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8 IN THE MATTER OF:

9 Application of Chevron U. S. A. Inc. CASE  
10 for an unorthodox oil well location 9613  
11 and a non-standard oil proration unit,  
12 Lea County, New Mexico.

13 BEFORE: Victor T. Lyon, Examiner

14 TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

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1 MR. LYON: We'll call next Case  
2 9613.

3 MR. STOVALL: Application of  
4 Chevron USA, Inc., for an unorthodox oil well location and  
5 a nonstandard oil proration unit, Lea County, New Mexico.

6 MR. LYON: Appearances?

7 MR. KELLAHIN: If the Examiner  
8 please, I'm Tom Kellahin of the Santa Fe law firm of  
9 Kellahin, Kellahin & Aubrey.

10 I'm appearing on behalf of the  
11 applicant, Chevron USA, Inc., and I have two witnesses to  
12 be sworn.

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14 (Witnesses sworn.)

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16 MR. LYON: Proceed, Mr. Kella-  
17 hin.

18 MR. KELLAHIN: Mr. Examiner, I  
19 have two witnesses to present in this case.

20 The first witness is a petro-  
21 leum geologist. His name is Scott Evanson, E-V-A-N-S-O-N.  
22 He'll present a geologic presentation with regards to his  
23 request for an unorthodox location also in the Shipp Strawn  
24 Pool.

25 The second witness is Mr.

1 Mickey Warlick. Mr. Warlick is a petroleum engineer with  
2 Chevron USA, Inc.

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4 SCOTT G. EVANSON,  
5 being called as a witness and being duly sworn upon his  
6 oath, testified as follows, to-wit:

7  
8 DIRECT EXAMINATION

9 BY MR. KELLAHIN:

10 Q Mr. Evanson, for the record, sir, would  
11 you please state your name and occupation?

12 A My name is Scott Evanson. I'm a devel-  
13 opment geologist with Chevron USA, and I reside in Hobbs,  
14 New Mexico.

15 Q Mr. Evanson, have you on prior occasions  
16 testified before the Oil Conservation Division?

17 A No, I have not.

18 Q Would you take a moment and describe  
19 when and where you obtained your degree in geology?

20 A I obtained a Bachelor of Science degree  
21 in geology from the University of Kansas in 1981.

22 Q Subsequent to graduation, would you sum-  
23 marize for us your employment experience as a geologist?

24 A I worked for Gulf Oil in 1981 as an ex-  
25 ploration geologist in Oklahoma City, primarily Anadarko

1 Basin.

2 And in 1983 was transferred to Kilgore,  
3 Texas, went into development geology, where I worked pri-  
4 marily north -- northern Louisiana.

5 And with the -- Chevron's purchase of  
6 Gulf Oil, I was transferred to Kilgore, Texas, and have  
7 been primarily responsible for the northern half of Lea  
8 County since mid-1986.

9 Q Describe for us what has been your spe-  
10 cific efforts as a geologist to study and develop the loca-  
11 tion for what has now become known as the R. J. Holt No. 2  
12 Well.

13 A We located all available well data and  
14 seismic data in the area, including some additional data  
15 that we shot, and prepared the exhibits that we'll present  
16 today.

17 Q Does this represent your personal choice  
18 on a well location for this well?

19 A Yes, it does.

20 Q You're the exploration geologist that's  
21 made the recommendation to your company for the drilling of  
22 this well at this location?

23 A Yes.

24 Q How long have you specifically worked on  
25 that task, Mr. Evanson?

1           A           I'd say we've been working on this pro-  
2           ject for approximately six months.

3           Q           When you say "we", who does that include  
4           besides yourself?

5           A           Mickey Warlick, who is the engineer on  
6           the project.

7                           MR. KELLAHIN: We tender Mr.  
8           Evanson as an expert petroleum engineer -- petroleum geolo-  
9           gist. I'll get it right one of these days.

10                          MR. LYON: Mr. Evanson's qual-  
11           ifications are acceptable.

12           Q           Mr. Evanson, let me have you turn, sir,  
13           to what is marked as Exhibit Number One. Let's use this as  
14           a reference initially, if you will, please.

15                          Identify for us what is proposed to be  
16           the 80-acre spacing and proration unit for the well.

