining what an oil & gas lease is

3-26-81 Rec'd will of Alice N. Newbrough along with a note saying that all of the above agree to lease.

3-31-81 Sent letter to the above showing how the interest is to be divided

4-6-81 Rec'd letter from the above instructing me on how to make to leases out and to whom

4-13-81 Sent lease and draft of all of the above except Lola Helvick interest

4-13-81 Sent separate lease and draft to Ronald Helvick for Lola Helvick interest

18. Lorene Standish Nemela

2-16-81 Sent letter with offer to lease, \$100-1/8-5yr.

3-4-81 Sent lease and draft, \$100-1/8-5yr.

8-25-81 Rec'd a letter from R. Kent Standish, nephew of Mrs. Nemela. He returned the lease and draft and instructed me that he had acquired the mineral interest from Mrs. Nemela 3-31-81.

9-?-81 Sent Kent Standish a letter with offer to lease, \$25 -3/16-5yr. pd. up lease

19. Emma Wallukait

1-26-81 Sent letter with offer to lease, \$100-1/8-5yr.

2-11-81 Called Mrs. Wallukait, she wanted a letter giving more information on the matter

2-11-81 Sent letter giving more information on the matter of an oil & gas lease

3-4-81 Sent lease and draft, \$100-1/8-5yr.

3-24-81 Called Mrs. Wallukait and she informed me that her lawyer was taking care of the matter.

20. Mrs. W.J. Slepicka

3-13-81 Sent letter with offer to lease, \$100-1/8-5yr.

3-12-81 Rec'd call from her son who said he saw the add in the paper and he said that I should srite Mrs. Slepicka a letter explaining what an oil & gas lease is and to also send her one.

3-16-81 Sent Mrs. Slepicka a letter explaining what an oil & gas lease is and also sent her a lease and draft, \$100-1/8-5yr.

21. Ran an add in two Iowa papers concerning all the mineral owners of \$/2 of Section 26, T-16-S, R-23-E in Lea County, New Mexico. Ran them in the Des Moines Register and Tribune and the Mason City Globe Gazette.

Cecil Hightower, widow 22.

3-17-81 Sent letter with offer to lease, \$100-3/16-5yr.

- 3-19-81 Rec'd call from Mrs. Emaree Means, daughter, who has power of attorney for Mrs. Hightower, agree to lease, \$100-3/16-5yr.
- 3-23-81 Sent Mrs. Means a letter asking for a copy of the POA
- 3-23-81 Sent lease and draft, \$100-3/16-5yr.
- 23. Mrs. Howard Olson and Mento Tjarks (Josephine and Elizabeth Perry interest)

1-9-81 Sent letter with offer to lease, \$100-1/8-5yr.

1-22-81 Sent letter with offer to lease, \$100-1/8-5yr.

- 3-18-81 Rec'd letter from Mrs. Olson's lawyer who gave me information on how Mrs. Olson and Mento Tjarks came to own the Perry interest.
- 3-23-81 Sent letter to Mrs. Olson's lawyer explaining what an oil & gas lease is
- 4-6-81 Rec'd letter from lawyer saying that Mrs. Olson and Mento Tjarks agree to lease, \$100-1/8-5yr.
- 4-13-81 Sent lease and draft, \$100-1/8-5yr.
- Mr. John W. Tiss

2-15-81 Sent letter with offer to lease, \$100-1/8-5yr.

3-4-81 Sent lease and draft, \$100-1/8-5yr.

3-24-81 I called Mr. Tiss because I had not heard from him and no lease had been sent back, he wanted \$500-1/6-5yr.

Sent lease and draft, \$500-1/6-5yr.

- 9-11-81 I Rec'd letter from Mr. Tiss informing me of an error in the lease
- 9-25-81 Rec'd old lease and draft and issued new lease and draft, \$500-1/6-5yr.
- 25. Mrs. Florence L. Gossman, widow
 - 2-5-81 Sent letter with offer to lease and to explain what an oil & gas lease is, \$100-1/8-5yr.
 - 2-21-81 Rec'd reply to letter dated 2-5-81, agree to lease but she was unsure as to who owned the mineral interest being that she had been divorced.
 - 4-7-81 Ordered copy of will of Otto R. Gossman, no mention of mineral interest
 - 3-20-81 Rec'd copy of divorce decree, no mention of mineral interest
 - 10-13-81 Sent lease and draft, \$100-3/16-3yr.
- George Duncan Bauman 26.
 - 1-26-81 Sent letter with offer to lease, \$100-1/8-5yr.
 - 2-10-81 I called Mr. Bauman and he had received the letter and that he was interested
 - 2-25-81 Sent letter inquiring what their position was concerning the oil & gas lease, no response
 - 10-?-81 Called them concerning the oil & gas lease and they were not sure if they wanted to lease or not
- Mrs. Mary Morgan, widow, et al 27.
 - 1-26-81 Sent letter with offer to lease, \$100-1/8-5yr.
 - 2-10-81 I called and she said that she was interested and that she was turning the offer to lease over to her lawyer
 - 2-25-81 Wrote another letter explaining what an oil & gas lease is and to renew the offer to leave, \$100-1/8-5yr.
 - 3-11-81 Galled Mrs. Morgan and she told me that her lawyer was taking care of all matters, so I called the lawyer numerous times over a spand of one month and he would not ever return my calls
 10-12-81 Wrote are. Morgan a letter and asking for background on the Morgan Estate

 - 10-15-81 Rec'd reply to letter dated 10-12-81, gathered all information of the Morgan Estaté
 - 10-20-81 Sent letter asking for information concerning the wills of deceased persons listed under the Morgan interest.
 - 10-27-81 Called Morrill County Clerk in Nebraska and obtained a copy of the will of Kenneth Morgan
 - Sent letter to Mrs. Morgan's niece with offer to lease as she is an heir to part of the mineral interest owned by Don & Lois Morgan, \$100-1/8-3yr.

