

Dockets Nos. 31-90 and 32-90 are tentatively set for October 31, 1990 and November 14, 1990. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 17, 1990

**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 Jim Morrow, Alternate Examiners:

- ALLOWABLE:**
- (1) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for November, 1990, from fourteen prorated gas pools in Lea, Eddy, and Chaves Counties, New Mexico.
 - (2) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for November, 1990, from four prorated gas pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico.

CASE 10103: (Readvertised)

Application of Sage Energy Company for a waterflood project, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project on its proposed North Vacuum (Abo) North Unit located in all or portions of Sections 35 and 36, Township 16 South, Range 34 East and Sections 1, 2, and 12, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, by the injection of water into the North Vacuum-Abo Pool through 19 certain wells to be converted as injection wells. Said area is located approximately 4 miles north by west of Buckeye, New Mexico.

CASE 10114: 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 for its Frost Well No. 500 to be located 2510 feet from the North line and 790 feet from the East line (Unit H) of Section 26, Township 27 North, Range 10 West, the N/2 of Section 26 to be dedicated to the subject well, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said location is within the Angel Peak Recreation Area.

CASE 10066: (Continued from October 3, 1990, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Matador Petroleum Corporation 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 Morrow formation or to a depth of 13,600 feet, whichever is deeper, underlying the following described acreage in Section 5, Township 20 South, Range 34 East, and in the following manner: Lots 3 and 4, the S/2 NW/4, and SW/4 (W/2 equivalent) to form a standard 320-acre, more or less, 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 Quail Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool); Lots 3 and 4 and the S/2 NW/4 (NW/4 equivalent) to form a standard 160-acre, more or less, gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent; and the SW/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 said vertical extent (which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated South Quail Ridge-Bone Spring Pool). Said units are to be dedicated to a single well to be drilled at a standard 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 unit underlies the area underneath Mile Marker No. 77 on U.S. Highway 62/180.

CASE 10105: (Continued from October 3, 1990, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Anadarko Petroleum Corporation for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the top of the Wolfcamp formation to the base of the Pennsylvanian formation, or to a depth of 11,500 feet, whichever is deeper, underlying the W/2 of Section 28, Township 17 South, Range 30 East, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320 acres within said vertical extent, which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Loco Hills-Atoka Gas Pool, Undesignated Cedar Lake-Morrow Gas Pool, Undesignated Loco Hills-Morrow Gas Pool, and Undesignated South Loco Hills-Morrow Gas Pool. 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 unit is approximately 1 mile south of Loco Hills, New Mexico.

CASE 10115: Application of Marathon Oil Company for the assignment of a special depth bracket oil allowable, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks a special depth bracket oil allowable, pursuant to General Rule 505(d), of 460 barrels of oil per day for the Tamano-Bone Spring Pool in Township 18 South, Range 31 East, which is located approximately 8 miles southwest by south of Maljamar, New Mexico.

CASE 10116: Application of BTA Oil Producers for directional drilling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authorization to directionally drill its proposed Pardue "C", 8808 JV-P Well No. 1-Y from a surface location 611 feet from the South line and 1504 feet from the West line (Unit N) of Section 11, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, to a standard bottomhole oil well location in the Undesignated East Loving-Delaware Pool. Said well is to be dedicated to the 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit comprising the SE/4 SW/4 of said Section 11, which is located approximately 1/4 mile southwest of the Harroun Dam.

CASE 10117: Application of Mesa Operating Limited Partnership 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 Lots 1 through 5, the S/2 NE/4, and SE/4 NW/4 (N/2 equivalent) of Section 6, Township 29 North, Range 11 West, forming a standard 288.18-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, said unit to be dedicated to its FC Fed. Com Well No. 19 to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the NE/4 equivalent of said Section 6. 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 1/2 mile north of the City of Bloomfield Nature Park.

