

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

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

**CASE NO. 13731  
ORDER NO. R-12602**

**APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY  
POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**ORDER OF THE DIVISION**

**BY THE DIVISION:**

This case came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on June 22 and July 20, 2006, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiners David R. Catanach and Richard Ezeanyim, respectively.

NOW, on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2006, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record and the recommendations of the Examiner,

**FINDS THAT:**

(1) Due public notice has been given, and the Division has jurisdiction of this case and its subject matter.

(2) The applicant, Mewbourne Oil Company ("applicant"), seeks an order pooling all uncommitted mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the W/2 of Section 10, Township 20 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for all formations and/or pools spaced on 320 acres within this vertical extent, which presently include but are not necessarily limited to the East Dagger Draw-Strawn Gas Pool and the Cemetery-Morrow Gas Pool.

(3) The above-described spacing and proration unit (the "Unit") is to be dedicated to the applicant's proposed Long Draw "10" Fee Com Well No. 1 which is to be drilled at a standard gas well location 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line (Unit L) of Section 10.

(4) Two or more separately owned tracts are embraced within the Unit, and/or there are royalty interests and/or undivided interests in oil and gas minerals in one or more tracts included in the Unit that are separately owned.

(5) Applicant is an owner of an oil and gas working interest within the Unit. Applicant has the right to drill and proposes to drill its Long Draw "10" Fee Com Well No. 1 at a standard gas well location within the NW/4 SW/4 of Section 10 to test the Morrow formation.

(6) There are interest owners in the proposed Unit that have not agreed to pool their interests.

(7) To avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, protect correlative rights, prevent waste and afford to the owner of each interest in the Unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense its just and fair share of hydrocarbons, this application should be approved by pooling all uncommitted interests, whatever they may be, in the oil and gas within the Unit.

(8) The applicant should be designated the operator of the subject well and of the Unit.

(9) Any pooled working interest owner who does not pay its share of estimated well costs should have withheld from production its share of reasonable well costs plus an additional 200% thereof as a reasonable charge for the risk involved in drilling the well.

(10) Reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates) should be fixed at \$6,500.00 per month while drilling and \$650.00 per month while producing, provided that these rates should be adjusted annually pursuant to Section III.1.A.3. of the COPAS form titled "*Accounting Procedure-Joint Operations.*"

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

(1) Pursuant to the application of Mewbourne Oil Company, all uncommitted mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the W/2 of Section 10, Township 20 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, are hereby pooled to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for all formations and/or pools spaced on 320 acres within this vertical extent, which presently include but are not necessarily limited to the East Dagger Draw-Strawn Gas Pool and the Cemetery-Morrow Gas Pool.

(2) The above-described spacing and proration Unit shall be dedicated to the applicant's Long Draw "10" Fee Com Well No. 1 which shall be drilled at a standard gas well location 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line (Unit L) of Section 10.

(3) The operator of the Unit shall commence drilling the proposed well on or before November 1, 2006, and shall thereafter continue drilling the well with due diligence to test the Morrow formation.

(4) In the event the operator does not commence drilling the proposed well on or before November 1, 2006, Ordering Paragraph (1) shall be of no effect, unless the operator obtains a time extension from the Division Director for good cause.

(5) Should the subject well not be drilled and completed within 120 days after commencement thereof, Ordering Paragraph (1) shall be of no further effect, and the Unit created by this Order shall terminate unless the operator appears before the Division Director and obtains an extension of time to drill and complete the well for good cause demonstrated by satisfactory evidence.

(6) Upon final plugging and abandonment of the subject well, the pooled Unit created by this Order shall terminate, unless this order has been amended to authorize further operations.

(7) Mewbourne Oil Company is hereby designated the operator of the subject well and of the Unit.

(8) After pooling, uncommitted working interest owners are referred to as pooled working interest owners. ("Pooled working interest owners" are owners of working interests in the Unit, including unleased mineral interests, who are not parties to an operating agreement governing the Unit.) After the effective date of this order, the operator shall furnish the Division and each known pooled working interest owner in the Unit an itemized schedule of estimated costs of drilling, completing and equipping the subject well ("well costs").

(9) Within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished, any pooled working interest owner shall have the right to pay its share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying its share of reasonable well costs out of production as hereinafter provided, and any such owner who pays its share of estimated well costs as provided above shall remain liable for operating costs but shall not be liable for risk charges. Pooled working interest owners who elect not to pay their share of estimated well costs as provided in this paragraph shall thereafter be referred to as "non-consenting working interest owners."

(10) The operator shall furnish the Division and each known pooled working interest owner (including non-consenting working interest owners) an itemized schedule of actual well costs within 90 days following completion of the proposed well. If no objection to the actual well costs is received by the Division, and the Division has not objected within 45 days following receipt of the schedule, the actual well costs shall be deemed to be the reasonable well costs. If there is an objection to actual well costs within the 45-day period, the Division will determine reasonable well costs after public notice and hearing.

(11) Within 60 days following determination of reasonable well costs, any pooled working interest owner who has paid its share of estimated costs in advance as provided above shall pay to the operator its share of the amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and shall receive from the operator the amount, if any, that the estimated well costs it has paid exceed its share of reasonable well costs.

(12) The operator is hereby authorized to withhold the following costs and charges from production:

- (a) the proportionate share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner; and
- (b) as a charge for the risk involved in drilling the well, 200% of the above costs.

(13) The operator shall distribute the costs and charges withheld from production, proportionately, to the parties who advanced the well costs.

(14) Reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates) are hereby fixed at \$6,500.00 per month while drilling and \$650.00 per month while producing, provided that these rates shall be adjusted annually pursuant to Section III.1.A.3. of the COPAS form titled "*Accounting Procedure-Joint Operations.*" The operator is authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of both the supervision charges and the actual expenditures required for operating the well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to pooled working interest owners.

