

Dockets Nos. 30-91 and 31-91 are tentatively set for October 17, 1991 and October 31, 1991. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 23 days in advance of hearing date.

**DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - OCTOBER 3, 1991**

**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, Alternate Examiner:

**CASE 10391:** Application of Bird Creek Resources, Inc. 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 Bone Spring formation or 8300 feet, whichever is deeper, underlying the N/2 NE/4 of Section 21, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, forming a standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 80-acre oil spacing within said vertical extent, which presently includes only the Undesignated South Culebra Bluff-Bone Spring Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to its Barkham Well No. 3 to be drilled at a standard oil well location in the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A) 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 unit is located approximately 0.5 miles northeast of Loving, New Mexico.

**CASE 10392:** Application of Meridian Oil, Inc. for a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project, special operating rules therefor, a non-standard oil proration unit, and a special project oil allowable, Sandoval County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to initiate a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project in the Mancos formation as an exception to statewide oil proration and spacing rules by forming a 640-acre non-standard proration unit consisting of all of Section 22, Township 19 North, Range 2 West, by commencing its Piedra Lumbre Well No. 1 at a standard oil well location 2005 feet from the South line and 1775 feet from the East line (Unit J) of said Section 22, drill vertically to a depth of approximately 2000 feet, kick-off in a northwesterly direction, build angle up to approximately 80 degrees and drill horizontally for approximately 3,860 feet. Applicant further seeks the adoption of special operating provisions and rules within the pilot project area including the designation of a prescribed area limiting the horizontal displacement of said well's producing interval such that it can be no closer than 660 feet to the outer boundary of said Section 22 and a special project allowable of 640 barrels of oil per day. Said unit is located approximately 12 miles south-southwest of Cuba, New Mexico.

**CASE 10393:** Application of Meridian Oil, Inc. for downhole commingling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval to downhole commingle gas production from the Fulcher Kutz Pictured Cliffs Pool and the Basin Fruitland Coal Gas Pool within the wellbore of its Gordon Well No. 5 located 920 feet from the South line and 1060 feet from the West line (Unit M) of Section 22, Township 27 North, Range 10 West. Said well is located approximately 1.5 miles west-northwest of the Angel Peak Recreational Area Campground.

**CASE 10394:** Application of Nearburg Producing Company 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 Bone Spring formation underlying the NE/4 SE/4 (Unit D) of Section 31, Township 24 South, Range 29 East, forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre oil spacing within said vertical extent. Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard oil 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 well is located approximately 4.5 miles southeast of Malaga, New Mexico.

**CASE 9930: (Readvertised)**

Application of Union Oil Company of California to amend Division Order No. R-6375, as amended, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to amend Division Order No. R-6375, as amended, which authorized downhole commingling of Basin-Dakota and Largo-Gallup production within the Rincon Unit Well No. 164 located 1840 feet from the South line and 1090 feet from the West line (Unit L) of Section 2, Township 26 North, Range 7 West, by reviewing and re-establishing, if necessary, the allocation of production that was set forth by the provisions of said order. The subject well is located approximately 2 miles north-northeast of the El Paso Natural Gas Company Largo Station. NOTE: This matter was heard in Division Case No. 10155 in which Order No. R-6375-B was issued. There being no need to continue this application any further, this case shall be dismissed.

Dockets Nos. 31-91 and 32-91 are tentatively set for October 31, 1991 and November 7, 1991. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 23 days in advance of hearing date.

**DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - OCTOBER 17, 1991**

**8:15 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION CONFERENCE ROOM, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING,  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

The following cases will be heard before David R. Catanach, Examiner or Michael E. Stogner, Alternate Examiner:

**CASE 10379:** (Continued from September 19, 1991, Examiner Hearing. This case will be dismissed.)

Application of Thomas Ray Sivley for an unorthodox oil well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox oil well location for its Federal Silver Lease Well No. 2 to be drilled 1400 feet from the South line and 1600 feet from the East line (Unit J) of Section 28, Township 20 South, Range 34 East, Lynch Yates-Seven Rivers Pool, an existing 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit comprising the NW/4 SE/4 of said Section 28 is to be dedicated to said well. Said unit is located approximately 5 miles south of U. S. Highway 62/180 at mile marker No. 78.

**CASE 10399:** Application of Meridian Oil, Inc. for a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project, special operating rules therefor, non-standard oil proration unit, special project allowable and increase in gas-oil ratio, Sandoval County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to initiate a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project in the Rio Puerco-Mancos Oil Pool by commencing its San Isidro Wash Well No. 1 at a standard surface oil well location tentatively selected in the NW/4 NW/4 (Unit D) of Section 21, Township 20 North, Range 3 West, drill vertically to a depth of approximately 3,000 feet, kick-off in a southeasterly direction, build angle up to approximately 80 degrees and then drill horizontally for approximately 4,000 feet. Applicant, further seeks the adoption of special operating provisions and rules within the pilot project area including a special project allowable of up to 640 BOPD with a GOR of 1,000 to 1, and an unorthodox well location exception. Applicant further seeks the flexibility to dedicate the N/2 of said Section 21 to the well as a standard 320-acre spacing unit or, in the alternative, the approval of all of Section 21 as a 640-acre non-standard spacing unit. Applicant proposes to keep the horizontal displacement of said well's producing interval within the allowed 660 foot setback from the outer sides of the assigned spacing unit. Said unit is located approximately 12 miles west-southwest of Cuba, New Mexico.

