CASE 4672: Application of PAUL M. MERSHON, JR. & VINCENT SHRYACK FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY CO.

# Case Number 46 72

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MR. STAMETS: We will call the next case, Case
  Number 4672.
             MR. HATCH: Case Number 4672 is the Application
   of Paul M. Mershon, Jr., and Vincent Shryack for compulsory
   pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.
             MR. KELLAHIN: Jason Kellahin of Kellahin and
   Fox, Santa Fe, appearing for the Applicant. We have one
   witness we would like sworn, please.
             (Whereupon the witness was sworn.)
             MR. STAMETS: Are there any other appearances
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   in this case?
             (No response.)
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             MR. STAMETS: You may proceed, Mr. Kellahin.
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                           PAUL M. MERSHON,
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15 was called as a witness and having already been duly sworn,
   testified as follows:
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   BY MR. KELLAHIN
        Would you state your name, please?
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        Paul M. Mershon.
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        Mr. Mershon, what business are you engaged in?
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        I am a petroleum engineer.
        Have you testified before the Oil Commission of the
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        State of New Mexico and have your qualifications been
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made part of the record of the Oil Commission?

Yes.

	3	acce	otable?
	4		MR. STAMETS: They are.
	5	Q	(By Mr. Kellahin) You are one of the Applicants in
	6		Case 4672?
	7	Α	Yes.
	6	Q	And you are associated with Mr. Shryack?
	9	A	Yes.
	10	Q	Now, just what is proposed by the Applicant in this
¥	11		case?
03	12	Α ~	We propose to force pool an 80-acre tract in Section
CONVE	13		15, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, consisting of
STATEMENTS, EXPERT TESTIMONY, DAILY COPY, CONVENTIONS ONE 243-6691 - ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 67103 - ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 67108	14		the west part of the southwest quarter.
NY, DAIL UE, NE	15	Q	Referring to Applicant's Exhibit #1, would you identify
RT TESTIMONY, R BUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO	16		that exhibit, please?
EXPERT PERT OUF. D	17	$\mathbf{A}^{\circ}$	Exhibit #1 is a plat of the area. Specifically, to
243-6691 BUQUER	18		the last question, it shows the location of the
. = .	19		proposed well in Section 15, Township 17 South. It
TIONS, HEARINGS BOX 1092 - PR K BLDG, EAS	20		shows in yellow 240 acres consisting of the northwest
TIONS, H	21		quarter of the east half of the southwest quarter
G. P.O	22		which is a farm out to Mershon and Shryack from
IZING IN MS BLD	23		Continental Oil Company.
SPECIALIZING IN: DEPOSITIONS, MEARINGS 209 SIMMS BLDG. • P.O. BOX 1002 • PH FIRST NATIONAL BANK BLDG. EAST	24		The acreage in question is the west half of this
	25	4	section and it is marked "T-e-n-n," it is not colored.

MR. KELLAHIN: Are the witness' qualifications

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4	Q	What is the spacing within that pool?
5	A	Three hundred twenty acres.
6	Q	And for that reason, you need 320 acres?
7	Λ	That is correct.
8	Q	Have you drilled this well yet?
9	Α	No, sir.
10	Q	Did you personally attempt to get some agreement
l <b>i</b>		with Tenneco for either participation in your well
12	. 4	or a farm out; or what did you do in connection with
13		that?
4	A	On September 28th, 1971, I wrote to Mr. Venus of the
5		Tenneco Oil Company in Midland, Texas, asking for a
<b>l</b> 6		farm out on the subject acreage.
7		On October 1st, 1971, a second letter was sent
3	:	to Mr. Venus and a Mr. Marshall of the Continental
19		Oil Company restating the proposed farm out request.
:0	Q	You said September, did you also write in November?
21	A	Yes. However, on October 13th, 1971, we did receive
2		from Tenneco a letter that declined our first request.
23		On November 12th, 1971, we had a favorable
24		response from Continental, so I sent this letter on
25		November 12th, 1971, to Tenneco to Mr. Venus' attention

Is that the acreage you are attempting to force pool

in this application?

Yes.

That is the letter that has been marked Applicant's

We asked him to reconsider our letter of October 1st,

They had a third option -- this is not an option,

1971. We further asked if they chose not to farm

And what did you propose in that letter?

