

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - DECEMBER 5, 1996

8:15 AM - 2040 South Pacheco

Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dockets Nos 37-96 and 1-97 are tentatively set for December 19, 1996 and January 9, 1997. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 23 days in advance of hearing date. The following cases will be heard by an Examiner:

CASE 10513: (Readvertised)

Application of Hanley Petroleum Inc. for determination of reasonable well costs, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant as a working interest owner in the Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P. Kachina "8" Federal Well No. 2 located 1830 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line (Unit E) of Section 8, Township 18 South, Range 33 East, South Corbin-Wolfcamp Pool, which was drilled pursuant to the compulsory pooling provisions of Division Order Nos. R-9480, R-9480-A, and R-9480-B, all entered in Case Nos. 10211 and 10219, and to which is dedicated the W/2 NW/4 (Units D and E) of said Section 8, seeks an order ascertaining the reasonableness of actual well costs for the subject well. Said unit is located approximately 7.5 miles southeast by south of Maljamar, New Mexico.

CASE 10882: (Readvertised)

Application of James C. Brown, Trustee, and Bayshore Production Co., Limited Partnership, to vacate and void Division Administrative Orders NSP-1632(L)(SD) and NSP-1633(L), Lea County, New Mexico. Applicants seek approval of an order from the Division vacating and voiding Administrative Order NSP-1633(L) covering the N/2 N/2 (equivalent) and Administrative Order NSP-1632(L)(SD) covering the S/2 N/2 (equivalent) of Section 7, Township 23 South, Range 37 East, Jalmat Gas Pool. The said units are located approximately 8 miles south-southwest of Eunice, New Mexico.

CASE 11648: (Continued from November 21, 1996, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Mewbourne Oil Company for compulsory pooling, a non-standard spacing unit and an unorthodox well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in all formations developed on 320-acre spacing underlying the S/2 in the Eumont Gas Pool and in all formations developed on 160-acre spacing underlying the SW/4, and in all formations developed on 80-acre spacing underlying the S/2 SW/4, from the surface to the base of the Yates-Seven Rivers-Queen formation, Eumont Gas Pool, of Section 21, Township 19 South, Range 37 East. Said units are to be dedicated to its Eumont "21" State Well No. 1 which will be drilled at an unorthodox location 990 feet from the South line and 860 feet from the West line (Unit M) of said Section 21. Applicant proposes to dedicate to this well in the Eumont Gas Pool a non-standard spacing unit comprised of the S/2 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 the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 2 miles east of Monument, New Mexico.

CASE 11639: (Continued from November 21, 1996, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Mewbourne Oil Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the base of the Abo formation to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the N/2 of Section 8, Township 18 South, Range 28 East, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing. Applicant proposes to dedicate this pooled unit to its Scoggin Draw "8" State Well No. 1, to be drilled at an orthodox location 660 feet from the North line and 2250 feet from the East line (Unit B) of said Section 8. 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 11 miles southwest of Artesia, New Mexico.

CASE 11665: **Application of Exxon Corporation for approval of a waterflood project and to qualify said project for the recovered oil tax rate pursuant to the Enhanced Oil Recovery Act, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks approval to institute a secondary recovery project in its proposed Knox-Adkins Waterflood Project by the injection of water into the Blinebry formation in the Oil Center-Blinebry Pool, encompassing 640 acres of fee land comprising all of Section 10, Township 21 South, Range 36 East. Applicant further seeks to qualify the project for the recovered oil tax rate pursuant to the "New Mexico Enhanced Oil Recovery Act" (Laws 1992, Chapter 38, Sections 1 through 5). Said project is located immediately east of Oil Center, New Mexico.

CASE 11659: (Continued from November 21, 1996, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Santa Fe Energy Resources, Inc. for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox oil well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Devonian formation underlying the SE/4 SE/4 of Section 27, Township 15 South, Range 34 East, forming 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. Said unit is to be dedicated to its Grassland "27" Well No. 1, to be drilled at an unorthodox oil well location 1243 feet from the South line and 353 feet from the East line (Unit P) of said Section 27. 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 11 miles west by north of McDonald, New Mexico.