WRIGHT PROSPECT

- 28. Mrs. Mae Shifflett, widow
 - 1-26-81 Sent letter woth offer to lease, \$100-1/8-5yr.
 - 2-16-81 Called her and then sent letter informing her what an oil and gas lease
 - Sent lease and draft, \$100-1/8-5yr. 3-4-81
 - 3-25-81 I called her and she said that she had turned the matter over to her lawyer.
 - 4-30-81 Rec'd letter from her lawyer and they requested \$50-3/16-3yr. pd. up lease
 - 5-5-81 Sent letter saying that was not acceptable to us but that the most that I could go is \$25-3/16-5yr. pd. up lease
 - 5-5-81 Sent lease and draft, \$25-3/16-5yr. pd. up lease
 - 6-18-81 Rec'd letter from lawyer saying that Mrs. Shifflett had agreed to lease for \$25-3/16-5yr.
- 29. R.W. Brown
 - 1-30-81 Sent letter with offer to lease, but it turned out to be the wrong people.
 - 10-28-81 Called and found the son's of R.W. Brown in San Angelo, Tx. Sent letter with offer to lease to Kenneth W. Brown, \$25-3/16-3yr. pd. up lease
- Theodore D. Christokos 1-30-81 Sent letter with offer to lease, \$100-1/8-5yr., letter returned to sender.
- Blanche L. Probert 1-30-81 Sent letter with offer to lease, \$100-1/8-5yr., letter returned to sender
- 32. W.A. Horn 2-4-81 Sent letter with offer to lease, \$100-1/8-5yr., letter returned to sender
- 33. Floy Mea Mawhinney Dennis Sent letter with offer to lease, \$100-1/8-5yr., letter returned to sender
- Edwin G. Lacoste Sent letter with offer to lease, \$100-1/8-5yr., letter returned to sender
- Henrietta L. McDermott Fischer 2-4-81 Sent letter with offer to lease, \$100-1/8-5yr., letter returned to sender
- 36. E.D. Shipp
 - 2-23-81 Obtained abstracts for Title Opinion
 - 2-23-81 Asked Mr. Shipp about an oil & gas lease and he wanted \$100-1/4-3yr 8-20-81 Sent lease and draft, \$100-1/4-3yr.
- Hanesco, Inc.
 - 2-6-81 Sent letter with offer to lease, \$100-3/16-3yr.
 - 8-28-81 Sent lease and draft, \$100-1/4-2yr.
- John L. Harlan
 - 2-6-81 Sent letter with offer to lease, \$100-3/16-3yr.
 - Sent another letter with offer to lease, \$100-3/16-3yr.
 - 9-?-81 Rec'd reply to letter dated 8-28-81, wanted \$150-3/16-3yr.
 - 9-18-81 Sent lease and draft, \$150-3/16-3yr.
- 39. C.B. Read and Norman Stevens
 - Sent letter with offer to lease, \$100-3/16-3yr. 2-6-81
 - 2-12-81 Rec'd reply to letter dated 2-6-81, will participate
- 40. Felmont Oil Corporation
 - Sent letter with offer to lease, \$100-3/16-3yr.
 - 2-10-81 Rec'd reply to letter dated 2-6-81, will participate
- 41. Heritage Resources
 - Sent letter with offer to lease, \$100-3/16-3yr. 2-6-81
 - Rec'd reply to letter dated 2-6-81, will wait to hear from Petco
 - 3-26-81 Petco is going to participate and hence so will Heritage Resources

42. Petroleum Corporation of Texas 2-6-81 Sent letter with offer to lease, \$100-3/16-3yr. 3-18-81 Rec'd reply to letter dated 2-6-81, will participate

Sun Oil Co. 2-6-81 Sent letter with offer to lease, \$100-3/16-3yr. 3-11-81 Rec'd reply to letter dated 2-6-81, will participate

44. Carl A. Engwall 1-30-81 Sent letter with offer to lease, \$100-1/8-5yr. 2-27-81 Rec'd reply to letter dated 1-30-81, will participate

45. Robert L. Haynie 1-30-81 Sent letter with offer to lease, \$100-1/8-5yr. ??????? I called and he said that he would take a 6 month lease with 1/4 roy. when ready to drill 9-3-81 Sent lease and draft, 6 month-1/4 roy.

Coates Energy Trust

2-5-81 Sent letter with offer to lease, \$100-3/16-3yr.

I called various times throughout the months and got an idea of what Coates Energy Trust requires for an oil & gas lease

9-28-81 I called Marjorie Gormley at Coates and she said that they will lease for \$100-1/4-2yr. and that they will use their own lease form

R.H. Woods Estate

2-25-81 Sent letter with offer to lease, \$100-3/16-3yr.

I called Mr. Woods and he said that he look at the offer and let me 3-24-81 know soon what he wants to do

8-25-81 Wrote another letter with offer to lease because I had not heard from

him concerning this matter, \$100-3/16-3yr. or lyr.-1/4 roy. I called again and he said that he will let me know by the end of the week, he never did let me know anything.

48. Request for death certificates

2-4-81 Sent letter to Iowa dept of Statistical Services and requested death certificates on five people.

Rec'd reply to letter dated 2-4-81 and they said that they will not issue 2-?-81 copies of death certificates unless you are a relative or the dec'd has been dead for 65 years or more.

Mrs. Laura Schrader 49.

Sent letter with offer to lease, \$25-3/16-3yr. pd. up lease Rec'd letter saying that she had already leased to Harry L. Blomquist, 10-13-81 10-20-81

Hazel Bruggman and Jesse Fay LaCoste

Sent letter with offer to lease, \$25-3/16-3yr. pd. up lease and to explain what an oil & gas lease is.

10-14-81 Sent lease and draft to Hazel Bruggman and Jesse Fay LaCoste, \$25-3/16 3yr. pd. up lease

10-21-81 Rec'd letter from Mrs. Bruggman pointing out errors in the lease and draft that I had sent her 10-14-81.

