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Re: CASE NO. Mr. Robert Bayless ORDER NO. R-5967 Merrion & Bayless P. O. Box 1541 Farmington, New Mexico 87401 Applicant:

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced Division order recently entered in the subject case.

Yours very truly, ŗĹ JOE D. RAMEY Director

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

CASE NO. 6493 Order No. R-5967

APPLICATION OF MERRION & BAYLESS FOR GAS WELL COMMINGLING, SAN-JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

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This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on March 14, 1979, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this <u>30th</u> day of March, 1979, the <u>Division</u> 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, Merrion and Bayless, is the owner and operator of the Hi Roll Wells Nos. 1 and 2, located in Units O and K of Section 35, Township 27 North, Range 13 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

(3) That the applicant seeks authority to surface commingle, prior to measurement, Pictured Cliffs production from the above-described wells.

(4) That both of said wells are located in a proposed Navajo Indian Irrigation Project field which will utilize travelling sprinklers, and that the installation of meter runs at the wells would interfere with the sprinkler operation.

(5) That both of the subject wells produce small amounts of gas from a non-prorated gas pool.

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(6) That the surface commingling of the gas produced from the subject wells at a meter run off the lease will not cause waste nor impair correlative rights.

(7) That in order to allocate the commingled production to each of the subject wells, individual 24-hour well tests through the common meter run should be conducted semi-annually, with the well not on test shut-in at the well-head.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Merrion & Bayless, is hereby authorized to surface commingle, prior to measurement, Pictured Cliffs production from the Hi Roll Wells Nos. 1 and 2, located in Units O and K of Section 35, Township 27 North, Range 13 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

(2) That the applicant shall conduct semi-annual 24-hour tests on each of the above wells, producing the same through the common meter run while the other well remains shut-in at the wellhead, and the results of such tests shall be used to allocate production to each of the wells herein authorized to be commingled.

(3) 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 hereinabove designated.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT Serial Number

NM 33047

OIL AND GAS LEASE (COMPETITIVE PUBLIC DOMAIN LANDS)

THIS INDENTURE OF LEASE, entered into, as of

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, by and between

the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, through the Bureau of Land Management, hereinafter called lessor, and J. Gregory Merrion and Robert L. Bayless P. O. Box 1541

Parmington, New Mexico 87401

hereinafter called lessee, under, pursuant, and subject to the terms and provisions of the Act of February 25, 1920, (41 Stat. 437), as amended, (30 U.S.C. Sec. 181 *et seq*), hereinafter referred to as the Act, and to all reasonable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior now or hereafter in force when not inconsistent with any express and specific provisions herein, which are made a part hereof.

WITNESSETH:

Sec. 1. Rights of lessee – That lessor, in consideration or rents and royalties to be paid, and the conditions and covenants to be observed as herein set forth, does hereby grant and lease to lessee the exclusive right and privilege to drill for, mine, extract, remove, and dispose of all the oil and gas deposits, except helium gas, in or under the following-described tracts of land situated in the San Juan field:

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containing acres, more or less; together with the right to construct and maintain thereupon all works, buildings, plants, waterways, roads, telegraph or telephone lines, pipelines, reservoirs, tanks, pumping stations, or other structures necessary to the full enjoyment thereof, for a period of five (5) years, and so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced in paying quantities; subject to any unit agreement heretofore or hereafter approved by the Secretary of the Interior, the provisions of said agreement to govern the lands subject thereto where inconsistencies with the terms of this lease occur.

Sec. 2. In consideration of the foregoing, lessee agrees:

(a) Bonds - (1) To maintain any bond furnished by the lessee as a condition for the issuance of this lease.

(2) To furnish prior to beginning of drilling operations and maintain at all times thereafter as required by lessor a bond in the penal sum of \$10,000 with approved corporate surety, or with deposit of United States bonds as surety therefor, conditioned upon compliance with the terms of this lease, unless a bond in that amount is already being maintained or unless such a bond furnished by an operator of the lease is accepted, or unless a bond has been filed under 43 CFR 3104 applicable to this lease,

(b) Cooperative or unit plan – Within thirty (30) days of demand, or, if the leased land is committed to an approved unit or cooperative plan and such plan is terminated prior to the expiration of this lease, within thirty (30) days of demand made thereafter, to subscribe to and to operate under such reasonable cooperative or unit plan for the development and operation of the area, field, or pool, or part thereof, embracing the lands included herein as the Secretary of the Interior may then determine to be practicable and necessary or advisable, which plan shall adequately protect the rights of all parties in interest, including the United States. (c) Wells -(1) To drill and produce all wells necessary to protect the leased land from drainage by wells on lands not the property of lessor, or lands of the United States leased at a lower royalty rate, or as to which the royalties and rentals are paid into different funds than are those of this lease; or in lieu of any part of such drilling and production, with the consent of the Director of the Geological Survey, to compensate lessor, in full, each month for the estimated loss of royalty through drainage in the amount determined by said Director.

(2) At the election of lessee, to drill and produce other wells in conformity with any system of well spacing or production allotments affecting the field or area in which the leased lands are situated, which is authorized and sanctioned by applicable law or by the Secretary of the Interior.

(3) Promptly after due notice, in writing, to drill and produce such other wells as the Secretary of the Interior may reasonably require in order that the leased premises may be properly and timely developed and produced in accordance with good operating practice.

