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DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF)
CONSIDERING:) CASE NO. 10943

APPLICATION OF ENRON OIL & GAS COMPANY

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EXAMINER HEARING

BEFORE: Michael E. Stogner, Hearing Examiner

March 31, 1994

Santa Fe, New Mexico

This matter came on for hearing before the
Oil Conservation Division on March 31, 1994, at
Morgan Hall, State Land Office Building, 310 Old
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1 EXAMINER STOGNER: This hearing will come
2 to order. Call next case No. 10943.

3 MR. CARROLL: Application of Enron Oil &
4 Gas Company for special pool rules, Lea County, New
5 Mexico.

6 EXAMINER STOGNER: Call for appearances.

7 MR. CARR: May it please the examiner, my
8 name is William F. Carr with the Santa Fe law firm,
9 Campbell, Carr, Berge & Sheridan. I represent Enron
10 Oil & Gas Company in this case, and I have three
11 witnesses.

12 EXAMINER STOGNER: Any other appearances?
13 There being none, will the three witnesses please
14 stand to be sworn at this time.

15 (Witnesses sworn.)

16 EXAMINER STOGNER: Mr. Carr.

17 PATRICK J. TOWER,
18 the witness herein, after having been first duly
19 sworn upon his oath, was examined and testified as
20 follows:

21 EXAMINATION

22 BY MR. CARR:

23 Q. Would you state your full name for the
24 record, please.

25 A. Patrick J. Tower.

1 Q. Where do you reside?

2 A. Midland, Texas.

3 Q. By whom are you employed?

4 A. Enron Oil & Gas Company.

5 Q. What is your current position with Enron
6 Oil & Gas?

7 A. I am a project landman.

8 Q. Have you previously testified before this
9 Division?

10 A. Yes, I have.

11 Q. At the time of that testimony were your
12 credentials as a petroleum landman accepted and made
13 a matter of record?

14 A. Yes, they were.

15 Q. Are you familiar with the application
16 filed in this case on behalf of Enron?

17 A. Yes, I am.

18 Q. Are you familiar with the status of the
19 lands in the subject area?

20 A. Yes, I am.

21 MR. CARR: Are the witness's
22 qualifications acceptable?

23 EXAMINER STOGNER: They are.

24 Q. (BY MR. CARR) Mr. Tower, will you briefly
25 state what Enron seeks with this application?

1 A. Enron seeks the promulgation of special
2 pool rules for the Red Hills (Bone Spring) Pool
3 located in Section 13, Township 25 South, Range 33
4 East, in Lea County, New Mexico, including a
5 provision for 80-acre spacing and designated well
6 location requirements.

7 Q. Have you prepared exhibits for
8 presentation here today?

9 A. Yes, I have.

10 Q. Would you refer to what has been marked as
11 Enron Exhibit 1, identify this, and review it for Mr.
12 Stogner?

13 A. Exhibit No. 1 is a land plat prepared from
14 the Midland Map Company. On such land plat in yellow
15 designates Enron Oil & Gas Company's leasehold
16 position, either in full interest or partial
17 interest.

18 Also depicted on this land plat are two
19 outlines. The outline in red is the current
20 established pool outline for the Red Hills (Bone
21 Spring) formation, and the green outline is what we
22 believe -- and subsequent testimony by the geology
23 will support this -- what we believe to be the
24 productive limits or reasonably productive limits of
25 the Bone Spring Pool.

1 The plat also will identify, however we
2 will also get into more detail later, various oil
3 well locations that Enron has drilled or intends to
4 drill.

5 MR. CARR: Mr. Stogner, the reason we've
6 included this green outline on this exhibit is that
7 although there have been a number of additional wells
8 drilled in Sections 12 and 7, through the normal
9 nomenclature process, the pool rules haven't been
10 expanded. And we've been advised that's really
11 because Mr. Kautz in the Hobbs District office has
12 been tied up on On Guard-related matters.

13 The wells, however, in Section 7 are
14 classified in the OCD files as being in the Red Hills
15 (Bone Spring) Field, and as there is normal expansion
16 of the Pool under the Division's nomenclature
17 process, the pool will be expanded, and we did put
18 the green area on only because at the moment there
19 are wells that are classified in the pool that are
20 more than a mile from the pool boundary as defined in
21 Commission record. We just provide that by way of
22 background.