10-22-81 Sent new lease and draft with the corrections to Hazel Bruggman, \$25-3/16-3yr. pd. up lease

51. Mrs. Hazel Ferguson

10-12-81 Called her and explained to her what an oil & gas lease was. 10-12-81 Sent lease and draft to her, \$25-3/16-3yr. pd. up lease.

52. Mrs. Wayne Thieman (Walter Kischer interest) 10-30-81 Sent letter with offer to lease, \$25-3/16-3yr. pd, up lease 10-28-81 Called her and found out that she is the daughter of Walter Kischer, dec'd.

CHARLES R. QUALIA

OIL & GAS PROPERTIES

P. O. BOX 10181

MIDLAND, TEXAS 79702

(915) 682 4183

AAPL

November 13, 1981

SUMMARY

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The above activities cover over 90% of all work done by me in trying to locate and secure leases from the various mineral owners in the S/2 of Section 26, T-16-S, R-37-E in Lea County, New Mexico. All persons in the take-off covering said tract and not listed below are people that I tried to contact through the directory assistance in the various towns named therin and the result has been that I have not found or contacted said people due to there being no listing of said persons. No probates were filed of record in Lea County, if there ever were any probates filed at all elsewhere, hence the lack of knowledge of who the possible heirs might be or where they might be located.

This summary completes the compilation of all the activities that I have undertaken concerning the mentioned tract of land and the various mineral owners named therein.

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UNDEASED MINERAL INTERESTAS OF SEPTEMBER 25, 1981

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Horitage Resources P. Q. Box 377	3/240
R. H. Woods Estate Me Add Court P. O. Box 1417 Socorro, New Mexico	13/640
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Hanagan & Hanagan Petroleum Corp. P. C. Box 1737 Noswell, New Mexico 88201	3/16
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8. P. Shipp. Executor of the Estate of Annie Laurie Shipp. Deceased P. O. Dox 181 torington. New Mexico 88160	1/128
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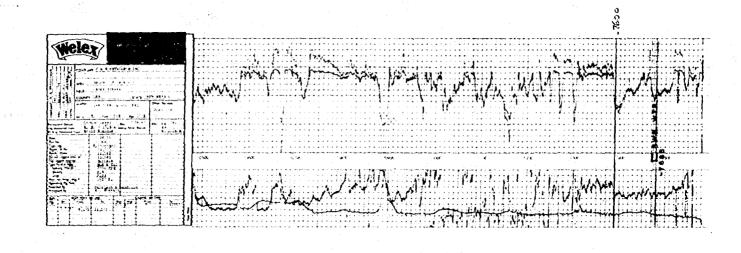
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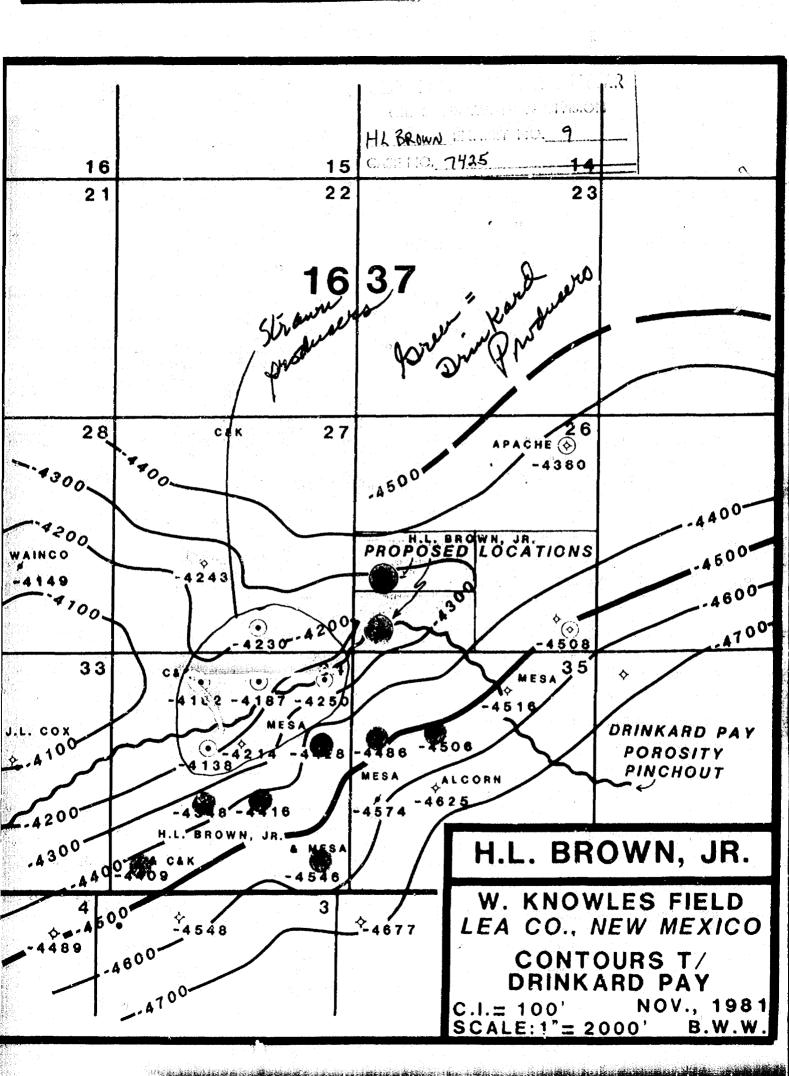
NON-OPERATORS APPROVAL

COMPANY

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Docket No 40-81 is tentatively set for Décember 16, 1981. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 2, 1981

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

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

CASE 7396: (Continued from November 4, 1981, Examiner Hearing)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to permit Sentry Oil Exploration Company and Lawyers Surety Corporation to appear and show cause why Farr Well No. 1, located in Unit G of Section 6, Township 31 North, Range 34 East, Union County, New Mexico, should not be ordered plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program.

