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1. Yutos Petroleum Corporation, as operator, entered into an operating agreement and a gas pooling agreement with Len Mayer, T. J. McAson, B.A. Blacked George Tibe, on the 27th day of October, 1980. This referencie decienated the Povton Townsite Gas Unit No. 2. which covers 322.38% naves, composed of the Sty of Section 21, Township 18 forth. Rango 26 Fact, N.M.F.H., Eddy County, New Mexico, insofar ord ordy insofar as the kneet cavers the formation lying between the most and lesser limits of the Rennsylvanian gas producing Consection in said order. Said agreements are effective only as to who gra and aspeciated hydrocarbors greathead from operators well, this is now being distinct as may refer tetrologic Corporation, Bob suches Ma. A will, and full hid 1680 togs from the Bouth line and performs to a community of the order that the transfer that a plat of The soft of the second of the second the second the second that the second of the second the second of the second

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3. That the following numed parties have executed certain oil and gas learner, which do confining pooling clauses, but the said pooling clauses can be construed so as not to possit the pooling thereof into unito as large as 3%0 because that the number of acres covered by said le seas total 28.415 serve, the manes and addresses of said lessors being described as Follows:

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applicant further recenests that the Commission, upon proper findings of fact and constantons of law, onter its order requiring forced pooling of all royalty and overriding royalty interests of those parties mentioned in paragraph 3 hercof, who have not consented to this pooling amendment of their leases.

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TREASURER

### February 10, 1961

### UNLEASED MINERALS

Re: Case 2173, South Half of Section 21, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Atoka Penn Gas Pool.

J. W. Potter

Lots 1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15,17,19,21,23, Block 7, Original Town of Dayton, containing 1.6138659 acres, more or less

J. N. Hawkins

School block in Original Town of Dayton in the NW\sW\sE\, Section 21, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, containing 2.0661157 acres, more or less

Wm. H. Swearingen

A tract in SE(SE(SE), containing .79150596 acres, more or less

Mrs. Olive S. Harrison

Lots 27 and 28, Block 11, North Dayton Addition, containing .18 acres, more or less

Smith B. Crane

Lot 5, Block 23, North Dayton Addition, containing .19 acres, more or less

A. F. Escobar

Lot 31, Block 5, North Dayton Addition, containing .09 acres, more or less

Frank F. Coon

Lot 13, Block 24, North Dayton Addition, containing .09 acres, more or less

### LEASES WITHOUT ADEQUATE POOLING PROVISION

Solomon Gallegos

Lots 9 and 11, Block 2, North Dayton Addition, containing .18 acres, more or less



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J. R. Raymond

Pinnell, Hill and Martin

Lot 6, Block 2; Lot 6, Block 5; Lot 19, Block 6; Lot 14, Block 7; North Dayton Addition, MENSW4, Section 21, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, containing .36 acres, more or less

Simplish and a meets and bounds tract lying between Gage Street and the North line of the SERSER, Section 21, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, containing 21.89 acres, more or less

# OIL CONSERVATION CONTISSION SANTA FE, NEW LEXICO

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FEBRUARY 8, 1961, IS YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATIONS

APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER FORCE HOOLING A STANDARD GAS

PRORATION UNIT CONSISTING OF THE \$/2 OF SECTION 21, T-16-S

R-26-E, ATOKA PENESYLVANIAN GAS POOL, EDDY COUNTY, NEW

MEXICO. PAN AMERICAN PETROLEUM CORPORATION HAS ALREAD

VOLUNTARILY POOLED ITS ACREAGE IN THE \$/2 OF SECTION 21

WITH YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION ACREAGE FOR THE PURPOSE OF

DRILLING A WELL IN THE ATOKA PENNSYLVANIAN GAS POOL. PAN

AMERICAN RECOMMENDS THIS APPLICATION BE APPROVED. PLEASE

READ THIS TELEGRAM INTO THE RECORD OF THE HEARING.

ALEX CLARKE JR PAN AMERICAN PETROLEUM CORP==

### DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 8, 1961

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### CASE 2179:

Application of Drilling and Exploration Company, Inc. for approval of the Mescalero Ridge Unit Agreement. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Mescalero Ridge Unit Agreement, which unit embraces 7521 acres of Federal and State lands in Township 19 South, Range 34 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

### CASE 2180:

Application of Great Western Drilling Company for an order force-pooling a 40-acre proration unit in the Eumont Gas Pool. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order force-pooling all mineral interests in the Eumont Gas Pool in the SE/4 NE/4 of Section 32, Township 19 South, Lange 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico. Interested parties include Dr. Hans May, B. A. Bowers, Estate of George F. Henneberry, William R. Kershaw, C. B. Neal, Fred Manley, Mae Williams, and W. L. Crutchfield.

