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ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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U. S. Department of Energy
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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Washington, D.C. 70426

Attention: Howard Kilchrist, Director
Division of Producter Audits
& Pricing

Re: NGPA Section 102 Determinations
Mesa Petroleum Company
State Com. AI Well No. 33
FERC Control No. JD 84-50600

State Com AJ Well No. 34
FERC Control No. JD-84-50602

Dear Mr. Kilchrist

Per your letter dated October 31, 1984, attached please find copies of Commission Orders No.s R-7594-A and R-7595-A issued pursuant to the de Novo hearings to reconsider the negative determinations on the two subject NGPA filings. Said Orders affirmed the previous Orders issued by the Divison (Orders Nos. R-7594 and R-7595) which resulted in the negative determinations; therefore, these NGPA filings are considered by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division as being disapproved and that is our final decision.

If copies of the transcripts and/or exhibits from the de novo hearings are required please contact me.

Sincerely

MICHAEL E. STOGNER
Petroleum Engineering Specialist

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cc: Mesa Petroleum Company
ATTN: Steven C. James, Attorney
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Amarillo, Texas 79189-2009

Northwest Pipeline Corporation
P.O. Box 1526
Salt Lake City, Utah 74110-1526

El Paso Natural Gas Company
P.O. Box 1492
El Paso, Texas 79978

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR
THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 8182 DE NOVO
Order No. R-7594-A

APPLICATION OF MESA PETROLEUM CO.
FOR NGPA DETERMINATION, SAN JUAN
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on December 12, 1984, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 10th day of January, 1985, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony presented and the exhibits received at said hearing, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS THAT:

(1) Due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) The applicant, Mesa Petroleum Co., seeks a determination that production from its State Com AJ Well No. 34 located in the NW/4 NW/4 of Section 31, Township 32 North, Range 12 West, is above normal NGPA stripper well levels as a result of the recognized enhanced recovery techniques as defined by 18 CFR 271.803 (a).

(3) The matter originally came on for hearing at 8 a.m. on June 6, 1984, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets and, pursuant to his hearing, Order No. R-7594 was issued on July 20, 1984, which denied the application.

(4) On August 13, 1984, application for Hearing De Novo was made by Mesa Petroleum Co. and the matter was set for hearing before the Commission.

(5) The matter came on for hearing de novo on December 12, 1984.

(6) At the time of the De Novo hearing, all parties to the case stipulated to a decision by the Commission based upon the record established at the examiner hearing on June 6, 1984.

(7) The Commission accepted such stipulation and incorporated the record of the June 6, 1984, examiner hearing in this case.

(8) No new evidence was presented in this case.

(9) The record of the June 6, 1984, examiner hearing supports the findings of the examiner in said Order No. R-7594.

(10) The Commission should affirm said findings and adopt said order as its own.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) Order No. R-7594 entered July 20, 1984, is hereby affirmed and adopted by the Commission.

(2) Jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

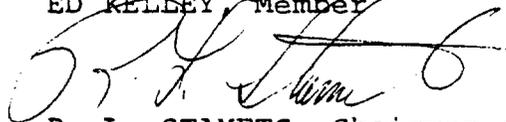
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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

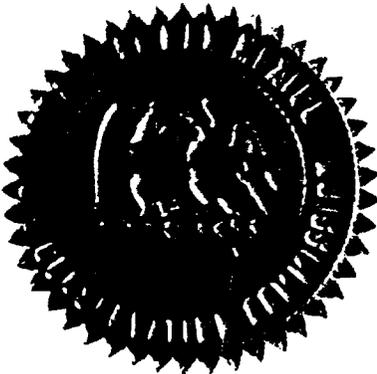
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R. L. STAMETS, Chairman and
Secretary



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(8) No new evidence was presented in this case.

(9) The record of the June 6, 1984, examiner hearing supports the findings of the examiner in said Order No. R-7595.

(10) The Commission should affirm said findings and adopt said order as its own.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) Order No. R-7595 entered July 20, 1984, is hereby affirmed and adopted by the Commission.