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Exhibit #2?

Yes, it is.

	9		it appears in the last paragraph and it states our
	10		position and if in the event Tenneco neither wanted
	11		to farm out or join us, we asked that they advise us
	12		so we could pursue pooling under Commission rules.
	13	Q	Did you receive a response to that letter?
108	14	A	No, sir.
(100 87	15	Q	Did they ever make a counter proposal to you as a
EW ME	16		result of your correspondence?
SUE, N	17	A	No, sir.
E E	18	Q	You had further contact with them; did you not?
T.ALB	19	Ā	Yes, sir. On November 23rd, I called Mr. Venus and
G. EAS	20		asked if he had a response to make and he said he was
K BLD	21		still waiting for advisement from their geological
AL BAN	22	ļ ļ	engineering section.
A 110 N	23		On December 10th, I called Mr. Venus again and
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BLDG, EAST-ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87108	24		he said he was still waiting for a response from the
· WL	25		geological engineering section.

out, would they join us.

At this point, I discussed the pooling possibility

and stated that we preferred that Tenneco join us

	3		or farm out.
	4		Then on January 4th, 1972, I made a third phone
	5		call and there was still no decision out of the
इ	6		geological engineering section.
	7		On January 11th, Mr. Shryack and I went to
	8		Midland, Texas, and visited with Mr. Venus and Mr.
	9		Butterfield who is a petroleum engineer or a geological
	10		engineer with Tenneco. We discussed the problem and
-	11		they told us, at that time, that Tenneco would neither
103	12	***	farm out or join us and that we should proceed with
NEW MEXICO 87103 87108	13		forced pooling.
EW ME>	14	Q	And you never did get a counter proposal from them?
	15	Α	No, sir.
DOUER EW ME	16	Q	And they did not agree to any proposal that you made?
243-6691#ALBUQUERQUE, BUQUERGUE, NEW MEXICO	17	Α	That is correct.
243-669	18	Q	Do you feel there is any possibility of reaching an
ONE	19		agreement at this stage?
1092 . P	20	A	No, sir.
D. BOX	21	Q	Are you willing, after the hearing on this case, to
200 SIMMS BLDG. P.O. BOX 1092 PH SIRST NATIONAL BANK BLDG. EAST	22		still negotiate with them?
AMS BLE	23	A	Under the terms we previously submitted and which
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of Continental's position.

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		2	λ	Exhibit #3 has been prepared by Mr. Shryack and I
		3		have examined it.
		4	Q	Does it correctly state the well cost in your opinion?
)		5	λ	In my opinion, it does.
		6	Q	What does the cost come to?
		7	A	The total cost for the completed well would be
: :		8		\$223,250.
		ģ	Q	Would you break that down into drilling costs and
	•	10	٠.	completion costs?
1		11	A	Drilling costs would be \$149,850 and completion costs
NTIONS	ĵ	12		would be \$73,400.
PY, CONVENTI	3	13	Q	Does that represent the reasonable cost of a well in
LY COP	87108	14		that area?
TESTIMONY, DAILY COPY, CONVENTIONS		15	Λ	Yes, sir.
TESTIMA OURB	1	16	Q	In connection with your application, Mr. Mershon,
EXPERT	200E.	17	<u>}</u>	you asked for the right to recover costs of drilling?
EMENTS,	15000E	18	A	Yes.
SS, STAT	ניב	19	Q	And do you request that be included in any order
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SITIONS,	9 5	21	A	Yes.
	Loc	22	Q	Now, you also asked for a charge for the risk involved
9 4	NATIONAL	23		in the drilling of the well. Would you refer back to
SPECIA	TAN FURT	24		Exhibit #1 and discuss the risk involved in drilling
		25		in this particular location?

What will be the cost on this well?

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Yes, sir. Exhibit #1 shows all the Morrow tests within the confines of this plat and the status of each well, whether it was dry or abandoned or a producing well.

There are numerous shallow wells and they were deleted simply to make this prospect more obvious.

I would like to point out first the well in Section 21 South, Range 29 East.

This is a well labeled "El Paso" which is south of our prospect. It was drilled in the early 1950's and was completed as a discovery well.

The wells marked A and B were subsequently drilled by El Paso and were unsuccessful. Well C in Section 15 was drilled by Sun-Ray and had no significant show.