### CASE 2181:

Application of Gulf Oil Corporation for approval of the Hackberry Hills Unit Agreement. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Hackberry Hills Unit Agreement, which unit embraces 13,920 acres in Townships 21 and 22 South, Ranges 25 and 26 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.

GOVERNOR

## JOHN BURROUGHS

# State of New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission

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Mr. Jason Kellahin Kellahin & Fox Box 1713 Santa Pe, New Mexico	Re :	Case No. 2173 and 2174 Order No. p.1880 and R-1881 Applicant:
		Yates Petroleum Corp.
Dear Sir:		
Enclosed herewith are Commission order recently ente	red in th	ies of the above-referenced he subject case. truly yours,
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# OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION P. O. BOX 871 SANTA FE. NEW MEXICO

### April 26, 1961

Mr. Frank F. Coon 2121 Summit Avenue Baltimore 6, haryland

Dear Mr. Coon:

Governor Mechem has handed me your letter of April 19, 1961, in which you have requested information on the status of your property in Eddy County, New Hexico, relative to the recent force-pooling order issued by the Oil Conservation Commission.

By Commission Order No. R-1880, a copy of which is enclosed, all of the mineral interests in the S/2 of Section 21, Township 18 South, Rouge 26 East, NER, Eddy County, New Mexico, were force-pooled to form a 322.5-acre gas proration unit, which unit was dedicated to a well operated by the Yates Petroleum Corporation located on that acreage.

This order was issued pursuant to Section 65-3-14 (c) of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated, 1953 Compilation, and its effect is to place the mineral interest in your acreage into a common pool with the mineral interests of all other persons in the 322.5-acre unit in order that a well can be economically drilled and assigned a full allowable. Were it not for this law and its resulting effect on small and large mineral interests alike, it might prove impossible in certain instances to ever drill a well on a unit where the ownership is diverse.

The effect of this force-pooling order upon you is to recognize you as a royalty owner to the extent of 1/8 of your proportionate interest in the 322.5-acre tract and to recognize you as the owner of what is termed a working interest in the remaining 7/8 of your proportionate interest in the unit. As you will note in the order, this means that

### OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Mr. Frank F. Coon Baltimore 6, Maryland

you will receive payment, without charge for operating costs, for your royalty interest beginning with the first cubic foot of gas that is produced from the well on the unit. You will also receive payment for your working interest, but rather than receiving any money immediately, this payment will be delayed until 125 per cent of your proportionate share of the well costs have been paid out of money from the production of gas. It is possible, and even probable, that in several years the well will be paid for and you will then begin receiving payments for your working interest. These payments, when received, will be seven times as great as the amount you will be then receiving for your royalty interest.

As you see, the concept of force-pooling and its application in this case does not in any way deprive you as a mineral interest owner from just compensation for the oil and gas under your land. In fact, were it not for this order, it is quite probable that you would never derive any benefit from your mineral interest ownership in this land. It might be pointed out that force-pooling affects only the mineral interest ownership and does not in any way affect the surface ownership of the land.

I am hoping that this explanation of the effect of forcepooling will be of some help to you in understanding the status of your property.

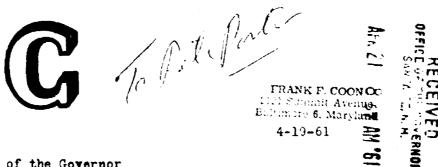
If I may be of further assistance, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

A. I. PORTER, Jr., Secretary-Director

ALP/RSM/esr Enclosure

cc: Governor Edwin L. Mechem



Office of the Governor Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Gentlema:

My Father Franklin F. Coon purchased a lot herin described about 1914 (exact date unknown) and I have been paying the taxes on this property since 1945 when my Father died and the last few years I have received a lot of correspondence relative to this lot and have actually received an offer of \$ 1.67 to part with this lot.