17           A           It will be the north half of the  
18           northwest quarter of Section 2, Township 17 South, Range 37  
19           East.

20           Q           And how have you identified the proposed  
21           well location within that spacing unit?

22           A           It's identified with a red dot.

23           Q           And what is the approximate footage  
24           location of the well from the south and east lines of that  
25           spacing unit?

1           A           430 feet from the east line of the  
2 spacing unit and 420 feet from the south line.

3           Q           In making your study and in ultimately  
4 picking this proposed location for this well, as a geolo-  
5 gist, Mr. Evanson, what did you ultimately conclude?

6           A           We concluded that in order to penetrate  
7 the thickest portion of this Strawn mound and to drill in  
8 an area where we have most -- the greatest amount of confi-  
9 dence in our interpretation, we would need to drill at this  
10 unorthodox location.

11          Q           What are the primary reasons that sup-  
12 port that conclusion, Mr. Evanson?

13          A           Well, first off, the history of the  
14 field out here shows that you have your best opportunity  
15 for establishing production from these Strawn mounds in the  
16 thickest portion of the mound and that's what we're trying  
17 to do here at this location.

18                   We also would like to stay as close pos-  
19 sible to the seismic lines. In this case we would like to  
20 drill at the tie between two seismic lines as that's where  
21 we have the greatest amount -- greatest confidence in our  
22 subsurface interpretation based on that seismic.

23          Q           We also feel like wells out here, they  
24 have a history of drifting to the north as they're drilled  
25 and this southern, slightly southern location better accom-

1 modates for the drift that we anticipate while drilling the  
2 well.

3 We do not feel like we're -- that we are  
4 violating correlative rights, the offset leases, because we  
5 feel that the mounds that we are shooting for, our target  
6 mound is separate for surrounding mounds in the field area.

7 Q Let's look, sir, at the specifics of  
8 your work and the conclusions that you have reached.

9 I'd like to direct your attention now to  
10 your Exhibit Number Two.

11 Would you take a moment and identify the  
12 display for us?

13 A This is an isopach map of the Strawn  
14 Limestone interval. It shows the general nature of these  
15 mounds as -- as individual mounds that grow more or less  
16 randomly in a shallow sea, algal mounds. They are rela-  
17 tively steep sided reservoirs and the scale of this map is  
18 one inch equals 1000 feet. Contour interval is 25 feet.

19 Q When we look at the 80-acre spacing unit  
20 that's shaded in yellow, that in fact is not a standard  
21 80-acre spacing unit, is it, sir?

22 A No, it is not.

23 Q Describe for us how the lots are number-  
24 ed and oriented in that tract and what each lot consists of  
25 in terms of its acreage.



1           A           Our proration unit consists of Lots 3  
2 and 4.

3                       Lot 3 is 41.19 acres in size and Lot 4  
4 is 41.18. That gives us a proration unit size of 82.37  
5 acres.

6           Q           When we look at your display Number Two,  
7 I see immediately adjacent to the red dot where you have  
8 the unorthodox location picked, just to the north and west  
9 of that dot is an open circle. What does that represent?

10          A           That would be our closest orthodox loca-  
11 tion to our proposed location.

12          Q           That represents a point taken from the  
13 center of Lot No. 3 and then measured out using a circle  
14 with a radius of 150 feet?

15          A           Correct.

16          Q           On your display you have located what  
17 appear to be seismic lines?

18          A           That's correct. We've shown the three  
19 seismic lines that we primarily used in -- in estimating  
20 the shape of our target mound.

21          Q           Let me have you start with Line A that  
22 runs generally north and south through the unorthodox well  
23 location and have you describe the reason for the orienta-  
24 tion and the location of that line.

25          A           Line A is the only one of these three

1 lines that is proprietary data. We shot this line shortly  
2 after the completion of the Amerind State 2 No. 1 Well  
3 directly south of our proposed -- or generally south of our  
4 proposed location.

5 We oriented the line in order to pass  
6 through the Amerind State 2 No. 1 Well and the Gillespie  
7 No. 2 Well to the south, and in doing so we've crossed our  
8 proration unit at an unorthodox location.