CASE 11661: (Continued from November 21, 1996, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Santa Fe Energy Resources, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the following described acreage in Section 20, Township 22 South, Range 28 East, and in the following manner: the S/2 of Section 20 to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within said vertical extent, including the Undesignated Dublin Ranch-Atoka Gas Pool, the Undesignated Dublin Ranch-Morrow Gas Pool, and the Undesignated Otis-Morrow Gas Pool; the SE/4 of Section 20 to form 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; and the NW/4 SE/4 of Section 20 to form a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within said vertical extent, including the Undesignated Indian Draw-Delaware Pool and the Undesignated Herradura Bend-Cherry Canyon Pool. Said units are to be dedicated to applicant's Federal "3 AE" Well No. 1, to be recompleted at an orthodox location 1650 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit J) of said Section 20. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and recompleting 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 and recompleting said well. Said unit is located approximately 6 miles north of Loving, New Mexico.

CASE 11666: **Application of InterCoast Oil and Gas Company for compulsory pooling and unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the E/2 of Section 20, Township 20 South, Range 28 East, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing, including but not limited to the Burton Flat-Morrow Gas Pool and the Undesignated West Burton Flat-Atoka Gas Pool. Said unit will be dedicated to its InterCoast State 20 Well No. 1 to be drilled at an unorthodox location 990 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the East line (Unit A) of said Section 20. 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 10 miles east-southeast of Locked, New Mexico.

CASE 11634: (Continued from November 21, 1996, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of InterCoast Oil and Gas Company for compulsory pooling and unorthodox well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests for all formations developed on 320-acre spacing in the N/2 of Section 20, Township 20 South, Range 28 East, from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation, Burton Flat-Morrow Gas Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to its InterCoast State 20 Well No. 1 which will be drilled at an unorthodox location 990 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the East line (Unit A) of said Section 20. 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 and completing said well. Said unit is located approximately 10 miles east-southeast of Lakewood, New Mexico.

CASE 11667: **Application of Penwell Energy, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in all formations developed on 320-acre spacing underlying the E/2 and in all formations developed on 160-acre spacing underlying the SE/4 from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation in Section 29, Township 23 South, Range 26 East. Said units are to be dedicated to its F. H. "29" Federal Com. Well No. 1 which will be drilled at a standard location 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line (Unit I) of said Section 29. 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 area is located approximately 8 miles south of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

CASE 11656: (Continued from November 21, 1996, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Texaco Exploration and Production, Inc. for compulsory pooling, a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project, and special operating rules therefor, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks to establish a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project in the Rhodes-Yates Seven Rivers Gas Pool within a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit comprising the SW/4 of Section 23, Township 26 South, Range 37 East, whereby the extent of the wellbore for its proposed Rhodes "23" Federal Com Well No. 1 is to be limited to a target window no closer than 660 feet to any boundary of the project area/proration unit. Further, the applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests within the Rhodes-Yates Seven Rivers Gas Pool underlying the aforementioned 160-acre project area/proration unit. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the Rhodes "23" Federal Com Well No. 1 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 and completing said well. Said unit is located approximately 5 miles south-southwest of Jal, New Mexico.

CASE 11650: (Readvertised - This Case Will Be Continued to December 19, 1996.)

Application of Texaco Exploration & Production Inc. for amendment of Division Order No. R-5530, as amended, to increase injection pressures in its Central Vacuum Unit Pressure Maintenance Project Area, authorize a tertiary recovery project by the injection of carbon dioxide and to qualify this project for the recovered oil tax rate pursuant to the Enhanced Oil Recovery Act, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval to institute a tertiary recovery project in its Central Vacuum Unit Pressure Maintenance Project Area by the injection of carbon dioxide into the Grayburg and San Andres formations in the Vacuum-Grayburg-San Andres Pool. The Central Vacuum Unit Pressure Maintenance Project encompasses portions of Sections 25 and 36 of Township 17 South, Range 34 East; Sections 30 and 31 of Township 17 South, Range 35 East; Section 12 of Township 18 South, Range 34 East; and Sections 6 and 7 of Township 18 South, Range 35 East. Applicant also seeks to increase the approved surface injection pressure for water in this project area to 1500 pounds and establish a maximum surface injection pressure for carbon dioxide of 1900 pounds. Applicant further seeks to qualify the project area for the recovered oil tax rate pursuant to the "New Mexico Enhanced Oil Recovery Act" (Laws 1992, Chapter 38, Sections 1 through 5). Said unit is located approximately 2 miles south of Buckeye, New Mexico.