23 Q. What is the interest of Kaiser-Francis in
24 this area, Mr. Tower?

25 A. Kaiser-Francis' interest in this

1 particular area lies in Section 12 within the green
2 outline. They approximately own about a 12-1/2
3 percent working interest, nonoperated position in one
4 of Enron's operating agreements.

5 Q. As you indicated, this is a portion of a
6 Midland Map Company map?

7 A. Yes, it is.

8 Q. Have you reviewed it? Is the information
9 on this exhibit correct?

10 A. Yes, it is.

11 Q. The tracts shaded in solid yellow are 100
12 percent Enron in terms of the working interest?

13 A. This is correct.

14 Q. Those that just have a yellow outline
15 would have varying percentages of ownership, but
16 Enron has an interest in each of those tracts?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. Could you identify what has been marked as
19 Exhibit 2?

20 A. Exhibit No. 2 represents the compilation
21 of the parties that Enron notified in regard to this
22 case.

23 Q. Who have you actually notified of this
24 hearing?

25 A. We have notified within the body of this

1 all operators within a mile of the pool boundaries,
2 being predominantly Enron, Hallwood Petroleum
3 Company, and Yates Petroleum Company, and in addition
4 we have notified all of Enron's working interest
5 partners in and around a mile of the pool boundary.

6 Q. So all operators in the pool and all
7 operators of wells within a mile of the pool in this
8 formation have been notified?

9 A. Yes, they have.

10 Q. Will Enron call technical witnesses to
11 review the engineering and geological aspects of this
12 case?

13 A. Yes, they will.

14 Q. Were Exhibits 1 and 2 either prepared by
15 you or compiled under your direction and supervision?

16 A. Yes, they were.

17 MR. CARR: At this time, Mr. Stogner, we
18 move the admission of Enron Exhibits 1 and 2.

19 EXAMINER STOGNER: Exhibits 1 and 2 will
20 be admitted into evidence.

21 MR. CARR: That concludes my direct
22 examination of Mr. Tower.

23 EXAMINATION

24 BY EXAMINER STOGNER:

25 Q. Mr. Tower, in looking at Section 12, is

1 that a pencil mark, or is that how the leases are
2 split up?

3 A. That is a mistake by Midland Map Company.
4 That is in actuality the federal lease that
5 encompasses the entire section, and there are no
6 lease boundaries per se under that oil and gas
7 lease. I want to correct this map that it is not
8 correct as to that item.

9 MR. CARR: That's one lease, that section?

10 THE WITNESS: Section 12 is one lease. It
11 encompasses some other lands in Section 11 and a
12 piece of land up in Section 1 as well.

13 Q. (BY EXAMINER STOGNER) Is that a federal
14 lease, all of those wells?

15 A. All of it is federal.

16 Q. That's unusual. So that state down there
17 doesn't mean anything, down in the lower right
18 hand-corner?

19 A. That's correct. I am aware in this area a
20 situation where there are some surface -- not on this
21 section -- there are some surface ownerships owned by
22 the state overlying federal minerals, and it might be
23 possibly there they superimposed that for some
24 reason, but that is federal.

25 EXAMINER STOGNER: That stood out, and I

1 wanted to get that cleared up. Other than that, I
2 don't have any questions.

3 MR. CARR: We have no further questions of
4 this witness. At this time I would call Barry Zinz.

5 BARRY L. ZINZ,
6 the witness herein, after having been first duly
7 sworn upon his oath, was examined and testified as
8 follows:

9 EXAMINATION

10 BY MR. CARR:

11 Q. Would you state your name for the record,
12 please.

13 A. Barry Lynn Zinz.

14 Q. Where do you reside?

15 A. Midland, Texas.

16 Q. By whom are you employed?

17 A. Enron Oil & Gas Company.

18 Q. What is your current title?

19 A. Geologist.

20 Q. Have you previously testified before this
21 Division?

22 A. Yes, I have.

23 Q. At the time of that testimony were you
24 credentials as a petroleum geologist accepted and
25 made a matter of record?