(d) Rentals and royalties - To pay rentals and royalties in amount or value of production removed or sold from the leased lands as set forth in the rental and royalty schedule attached to and made a part hereof. (1) It is expressly agreed that the Secretary of the Interior may establish reasonable minimum values for purposes of computing royalty on any or all oil, gas, natural gasoline, and other products obtained from gas, due considcration being given to the highest price paid for a part or for a majority of production of like quality in the same field, to the price received by lessee, to posted prices, and to other relevant matters and, whenever appropriate, after notice and opportunity to be heard.

(3) When paid in value, such royalties on production shall be due and payable monthly on the last day of the month next following the month in which produced. When paid in amount of production, such royalty products shall be delivered in merchantable condition on the premises where produced without cost to lessor, unless otherwise agreed to by the parties hereto, at such times and in such tanks provided by lessee as reasonably may be required by lessor, but in no case shall lessee be required to hold such royalty oil or other products in storage beyond the last day of the month next following the month in which produced nor be responsible or held liable for the loss or destruction of royalty oil or other products in storage from causes over which he has no control.

(4) Rentals or minimum royalties may be waived, suspended, or reduced; and royalties on the entire leasehold or any portion thereof segregated for royalty purpose may be reduced if the Secretary of the Interior finds that, for the purpose of encouraging the greatest ultimate recovery of oil or gas and in the interest of conservation of natural resources, It is necessary, in his judgment, to do so in order to promote development, or because the lease cannot be successfully operated under the terms fixed herein.

(e) Payments - Unless otherwise directed by the Secretary of the Interior, to make rental, royalty, or other payments to lessor, to the order of the Bureau of Land Management at the places mentioned in the regulation 43 CFR 3103.1-2. If there is no well on the leased lands capable of producing oll or gas in paying quantities, the failure to pay rental on or before the anniversary date shall automatically terminate the lease by operation of law. However, if the time for payment falls on a day in which the proper BLM office to receive payment is closed, payment shall be deemed timely if made on the next official working day.

(f) Contracts for disposal of products - To file with the Oil and Gas Supervisor of the Geological Survey not later than thirty (30) days after the effective date thereof any contract or evidence of other arrangement for the sale or disposal of oil, gas, natural gasoline, and other products of the leased land: Provided, That nothing in any such contract or other arrangement shall be construed as modifying any of the provisions of this lease, including, but not limited to, provisions relating to gas waste, taking royalty in kind, and the method of computing royalties due as based on a minimum valuation and in accordance with the Oil and Gas Operating Regulations.

(g) Statements, plats, and reports – At such times and in such form as lessor may prescribe, to furnish detailed statements showing the amounts and quality of all products removed and sold from the lease, the proceeds therefrom, and the amount used for production purposes or unavoidably lost; a plat showing development work and improvements on the leased lands; and a report with respect to stockholders, investments, depreciation, and costs.

(h) Well records - To keep a daily drilling record, a log, and complete information on all well surveys and tests in form acceptable to or prescribed by lessor of all wells drilled on the leased lands, and an acceptable record of all subsurface investigations affecting said lands; and to furnish them, or copies thereof, to lessor when required. All information obtained under this paragraph, upon request of lessee, shall not be open to inspection by the public until the expiration of the lease.

(i) Inspection - To keep open at all reasonable times for the inspection of any duly authorized officer of the Department, the leased premises and all wells, improvements, machinery, and fixtures thereon and all books, accounts, maps and records relative to operations and surveys or investigations on the leased lands or under the lease. All information obtained pursuant to any such inspection, upon request of lessee, shall not be open to inspection by the public until the expiration of the lease.

(j) Diligence, prevention of waste, health and safety of workmen - To exercise reasonable diligence in drilling and producing the wells herein provided for unless consent to suspend operations temporarily is granted by lessor; to carry on all operations in accordance with approved methods and practices as provided in the Oil and Gas Operating Regulations, having due regard for the prevention of waste of oll or gas or damage to deposits or formations containing oil, gas, or water or to coal measures or other mineral deposits, for conservation of gas energy, for the preservation and conservation of the property for future productive operations and for the health and safety of workmen and employees; to plug property and effectively all wells drilled in accordance with the provisions of this lease or of any prior lease or permit upon which the right to this lease was predicated before abandoning the same; to carry out at expense of lessee all reasonable orders of lessor relative to the matters in this paragraph, and that on failure of lessee so to do lessor shall have the right to enter on the property and to accomplish the purpose of such orders at lessee's cost: *Provided*, That lessee shall not be held responsible for delays or casualties occasioned by causes beyond lessee's control.

(k) Taxes and wages, freedom of purchase - To pay when due, all taxes lawfully assessed and levied under the laws of the State or the United States upon improvements, oil and gas produced from the lands hereunder, or other rights, property or assets of lessee; to accord all workmen and employees complete freedom of purchase, and to pay all wages due workmen and employees at least twice each month in the lawful money of the United States.

(1) Equal Opportunity Clause - The lessee agrees that, during the performance of this lease.

(1) The lessee will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin. The lessee will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants, are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The lessee agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the lessor setting forth the provisions of this Equal Opportunity Clause.

(2) The lessee will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the lessee, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

(3) The lessee will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which lessee has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice, to be provided by the lessor, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the lessee's commitments under this Equal Opportunity Clause, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

(4) The lessee will comply with all provisions of Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.