CASE 11668: **Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for ten unorthodox gas well locations, Pecos Slope-Abo Gas Pool, Chaves County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks approval of the following unorthodox gas well locations in the Pecos Slope-Abo Gas Pool:

Township 6 South, Range 26 East, NMPM:

Hansel ANH Federal No. 1, Section 7: 2110 feet from the North line and 940 feet from the East line

Township 7 South, Range 26 East, NMPM:

Leeman OC Federal No. 5, Section 18: 2310 feet from the South line and 2310 feet from the East line

Township 6 South, Range 25 East, NMPM:

Thomas LN Federal No. 9, Section 10: 2310 feet from the South line and 1300 feet from the West line

Skinny QO State No. 8, Section 16: 660 feet from the South line and 2310 feet from the West line

Snell QZ No. 2, Section 31: 2310 feet from the North line and 2310 feet from the West line

Powers OL Federal Com. No. 11, Section 33: 385 feet from the North line and 1680 feet from the East line

Teckla MD Federal No. 9, Section 13: 330 feet from the South line and 2200 feet from the East line

Sacra SA No. 12, Section 23: 2310 feet from the South line and 1300 feet from the East line

Red Rock NB Federal No. 7, Section 28: 2310 feet from the South line and 1300 feet from the West line

Sacra SA Com No. 13, Section 34: 2310 feet from the South line and 1500 feet from the East line

Said area is located approximately 35 miles west-southwest of Kenna, New Mexico.

CASE 11649: (Continued from November 7, 1996, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in all formations developed on 320-acre spacing underlying the N/2, in all formations developed on 160-acre spacing underlying the NE/4, in all formations developed on 80-acre spacing underlying the N/2 NE/4, and in all formations developed on 40-acre spacing underlying the NW/4 NE/4 from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation, Cemetery-Morrow Gas Pool, of Section 26, Township 19 South, Range 25 East. Said units are to be dedicated to its Morris 26B Well No.1 which will be drilled at a standard location 660 feet from the North line and 1650 feet from the East line (Unit B) of said Section 26. 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 4 1/2 miles west of Lakewood, New Mexico.

CASE 11669: Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C., for an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks authorization to drill a well to the Wolfcamp and Morrow formations, Undesignated West Osudo-Morrow Gas Pool, at an unorthodox well location 660 feet from the North and West lines of Section 36, Township 20 South, Range 35 East. The W/2 of said Section 36 is to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit. Said unit is located approximately 8 miles southwest of Monument, New Mexico.

CASE 11542: (Continued from November 7, 1996, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Meridian Oil Inc. for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox gas well location, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling certain mineral interests in the Blanco Mesaverde Pool underlying Lots 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15 and 16 (the E/2 equivalent) of Section 23, Township 31 North, Range 9 West, forming a 313.63-acre gas spacing and proration unit. Said unit is to be dedicated to Meridian Oil Inc.'s proposed Seymour Well No. 7A which is an "Infill Blanco-Mesaverde Well" to be drilled at an unorthodox gas well location 1615 feet from the South line and 2200 feet from the East line of said Section 23 to test for production from the Mesaverde formation. Also to be considered will be the costs of participation in said well, including but not limited to the costs of drilling and completing, the allocation of those costs and income therefrom as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, a charge for risk involved in drilling and completing said well and the designation of applicant as the operator of the well. Said well is located approximately 9 miles southeast of Cedar Hills, New Mexico.

CASE 11670: Application of CT-R, LTD Company and Chantrey Corporation to amend Administrative Order NSP-7, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order amending Order NSP-7, dated October 1, 1954, by reducing the previously approved 320-acre non-standard gas proration and spacing unit consisting of the S/2 of Section 21, Township 19 South, Range 37 East, to an 80-acre non-standard gas proration and spacing unit to consist of the N/2 SW/4 of said Section 21 to be dedicated to the Huston Com Well #1-K located 1980 feet from the South and West lines (Unit K) of said Section 21, Eumont Gas Pool. Said unit is located approximately 1 1/2 miles north of Monument, New Mexico.

CASE 11671: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval to drill its proposed Stonewall DD State Com Well No. 3 at a point 990 feet from the North and West lines (Unit D) of Section 20, Township 20 South, Range 28 East, to the base of the Morrow formation, said location being unorthodox for any and all gas producing formations from the top of the Wolfcamp to the base of the Morrow, including but not limited to the Burton Flat-Morrow Gas Pool and, if productive, to be dedicated to a 320-acre gas spacing unit consisting of the W/2 of said Section 20. Said location is approximately 10 miles north of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

CASE 11651: (Continued from November 21, 1996, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation, underlying the N/2 of Section 27, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within said vertical extent; the NW/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; the NE/4 NW/4 forming 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, including but not limited to the Atoka-Penn Gas Pool. Said units are to be dedicated to its existing Hawkins "GY" Well No. 4, which is located at an orthodox location 990 feet from the North line and 1650 feet from the West line (Unit C) of Section 27 which applicant seeks to reenter. 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 and completing said well. Said unit is located 4 miles south-southeast of Atoka, New Mexico.