I would like to have some information on this lot as I am unable to examine it personally at this time and the enclosed papers will explain what I have in mind. After holding this property formearly 50 years I refuse to give it away and of course I can no information as to what is meant by this forced pooling. We had only a few days notice that this hearing was to be held and of course I could offer no prote st. It is not my intention to be stubborn and place obstacles in the way of any efforts to do what is in the interest of the greatest number of people. All I want is to get a descent offer on this property otherwise I will continue to pay taxes on it as we have been doing.

I have a birth certification stating that my Fathers name was Franklin and evidently he put this lot in my name unknown to me and as he left no will my Brother who was the executor has told me that my Father wanted me to have this lot and that he would do anything I asked to see that it belongs to me. I would like to get the title changed to my Wife and Son Charles and I would like to know just what is the value of this property. We have written to a Lawyer and found out that he was representing the interested parties known as Yates and of course his information was no good to us. I have prepared a will as I am over 60 and I want to arrange my personal affairs in a business like manner in the interest of those that will be left behind and that I cannot do until I can get more information as to the possibilities of this property.

Any information that you may pass on to me and my hairs will be most appreciated.

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Thank you.

FRANK F. COON 2021 Sannit Avecus Baltimure 6, M. (2020)

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TREASURER

April 13, 1961

Frank F. Coon 2121 Summit Avenue Baltimore 6, Maryland

Re: North Dayton
Block 24 Lot 13
Containing .09039256
acres, more or less

Dear Mr. Coon:

We completed our Yates Petroleum Corporation Bob Gushwa #1 gas well, located in the SW\setaSE\section 21, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, February 23, 1961. This appears to be a good gas well at 9,200 feet. We are enclosing a plat showing the location of the well in the S\square of Section 21 and the approximate location of your acreage.

By order of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission they have designated the  $S_7^1$  of Section 21 as a gas unit to be produced from this well and have issued an order force pooling all of the acreage within this  $S_7^1$  of Section 21 and we will produce this well according to their order. From this order we are authorized to recup a 125% of our cost from your proportionate interest under the well from 7/8ths of the revenue. After we have received 125% of the cost of drilling and producing the well we will then have to suspend this interest until you have brought your abstract down to date and made your title merchantable. After which we could pay you your part of production after operating cost.

By the time we take 125% of our cost back and you do the legal work necessary to make your title merchantable, you can see it will probably be several years before you will realize anything from this property. If you could see fit to give us a lease on this lot we think it would be simpler for everybody concerned and we could probably over a period of years with your help make your title merchantable.

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Please let us know what you would like to do and if there is any further information that you need, please let us know.

Yours very truly,

YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION

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Jack W. McCaw Land Department

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RSM/esr February 9, 1961 BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION Reca OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

> CASE No.\_ 2173 Order No. R- /8.No

APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION FOR AN ORDER FORCE-POOLING ALL MINERAL INTERESTS IN A 322.4-ACRE GAS PROPATION UNIT IN THE ATOKA-PENNSYLVANIAN GAS POOL, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

### ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

### BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on February 8, 1961, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner duly appointed by the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission," in accordance with Rule 1214 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

day of February, 1961, the Commission, NOW, on this\_ a quorum being present, having considered the application, the evidence adduced, and the recommendations of the Examiner, Daniel S. Nutter \_\_, and being fully advised in the premises,

### FINDS:

- That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- That the applicant, Yales Petroleum Corporation, seeks an order force-pooling all mineral interests in the Atoka-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool in the S/2 of Section 21, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, in order to form a 322.5acre gas proration unit.
- (3) That inasmuch as the applicant has made diligent effort to secure the approval of all mineral interest owners to the formation of the above-described gas proration unit, all mineral interests therein should be force-pooled.

(4) That denial of the subject application would deprive, or tend to deprive, the mineral interest owners in the above-described tract of the opportunity to recover their just and equitable share of the hydrocarbons in the Atoka-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool.

### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That the interests of all persons having the right to drill for, produce, or share in the production of hydrocarbons from the Atoka-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool underyling the S/2 of Section 21, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, are hereby force-pooled to form a 322 S-acre gas proration unit comprising all of said acreage. Said unit is to be dedicated to the yatts Petroleum Corporation's Gushwa Well Nol, located 1650 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the East line of said Section 21.

  DONE-at-Santa-Fe, New-Mexico, on-the-day-and-year-herein-above-designated:
- (2) That proceeds from production attributable to any interest which has not previously paid its share of total well costs may be withheld by the applicant to the extent of such costs, provided however, that proceeds attributable to any royalty interest shall not be withheld.