(5) The lessee will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended, and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

(6) In the event of the lessee's noncompliance with the Equal Opportunity Clause of this lease or with any of said rules, regulations, or orders, this lease may be canceled, terminated or suspended in whole or in part and the lessee may be declared ineligible for further Federal Government contracts or leases in accordance with the procedures authorized in Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

(7) The lessee will include the provisions of Paragraphs (1) through (7) of this subsection 2(1) in every contract, subcontract, or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to Section 204 of Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended, so that such provisions will be binding upon each contractor, subcontractor, or vendor. The lessee will take such action with respect to any contract, subcontract, or purchase order as the Secretary of the Interior may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance; Provided, however, that in the event the lessee becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a contractor, subcontractor, or vendor as a result of such direction by the Secretary of the Interior, the lessee may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

(m) Certification of nonsegrated facilities – By entering into this lease, the lessee certifies that lessee does not and will not maintain or provide for lessee's employees any segregated facilities at any of lessee's establishments, and that lessee does not and will not permit lessee's employees to perform their services at any location, under lessee's con-

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

SURFACE DISTURBANCE STIPULATIONS

Management Agency (name)

District Manager Bureau of Land Management P. O. Box 6770 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107 Area Oil and Gas Supervisor or District Engineer (Address, include zip code) District Engineer U. S. Geological Survey P. O. Box 959 Farmington, New Mexico 87401

Address (include zip code)

operations will be subject.

Bureau of Indian Affairs Navajo Irrigation Project P. O. Box 2157 Farmington, NM 87401

1. Notwithstanding any provision of this lease to the contrary, any drilling, construction, or other operation on the leased lands that will disturb the surface thereof or otherwise affect the environment, hereinafter called "surface disturbing operation," conducted by lessee shall be subject, as set forth in this stipulation, to prior approval of such operation by the Area Oil and Gas Supervisor in consultation with appropriate surface management agency and to such reasonable conditions, not inconsistent with the purposes for which this lease is issued, as the Supervisor may require to protect the surface of the leased lands and the environment.

2. Prior to entry upon the land or the disturbance of the surface thereof for drilling or other purposes, lessee shall submit for approval two (2) copies of a map and explanation of the nature of the anticipated activity and surface disturbance to the District Engineer or Area Oil and Gas Supervisor, as appropriate, and will also furnish the appropriate surface management agency named above, with a copy of such map and explanation.

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assuring timely reclamation of disturbed lands.
3. Upon completion of said environmental analysis, the District Engineer or Area Oil and Gas Supervisor, as appropriate, shall notify lessee of the conditions, if any, to which the proposed surface disturbing

An environmental analysis will be made by the Geo-

logical Survey in consultation with the appropriate

surface management agency for the purpose of assuring

proper protection of the surface, the natural resources,

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Said conditions may relate to any of the following:

- (a) Location of drilling or other exploratory or developmental operations or the manner in which they are to be conducted;
- (b) Types of vehicles that may be used and areas in which they may be used; and
- (c) Manner or location 'in which improvements such as roads, buildings, pipelines, or other improvements are to be constructed.

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Special Stipulation - Oil and Gas Lease NM 33047

No payment or other consideration will be made to other users, licensees, permittees or lessees for any damage to or loss of natural vegetation, wildlife, mineral material, or for soil disturbance occuring on national resource lands, which result from operation, development or construction activities carried out under the authority of this oil and gas lease

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SPECIAL STIPULATION (To be attached to and form a part of oil and gas lease NM 33047

No oil or gas facilities will be installed that will unduly interfere with the construction or development of the area for agricultural purposes in connection with the Navajo Indian Irrigation Project. The lessee must clear with the Navajo Indian Irrigation Project Manager prior to the installation of any oil and gas equipment so that modification or relocation at a later date might be avoided.

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RENTALS AND ROYALTIES FOR OIL AND GAS LEASES

SCHEDULE "A" - NONCOMPETITIVE

RENTALS. To post the lessor in advance on or before the first day of the month which the lease issues a rental at the following rates:

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- a. If the lands are wholly outside the known geologic structure of a producing oil or gas licent, 50 cents per acre or fraction thereof for each lease year.
- b. On leases wholly or partly within the geologic structure of a producing oil or gas field:
 - 1. If not committed to a cooperative or use plan which includes a well capable of producing oil or gas and contains a general provision for allocation of production beginning user the first lease year after 30 'days' notice that all or part of the land is included in each a structure and for each year thereafter prior to a discovery of oil or gas on the lands iterein, \$2 per acre or fraction thereof.

2. On the lands committed to an upproved cooperative or unit plan which includes a well capable of producing oil or gas and contains a general provision for allocation is production, for the lands not within the participating area an annual rental of 50 cents per orf action thereof each lease year following unscovery. 1

MINIMUM ROYALTY. To pay the lessor in lieu of rental at the expiration of each lease year after discovery a minimum royalty of \$1 per acre or, if there is production, the difference between the annual royalty paid during the year and the prescribed minimum realty of \$1 per acre, provided that on unitized leases, the minimum royalty shall be payable only on the participating acreage.

ROYALTY ON PRODUCTION. To pay the second 12% percent royalty on the production removed or sold from the based lands.

