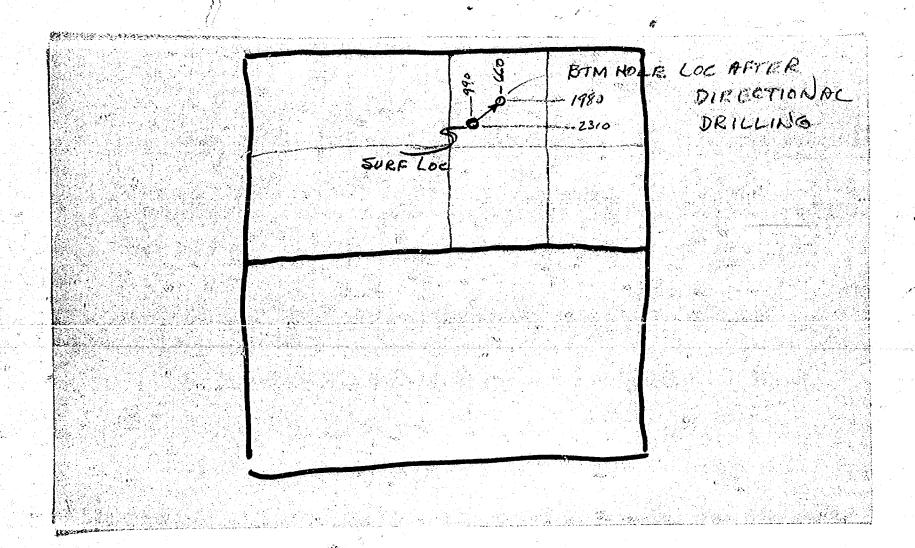
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BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION Santa Fe, New Mexico June 19, 1974

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of Monsanto Company for directional drilling, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Case No. 5256

BEFORE: Richard L. Stamets, Examiner.

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

APPEARANCES

For the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission:

Thomas Derryberry, Esq. Legal Counsel for the Commission State Land Office Bldg. Santa Fe, New Mexico

For the Applicant:

Clarence Hinkle, Esq.
HINKLE, BONDURANT, COX &
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Hinkle Building
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<u>E X H I B I T S</u>

Applicant's Exhibit Nos.

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MR. STAMETS: We'll call the next case, Case 5256.

MR. DERRYBERRY: Case 5256. Application of Monsanto Company for directional drilling, Eddy County, New Mexico.

MR. HINKLE: Clarence Hinkle, Hinkle, Bondurant, Cox & Eaton, appearing on behalf of Monsanto. We have one witness and five exhibits.

MR. STAMETS: Are there any other appearances in this Case? The Witness will stand and be sworn, please.

(Witness sworn.)

HENRY WRIGEL

called as a witness, having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. HINKLE:

Q State your name, your residence, and by whom you are employed?

A Henry Weigel, 4506 Andrews Highway, Midland, Texas, and I am employed by Monsanto.

- Q What is your position with Monsanto?
- A District Petroleum Engineer.
- Q Have you previously testified before the Commission?

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A No.

Q State briefly your educational background and experience as a Petroleum Engineer?

A I graduated from LSU in 1956; went to work for Monsanto at that time, and I've been with them ever since.

Q Has your work been in New Mexico, some of it, a good deal of it?

A Right. Since 1967 I have been working a good bit in New Mexico.

Q Are you familiar with the area that is involved in this Case?

A I am.

Q The well that is under consideration?

A Yes.

MR. HINKIE: Are his qualifications sufficient?

MR. STAMETS: What was your degree from LSU?

MR. WEIGHL: BS in Petroleum Engineering.

MR. STAMETS: Yes, they are acceptable.

BY MR. HINKLE:

Q Have you prepared, or has there been prepared under your direction, certain exhibits for introduction in this Case?

A Yes, I have.

Q They are the ones that have been marked Exhibits

1 through 5. Are you familiar with the Application of

Monsanto in this Case?

A I am.

Q What is Monsanto seeking to accomplish.