There was well drilled in the southeast of the southeast of Section 21 and was successfully completed in the same pay as El Paso's well. Following that successful completion, a well was drilled, and it is labeled E.

It was drilled by Moran in Section 22 and this well was dry. I hope that this shows that even with additional well control, dry holes can be drilled around this prospect.

I would like to call your attention to Section

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18 of 17 South, Range 3 East, to the well labeled "Great Western," this well was successfully completed in the Morrow and it was offset in two directions, both of which were dry holes.

There are four commercial wells on the plat and nineteen dry holes, giving a success ratio of three over twenty-two. I must correct that, of the four commercial wells, three of them are wildcats and were discoveries, the fourth well is not a wildcat.

So you would have a ratio of three over twenty-two or a fourteen percent success ratio,

Now, if you examine the three discovery wells and the dry holes around them, you will find there were thirteen dry holes drilled in Section 10 and one successful well which gives us a ratio of one over fourteen, or a seven percent rate of success. What risk factor would you assign to this well? I would ask for the maximum risk which is one hundred

- You are also asking in your application for a provision for the allocation of actual operating costs to be recovered out of pocket?
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and fifty percent.

And to establish charges for the supervision of the  $\mathbf{Q}$ . well?

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2	Q	What would you recommend for the supervision of this
3		well?
4	A	I would recommend a well cost of \$125 per month as a
5		reasonable operating cost.
6	Q	Now, were Exhibits #1, #2, and #3 prepared by you?
7	Α	Exhibits #1 and #2 were prepared by me or under my
8		supervision and Exhibit #3 was prepared by Mr.
9		Shryack with my approval.
10	Q	And you have checked Exhibit #3 and believe it to be
11		correct?
12	A	Yes, I do.
13		MR. KELLAHIN: I'd like to offer in evidence
14	Exhi	bits #1, #2, and #3.
15		MR. STAMETS: Without objection, Exhibits #1,
16	#2,	and #3 will be admitted in evidence.
17	Q	(By Mr. Kellahin) Did you ask that the Applicant
18		be designated the operator of this well?
19	A	Yes, with freedom to assign a third party.
20	Q	In connection with this application, it has been
21		advertised for pooling all minerals from the surface
22		of the ground down to and including the Morrow
23		formation; do you own all of those mineral interests?
24	A	No, our rights start below 3,500 feet and go through
25		the Morrow formation.
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	2		feet to the base of the Morrow?				
	3	Λ	Yes.				
	4		MR. KELLAHIN: 'That's all I have.				
د	5		MR. STAMETS: Any questions?				
	6		(No response.)				
•	7		CROSS-EXAMINATION				
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	9	.Q	Have you made any geological maps of this prospect?				
ř	10	A	Yes, I have.				
	11	Q	Was there any particular reason why you didn't submit				
71 <b>0MS</b>	12		such a map as an exhibit in this case?				
COPY, CONVENTI	13	A Well, I would feel that we just thought it was not					
TESTIMONY, DAILY COPY, CONVENTIONS QUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 57103 EW MEXICO 87108	14		pertinent to this hearing.				
Y, DAILY E. NEV	15	Q	I believe you have already testified that apparently				
STIMON	16	į.	other people have been wrong in picking this location				
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EXPERT	17	ļ	here?				
Sents,	18	Α	Yes, and I have too.				
STATE	19	Q	So, even a geological map showing that this would be				
HEARINGS 1092,6 P.	20		a really fine prospect would not necessarily be true?				
TIONS, H	21	Λ	It would be a geological opinion based on the				
DEPOSIT	22		background of that person preparing the data.				
SPECIALIZING IN: DEPOSITIONS, HEARINGS, STATEM 209 SIMMS BLDG. • P.O. BOX 1092. • PHONE 24 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BLDG. EAST • ALBU	23	Q	Do you feel do you still feel that it would be				
SPECIALIZI 209 SIMMS FIRST NA	24		within the seven to fourteen percent ratio?				
<u>N</u> NF	25	A	I would say hopefully not.				

So you would like any order to include from 3,500

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MR. STAMETS: I don't believe I have any further questions. Does anyone have any further questions? (No response.)

MR. STAMETS: If not, the witness will be excused. (Witness excused.)