(2) Jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

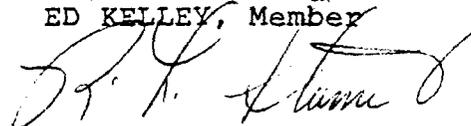
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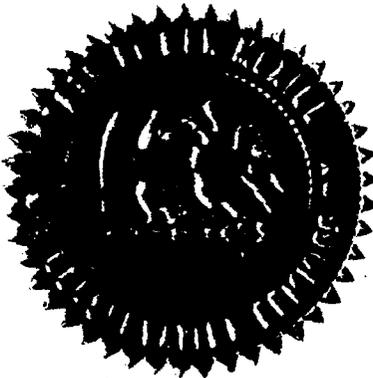
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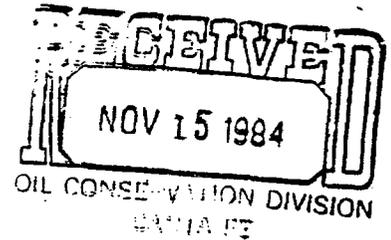
R. L. STAMETS, Chairman and
Secretary



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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426



OCT 31 1984

In Reply Refer To:
OPPR/N830-A

Joe Ramey, Director
Department of Energy and Minerals
Oil Conservation Division
P.O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 17501

Re: FERC Docket No. GP85-2-000
Protest to Negative Notices
of Determination under NGPA
Section 108
Mesa Petroleum Company
State Com AI #33
FERC Control No. JD84-50600

State Com AJ #34
FERC Control No. JD84-50602

Dear Mr. Ramey:

The above referenced negative notices of determination were received by this Commission on September 17, 1984, and a notice of receipt was issued on October 4, 1984. On October 23, 1984, the applicant, Mesa Petroleum Company (Mesa), filed a timely protest to the negative determinations. In their protest, Mesa indicated that they filed for a hearing de novo before the Oil Conservation Division and that the two cases had been set for hearing on November 7, 1984.

The 45-day period for Commission review ends on November 1, 1984 - prior to the hearing date - unless the Commission takes action or either the notices or applications are withdrawn.

After discussing the matter with Mr. Michael Stogner of your staff, it was determined that the notices of determination should be withdrawn pursuant to Section 275.202(c) of the Commission's regulations, in order that you may reconsider the applications in light of the facts presented at the November 7 hearing. This letter confirms that the notices are withdrawn.

Very truly yours,

Howard Kilchrist
Howard Kilchrist, Director
Division of Producer Audits and Pricing

cc: Mesa Petroleum Company
Attn: Steven C. James, Attorney
P.O. Box 2009
Amarillo, Texas 79189-2009

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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT

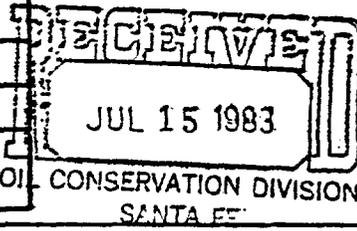
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Form C-132-A
Revised 5-10-81

APPLICATION FOR CONTINUED
STRIPPER CLASSIFICATION

5A. Indicate Type of Lease STATE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FCC <input type="checkbox"/>
5. State Oil & Gas Lease No. E-1010-1
7. Unit Agreement Name
8. Form or Lease Name State Com AI
9. Well No. 33
10. Field and Pool, or Wildcat Basin Dakota
12. County San Jaun

FOR DIVISION USE ONLY:
DATE COMPLETE APPLICATION FILED August 15, 1983
DATE DETERMINATION MADE September 6, 1984
WAS APPLICATION CONTESTED? YES NO
NAME(S) OF INTERVENOR(S), IF ANY:
Northwest Pipeline Corporation + El Paso Natural Gas Co.



1. Name of Operator Mesa Petroleum Co.
2. Address of Operator P. O. Box 2009, Amarillo, Texas 79189
3. Location of Well UNIT LETTER <u>N</u> LOCATED <u>1190</u> FEET FROM THE <u>South</u> LINE AND <u>1650</u> FEET FROM THE <u>West</u> LINE OF SEC. <u>32</u> TWP. <u>27N</u> SEC. <u>9</u> RMPM
11. Name and Address of Purchaser(s) Northwest Pipeline Corporation, 315 East 200 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

CLASSIFICATION

- Check appropriate box for category sought and information submitted.
- All applications must contain the items required by the applicable rule of the Division's "Special Rules For Applications For Wellhead Price Ceiling Category Determinations" as follows:
 - A. Increased production resulting from recognized enhanced recovery techniques
 - All items required by Rule 19
 - Well is seasonally affected
 - All items required by Rule 20
 - C. Increased production resulting from temporary pressure buildup
 - All items required by Rule 21

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY
KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

C. Taylor Yoakam
NAME OF APPLICANT (Type or Print)
C. Taylor Yoakam
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT
Title Manager, Gas Sales & Contracts
Date 7/8/83

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<input type="checkbox"/> Approved
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disapproved
The information contained herein includes all of the information required to be filed by the applicant under Subpart 8 of Part 274 of the FERC regulations.
<u>Michael E. [Signature]</u> EXAMINER