SCHEDULE "B" - COMPETITIVE

ROYALTY ON PRODUCTION. To pay the lessor the following royalty on production removed or sold from the leased lands.

1. When the average production for the month in barrels per well per day is:

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2. On gas, including inflammable gas, helium, carbon dioxide and all other natural gases and mixtures thereof, and on natural or casinghead gasoline and other liquid products obtained from gas; when the average production of gas per well per day for the month does not exceed 5,000,000 cubic feet, 12-1/2 percent; and when said production of gas exceeds 5,000,000 cubic feet, 16-2/3 percent of the amount or value of the gas and liquid products produced, said amount or value of such liquid products to be net after an allowance for the cost of manufacture.

MINIMUM ROYALTY. To pay the lessor in lieu of rental at the expriation of each lease year after discovery a minimum royalty of \$1 per acre or, if there is production, the difference between the actual royalty paid during the year and the prescribed minimum royalty of \$1 per acre, provided that on unitized leases, the minimum royalty shall be payable only on the participating acreage.

RENTALS. To pay the lessor in advance on or before the first day of the month in which the lease issued and for each lease year thereafter prior to a discovery of oil or gas on the leased lands, an annual rental of \$2 per acre or fraction thereof.

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NOTICE

The average production per well per day for oil and gas shall be determined pursuant to 30 CFR, Part 221, "Oil and Gas Operating Regulations."

In determining the amount or value of gas and liquid products produced, the amount or value shall be net after an allowance for the cost of manufacture. The allowance for cost of manufacture may exceed twothirds of the amount or value of any product only on approval by the Secretary of the Interior.

trol, where segregated facilities are maintained. The lessee agrees that a breach of this certification is a violation of the Equal Opportunity Clause in this lease. As used in this certification, the term "segregated facilities" means, but is not limited to, any waiting rooms, work areas, rest rooms and wash rooms, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, locker rooms and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or Entertainment areas, transportation, and housing facilities provided for employees which are segregated by explicit directive or are in fact segregated on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin, because of habit, local custom, or otherwise. Lessee further agrees that (except where lessee has obtained identical certifications from proposed contractors and subcontractors for specific time periods) lessee will obtain identical certifications from proposed contractors and subcontractors prior to the wward of contracts or subcontracts exceeding \$10,000 which are not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity Clause; that lessee will retain such certifications in lessee's files; and that lessee will forward the following notice to such contractors and subcontractors (except where the proposed contractor or subcontractor has submitted identical certifications for specific time periods),

Notice to prospective contractors and subcontractors of requirement for certification of nonsegregated facilities – A Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities, as required by the May 9, 1967 order (32 F.R. 7439, May 19, 1967) on Elimination of Segregated Facilities, by the Secretary of Labor, must be submitted prior to the award of a contract or subcontract exceeding \$10,000 which is not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity Clause. The certification may be submitted either for each contract and subcontract or for all contracts and subcontracts during a period (i.e., quarterly, semiannually, or annually).

(n) Assignment of oil and gas lease or interest therein — As required by applicable law, to file for approval by lessor any instrument of transfer made of this lease or any interest therein, including assignments of record title, operating agreements and subleases, working or royalty interests, within ninety (90) days from date of final execution thereof.

(o) Pipelines to purchase or convey at reasonable rates and without discrimination – If owner, or operator, or owner of a controlling interest in any pipeline or of any company operating the same which may be operated accessible to the oil or gas derived from lands under this lease, to accept and convey and, if a purchaser of such products, to purchase at reasonable rates and without discrimination the oil or gas of the Government or of any citizen or company not the owner of any pipeline, operating a lease or purchasing or selling oil, gas, natural gasoline, or other products under the provisions of the Act of August 7, 1947 (61 Stat. 913; 30 U.S.C. 351).

(p) Lands patented with oil and gas deposits reserved to the United States - To comply with all statutory requirements and regulations thereunder, if the lands embraced herein have been or shall hereafter be disposed of under the laws reserving to the United States the deposits of oil and gas therein, subject to such conditions as are or may hereafter be provided by the laws reserving such oil or gas.

(q) Reserved or segregated lands — If any of the land included in this lease is embraced in a reservation or segregated for any particular purpose, to conduct operations thereunder in conformity with such requirements as may be made by the Director, Bureau of Land Management, for the protection and use of the land for the purpose for which it was reserved or segregated, so far as may be consistent with the use of the land for the purpose of this lease, which latter shall be regarded as the dominant use unless otherwise provided herein or separately stipulated.

(r) Protection of the environment including the surface, other resources and improvements — In accordance with the directives contained in the National Environmental Policy Act (83 Stat. 852; 42 U.S.C. 4321-4347), the requirements of other environmental legislation, the oil and gas leasing regulations (43 CFR 3100) and the Oil and Gas Operating Regulations (30 CFR 221).