- CASE 10118: Application of Mesa Operating Limited Partnership 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 Lots 1 and 2, the NE/4, and the N/2 SE/4 (E/2 equivalent) of Section 32, Township 29 North, Range 11 West, forming a standard 314.84-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, said unit to be dedicated to its FC Fed. Com Well No. 43 to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the NE/4 of Section 32. 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 2.5 miles southwest by south of Bloomfield, New Mexico.
- CASE 10119: Application of Mesa Operating Limited Partnership 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 Lots 1 through 4 and the N/2 S/2 (S/2 equivalent) of Section 36, Township 29 North, Range 11 West, forming a standard 314.43-acre, more or less, gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, said unit to be dedicated to its FC State Com Well No. 23 to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the SW/4 equivalent of said Section 36. 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 southeast of Bloomfield, New Mexico.
- CASE 10120: Application of Mesa Operating Limited Partnership 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 S/2 of Section 5, Township 29 North, Range 12 West, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, said unit to be dedicated to its FC Fed Com Well No. 41 to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the SW/4 of said Section 5. 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 2.5 miles south of the San Juan Country Club.
- CASE 10121: Application of Mesa Operating Limited Partnership 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 N/2 of Section 16, Township 29 North, Range 14 West, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, said unit to be dedicated to its FC State Com Well No. 35 to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the NE/4 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 unit is located approximately 2.5 miles east of Kirtland, New Mexico.
- CASE 10122: Application of Mesa Operating Limited Partnership 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 of Section 32, Township 30 North, Range 10 West, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, said unit to be dedicated to its FC State Com Well No. 29 to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the NE/4 of said Section 32. 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 5 miles northwest of Blanco, New Mexico.
- CASE 10123: Application of Mesa Operating Limited Partnership 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 of Section 36, Township 30 North, Range 11 West, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, said unit to be dedicated to its FC State Com Well No. 31 to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the NE/4 of said Section 36. 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 5 miles southeast by south of Aztec, New Mexico.
- CASE 10124: Application of Mesa Operating Limited Partnership 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 S/2 of Section 36, Township 30 North, Range 12 West, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, said unit to be dedicated to its FC State Com Well No. 24 to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the SW/4 of said Section 36. 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 2.75 miles southeast of Flora Vista, New Mexico.
- CASE 10125: Application of Mesa Operating Limited Partnership 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 Lots 1 through 5, the S/2 SW/4, and NE/4 SE/4 (S/2 equivalent) of Section 32, Township 31 North, Range 9 West, forming a standard 319.05-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, said unit to be dedicated to its FC Fed. Com Well No. 42 to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the SW/4 equivalent of said Section 32. 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 10.5 miles east by north of Aztec, New Mexico.

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CASE 10134: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the approval of the Red Hat State Unit Agreement for an area comprising 1981.32 acres, more or less, of State lands in all or portions of Sections 2, 3, and 11, Township 16 South, Range 33 East, which is located approximately 10 miles northeast of Maljamar, New Mexico.

CASE 10135: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the approval of the Hourglass State Unit Agreement for an area comprising 560 acres, more or less, of State lands in portions of Sections 9, 10, 15, and 16, Township 18 South, Range 35 East, which is located approximately 4.5 miles southeast of Buckeye, New Mexico.

CASE 10117: (Continued from October 17, 1990, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Mesa Operating Limited Partnership 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 Lots 1 through 5, the S/2 NE/4, and SE/4 NW/4 (N/2 equivalent) of Section 6, Township 29 North, Range 11 West, forming a standard 288.18-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, said unit to be dedicated to its FC Fed. Com Well No. 19 to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the NE/4 equivalent of said Section 6. 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 1/2 mile north of the City of Bloomfield Nature Park.

CASE 10118: (Continued from October 17, 1990, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Mesa Operating Limited Partnership 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 Lots 1 and 2, the NE/4, and the N/2 SE/4 (E/2 equivalent) of Section 32, Township 29 North, Range 11 West, forming a standard 314.84-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, said unit to be dedicated to its FC Fed. Com Well No. 43 to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the NE/4 of Section 32. 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 2.5 miles southwest by south of Bloomfield, New Mexico.

CASE 10119: (Continued from October 17, 1990, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Mesa Operating Limited Partnership 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 Lots 1 through 4 and the N/2 S/2 (S/2 equivalent) of Section 36, Township 29 North, Range 11 West, forming a standard 314.43-acre, more or less, gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, said unit to be dedicated to its FC State Com Well No. 23 to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the SW/4 equivalent of said Section 36. 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 southeast of Bloomfield, New Mexico.

CASE 10120: (Continued from October 17, 1990, Examiner Hearing.) (This case will be dismissed.)