9 Q Describe the reason and orientation for  
10 Line B.

11 A Line B is a trade line that we acquired  
12 from another company. We had no control over the orienta-  
13 tion of that line.

14 Q And Line C.

15 A Line C is a similar case.

16 Q Have you integrated the seismic informa-  
17 tion with the conventional geology available to determine  
18 the size and shape and thickness of the algal mound as best  
19 as you could interpret that mound?

20 A Yes. We -- we can recognize these  
21 mounds on the seismic as anomalies. Now, we aren't very  
22 good yet at getting down to the exact thickness on these  
23 off the seismic but we can get a handle on relative thick-  
24 ness and using that -- using in this instance primarily  
25 Line A, we have come to the conclusion that there is a

1 mound overlying our acreage -- or underlying our acreage  
2 and it is separate from the Amerind mound to the south and  
3 I think the production history of the Amerind well to the  
4 south of us will indicate that that is indeed a very small  
5 mound.

6 Q With the information available on this  
7 display can you draw any illustrations or examples of  
8 other instances where you can document how critical it is  
9 to the operators to be at the thickest portion of these  
10 various mounds in order to optimize their opportunity to  
11 have a commercially producing oil well?

12 A Yes. The mound to the southwest, it  
13 would be located primarily in the southeast quarter of  
14 Section 3, the Pennzoil Byers No. 1 Well is located in this  
15 -- in this mound. Chevron maintains a 50 percent working  
16 interest in -- in this mound that Pennzoil operates.

17 Now the two wells located near this --  
18 what we have mapped as the center of this mound, are both  
19 top allowable producers. The well to the south, the TXO  
20 Penron Byers Well is slightly on the edge of the mound and  
21 is no longer able to produce the top allowable.

22 Q In addition there is a sidetrack hole on  
23 the Byers lease. You see it, it's at a 190 foot thickness  
24 in the southwest -- I'm sorry, the southeast quarter of  
25 Section 3? Am I looking at the right information?

1           A           The southwest --

2           Q           This one here.

3           A           Oh, that is not a sidetrack hole.  
4 That's just -- we explain there the northward drift that  
5 was encountered in that wellbore.

6           Q           Well, while we're on that point, can you  
7 show us how you've indicated the northward drift of any  
8 other wells on the display?

9           A           Yes. The two wells that we have shown  
10 the -- we have the information to show the actual bottom  
11 hole location are the TXO Penron Byers in the southeast  
12 quarter of Section 3, and the Sohio State 2 No. 1 in Unit  
13 letter A of Section 2.

14          Q           Do you have any other illustrations on  
15 the display that shows you how important the relative  
16 thickness is of the mound in terms of finding a commercial  
17 -- a well that will produce oil on a commercial basis?

18          A           The relative thickness --

19          Q           Yes, sir, on -- let's see if we have any  
20 more examples of it.

21                      You showed us that in the Pennzoil Byers  
22 mound. Are there any other of these mounds that represent  
23 that phenomena?

24          A           Well, we do have a couple examples on  
25 this map that show that -- the separation of these mounds

1 and that the thickness doesn't necessarily correlate to  
2 production.

3 The mound on the extreme northwest por-  
4 tion of the map shows the Union of Texas No. 4 Well and  
5 that well could very easily be mapped in the mound with the  
6 other wells in that general vicinity.

7 Now, however, the No. 4 Well shows a  
8 production history that is much different than the -- even  
9 the No. 3 Well, which is located directly east of it. We  
10 feel that it must be in a satellite, small satellite mound  
11 or a different portion of the mound complex.

12 Q Can you illustrate for us any examples  
13 on the display that show how critical it is to you as a  
14 geologist to put a well location at the point where you  
15 have intersections of your various seismic lines?

16 A Yes. The Pennzoil State No. 2, State 2  
17 No. 1 wellbore in the southwest quarter of Section 2,  
18 Chevron holds a 50 percent working interest in that well.

19 We -- following the completion of the  
20 Byers No. 1 Well, located due west of the State 2 No. 1, we  
21 examined our seismic data in the area, which at the time  
22 was very limited, and elected to join Pennzoil in the  
23 drilling of the State 2 No. 1.

24 That well was a dry hole and came in  
25 considerably -- with a considerably thinner Strawn section

1 than we had mapped based on our limited seismic area,  
2 limited seismic data available in the area.