A Seeks authority to plug back Arco Federal No. 2 located 990 feet from the North line, 2310 feet from the East line of Section 13, Township 21 South, Range 26 East, Burton Flats Field, Eddy County, New Mexico, to a depth of 9314 feet and directionally drill the Well in such a manner as to bottom it in the Morrow formation within a 50-foot radius of a point 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line of Section 13.

Q Refer to Exhibit No. 1 and explain what this is and what it shows.

A This is just a plat showing the Arco No. 2, which is the red arrow in Section 13 there, the furthest one to the west, and the other arrow shows Monsanto's Avalon Hills No. 1, which is the only other Morrow producer within two miles of the --

Q (Interrupting) Are there any other producers shown on this plat, gas producers?

A There is a well about over in Section 15, it's

a Cisco Well, which is just barely two miles away from the Arco No. 2.

- Q This completed its gas well in what formation?
- A The Cisco.
- Q Cisco?
- A Yes.
- Q What is the character of the well which you referred to there in Section 7?
- A That's a gas well in the Morrow; it's a potential 25 million.
 - Q And that is Monsanto's well?
 - A That is Monsanto's well.
 - Q Now refer to Exhibit No. 2 and explain this.
- A This is just a copy of the location and acreage dedication plat and it shows the present surface location of the Arco No. 2, and then it shows the proposed bottomhole location, which would be 1980 feet from the East line and 660 feet from the North line.
- Q Now, explain briefly the history of this well the time it was commenced, the depth it was drilled to, and so forth?
- A Well, to begin with, we staked the thing originally at 660 from the North and 1980 from the East. There is a

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black-top road going through there, up to the Avalon reservoir.

- Q That's shown on Exhibit 1?
- A It is shown on Exhibit 1, but the location of it is not exactly accurate. It fell just to the east of a location of 660 from the North and 1980 from the East. The road would have been just to the west of it, excuse me, and, in fact, we were supposed to drill it but we couldn't drill the pad there so we moved the location 330 feet West and 330 feet South down to its present location, and drilled the well. We spudded it on March 26th this year and drilled it a total depth of 11,475 feet on the 16th of May, and we logged it, tested the Morrow. We found some sands in the Morrow. It had porosity, but it was tagged; it didn't have any permeability. We ran a DST just a week ago. We didn't get any recovery out of the Morrow to speak of.
- Q So that is when you decided to directionally, drill the well?
 - A That's correct.
- Q Explain what you did do with respect to plugging it back and directional drilling?
 - A Well, we plugged it back; we cement plugged it back

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to about 9100 feet and then we drilled the soft cement on the top and kicked it off at 9314 feet with a Dyna-Drill.

Q Was the original hole that was drilled virtually a vertical hole, or was there any deviation in that?

A On the next Exhibit here, which is Exhibit 3, is an-Eastman Survey of the original hole, and at a total depth of 11,475 feet we had moved over 62.89 feet in a direction North 79 degrees, 25 minutes West, so we're only just under 62 feet away from the surface location back to the West, almost due West.

Q Now, refer to Exhibit 4 and explain that.

A Well, Exhibit 4 shows the last point on the Exhibit 3 here, which was 11,475 feet, shows the displacement in the direction at the total depth, and then we have another point there, 11,532 feet, which is the target well we're heading the directional hole for, which would be 330 feet

North and 330 feet East of the present surface location.

Then, from there on down we have a point in 9400 feet which came off of Exhibit 3 and shows the location of it, and then from there on down these are the single-point-shot surveys that we were taking while drilling the hole, down to the last one there at 11,398 feet, which is the last one we've taken We're still in the process of drilling the hole.