- CASE 7423: Application of Mark D. Wilson for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of a well to be drilled 660 feet from the North line and 1650 feet from the East line of Section 12, Township 17 South, Range 27 East, Wolfcamp-Pennsylvanian formations, the N/2 of said Section 12 to be dedicated to the well.
- CASE 7430: Application of Amoco Production Company for downhole commingling, San Juan County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of the Fruitland and Pictured Cliffs formations in the wellbore of its Gutierrez Gas Com "C" Well No. 1, located in the NE/4 of Section 4, Township 29 North, Range 9 West.
- Application of Wainoco Oil & Gas Company for compulsory pooling and a non-standard oil proration unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mireral interests in the Poolington Penn Pool underlying a 101.60-aure non-standard oil proration unit comprising Lots 3 & 4 of Section 18. Township 16 South, Range 37 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

VASE 7425: (Continued and Readvertised)

Application of H. L. Brown, Jr. for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox location, Lea County, New Maxico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the top of the San Andres formation to the base of the Pennsylvanian formation underlying the S/2 of Section 26, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon, provided that in the event the subject well encounters production in the Casey-Strawn Pool and/or the West Knowles Drinkard Pool, the lands pooled would be the S/2 SW/4 of said Section 26. Applicant further seeks approval for the commencement of a second well within 120 days after completion of the first well, said well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 1650 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 26, and dedicated to the N/2 SW/4 of said Section 26 which applicant so seeks to be pooled. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said wells and the allocation of the cost there of as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the wells and a charge for risk involved in drilling said wells.

CASE 7402: (Continued and Readvertised)

Application of MGF Oil Corporation for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.

Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests down to and including the Abo formation underlying the NW/4 NW/4 of Section 5, Township 20 South, Range 39

Bast, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 7432: Application of Naddox Energy Corporation for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests down through the Bone Spring formation underlying the S/2 SW/4 of Section 27, Township 23 South, Range 28

East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 7421: (Readvertised)

Application of Doyle Hartman for compulsory pooling, unorthodox well location and non-standard spacing unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Eumont Gas Pool underlying a 120-acre non-standard spacing unit consisting of the S/2 SW/4 and the NP/4 SW/4 of Section 3, Township 20 South, Range 37 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 2,310 feet from the South line and 330 feet from the West line of Section 3. 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.

Dockets Nos. 38-81 and 39-81 are tentatively set for December 2, and December 15, 1981. Application for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 19, 1981

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 December, 1981, from fifteen prorated pools in Lea, Eddy and Chaves Counties, New Mexico.
 - (2) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for December, 1981, from four prorated pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico.
- CASE 7410: Application of 5.0.A. Oil & Gas Company for two unorthodox oil well locations, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of a well to be irilled 2035 feet from the South line and 2455 feet from the East line and one to be drilled 2455 feet from the North line and 1944 feet from the East line, both in Section 31, Township 31 North, Range 15 West, Verde-Gallup Oil Fool, the NW/4 SE/4 and SW/4 NE/4, respectively, of said Section 31 to be dedicated to said wells.
- CASE 7356: (Continued from October 21, 1981, Examiner Hearing)

Application of S & I Oil Company for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the W/2 SW/4 of Section 12, Township 29 North, Range 15 West, Cha Cha-Gallup Oil Pool, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

- CASE 7411: Application of Viking Petroleum, Inc., for an unorthodox gas well location, Chaves County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of a well to be drilled 330 feet from the North and East lines of Section 12, Township 11 South, Range 27 East, the NE/4 of said Section 12 to be dedicated to the well. (This case will be dismissed).
- CASE 7412: Application of Gulf Oil Corporation for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Lower Yates, Queen, San Andres and Delaware formations in the open hole interval from 4375 feet to 7452 feet in its Lea "ZD" State Well No. 1 located in Cont. N es Section 30, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, Air-Strip Field.
- CASE 7413: Application of Gulf Oil Corporation for Directional Drilling, Lea County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to directionally drill its Arnott Ramsey Well No. 12, the surface location of which is 500 feet from the South line and 1400 feet from the East line of Section 32, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, to a bottomhole location within 150 feet of a point 500 feet from the South line and 800 feet from the East line of Section 32, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, Langlie Mattix Pool, the SE/4 SE/4 of said Section 32 to he dedicated to the well.
- CASE 7414: Application of Gulf Oil Corporation for downhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of the Drinkard and Wantz-Granite Wash production in the wellbore of its Hugh Well No. 10, located in Unit C of Section 14, Township 22 South, Range 37 East.

- CASE 7415: Application of Gulf Oil Corporation for downhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of the Tubb and Drinkard production in the wellbore of its T. R. Andrews Well No. 3, located in Unit J of Section 32, Township 22 South, Range 38 East.
- CASE 7379: (Continued from October 21, 1981, Examiner Hearing)

Application of JEM Resources, Inc., for vertical pool extension and special GOR limit, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the vertical extension of the Cave-Grayburg Pool to include the San Andres Formation, and the establishment of a special gas-cil ratio limit for said pool to 6000 to one or, in the alternative, the abolishment of the gas-cil ratio limit in said pool, all to be effective October 1, 1981.

CASE 7407: (Continued from November 4, 1981, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Mesa Petroleum Company for compulsory pooling, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Abo formation underlying the NE/4 of Section 23, Township 5 South, Range 24 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

- CASE 7416: Application of El Paso Natural Gas Company for pool creation and redelineation, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to contract the horizontal limits of the Jalmat Gas Pool by deleting therefrom all lands in Township 26 South, Range 37 East. Applicant also proposes to contract the horizontal limits of the Rhodes Yatos Seven Rivers Oil Pool by deleting therefrom all of the gas productive lands in the North end thereof and to create the Rhodes Yates-Seven Rivers Gas Pool comprising all such deleted lands. Applicant further proposes the deletion of certain oil productive lands from said Rhodes oil pool and the extension of the Scarborough Pool to include said lands. Applicant further proposes to contract the horizontal boundaries of the Rhodes Gas Storage Unit to delete certain lands and wells not participating in the Rhodes Gas Storage Project and to withdraw without restrictionall gas remaining in the newly created Rhodes Gas Pool.
- CASE 7417: (This case will be dismissed.)

