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STATE OF NEW HEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT DIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING Called by the oil conservation Division for the purpose of Considering:

CASE NO. 7095 Order No. R-6543

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION ON ITS OWN MOTION TO PERMIT BILL G. ISLER, UNITED STATES FIDELITY AND GUARANTY COMPANY, AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE SPEARS STATE WELL NO. 2 IN UNIT B OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, CHAVES COUNTY, SHOULD NOT BE PLUGGED AND ABANDONED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A DIVISION-APPROVED PLUGGING PROGRAM,

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

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This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on December 10, 1980, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stameta.

NOW, on this <u>14th</u> day of January, 1981, the Division Director, having considered the record and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

That the applicant's request for dismissal should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That Case No. 7095 is hereby dismissed.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO. OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION AMO JOE D. RAMEY Director

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BEFORE: Richard L. Stamets TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

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For the Oil Conservation Division: State Land Office Bldg. Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

For the Applicant:

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Docket No. 40-80

Dockets Nos. 42-80 and 43-80 are tentatively set for December 30, 1980 and January 14, 1981. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 10, 1980

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

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

ALLOWABLE: (1) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for January, 1981, from fifteen prorated pools in Lea, Eddy, and Chaves Counties, New Mexico.

- (2) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for January, 1981, from four prorated pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico.
- CASE 7095: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to permit Bill G. Isler, United States Fidelity and Guranty Company, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Spears State Well No. 2 in Unit B of Section 28, Township 11 South, Range 27 East, Chaves County, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Divisionapproved plugging program.

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- CASE 7096: Application of Read & Stevens, Inc. for a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the North Baum Unit Area, comprising 637 acres, more or less, of State lands in Township 13 South, Ranges 32 and 33 East.
- CASE 7097: Application of Mesa Petroleum Co. for a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the Jackson Unit Area, comprising 2,560 acres, more or less, of State lands in Township 24 South, Range 33 East.

CASE 7098: Application of The Wiser Oil Company for a dual completion, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the dual completion of its McQuatters Well No. 4 located in Unit C of Section 11, Township 21 South, Range 36 East, to produce oil from the Oil Center-Glorieta and Hardy-Drinkard Pools through parallel strings of tubing.

CASE 7077: (Continued from November 25, 1980, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Threshold Development Company for a dual completion, Eddy County, New Mexico.¹ Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the dual completion of its Conoco "10" State Com Well No. 1 located in Unit I of Section 10, Township 19 South, Range 29 East, Turkey Track Field, to produce oil from the Wolfcamp formation and gas from the Atoka formation through parallel strings of tubing.

CASE 7089: (Continued from November 25, 1980, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Summit Energy, Inc. for a waterflood project, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project by the injection of water into the Blinebry formation through its Gulf Bunin Well No. 2 located in Unit C of Section 13, Township 21 South, Range 37 East.

- CASE 7099: Application of Harvey E. Yates Company for a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the Duncan Unit Area, comprising 7,679 acres, more or less, of State, Federal, and fee lands in Townships 13 and 14 South, Range 35 East.
- CASE 7100: Application of Harvey E. Yates Company for downhole commingling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of Atoka and 9 Morrow production in the wellbore of its Travis 24 State Com Well No. 1 in Unit H of Section 24, Township 18 South, Range 28 East.

CASE 7101: Application of Consolidated Oil 6 Gas, Inc. for downhole commingling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of Gallup and Basin-Dakota production in the wellbore of its Tribal "C" Well No. 4-E in Unit H of Section 6, Township 26 North, Range 3 West.

CASE 7102: Application of Consolidated Oil & Gas, Inc. for approval of infill drilling and an exception to Rule 9(E) of Grder No. R-1670-T, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks a finding that the drilling of its Jacquez Well No. 2 to be located in Unit K of Section 2, Township 31 North, Range 13 West, is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain that portion of the proration unit which cannot be so drained by the two existing wells on the unit. Applicant further seeks an exception to Rule 9(E) of Division Order No. R-1670-T to permit calculating the proration unit's allowable on the basis of three Mesaverde wells on the unit. Page 2 of 4 Examiner Hearing - Wednesday - December 10, 1980

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<u>CASE 7103</u>: Application of E. L. Latham, Jr. for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp thru Pennsylvanian formations underlying the N/2 of Section 7, Township 22 South, Range 26 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 7104: Application of Conoco Inc. for the amendment of Orders Nos. R-4633 and WFX-462, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the amendment of Division Orders Nos. R-4633 and WFX-462, which authorized the injection of water into applicant's Maljamar Mitchell Waterflood Project in Section 5, Township 17 South, Range 32 East. The amendments sought would include carbon dioxide in the injection authorization for said project.