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



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February 10, 1961

### UNLEASED MINERALS

Re: Case 2173, South Half of Section 21, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Atoka Penn Gas Pool.

J. W. Potter Lots 1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15,17,19,21,23,
Block 7, Original Town of Dayton,

containing 1.6138659 acres, more or less

J. N. Hawkins

School block in Original Town of
Dayton in the NW\(\frac{1}{2}\)Section 21,
Township 18 South, Range 26 East,
containing 2.0661157 acres, more or

less

Wm. H. Swearingen A tract in SE\setaSE\seta, containing .79150596 acres, more or less

Mrs. Olive S. Harrison Lots 27 and 28, Block 11, North Dayton

Addition, containing .18 acres, more or less

Lot 5, Block 23, North Dayton Addition, containing .19 acres, more or less

A. F. Escobar Lot 31, Block 5, North Dayton Addition,

containing .09 acres, more or less

Frank F. Coon Lot 13, Block 24, North Dayton Addition,

containing .09 acres, more or less

### LEASES WITHOUT ADEQUATE POOLING PROVISION

Solomon Gallegos

Smith B. Crane

Lots 9 and 11, Elock 2, Lorth Dayton Addition, containing .18 acres, more or less



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J. R. Raymond

Pinnell, Hill and Martin

Lot 6, Block 2; Lot 6, Block 5; Lot 19, Block 6; Lot 14, Block 7; North Dayton Addition, NE SW4, Section 21, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, containing .36 acres, more or less

Sharks and a meets and bounds tract lying between Gage Street and the Morth line of the SEASEA, Section 21, Townshi 18 South, Range 26 East, containing 21.89 acres, more or less

# BEFORE THE OIL COMMERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL COMBERVATION COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMBIDERING:

> CASE No. 2173 Order No. R-1880

APPLICATION OF VATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION FOR AN ORDER FORCE-POOLING ALL MIMERAL INTERESTS IN A 322.5-ACRE GAS PROPATION UNIT IN THE ATOKA-PENNSYLVANIAN GAS POOL, EDDY COUNTY, MEN MEXICO.

### ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

### BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on February 8, 1961, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Daniel S. Rutter, Examiner duly appointed by the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission," in accordance with Rule 1214 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

NOW, on this 22nd day of February, 1961, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the application, the evidence adduced, and the recommendations of the Examiner, Daniel S. Nutter, and being folly advised in the premises,

### FINDS:

- (1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicant, Yates Petroleum Corporation, seeks an order force-pooling all mineral interests in the Atoka-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool in the S/2 of Section 21, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, in order to form a 322.5-acre gas provation unit.
- (3) That inasmuch as the applicant has made diligent effort to secure the approval of all mineral interest owners to the formation of the above-described gas proration unit, all mineral interests therein should be force-pooled.
- (4) That denial of the subject application would deprive, or tend to deprive, the mineral interest owners in the above-described tract of the opportunity to recover their just and equitable share of the hydrocarbons in the Atoka-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool.

-2-CASE No. 2173 Order No. R-1880

### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That the interests of all persons having the right to drill for, produce, or share in the production of hydrocarlons from the Atoka-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool underlying the S/2 of Section 21, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, MMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, are hereby force-pooled to form a 322.5-acre gas proration unit comprising all of said acreage. Said unit is to be dedicated to the Yates Petroleum Corporation's Gushwa Well No. 1, located 1650 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the East line of said Section 21.

PROVIDED HOWEVER, That the proportionate share of the cost of drilling and completing the well on the 322.5-acre tract shall be borne by each consenting working interest owner in the same proportion to the total costs that his acreage bears to the total acreage in the pooled unit.

PROVIDED FURTHER, That the proportionate share of the cost of drilling and completing said well which is to be paid out of production by each non-consenting working interest owner shall be 125 per cent of the same proportion to the total costs that his acreage bears to the total acreage in the pooled unit.

PROVIDED FURTHER, That the share of the well costs, as determined above, which is to be paid by the mineral interest owners shall be withheld only from the working interests' share (7/8) of the revenues derived from the sale of the hydrocarbons produced from the well on the pooled unit. Royalty payments are not to be affected by the withholding of any funds for the purpose of paying out a proportionate share of the cost of drilling and completing said well.