Application of Northwest Pipeline Corporation for 13 non-standard gas proration units, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for 13 non-standard Pictured Cliffs gas proration units ranging in size from 142.39 acres to 176.77 acres and each comprised of various contiguous lots or tracts in Sections 4,5,6,7, and 18 of Township 31 North, Range 7 West. Said proration units result from corrections in the survey lines on the North and West sides of Township 31 North, Range 7 West and overlap seven non-standard Mesaverde proration units previously approved by Order No. R-1966.

- CASE 7418: Application of Morris R. Antweil for special pool rules, Lea County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the promulgation of special pool rules for the West Nadine-Drinkard Pool including a special gas-oil ratio of 6,000 to one.
- CASE 7419: Application of Morris R. Antwell for special pool rules, Lea County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the promulgation of special pool rules for the West Nadine-Blinebry pool including a special gas-oil ratio of 4,000 to one.
- CASE 7420: Application of Southland Royalty Company for two unorthodox oil well locations, Lea County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of two previously drilled wells, the first being 760 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 5 the other being 660 feet from the North and West lines of Section 9, both in Township 19 South, Range 35 East, both to be plugged back to the Scharb-Bone Springs Pool, the S/2 SE/4 of Section 5 and the N/2 NW/4 of Section 9, respectively, to be dedicated to the wells.
- CASE 7421: Application of Doyle Hartman for compulsory pooling, unorthodox well location and non-standard spacing unit, Lea County, New Rexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Eumont Gas Pool underlying a 120-acre non-standard spacing unit consisting of the S/2 SW/4 and the NW/4 SW/4 of Section 3, Township 20 South, Range 37 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 2,310 feet from the South line and 330 feet from the West line of Section 3. 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.

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- CASE 7422: Application of Conoco, Inc. for dual completion and an unorthodox location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the dual completion of its Southeast Monument Unit Well No. 121, to produce oil from the Skaggs Grayburg and an undesignated Paddock pool through parallel strings of tubing. Applicant further seeks approval of the unorthodox location of said well 1310 feet from the North line and 1330 feet from the West line of Section 19, Township 20 South, Range 38 East, the NE/4 NW/4 of said Section 19 to be dedicated to the well.
- CASE 7423: Application of Conoco, Inc., for a waterflood project, Lea County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority for three companies to institute a cooperative waterflood project in the Blinebry oil and gas pool by the injection of water into the Blinebry formation through 13 injection wells located on leases operated by Conoco, Shell Oil Company, and Southland Royalty Company, in Sections 33 and 34, Township 20 South, Range 38 East, and Sections 2 and 3, Township 21 South, Range 37 East.
- CASE 7424: Application of Rice Engineering and Operating, Inc., for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico.
 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the
 Lower San Andres formation in the perforated interval from 4300 feet to 4852 feet in its EuniceMonument Eumont SWD "G" Well No. 8, located in Unit G of Section 8, Township 20 South, Range 37 East.
- CASE 7425: Application of H. L. Brown, Jr. for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the top of the San Andres formation to the base of the Pennsylvanian formation underlying the S/2 of Section 36, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 554 feet from the South and West lines of said Section 26, provided that in the event the subject well encounters production in the Casey-Strawn Pool and/or the West Knowles-Drinkard Pool, the lands pooled would be the W/2 SW/4 of said Section 26. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- CASE 7426: Application of Phillips Petroleum Company for Amendment of Division Order No. R-5897 and certification of a tertiary recovery project, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the Amendment of Division Order No. R-5897, to include the injection of carbon dioxide in the previously authorized pressure maintenance project in the East Vacuum Grayburg-San Andres Unit, for conversion of existing injectors to water/carbon dioxide injection, and for certification to the Secretary of the IRS that the East Vacuum Grayburg-San Andres Unit Project is a qualified tertiary oil recovery project.
- Application of Belco Petroleum Corporation for a special allowable, Eddy County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an adjustment to the manner in which allowables are calculated for wells in the South Carlsbad-Morrow Gas Pool in order to grant relief to the over-produced status of its Douglas Com. Well No. 1 located in Unit H of Section 7, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, said well being subject to shut-in being more than six times its allowable over-produced. In the alternative, applicant seeks to make up the over-production at a rate less than complete shut-in by curtailing production from the well to 80 percent of its top allowable until it is back in balance.
- CASE 7428: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion for an order creating; and extending certain pools in Chaves, Eddy, Lea, and Poosevelt Counties, New Mexico.
 - (a) CREATE a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Wolfcamp production and designated as the North Antelope Ridge-Wolfcamp Gas Pool. The discovery well is J. C. Williamson Triple A Federal Well No. 1 located in Unit F of Section 10, Township 23 South, Range 34 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM Section 10: N/2 and N/2 SW/4

(b) CREATE a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for Wolfcamp production and designated as the Diamondtail-Wolfcamp Pool. The discovery well is the Superior Oil Company Triste Draw Federal Well No. 1 located in Unit J of Section 14, Township 23 South, Range 32 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM Section 14: SE/4

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(c) CREATE a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for Bone Spring production and designated as the North Grama Ridge-Bone Spring Pool. The discovery well is the Hunt Oil Company State 4 Well No. 1 located in Unit T of Section 4, Township 21 South, Range 34 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 21 SCUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM Section 4: SW/4

(d) CREATE a new pool in Lea County, New Merico, classified as an oil pool for Wolfcamp production and designated as the Grassland-Wolfcamp Pool. The discovery well is C. F. Qualia State 23 Well No. 1 located in Unit K of Section 23, Township 15 South, Range 34 East, NNPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM Section 23: SW/4

(e) CREATE a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for some Spring production and designated as the North Lusk-Bone Spring Pool. The discovery well is Petroleum Development Corporation Shelly Federal Com. Well No. 1 located in Unit H of Section 5, Township 19 South, Range 32 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, NNPM Section 5: NE/4