3 With the addition of more seismic data  
4 we remapped the area and went along again with Pennzoil in  
5 their proposal to sidetrack this well, and the sidetrack  
6 was approximately 500 feet to the southwest and it went  
7 from a dry hole to a top allowable well.

8 Q Have you satisfied yourself as a geolo-  
9 gist that you can reach a geologic conclusion that the por-  
10 tion of the pod that you've mapped in your spacing unit is  
11 going to be a separate and distinct producing pod from any  
12 of the other adjacent pods in the area?

13 A Yes. We feel like based on the  
14 information from Line A and collaborated (sic) by the pro-  
15 duction data that we will be separated, the target mound  
16 will be separated from the Amerind mound to the south and  
17 we also feel that we're separated from the Sohio mound  
18 which is located east of our target mound.

19 Q In your opinion, Mr. Evanson, do you see  
20 a need or justification to have the Commission adopt a pen-  
21 alty factor in conjunction with approval of this unorthodox  
22 location for this particular well?

23 A No, I do not.

24 Q Why not, sir?

25 A In that we feel like we are not violat-

1 ing the correlative rights of the offset leaseholders due  
2 to the separation of the mounds and also, back on the first  
3 exhibit we showed, there are been numerous unorthodox loca-  
4 tions granted in this portion of the Shipp Strawn Field and  
5 none of which have been penalized.

6 MR. KELLAHIN: That concludes  
7 my examination of Mr. Evanson on his geologic presentation  
8 and we move the introduction of Exhibits One and Two.

9 MR. LYON: Is there objection?  
10 Exhibits One and Two will be admitted.

11

12 CROSS EXAMINATION

13 BY MR. LYON:

14 Q Mr. Evanson, you have on your Exhibit  
15 Two two intersections of seis lines.

16 A That's correct.

17 Q You have one intersection with your pro-  
18 prietary line and then you have one from Line C, which --  
19 did you say that that was information that you purchased or  
20 was that a group shoot?

21 A Line C we traded.

22 Q Right, you told us that. Do you feel  
23 that -- that the information you gained from -- from Lines  
24 C and B are comparable reliability --

25 A Yes.

1 Q -- as the one on Line A?

2 A Yes.

3 Q The crossing of Lines B and C is at a  
4 more centralized location for your proration unit and it  
5 appears that the thickness based on your isopach is greater  
6 than 225 feet, and I suppose this small closure that you  
7 have your proposed well located on, on that contour, is 250  
8 feet.

9 A Yes.

10 Q And your interpretation shows that a  
11 location 200 feet or 150 feet to the -- to the west of that  
12 would be at a comparable thickness.

13 A That is interpreted that way, that's  
14 correct. That is, we do not have any data to show us how  
15 exactly large this 250-foot contour is, other than at the  
16 -- where the seismic lines cross it.

17 Q It's just a matter that -- that geolo-  
18 gists, geophysicists lose confidence when they move away  
19 from the actual (unclear) line.

20 A That is true.

21 MR. LYON: I believe that's  
22 all I have.

23 MR. KELLAHIN; Follow-up  
24 question, Mr. Examiner.

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## 1 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

2 BY MR. KELLAHIN:

3 Q What is -- what is your opinion of the  
4 thickness at the intersection of Lines C and B through the  
5 spacing unit?

6 A It is less than the thickness at the  
7 intersection of Lines A and C.

8 Q Can you quantify more specifically what  
9 the range is of difference between the thickness at each of  
10 those locations?

11 A We made a stab at it here on our isopach  
12 map. As I've stated before, we're not real comfortable  
13 with our estimating thicknesses from the seismic but we  
14 feel like it would be in the order of 25 to 25 feet plus  
15 thinner than the proposed location.

16 Q Have you and the geophysicist carefully  
17 examined the data available at the intersection of both of  
18 those points, the unorthodox location and the more standard  
19 location?

20 A Yes, we have.

21 Q Those have all been carefully evaluated  
22 and examined and that information studied by you?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Which of the two gives you the greatest  
25 opportunity to maximize the thickness of the reservoir and

1 therefore obtain a commercial well?

