

Dockets Nos. 14-89 and 15-89 are tentatively set for May 10 and May 24, 1989. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - APRIL 26, 1989

8:15 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION CONFERENCE ROOM,  
STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

The following cases will be heard before David R. Catanach, Examiner, or Michael E. Stogner, or Victor T. Lyon, Alternate Examiners:

CASE 9652: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for a unit agreement, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the West of Eden Unit Area comprising 8320.72 acres, more or less, of State and Federal lands in portions of Townships 7 and 8 South, Range 23 East. Said unit is located approximately 18 miles north-northwest of Roswell, New Mexico.

CASE 9653: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for a unit agreement, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Middle Creek State Unit Area comprising 14,920.73 acres, more or less, of State and Fee lands in a portion of Townships 8 and 9 South, Range 23 East. Said unit is located approximately 13 miles north-northwest of Roswell, New Mexico.

CASE 9654: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for a unit agreement, Roosevelt County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the North Todd Unit Area comprising 960 acres, more or less, of State and Federal lands in the E/2 of Section 17 and all of Section 18, Township 7 South, Range 35 East. Said unit is located approximately 5 miles north-northwest of Milnesand, New Mexico.

CASE 9655: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for a unit agreement, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the East Apple State Unit Area comprising 5,919.52 acres, more or less, of State and Fee lands in Townships 25 and 26 South, Range 28 East. Said unit is located approximately 14 miles south of Loving, New Mexico.

CASE 9656: Application of McClellan Oil Corporation for a unit agreement, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the North Roswell State Unit Area comprising 11,653.01 acres, more or less, of State lands in a portion of Township 9 South, Range 24 East. Said unit is located approximately 10 miles north of Roswell, New Mexico.

CASE 9657: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for compulsory pooling, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the West Pecos Slope-Abo Gas Pool underlying the SW/4 of Section 28, Township 7 South, Range 23 East, forming a standard 160-acre oil and gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing. Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard gas well 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. Said location is approximately 3.5 miles west of Mile Post No. 130 on U.S. Highway 285 north of Roswell, New Mexico.

CASE 9612: (Reopened and Readvertised)

Application of Pennzoil Company for an unorthodox oil well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox oil well location 1650 feet from the North line and 330 feet from the East line (Unit H) of Section 21, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, Undesignated Northeast Lovington-Pennsylvanian Pool, the E/2 NE/4 of said Section 21 to be dedicated to the well forming a standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said location is approximately 5.25 miles east-southeast of Lovington, New Mexico.

CASE 9643: (Continued and Readvertised)

Application of Steve Sell for directional drilling and an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authorization to directionally drill its Shafer Federal Com Well No. 1 from a surface location 1327 feet from the South line and 1145 feet from the West line (Unit L) of Section 35, Township 21 South, Range 24 East, in a northwesterly direction, to a depth sufficient to test the Undesignated Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Gas Pool and the Undesignated Indian Basin-Morrow Gas Pool at an unorthodox gas well location in the NW/4 SW/4 which shall not be any closer to the South line of said Section 35 than 1600 feet nor any closer to the West line of said Section 35 than 800 feet. All of said Section 35 is to be dedicated to the well to form a standard 640-acre gas spacing and proration unit for both pools. This unit is located approximately 14 miles west of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

CASE 9658: Application of Parker & Parsley Petroleum Company for salt water disposal, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced water into the Undesignated South Loving-Delaware Pool in the perforated interval from approximately 3,500 feet to 4,800 feet in its Pardue Farms 23-D Well No. 8 to be drilled 2,069 feet from the North line and 632 feet from the East line (Unit H) of Section 27, Township 23 South, Range 28 East. Said well is located approximately 2 miles southeast by east of Loving, New Mexico.

CASE 9638: (Continued and Readvertised)

Application of Meridian Oil, Inc. to amend Division Order No. R-8882, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to amend Division Order No. R-8882 by changing the unorthodox coal gas well location approved in said Order for its Stanolind Gas Com Well No. 300 to a new location 790 feet from the North line and 1605 feet from the East line (Unit B) of Section 16, Township 30 North, Range 8 West. Said location is approximately 2.25 miles east-northeast of Archuleta, New Mexico.

CASE 9639: (Continued from March 29, 1989, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Meridian Oil, Inc. for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool underlying the E/2 (equivalent) of Section 23, Township 31 North, Range 10 West, forming a standard 313.78-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, to be dedicated to its Atlantic "D" Com Well No. 205 to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the NW/4 of said Section 23. 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. Said location is approximately 9 miles northeast of Aztec, New Mexico.

CASE 9640: (Continued from March 29, 1989, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Meridian Oil, Inc. for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool underlying the E/2 (equivalent) of Section 21, Township 31 North, Range 10 West, forming a standard 310.38-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, to be dedicated to its Lambe Com Well No. 200 to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the NE/4 of said Section 21. 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. Said location is approximately 7.5 miles northeast by east of Aztec, New Mexico.