1 A. Yes, they were.

2 Q. Are you familiar with the application
3 filed in this case on behalf of Enron?

4 A. I am.

5 Q. Have you made a geological study of the
6 area surrounding the Red Hills (Bone Spring) Pool?

7 A. I have.

8 MR. CARR: Are the witness's
9 qualifications acceptable?

10 EXAMINER STOGNER: They are.

11 Q. (BY MR. CARR) Have you prepared exhibits
12 for presentation here today?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. Would you refer to what has been marked
15 Enron Exhibit 3, identify this, and review it for Mr.
16 Stogner?

17 A. Exhibit 3 has been entered as type log on
18 the discovery well for the Red Hills Pool. This is
19 the Vaca 13 Fed No. 1 Well.

20 On the log you see several divisions.
21 We're dealing with the Bone Spring in this matter.
22 The Bone Spring is a formation that consists of about
23 3,500 feet, alternating sands and carbonates. We're
24 interested in the bottommost clastic unit, which is
25 the third Bone Spring sand, which the top of this

1 sand is noted on the upper portion of the log. This
2 third Bone Spring sand overlies the Wolf Camp, which
3 is also noted on the log, and we have two producing
4 sands in this area that we're dealing with. They're
5 designated A Sand and B Sand, which these are also
6 noted on the log.

7 Q. Let's go to the isopach map of the A Sand,
8 Enron Exhibit No. 4. Would you review this exhibit
9 for Mr. Stogner.

10 A. Exhibit 4 is an isopach map of what I've
11 called the A Sand. The A Sand is present in some
12 wells but not all wells that we have drilled out here
13 to date. We have seven producing wells, one dry
14 hole, and two wells have the sands behind pipe. They
15 are currently deeper Morrow producers.

16 You can see from these map, the trends of
17 this A Sand generally run north-south. They appear
18 to be more channelized. And I've come to this
19 conclusion based on the fact that the sand is not
20 present in every well, and I've interpreted it as
21 more or less a channel sand.

22 Q. Is your geological interpretation based on
23 well control information?

24 A. Yes, it is.

25 Q. Have you confirmed that by integrating

1 seismic work?

2 A. We have not used seismic here.

3 Q. Let's go now to the isopach on the B Sand,
4 Enron Exhibit No. 5.

5 A. Exhibit No. 5 is a similar isopach map of
6 the B Sand. One thing I want to point out here is
7 that, as on the A Sand isopach, these maps are
8 constructed based on using a neutron porosity cutoff
9 equal to or greater than 10 percent.

10 We have used this porosity designation
11 because the last well we drilled out here, we cored
12 an interval within the B Sand, and the core analysis
13 indicates that the neutron porosity matches up very
14 well with the core porosities that were calculated.
15 And even though we did not core the A Sand, I've just
16 implied that the same parameters exist there. So
17 you're looking at an isopach map based on neutron
18 porosity equal to or greater than 10 percent.

19 Also, if you notice on this map, the wells
20 that we have drilled out here contain -- all the
21 wells contain this sand. It's more widespread. I've
22 elected to interpret this being more like a fan-type
23 deposit, as you can see from the isopach map.

24 Q. Mr. Zinz, the green outline on this
25 exhibit is the area that, as Mr. Tower has testified,

1 is presumed productive in this zone. Why did you not
2 extend this productive area into Section 5?

3 A. The area outlined we feel is the
4 productive limit at this point. The south half of
5 Section 6 was outlined because our half 6 well there
6 has the zones behind pipe. They had excellent mud
7 log shows while we drilled it. And we assume right
8 now that any offsets to that well would be
9 productive.

10 The wells over in Section 5 have, as you
11 can see, two and three feet of this porosity
12 designated. These wells were also drilled by Enron.
13 They had no associated mud log shows with the zones
14 when they were penetrated. Therefore, I have at this
15 point shut off the potential productive area at
16 Section 6 and 5 boundary, and it'll just have to wait
17 until we decide to go over there and drill the well
18 before it can be determined.

19 Q. Based on the geological information you
20 have, the area outlined in green is the area that as
21 the pool is expanded ultimately should be included in
22 that?