MR. KELLAHIN: I would like to say, if the Examiner please, in a previous case the Commission order required the Applicant to furnish the party pooled with an A.F.E. and wait thirty days before drilling. We have offered an A.F.E. in this case in evidence and we will furnish Tenneco with one immediately, so we would like to avoid that provision if possible.

MR. HATCH: Are you saying they have less than thirty days?

MR. KELLAHIN: I am stating that they have already received, or will have received, an A.F.E. prior to the entry of your order, if we give them an additional thirty days from that date, we are talking about months.

MR. HATCH: You are asking for thirty days from the time they receive the A.F.E. rather than the thirty days from the time of the order?

MR. KELLAHIN: If the Examiner please, it is my opinion that they should have thirty days after they receive the A.F.E. to elect whether they will make a contribution or not.

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talking about.

MR. KELLAHIN: In a previous case, a party was required to furnish the parties being force pooled with an A.F.E. and I see no reason why it should not be thirty days after they receive the A.F.E. and not thirty days after the order is entered.

MR. STAMETS: We will take your request into consideration.

MR. KELLAHIN: That is all we have.

MR. STAMETS: Are there any statements or telegrams or letters?

(No response.)

MR. STAMETS: If not, we will take Case Number 4672 under advisement.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO SS COUNTY OF BERNALILLO ) I, RICHARD E. McCORMICK, a Certified Shorthand Reporter, in and for the County of Bernalillo, State of New Mexico do 5 hereby certify that the foregoing and attached Transcript of Hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission was reported by me; and that the same is a true and correct record of the said proceedings to the best of my knowledge, skill and 9 ability. 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19

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## DEPCO, Inc.

#### PRODUCTION & EXPLORATION

December 4, 1975 Case 4672

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission State Capital Building Santa Fe, NM 87501

#### Gentlemen:

Re: Order No. R-4273

Conoco State Com. No. 1 Sec. 15, T17S, R29E Eddy County, New Mexico

Attached is an itemized schedule of actual costs incurred in installing the necessary surface production equipment on the subject well. This schedule is being submitted in accordance with the provisions of Commission Order No. R-4273.

Costs incurred in drilling and completing the subject well were submitted with our letter of December 11, 1972.

Yours very truly,

C. D. Crump

Vice President-Production

CDC:d11 Attachment

CC: Tenneco Oil Company

P. O. Box 2410

Denver, CO 80201 (St. Lease B-10714-5) Mr. Paul M. Mershon, Jr.

Mr. Vincent Shryack



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# DEPCO, Inc.

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	1	Stack Pack		Ś	8,190.00
	1 Lot	5000# McEvoy Valves & Misc.			2,511.79
	1	350 Bb1. Tank			1,686.88
	1	Tank Stairway			364.00
	1	Flame Arrestor			310.17
	1 Lot	Pipe & Misc. Fittings			2,843.66
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PAUL M. MERSHON, JR. 789 Clarkson Street Denver, Colorado, 80218

(303) 255-0716

VINCENT E. SHRYACK 934 South High Street Denver, Colorado 80209 (303) 777-2873

June 7, 1972

CERTIFIED MAIL NO. 492162 RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

file Core 4200 4672

RE: Case No. 4672; L Order No. R 4273 Application of Paul M.

Mershon, Jr. and Vincent E. Shryack

Gentlemen:

In compliance with Paragraph 12, Page 5, of Order No. R 4273 concerning an escrow agent, notice is hereby given that if such escrow agent is needed, the First National Bank of Artesia, Drawer AA, Artesia, New Mexico 88201, shall serve as agent.

Very truly yours,

PMM:hgb



#### **OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO** P. O. BOX 2088 - SANTA FE 87501

March 15, 1972

**GOVERNOR BRUCE KING** CHAIRMAN

LAND COMMISSIONER ALEX J. ARMIJO MEMBER

STATE GEOLOGIST A. L. PORTER, JR. SECRETARY - DIRECTOR

4672

	Re: Case No. 4672
Mr. Jason Kellahin Kellahin & Fox	Order No. R-4273
Attorneys at Law	Applicant:
Post Office Box 1769 Santa Fe, New Mexico	Mershon & Shryack
Dear Sir:	
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## BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

> CASE No. 4672 Order No. R-4273

APPLICATION OF PAUL M. MERSHON, Jr., AND VINCENT SHRYACK FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

#### ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

#### BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on March 1, 1972, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 15th day of March, 1972, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

#### FINDS:

- (1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicants, Paul M. Mershon, Jr., and Vincent Shryack, seek an order pooling all mineral interests from a depth of 3500 feet down to and including the Grayburg-Morrow Gas Pool underlying the W/2 of Section 15, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, to form a standard 320-acregas proration unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location.
- (3) That the applicants have the right to drill and propose to drill a well in the W/2 of said Section 15 to form a standard gas proration unit.
- (4) That there are interest owners in the proposed spacing and proration unit who have not agreed to pool their interests.