DOME at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

EDWIN L. MECHRM, Chairman

E. S. WALAER, Member

A. H. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary

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# DEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION Santa F., New Mexico February 8, 1961

### EXAMINER HEARING

### IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for an order ) force-pooling a 322.4-acre gas proration unit in the Atoka-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool. Applicant, in the above styled cause, seeks an order force-pooling all mineral ) interests in the Atoka-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool in the S 2) of Section 21, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Eddy County, New Mexico. Interested parties include J. N. Hawkins, J. W. Petter, William H. Swearingen, Smith B. Crane, Frank F. Coon, A. F. Escobar, Olive E. Harrison, ) Pan American Petroleum Corporation, Mayme Ressinger, J. ) R. Raymond, Isabell Gallegos, Alice Heck Martin, Maze Heck Pinnell, Wave Heck Hill.

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for an order ) force-pooling a 322.2-acre gas proration unit in the Atoka-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool. Applicant, in the above-) styled cause, seeks an order force-pooling all mineral ) interests in the Atoka-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool in the N/2) of Section 28, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Eddy ) County, New Mexico. Interested parties include William ) H. Swearingen, Alice Heck Martin, Maze Heck Pinnell, ) Wave Heck Hill, J. W. Potter, James W. Hall and Mrs. ) Lucille Ruddell South.

BEFORE:

Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

MR. NUTTER: 2173.

MR. KELLAHIN: Jason Kellahin, Kellahin & Fox, Santa Fe,

representing the applicant. If the Examiner please, I believe that

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the next case could well be consolidated with this one for purpopes of the record, aithough we would want a separate order.

MR. MCRRIS: We also call at this time Case No. 2174. application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for an order for forcepooling.

Is there objection to the consolidation, for MR. NUTTER: hearing purposes, of 2173 and 2174? The cases will be consolidated for the purposes of taking the testimony.

MR. KELLAHIN: We have one witness.

(W1tness sworn.)

### JACK MCCAW

called as a witness, having been previously duly sworn, testified as follows:

### DIRECT EXAMINATION

### BY MR. KELLAHIN:

- Q. Will you state your name, please?
- A Jack McCaw.
- By whom are you employed and in what position?
- Yates Petroleum Corporation, as Band Man. Α
- In connection with your duties as Land Man, Mr. McCaw, dc you have anything to do with the assembling of acreage, procurement of leases, and communitization of lease ownership?
  - L I do.
- In that connection did you make any efforts to secure reases and communitization in the area involved in Crse 2173 and



2174?

- Α Yes, sir.
- Would you state briefly what is proposed by Yates in these two applications?
- We propose to force-pool all mineral interests that we do not have leases on, and we do have some leases we do not have adequate pooling.
  - That applies to both tracts?
  - Both tracts.
- Q Do you have a plat showing the area involved in these applications, Mr. McCaw?
  - Α Yes.

MR. KELLAHIN: If the Examiner please, we would like permission to offer this as an exhibit with permission to withdra; it and substitute a copy since this is the only one we have available at the present time.

MR. NUTTER: It will be permissible.

(Applicant's Exhibit No. 1 Marked for Identification.)

- Mr. McCaw. referring to what has been marked as Exhibit 0 1. would you point out to the Examiner the area which is under consideration and the problem involved in these applications, referring first to the S/2 of Section 21, and then discuss the N/2 of Section 283
  - This area, here to here, is the S/2 of 21.



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MR. NUTTER: Where would that le on the map!

A Section 21 of Pownship 18 South, Runge 20 East, In the Atoka Pool.

MR. NUTTER: Could you describe it, for the purposes of the transcript? Would that be the area lying north of Main Street, lying west of Dayton Street, or the entire area?

A The entire area from north of Main to the middle of Carls oad Street.

MR. NUTTER: That is the N/2 of Section 21?

- A S/2 of 21.
- Q (By Mr. Kellahin) Where does the N/2 of Scotion 28 lie on the map?
  - A It lies south of Main Street, to Wilder Street.
- Q With reference to the S/2 of Section 21, would you point out on the plat the tracts of land on which you do not have leases?
- A We have everything under lease marked in yellow, and the part we do not have under lease is this area here, Hawkins.

MR. NUTTER: How is that area described on the map?

- A It is described as "School Block" on the map. We have the N/2 of Block 7 that is not under lease, and Lot 13, Block 24, Lot 5, Lot 23 and 27 am 28 of Block 11, Lot 31, Block 5.
- Is there not, which you seek to force-pool in this application?
  - A Yes. In the S/2 of 21 we have the Harrison, this 20 acres,



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March and Finnell, and one lot that belongs to J. R. Raymond, and one that belongs to Gallegos that we do not have adequate posting on.