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- Q About how far are you from completion now?
- A This morning we were drilling at 11,477 feet. As you can see back here on the target, the projected depth is 11,532 feet, to drill all the way through the Morrow, is what it amounts to.
 - Q It should be completed shortly?
 - A It should be fairly shortly, yes.
- Q Do you have any reason to believe that this drilling at this location might prove to be productive rather than the original location?
- A We do. You see, originally we started drilling here and we feel like due to the nature of the Morrow sands up there, since we did encounter the sands and they did have porosity, we feel like if we can get over and get into some permeability we can get back into the main reservoir, which would be the same reservoir that they have on Hills, No. 1 over in Section 7.
 - Q Now, refer to Exhibit No. 5 and explain that.
- A Well No. 5 is just a diagram of what we propose to do and it has plotted on it what we have done to date. The diagram on the left is a vertical cross section showing the displacement on the present location over to the projected location. The one on the right shows the

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surface location, actually it would be a top view of the surface location and the projected bottomhole location and then the penciled-in line on the Exhibit shows the points that we've taken survey on from where we kicked-off to the present point.

Q Do you have any reason to believe that the hole will be bottomed other than at the projected location or within a radius of 50 feet thereof?

A I think we're going to be awfully close to it.
We're right on target to date.

- Q Have you had any objections to the drilling of these wells?
 - A No, we haven't.
 - Q From the off-set owners or anybody?
 - A No.
- Q Now, is it the projected bottom location will be, in fact, the vertical location of the original intended location, is that right?
- A Right. Where we originally staked the well, this would be the bottomhole location that we --
- Q (Interrupting) That if it had been drilled vertical at that location?

A Right.

- Q And it is a standard location?
- A It is a standard location.

MR. HINKLE: We would like to offer into evidence Exhibits 1 through 5.

MR. STAMETS: Without objection Exhibits 1 through 5 will be admitted.

(Whereupon, Applicant's Exhibits Nos.

1 through 5 were admitted into evidence.)

MR. HINKLE: That's all we have.

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. STAMETS:

- Q Mr. Weigel, your kick-off point is at 9314?
- A That is correct.
- Q And you would propose to run a survey of this hole upon completion to determine the bottomhole location?

A Well, we have run a directional survey and its just a single-point survey, at each one of these points shown on the map, it has the angle;—well that would be Exhibit 4--each one of those points was run and it does have direction in the angle of deviation and the displacement, of course, was calculated from that. It's just a continuation of the multi-point survey that was run through the entire hole.

- Q It appears to be in intervals of something less than 100 feet for most of them?
 - A Right.
- Q Is this adequate for determining bottomhole location?
 - A We feel that it is.

MR. STAMETS: Any other questions of the Witness?

He may be excused. Anything further in this Case?

MR. HINKLE: That's all we have.

MR. STAMETS: We'll take the Case under advise-

ment.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF SANTA FE

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I, RICHARD L. NYE, Court Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached Transcript of Hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission was

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Mexico Oil Conservation Commission



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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION 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. 5256 Order No. R-4817

APPLICATION OF MONSANTO COMPANY FOR DIRECTIONAL DRILLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on June 19, 1974, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 25th day of June, 1974, the Commission, a quorum being present, 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 Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicant, Monsanto Company, is the owner and operator of the Arco Federal Well No. 2, located 990 feet from the North line and 2310 feet from the East line of Section 13, Township 21 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, Burton Flats Field, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the subject well was originally drilled to a total depth of 11,475 feet into the Morrow formation but was not productive of gas in commercial quantities from that formation.
- (4) That the applicant proposes to plug back the well to a depth of 9314 feet and directionally drill to the Morrow formation within a 50-foot radius of a point 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line of said Section 13.
- (5) That a well drilled to the Morrow formation at said subsurface location may penetrate one or more zones in said formation productive of hydrocarbons.
- (6) That the applicant has determined the subsurface location of the "kick off" point by means of a continuous multishot directional survey.
- (7) That the applicant should be required to determine the subsurface location of the bottom of the hole by means of a continuous multi-shot directional survey conducted subsequent to said directional drilling.

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(8) That approval of the subject application will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, avoid the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, and otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the application of Monsanto Company to directionally drill its Arco Federal Well No. 2, the surface location of which is 990 feet from the North line and 2310 feet from the East line of Section 13, Township 21 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, Burton Flats Field, Eddy County, New Mexico, and to bottom said well in the Morrow formation within a 50-foot radius of a point 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line of said Section 13 is hereby approved.