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- (5) That to avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, to protect correlative rights, and to afford to the owner of each interest in said unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense his just and fair share of the gas in said pool, the subject application should be approved by pooling all mineral interests, whatever they may be, within said unit.
- (6) That the applicants should be designated the operators of the subject well and unit.
- (7) That any non-consenting working interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operators in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production.
- (8) That any non-consenting working interest owner that does not pay his share of estimated well costs should have withheld from production his share of the reasonable well costs plus an additional 50% thereof as a reasonable charge for the rick involved in the drilling of the well.
- (9) That any non-consenting interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to object to the actual well costs but that said actual well costs should be adopted as the reasonable well costs in the absence of such objection.
- (10) That following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner that has paid his share of estimated costs should pay to the operators any amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and should receive from the operators any amount that paid estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.
- (11) That \$125.00 per month should be fixed as a reasonable charge for supervision (combined fixed rates); that the operators should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charge attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operators should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating the subject well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.
- (12) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason should be placed

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in escrow to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That all mineral interests, whatever they may be, from a depth of 3500 feet down to and including the Grayburg-Morrow Gas Pool underlying the W/2 of Section 15, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, are hereby pooled to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location in the W/2 of said Section 15.
- (2) That Paul M. Mershon, Jr., and Vincent Shryack are hereby designated the operators of the subject well and unit.
- (3) That the operators shall furnish the Commission and each known working interest owner in the subject unit an itemized schedule of estimated well costs within 30 days following the date of this order.
- (4) That within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him, any non-consenting working interest owner shall have the right to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production, and that any such owner who pays his share of estimated well costs as provided above shall remain liable for operating costs but shall not be liable for risk charges.
- (5) That the operators shall furnish the Commission and each known working interest owner an itemized schedule of actual well costs within 90 days following completion of the well; that if no objection to the actual well costs is received by the Commission and the Commission has not objected within 45 days following receipt of said schedule, the actual well costs shall be the reasonable well costs; provided however, that if there is an objection to actual well costs within said 45-day period, the Commission will determine reasonable well costs after public notice and hearing.
- (6) That within 60 days following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner that

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has paid his share of estimated costs in advance as provided above shall pay to the operators his pro rata share of the amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and shall receive from the operators his pro rata share of the amount that estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.

- (7) That the operators are hereby authorized to withhold the following costs and charges from production:
  - (A) The pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.
  - (B) As a charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well, 50% of the pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.
- (8) That the operators shall distribute said costs and charges withheld from production to the parties who advanced the well costs.
- (9) That \$125.00 per month is hereby fixed as a reasonable charge for supervision (combined fixed rates) for the subject well; that the operators are hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charge attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operators are hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating such well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.
- (10) That any unsevered mineral interest shall be considered a seven-eighths (7/8) working interest and a one-eighth (1/8) royalty interest for the purpose of allocating costs and charges under the terms of this order.
- (11) That any well costs or charges which are to be paid out of production shall be withheld only from the working

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interests' share of production, and no costs or charges shall be withheld from production attributable to royalty interests.

