

Dockets Nos. 16-89 and 17-89 are tentatively set for May 24 and June 7, 1989. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - MAY 10, 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 Michael E. Stogner, Examiner, or David R. Catanach, or Victor T. Lyon, Alternate Examiners:

- ALLOWABLE:** (1) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for June, 1989, from fourteen prorated gas pools in Lea, Eddy, and Chaves Counties, New Mexico.
- (2) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for June, 1989, from four prorated gas pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico.

CASE 9653: (Readvertised)

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 15,680.73 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: (Readvertised) (This case will be dismissed.)

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 16, Township 7 South, Range 35 East. Said unit is located approximately 5 miles north-northwest of Milnesand, New Mexico.

CASE 9282: (Continued & Readvertised) (This Case will be dismissed.)

Application of Mobil Producing Texas and New Mexico Inc. for the expansion of the West Lindrith Gallup-Dakota Oil Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the expansion of the West Lindrith Gallup-Dakota Oil Pool to include all of Sections 6, 7, 8, and 9, Township 24 North, Range 2 West. Said area is approximately one-half mile north of Lindrith, New Mexico.

CASE 9663: Application of The Petroleum Corporation of Delaware for downhole commingling, the amendment of Division Order No. R-7269, and the amendment of Division Administrative Order NSP-1290, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, and as operator of the Superior Federal Well No. 6 located 660 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit N) of Section 6, Township 20 South, Range 29 East, seeks to downhole commingle production from the Undesignated East Burton Flat-Atoka Gas Pool and the East Burton Flat-Morrow Gas Pool. Applicant also seeks to permit such commingled production to be produced through tubing and the production of gas from the East Burton Flat-Strawn Gas Pool through the casing-tubing annulus of said well and that Division Order No. R-7269 be amended accordingly. Applicant further seeks to amend Division Administrative Order NSP-1290, dated April 28, 1982; which authorized a 299.84-acre, more or less, gas spacing and proration unit for the East Burton Flat-Strawn Gas Pool comprising Lots 6 and 7, the E/2 SW/4, and the SE/4 of said Section 6 for said well; to include both the Undesignated East Burton Flat-Atoka Gas Pool and the East Burton Flat-Morrow Gas Pool. Applicant also requests that any such order issued in this case be made effective retroactively to May 1987. Said well is located approximately 7.5 miles northwest of the junction of New Mexico Highway No. 31 North and U.S. Highway 62/180.

CASE 9664: Application of Bass Enterprises Production Company for compulsory pooling, 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 Queen formation or to a depth of 4,600 feet, whichever is deeper, underlying the NW/4 SE/4 of Section 21, Township 18 South, Range 35 East, forming a standard statewide 40-acre spacing and proration unit, said unit to be dedicated to its Reeves 21 State Well No. 2 to be drilled at a standard oil well location 1980 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit J) 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 well location is approximately one quarter mile west of Milepost No. 3 on Old State Highway 8.

CASE 9665: Application of Bass Enterprises Production Company for compulsory pooling, 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 Undesignated Reeves-Queen Pool or to a depth of 4,600 feet, whichever is deeper, underlying the NE/4 SE/4 of Section 21, Township 18 South, Range 35 East, forming a standard statewide 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit, said unit to be dedicated to its Reeves 21 State Well No. 3 to be drilled at a standard oil well location 1980 feet from the South line and 780 feet from the East line (Unit I) 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 well location is approximately 100 feet east of Milepost No. 3 on Old State Highway No. 8.

CASE 9639: (Continued from April 26, 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 9641: (Continued from April 26, 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 9666: 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 the Undesignated Indian Basin-Morrow Gas Pool at an unorthodox gas well location 825 feet from the North line and 1650 feet from the East line (Unit B) of Section 7, Township 22 South, Range 24 East, all of said Irregular Section 7 to be dedicated to the well forming a 617.68-acre gas spacing and proration unit for both pools. Said well location is approximately 4.5 miles south-southeast of the Marathon Oil Company Indian Basin Gas Plant.

CASE 9667: Application of Midland Phoenix Corporation for unorthodox gas well location and compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Undesignated Pitchfork Ranch-Atoka Gas Pool and the Undesignated Pitchfork Ranch-Morrow Gas Pool underlying the E/2 of Section 34, Township 24 South, Range 34 East, to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for both pools, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit O) of said Section 34. 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 unit is located approximately 3 miles west-southwest of the Junction of Old State Highway No. 128 and County Road No. 2.