(1) General - Lessee shall take such steps as required by the drilling permit, the attached stipulations, or the authorized officer to prevent activities or operations on the leased lands from: (i) causing or contributing to soil erosion or damage to crops or other vegetative cover on Federal or non-Federal lands in the vicinity; (ii) polluting soil, air, or water; (iii) creating hazards to wildlife or depriving them of the use of the natural elements of their habitat; (iv) disturbing the surface or damaging areas of scenic value or natural beauty; (v) damaging or removing improvements owned by the United States or other parties; or (vi) destroying, damaging, or removing fossils, historic or removing fossils, historic or prehistoric ruins or artifacts. Lessee shall, prior to the termination of bond liability or at any other time when required and in the manner directed by lessor, reclaim all land the surface of which has been disturbed, dispose of all debris or solid waste, repair the offsite

and onsite damage caused by lessee's activity or activities incidental thereto, restore access roads or trails to their former condition and remove structures. Lessor may prescribe, by stipulations to be subsequently included in this lease or through the authorized officer, the steps to be taken by lessecto protect or restore the environment both on and off the lands, and improvements thereon whether or not the improvements are owned by the United States.

(2) Use of other resources - Timber, mineral materials, and water from public water reserves or water developed by the Bureau of Land Management or its lessees, licensees, or permittees, except water rights established under State law acquired by such lessees, licensees, or permittees may be used only with advanced authorization from and on terms and conditions imposed by the authorized officer.

(3) Antiquities and objects of historic value

(i) Lessee shall immediately bring to the attention of the authorized officer any and all American antiquities or other objects of historic or scientific interest including, but not limited to, historic or prehistoric ruins, fossils, or artifacts discovered as a result of operations under this lease, and to leave such item(s) or condition(s) intact. Failure to comply with any of the terms and conditions imposed by the authorized officer with regard to the preservation of antiquities shall constitute a violation of the Antiquities Act (16 U.S.C. 431-433).

(ii) If the authorized officer determines that archaeological values exist or may exist on the lands within the lease and that they might be impaired by oil and gas operations, lessee will engage a recognized authority on archaeology, acceptable to the Bureau of Land Management, to survey and salvage, in advance of any operations, such values on the lands involved. The responsibility for and cost of this survey and salvage will be that of lessee.

(4) Pollution Control – Lessee agrees that this lease is subject to all relevant pollution control legislation at the Federal, State, or local level. Such legislation includes, but is not limited to the Clean Air Act, as amended (77 Stat.' 392; 42 U.S.C. 1857, *et seg.*), the Refuse Act of 1899 (30 Stat. 1152; 33 U.S.C. 407-409), the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (62 Stat. 1155; 33 U.S.C. 1151-1161).

(5) Stipulations - To comply with stipulations attached hereto which are made a part of the lease or the approved Application for Permit to Drill.

(s) Overriding royalties — Not to create overriding royalties in excess of five percent except as otherwise authorized by the regulations.

(t) Deliver premises in case of forfeiture - To deliver up to lessor in good order and condition the land leased including all improvements which are necessary for the preservation of producing wells.

Sec. 3. The lessor reserves:

(a) Easements and rights-of-way - The right to permit for joint or several use easements or rights-of-way, including easements in tunnels upon, through, or in the lands leased, occupied, or used as may be necessary or appropriate to the working of the same or of other lands containing the deposits described in the Act, and the treatment and shipment of products thereof by or under authority of the Government, its lessees or permittees, and for other public purposes.

(b) Disposition of surface - The right to lease, sell, or otherwise dispose of the surface of the leased lands under existing law or laws hereafter enacted, insofar as said surface is unnecessary for the use of lessee in the extraction and removal of the oil and gas therein, or to dispose of any resource in such lands which will not unreasonably interfere with operations under this lease.

(c) Monopoly and fair prices - Full power and authority to promulgate and enforce all orders necessary to assure the sale of the production of the leased lands to the United States and to the public at reasonable prices, to protect the interests of the United States, to prevent monopoly, and to safeguard the public welfare.

(d) Helium - The ownership of helium and the right to extract or have extracted from all gas produced under this lease, subject to such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior. If lessor elects to take the helium, lessee shall deliver all or any portion of gas containing the same to lessor, in the manner required by lessor, at any point on the leased premises or, if the area is served at the time of production by a gas-gathering system owned or operated by lessee, at any point in that system specified by lessor, for extraction of the helium by such means as lessor may provide. The residue shall be returned to lessee, with no substantial delay in the delivery of the gas produced from the well to owner or purchaser thereof. Save for the value of the helium extracted, lessee shall not suffer a diminution of the value of the gas produced from the well, or loss otherwise, including any expense caused solely by the requirement of the delivery of the gas to permit the extraction of helium, for which he is not reasonably compensated. Lessor
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(e) Taking of royalties - All rights pursuant to Sec. 36 of the Act, to take royalties in amount or in value of production.

(f) Casing - All rights pursuant to Sec. 40 of the Act to purchase casing and lease or operate valuable water wells.

Sec. 4. Drilling and producing restrictions — It is agreed that the rate of prospecting and developing and the quantity and rate of production from the lands covered by this lease shall be subject to control in the public interest by the Secretary of the Interior, and in the exercise of his judgment the Secretary may take into consideration, among other things, Federal and State laws, and regulations issued thereunder, or lawful agreements among operators regulating either drilling or production, or both. After unitization, the Secretary of the Interior, or any person, committee, or State or Federal officer or agency so authorized in the unit plan, may alter or modify, from time to time, the rate of prospecting and development and the quantity and rate of production from the lands covered by this lease.