(15) Except as provided in Ordering Paragraphs (12) and (14) above, all proceeds from production from the well that are not disbursed for any reason shall be placed in escrow in Eddy County, New Mexico, to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership. The operator shall notify the Division of the name and address of the escrow agent within 30 days from the date of first deposit with the escrow agent.

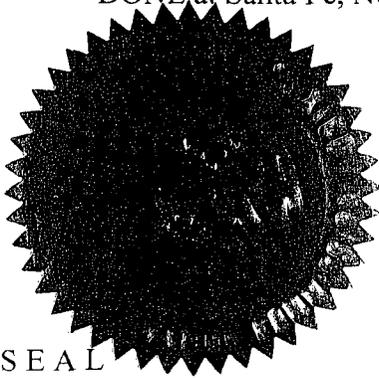
(16) Any unleased mineral interest shall be considered a seven-eighths (7/8) working interest and a one-eighth (1/8) royalty interest for the purpose of allocating costs and charges under this order. Any well costs or charges that are to be paid out of production shall be withheld only from the working interests' share of production, and no costs or charges shall be withheld from production attributable to royalty interests.

(17) Should all the parties to this compulsory pooling order reach voluntary agreement subsequent to entry of this order, this order shall thereafter be of no further effect.

(18) The operator of the well and Unit shall notify the Division in writing of the subsequent voluntary agreement of all parties subject to the forced pooling provisions of this order.

(19) Jurisdiction of this case 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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MARK E. FESMIRE, PE  
Director

Undesignated Hackberry-Bone Spring Pool. The units are to be dedicated to the Arenoso "22" Fed. Com. Well No. 1, to be drilled at an orthodox location in the SE/4 SW/4 of Section 22. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the 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 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well. The units are located approximately 14 miles south-southeast of Loco Hills, New Mexico.

**CASE NO. 13738:** *Continued from July 6, 2006 Examiner Hearing*

**Application of Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. for Compulsory Pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation underlying Lots 3, 4, S/2 NW/4, and SW/4 (the W/2) Section 2, Township 22 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, to form a standard 320.63-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Undesignated Happy Valley-Strawn Gas Pool, Undesignated Happy Valley-Atoka Gas Pool, and Undesignated Happy Valley-Morrow Gas Pool. The unit will be dedicated to the Perfecto 2 State Com. Well No. 1, to be drilled in the SW/4 NW/4 of Section 2. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the 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 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well. The unit is located approximately 2-1/2 miles West of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

**CASE NO. 13749:** *Application of Magnum Hunter Production, Inc. for cancellation of one drilling permit and approval of a second drilling permit, Lea County, New Mexico.* Applicant seeks an order canceling a drilling permit issued to Samson Resources Company covering the S/2 of Section 10, Township 20 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, and requiring the Division's Hobbs District Office to approve a drilling permit filed by applicant covering the E/2 of said Section 10, to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit in the West Teas-Morrow Gas Pool. Applicant's well unit is located approximately 5 miles Northeast of the intersection of State Highway 176 and U.S. Highway 62/180.

**CASE NO. 13731:** *Readvertised and Continued from June 22, 2006 Examiner Hearing*

**Application of Mewbourne Oil Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the W/2 of Section 10, Township 20 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for all pools or formations developed on 320-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the East Dagger Draw-Strawn Gas Pool and Cemetery-Morrow Gas Pool. The unit is to be dedicated to the proposed Long Draw "10" Fee Com. Well No. 1, to be drilled at an orthodox location in the NW/4 SW/4 of Section 10. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the 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 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well. The unit is located approximately 3 miles West-Southwest of Seven Rivers, New Mexico. IN THE ABSENCE OF OBJECTION THIS MATTER WILL BE TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT.

**CASE NO. 13719:** *Continued from June 22, 2006 Examiner Hearing*

**Application of OXY USA WTP Limited Partnership for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of Morrow formation in the following described spacing and proration units located in the W/2 of Section 24, Township 18 South, Range 27 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico: the W/2 for all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing which includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated North Illinois Camp-Morrow Gas Pool, the Undesignated Red Lake-Atoka Gas Pool and the Undesignated Chalk Bluff-Wolfcamp Gas Pool; the NW/4 for all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing; and the SE/4 NW/4 for all formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing which includes but is not limited to the Chalk Bluff- Wolfcamp Pool. OXY proposes to dedicate the above-referenced spacing or proration units to its Peso State Well No. 1 to be drilled at a standard gas well location 1980 feet from the North line and 1530 feet from the West line (Unit F) of said Section 24. 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 OXY USA WTP Limited Partnership as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 8 miles southeast of Artesia, New Mexico.

**CASE NO. 13750:** *Application of BP America Production Company for approval of a waterflood project, Eddy County, New Mexico.* Applicant seeks approval of its Washington "33" State Lease Waterflood Project by injection of water into the Queen-Grayburg, San Andres formations through the following seven injection wells located in Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 28 East, NMPM:

Washington "33" State Well No. 2, 990' FNL & 930' FEL  
Washington "33" State Well No. 4, 990' FNL & 2270' FEL  
Washington "33" State Well No. 10, 2267' FNL & 1650' FWL  
Washington "33" State Well No. 14, 2282' FNL & 970' FEL  
Washington "33" State Well No. 16, 1500' FSL & 700' FEL  
Washington "33" State Well No. 18, 1550' FSL & 2511' FEL  
Washington "33" State Well No. 23, 975' FSL & 1060' FWL

The applicant requests that the Division establish procedures for the administrative approval of additional injection wells within the project