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that subsequent to the above-described directional drilling, a continuous multi-shot directional survey shall be made of the wellbore from total depth to the kick-off point with shot points not more than 100 feet apart; that the operator shall cause the surveying company to forward a copy of the survey report directly to the Santa Fe Office of the Commission, Box 2088, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501, and that the operator shall notify the Commission's Artesia District Office of the date and time said survey is to be commenced.

(2) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year herein-above designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

I/R. TRUJILLO, Chairman

ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member

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Dockets Nos. 19-74 and 20-74 are tentatively set for hearing on July 16 and July 24. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

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

CASE 5256: Application of Monsanto Company for directional drilling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to plug back its Arco Federal Well No. 2 located 990 feet from the North line and 2310 feet from the East line of Section 13, Township 21 South, Range 26 East, Burton Flats Field, Eddy County, New Mexico, to a depth of 9314 feet and to set a whipstock and directionally drill said well in such a manner as to bottom it in the Morrow formation within a 50-foot radius of a point 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line of said Section 13.

CASE 5257: Application of Mobil Oil Corporation for an unorthodox location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its Federal 12 Com Well No. 1 to be drilled to the Morrow formation at a point 1300 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 12, Township 21 South, Range 26 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, the E/2 of said Section 12 to be dedicated to the well.

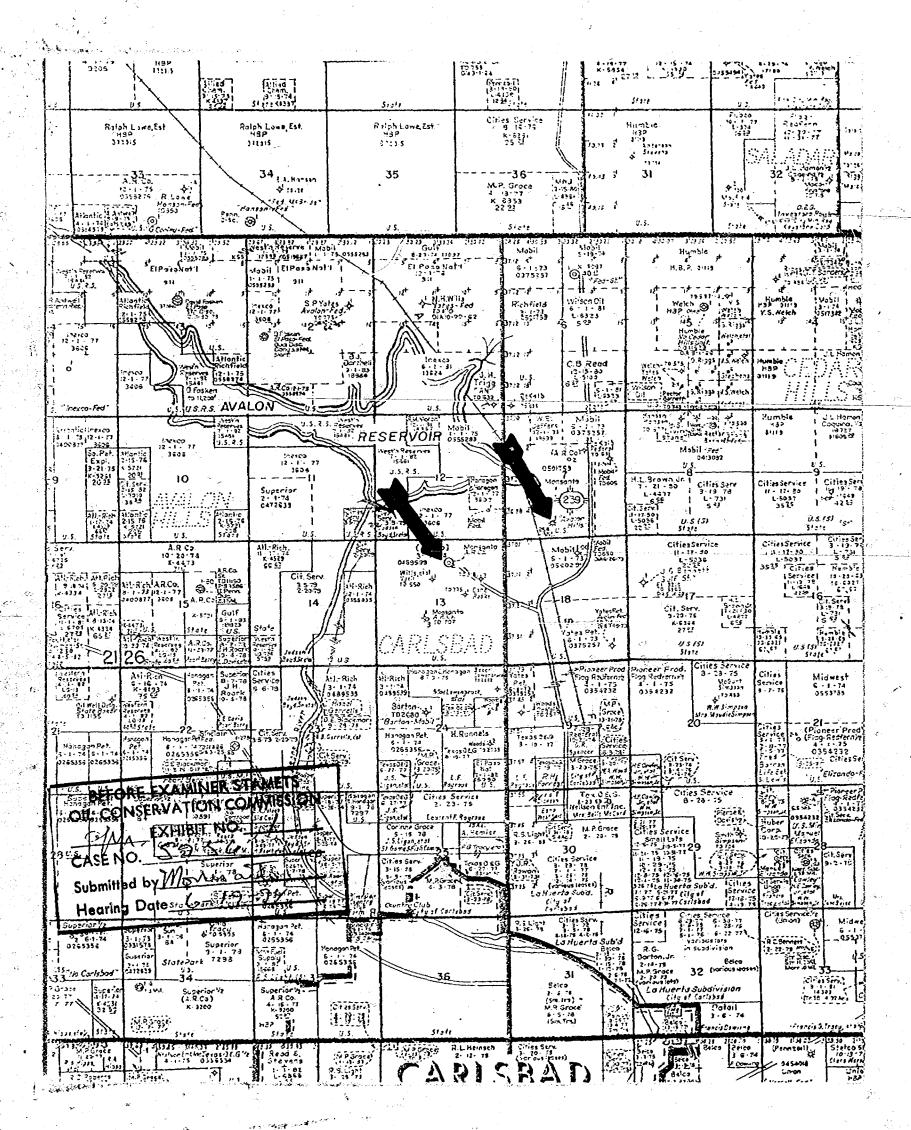
CASE 5258: Application of Texas Pacific 011 Company for two waterflood projects and downhole commingling or dual completions, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dually complete its State "A" Act. 1 Well No. 42 located in Unit A of Section 4, Township 23 South, Range 36 East, Lea County, New Mexico, for the purpose of injecting water into the Upper Seven-Rivers formation of the Langlie-Mattix Pool and the Lower Seven-Rivers formation of the Langlie-Mattix Pool for the purpose of secondary recovery. Applicant further seeks approval for the downhole commingling in the wellbore of Jalmat and Langlie-Mattix production in the off-setting wells Nos. 44, 45, and 87, located in Units B, H, and G, respectively, of said Section 4; in the alternative applicant seeks approval for the dual completion of the aforesaid three wells to produce oil from said pools through parallel strings of tubing.