Sec. 5. Surrender and termination of lease - Lessee may surrender this lease or any legal subdivision thereof by filing in the proper BLM office, a written relinquishment, in *triplicate*, which shall be effective as of the date of filing subject to the continued obligation of lessee and his surety to make payment of all accrued rentals and royalties and to place all wells on the land to be relinquished in condition for suspension or abandonment in accordance with the applicable lease terms and regulations,

Sec. 6. Purchase of materials, etc., on termination of lease – Upon expiration of the lease, or the earlier termination thereof pursuant to Sec. 5 above, lessee shall have the privilege at

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any time within a period of ninety (90) days thereafter of temoving from the premises all machinery, equipment, tools, and materials other than improvements needed for producing wells. Any materiels, tools, appliances, machinery, structures, and equipment subject to removal as above provided, which are allowed to remain on the leased lands shall become the property of lessor on expiration of the 90-day period or such extension thereof as may be granted because of adverse climatic conditions throughout said period: *Provided*, that lessee shall remove any or all such property where so directed by lessor.

Sec. 7. Proceedings in case of default - If lessee shall not comply with any of the provisions of the Act or the regulations thereunder or of this lease, or shall make default in the performance or observance of any of the terms hereof this lease may be canceled or terminated in accordance with Sec. 31 of the Act. This provision shall not be construed to prevent the exercise' by lessor of any legal or equitable remedy which lessor might otherwise have. Upon cancellation or termination of this lease, any casing, material, or equipment determined by the lessor to be necessary for use in plugging or preserving any well drilled on the leased land shall become the property of lessor. A waiver of any particular cause of cancellation or termination shall not prevent the cancellation or termination of this lease for any other cause of cancellation or termination, or for the same cause occurring at any other time.

Sec. 8. Heirs and successors in interest — It is further agreed that each obligation hereunder shall extend to and be binding upon, and every benefit hereof shall inure to, the heirs, executors, administrators, successors, or assigns of the respective parties hereto.

Sec. 9. Unlowful interest – It is also further agreed that no Member of, or Delegate to, Congress, or Resident Commissioner, after his election or appointment, or either before or after he has qualified and during his continuance in office, and that no officer, agent, or employee of the Department of the Interior, except as provided in 43 CFR 7.4(a)(1), shall be admitted to any share or part in this lease or derive any benefit that may arise therefrom; and the provisions of Sec. 3741 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, (41 U.S.C. Sec. 22) as amended, and Secs. 431, 432, and 433, Title 18 U.S.C., relating to contracts, enter into and form a part of this lease so far as the same may be applicable.

Sec. 10. Stipulations - XX Stipulations are attached hereto and made a part hereof. <u>The attached stipulations appear</u> as consecutively humbered pages commencing with page Thereaffer. Stipulations are not attached.

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February 6, 1979

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DOCKET: COMMISSION HEARING - WEDNESDAY - MARCH 7, 1979

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION - 9 A.M. - ROOM 205 STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Application of J. V. Fritts and Wm. B. Barnhill for review of Order No. R-4831, Eddy County, New CASE 6489: Mexico. Applicants, in the above-styled cause, seek the review and interpretation of Order No. R-4831 to permit them the opportunity to join in the drilling of the Federal "B" Well No. 1 located in Unit T of Section 1, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Atoka-Pennsylvanian Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, and to determine the applicability of the 200% risk factor.

(DE NOVO) CASE 6398:

> Application of Texas Oil & Gas Corporation for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location for the Wolfcamp and Pennsylvanian formations of its State Com Well No. 1, to be located 660 feet from the South and West lines of Section 18, Township 21 South, Range 26 East, Catclaw Draw Field, Eddy County, New Mexico, all of said Section 18 to be dedicated to the well in the Morrow formation.

Upon application of Texas Oil & Cas Corporation this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

Docket No. 11-79

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - MARCH 14, 1979

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

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

ALLOWABLE: (1) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for April, 1979, from fifteen prorated pools in Lea, Eddy, and Chaves Counties, New Mexico,

> (2) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for April, 1979, from four prorated pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico.

CASE 6490: Application of L. C. Harris for a unit agreement, Chaves and Eddy Counties, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for his Valnut Draw Unit Area comprising 9,797 acres, more or less, of Federal, state and fee lands in Townships 15 and 16 South, Ranges 23 and 24 East, Chaves and Eddy Counties, New Mexico.

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CASE 6477: (Continued from February 28, 1979, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Sun Oil Company for a waterflood project, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project on its East Millman Pool Unit Area by the injection of water into the Queen and Gräyburg formations through eleven wells located in Sections 12 and 13 of Township 19 South, Range 28 East, East Millman Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

CASE 6492: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the San Andres formation underlying the NE/4 NW/4 of Section 13, Township 17 South, Range 25 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, 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. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

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CASE 6072: (Reopened and Readvertised)

In the matter of Case 6072 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-5643 which order created the Travis-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, with provisions for 80acre spacing. All interested parties may appear and show cause why the Travis-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool should not be developed on 40-acre spacing units.

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CASE 6495:

5: Application of Amax Chemical Corporation for the amendment of Order No. R-111-A, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the amendment of Order No. R-111-A to extend the boundaries of the Potash-Oil Area by the inclusion of certain lands in Sections 23 and 24, Township 19 South, Range 29 East, Sections 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13; 14, 19, 20, 23, 24, and 29, Township 19 South, Range 30 East, and Sections 7, 8, 17, 18, and 19, Township 19 South, Range 31 East, all in Eddy County, New Mexico.