2 A The line intersection that is at our  
3 proposed location. We, that is the steep edge of the  
4 mound there. The mound gradually thins to the north and  
5 where exactly the edge of this thing is, is interpretive.

6 Q If you were required to drill at a loca-  
7 tion that's more standard, where, for example, Line C and B  
8 intersect, and now plug in the known factor that these  
9 wellbores generally drift to the north, where will that  
10 place you in terms of the thickness if that well is drilled  
11 at that location?

12 A That will place us out on the thinner  
13 edge of the target mound and we feel at a much riskier lo-  
14 cation than the location we have proposed.

15 MR. KELLAHIN: No further  
16 questions.

17 MR. LYON: I have nothing fur-  
18 ther.

19 Mr. Evanson may be excused.  
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22 MICKEY WARLICK

23 being called as a witness and being duly sworn upon his  
24 oath, testified as follows, to-wit:

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## 1 DIRECT EXAMINATION

2 BY MR. KELLAHIN:

3 Q Mr. Warlick, for the record, sir, would  
4 you please state your name and occupation?5 A I'm Mickey Warlick. I'm a petroleum en-  
6 gineer, reservoir engineer, for Chevron Oil Company.7 Q Mr. Warlick, on prior occasions have you  
8 testified before the Oil Conservation Division?

9 A No, I have not.

10 Q You have worked on prior occasions in  
11 preparation of testimony and exhibits and displays but you  
12 have never physically testified yourself?

13 A That's correct, sir.

14 Q Would you take a moment and describe for  
15 us what has been your education background?16 A Yes. I went to the New Mexico Institute  
17 of Mining Technology; graduated with a BS degree in petro-  
18 leum engineering in '81.19 I then went to work for Gulf Oil Corpor-  
20 ation which later merged with Chevron. I've been in Hobbs,  
21 New Mexico, all this time looking at reservoirs in all of  
22 New Mexico and west Texas.23 Q Describe generally what you and Mr.  
24 Evanson have done in examining the Shipp Strawn Pool and  
25 trying to find a well location and a proration and spacing

1 unit for Chevron to drill a well in this pool.

2 A We studied all the geological and pro-  
3 duction history for the wells in the immediate area and  
4 have come to the conclusion that we need to have a well at  
5 the unorthodox location.

6 Q In reaching the conclusions of your en-  
7 gineering study, Mr. Warlick, what did you ultimately con-  
8 clude about the unorthodox location?

9 A That Chevron needs to have the unortho-  
10 dox location to be able to penetrate the mound at its  
11 thickest location to have the best well and best location  
12 in the reservoir.

13 Q Did you also make a study to determine  
14 whether or not in your opinion as an engineer the mound to  
15 be penetrated for the J. R. Hold No. 2 Well was going to be  
16 a mound that was separate and distinct from any other pro-  
17 ducing mounds in the vicinity?

18 A That's correct. Based on the production  
19 history and it backs up the geological evidence that we  
20 have that they are indeed separate and distinct mounds.

21 Q Let me have you commence, Mr. Warlick,  
22 you have prepared for discussion a Strawn production map.  
23 You also have prepared and we will discuss what is shown to  
24 be a decline map, and then you have also prepared and we  
25 will discuss what you've identified as a productive acres

1 map?

2 A That's correct.

3 Q And does all those maps and the conclu-  
4 sions derived from that study represent your own personal  
5 opinions and conclusions?

6 A Yes, it does.

7 MR. KELLAHIN: At this time,  
8 Mr. Examiner, we tender Mr. Warlick as an expert petroleum  
9 engineer.

10 MR. LYON: Mr. Warlick, are  
11 you a registered professional engineer?

12 A No, sir, I am not.

13 MR. LYON; Mr. Warlick is  
14 qualified.

15 Q Let me have you take the production map  
16 which we've marked as Chevron Exhibit Number Three and be-  
17 fore you draw any conclusions from that work, would you  
18 simply identify the display and show us how to read the in-  
19 formation on the display?

20 A Okay. This is simply a production map  
21 for the area which shows for each individual well, produc-  
22 ing well it has the date that it was brought on line, the  
23 initial production rate for each well, the current rate,  
24 and then the cumulative produced through November of '88.