- (12) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason shall be placed in escrow in Eddy County, New Mexico, to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership; that the operator shall notify the Commission of the name and address of said escrow agent within 90 days from the date of this order.
- (13) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

BRUCE KING, Chairman

ALEX J. XRMLIO, Member

A. L. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary

PAUL M. MERSHON, JR. 789 Clarkson Street Denver, Colorado 80218 (303) 255-0716

VINCENT E. SHRYACK 934 South High Street Denver, Colorado 80209 (303) 777-2873

March 28, 1972

CERTIFIED MAIL NO. 492153 RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

District Landman
Tenneco Oil Company
1200 Lincoln Tower Building
1860 Lincoln Street
Denver, Colorado 80203

RE: Case No. 4672; Order No. R-4273;
Application of Paul M. Mershon, Jr.
and Vincent E. Shryack for Compulsory
Pooling of the W/2 of Section 15,
Township 17 South, Range 29 East,
Grayburg Morrow Gas Pool
Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

The captioned application was heard March 1, 1972 by the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico. In conformance with Commission Order No. R-4273, we are enclosing an itemized schedule of estimated well costs to drill a Grayburg Morrow test to be located in the SW/4 of Section 15, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, Eddy County, New Mexico. The spacing unit will be the W/2 of Section 15.

Tenneco Oil Company will have thirty (30) days from receipt of this letter to either join in the drilling of the well, or in the alternative, we will proceed with the drilling of the well under the Compulsory Pooling Order.

If you elect to join in the drilling of the well, please advance \$55,812.50 for your one-quarter interest, in a check payable to Messrs. Paul M. Mershon, Jr., and Vincent E. Shryack.

Yours very truly,

cc: Mr. R. L. Stamets

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission P. O. Box 2088, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

cc: Mr. Jason W. Kellahin

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Examiner Hearing - March 1, 1972

CASE 4674: Application of Hanagan Petroleum Corporation for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location for its Millman Deep Well No. 1 located 660 feet from the North line and 1924 feet from the East line of Section 4, Township 19 South, Range 28 East, undesignated Morrow gas pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, with the E/2 of said Section 4, to be dedicated to the well.

CASE 4670: Application of BTA Oil Producers for a special gasoil ratio limitation, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks as an exception to Rule 506 of the Commission Rules and Regulations, a limiting gas-oil ratio of 10,000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil for the Vada-Pennsylvanian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 4671: Application of V. F. Vasicek and J. M. Fullinwider, dba V-F Petroleum for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicants, in the above-styled cause, seek an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface of the ground down to and including the Wolfcamp formation underlying the SE/4 SW/4 of Section 1, Township 15 South, Range 36 East, Lea County, New Mexico, to form a standard oil proration unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location on said unit. Also to be considered will be the costs of drilling said well, a charge for the risk involved, a provision for the allocation of actual operating costs, and the establishment of charges for supervision of said well.

CASE 4672:

Application of Paul M. Mershon, Jr., and Vincent Shryack for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface of the ground down to and including the Morrow formation underlying the W/2 of Section 15, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, Grayburg-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, to form a standard 320-acre unit for the production of gas to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location for said unit. Also to be considered will be the costs of drilling said well, a charge for the risk

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#### CASE 4508: (Reopened)

In the matter of Case 4508 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-4117, which order established special rules and regulations for the Warren-Devonian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, including a provision for 80-acre spacing units. All interested persons may appear and show cause why said pool should not be developed on 40-acre spacing units.

- CASE 4673: Application of Fluid Power Pump Company for two nonstandard oil proration units, Sandoval County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for two 160-acre non-standard oil proration units in Township 19 North, Range 3 West, Media-Entrada Oil Pool, Sandoval County, New Mexico, said units comprising acreage as follows:
  - 1. S/2 NW/4 and N/2 SW/4 of Section 14
  - 2. S/2 NE/4 and N/2 SE/4 of Section 15

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March 2, 1972

CERTIFIED MAIL NO. 553786 RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. N. B. Venus Tenneco Oil Company P. O. Box 1031 Midland, Texas 79701

RE: Case No. 4672: Application of Paul M. Mershon, Jr. and Vincent E. Shryack for Compulsory Pooling of the W/2 Section 15, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, Grayburg Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Venus:

The captioned application was heard March 1, 1972 by the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico. In conformance with rules of the Commission, we are enclosing a copy of AFE to drill a Grayburg Morrow test to be located in the NE/4 SW/4 of Section 15, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, Eddy County, New Mexico. The spacing unit will be the W/2 of Section 15.

Tenneco Oil Company will have thirty (30) days from receipt of this letter to either join in the drilling of the well, or in the alternative, we will proceed with the drilling of the well under the compulsory pooling order.

If you elect to join in the drilling of the well, please advance \$55,812.50 for your one-quarter interest in a check payable to Messrs. Paul M. Mershon, Jr., and Vincent E. Shryack.