CASE 6496: Application of Llano, Inc. for rescission of pool rules, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the rescission of Order No. R-3006, which piomulgated 640-acre spacing for the Grama Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant proposes that said pool be developed and operated under 320-acre spacing and well location requirements.

CASE 6497: Application of Llano, Inc. for an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of a well to be located 1650 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 34, Township 21 South, Range 34 East, Grama Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, the E/2 of said Section 34 to be dedicated to the well.

CASE 6498:

Application of Pogo Producing Company to limit application of pool rules, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to limit the application of the Grama Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool Rules to the horizontal limits of said pool, being all of Sections 2, 3, 4, and 10, Township 22 South, Range 34 East and Sections 33 and 34, Township 21 South, Range 34 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 6499:

: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion for an order creating and extending horizontal limits and contracting vertical limits of certain pools in Chaves, Eddy, Lea, and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico:

(a) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Morrow production and designated as the Antelope Sink-Morrow Gas Pool. The discovery well is Maddox Energy Corporation State 32 Well No. 1 located in Unit I of Section 32, Township 18 South, Range 24 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

> TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, NMPH Section 32: E/2

(b) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Morrow production and designated as the Baldridge Canyon-Morrow Gas Pool. The discovery well is W. A. Moncrief, Jr., Baldridge Canyon Com Well No. 1 located in Unit G of Section 13, Township 24 South, Range 24 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, NMPM Section 13: E/2

(c) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for Delaware production and designated as the Burton Flat-Delaware Pool. The discovery well is Yates Petroleum Corporation Stonewall EP State Well No. 3 located in Unit N of Section 19, Township 20 South, Range 28 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

> TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NMPM Section 19: SW/4

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(d) CREATE a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for San Andres production and designated as the East Crossroads-San Andres Pool. The discovery well is MGF Oil Corporation Santa Fe Railway Well No. 1 located in Unit A of Section 13, Township 10 South, Range 36 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 36 FAST, NMPM Section 13: NE/4

(c) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Atoka production and designated as the South Culebra Bluff-Atoka Gas Pool. The discovery well is Delta Drilling Company South Culebra Bluff Unit Well No. 1 located in Unit G of Section 23, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

> TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANCE 28 EAST, NMPM Section 14: E/2 Soution 21: All

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(f) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Morrow production and designated as the Dublin Ranch Morrow Gas Pool. The discovery well is J. C. Barnes Oil Company Big Chief Com Well No. 1 located in Unit F of Section 22, Township 22 South, Range 28 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

> TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANCE 28 EAST, NMPM Section 22: All Section 27: N/2

(g) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Morrow production and designated as the Gardner Draw-Morrow Gas Pool. The discovery well is Phoenix Resources Company Gardner Draw Unit Well No. 1 located in Unit C of Section 20, Township 19 South, Range 21 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

> TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, NMPM Section 17: W/2 Section 19: N/2 Section 20: N/2

(h) CREATE a new pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Pennsylvanian production and designated as the Jubileé-Pennsylvanian Cas Pool. The discovery well is Tom L. Ingram Jubilee Well No. 1 located in Unit E of Section 28, Township 10 South, Range 29 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM Section 28: W/2

(i) CREATE a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Mississippian production and designated as the King-Mississippian Gas Pool. The discovery well is Cabot Corporation J. L. Reed Well No. 1 located in Unit H of Section 35, Township 13 South, Range 37 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM Section 35: NE/4

(j) CREATE a new pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Atoka production and designated as the Lone Wolf-Atoka Gas Pool. The discovery well is Depco, Inc. Sundance A Federal Well No. 1 located in Unit J of Section 25, Township 12 South, Range 29 East, NNPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM Section 25: S/2

(k) CREATE a new pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Strawn production and designated as the Lost Lake-Strawn Gas Pool. The discovery well is Texas Oil & Gas Corporation O'Brien Well No. 1 located in Unit I of Section 11, Township 9 South, Range 29 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

> TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM Section 2: S/2 Section 11: All Section 14: N/2

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(1) CREATE a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Morrow production and designated as the West Mescalero-Morrow Gas Pool. The discovery well is Natomas North America, Inc. New Mexico State Well No. 1 located in Unit M of Section 19, Township 10 South, Range 32 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, NANCE 32 EAST, NMPM Section 19: W/2

(m) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Permo-Penn production and designated as the Penasco Draw Permo-Penn Gas Pool. The discovery well is Yates Petroleum Corporation La Cama Com Well No. 1 located in Unit F of Section 20, Township 18 South, Range 25 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

| TOWNSHIP 18 | SOUTH, | RANGE | 25 | EAST, | NMPM |
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> TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 24 FAST, NMPM Section 30: N/2.

(o) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Atoka production and designated as the North Turkey Track-Atoka Gas Pool. The discovery well is Amoco Production Company State ER Com Well No. 1 located in Unit G of Section 6, Township 19 South, Range 29 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

> TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM Section 6: N/2

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

TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM Section 35: E/2

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

TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NMPM Section 17: S/2

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

TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, NMPM Section 5: NW/4 SW/4

(s) EXTEND the Cedar Lake-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

| TOWNSHIP 17 | SOUTH, | RANGE | 30 | EAST, | NMPM |
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TOWNSHIP 11SOUTH, RANCE 28 FAST, NMPMSection 9:E/2 NE/4Section 10:W/2 NW/4

(u) EXTEND the South Corbin-Wolfcamp Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM Section 20: SW/4 Page 5 of 6

(v) EXTEND the Double L Queen Associated Pool in Chaves County, New Nexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 14 SOUTH, RANGE 29 FAST, NMPM Section 24: NW/4 and E/2 SW/4 Section 36: NW/4 NW/4, S/2 NW/4 and SW/4

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TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 37 FAST, NMPM Section 18: SE/4

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TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 26 FAST, NNPM Section 7: N/2

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

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM Section 35: All

(z) REDEFINE the vertical limits of the Monument Tubb-Drinkard Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include only the Tubb formation and redesignate said pool as the Monument-Tubb Pool.