23 A. That's correct.

24 Q. What general geological conclusions were
25 reached from your review?

1 A. I've reached the conclusions that these
2 sections or partial sections outlined in green are
3 the productive limits of these two Bone Spring Sands,
4 Third Bone Spring Sands, and also the engineering
5 calculations that will be presented by Mr. Cate. He
6 used my outlines and mapping here for those
7 particular calculations.

8 Q. Were Exhibits 3 through 5 prepared by you?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 MR. CARR: At this time, Mr. Stogner, we
11 move the admission into evidence of Enron Oil & Gas
12 Company Exhibits 3 through 5.

13 EXAMINER STOGNER: Exhibits 3 through 5
14 will be admitted into evidence.

15 MR. CARR: That concludes my direct
16 examination of Mr. Zinz.

17 EXAMINATION

18 BY EXAMINER STOGNER:

19 Q. Mr. Zinz, as far as Exhibit No. 4, that
20 being the channel sand, what kind of deposit is the B
21 Sand?

22 A. I'd like to say I think it is more like a
23 fan-type deposit, and I've tried to indicate that
24 with the mapping that you see there.

25 Q. Would that be a deep subsea fan type?

1 A. Yes, sir, that's what we think these are.
2 The Bone Spring carbonates and clastics are really
3 slope-to-basin equivalents to the Yazo-Clear Fork-
4 Abo shelf edge, and these clastic and carbonate units
5 that make up the Bone Spring were carried out into
6 the basin by virtue of flows, turbidity currents.
7 And for that reason, they are generally thought of as
8 being fairly deep water. And this is what I'm trying
9 to depict with these interpretations.

10 Q. And your type log that you've presented
11 here, you show, it says Top of the Wolfcamp, and then
12 going up toward the surface you have the Third Bone
13 Spring Sand?

14 A. Yes, sir.

15 Q. But the Bone Spring formation extends a
16 lot higher?

17 A. Yes, sir. Like I said, it's 3,500 feet
18 thick, approximately, and you have what is designated
19 as First, Second, Third Bone Spring Carbonates, which
20 are separated by First, Second, and Third Bone Spring
21 Sands.

22 Q. Are there any productive intervals, in
23 your opinion, in this first and second?

24 A. As far as the history of the production of
25 the Bone Spring, generally you have good production

1 out of the Second and Third Carbonates and First,
2 Second, and Third Sands.

3 Q. The Red Hills (Bone Spring) Pool covers
4 the whole Bone Spring section; is that correct?

5 A. Well, there's no other producing zones in
6 the Bone Spring that I'm aware of.

7 Q. Other than that A and B Sands?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. When you say Bone Spring history, are you
10 referring to the Bone Spring formation in this
11 general area or --

12 A. I'm referring to the production history
13 throughout the Permian Basin, being southeast New
14 Mexico and West Texas.

15 EXAMINER STOGNER: Any other questions of
16 Mr. Zinz at this time?

17 MR. CARR: No questions of this witness.

18 EXAMINER STOGNER: He may be excused.

19 MR. CARR: At this time we call Randy
20 Cate.

21 RANDALL CATE,
22 the witness herein, after having been first duly
23 sworn upon his oath, was examined and testified as
24 follows:

25 EXAMINATION

1 BY MR. CARR:

2 Q. Please state your name for the record,
3 please.

4 A. It's Randall Cate.

5 Q. Where do you reside?

6 A. I reside in Midland, Texas.

7 Q. By whom are you employed and in what
8 capacity?

9 A. I'm employed by Enron Oil & Gas as a
10 project reservoir engineer.

11 Q. Have you previously testified before this
12 Division?

13 A. Yes, I have.

14 Q. At the time of that testimony, were your
15 credentials as a petroleum engineer accepted and made
16 a matter of record?

17 A. Yes, they were.

18 Q. Are you familiar with the application
19 filed in this case on behalf of Enron?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Have you made an engineering study of the
22 ability of the wells in the Red Hills (Bone Spring)
23 Pool to drain this formation?

24 A. Yes, I have.

25 MR. CARR: Are the witness's

1 qualifications acceptable?