25 Q In making your engineering study in con-

1 junction with the geologist, what have you determined to be  
2 the productive characteristics or reservoir characteristics  
3 of this particular reservoir?

4 What type of drive mechanism do you have  
5 occurring in this reservoir?

6 A Okay. I've determined that all of these  
7 wells out here produce from a solution gas drive mechanism  
8 with varying degrees of water influence, being slight to  
9 (unclear).

10 Q In examining the production have you  
11 found a relationship between the thickness of the algal  
12 mound penetrated in the well and its productivity?

13 A Yes, sir.

14 Q What is that relationship?

15 A I've found that the probability of ob-  
16 taining the best well comes from hitting the thickest part  
17 in the reservoir. When you hit the thickest part you have  
18 the gross interval, the have the thickest net pay, the  
19 greater porosity and the greater permeability in the reser-  
20 voir. It results in a better well both initially and for  
21 the ultimate recovery for the well.

22 Q How have you gone about satisfying your-  
23 self as an engineer that the J. R. Holt No. 2 mound is  
24 going to be separate and distinct from of the other mounds  
25 being produced in the vicinity?

1           A           That is on the declines from the produc-  
2   tion history of the wells in the area.

3           Q           And that is shown on Exhibit Number  
4   Four?

5           A           That's correct.

6           Q           All right, sir, let's turn to that exhi-  
7   bit.

8                       This represents Mr. Evanson's basic geo-  
9   logic display that he presented earlier to the Examiner?

10          A           That's correct.

11          Q           And then on that display you've made  
12   some additional -- you've added some additional informa-  
13   tion.

14          A           Right, I've added the declines for each  
15   well from the initial production rate of the well through  
16   current date.

17          Q           All right, what do you conclude from  
18   having done that study and made that -- those calculations?

19          A           Okay. In looking at all the mounds  
20   throughout this region, that they are separate and dis-  
21   tinct; that -- that -- again we covered the drive mechan-  
22   isms, the solution gas drive with varying amounts of water,  
23   and that in the westernmost mound that has the five wells  
24   in it --

25          Q           Let's see, that's the one in the south-

1 ern portion of 34 and in the northwest of 3?

2 A That's correct.

3 And the well that is in the Unit N of  
4 34, --

5 Q Yes, sir.

6 A -- the Shipp 34, 4, I concluded that  
7 that is in a separate mound, satellite mound of this larger  
8 mound.

9 Q What caused you to reach that  
10 conclusion?

11 A The production came on very well but as  
12 depicted there, it was at a 99 percent rate and it fell off  
13 to nothing. They have stopped production there. The gas  
14 production in that well had an increasing gas/oil ratio  
15 throughout the life, down toward the end, and it fell off,  
16 too, which is characteristic of a solution gas drive reser-  
17 voir.

18 The main color of the reservoir has --  
19 as in the well that is in Unit D of that mound, of 3, D of  
20 3, the Pennzoil Myers No. 1, it came on, was top allowable  
21 for 445 barrels a day for 19 months, we started off with a  
22 72 percent decline. It's a -- the difference in between  
23 these two wells depicts that the well in 34, Section 34,  
24 the Shipp 34 No. 4, is in a separate mound.

25 Q All right, let's separate out the Penn-



1       zoil Shipp mound from the Amerind mound in the southeast of  
2       the northwest of 2. Can you separate that, the Amerind  
3       mound just to the south of you?

4               A           Yes.

5               Q           All right, can you separate that from  
6       the Pennzoil Shipp mound to the west?

7               A           Yes, sir.

8               Q           And what causes you to believe there's a  
9       separation?

10              A           Because it has the same characteristics  
11       as the Shipp 34 No. 4 Well. This well came on at top al-  
12       lowable; also had a 900 percent decline and it has the same  
13       producing characteristics as the 34, 4.

14              Q           Is there any doubt in your mind that the  
15       Amerind mound just to the south of your location is sepa-  
16       rate and distinct from the Pennzoil Byers mound in the  
17       southeast of 3?

18              A           It is -- it is totally separate from  
19       those reservoirs.

20              Q           And you got confirmation from that with  
21       the Chevron No. 1 Well that missed the -- missed the mound,  
22       didn't it?