CASE 9641: (Continued from March 29, 1989, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Meridian Oil, Inc. for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool underlying the W/2 (equivalent) of Section 23, Township 31 North, Range 10 West, forming a standard 315.75-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, to be dedicated to its Atlantic "B" Com Well No. 205 to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the SW/4 of said Section 23. 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. Said location is approximately 9 miles northeast of Aztec, New Mexico.

CASE 9648: (Continued from April 12, 1989, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Meridian Oil, Inc. to amend Division Order No. R-8868, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to amend Division Order No. R-8868 to include authorization for a non-standard coal gas well location for the subject well of said order to be drilled 2200 feet from the North line and 1360 feet from the East line (Unit G) of Section 36, Township 30 North, Range 6 West, Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool, Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 and the W/2 E/2 of said Section 36 to be dedicated to said well forming a non-standard 230.24-acre spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said location is approximately 5.5 miles northwest by north of Gobernador, New Mexico.

CASE 9649: (Continued from April 12, 1989, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Meridian Oil, Inc. for an unorthodox coal gas well location, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox coal gas well location 790 feet from the North line and 1,165 feet from the West line (Unit D) of Section 16, Township 30 North, Range 8 West, Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool, the W/2 of said Section 16 to be dedicated forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said location is approximately 4.25 miles west by north of the Navajo Reservoir Dam.

CASE 9659: Application of Texaco Producing Inc. to amend Division Order No. R-8810, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an amendment to Division Order No. R-8810 by including authorization to surface commingle Northeast Lovington-Pennsylvanian Pool production with production from the Lovington Grayburg-San Andres Pool and the Lovington-Abo Pool, all from the State "P" Lease located in Section 32, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, into a common tank battery. Said Lease is located approximately 7 miles north-northwest of Humble City, New Mexico.

Dockets Nos. 9-89 and 10-89 are tentatively set for March 15 and March 29, 1989. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

**DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - MARCH 1, 1989**

**8:15 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION CONFERENCE ROOM,  
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The following cases will be heard before David R. Catanach, Examiner, or Michael E. Stogner, or Victor T. Lyon, Alternate Examiners:

**CASE 9610:** In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to permit Knights Bridge Petroleum Corporation and James Marchbanks and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Triple Crown Well No. 1 located 660 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit 0) of Section 6, Township 9 North, Range 31 East, Quay County, New Mexico (being located approximately 7.75 miles northeast by north of Quay, New Mexico), should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program. Additionally, the Division seeks an order directing the operator to pay the costs of such plugging and if the Operator fails to do so, ordering a forfeiture of the Operator's bond and authorizing the Director of the Division to make demand upon First National Bank of Tucumcari to pay to the Division so much of the funds of the certificate of deposit given as collateral for the bond as is necessary to pay the costs of plugging said well.

**CASE 9589:** (Continued from February 15, 1989, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Murphy Operating Corporation for expansion of unit area, Chaves and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to expand the Haley Chaveroo San Andres Unit Area, authorized by Division Order No. R-8750, to include an additional 80 acres of State lands in Section 3, Township 8 South, Range 33 East, Chaveroo-San Andres Pool, Chaves County. Said unit area is located approximately 13 miles west of Milnesand, New Mexico.

**CASE 9590:** (Continued from February 15, 1989, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Murphy Operating Corporation for area expansion of a waterflood project, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to expand the Haley Chaveroo San Andres Waterflood Project Area, authorized by Division Order No. R-8760, to include an additional 80 acres in Section 3, Township 8 South, Range 33 East, Chaveroo-San Andres Pool, Haley Chaveroo San Andres Unit Area. Said project area is located approximately 13 miles west of Milnesand, New Mexico.

**CASE 9611:** Application of The Petroleum Corporation of Delaware for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the South and West lines (Unit M) of Section 1, Township 20 South, Range 29 East, Undesignated East Burton Flat-Morrow Gas Pool, the S/2 of said Section 1 to be dedicated to the well forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said location is approximately 3.5 miles west of the Eddy Potash Inc. Mine and Refinery.

**CASE 9597:** (Readvertised)

Application of Meridian Oil, Inc. for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool underlying the W/2 of Section 16, Township 30 North, Range 8 West, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, to be dedicated to its Delhi Com Well No. 300 to be drilled at an unorthodox coal gas well location 570 feet from the South line and 185 feet from the West line (Unit M) of said Section 16. 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. Said well location is approximately 4 miles northwest by west of the Navajo Reservoir Dam.

**CASE 9602:** (Continued from February 15, 1989, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of BHP Petroleum, Inc. for special GOR, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the adoption of special pool rules for the East Avalon-Bone Spring Pool, establishing a limiting gas-oil ratio of 5,000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil. Said pool is located in portions of Townships 20 and 21 South, Ranges 27 and 28 East, which is approximately 9 miles northeast of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

**CASE 9612:** Application of Pennzoil Company for an unorthodox oil well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox oil well location 1650 feet from the North line and 330 feet from the East line (Unit R) of Section 21, Township 17 South, Range 37 East, Undesignated Humble City-Strawn Pool, the E/2 NE/4 of said Section 21 to be dedicated to the well forming a standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said location is approximately 2.5 miles north-northwest of Humble City, New Mexico.