2 EXAMINER STOGNER: Mr. Cate is so
3 qualified.

4 Q. (BY MR. CARR) Let's refer, Mr. Cate, to
5 what has been marked Enron Exhibit No. 6. Would you
6 identify this for Mr. Stogner and then basically
7 review the information on this exhibit.

8 A. Exhibit 6 is Red Hills (Bone Spring) Field
9 reservoir and fluid properties. Most of this data
10 presented I used either directly in or indirectly in
11 arriving at the volumetric calculations for
12 drainage. I'll just go through some of this.

13 The discovery date of the field was in the
14 Vaca 13 Federal No. 1 Well, which is the red outline
15 on the previous map exhibits, and it was recompleted
16 from the Wolfcamp gas zone into the Bone Spring Sand
17 August 3, 1992.

18 Currently we have seven producers. The
19 estimated field production through March this year is
20 180,000 barrels of oil, 170 million cubic feet of
21 gas, and 12,000 barrels of water.

22 Average depth of the pay is 12,250 feet,
23 the average pay thickness, 50 feet, which was derived
24 from Mr. Zinz's isopach maps that are exhibits here.
25 Average porosity from log and core analysis is 13-1/2

1 percent. Average oil saturation, again from log and
2 core analysis, is 60 percent. Oil gravity is 43.9
3 API. Gas gravity is .712, with a bottomhole
4 temperature 172 degrees Fahrenheit.

5 Original bottomhole pressure derived from
6 electrical measurements, downhole gauge measurements,
7 is 9,433 psia. And the bubble point is derived from
8 a recombination test of the fluids, PVT analysis, of
9 4,113 pounds absolute.

10 Formation volume factor again from a PVT
11 analysis, 1.867. Estimated recovery factor is 8
12 percent. I took that out of Craft & Hawkins Handbook
13 of Petroleum Engineering. That's always a little
14 tough initially to figure out, but they've got some
15 empirical data that for this gas GOR and the gravity
16 of the crudes, they bracket it between about 7 and 9
17 percent. So for now I took 8 percent, and it would
18 not materially affect the calculations.

19 Typical stimulation out there is 2,000
20 gallons of acid wash over the perforations, and then
21 we have to do a rather large hydraulic fracture
22 treatment of the sands, 110,000 gallons fluid
23 carrying 160,000 pounds of sand. The resulting
24 typical initial production is 400 barrels of oil per
25 day, 600 Mcf per day, and 30 barrels of water per

1 day, flowing.

2 Q. Let's move on now to Exhibit No. 7. What
3 is this?

4 A. Exhibit No. 7, I have taken each of the
5 wells that are producing, I've taken their net pay,
6 porosity, and using some of the data that I just
7 described in Exhibit No. 6, have arrived at drainage
8 areas that would support our application for 80-acre
9 spacing units.

10 I do show in the third column, I show the
11 matrix permeability that has been derived from some
12 pressure buildups as it ranges from .028
13 millidarcies, to .46 millidarcies, very tight rock.
14 I'll discuss that more.

15 The low permeability supports the reason
16 that I've used some hyperbolic declines in the
17 subsequent exhibits. And based on those declines,
18 the fourth column shows the range of estimated
19 ultimate recoveries in thousandths of barrels of
20 oil. You can see the average would be 101,000
21 barrels per well.

22 And then applying that in standard
23 drainage calculations, I've got an average of 84.1
24 acres is what the average well would drain. And you
25 can see the range is from just under 50 to possibly

1 up to 123 acres. All the calculations are over 40
2 acres, and the average is just over 80.

3 Q. What is Exhibit No. 8?

4 A. Exhibit No. 8 is six decline curves that
5 support the drainage acres -- well, actually the
6 decline EUR column on Exhibit No. 7. These are how I
7 derived the decline estimated ultimate recoveries
8 that are used in the volumetric calculations to
9 arrive at the drainage acres.

10 There are six wells. I would say the
11 first well, the Vaca 13 No. 1, has the most
12 production history. All the others are about six
13 months or even less production, but this first well
14 does have a year and a half worth of production, and
15 you can see its decline.