- CASE 7105: Application of C and E Operators, Inc. for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Mesaverde formation underlying the N/2 of Section 9, Township 30 North, Range 11 West, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- CASE 7106: Application of C and E Operators, Inc. for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Mesaverde formation underlying the S/2 of Section 8, Township 30 North, Range 11 West, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- CASE 7107: Application of C and E Operators, Inc. for compulsory pooling and a non-standard proration unit, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Mesaverde formation underlying a 158.54-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising the SW/4 of Section 9, Township 30 North. Range 11 West, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 7090: (Continued from November 25, 1980, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Dorchester Exploration, Inc. for directional drilling and an unorthodox gas well location, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to reenter the old Union Hill Well No. 1, the surface location of which is 2310 feet from the North and West lines of Section 27, Township 12 South, Kange 28 East, and to directionally drill in an indeterminate direction from a kick-off point at 7300 feet, bottoming said well at an approximate depth of 8100 feet in the Mississippian formation less than 330 feet away from the surface location. The W/2 of said Section 27 would be dedicated to the well.

CASE 6668: (Continued from November 25, 1980, Examiner Hearing)

In the matter of Case 6668 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-6139 which order promulgated temporary special rules and regulations for the South Culebra Bluff-Bone Spring Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, including a provision for 80-acre spacing units. Operators in said pool may appear and show cause why the pool should not be developed on 40-acre spacing units.

CASE 7092: (Continued from November 25, 1980, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Delta Drilling Company for pool extension, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the extension of the South Culebra Bluff-Bone Spring Pool to include all of Sections 2, 11, 13, 14, 23, and 24, Township 23 South, Range 28 East.

CASE 7056: (Continued and Readvertised)

Application of Getty Oll Company for the extension of vertical limits of the Jalmat Pool, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the contraction of the vertical limits of the Langlie-Nattix Pool and the downward extension of the vertical limits of the Jalmat Pool to a depth of 3740 feet, subsurface, under the NW/4 SW/4 of Section 3, Township 24 South, Range 36 East. Page 3 of 4 Examiner Hearing - Wednesday - December 10, 1980

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CASE 7108: Application of HNG Oil Company for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp and Pennsylvanian formations underlying the S/2 of Section 32, Toymship 21 South, Range 35 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

<u>CASE 7109</u>: Application of Alpha Twenty-One Production Company for approval of infill drilling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks a finding that the El Paso Tom Federal Well No. 1 located 330 feet from the North and West lines of Section 33, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain that portion of an existing proration unit in the Langlie-Mattix Pool which cannot be so drained by the existing well(s).

CASE 7110: Application of Alpha Twenty-One Production Company for approval of infill drilling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks a finding that the El Paso Tom Federal Well No. 3 located 1650 feet from the North and West lines of Section 33, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain that portion of an existing proration unit in the Langlie-Mattix Pool which cannot be so drained by the existing well(s).

<u>CASE 7111</u>: Application of Alpha Twenty-One Production Company for approval of infill drilling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks a finding that the El Paso Tom Federal Well No. 2 located 1650 feet from the North line and 330 feet from the West line of Section 33, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain that portion of an existing proration unit in the Langlie-Mattix Pool which cannot be so drained by the existing well(s).

<u>CASE 7112</u>: Application of Alpha Twenty-One Production Company for approval of infill drilling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks a finding that the Harrison Federal Well No. 3 located 1980 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 27, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain that portion of an existing proration unit in the Jalmat Gas Pool which cannot be so drained by the existing well(s).

CASE 7086: (Continued from November 12, 1980, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Blackwood & Nichols Company, Ltd. for designation of a tight formation, San Juan and Rio Arriba Counties, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the designation of the Pictured Cliffs formation underlying portions of Townships 30 and 31 North, Ranges 6, 7. and 8 West, containing 33,500 acres, more or less, as a tight formation pursuant to Section 107 of the Natural Gas Policy Act and 18 CPR Section 271.701-705.

CASE 7087: (Continued from November 12, 1980, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Blackwood & Nichols Company, Ltd. for designation of a tight formation, San Juan and Rio Arriba Counties, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the designation of the Fruitland formation underlying portions of Townships 30 and 31 North, Ranges 6, 7, and 8 West, containing 33,500 acres, more or less, as a tight formation pursuant to Section 107 of the Natural Gas Policy Act and 18 CFR Section 271.701-703.

CASE 7046: (Continued and Readvertised)

Application of Cotton Petroleum Corporation for downhole commingling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of Chacra and Pictured Cliffs production in the wellbores of wells in the South Blanco-Pictured Cliffs Pool located in Sections 1 thru 4, 9 thru 14, and 23 and 24, Township 24 North, Range 4 West.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION ARTESIA DISTRICT OFFICE

P.D. DRAWER DD ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO 89210 (505) 740-4991 748-1283

Case 7095

November 14, 1980

Bill G. Isler 1903 North Louisiana Roswell, New Mexico 88201

Re: Spears State #2-B-28-11-27 Chaves County, NM

Dear Sir:

To date this office has received no response to our letter of June 10, 1980, requesting a report on the subject well.

Therefore, we are referring this matter to our attorney, Mr. Ernest L. Padilla, and requesting that he docket a hearing to allow all interested persons to attend and show cause why the well should not be properly plugged and abandoned.

Sincerely,

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Xc: Mr. Ernest L. Padilla Post Office Box 2088 Santa Fe, NM 87501

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT

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BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on December 10 1980, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamete NOW, on this _____ day of <u>December</u>, 19<u>80</u>, the Division Director, having considered the record and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

That the applicant's request for dismissal should be granted. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That Case No.

7095 ____ is hereby dismissed.

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