APPLICATION FOR CONTINUED
STRIPPER CLASSIFICATION

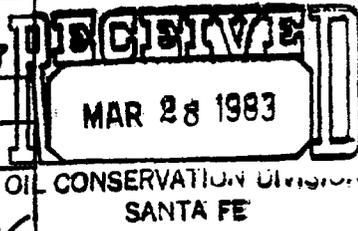
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DATE COMPLETE APPLICATION FILED March 28, 1983

DATE DETERMINATION MADE September 6, 1984

WAS APPLICATION CONTESTED? YES NO

NAME(S) OF INTERVENOR(S), IF ANY:
Northwest Pipeline Corporation + El Paso Natural Gas Co



3A. Indicate Type of Lease
STATE PCC

3. State Oil & Gas Lease No.
E-3151-1

7. Unit Agreement Name

8. Farm or Lease Name
State Com AJ

9. Well No.
34

10. Field and Pool, or Wildcat
Basin Dakota

12. County
San Juan

1. Name of Operator
MESA PETROLEUM CO.

11. Address of Operator
P. O. Box 2009, Amarillo, TX 79189

4. Location of well
UNIT LETTER D LOCATED 790 FEET FROM THE North LINE
790 FEET FROM THE West LINE OF SEC. 31 TWP. 32N RGE. 12W NMPM

5. Name and Address of Purchaser(s)
Northwest Pipeline Company P. O. Box 1526, Salt Lake City, UT 84110

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 - All items required by Rule 20
 - Increased production resulting from temporary pressure buildup
 - All items required by Rule 21

The procedure described in application does not qualify as E.R.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

MESA PETROLEUM CO.

NAME OF APPLICANT (Type or Print)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

Title Manager, Gas Sales & Contracts

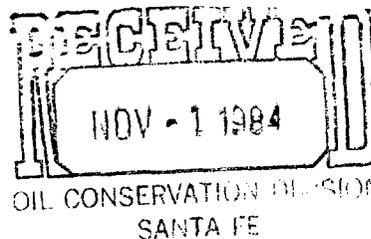
Date 3-25-83

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- Approved
 Disapproved

The information contained herein includes all of the information required to be filed by the applicant under Subpart 8 of Part 274 of the FERC regulations.

Michael E. Steyer
EXAMINER



Steven C. James
attorney

October 26, 1984

State of New Mexico Energy and
Minerals Department
Oil Conservation Division
P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe NM 87501

Gentlemen:

Subject: Continuance
Case Nos. 8182 and 8183

Mesa Petroleum Co. hereby confirms its requested continuance of the de novo hearings of its applications filed in the two above referenced cases from the November 7, 1984 Commission hearing date to the December 12, 1984 Commission hearing date. Mesa's witness in the Examiner hearing, Mr. Mike Houston, is also expected to be Mesa's witness in the de novo hearings before the full Commission. Mr. Houston will be unavailable on November 7, 1984 and Mesa, therefore, has respectfully requested this continuance. I have previously communicated this request to Ms. Florene Davidson in your office.

With a copy of this letter I am notifying El Paso Natural Gas Company and Northwest Pipeline Corporation, the other two participants at the examiner hearing level of this continuance. I look forward to hearing from you with the regard to this request as soon as possible.

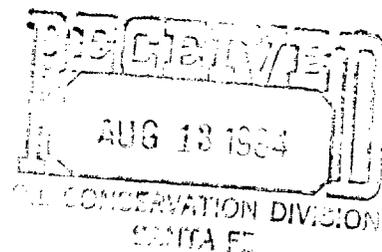
Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steven C. James".
Steven C. James

ns

c.c. Mike Houston
Northwest Pipeline Corporation
El Paso Natural Gas Company

Steven C. James
attorney



August 7, 1984

CERTIFIED MAIL

State of New Mexico
Energy and Minerals Department
Oil Conservation Division
P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Gentlemen:

Subject: Case No. 8183, Order No. R-7595
Case No. 8182, Order No. R-7594

Mesa Petroleum Co. was the applicant in Case Nos. 8182 and 8183 which came on for hearing at 8:00 a.m. on June 6, 1984 at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets. Order No. R-7595 was entered in Case No. 8183 and Order No. R-7594 was entered in Case No. 8182 by the Division. Those Orders adversely affect Mesa Petroleum Co.

Pursuant to Rule 1220 of the Division's Rules and Regulations, Mesa Petroleum Co. hereby requests a hearing de novo before the full Commission in each of these two cases. A copy of this request is being sent by certified mail to Northwest Pipeline Corporation and El Paso Natural Gas Company.

