

Dockets Nos. 27-89 and 28-89 are tentatively set for September 20 and October 4, 1989. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 20 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 6, 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 October, 1989, from fourteen prorated gas pools in Lea, Eddy, and Chaves Counties, New Mexico.
 - (2) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for October, 1989, from four prorated gas pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico.

CASE 9712: (Continued from August 9, 1989, Examiner Hearing.)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to permit Tom L. Ingram, American Employers' Insurance Company, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Chappell "5" Well No. 1 located 2310 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the West line (Unit E) of Section 5, Township 12 North, Range 30 East, as projected into the unsurveyed Baca Location No. 2 Grant, San Miguel County, New Mexico (which is located approximately 9.25 miles north-northwest of Tucumcari, New Mexico), should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program.

CASE 9713: (Continued from August 9, 1989, Examiner Hearing.)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to permit Tom L. Ingram, American Employers' Insurance Company, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Gihon "31" Well No. 1 located 2970 feet from the South line and 1814 feet from the East line (Unit G) of Section 31, Township 13 North, Range 30 East, as projected into the unsurveyed Baca Location No. 2 Grant/Pablo Montoya Land Grant, San Miguel County, New Mexico (which is located approximately 10.5 miles north-northwest of Tucumcari, New Mexico), should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program.

CASE 9742: Application of Murphy Operating Corporation for a unit agreement, Roosevelt County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Jennifer Chaveroo San Andres Unit Area comprising 5,147.00 acres, more or less, of State and Federal lands underlying all or portions of Sections 25, 26, 35, and 36, Township 7 South, Range 33 East and all or portions of Sections 18, 19, 20, 21, 29, and 30, Township 7 South, Range 34 East. This area is located approximately 8 miles north of the point common to Chaves, Lea, and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico.

CASE 9743: Application of Murphy Operating Corporation for a waterflood project, Roosevelt County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project in the proposed Jennifer Chaveroo San Andres Unit Area (Division Case No. 9742) located in all or portions of Sections 25, 26, 35, and 36, Township 7 South, Range 33 East and all or portions of Sections 18, 19, 20, 21, 29, and 30, Township 7 South, Range 34 East, by the injection of water into the Chaveroo-San Andres Pool through 44 wells within the Unit Area which is located approximately 8 miles north of the point common to Chaves, Lea, and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico.

CASE 9725: (Continued from August 23, 1989, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for an unorthodox gas well location, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox gas well location for its Red Rock "NB" Federal Well No. 2 to be drilled 330 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit N) of Section 28, Township 6 South, Range 25 East, Pecos Slope-Abo Gas Pool, the SW/4 of said Section 25 to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said well location is approximately 13.25 miles north by west of the Pecos River Bridge on U.S. Highway 70.

CASE 9698: (Continued from August 23, 1989, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for an unorthodox gas well location, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox gas well location for its Dragonfly State Unit Well No. 2 located 660 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the East line (Unit O) of Section 31, Township 9 South, Range 27 East, Undesignated Poor Ranch-PrePermian Gas Pool, Lots 3 and 4, the E/2 SW/4, and the SE/4 (S/2 equivalent) of said Section 31 to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 319.16-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said well is approximately 4.5 miles north of Mile Post 172.5 on U. S. Highway 380.

CASE 9700: (Continued from August 23 1989, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for compulsory pooling, Eddy 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 underlying Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 and the S/2 N/2 (N/2 equivalent) of Section 2, Township 20 South, Range 24 East, forming a standard 319.04-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools within said vertical extent developed on 320-acre spacing (which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Dagger Draw-Strawn Gas Pool, Undesignated Dagger Draw-Atoka Gas Pool, Undesignated North Cemetery-Atoka Gas Pool, Undesignated Cemetery-Morrow Gas Pool, and the Undesignated Hoag Tank-Morrow Gas Pool) and Lots 3 and 4 and the S/2 NW/4 (NW/4 equivalent) of said Section 2 to form a standard 159.64-acre spacing and proration unit for all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing (which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Dagger Draw-Wolfcamp Gas Pool and the Undesignated North Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool). Both aforementioned units are to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit C) of said Section 2. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of 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 8 miles west by north of Seven Rivers, New Mexico.

CASE 9744: Application of Richmond Petroleum 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 Lots 3 and 4, the S/2 NW/4, and the SW/4 of Section 10, Township 32 North, Range 6 West, forming a standard 279-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, said unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an undetermined location at this time. The applicant proposes to submit any proper or required forms, applications, and supporting data for Division approval once a well location is determined. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing a well within the unit and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the unit and well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is bounded to the north by the State of Colorado between Mile Post Nos. 242 and 243.

CASE 9745: Application of Richmond Petroleum Inc. for compulsory pooling and a non-standard gas proration unit, 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, 2, 3 and 4 and the S/2 N/2 of Section 9, Township 32 North, Range 6 West, forming a non-standard 237.60-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, said unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an undetermined location at this time. The applicant proposes to submit any proper or required forms, applications, and supporting data for Division approval once a well location is determined. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing a well within the unit and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the unit and well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is bounded to the north by the State of Colorado at Mile Post No. 243.

CASE 9746: Application of Richmond Petroleum 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 S/2 of Section 9, Township 32 North, Range 6 West, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, said unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the SE/4 of said Section 9. 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 south of Mile Post No. 243 which is located on the Colorado/New Mexico stateline.

CASE 9703: (Readvertised.)

Application of Meridian Oil, Inc. for exemption from the New Mexico Natural Gas Pricing Act (NMPA), San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the exemption from the NMPA of certain infill wells in the Basin-Dakota and Blanco-Mesaverde Pools as provided in Section 62-7-5 NMSA, 1978. Applicant further requests that said exemptions be made effective retroactive from the date of first production of natural gas from each well. A list of wells for which exemptions are being sought may be obtained by contacting the Santa Fe office of the Oil Conservation Division.

CASE 9747: (This case will be dismissed.)

Application of Amoco Production Company for downhole commingling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval to commingle gas production from the Scoggins Draw-Strawn and Scoggins Draw-Morrow Gas Pools within the wellbore of its Federal "DH" Gas Com Well No. 1 located at a previously approved unorthodox gas well location (NSL-1800) 700 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the West line (Unit M) of Section 11, Township 18 South, Range 27 East. Said well is located approximately 5.5 miles south-southeast of Riverside, New Mexico.