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BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION CONFERENCE HALL, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING 1 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 2 September 13, 1972 3 EXAMINER HEARING 5 IN THE MATTER OF: 6 Application of Hanagan Petroleum CASE NO. 4825 Corporation for dual completion, 7 Eddy County, New Mexico. 8 a n d 9 Application of Hanagan Petroleum Corporation for pool creating, CASE NO. 4826 10 special pool rules, and an unorthodox location, Eddy County, 11 New Mexico. 12 209 SIMMS BLDG. * P.O. BOX 1092 * PHONE 243-6651 * ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87108 1216 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BLDG. EAST * ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87108 13 Daniel S. Nutter BEFORE: 14 Examiner 15 16 17 18 19 20 TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING 21 22

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MR. NUTTER: Case 4825. 2 MR. HATCH: Application of Hanagan Petroleum Corporation for dual completion, Eddy County, New Mexico. 3 MR. MORRIS: Mr. Examiner, I'm Richard Morris of Montgomery, Federici, Andrews, Hannahs, and Morris, appearing for the Applicant.

May I request that this case be consolidated, for purposes of testimony, with Case Number 4826?

MR. NUTTER: The dual completion and 4825 involves the same acreage that's involved in 4826?

MR. MORRIS: Yes, sir.

MR. NUTTER: We'll call Case Number 4826, also.

MR. HATCH: Application of Hanagan Petroleum Corporation for pool creation, special pool rules, and an unorthodox location, Eddy County, New Mexico.

MR. NUTTER: Cases 4825 and 4826 will be consolidated for the purpose of hearing.

MR. MORRIS: May I ask that the witness be sworn?

HUGH HANAGAN,

appeared as a witness and, having been duly sworn according to law, testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. MORRIS:

Q Will you state your name, where you reside, and your

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A My name is Hugh Hanagan and I live in Roswell, New Mexico. I'm Vice-president of Hanagan Petroleum Corporation.

Q Mr. Hanagan, what does the Applicant seek in Case 4825?

- A Hanagan Petroleum Corporation seeks approval for dual completion (conventional) of its Catclaw Draw Unit Well Number 3, located 920 feet from the north and west lines of Section 36, Township 21 South, Range 25 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, in order to produce gas from the Strawn formation through tubing and gas from the Morrow formation through the casing tubing annulus.
- Q Please state the location of this well and the manner in which it is presently completed.
- Hanagan Petroleum Corporation Number 3 Catclaw Draw
 Unit well is located approximately five miles west of
 Carlsbad, New Mexico. It is in the Catclaw Draw unit
 with Hanagan Petroleum Corporation being the operator,
 and is a diagonal SE offset to the Number 1 "Y" Catclaw
 Draw Unit well in Section 26, 21 South, 25 East, which
 produces from the Morrow only. The subject well was
 dually completed from the Strawn and Morrow on August
 7, 1972, and is presently shut-in. There are no Strawn

1 2 3 4 5 6 today in Case 4828. 7 8 Q Application? Yes, I have prepared four Exhibits. 9 10 A 11 area. 12 200 SIMMS BLOC. * P.O. BOX 1002 * PHONE 243-6691 * ALBUQUERQUE. NEW MEXICO 87103 All right. Q 13 14 15 A the area. 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

producing wells in the area. However, Inexco Oil Company does have a dually completed Strawn-Morrow well approximately three miles northeast of this in Section 18, 21 South, 26 East, which is also in the process of acquiring approval for a dual completion from the Strawn-Morrow formation, which were heard

Have you prepared Exhibits in support of this

Exhibit Number 1 is a lease ownership plat of the

Would you go ahead and explain what is shown on that Exhibit at this time? This Exhibit primarily shows the lease ownership of The outlined area in red is the area covered in the Catclaw Draw unit. The area colored blue is the section that we wish to dedicate towards this well. The red circled wells are the two Strawn wells I mentioned, one being in Section 36 of 21, 25. The other was Inexco's well in Section 18, of 21, 26. The yellow colored wells are Morrow wells only. The gray colored wells are dry holes. The green well to the south of our Catclaw 3 in Section 1 of 22, 25, is a Canyon gas producer. I believe that pretty well