'(f) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Atoka production and designated as the McMillan-Atoka Gas Pool. The discovery well is Southland Royalty Company Pecos River 21 Federal Com Well No. 1 located in Unit K of Section 21, Township 19 South, Range 27 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM Section 21: S/2

(g) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Morrow production and designated as the Springs-Morrow Gas Pool. The discovery well is Jake L. Hamon State 33 Com Well No. 1 located in Unit I of Section 35, Township 20 South, Range 26 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, NMPM Section 32: E/2 Section 33: All

(h) EXTEND the Antelope Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM Section 11: All Section 15: N/2

(1) EXTEND the Baldridge Canyon-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, NMPM Section 14: N/2

(j) EXTEND the Bear Draw-Queen-Grayburg-San Andres Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM Section 28: N/2 SE/4

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

TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM Section 10: SE/4

(1) EXTEND the Buffalo Valley-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM Section 4: All

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(m) EXTEND the Bunker Hill-Penrose Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, NHIM Section 13: SE/4 SW/4

(n) EXTEND the Burton Plat-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM Section 35: W/2

(0) EXTEND the Eagle Creek-Strawn Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, NMPM Section 27: N/2

TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, NMPM Section 1: All

(p) EXTEND the Golden Lane-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM Section 8: 5/2

(q) EXTEND the Kennedy Farms-Upper Pennsylvanian Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico to include therein;

> TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, NMPM Section 34: N/2 Section 35: N/2

(r) EXTEND the North Mason-Delaware Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 26 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, NMPM Section 8: S/2 S/2

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

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, NMPM Section 35: N/2

(t) EXTEND the West Parkway-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM Section 29: W/2

(u) EXTEND the Peterson-Mississippian Pool in Roosevelt County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM Section 29: NE/4

(v) EXTEND the POW-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, NMPM Section 4: S/2

(w) EXTEND the Saunders-Permo Upper Pennsylvanian Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 14 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM Section 32: NE/4

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(x) EXTEND the Scharb-Bone Spring Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, NMPM Section 8: NE/4

(y) EXTEND the East Siete-San Andres Pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, NMPM Section 10: NE/4

(2) EXTEND the Teague-Abo Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM Section 27: NW/4

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

TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, M.TPM Section 28: SE/4

(bh) EXTEND the North Turkey Track-Horrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Hexico to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMFM Section 21: All

(cc) EXTEND the North Young-Bone Spring Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

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TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, NMPM Section 9: NE/4

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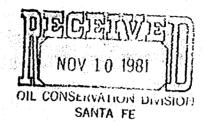
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RE: H. L. Brown, Jr.



Care 7425

Dear Mr. Kamey:

I have previously filed an application for H. L. Brown, Jr., for compulsory pooling of the S/2 of Section 26, T16S, R37E, Lea County, New Mexico which has been set for hearing on November 19, 1981.

Please find enclosed a Second Amended Application which adds another proration unit, a second well, and an unorthodox location.

Please continue the hearing of our case from November 19th to December 2, 1981 and readvertise the case to include the additional information contained in the Second Amended Application.

W. Thomas Kellahin

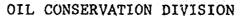
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WTK: jm Enclosure

cc: H.L. Brown, Jr. All pooled parties

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND MINERALS





IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF H. L. BROWN, JR., FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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SECOND AMENDED APPLICATION

Kellahin & Kellahin, and applies to the New Mexico Oil
Conservation Division for an order pooling all interest from
the top of the San Andres formation to the base of the
Pennsylvanian formation in the S/2 of Section 26, T16S, R37E,
Lea
Eddy County, New Mexico only insofar as it is necessary to
pool some or all of said acreage to form a standard spacing
and proration unit for the productive formation and further
provided that in the event the subject well encounters production
in the Casey-Strawn Pool and/or the West Knowles Drinkard Pool,
then and in that event the proration and spacing units to be
pooled for those pools shall be:

- (a) the S/2SW/4 of Section 26 for a well to be located 510 feet from the South and West lines of the Section;
- (b) the N/2SW/4 of Section 26 for a well to be drilled within 120 days after completion of the first well at an unorthodox well location 1650 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of said Section 26.

and in support thereof would show:

- 1. Applicant is an oil and gas operator and has acquired the right to drill certain tracts in the S/2 of Section 26.
- 2. Applicant proposes to drill a well at a standard location 510 feet from the South and West lines of said Section to test the Casey-Strawn Pool and the West Knowles-Penn Pool underlying the S/2SW/4 of said Section and to dedicate the S/2SW/4 of said Section as the spacing and proration unit for these pools.

- 3. That within 120 days after completion of the first well to be drilled, Applicant shall commence a second well at an unorthodox location 1650 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 26, to be dedicated to the pooled unit consisting of the N/2SW/4 of Section 26.
- 4. Applicant has sought the cooperation of all interested parties involved in the proposed unit and has been unable to obtain the necessary approvals or commitments to form a voluntary unit for this well.
- 5. Those interested parties who have not joined in the drilling of the well for this unit are as follows:

Name	Interest in S/2	*************************************
Sun Oil Company P.O. Box 1861 Midland, Texas 79702	8/240	
Yates Petroleum Company 207 South Fourth Artesia, New Mexico 88210	21/256	
Petroleum Corporation of Texas P.O. Box 911 Breckenridge, Texas 76024	4/240	
Heritage Resources P.O. Box 377 Davis, Oklahoma 73030	3/240	
R. H. Woods Estate P.O. Box 1417 Socorro, New Mexico	. 13/640	
Felmont Oil P.O. Box 2266 Midland, Texas 79702	24/320	The Market
Fisco Inc. P.O. Box 1518 Roswell, New Mexico 88201	6.66/320	
C. B. Read P.O. Box 2126 Roswell, New Mexico 88201	13.33/320	
C. A. Engwall P.O. Box 1784 Roswell, New Mexico 88201	1/128))
Hanagan & Hanagan Petroleum Corp. P.O. Box 1737 Roswell, New Mexico 88201	3/16))
Mesa Petroleum Co. Vaughn Bldg., Suite 1000 Midland, Texas 79701	57.5/2048	
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John H. Harlan P.O. Box 355 Monahan, Texas 79756	1.66/320
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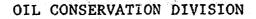
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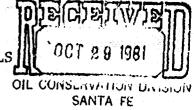
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND MINERALS





IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF H. L. BROWN, JR., FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case 7425

AMENDED APPLICATION

COMES NOW H. I. BROWN, JR., by and through its attorneys, Kellahin & Kellahin, and applies to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for an order pooling all interest from the top of the San Andres formation to the base of the Pennsylvanian formation in the S/2 of Section 26, T16S, R37E, NMPM, Lea County New Mexico, provided however, that in the event the subject well encounters production in the Casey Strawn Pool and/or the West Knowles Drinkard Pool, then and in that event the proration and spacing unit to be pooled will be the W/2SW/4 of Section 26 and in support thereof would show:

- 1. Applicant is an oil and gas operator and has acquired the right to drill certain tracts in the S/2 of said Section 26.
- 2. Applicant proposes to drill a well at a standard location 554 feet from the South and West lines of said Section to test the Casey-Strawn Pool and the West Knowles-Penn Pool underlying the W/2SW/4 of said Section and to dedicate the W/2SW/4 of said Section as the spacing and proration unit for these pools.
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RE: H. L. Brown, Jr.

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Case >425

Dear Joe:

Please set the enclosed application for compulsory pooling for hearing on November 19, 1981.

Very truly yours

W. Thomas Kellahin

WTK: jm Enclosure

cc: H. L. Brown, Jr.

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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS LEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
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CONSIDERING:

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CASE NO. 7425 Order No. R-6945

APPLICATION OF H. L. BROWN, JR. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING AND AN UNORTHODOX LOCATION, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on December 2, 1981, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

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

FINDS:

- (1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- requested an order in this case pooling all mineral interests from the top of the San Andres formation to the base of the Pennsylvanian formation underlying the S/2 of Section 26, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon, provided that in the event the subject well encountered production in the Casey-Strawn Pool and/or the West Knowles Drinkard Pool, the lands pooled would be the S/2 SW/4 of said Section 26. Applicant further requested approval for the commencement of a second well within 120 days after completion of the first well, said well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 1650 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 26, and dedicated to the N/2 SW/4 of said Section 26 which applicant also seeks to be pooled.
- (3) That at the hearing the applicant amended his application to delete the Atoka and Morrow zones of the Pennsylvanian formation, so that the application as it now stands is for pooling only to the base of the Strawn.
- (4) That the applicant has the right to drill on the lands proposed to be pooled and does propose to drill a well thereon.
- (5) That there are interest owners in the lands proposed to be pooled who have not agreed to pool their interests.

- (6) That to avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, to protect correlative rights, and to afford to the owner of each interest in said lands the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense his just and fair share of the gas in said pool, the subject application should be approved by pooling all mineral interests, whatever they may be, within said lands.
- (7) That due to the ambiguous nature of the application and the uncertainty of obtaining production from the various formations involved, the Division should prescribe certain lands to be pooled for specific production and certain contingent pooling involving other production from other formations.
- That the primary objective of the applicant is to dedicate the S/2 SW/4 of Section 26 to a well to be drilled to the Knowles-Drinkard Pool and the Casey-Strawn Pool, both 80-acre oil pools, said well to be drilled at a standard location within 150 feet of the center of the SW/4 SW/4 of said Section 26.
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- (11) That such spacing and proration unit and unorthodox location for said pools should be approved, but the proposed second well should not be required to be drilled only at said unorthodox location, and a specific time frame within which to commence said well should be adopted.
- (12) That a period of from 60 days to 180 days after completion of the first well should be sufficient to determine whether and where the second well should be drilled, and this period of time should be established for making such determination.
- (13) That the applicant should be designated the operator of the second well and unit.
- (14) That in the event wither of the aforesaid wells is classified as a gas well in the Wolfcamp formation or in any other formation down through the Strawn formation, said well should have dedicated thereto for the gas producing formation 320 acres, being the S/2 of Section 26, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, and said lands should be herein pooled to form such a spacing and proration unit.
- (15) That all interests in the S/2 of the aforesaid Section 26 are common throughout, and ownership in all of the aforesaid three proration and spacing units proposed to be pooled, i.e., the S/2 SW/4 of Section 26, the N/2 SW/4 of Section 26, and the S/2 of Section 26 is therefore identical.

- (16) That the proportionate share of each working interest owner, both as to production benefits and development and operating costs, would remain constant, whether one oil well, two oil wells, a gas well, or any combination thereof resulted from the proposed development.
- (17) That after the effective date of this order and within 90 days prior to commencing the well in the S/2 SW/4 of Section 26, the operator should furnish the Division and each known working interest owner in the subject unit an itemized schedule of estimated well costs.
- (18) That at least 60 but not more than 180 days after completion of the unit well in the S/2 SW/4 of Section 26, the operator should make a determination as to whether and where the second well herein authorized should be drilled, and should furnish the Division and each known working interest owner in the subject unit an itemized schedule of estimated well costs.
- (19) That any non-consenting working interest owner in either of the aforesaid spacing and proration units should be afforded the opportunity to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production.
- (20) That any non-consenting working interest owner who does not pay his share of estimated well costs should have withheld from production his share of the reasonable well costs plus an additional 200 percent thereof as a reasonable charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well.