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CASE 9613: Application of Chevron U.S.A. Inc. for an unorthodox oil well location and a non-standard oil proration unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox oil well location 940 feet from the North line and 2210 feet from the West line (Unit C) of Section 2, Township 17 South, Range 37 East, Shipp-Strawn Pool, Lots 3 and 4 of said Section 2 to be dedicated to the well forming a non-standard 82.37-acre oil spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said location is approximately 5 miles north of Humble City, New Mexico.

CASE 9572: (Continued from February 1, 1989, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Dugan Production Corporation for a non-standard gas proration unit, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for a 164.87-acre non-standard gas spacing and proration unit for production from the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool comprising Lots 1 and 2 and the E/2 NW/4 of Section 31, Township 28 North, Range 10 West. Said unit is to be dedicated to its Knauff Well No. 1 which is presently completed in the Kutz-Fruitland Pool and is located at a previously authorized unorthodox coal gas well location (pursuant to Decretory Paragraph No. (4) of Division Order No. R-8768) 1015 feet from the North line and 1650 feet from the West line (Unit C) of said Section 31. This well is located approximately 6.5 miles south-southeast of Bloomfield, New Mexico

CASE 9573: (Continued from February 1, 1989, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Dugan Production Corporation for a non-standard gas proration unit, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for a 160-acre non-standard gas spacing and proration unit for production from the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool comprising the NE/4 of Section 18, Township 29 North, Range 11 West. Said unit is to be dedicated to its Hana Well No. 1 which is presently a dually completed gas well in the Fruitland formation and the Fulcher Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool and is located at a standard coal gas well location 790 feet from the North line and 1520 feet from the East line (Unit B) of said Section 18. This well is located approximately 2.5 miles west-northwest of Bloomfield, New Mexico

CASE 9614: Application of Blackwood & Nichols Co., Ltd. for an unorthodox coal gas well location and a non-standard gas proration unit, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox coal gas well location 930 feet from the South line and 610 feet from the West line (Unit N) of irregular Section 6, Township 30 North, Range 7 West, Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool. Said well is to be dedicated to a 296.02-acre non-standard gas spacing and proration unit comprising Lots 11 and 12 and the E/2 SW/4 of Section 31, Township 31 North, Range 7 West, and Lots 11, 12, 17, and 18 and the E/2 W/2 equivalent of said Section 6. Said location is approximately 2.25 miles north of the Navajo Reservoir Dam.

CASE 9615: Application of Blackwood & Nichols Co., Ltd. for an unorthodox coal gas well location and a non-standard gas proration unit, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox coal gas well location 320 feet from the South line and 1250 feet from the West line (Unit N) of irregular Section 19, Township 31 North, Range 7 West, Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool. Said well is to be dedicated to a 259.82-acre non-standard gas spacing and proration unit comprising Lots 5, 6, 7, and 8 and the E/2 W/2 of said Section 19 and Lot 5 and the NE/4 NW/4 of Section 30, both in Township 31 North, Range 7 West. Said location is approximately 6 miles north of the Navajo Reservoir Dam.

CASE 9616: Application of Blackwood & Nichols Co., Ltd. for an unorthodox coal gas well location and a non-standard gas proration unit, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox coal gas well location 2255 feet from the North line and 340 feet from the West line (Unit F) of irregular Section 31, Township 31 North, Range 7 West, Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool. Said well is to be dedicated to a 250.65-acre non-standard gas spacing and proration unit comprising Lots 6, 9, and 10, the E/2 SW/4, and the SE/4 SW/4 of Section 30 and Lots 7 and 8 and the E/2 NW/4 of said Section 31, both in Township 31 North, Range 7 West. Said location is approximately 4 miles north of the Navajo Reservoir Dam.

CASE 9617: Application of Curry and Thornton for an unorthodox oil well location and a non-standard proration unit, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox oil well location 1980 feet from the South line and 2475 feet from the West line (Unit K) of Section 9, Township 14 South, Range 29 East, Undesignated North King Camp-Devonian Pool, the E/2 W/2 of said Section 9 to be dedicated to said well forming a non-standard 160-acre oil spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said location is approximately 17 miles east of Hagerman, New Mexico.

CASE 9618: Application of Bill Fenn, Inc. for an unorthodox gas well location and dual completion, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dually complete a well in the Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Gas Pool and Indian Basin-Morrow Gas Pool at an unorthodox gas well location 1650 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the West line (Unit E) of Section 14, Township 21 South, Range 23 East, all of said Section 14 to be dedicated to the well forming a standard 640-acre gas spacing and proration unit for both pools. Said well location is approximately 1.25 miles north-northwest of the Marathon Oil Company Indian Basin Gas Plant.

CASE 9619: Application of Santa Fe Exploration Company for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the South and East lines (Unit P) of Section 8, Township 21 South, Range 23 East, Undesignated Indian Basin-Morrow Gas Pool, all of said Section 8 to be dedicated to said well, forming a standard 640-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said well is located approximately 3.75 miles west-northwest of the Marathon Oil Company Indian Basin Gas Plant.