covers that plat. You have your Wells 5 and 6 shown on this plat. What 2 Q is the status of those two unit wells? 3 Catclaw Well Number 5, located in Section 25, 21, 25, is presently being perforated, and it will probably 5 be a Morrow well only. The well, Catclaw Number 6 6 well, in Section 13, of 21, 25, is presently drilling 7 below 2,800 feet. 8 Please refer to your Exhibit Number 2, the Commission 9 Q form C-107. 10 This Exhibit Number 2, which is a New Mexico Oil 11 Α Conservation Form C-107, is an Application for multiple 12 completion. It was filed by Hanagan Petroleum 13 Corporation on August 8, 1972, and it merely shows 14 where the Strawn is perforated and that it is a gas 15 well and where the Morrow was perforated and we merely 16 included this to show that we have filed with the Commission not only this form C-107 previously, but 17 also the next Exhibit was also filed at the same time, 18 19 which is titled A Schematic Dual Completion. 20 Go ahead and discuss that Exhibit Number 3. Q Exhibit Number 3, titled A Schematic Dual Completion 21 Catclaw Draw Well Number 3, shows how the well is 22 completed, the downhole equipment in the well, the 23 casing and so forth. The Hanagan Petroleum Corporation 24 25

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200 SIMMS DLDG. F.O. BOX 1002 FPHONE 243-6481 FALBUQUERQUE. NEW MEXICO 87108 1216 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BLDG. EAST FALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87108 Number 3 Catclaw Draw unit was completed August 7, 1972, from the Morrow for a calculated absolute open-flow of 5,000 MCF of gas per day and from the Strawn, a calculated absolute open-flow of 5,200 MCF of gas per day.

We have 13-3/8 inch casing set at 493 feet,
with 350 sacks of cement circulated. We have 8-5/8 inch
casing set at 2,130 feet, with 950 sacks of cement
circulated. We have 5-1/2 inch casing at 10,993 feet
with 350 sacks of cement and a Float Collar at
10,895 feet. The Morrow is perforated from 10,810
feet to 10,826 feet with four shots per foot on a
four point test. The dead weight test was 3,254
pounds, 36 hour shut-in bottomhole pressure test was
4,422, that is a minus 7,338, which we take our bottomhole pressure as midway between the perforations.

The Strawn is perforated at 9,544 to 9,560 feet with four shots per foot; midway test, 2,769 pounds; 55 and 1/2 hour shut in bottomhole pressure, 3,860 pounds, that's minus 6,072.

We have, as you can see on the diagram here, two packers separating the two zones. We have all the equipment, downhole equipment here, is Otis, and it is a cross-over type of arrangement. In that, we flow the Morrow gas through the tubing annulus and the

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Strawn gas through the tubing. I think that the diagram here is self-explanatory, but if the Commission requests, we will try to answer any question you might have. MR. NUTTER: Just tell me what this 5-1/2 inch

Otis O.S.T.S.O. means.

That's the sliding sleeve. THE WITNESS:

That's a lot of letters to say sliding MR. NUTTER:

sleeve.

THE WITNESS: I think that's what it is. I think that's what they call a side door sliding sleeve and it's an Otis term, of course.

That's MR. NUTTER: That's the thing above that. a sliding side door sleeve.

THE WITNESS: I don't know what it is. It's the engineer who drew this one up.

- (By Mr. Morris) Mr. Hanagan, can you supply to Mr. Nutter by letter, the explanation of those Q initials and what that particular piece of equipment is?
- I will delve into it. A
- Would you please refer to your log, Exhibit 4, and point out the information shown on that log? Q
- Well, the electric log section, which is just a detailed part of the Schlumberger density log, shows Α

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a detailed section, possibly 9,500 feet to the total
depth. On this log, is the correlations of the top
of the formations in this section lifted. The Strawn
of the formations in this score wings of 6,012. It
is picked at 9,492, which is a minus of 6,012. It
shows a perforated interval, calculated absolute open-
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and it also shows, it picks the
of the Atoka formation at 9,184, the bottom point here
of the Atoka formation of the Morrow sand at 10,826 at 10,448, and the base of the Morrow sand at 10,826 to
at 10,448, and the base of the start at 10,810 to
at 10,448, and the same at 10,810 to and it shows the perforated intervals at 10,810 to
and it shows the post- 10,826. And, again, showing the calculated absolute
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going to discuss the lour policy
Now, you are going connection with the Application in the next Case?
Either way. Okay. Mr. Hanagan, in your opinion, is the installation.
Okay. Mr. Hanagan, In Journal of the

ion as exhibited on Exhibit Number 3 in accordance with Okay. good engineering practices, and can this well be produced in accordance with this installation without causing waste?