- (21) That any non-consenting interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to object to the actual well costs but that actual well costs should be adopted as the reasonable well costs in the absence of such objection.
- (22) That following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner who has paid his share of estimated costs should pay to the operator any amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and should receive from the operator any amount that paid estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.
- month while producing should be fixed as reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates) for each well; that the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charges attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating the subject wells, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.
- (24) That all proceeds from production from the subject wells which are not disbursed for any reason should be placed in escrow to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership.
- (25) That upon the failure of the operator to commence drilling of the first of the aforesaid wells, to which the

S/2 SW/4 of Section 26 is dedicated, on or before July 1, 1982, this order should become null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

- (26) That upon the failure of the operator to commence drilling of the second of the aforesaid wells, to which the N/2 SW/4 of Section 26 is dedicated, within 60 days after the determination described in Finding No. (17) above is made, that part of this order pooling the N/2 SW/4 of Section 26 should become null and void and of no effect whatsoever.
- (27) That the unorthodox location for the well proposed to be drilled in the N/2 SW/4 of Section 26 should be approved, but that said location should not be considered binding for said unit, and the unit well may be drilled at any standard location thereon or, subject to prior and separate approval by the Division, at some other unorthodox location.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That all mineral interests, whatever they may be, in the West Knowles-Drinkard Pool and in the Casey-Strawn Pool underlying the S/2 SW/4 of Section 26, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, are hereby pooled to form a standard 80-acre spacing and proration unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon.

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the operator of said unit shall commence the drilling of said well on or before the first day of August, 1982, and shall thereafter continue the drilling of said

well with due diligence to a depth sufficient to test the Strawn formation;

PROVIDED FURTHER, that in the event said operator does not commence the drilling of said well on or before the first day of August, 1982, Order (1) of this order shall be null and void and of no effect whatsoever, unless said operator obtains a time extension from the Division for good cause shown.

PROVIDED FURTHER, that should said well not be drilled to completion, or abandonment, within 120 days after commencement thereof, said operator shall appear before the Division Director and show cause why Order (1) of this order should not be rescinded.

- (2) That H. L. Brown, Jr., is hereby designated the operator of the subject well and unit.
- (3) That after the effective date of this order and within 90 days prior to commencing said well, the operator shall furnish the Division and each known working interest owner in the subject unit an itemized schedule of estimated well costs.
- (4) That at least 60 days but not more than 180 days after the completion of the unit well on the S/2 SW/4 of the aforesaid Section 26, the operator shall make a determination as to where and where and where and where and where and whether to drill another well, to be located on the N/2 SW/4 of said Section 26, and shall, within 10 days of such determination so advise the Division Director and each known working interest owner of such fact, and shall furnish the

Division and each known working interest owner in the N/2 SW/4 of said Section 26 an itemized schedule of estimated well costs.

drill such a determination to drill such second well, and has so notified the Division and each known working interest owner of such fact, and has furnished the itemized schedule of estimated well costs as required above, all mineral interests, whatever they may be, in the West Knowles-Drinkard Pool and the under lying the N/250/4 of Section 26. Township 16 South, Casey-Strawn Pool shall be considered pooled to form a standard 80-acre spacing and proration unit to be dedicated to such second well.

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the operator of said unit shall commence the drilling of such second well within 90 days after making the determination to drill said well, and shall thereafter continue the drilling of said well with due diligence to a depth sufficient to test the Strawn formation.

PROVIDED FURTHER, that in the event said operator does not commence the drilling of said well within 90 days after determining said well should be drilled, the pooling provisions of Order (5) of this order shall be null and void and of no effect whatsoever, unless said operator obtains a time extension from the Division for good cause shown.

PROVIDED FURTHER, that should said well not be drilled to completion, or abandonment, within 120 days after commencement thereof, said operator shall appear before the Division Director and show cause why the pooling provisions of Order (5) of this order should not be rescinded.

PROVIDED FURTHER, that said well may be drilled at an unorthodox location 1650 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 26, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, NMPM.

- (6) That H. L. Brown, Jr. is hereby designated the operator of the subject well and unit.
- estimated well costs is furnished to him in accordance with Order (3) or Order (4) of this Order, any non-consenting working interest owner shall have the right to pay his share of estimated well costs for that well to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production, and that any such owner who pays his share of estimated well costs as provided above shall remain liable for operating costs but shall not be liable for risk charges.
- (8) That the operator shall furnish the Division and each known working interest owner an itemized schedule of actual well costs within 90 days following completion of each well; that if no objection to the actual well costs is received by the Division and the Division has not objected within 45 days following receipt of said schedule, the actual well costs shall be the reasonable well costs; provided however, that if there is an objection to actual well costs within said 45-day period the Division will determine reasonable well costs after public notice and hearing.
- (9) That within 60 days following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner

who has paid his share of estimated costs in advance for that well as provided above shall pay to the operator his pro rata share of the amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and shall receive from the operator his pro rata share of the amount that estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.

- (10) That the operator is hereby authorized to withhold the following costs and charges from production:
 - (A) The pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs for that well within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.
 - (B) As a charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well, 200 percent of the pro rata share of reasonable well costs for that well attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.
- (11) That the operator shall distribute said costs and charges withheld from production from a well to the parties who advanced the well costs for that well.

- (12) That \$3700.00 per month while drilling and \$435.00 per month while producing are hereby fixed as reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates) for each well; that the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production from each well the proportionate share of such supervision charges attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production from each well the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating such well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.
- (13) That in the event either of the wells authorized by this order should be completed as a gas well in the Wolfcamp or Pennsylvanian formations and so classified by the Division's Hobbs District Supervisor, the S/2 of Section 26, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, is hereby pooled to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit to be dedicated to said well.
- (14) That any unsevered mineral interest underlying the S/2 SW/4, N/2 SW/4, or the S/2 of Section 26, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, shall be considered a seven-eighths (7/8) working interest and a one-eighth (1/8) royalty interest for the purpose of allocating costs and charges under the terms of this order.
- (15) That any well costs or charges which are to be paid out of production shall be withheld only from the working interests share of production, and no costs or charges shall be withheld from production attributable to royalty interests.

- (16) That all proceeds from production from the subject wells which are not disbursed for any reason shall immediately be placed in escrow in Lea County, New Mexico, to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership; that the operator shall notify the Division of the name and address of said escrow agent within 30 days from the date of first deposit with said escrow agent.
- (17) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

JOE D. RAMEY,
Director

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