16 And, again, I have used a hyperbolic
17 decline with about a 15 percent abandonment or
18 terminal decline after you get out of your hyperbolic
19 region, based on the tightness of the rock. That's
20 very typical for a rock of this tight nature.

21 Q. Mr. Cate, are you prepared to make a
22 recommendation to the examiner concerning appropriate
23 spacing rules for this pool?

24 A. Yes, I am.

25 Q. What is that recommendation?

1 A. I would recommend that the commission
2 adopt 80-acre spacing units for the Red Hills (Bone
3 Spring) Field with 330 feet from the boundary of
4 quarter quarter section distances for well spacing.

5 Q. If the Division adopts the 330-foot
6 setback, will all existing wells be in the pool at
7 standard location?

8 A. That's correct, all existing wells would
9 be standard under that.

10 Q. What if the Division promulgated rules and
11 required wells to be located within 150 feet of the
12 center of the quarter quarter section, what impact
13 would that have?

14 A. Enron would accept that, if so desired by
15 the Commission. There's one well that we have moved
16 to 330 feet off the section line, and that was the
17 Hallwood 12 No. 2. If you're looking on, let's see
18 which one this is -- Exhibit No. 5, it would be the
19 well with the 34 feet. So it's approximately 1,980
20 off the east and 330 off the south of Section 12.

21 It had to be moved due to a pipeline
22 constraint. And then we have had three other
23 locations that we have had to move due to either
24 pipeline or archeological constraints. So the 330
25 feet would allow Enron the flexibility to move these

1 locations.

2 I would say that we are and have been
3 developing this field on 80-acre spacing with 660
4 feet from the boundaries when we can.

5 Q. Mr. Cate, if the Division should
6 promulgate rules that require wells to be within 150
7 feet of the center of the quarter quarter section,
8 would you request that wells that do not comply with
9 that be grandfathered in?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. If the application is granted, you would
12 not have a situation where there would be more than
13 one well on an 80-acre tract?

14 A. That's right. All wells would have the 80
15 acres dedicated to it.

16 Q. Are you requesting permanent rules?

17 A. No. At this time, we'd like to request
18 temporary field rules for up to 18 months. We may
19 come in earlier. Again, the production histories of
20 a lot of the wells are still young, and we are in the
21 process of doing a computer simulation modeling of
22 this reservoir as we develop it and collect more
23 data, but we believe right now that it's in the best
24 interest of the field and to prevent waste for going
25 to the 80-acre spacing at this time.

1 Q. In your opinion, will approval of this
2 application be in the best interest of conservation,
3 the protection of waste, and the protection of
4 correlative rights?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Were Exhibits 6 through 8 prepared by you?

7 A. Yes, they were.

8 MR. CARR: At this time, Mr. Stogner, we
9 move the admission of Enron Exhibits 6 through 8.

10 EXAMINER STOGNER: Exhibits 6 through 8
11 will be admitted into evidence.

12 MR. CARR: That concludes my direct
13 examination of this witness.

14 EXAMINATION

15 BY EXAMINER STOGNER:

16 Q. I want to make sure I've got this
17 straight. Of the existing wells, only that one would
18 be considered unorthodox in that it's 330 feet from
19 the south line, if we went with the old standard 150
20 foot from the center of the quarter quarter section?

21 A. That's correct.

22 Q. All the others are in the middle of their
23 respective quarter quarter sections at this time?

24 A. Yes, I believe so. We've had to move one
25 -- so Barry could answer better, I think, but around

1 500 feet instead of 660, but we think that would
2 still fall within that 150-foot circle.

3 Q. 150-foot from the center of the quarter
4 quarter section was kind of adopted on these 80-acre
5 pools to keep wells from being grouped. And I think
6 you can see what I mean down in a corner where four
7 80 acres comes together, and if they were all each
8 330 feet off their respective quarter quarter section
9 lines, then we would have a grouping, although 160,
10 or -- I'm sorry -- four 80's come together where all
11 these wells would be grouped within 660 foot of each
12 other. If we allow the 330 foot offset, how could
13 that be prevented?

