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CASE 12369: Continued from June 15, 2000, Examiner Hearing

Application Concho Resources, Inc. for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Mississippian formation underlying the N/2 of Section 10, township 17 South, Range 35 East to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within this vertical extent, including the Undesignated North Shoe Bar-Atoka Gas Pool, Undesignated South shoe Bar-Morrow Gas Pool, Undesignated Shoe Bar-Mississippian Gas Pool, and Undesignated South Shoe Bar-Mississippian Gas Pool. This unit is to be dedicated to its proposed South Shoebar 10 State Com Well No. 2 (API No. 30-025-34783) to be drilled at a standard gas well location in the SW/4 NW/4 (Unit E) 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 charge for risk involved in drilling the well. The area is located approximately 8 miles southwest of Lovington, New Mexico.

CASE 12429: Continued from June 15, 2000, Examiner Hearing

Application of Concho Resources, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in all formations developed on 320-acre spacing in the W/2 including but not limited to the South Carlsbad-Morrow Gas Pool, in all formations developed on 160-acre spacing in the NW/4, and in all formations developed on 80-acre spacing in the W/2 NW/4 of Section 14, Township 23 South, Range 26 East. The units are to be dedicated to its Beretta 14 State Com Well No. 1 to be drilled at a standard location 1980 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 14 to a depth sufficient to test all formations from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation, South Carlsbad-Morrow Gas Pool. 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. The area is located approximately 1 mile South of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

CASE 12417: Continued from June 29, 2000 Examiner Hearing.

Application of Saga Petroleum, L.L.C. for statutory unitization, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order unitizing, for the purpose of establishing an enhanced recovery project, all mineral interests in the Devonian formation, Crossroads Siluro-Devonian Pool, underlying 800 acres, more or less, of fee lands in the following acreage:

Township 9 South, Range 36 East, N.M.P.M.

Section 27: N/2, SE/4

Section 34: E/2

The unit is to be designated the Crossroads Siluro-Devonian Unit. Among the matters to be considered at the hearing will be the necessity of unit operations; the designation of a unit operator; the designation of horizontal and vertical limits of the unit area; the determination of the fair, reasonable, and equitable allocation of production and costs of production, including capital investment, to each of the various tracts in the unit area; the determination of credits and charges to be made among the various owners in the unit area for their investment in wells and equipment; and such other matters as may be necessary and appropriate for carrying on efficient unit operations; including but not limited to, unit voting procedures, selection, removal or substitution of unit operator, and time of commencement and termination of unit operations. Applicant also requests that any such order issued in this case include a provision for carrying any non-consenting working interest owner within the unit area upon such terms and conditions to be determined by the Division as just and reasonable. The unit area is located approximately 6 miles east of Crossroads, New Mexico.

CASE 12418: Continued from June 29, 2000 Examiner Hearing.

Application of Saga Petroleum, L.L.C. for approval of a waterflood project for its Crossroads Siluro-Devonian Unit Area and qualification of said project for the recovered oil tax rate pursuant to the Enhanced Oil Recovery Act, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval of its Crossroads Siluro-Devonian Unit Waterflood Project for injection of water into the Devonian formation, Crossroads Siluro-Devonian Pool, through four injection wells located in the following described area:

Township 9 South, Range 36 East, N.M.P.M.

Section 27: N/2, SE/4

Section 34: E/2

The applicant requests that the Division establish procedures for the administrative approval of additional injection wells within the project area without the necessity of further hearings and the adoption of such other provisions as are necessary for said waterflood operations. Applicant further seeks to qualify the project area for the recovered oil tax rate pursuant to the "New Mexico Enhanced Oil Recovery Act" (Laws 1992, Chapter 38, Sections 1 through 5). The unit is located approximately 6 miles east of Crossroads, New Mexico.

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CASE 12451: **Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. 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 N/2 of Section 8, Township 19 South, Range 31 East, to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including but not limited to the Undesignated Shugart-Morrow Gas Pool. The unit is to be dedicated to its Red Cloud Fed. Com. Well No. 1, to be drilled at a location 1650 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 8. 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 Nearburg Producing Company as operator of the well, and a charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well. The units are located approximately 12½ miles southeast of Loco Hills, New Mexico.

CASE 12353: **Continued from June 1, 2000, Examiner Hearing.**

Application of Southwestern Energy Production Company for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Mississippian formation underlying the N/2 of Section 10, Township 17 South, Range 35 East, to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Undesignated South Shoe Bar-Atoka Gas Pool, the Undesignated South Shoe Bar-Morrow Gas Pool, and the Undesignated South Shoe Bar-Mississippian Gas Pool. The unit is to be dedicated to its South Shoe Bar "10" State Com. Well No. 4 to be drilled at an orthodox location in the NE/4 NW/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 charge for risk involved in drilling and completing the well. The unit is located approximately 8 ½ miles southwest of Lovington, New Mexico.

CASE 12386: **Continued from June 1, 2000, Examiner Hearing.**

Application of Threshold Development Company for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Wolfcamp formation, underlying the following described acreage in Section 16, Township 24 South, Range 33 East, and in the following manner: (a) the W/2 to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within this vertical extent which presently includes the Undesignated Johnson Ranch-Wolfcamp Gas Pool; (b) the NW/4 to form a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent; and (c) the NE/4 NW/4 to form a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within this vertical extent. These three units are to be dedicated to a single well, the proposed Johnson Ranch State "16" Well No. 1, to be drilled within the NE/4 NW/4 of Section 16 at a location considered to be standard for all three units. 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 the operator of the well and units, and a charge for risk involved in drilling the well. The proposed well location is approximately four miles west-northwest of the junction of New Mexico State Road 128 and the Delaware Basin Road.

CASE 12452: **Application of McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in all formations developed on 320-acre spacing from the base of the Pictured Cliffs Formation to the base of the Mesaverde formation in the E/2 of Section 4, Township 25 North, Range 2 West. The units are to be dedicated to its Cougar Com "4" Well No. 1A to be re-entered and drilled to a depth sufficient to test all formations to the base of the Mesaverde formation, Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool, at a standard location in the NE/4 SE/4 of Section 4. 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 the well. The area is located approximately 9 miles north of Lindrith, New Mexico.

CASE 12453: **Application of McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in all formations developed on 320-acre spacing from the base of the Pictured Cliffs Formation to the base of the Mesaverde formation in Lots 3, 4, S/2 NW/4, SW/4 (W/2 Equivalent) of Section 4, Township 25 North, Range 2 West. The units are to be dedicated to its Cougar Com "4" Well No. 2 to be drilled to a depth sufficient to test all formations to the base of the Mesaverde formation, Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool, at a standard location in the NW/4 NW/4 of Section 4. 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 charge for risk involved in drilling the well. The area is located approximately 9.5 miles north of Lindrith, New Mexico.