CASE 11516: (Continued from November 7, 1996, Examiner Hearing.)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") on its own motion to permit the operator, H & W Enterprises, American Employers' Insurance Company, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Mobil State Well No. 1, located in Unit H of Section 16, Township 17 South, Range 31 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program, authorizing the Division to plug said well, and ordering a forfeiture of the plugging bond. Said well is located approximately 6 miles west-southwest of Maljamar, New Mexico.

ASE 11604: (Continued from November 7, 1996, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Sunco Trucking Water Disposal Company for a show cause hearing as to why it should not be fined for violations of Oil Conservation Division Rule 711, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks a hearing to show cause to the Oil Conservation Division why applicant should not be fined \$5,000.00 for violations of the conditions of its Rule 711 permit.

CASE 11672: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division upon its own motion for an order contracting and extending certain pools in McKinley, Rio Arriba, Sandoval, and San Juan Counties, New Mexico.

- (a) CONTRACT the Red Mountain-Mesaverde Oil Pool in McKinley County, New Mexico, by the deletion therefrom of the following described area:

TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, NMPM

Section 29: SW/4

- (b) EXTEND the Adobe-Chacra Pool in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 24 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, NMPM

Section 14: N/2 and SE/4

- (c) EXTEND the Blanco-Mesaverde Pool in Rio Arriba and San Juan Counties, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST, NMPM

Section 19: S/2

- (d) EXTEND the Blanco-Pictured Cliffs Pool in Rio Arriba and San Juan Counties, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST, NMPM

Section 21: W/2

Section 28: W/2

Section 33: W/2

TOWNSHIP 32 NORTH, RANGE 10 WEST, NMPM

Section 13: SW/4

Section 14: SE/4

Section 23: E/2

Section 24: W/2

Section 25: NW/4

Section 26: NE/4

- (e) EXTEND the Carracas-Pictured Cliffs Pool in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 32 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, NMPM

Section 22: E/2

Section 23: SW/4

Section 26: E/2

Section 35: NE/4

- (f) EXTEND the Devils Fork-Mesaverde Oil Pool in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 24 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST, NMPM

Section 1: E/2 SE/4

- (g) EXTEND the Ensenada-Gallup Pool in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST, NMPM

Section 34: NE/4

(h) EXTEND the Flora Vista-Gallup Pool in San Juan County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 30 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, NMPM

Section 4: SE/4

Section 9: E/2

(i) EXTEND the Fulcher Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool in San Juan County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, NMPM

Section 3: NW/4

(j) EXTEND the Lybrook-Gallup Oil Pool in Rio Arriba, Sandoval, and San Juan Counties, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 24 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST, NMPM

Section 35: NW/4 NE/4

(k) EXTEND the Otero-Chacra Pool in Rio Arriba and San Juan Counties, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST, NMPM

Section 13 NW/4

Section 14: NE/4

Section 23: SE/4

Section 24: W/2

Section 25: S/2 and NW/4

IN THE ABSENCE OF OBJECTION, THIS CASE WILL BE TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT.

DOCKET: COMMISSION HEARING - THURSDAY - DECEMBER 12, 1996

9:00 A.M. - 2040 SOUTH PACHECO - SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO
The Land Commissioner's designee for this hearing will be Jami Bailey

CASE 10907: (Continued from November 14, 1996, Commission Hearing.)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division to amend Rule 111, 1112 and 1115 of its General Rules and Regulations. The Oil Conservation Division seeks to amend its General Rules and Regulations to provide for the filing of Forms C-111, C-112, and C-115, respectively, on the last business day of the month following the month of production and to provide for the imposition of penalties for failure to file timely and accurate reports.

CASE 11510: (Reopened)

Application of Branko, Inc. Et. al to Reopen Case No. 10656 (Order No. R-9845), Lea County, New Mexico. Mitchell Energy Corporation, a party in this matter, has requested to have the Oil Conservation Commission decide the matter of which parties are to be notified of election rights under compulsory pooling orders.