CASE 9645: (Readvertised)

Application of BP Exploration, Inc., for compulsory pooling and directional drilling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the top of the Atoka formation underlying the SE/4 SW/4 of Section 30, Township 17 South, Range 38 East, forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools within said vertical extent developed on 40-acre spacing (which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Hobbs Channel-Bone Spring Pool, Undesignated Hobbs Channel-San Andres Pool, and the Undesignated Hobbs Channel-Wolfcamp Pool). Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be directionally drilled from a surface location 1138 feet from the South line and 1633 feet from the West line of said Section 30 to a point within 100 feet of a standard bottomhole oil well location 660 feet from the South line and 1817 feet from the West line of said Section 30. 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 1.5 miles east of Humble City, New Mexico.

CASE 9668: Application of Nearburg Producing 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 990 feet from the North line and 1500 feet from the West line (Unit C) of Section 12, Township 17 South, Range 37 East, Undesignated Shipp-Strawn Pool, the N/2 NW/4 of said Section 12 to be dedicated to the well forming a standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit. Said location is approximately 4 miles north of Humble City, New Mexico.

CASE 9669: Application of Enron Oil & Gas Company for compulsory pooling, unorthodox gas well location, and non-standard gas proration unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Undesignated Pitchfork Ranch-Morrow Gas Pool underlying the S/2 of Section 34, Township 24 South, Range 34 East, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool. Applicant further seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Undesignated Pitchfork Ranch-Atoka Gas Pool underlying the SE/4 of said Section 34, forming a non-standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool. Both aforementioned units are to be dedicated to a single well to be drilled

at a location which is standard for the Morrow zone and unorthodox for the Atoka zone, 660 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit O) of said Section 34. 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 3 miles west-southwest of the junction of Old State Highway No. 128 and County Road No. 2.

CASE 9670: Application of Stevens Operating Corporation to amend Division Order No. R-8917, directional drilling and an unorthodox oil well location, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to amend Division Order No. R-8917 to allow for the re-entry of the currently plugged and abandoned Philtex Honolulu Federal Well No. 1 located 1980 feet from the South and West lines (Unit K) of Section 9, Township 14 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, North King Camp-Devonian Pool, in lieu of drilling a new well at the unorthodox location approved by said order. Applicant further seeks approval to directionally drill said Philtex Honolulu Federal Well No. 1 to a depth of approximately 9894 feet, and to bottom said well at an unorthodox bottomhole location within 500 feet west of a point 1980 feet from the South line and 2475 feet from the West line of said Section 9. A 160-acre non-standard proration unit consisting of the E/2 W/2 of said Section 9 (Approved By Order No. R-8917) is to be dedicated to the above described well. Said location is approximately 17 miles east of Hagerman, New Mexico.

CASE 9671: Application of Benson-Montin-Greer Drilling Corporation to amend Division Order No. R-8344, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an amendment to Order No. R-8344, which order statutorily unitized, for the purpose of continued pressure maintenance operations, all mineral interests in the West Puerto Chiquito-Mancos Oil Pool underlying the Canada Ojitos Unit Area, which encompasses 69,567.235 acres, more or less, of lands located in all or portions of Townships 24, 25, and 26 North, Ranges 1 East and 1 West, to include an additional 320 acres comprising the E/2 of Section 12, Township 25 North, Range 2 West, Gavilan-Mancos Oil Pool. Among the matters to be considered at the hearing will be the necessity of expansion of unit operations; the determination of a fair, reasonable and equitable allocation of production and costs of production to each of the various tracts in the expanded unit area; the determination of credits and charges to be made among the various owners in the expanded 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. Said expansion area is located approximately 16 miles north by west of Regina, New Mexico.

Docket 15-89

DOCKET: COMMISSION HEARING - THURSDAY - MAY 18, 1989

**9:00 A.M. - MORGAN HALL, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

CASE 9672: Application of the Oil Conservation Division to consider amendments to Division Rules 8, 312, 313, and 711 to require appropriate measures be taken to prevent loss of migratory waterfowl resulting from contact with oily waste in oil field operations.