23              A           That's right.

24              Q           Okay. Now how do we separate ourselves  
25       as -- from -- from the Sohio well in the northeast of the

1           A           I went -- I have planimetered the pro-  
2 ductive acreage of this map to each proration unit and you  
3 will see a percent productive acres associated to the unit  
4 and then the resultant acres underneath it for each well.

5           Q           Why have you done that?

6           A           To indicated that for the wells that are  
7 depicted in blue the unorthodox -- the other unorthodox  
8 locations in this well -- in this -- in this area, that  
9 they have significantly lower net productive acreage than  
10 our proposal and therefore we should not have a penalty  
11 against that well.

12          Q           Let's look at the specific mound that  
13 surrounds the J. R. Holt No. 2 Well location. In making y  
14 your volumetric calculation, did you have to make an  
15 assumption about the extent of the reservoir that would  
16 contribute production to that well? You had to have a cut-  
17 off for your --

18          A           Yes.

19          Q           -- calculation, did you not?

20          A           That's correct, and for most --

21          Q           What did you use?

22          A           For most of these wells, just for the  
23 net productive acres here I used 175 feet from the end of  
24 the reservoir. As depicted by geology these are steep  
25 sided and we do not know exactly the total limits of the

1 northwest of 2 from the Amerind mound?

2           A           Okay. The wells in the north to the  
3 Sohio 2 No. 1, which is in A of 2, and also the well that  
4 is in P of 35, both those wells are in one particular  
5 mound. This mound has water production associated with it.  
6 The number -- the well that is in P of 35 has a water/oil  
7 ratio of approximately 1. The well that is in A of 2 has a  
8 water/oil ratio of approximately about half.

9                       This is very distinct production to this  
10 mound. None of the other mounds have this kind of charac-  
11 teristic, plus they are on a -- due to the water, they are  
12 on a heavier decline even though they're in a thicker part  
13 of the reservoir.

14           Q           Have you made a further engineering  
15 study to determine whether or not you could reach a conclu-  
16 sion that separated the Amerind mound to the south of you  
17 from the mound that you'll penetrate with the J. R. Holt  
18 No. 2 Well?

19           A           Yes. By the characteristic of -- that  
20 it has already fallen off and that based on the volumetrics  
21 that I can put towards this well, that it has drained well  
22 within the acreage depicted on this map.

23           Q           Let's turn to Exhibit Number Five, Mr.  
24 Warlick. Again we have Mr. Evanson's base map. Now what  
25 have you added to this map, to his base map?

1 field; however, using it as a comparable value from mound  
2 to mound I felt pretty confident, comfortable with it.

3 Q And with that assumption, then, in the  
4 calculation, what did you determine to be the productive  
5 acres within the spacing unit proposed for the J. R. Holt  
6 No. 2 Well?

7 A That we had 80 percent of our proration  
8 unit which should be productive, or 64 acres.

9 Q And when we look at he display, then,  
10 for those unorthodox locations that have resulted in pro-  
11 ducing wells --

12 A Right.

13 Q -- you have next to each of the blue  
14 squares put the same type of information.

15 A That's correct.

16 Q So when we look at the southwest quarter  
17 of 3, that Pennzoil Simmons Well --

18 A Yes, sir.

19 Q -- out of the 80 acres dedicated to that  
20 well you have calculate 38 productive acres?

21 A That's correct.

22 Q Using the same assumptions you made for  
23 the J. R. Holt No. 2 pod.

24 A That's correct.

25 Q And in examining the approval orders for

1 each of those wells did you find any of them in which the  
2 wells were penalized either with regards to their unorthodox  
3 locations or to the fact that they might have less than  
4 80 productive acres assigned to it?

5 A No, sir.

6 Q When we look to the Amerind pod just to  
7 the south of your location, how many acres do you anticipate  
8 are being developed and drained by that well? I'm  
9 talking about surface acres.

10 A How many surface acres do I intend to be  
11 drained from that location?

12 Q Right.

13 A None from our well.

14 Q Why not?

15 A This well -- this well has produced its  
16 maximum amount to date.

17 Q The Amerind Well itself has developed  
18 how many acres?

19 A I show here that the net productive  
20 acres would be 30 but according to calculations it should  
21 be that has a bearing on only about 5.3 acres.