CASE 3608: (Reopened)

In the matter of Case No. 3608 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-3282, which order established temporary rules for the Carlsbad Permo-Penn Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, including a provision for 640-acre spacing. All interested parties may appear and show cause why said pool should not be developed on 320-acre spacing units.

- CASE 5259: Application of Read & Stevens, Inc. for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox gas well location for a well proposed to be drilled 660 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the East line of Section 30, Township 20 South, Range 25 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, in exception to the pool rules for the Indian Basin-Morrow Gas Pool or the Cemetary-Morrow Gas Pool, whichever is applicable.
- CASE 5260: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit R & G Drilling Company and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why Order No. DC-1026, which authorized dual completion in the Blanco-Mesaverde and Basin-Dakota Pools, should not be rescinded and the Hammond Well No. 47 located in Unit K, Section 35, Township 27 North, Range 8 West, San Juan County, New Mexico, be recompleted as a single zone well.
- CASE 5261: Application of Amerada Hess 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 Devonian formation through the openhole interval from 11,160 feet to 11,230 feet of its H. C. Posey "A" Well No. 1 located in Unit 0 of Section 11, Township 12 South, Range 32 East, East Caprock-Devonian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.
- CASE 5262: Application of Petro-Lewis Corporation for pool contraction, creation, and special pool rules, Sandoval County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the contraction of the Media-Entrada Oil Pool by the deletion of the NW/4 of Section 22, Township 19 North, Range 3 West, Sandoval County, New Mexico, and the creation of a new pool for Entrada production comprising said lands. Applicant further seeks the promulgation of special rules for said pool, including a provision for 160-acre proration units and the establishment of a special depth bracket allowable for said pool of up to 750 barrels per day.
- CASE 5263: Application of Reading & Bates Oil and Gas Company for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox gas well location for a well proposed to be drilled at a point 660 feet from the South and West lines of Section 8, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, the S/2 of said Section 8 to be dedicated to the well.
- CASE 5251: (Continued from the June 5, 1974, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Pierce & Dehlinger for the Amendment of Order No. R-4560, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the amendment of Order No. R-4560 to provide for an extension of time in which to comply with the schedule set forth in said order for the drilling and completion of the third well covered by said order, to be located in the NE/4 of Section 24, Township 9 South, Range 33 East, Vada-Pennsylvanian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.



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BEFORE EXAMINER STAMETS OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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MONSANTO COMPANY ARCO NO. 2

Measured		True	Deviati	on Direction	Displacement	
Depth Feet		Vertical Depth Feet	Angle Degrees	Degrees	Feet	
11,475'	(Orig. T.D.)			N79 ⁰ 25'W	11.54N	61.83W (62.89')
11,532'	(Target)			N 45 E	330 N	330 E (466.70')
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BEFORE EXAMINER STAMETS
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Gentlemen:

We enclose application of Monsanto Company for directional drilling which we would appreciate your placing on the first available examiner's docket.