14 A. Well, we just -- if you look at how we
15 have to date spaced our wells, we are trying to stay
16 at the 660 from a boundary, and Enron intends to. We
17 feel that we will be the only operator in this
18 field. There is no competitive advantage to us
19 crowding. We just want to space the wells for the
20 best possible economic return and the best reservoir
21 management. So all I can tell you is that's our plan
22 is 660's.

23 Q. As long as Enron holds the lease and are
24 developing?

25 A. Yes. Again, we have had to move four of

1 our locations due to constraints beyond our control,
2 and going with 330's would just allow us some
3 flexibility in doing that.

4 Q. I'm referring back to Exhibit No. 1. Most
5 of that is federal acreage. In my experience, a lot
6 of the unorthodox locations approved lately, due to
7 the topography, have come off of federal land due to
8 constraints by the surface agency. And you feel that
9 330 offset would be able to allow Enron to work with
10 the BLM in those limits on finding more orthodox
11 locations?

12 A. Yes.

13 EXAMINER STOGNER: I know this situation
14 has occurred in a couple of previous 80-acre pools as
15 of late, I'd say within the last three years due to
16 mostly federal land and the federal constraints. It
17 still does concern me that they could allow the
18 bunching up of wells in the development, but, like
19 you said, Enron in this particular instance pretty
20 much controls the pool, but that may not always be
21 the case.

22 Okay. I'll keep that in mind.

23 Any other questions of this witness at
24 this time?

25 MR. CARR: No further questions.

1 EXAMINER STOGNER: I have no other
2 questions. Do you?

3 MR. CARROLL: No.

4 EXAMINER STOGNER: Okay. He may be
5 excused. Anything further in Case 10943?

6 MR. KELLAHIN: Yes, sir.

7 EXAMINER STOGNER: I'm sorry, Mr.
8 Kellahin. When we called the case to order, I don't
9 remember you making a presentation. Would you like
10 to at this time?

11 MR. KELLAHIN: No, sir. I want to make a
12 statement on behalf of my client.

13 EXAMINER STOGNER: Okay.

14 MR. KELLAHIN: Mr. Examiner, I'm Tom
15 Kellahin of the Santa Fe law firm of Kellahin and
16 Kellahin, appearing on behalf of Kaiser-Francis Oil
17 Company.

18 Kaiser-Francis Oil Company is a working
19 interest owner in some of the Enron-operated wells in
20 this pool. And I'm directed to advise you that
21 Kaiser-Francis supports Enron's application in this
22 case for the 80-acre pool rules.

23 In addition, we would encourage the
24 Division to manage this reservoir through the
25 nomenclature process and to apply the 80-acre spacing

1 to the area identified on the displays and outlined
2 in green. We think that is the best way to provide
3 for the prevention of waste and the protection of
4 correlative rights so that the same spacing rules
5 apply for the entire source of supply, and as
6 identified on the geologic displays, there's all
7 reasonable probability to believe that the wells in
8 Sections 12 and 7 are all hooked into the same
9 reservoir.

10 And so we would request that action be
11 taken so that all these wells are operated under the
12 same type of rules.

13 EXAMINER STOGNER: Thank you, Mr.
14 Kellahin. Mr. Carr?

15 MR. CARR: I have nothing further, Mr.
16 Stogner.

17 EXAMINER STOGNER: I want to ask one of
18 the three witnesses, since that was brought up, have
19 any of you talked to Mr. Kautz in the Hobbs District
20 Office concerning when he might have this pool
21 expanded on the regular nomenclature proceedings?

22 MR. ZINZ: I have not.

23 MR. CARR: Actually, that communication,
24 Mr. Stogner, was by me to the Hobbs office. I didn't
25 talk to Mr. Kautz personally.


1 EXAMINER STOGNER: With what you have
2 stated, I'm very well aware of Mr. Kautz's
3 involvement with the On Guard and some of our, or the
4 District's normal duties per se being tied up. So
5 I'm aware of that, and I'll keep that in mind in
6 preparing an order in this instance.

7 MR. CARR: Thank you.

8 EXAMINER STOGNER: Anything further in
9 this case? Then Case 10943 will be taken under
10 advisement.
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21 I do hereby certify that the foregoing is
22 a complete record of the proceedings in
23 the Examiner hearing of Case No. 10943
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25  Examiner
Oil Conservation Division

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