Very truly yours,

Steven C. James
Steven C. James

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c.c. Northwest Pipeline Corporation
El Paso Natural Gas Company



December 10, 1984

FEDERAL EXPRESS

State of New Mexico
Energy and Minerals Department
Oil Conservation Commission
310 Old Santa Fe Trail
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Gentlemen:

Subject: De Novo Hearings
Case Nos. 8182 and 8183

Mesa Petroleum Co. was the applicant in Case Nos. 8182 and 8183 which came on for hearing on June 6, 1984 at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets. El Paso Natural Gas Company and Northwest Pipeline Corporation participated in that hearing. There were no other parties besides Mesa Petroleum Co. which participated. Order Nos. R-7594 and R-7595, respectively, were entered in those Cases on July 20, 1984.

By letter dated August 7, 1984 Mesa Petroleum Co. requested a hearing de novo before the full Commission in each of these two cases. Such hearing, after continuance, has been set for December 12, 1984.

After discussion with counsel for the Commission, Mesa, EPNG and Northwest, the parties who would otherwise participate in the scheduled de novo hearing on December 12, 1984, the parties have stipulated to conduct the hearing on the record established at the Examiner's hearing on June 6, 1984, including supplemental memoranda, since no parties desire to provide any additional evidence, testimony or arguments.

With a copy of this letter, I am confirming to Northwest and EPNG that the above stipulation has been filed with the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Steven C. James'.
Steven C. James

dkm

c.c. Steven W. Dougherty, Northwest Pipeline Corporation
Thomas S. Jensen, El Paso Natural Gas Company
Mike Houston
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December 11, 1984

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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

REPLY TO SANTA FE OFFICE

Mr. Richard L. Stamets
Director
Oil Conservation Division
State Land Office
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: De Novo Hearings, Case Nos. 8182 and 8183

Dear Dick:

Enclosed is a letter from Steve Dougherty of Northwest Pipeline Corporation concerning the stipulation among the parties that the de novo hearings on the above two cases be submitted on the record established at the Examiner's hearing conducted on June 6, 1984, including supplemental memoranda and that there would be no additional testimony on the hearing date of December 12, 1984.

Mr. Dougherty asked me to have this letter hand-delivered to you so that the Division would know in advance that a hearing would not be conducted on December 12, 1984.

If you have any questions concerning the enclosed letter please feel free to give me a call or you may talk directly to Mr. Dougherty.

Very truly yours,


Gary R. Kilpatric

GRK:cs
Enclosure

NORTHWEST PIPELINE CORPORATION
ONE OF THE WILLIAMS COMPANIES 

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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84110-1526
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December 7, 1984

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Oil Conservation Division
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Re: De Novo Hearings, Case No.'s 8182 and 8183

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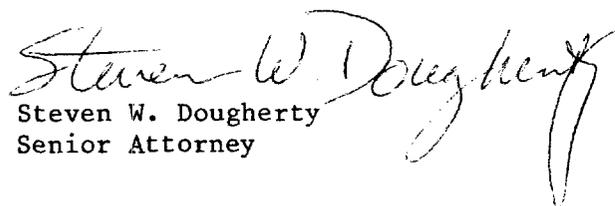
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After discussions with counsel for the Division, Mr. Jeff Taylor; Mesa Petroleum Co., Mr. Steven C. James; and El Paso Natural Gas Company, Mr. Thomas S. Jensen; the parties who would otherwise participate in the scheduled de novo hearing on December 12, 1984, have stipulated to conduct the hearing on the record established at the Examiner's hearing conducted on June 6, 1984, including supplemental memoranda, since no parties desire to provide any additional evidence, testimony or arguments.

With a copy of this letter, I am confirming to Mesa Petroleum Co. and El Paso Natural Gas Company that the above stipulation has been filed with the Division.

Sincerely,


Steven W. Dougherty
Senior Attorney

cc: Steven C. James, Esq.
Mesa Petroleum Co.

Thomas S. Jensen, Esq.
El Paso Natural Gas Company



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January 10, 1985

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Mr. William F. Carr
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 Attorneys at Law
 Post Office Box 2208
 Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: CASE NO. 8182
 ORDER NO. R-7594-A

Applicant:

Mesa Petroleum Co.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced Commission order recently entered in the subject case.

Sincerely,

R. L. STAMETS
 Director

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Copy of order also sent to:

Hobbs OCD X
 Artesia OCD X
 Aztec OCD X

Other _____