Application of Mesa Operating Limited Partnership 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 S/2 of Section 5, Township 29 North, Range 12 West, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, said unit to be dedicated to its FC Fed Com Well No. 41 to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the SW/4 of said Section 5. 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 2.5 miles south of the San Juan Country Club.

CASE 10121: (Continued from October 17, 1990, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Mesa Operating Limited Partnership 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 N/2 of Section 16, Township 29 North, Range 14 West, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, said unit to be dedicated to its FC State Com Well No. 35 to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the NE/4 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 unit is located approximately 2.5 miles east of Kirtland, New Mexico.

CASE 10122: (Continued from October 17, 1990, Examiner Hearing.) (This case will be dismissed.)

Application of Mesa Operating Limited Partnership 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 of Section 32, Township 30 North, Range 10 West, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, said unit to be dedicated to its FC State Com Well No. 29 to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the NE/4 of said Section 32. 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 5 miles northwest of Blanco, New Mexico.

CASE 10123: (Continued from October 17, 1990, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Mesa Operating Limited Partnership 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 of Section 36, Township 30 North, Range 11 West, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, said unit to be dedicated to its FC State Com Well No. 31 to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the NE/4 of said Section 36. 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 5 miles southeast by south of Aztec, New Mexico.

CASE 10124: (Continued from October 17, 1990, Examiner Hearing.) (This case will be dismissed.)

Application of Mesa Operating Limited Partnership 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 S/2 of Section 36, Township 30 North, Range 12 West, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, said unit to be dedicated to its FC State Com Well No. 24 to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the SW/4 of said Section 36. 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 2.75 miles southeast of Flora Vista, New Mexico.

CASE 10125: (Continued from October 17, 1990, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Mesa Operating Limited Partnership 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 Lots 1 through 5, the S/2 SW/4, and NE/4 SE/4 (S/2 equivalent) of Section 32, Township 31 North, Range 9 West, forming a standard 319.05-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, said unit to be dedicated to its FC Fed. Com Well No. 42 to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the SW/4 equivalent of said Section 32. 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 10.5 miles east by north of Aztec, New Mexico.

CASE 10126: (Continued from October 17, 1990, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of BHP Petroleum (Americas) Inc. for an unorthodox oil well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox oil well location for its Kimbrough State Well No. 1 to be drilled 1250 feet from the South line and 1725 feet from the East line (Unit O) of Section 20, Township 17 South, Range 37 East, to test the Strawn formation, the SW/4 SE/4 of said Section 20 to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit. Said unit is located approximately 3.5 miles west-northwest of Humble City, New Mexico.

CASE 10130: (Continued from October 17, 1990, Examiner Hearing.) (This case will be continued to November 14.)

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for an unorthodox oil well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox oil well location for its Spanish Dagger "AID" Com Well No. 1 to be drilled 660 feet from the South line and 725 feet from the West line (Unit M) of Section 12, Township 20 South, Range 24 East, to test the Undesignated South Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool, the S/2 of said Section 12 to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 320-acre oil spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said unit is located approximately 7 miles west by south of Seven Rivers, New Mexico.

CASE 10131: (Continued from October 17, 1990, Examiner Hearing.) (This case will be continued to November 14.)

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for an unorthodox oil well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox oil well location for its John "AGU" Well No. 2 to be drilled 660 feet from the North and East lines (Unit A) of Section 14, Township 20 South, Range 24 East, South Dagger Draw- Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool, said well to be simultaneously dedicated, with its John "AGU" Well No. 1 located at a standard oil well location 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit C) of said Section 14, to the existing 320-acre standard oil proration unit comprising the N/2 of said Section 14. Said unit is located approximately 8 miles west by south of Seven Rivers, New Mexico.

CASE 10132: (Continued from October 17, 1990, Examiner Hearing.) (This case will be continued to November 14.)

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for an exception to Division General Rule 303.A., Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an exception to Division General Rule 303.A. whereby perforated intervals in both the Wolfcamp formation and the South Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool would be allowed to remain in communication in the wellbore of its Hillview AHE Com Well No. 3 located 660 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit N) of Section 23, Township 20 South, Range 24 East, being located approximately 8.5 miles west-southwest of Seven Rivers, New Mexico. FURTHERMORE, the applicant at the time of the hearing shall be prepared to show cause why the Wolfcamp interval in said well should not be properly plugged off and abandoned.