CASE 6673: CONOCO INC. FOR A NON-STANDARD PROBATION UNIT, UNORTHODOX WELL LOCATIONS, AND SIMULTANEOUS DEDICATION, LEA COUNTY. NEW MEXICO

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October 15, 1979

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

Re: CASE NO. 6673 ORDER NO. R-6141

Applicant:

Conoco Inc.

Dear Sir:

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

Pours very truly, 0 "NI X 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. 6673 Order No. R-6141

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ORDER OF THE DIVISION:

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on September 19, 1979, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this <u>12th</u> day of October, 1979, 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, Conoco Inc., seeks approval of a 440-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising the SW/4 and S/2 NW/4 of Section 17 and the N/2 NE/4, SE/4 NE/4, and N/2 SE/4 of Section 18, all in Township 21 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, Eumont Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to be simultaneously dedicated to the following wells at unorthodox locations Meyer A-1 Wells Nos. 11 in Unit K of Section 17 and 6 and 14 in Units B and J of Section 18.

(3) That the entire non-standard proration unit may reasonably be presumed productive of gas from the Eumont Gas Pool and that the entire non-standard gas proration unit can be efficiently and economically drained and developed by the aforesaid wells.

(4) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce his just and equitable -2-Case No. 6673 Order No. R-6141

share of the gas in the Eumont Gas Pool, will prevent the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, avoid the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, and will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

(5) That Division Order No. R-4481, which approved a 200-acre non-standard unit in the aforesaid Section 18, and Division Order NSP-281, which approved a 240-acre non-standard unit in the aforesaid Section 17, should be rescinded.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

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(2) That Division Orders Nos. R-4481 and NSP-281 are hereby rescinded.

(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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- CASE 6668: Application of Delta Drilling Company for pool creation and special pool rules, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the creation of a new oil pool for Bone Spring production for its SCB Unit Well No. 3 in Unit G of Section 23, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, and special rules therefor, including 80-acre spacing.
- CASE 6669: Application of Mesa Petroleum Company for the amendment of Order No. R-6078, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the amendment of Order No. R-6078 to cover the Wolfcamp and Pennsylvanian formations in the compulsory pooling of the E/2 of Section 10, Township 16 South, Range 27 East, rather than the Morrow formation only.

CASE 6644: (Continued from September 5, 1979, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Tenneco Oil Corporation for downhole commingling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of Fruitland and Pictured Cliffs production in the wellbores of its State K Com Well No. 12 located in Unit E of Section 16, Township 30 North, Range 9 West, and its Florence Well No. 60R in Unit L of Section 1, Township 29 North, Range 9 West.

- <u>CASE 6670:</u> Application of BTA Oil Producers for pool creation and special pool rules, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the creation of a new Devonian gas pool for its 7811 JV-P Rojo Well No. 1 located in Unit D of Section 27, Township 25 South, Range 33 East, and special rules therefor, including 640-acre gas well spacing.
- <u>CASE 6671</u>: Application of Chapman and Schneider for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water in the Seven Rivere Reef formation in the open-hole interval from 3422 feet to 3504 feet in its I, B. Ogg "A" Well No. 3 located in Unit E of Section 35, Township 24 South, Range 36 East, Jalmat Pool.
- CASE 6672: Application of Coquina Oil Corporation for an exception to Rule 303C, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an exception to the Division's Rule 303C to permit its Vivian Well No. 1 located in Unit F of Section 30, Township 22 South, Range 38 East, in which Drinkard and Granite Wash production is commingled in the wellbore, to produce in excess of the 50-barrel limit imposed by said rule.
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CASE 6580: (Continued from August 22, 1979, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Continental Oil Company for a carbon dioxide injection project, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to initiate a pilot carbon dioxide injection project in the Grayburg-San Andres formation in Units H and I of Section 20, Township 17 South, Range 32 East, Maljamar Pool, for tertiary recovery purposes.

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Exhibit No

GAS PRODUCTION DATA

MEYER A-1 LEASE

(MCF/MONTH)

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August 28, 1979

Oil Conservation Division Department of Energy & Minerals State of New Mexico P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Attention Mr. Dan Nutter

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Application for Non-Standard Gas Proration Unit, Non-Standard Well Locations and Simultaneous Dedication of Acreage - Meyer A-1 Wells No. 6, 11 & 14 -Eumont Yates Seven-Rivers Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico

Enclosed are three (3) copies of the above named application. Please set this matter for hearing on the earliest available examiner docket as discussed by phone with Hugh Ingram of this office.

Yours very truly,

HAI:cab cc: Tom Kellahin, Santa Fe V. T. Lyon, Houston

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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION SANTA FE -

Case 6673

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2. Applicant has three producing gas wells on said tract, all producing from the Eumont Yates Seven Rivers Queen Gas Pool, and one oil Well No. 7 producing from the Eumont Yates Seven Rivers Oil Pool.

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8. That Wells No. 6 and 14 have more capacity to produce than allowed by the 200-acre tract presently dedicated to Well No. 6.

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10. The granting of this application will prevent waste and will not impair correlative rights of any party.

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Respectfully submitted,

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DRAFT STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION dr/ IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING: 6673 CASE NO. Order No. R-(a/4)APPLICATION OF CONOCO INC. FOR A NON-STANDARD PRORATION UNIT, UNORTHODOX WELL LOCATIONS, AND SIMULTANEOUS DEDICATION, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO. ORDER OF THE DIVISION BY THE DIVISION: This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on September 19 19 79, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter. NOW, on this day of _____, 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 Ecurit gas Pool, Kea County, & matter thereof. (2) That the applicant, Conoco Inc. seeks approval of a 440 -acre non-standard gas proration unit and the N/2 NE/4, SE/4 NE/4, and N/2 SE/4 of Section 18, all in , Towncomprising the <u>SW/4 and S/2 NW/4</u> of Section <u>17/</u> simultaneously the following wells at unorthodox locations: Meyer A-1 Wells Nos. 11 in 36 East of Section 18. (3) That the entire non-standard proration unit may reasonably be presumed productive of gas from the Eumont Gas Pool and that the entire non-standard gas proration unit can be efficiently and economically drained and developed by the aforesaid wells

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