**CASE 10391:** (Continued from October 3, 1991, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Bird Creek Resources, Inc. 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 Bone Spring formation or 8300 feet, whichever is deeper, underlying the N/2 NE/4 of Section 21, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, forming a standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 80-acre oil spacing within said vertical extent, which presently includes only the Undesignated South Culebra Bluff-Bone Spring Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to its Barkham Well No. 3 to be drilled at a standard oil well location in the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A) 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 unit is located approximately 0.5 miles northeast of Loving, New Mexico.

**CASE 10395:** (Readvertised)

Application of Hal J. Rasmussen Operating, Inc. for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Jalmat Pool in the perforated interval from approximately 3260 feet to 3269 feet in its Mobil State Well No. 1 located 660 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit O) of Section 16, Township 23 South, Range 36 East. Said location is approximately 13.5 miles north-northwest of Jal, New Mexico.

**CASE 10394:** (Continued from October 3, 1991, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Nearburg Producing Company 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 Bone Spring formation underlying the NE/4 SE/4 (Unit I) of Section 31, Township 24 South, Range 29 East, forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre oil spacing within said vertical extent. Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard oil 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 well is located approximately 4.5 miles southeast of Malaga, New Mexico.

CASE 10400: Application of Stevens Operating Corporation for salt water disposal, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the San Andres formation in the perforated intervals from 2766 feet to 3130 feet and the open hole interval from 3205 feet to 3300 feet in the previously plugged and abandoned McClellan Oil Corporation North King Camp Unit Well No. 8 located 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line (Unit I), Section 27, Township 13 South, Range 29 East. Said location is approximately 18.5 miles east by north of Hagerman, New Mexico.

CASE 10352: (Continued from October 3, 1991, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Collins & Ware, Inc. 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 the W/2 of Section 36, Township 20 South, Range 28 East, forming a standard 320-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 North Turkey Track-Cisco Gas Pool, Undesignated Palmillo Draw-Strawn Gas Pool, Undesignated North Turkey Track-Atoka Gas Pool, and North Turkey Track-Morrow Gas Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard gas well location in the NW/4 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 12 miles southwest of Loco Hills, New Mexico.

CASE 10372: (Continued from October 3, 1991, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Parker & Parsley Development Company for compulsory pooling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Pictured Cliffs formation underlying the S/2 equivalent of Section 33, Township 31 North, Range 4 West, forming a standard 320-acre, more or less, spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools within said vertical extent developed on 320-acre spacing, which presently includes only the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the SW/4 of said Section 33. 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 15 miles west-southwest of Dulce, New Mexico.

CASE 10401: Application of Texaco Exploration & Production, Inc. for a secondary recovery project, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval to institute either a pressure maintenance or waterflood pilot project, whichever is deemed applicable pursuant to Division General Rule 701 on its New Mexico State "AT" and New Mexico State "AN" Leases comprising Sections 15 and 22, Township 14 South, Range 33 East, by the injection of water into the Saunders-Permo Upper Pennsylvanian Pool through four certain producing wells to be converted to injection. Said project area is located approximately 3 miles north-northwest of Warren Petroleum Company's Saunders Gas Plant.

CASE 10402: (This case will be dismissed.)

Application of Mewbourne Oil Company for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox gas well location, 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 the following described area in Section 33, Township 22 South, Range 26 East, and in the following manner: the N/2 forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre gas spacing within said vertical extent, which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Sheep Draw-Strawn Gas Pool, Undesignated Northeast Sheep Draw-Strawn Gas Pool, Undesignated South Carlsbad-Atoka Gas Pool, Undesignated South Carlsbad-Morrow Gas Pool, and the Undesignated Happy Valley-Morrow Gas Pool, and the NE/4 forming a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent. Said units are to be dedicated to a single well to be drilled 660 feet from the North line and 2,310 feet from the East line (Unit B) of said Section 33, which is a standard location for 320-acre spacing and unorthodox for 160-acre spacing. 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 is located approximately 2 miles west-northwest of the Cavern City (Carlsbad) Airport.

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RE: CASE NO. 10394  
ORDER NO. R-9602

Dear Sir:

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

Sincerely,

*Florene Davidson*

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OC Staff Specialist

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cc: BLM Carlsbad Office

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION  
OF NEARBURG PRODUCING COMPANY FOR  
COMPULSORY POOLING OF ALL MINERAL  
INTERESTS FROM THE SURFACE TO THE  
BASE OF THE BONE SPRING FORMATION  
UNDERLYING THE NE¼SE¼ SECTION 31,  
TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST,  
N.M.P.M., EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case No. 10394

*m.s.*

MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE

Applicant moves that this case be continued to the next docket  
hearing.

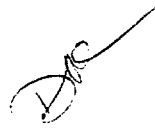
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TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST,  
N.M.P.M., EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.



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MOTION TO DISMISS

Applicant moves that this matter be dismissed.

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