Yours very truly,

HINKLE, BONDURANT, COX & EATON

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cc: Monsanto Company

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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO



Care 5-256

APPLICATION OF MONSANTO COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF DIRECTIONAL DRILLING IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULES 111(b) IN CONNECTION WITH MONSANTO ARCO NO. 2 FEDERAL LOCATED 990 FEET FROM THE NORTH LINE AND 2,310 FEET FROM THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, BURTON FLATS POOL, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Oil Conservation Commission

Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Box 2088

Comes Monsanto Company, acting by and through the undersigned attorney, and hereby makes application for approval of directional drilling in accordance with Rule 111(b) in connection with Monsanto Arco No. 2 Federal located 990 feet from the north line and 2,310 feet from the east line of Section 13, Township 21 South, Range 26 East, Burton Flats Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, and in support thereof respectfully shows:

1. Applicant drilled its Arco No. 2 Federal well located 990 feet from the north line and 2,310 feet from the east line of Section 13, Township 21 South, Range 26 East to a total depth of 11,475 feet, but failed to encounter gas in paying quantities.

Applicant proposes to plug said well back to a depth of 9,314 feet and to set a whipstock and directionally drill said well so that the same will be bottomed 1980 feet from the east line and 660 feet from the north line of said Section 13.

- 2. Applicant proposes to directionally drill said well in accordance with applicable rules and regulations of the Commission so that the same will be bottomed at the location above indicated and it is anticipated that the well has a good chance of encountering gas in paying quantities in the Pennsylvanian formation.
- 3. Applicant believes that the directional drilling of said well will be in the interest of conservation, the prevention of waste and will protect correlative rights.

4. Applicant requests that this matter be included on the first available examiner's docket.

Respectfully submitted,

MONSANTO COMPANY

HINKLE, BONDURANT, COX & F P.O. Box 10 Roswell, New Mexico 88201 Attorneys for Applicant



BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION 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:

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CASE NO. 5256

Order No. R-48/7

APPLICATION OF MONSANTO COMPANY FOR DIRECTIONAL DRILLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on June 19 , 1974 at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets .

NOW, on this day of June, 1974, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

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- (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, Monsanto Company, is the owner and operator of the Arco Federal Well No. 2, located 990 feet from the North line and 2310 feet from the East line of Section 13, Township 21 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, Burton Flats Field, Eddy County, New Mexico.

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- (3) That the subject well was originally drilled to a total depth of 11,475 feet into the Morrow formation but was not in commercial quantities productive of gas, from that formation.
- (4) That the applicant proposes to plug back the well to a direction of 1/2 direction of 1/
- (5) That the applicant has obtained a waiver of objection from the affected offsetting operator.

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- of the whipstock point by means of a continuous multishot directional survey, conducted prior to the hearing of this case and that
- That the applicant should be required to determine the subsurface location of the bottom of the hole by means of a continuous multi-shot directional survey conducted subsequent to said directional drilling, if said-well is to be completed as a producing well.
- (8) That approval of the subject application will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, avoid the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, and otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

designated.

(1) That the application of Monsanto Company to directionally drill its Arco Federal Well No. 2, the surface location of which is 990 feet from the line and 23/0 feet from the line and 23/0 feet from the Local line of Section 13, Township 21 South, Range 26 Fast, NMPM, Burton Flats Field, Eddy County, New Mexico, and to bottom said well in the Morrow formation within a 50-foot radius of a point 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line of said Section 13 is hereby approved.

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that subsequent to the above-described directional drilling, a continuous multi-shot directional survey shall be made of the wellbore from total depth to the whipstock point with shot points not more than 100 feet apart; that the operator shall cause the surveying company to forward a copy of

the survey report directly to the Santa Fe Office of the Commission, Box 2088, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501, and that the operator shall notify the Commission's Artesia District Office of the date and time said survey is to be commenced.

(2) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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