MR. NUTTER: What lots are those?

- A I can't tell you.
- Q (By Mr. Kellahin) They are marked on the map?
- A They are on the map by file number, and I don't have my file.
  - MR. PAYNE: What about the area designated as "Park"?
  - A We have a lease on it.

MR. NUTTER: Could you give us the file numbers of the tracts belonging to Gallegos and Raymond when you return to your office? Could you obtain that information and submit it to the Commission?

- A Sure. I think I can dig it out of that file right there, from my correspondence.
- Q (By Mr. Kellahin) With reference to the N/2 of Section 28, would you give the Examiner the same information on that area?
- A We do not have these two lots. I believe they are 9 and 11 of Block 28.

MR. NUTTER: 9 and 11 of Block 29?

- A 29, right; belongs to Hall and South.
- Q (By Mr. Kellahin) Are there other tracts on which you do not have leases?
- A We do not have under lease the blue, here and here, nor this.



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- Q Do you have any in there on which you do not have leases which do not have adequate pooling clauses?
  - A No, we have adequate pooling on everything in the N/2 of 28.
  - Q Are there any wells drilled on either one of those tracts?
- A There is a well which hasn't been completed in the N/2 of 28, and we are drilling now in the S/2 of 21.
  - Q What is the status of the well in Section 28?
- A It is supposed to be being tested today. They have just hooked up their equipment, and are testing today.
  - Q A well in Block 10?
  - A 990 from the north and west of 28.
- MR. NUTTER: What is the location of the well in the S/2 of 21?
  - A 1650 from the southeast, right here on Lot 12 of Block 35.
- Q (By Mr. Kellahin) Mr. McCaw, according to the plat this area consists of the Dayton townsite, is that correct?
  - A Yes, sir.
- Q What is the status of the Dayton townsite at the present time?
  - A It is an old abandoned town.
  - Q Are there any improvements located there?
  - A No improvements.
  - O What streets have been laid out?
  - A The main street is a county road.
  - Q Does it run along the section line?



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- A Yes, sir.
- Q Are there any other streets?
- A There is a section line road on the east side and the highway on the west side.
- Q Are there any buildings or houses or anything of that nature?
  - A No buildings.
- Q There appears to be a railroad right-of-way running through the tract. What is the situation as to that insofar as oil and gas leasing is concerned?
  - A We have the minerals, they have a right-of-way.
  - Q But you own the minerals?
  - A We own the minerals.
- Q Now, Mr. McCaw, what efforts have you made in regard to these two tracts to secure communitization agreements?
- A We have been negotiating since 1956 with all of the people in this area, and have run out of time. We have had correspondence and telephone conversations with all of the owners and recently we sent registered letters with our communitization, and didn't get any replies. We have replies from all of them except the ones we have mentioned.
- Q You have contacted each and every one of the individuals named in the application, is the correct?
  - A Yes.
  - Q What is the situation with regard to Pan American Petro-



reum Corporation?

A We got a wire yesterday saying the, had signed the communitization agreement.

MR. NUTTER: What acreage does Pan American own, acreage in Section 21 that you mentioned?

- A No, it is the white acreage above that.
- Q (By Mr. Kellahin) They are committing to the unit?
- A Yes, sir.
- Q Are there any other tracts which you have been able to bring into the unit subsequent to the application filed in this case?

A We have a lease from Escobar on Lot 31, Block 5, but he failed to have the lease acknowledged, so we sent it back for acknowledgement.

MR. NUTTER: Which section is that in?

- A S/2 of 21.
- Q (By Mr. Kellahin) You feel reasonably sure you will get a properly acknowledged lease with the pooling clause?
  - A We think so.
  - Q Are there any others you have heard from?
- A We received an amendment from Mayme Ressinger who had one lot in the S/2 of 21.
- Q You say you received an amendment; you mean an amendment covering the pooling clause of the lease?
  - A Yes.
  - Q That will be definitely committed to the unit?



