

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 4, 1993
8:15 A.M. - MORGAN HALL, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Dockets Nos. 34-93 and 35-93 are tentatively set for November 18, 1993 and December 2, 1993. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 23 days in advance of hearing date.

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

CASE 10856: Application of Hanson Operating Company, Inc., for a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project and for special operating rules therefore, Roosevelt County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks authority to initiate a short-radius high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project in the NW/4 SE/4 of Section 17, Township 8 South, Range 37 East, being a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit in the Undesignated North Allison-San Andres Pool. Applicant proposes to utilize its existing Tuxedo Federal Well No. 1 located 1990 feet from the South line and 2004 feet from the East line (Unit J) of said Section 17 by kicking-off from vertical at an approximate depth of 4825 feet, build angle to approximately 90 degrees with a short radius curve and continue with a horizontal drainhole in said pool. Applicant further seeks special rules and provisions within the project area including the designation of a prescribed area limiting the horizontal displacement of any drainhole in said project area to within 330 feet of the outer boundary of said 40-acre unit. Said project area is located approximately 9.75 miles south by east of Milnesand, New Mexico.

CASE 10857: Application of Phillips Petroleum Company for an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location for its Lone Ranger Well No. 21 to be drilled 2260 feet from the South line and 450 feet from the East line and (Unit I) of Section 27, Township 12 South, Range 34 East, West Ranger Lake-Devonian Gas Pool. The E/2 of said Section 27 is to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing unit. Said unit is located approximately 10 miles west of Tatum, New Mexico.

CASE 10858: Application of Mitchell Energy Corporation for a waiver of the salt protection string requirements of Order No. R-111-P for certain wells, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks authority to delete the salt protection string requirements of Order No. R-111-P from ten wells to be located in Section 4, Township 20 South, Range 33 East, and to be drilled to test for production in the West Teas Yates-Seven Rivers Pool. The subject wells are located south of Highway 180 some 10 miles northeast of the intersection of Highways 176 and 180 and are approximately 8 miles northeast of Laguna Gatuna, New Mexico.

CASE 10521: (Reopened)

In the matter of Case No. 10521 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-8170-L which order promulgated special rules and regulations for the South Blanco-Pictured Cliffs Pool establishing a minimum gas allowable for said pool. Operators in the subject pool should be prepared to appear and present evidence and testimony should it become apparent that continuation of a minimum gas allowable will not serve to prevent waste and protect correlative rights. This cause will be continued to a January 1994 docket.

CASE 10036: (Reopened)

In the matter of Case No. 10036 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-8170-G which order promulgated special rules and regulations for the Eumont Gas Pool, establishing a minimum gas allowable for said pool. Operators in the subject pool should be prepared to appear and present evidence and testimony relevant to the continuation of a minimum gas allowable in the Eumont Gas Pool. This cause will be continued to a January 1994 docket.

CASE 10859: Application of Hallwood Petroleum, Inc. for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Pictured Cliffs formation underlying the E/2 of Section 33, Township 30 North, Range 12 West. Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location in the E/2 of said Section 33 to test any and all formations to the base of the Pictured Cliffs formation including the Fruitland formation, Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool and the Pictured Cliffs formation, Fulcher Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Gas Pool. 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 the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 2 miles southeast of Flora Vista, New Mexico.

CASE 10850: (Continued from October 21, 1993, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Hallwood Petroleum, Inc. for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Pictured Cliffs formation underlying the W/2 of Section 14, Township 29 North, Range 13 West. Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location in the W/2 of said Section 14 to test any and all formations to the base of the Pictured Cliffs formation including the Fruitland formation, Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool and the Pictured Cliffs formation, West Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool. 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 the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 5 miles south of Berry Park.

CASE 10851: (Continued from October 21, 1993, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Hallwood Petroleum, Inc. for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Pictured Cliffs formation underlying the S/2 of Section 28, Township 30 North, Range 12 West. Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location in the S/2 of said Section 28 to test any and all formations to the base of the Pictured Cliffs formation including the Fruitland formation, Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool and the Pictured Cliffs formation, Fulcher Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool. 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 the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 1 mile south of Farmington Lake.

CASE 10860: **Application of Armstrong Energy Corporation an unorthodox oil well location, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks authorization to drill to the Delaware formation, Northeast Lea-Delaware Pool, its Mobil Lea State Well No. 4 at an unorthodox oil well location 1155 feet from the South line and 1770 feet from the West line (Unit N) of Section 2, Township 20 South, Range 34 East. The SE/4 SW/4 of said Section 2 is to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 40-acre spacing and proration unit. Said unit is located approximately 1 mile south of mile marker 80 on U.S. Highway 180/62.

CASE 10772: (Continued from October 21, 1993, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Barber Oil Inc. for salt water disposal, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks authority to utilize its Stovall-Wood Well No. 5 located 880 feet from the North line and 1580 feet from the West line (Unit C) of Section 20, Township 20 South, Range 30 East, to dispose of produced salt water into the Rustler Lime formation through the perforated interval from approximately 195 feet to 255 feet. Said well is located 2 miles northeast of the National Potash Company Mine.

CASE 10861: **Application of Collins & Ware, Inc. for a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project and special operating rules therefor, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks to initiate a horizontal drilling project in the Devonian formation, Denton-Devonian Pool, underlying the SW/4 NE/4 of Section 35, Township 14 South, Range 37 East. Applicant proposes to re-enter its S. & J. Operating T.D. Pope Well No. 5 which is at an orthodox surface location 1980 feet from the North and East lines (Unit G) of Section 35, kick-off from vertical in a northeasterly direction commencing to build angle at an appropriate rate to vertically and horizontally traverse the proposed producing area. Applicant further seeks the adoption of special operating provisions and rules within the project area including the designation of a target window such that the horizontal or producing portion of the wellbore shall be no closer than 100 feet to any boundary of the proration unit. Said project is located approximately 3 miles southeast of Prairieview.

CASE 10711: (Continued from October 7, 1993, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for approval of a waterflood project and qualification for the recovered oil tax rate, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval of its Creek AL Lease Waterflood Project by injection of water into the Shugart, Penrose and Middle Grayburg formations through 108 injection wells located in Township 18 South, Range 30 East as follows: Section 23: E/2 SE/4; Section 24: S/2, S/2 and NW/4 SW/4; Section 25: NW/4 and E/2 NE/4. The applicant requests that the Division establish procedures for the administrative approval of additional injection wells within the unit area without the necessity of further hearings and the adoption of any provisions necessary for such other matters as may be appropriate for said waterflood operations. Applicant further seeks to qualify this project for the recovered oil tax rate under the "Enhanced Oil Recovery Act" (Law 1992, Chapter 38, Sections 1 through 5). Said area of interest is located approximately 1 mile east of Walters Lake, New Mexico.