Yours very truly,

Vincent E. Shryack

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cc: Mr. R. L. Stamets, New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission P. O. Box 2088, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

cc: Mr. Jason W. Kellahin, P. O. Box 1769, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

### DEPCO, Inc.

#### **PRODUCTION & EXPLORATION**

December 11, 1972

OIL CONSERVATION COMM,
Santa Fe

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New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission State Capitol Building Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re: Order No. R-4273
Conoco State Com. #1
Sec. 15, T17S, R29E
Eddy County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Attached is an itemized schedule of actual costs incurred on the subject well. This schedule is being submitted in accordance with the provisions of Commission Order No. R-4273.

The cost of production equipment, estimated at approximately \$11,500, has not been included on the schedule. This equipment will not be purchased until contract arrangements for sale of the gas are completed.

Yours very truly,

C. D. CRIMP

Vice President-Production

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cc: Tenneco Oil Company

P. O. Box 2410

Denver, Colorado 80201 (St. Lease B-10714-5)

Mr. Paul M. Mershon, Jr. Mr. Vincent Shryack



1025 PETROLEUM CLUB BLDG. • DENVER, COLORADO 80202 • PHONE 303/292-0980

## DEPCO, Inc.

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VINCENT E. SHRYACK 934 South High Street Denver, Colorado 80209 (303) 777-2373

November 12, 1971

Mr. N. B. Venus Tenneco Oll Company P. O. Box 1031 Midland, Texas 79701

> RE: FARMOUT REQUEST W/2 Section 15, T. 17 S., R.29 E. Eddy County, New Mexico

> > Tenneco Leasehold, W/2 SW/4, New Mexico 30408 and 30418

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Dear Sir.

We requested a farmout of your captioned acreage by letter on October 1, 1971, and you declined by letter on October 13.

We have just received local approval of our farmout request from Continental Oil Company. In light of this development, we would sincerely appreciate your review of our October 1 request. However, should Tenneco choose not to farmout, then we would like you to join us in drilling the well to test the pay in the El Paso (1 Leonard State, which is found between 10,690 and 10,750 feet.

In the event Tenneco elects not to farmout or join, please advise, so that we may proceed with pooling under Commission rules.

BEFORE EXAMINER UTZ OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION applicat EXHIBIT NO. 2 CASE NO. 4 6 72 Submitted bPMM:hgb Hearing Date CG: Mr. BIII Marshall

Continental Oil Company P. O. Box 431 Midland, Texas 79701

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#### BEFORE THE

#### OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PAUL M. MERSHON, JR. AND VINCENT SHRYACK FOR AN ORDER FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

June 4612

#### APPLICATION

Come now Paul M. Mershon, Jr. and Vincent Shryack and apply to the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, as provided by Section 65-3-14, New Mexico Statutes 1953, as amended, for an order pooling all of the oil interests in and under the W/2 of Section 15, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, and in support thereof would show the Commission:

- 1. Applicant is the owner of the right to drill and proposes to drill a well to be located on the above-described unit for production from the Grayburg-Morrow Pool.
- 2. Applicant proposes to complete the above well in the Grayburg-Morrow Pool.
- 3. All of the owners of working interests in and under the above-described tract have pooled or agreed to pool their interests insofar as the Grayburg-Morrow formation is concerned with the exception of Tenneco Oil Company, whose address is: P. O. Box 2511, Houston, Texas 77001.
- 4. Applicant has been unable to obtain voluntary agreement for the pooling of the above-unpooled interest, which consists of the W/2 SW/4 of the above-described Section, and in order to avoid the drilling of unnecessary

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wells, to protect correlative rights, and to prevent waste, the Commission should pool all interests in the spacing or proration unit as a unit.

WHEREFORE applicant prays the Commission set this matter for hearing before the Commission or the Commission's duly appointed examiner, and that after notice and hearing as required by law, the Commission enter its order pooling all interests underlying the W/2 of Section 15, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico, together with a provision for applicant to recover his costs of drilling and developing said unit out of production together with a risk factor to be determined by the Commission and with provision for recovery of the reasonable costs of operation and supervision of said well out of production to be allocated among the owners as their interests may appear, and for such further orders as may be proper in the premises.

