

CASE 11328: (Continued from June 29, 1995, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Merrion Oil & Gas Corporation for a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project and for the promulgation of special operating rules therefor, Sandoval County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to initiate a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project in the Media-Entrada Oil Pool within its proposed Media Entrada Secondary (Federal) Unit comprising portions of Sections 14, 15, 22, and 23, Township 19 North, Range 3 West. Further, the applicant seeks the promulgation of special operating rules and procedures for wells within said Unit Area including provisions for administrative authorization for horizontal wells, the formation of oversized and irregular shaped spacing and proration units to accommodate such wellbores, the assignment of a special oil allowable or formula for the project area and the designation of a target window such that horizontal or producing portions of such a wellbore shall be no closer than 330 feet to the outer boundary of the project area. Said area is located approximately 14 miles southwest of Cuba, New Mexico.

CASE 11329: (Continued from June 29, 1995, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Merrion Oil & Gas Corporation to amend Division Order No. R-9079, to extend the horizontal limits of the existing high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project area, and to adopt additional special operating rules therefor, McKinley County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to amend Division Order No. R-9079 by extending the project area approved therein to include the N/2 NW/4, SE/4 NW/4, NE/4 SW/4, and S/2 SW/4 of Section 15 and the SE/4 NE/4 and NE/4 SE/4 of Section 16, of Township 19 North, Range 5 West. Further, the applicant seeks the promulgation of special operating rules and procedures for wells within said Cooperative Area including provisions for administrative authorization for horizontal wells, the formation of oversized and irregular shaped spacing and proration units to accommodate such wellbores, the assignment of a special oil allowable or formula for the project area and the designation of a target window such that horizontal or producing portions of such a wellbore shall be no closer than 330 feet to the outer boundary of the project area. Said area is located approximately 22 miles northwest of San Luis, New Mexico.

CASE 11335: Application of Naumann Oil & Gas, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the E/2 of Section 34, Township 18 South, Range 29 East, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within said vertical extent which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the North Turkey Track-Morrow Gas Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to the Empire "34" Federal Well No. 1 which is an existing well located at a standard gas well location 1980 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit G) of Section 34 and which is to be re-entered and deepened in an attempt to complete in the Morrow formation. Also to be considered will be the costs of re-entering, deepening and completing said well and the allocation of those costs thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in re-entering, deepening and completing said well. Said unit is located approximately 9 miles southwest of Loco Hills, New Mexico.

CASE 11336: Application of Bass Enterprises Production Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the E/2 of Section 2, Township 19 South, Range 28 East, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within said vertical extent, which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Turkey Track-Morrow Gas Pool and the Undesignated North Turkey Track-Morrow Gas Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled and completed at a standard gas well location within the SE/4 NE/4 of Section 2. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 13 miles southwest of Loco Hills, New Mexico.

CASE 11337: Application of Nearburg Exploration Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation within a portion of Section 29, Township 17 South, Range 27 East, in the following manner:

the S/2 forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre gas spacing within said vertical extent which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Jennings Spring-Wolfcamp Gas Pool, the Undesignated Logan Draw-Morrow Gas Pool, the Undesignated Logan Draw Cisco-Canyon Gas Pool, the Undesignated Red Lake-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, and the Undesignated West Logan Draw-Morrow Gas Pool; and,

the SE/4 forming a standard 160-acre spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent.

Said unit(s) are to be dedicated to the applicant's proposed Sandy Crossing "29" Well No. 1 to be drilled and completed at a standard gas well location within the SW/4 SE/4 of Section 29. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the costs and charges for supervision, designation of Nearburg Producing Company as the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling and completing said well. Said well(s) are located approximately 7 miles southeast of Artesia, New Mexico.

CASE 11287: (Continued from June 15, 1995, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Nearburg Exploration Company for compulsory pooling, directional drilling, and an unorthodox bottomhole oil well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Strawn formation underlying the N/2 NW/4 of Section 13, Township 17 South, Range 37 East, to form a standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 80-acre spacing within said vertical extent, which presently includes only the South Humble City-Strawn Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to its Shriner "13" Well No.1 to be directionally drilled from a surface location 600 feet from the North line and 830 feet from the West line (Unit D) of said Section 13, to an unorthodox bottomhole oil well location within 50 feet of a point 330 feet from the North line and 2130 feet from the West line (Unit C) of said Section 13. 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 the applicant as the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling and completing said well. Said unit is located approximately 5 miles west of Knowles, New Mexico.

CASE 11323: (Continued from June 29, 1995, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Stevens & Tull, Inc. for an exception to the casing requirements of Division Order No. R-111-P, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above styled-cause, seeks authority to delete the salt protection string requirements of Division Order No. R-111-P in the "Oil-Potash Area" from its proposed Federal "9" Well No. 7 to be drilled 2310 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the East line (Unit I) of Section 9, Township 20 South, Range 33 East, to test the West Teas-Yates Seven Rivers Pool. Said well site is located approximately one mile north of U. S. Highway 62/180 at mile post No. 72.

CASE 11338: **Application of Stevens & Tull Inc. for an exception to the salt protection casing string requirement of Division Order No. R-111-P for certain wells located in portions of Township 20 South, Range 33 East, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an exception to the salt protection casing string requirement contained within Division Order No. R-111-P for certain oil wells to be located in Sections 9, 10, and 16, Township 20 South, Range 33 East, to be drilled to test for production in the West Teas Yates-Seven Rivers Pool. The subject area is located north of Highway 180 some 4 miles northeast from the intersection of Highways 176 and 180 and approximately 1 mile east of Laguna Gatuna.

CASE 11324: (Continued from to June 29th , 1995, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Texaco Exploration and Production Inc. for a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project, special operating rules therefor, a non-standard oil proration unit, and a special project allowable, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to initiate a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project in the West Lindrith Gallup-Dakota Oil Pool underlying Lots 3 and 4, the E/2 SW/4, and the SE/4 (S/2 equivalent) of irregular Section 31, Township 25 North, Range 3 West, to form a non-standard 335.93-acre oil spacing and proration unit for said pool. The applicant proposes to re-complete the existing L. L. McConnell Well No. 13, located at a standard surface location 970 feet from the South line and 1800 feet from the West line (Unit N) of said Section 31, by kicking-off from vertical in an easterly direction commencing to build angle at an appropriate rate to horizontally traverse the proposed producing area. Further, the applicant seeks the promulgation of special operating rules and procedures therefor including the designation of a target window such that the horizontal or producing portion of the wellbore shall be no closer than 790 feet to the outer boundary of the project area, and for a special project allowable. Said area is located approximately 8.5 miles west-northwest of Lindrith, New Mexico.