22 Q What type of calculation did you make to  
23 reach that conclusion?

24 A It was a volumetric calculation.

25 Q And what caused you then to conclude

1 volumetrically that this well was draining only 5 acres?  
2 What are the parameters that go into the calculation that  
3 resulted in that conclusion?

4 A Okay. Net footage for the well that we  
5 got off the logs, the porosity and water saturation, forma-  
6 tion volume factor.

7 Q The greatest parameter of influence in  
8 that calculation is the 222 feet of thickness, is it not?

9 A In that particular calculation we did  
10 not use the 222 feet. This is a gross pay map; we used a  
11 net pay thickness.

12 Q Ah, all right, that's what I'm trying to  
13 ask you. What was the net pay number that you used? Do  
14 you recall the net pay number in the calculation?

15 A I do not recall but it would be in the  
16 order of about 70 feet.

17 MR. LYON: What did you say?

18 MR. KELLAHIN: 70 feet.

19 MR. LYON: 70?

20 MR. KELLAHIN: Yeah, it was in  
21 the range of 70 feet in the calculation.

22 Q From an engineering perspective, Mr.  
23 Warlick, do you see any opportunity to have any of the off-  
24 setting interest owners' correlative rights violated by ap-  
25 proval of this application without a penalty?

1           A           No, I do not. I don't see that -- their  
2           correlative rights will be protected.

3                       MR. KELLAHIN: That concludes  
4           my examination of Mr. Warlick, Mr. Examiner.

5                       We would move the introduction  
6           of his Exhibits Three, Four and Five.

7                       MR. LYON: Is there objection?  
8                       Exhibits Three, Four and Five  
9           will be admitted.

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11                               CROSS EXAMINATION

12       BY MR. LYON:

13               Q           Mr. Warlick, on Exhibit Four you show  
14           some percentages by these wells and I -- I failed to --  
15           the zero percent, for instance, looking at the Union Texas  
16           lease up there in 34 at the upper left part of your exhib-  
17           it, zero percent indicates zero decline?

18               A           That's correct.

19               Q           Zero percent decline for four months,  
20           and then the 37 percent is -- that's 37 percent decline --

21               A           That's correct.

22               Q           -- rate for 9 months, and then it went  
23           to a 21 percent decline?

24               A           That's correct.

25               Q           And that's annual, I presume.

1           A           Yes, these are annual rates.

2           Q           So that the 99 percent shown on the  
3 Union Texas No. 4 Well indicates that it was said to be  
4 depleted in one year.

5           A           In actually less than one year due to  
6 its decline.

7           Q           And on Exhibit Five the percent that you  
8 show is the percentage of the assigned proration unit that  
9 is productive.

10          A           That's correct.

11          Q           And you have not shown on any of your  
12 exhibits the -- your calculation or estimation of net pay  
13 on any well, is that correct?

14          A           For net pay on any well, no, sir, I have  
15 not.

16          Q           The only thicknesses you have are the  
17 thicknesses that Mr. Evanson had used in his maps.

18          A           That's correct, for the gross Strawn  
19 thickness.

20                       MR. LYON: That's all of my  
21 questions.

22                       MR. KELLAHIN: Mr. Examiner,  
23 to complete our presentation, we have marked as Exhibit  
24 Number Six a package of correspondence that shows various  
25 waivers executed by parties adjacent to the spacing unit.



1                   In     addition   Exhibit   Number  
2   Seven represents copies of the return receipt cards showing  
3   attached to the certificate in which I have certified that  
4   within 20 -- at least 20 days prior to the hearing date we  
5   sent a copy of the application and notification of hearing  
6   in this matter to all of the offsetting interest owners.

7                   I would like to submit both of  
8   those, Exhibit Six and Seven, for introduction.

9                   MR. LYON: Is there objection?  
10                   Exhibits Six and Seven will be  
11   admitted. Anything further, Mr. Kellahin?

12                   MR. KELLAHIN: No, sir.

13                   MR. LYON: Any other --  
14   anything else to go into the record?

15                   If not, Mr. Warlick may be ex-  
16   cused and we'll take the case under advisement.

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18                   (Hearing concluded.)

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## C E R T I F I C A T E

I, SALLY W. BOYD, C. S. R. DO HEREBY  
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