Respectfully submitted,

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## BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

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CASE No. 4672

Order No. R-4273

APPLICATION OF PAUL M. MERSHON, JR., AND VINCENT SHRYACK FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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#### ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

#### BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on March 1, 19 72 at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets

NOW, on this <u>day of March</u>, 19<sup>72</sup>, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

#### FINDS:

- (1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicants, Paul M. Mershon, Jr., and Vincent

Shryack, seek an order pooling all mineral interests from the force depth 93500 feet

A surface of the ground down to and including the Grayburg-Morrow

Gas Pool underlying the W/2 of Section 15, Township 17 South,

Range 29 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, to form a standard

320-acre gas proration unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location.

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- (3) That the applicants has the right to drill and proposes to drill a well in the W/2 of said Section 15 to form a standard gas proration unit.
- (4) That there are interest owners in the proposed spacing and proration unit who have not agreed to pool their interests.
- (5) That to avoid the drilling of unecessary wells, to protect correlative rights, and to afford to the owner of each interest in said unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense his just and fair share of the gas in said pool, the subject application should be approved by pooling all mineral interests, whatever they may be, within said unit.
- (6) That the applicants should be designated the operators of the subject well and unit.
- (7) That any non-consenting working interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operators in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production.
- (8) That any non-consenting working interest owner that does not pay his share of estimated well costs should have withheld from production his share of the reasonable well costs plus an additional 30% thereof as a reasonable charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well.
- (9) That any non-consenting interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to object to the actual well costs but that said actual well costs should be adopted as the reasonable well costs in the absence of such objection.

- (10) That following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner that has paid his share of estimated costs shouldpay to the operators any amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and should receive from the operators any amount that paid estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.
- (11) That \$130.00 per month should be fixed as a reasonable charge for supervision (combined fixed rates); that the operators should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charge attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operators should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating the subject well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.
- (12) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason should be placed in escrow to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That all mineral interests, whatever they may be, that all mineral interests, whatever they may be, from the surface of the ground down to and including the Crayburg Morrow Gas Pool underlying the W/2 of Section 15, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, tea County, New Mexico, are hereby pooled to form a standard 40-acre gas spacing and proration unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location in the W/2 of Section 15.

- (2) That Paul M. Mershon, Jr., and Vincent Shryack are hereby designated the operators of the subject well and unit.
- each known working interest owner in the subject unit an itemized schedule of estimated well costs, at least 30 days prior to commencing each well.
- (4) That within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him, any non-consenting working interest owner shall have the right to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production, and that any such owner who pays his share of estimated well costs as provided above shall remain liable for operating costs but shall not be liable for risk charges.
- each known working interest owner an itemized schedule of actual well costs within 90 days following completion of the well; that if no objection to the actual well costs is received by the Commission and the Commission has not objected within 125 days following receipt of said schedule, the actual well costs shall be the reasonable well costs; provided however, that if there is an objection to actual well costs within said 135-day period, the Commission will determine reasonable well costs after public notice and hearing.
- (6) That within 60 days following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner
  that has paid his share of estimated costs in advance as provided

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above shall pay to the operator his pro rata share of the amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and shall receive from the operator his pro rata share of the amount that estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.

- (7) That the operators is hereby authorized to withhold the following costs and charges from production:
  - (A) The pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.
  - (B) As a charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well, 30% of the prorata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.
- (8) That the operator shall distribute said costs and charges withheld from production to the parties who advanced the well costs.
- (9) That \$110.00 per month is hereby fixed as a reasonable charge for supervision (combined fixed rates); that the operators is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charge attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operators is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate

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share of actual expenditures required for operating such well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.

- (10) That any unsevered mineral interest shall be considered a seven-eighths (7/8) working interest and a one-eighth (1/8) royalty interest for the purpose of allocating costs and charges under the terms of this order.
- (11) That any well costs or charges which are to be paid out of production shall be withheld only from the working interests share of production, and no costs or charges shall be withheld from production attributable to royalty interests.
- (12) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason shall be placed in escrow in Eddy County, New Mexico, to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership; that the operator shall notify the Commission of the name and address of said escrow agent within 90 days from the date of this order.
- (13) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

CASE 4673: Application of FLUID POWER PUMP CO. FOR TWO NON-STANDARD UNITS, SANDOVAL COUNTY.