CASE 11515: (De Novo - Continued from October 29, 1996, Commission Hearing.)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") on its own motion to permit the operator Woosley Oil Co., American Employers' Insurance Company, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Santa Fe Energy Well No. 1 located in Unit P of Section 8, Township 19 North, Range 6 West; Santa Fe Energy Well No. 2 located in Unit A of Section 17, Township 19 North, Range 6 West; State Well No. 1 located in Unit D of Section 16, Township 19 North, Range 6 West; State Well No. 2 located in Unit C of Section 16, Township 19 North, Range 6 West; State Well No. 3 located in Unit A of Section 16, Township 19 North, Range 6 West; Ptasynski A Well No. 1 located in Unit I of Section 11, Township 19 North, Range 5 West; and Ptasynski A Well No. 2 located in Unit J of Section 11, Township 19 North, Range 5 West; all located in McKinley County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program, authorizing the Division to plug said wells, and ordering a forfeiture of the plugging bond. The center of the area encompassing said wells is located approximately 10 miles southeast of Chaco Canyon National Monument, New Mexico. Upon application of Commercial Union Insurance Companies and American Employers' Insurance Company, this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 11579: (De Novo - Continued from October 29, 1996 Commission Hearing.)

Application of Pogo Producing Company for a pressure maintenance project, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval to institute a pressure maintenance project in the West Red Tank-Delaware Pool within its federal oil and gas lease (No. NM-86149) comprising the W/2 of Section 26, Township 22 South, Range 32 East, by the injection of natural gas through the perforated interval from approximately 8,399 feet to 8,471 feet into its existing Red Tank "26" Federal Well No. 1 located 1880 feet from the South and West lines (Unit K) of said Section 26. Said project area is located approximately 29 miles west by south of Eunice, New Mexico.

AWAITING FINAL COMMISSION ACTION -- NO EVIDENCE OR TESTIMONY WILL BE TAKEN

CASE 11596: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission to establish a rule to allow Commission members to participate in Commission meetings and hearings by means of a conference telephone or other similar communications equipment when it is otherwise difficult or impossible for members to attend the meeting or hearing in person.

CASE 11507: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") on its own motion to permit the operator Petroleum Development Corporation, United New Mexico Bank, Albuquerque, New Mexico, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the El Poso Ranch Well Nos. 8 and 11, located in Unit N of Section 14 and Unit K of Section 14, both in Township 28 North, Range 1 East, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program, authorizing the Division to plug said well, and ordering a forfeiture of the plugging bond. Said wells are located approximately 4 miles northwest of El Vado, New Mexico.

CASE 11508: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") on its own motion to permit the operator Spur Oil Inc., Old Republic Insurance Company, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Samantha Well No. 1 located in Unit L of Section 26, Township 28 North, Range 1 East; Samantha Well No. 2 located in Unit K of Section 26, Township 28 North, Range 1 East; Samantha Well No. 3 located in Unit N of Section 26, Township 28 North, Range 1 East; Gonzales 13 Well No. 1 located in Unit I of Section 13, Township 31 North, Range 1 East; Gonzales 18 Well No. 1 located in Unit M of Section 18, Township 31 North, Range 2 East; Quinlan Ranch Well No. 1 located in Unit H of Section 23, Township 32 North, Range 2 East; and the Quinlan Ranch Well No. 2 located in Unit N of Section 19, Township 31 North, Range 3 East; Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program, authorizing the Division to plug said well, and ordering a forfeiture of the plugging bond. The three Samantha wells are located approximately 5 miles west-northwest of El Vado, New Mexico. The Gonzales 13 Well No. 1 and Gonzales 18 Well No. 1 are located approximately 4 and 6 miles east of Monero, New Mexico, respectively. The Quinlan Ranch Well Nos. 1 and 2 are located approximately 6 miles northwest and 6 miles north-northwest of Chama, New Mexico, respectively.

CASE 11509: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") on its own motion to permit the operator Chuza Operating, Underwriters Indemnity Co., and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the El Poso Ranch Wells Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9 and 10, located in Units E of Section 26, P of Section 22, F of Section 14, C of Section 23, J of Section 14, N of Section 11, and O of Section 14, respectively, all in Township 28 North, Range 1 East, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program, authorizing the Division to plug said well, and ordering a forfeiture of the plugging bond. Said wells are located approximately 4 miles northwest of El Vado, New Mexico.

CASE 11514: **Application of Read & Stevens, Inc. for an unorthodox infill gas well location and simultaneous dedication, Chaves County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks approval of an unorthodox infill gas well location in the Buffalo Valley-Pennsylvanian (Prorated) Gas Pool for a well to be drilled 990 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit O) of Section 26, Township 15 South, Range 27 East. Said well is to be simultaneous dedicated with the existing Harris Federal Well No. 4, located at a standard gas well location in Unit "P" of said Section 26, to a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit comprising the S/2 of said Section 26. Said unit is located approximately 9.5 miles southeast of Lake Arthur, New Mexico.