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TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, NMPM Section 23: E/2

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TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM Section 12: E/2

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TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, NMPM Section 20: N/2

(dd) EXTEND the Querecho Plains-Bone Spring Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, NMPM Section 34: NW/4

(ee) EXTEND the Richard Knob Atoka-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, NMPM Section 7: All Section 18: N/2

(ff) EXTEND the Round Tank-Queen Associated Pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH, RANGE 29 FAST, NMPM Section 30: NE/4

(gg) EXTEND the South Salt Lake-Morrow Gas Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, NMPM Section 5: Lots 11, 12, 13, 14 and SW/4

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TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM Section 22: NW/4

(11) EXTEND the Tomahawk-San Andres Pool in Roosevelt County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANCE 32 EAST, NMPM Section 30: SW/4 Page 6 of 6

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(jj) EXTEND the Twin Lakes-San Andres Associated Pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NMPM Section 36: NE/4

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Docket No. 11-79

DOCKET: COMMISSION HEARING - THURSDAY - MARCH 15, 1979

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION - 9 A.M. - ROOM 205 STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING, SANTA FE. NEW MEXICO

CASE 6222: (Rehearing) (Continued from March 2, 1979, Commission Hearing)

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Application of Paul Hamilton for salt water disposal well shut-in, Lea County, New Mexico. Upon application of Paul Hamilton there will be a rehearing of Case No. 6222, Order No. R-5753. This case involves the application of Paul Hamilton for an order shutting down salt water disposal operations in the Texaco Inc., New Mexico State "BO" SWD Well No. 3, located in Unit D of Section 24, Township 11 South, Range 32 East, Moore-Devonian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico. Pursuant to Commission Order No. R-5753-A, evidence at said rehearing shall be limited to evidence relating to data regarding water quality and water level obtained from an observation well completed next to the aforesaid SWD Well No. 3, and to other new evidence unavailable at the time of the original hearing of this case on May 31, 1978.

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.

Order No. <u><u><u>R</u>-5967</u></u>

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APPLICATION OF MERRION & BAYLESS FOR GAS WELL COMMINGLING, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

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This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on <u>March 14</u> 19 79 , at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner <u>Daniel S. Nutter</u>. NOW, on this <u>day of March</u>, 19 79 , 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, Merrion and Bayless, is the owner and operator of the Hi Roll Wells Nos. 1 and 2, located in Units O and K of Section 35, Township 27 North, Range 13 West, NMPM, San Juan County New Mexico.

(3) That the applicant seeks authority to surface commingle, prior to measurement, Pictured Cliffs production from the abovedescribed wells.

(4) That both of said wells are located in a proposed Navejo Dention Irrigation Project field which will will istilize. Trankling sprinkers, and that the instatiation of mor miler sur at the wells would interfore with the sprinkles operation. That both of the subject wells produce surve Emounts of (5) pable of low maryinal production only. gas from a non (5) That the surface for fing of the gas produced for subject well is eapable of low marginal production only the subject where at a meter surger the lase will not con-waster that the proposed committy Ting may result in the recover of additional hydrocarbons from each of the subject pools, thereby preventing waster and will not violate correlative rights. (7)That the reservoir characteristics of each of the subject zones are such that underground waste would not be caused by the proposed commingling provided that the well is not shut-in for an extended period. (8) That to afford the Division the opportunity EO the potential for waste and to expeditionsly order appropriate remedial action, the operator should notify the district office of the Division any time the subject well is shut in for 7 consecutive days. OC 17 (6) That in order to allocate the commingled production to each of the wells tests starough the common mater he he conductio mi-annually, with the well not on tool shut at the will here percent of the commingled production (ALTERNATE) (9) That in order to allocate the commingled production to Ceach of the commingled zones in the wells, applicant should district office consult with the supervisor of the f the Division and determine an allocation formula for the production zones

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED: is Merrion & Bayless (1) That the applicant, surface hereby authorized to/commingle, prior to measurement, xxxxxxx xxxx Nos. 1 and 2 , located in Units O and K of Section 35 , Township 27 North , Range 13 West County, New Mexico. NMPM, San Juan applicant shall conduct Semi (2) That the e Azter district office of the Divi 24-hour non meter rise while the gh the con as shut in at the weelland, and the results of such tests shall be used to allocate prote (ALTERNATE) cash of the were herein anthelized to be Co (2) That percent of the commingled production shall be allocated to the percent of the commingled zone and production shall be allocated to the zone. (3) That the operator of the subject well shall immediately Aztee district office any time the notify the Division's well has been shut-in for 7 consecutive days and shall concurrently present, to the Division, a plan for remedial action. (3) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further prders as the Division may deem necessary. DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.