- A Right.
- Q Are there any others?
- A That is all.
- Q Are there any in Section 28%
- A No.
- Q Y u have not heard from any of those people?
- A No.
- Q What is the situation as to Mr. William H. Swearingen?
- A He said he would go along with us in drilling the well, but he some signed the communitization agreement or anything else.
  - Q Has he made any contribution on the cost of the well?
- A He -- on the well in the N/2 of 28, he paid \$1300.00 to-wards the drilling of the well.
  - Q Did that cover his share of the costs?
  - A Not quite.
- Q In the event that the Commission sees fit to grant your application for force-pooling do you ask for recovery from these people for their proportionate share of the drilling costs?
  - A Yes.
- Q What would you consider reasonable under the cladumstances in this case?
  - A I would think 125%.
  - Q What was the cost of your well in Section 28?
  - A It hasn't been completed yet, but it was around \$178,000.



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Q The interests involved are quite small, for the most part?

A Right.

Q Could you say approximately what they amount to in each tract?

A 25 acres total in the S/2 of 21, and less than five in the N/2 of 28.

Q Do you have anything you care to add to your testimony, Mr. McCaw?

A I think not.

MR. KELLAHIN: If the Commission please, if we may have permission to withdraw this exhibit a copy will be furnished to the Commission by Mr. McCaw. On that basis I would like to offer in evidence Exhibit No. 1.

MR. NUTTER: That will be satisfactory, Mr. Kellahin. We will have to have the copy of this exhibit prior to the time we can take this case to the Commission, however.

MR. KELLAHIN: Yes, sir. It is my understanding you also want the tract numbers which are involved in the force-pooling application, a list of those.

MR. NUTTER: The tracts that weren't identified specifically by lot and by block.

MR. KELLAHIN: That is all I have to offer.

MR. NUTTER: Any questions of Mr. McCay?

### BY MR. PAYME:

Q Is your figure of 125% for the non-consenting working



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interest owners based on a reasonable cost of supervision and operation in the drilling of the well?

- A Yes, sir.
- Q Or wells?
- A Yes, sir.
- Q It is not based on bonus for risk?
- A No.

MR. PAYNE: Thank you.

MR. NUTTER: Any further questions?

### BY MR. NUTTER:

- Who owns the royalties under the street in this townsite?
- A We think the people that own the lots do.
- Q You think the street is divided down the middle, and half belongs to the lot in front of that portion of the street?
  - A Yes.
- Q You stated Mr. Swearingen had contributed around \$1300.00 to the cost?
  - A He has a three-acre interest in the N/2 of 28.
- Q Did he contribute that on the basis of an expected cost of the well, and then the ultimate cost turned out to be higher?
  - A I don't know. He just mailed us the check.
- Q Had you furnished him with an estimate of the cost of the well?
- A We sent him an AFE, he never signed it, just mailed us a check.



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- Q What was the expected cost on the AFF?
- A \$171,614.00.
- Q And he owns 3.320 of the acreage in the tract?
- A He owns 3.139 acres, which would be around 3.320.

### BY MR. PAYNE:

- Q There are some unleased tracts in here?
- A Yes, there are.
- Q Where other owners have both the working interests and royalty interests?
  - A Right.
- Q You are aware in this 125% figure, that only applies as to the working interests; you have to pay the royalty interests from month to month?
  - A Right.

MR. NUTTER: Are there any further questions of Mr. McCaw?
You may be excused. Do you have anything further in these cases,
Mr. Kellahin?

MR. KELLAHIN: That is all I have, Mr. Nutter. Thank you.

MR. NUTTER: Does anyone have anything they wish to offer in Case 2173 or 2174?

MR. MCRRIS: I have a telegram that the Commission has received from Pan American Petroleum Corporation, which reads as follows: "Case No. 2173, docketed for Examiner Hearing on Wednesday, February 8, 1961, is Yates Petroleum Corporation's application for an order force-pooling a standard gas proration unit, consist-



Atoka-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico. Fan American Gorporation has already voluntarily pooled its acreage in the S/2 of Section 21 with the Yates Petroleum Corporation acreage for the purpose of drilling a well in the Atoka-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool. Pan American recommends that this application be approved. Please read this telegram into the record of the hearing. Signed: Alex Clark, Jr., Pan American Petroleum Corporation."

MR. NUTTER: Is there anything further? We will take these cases under advisement and call the next case.

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I, JUNE PAIGE, Court Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached transcript of proceedings before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission at Santa Fe, New Mexico, is a true and correct record to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have affixed my hand and notarial seal this 13th day of February, 1961.

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Petro. for an order force-pooling
a 322.4-acre gas proration unit in
the Atoka-Penn Gas Pool.