Yes. \boldsymbol{A}

Let's proceed to your Application in Case 4826. What is it that Hanagan Petroleum Corporation seeks in this Case?

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- Also, is this in conformity with the rules that are in effect with respect to the Morrow formation and the Catclaw Draw-Morrow Pool?
- They are exactly the same special rules. We further seek approval of an unorthodox location for the subject well. The Catclaw Draw unit well was drilled as a Morrow development well 920 feet from the north and west line of Section 36, 21 South, 25 East, due to the topography. This unorthodox location for the Morrow was approved by the Commission by administrative Order NSL-552, dated May 9, 1972. We ask at this time that the Commission also approve the Strawn completion

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at an unorthodox location of 920 feet fro	om the n	orth
and west line of Section 36, 21 South, 25	East,	due
to the topography.		
Now, have you prepared some Exhibits in s	support	of
this Application?		
Yes, I have two Exhibits. Exhibit Number	: l agai	n, is
a lease ownership plat and superimposed u	ipon the	!
ownership plat is a structural surface pl	lat draw	n on
top of the Strawn. And Exhibit Number 2	is agai	n, just
an electric log, formation density log of	the su	bject
well.		
All right. Now, with respect to Exhibit	Number	1, is
there information shown on this Exhibit t	that you	wish
to explain?		
Well, I think that, first, as you can see	e, it is	i
exactly the same lease ownership plat as	Exhibit	Number
1 in Case 4825, with the exception of the	e superi	imposed
structure map on it. And looking at this	s map, i	ine
subject well, which is located in Section	n 36, 21	L, 25,
appears as interpreted here on the flanks	s of the	9

structure. Therefore, it is our opinion that the

Strawn is more of a stratigraphic-type trap than a

of it appears to be essentially the same as the

structural trap. It is associated with a structure,

but is definitely of a stratigraphic nature. The trend

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Morrow, trend-wise. Also, you can see on this plat, again, that the only two wells that are presently producing out of the Strawn are the subject well and Inexco's wells in Section 18, 21 South, 26 East. yellow X's on there, of course, denote the present sections that are included in the Catclaw Draw-Morrow field at the present time. On the basis of limited information presently available, can anything be said about the areal extent of the Strawn formation in this area? Really, I can't at the present time, I'm sorry to say. As far as I'm concerned, I can't say how much area this Strawn is going to cover in production. As you can see from the plat here, we have wells north, northwest, south and southwest, which have not encountered this pay. Therefore, the areal extent of it at this time would be just conjecture. Would you please refer to Exhibit 2, the electric log, and point out information that's shown on that Exhibit concerning the producing characteristics of this Strawn formation? Well, Exhibit Number 2, which is a log section, first,

A really does include everything from the bone springs at 7,720, all the way down to the TD. It merely shows the log picks, or the formation's tops, and we picked

them. The Strawn pay itself, which is located at 9,544 to 9,560, colored in yellow, we have come up with the figures of 16 feet of pay, nine perforations, 10 percent water saturation. It is a quartziferous sand. The gravity at the point is 6,950. It is a sweet gas, bottomhole temperature is 120 degrees. I believe that covers it pretty well.

Did you want to discuss your four point test in this?

All right. The four point test, I don't believe the

Commission is particularly interested in the Morrow

four point, but I believe you just would be interested

in the Strawn, is that correct?

MR. NUTTER: Yes, sir.

The four point test in the Strawn is as follows:

Dead weight test, 2,769 -- all four points were taken
on a positive choke. The choke sizes were as
follows: 964; 1094; 1394; and 1464. The tubing
pressures in order of the choke sizes there previously
mentioned were 2,607 pounds; 2,374 pounds; 2,011 pounds;
1,819 pounds. The duration of the test was one hour
for each point or each choke size. The flow rate in
MCFs beginning again with the small choke were:
1,998 MCF; 1,453.4 MCF; 1,234.4 MCF; 2,926.2 MCF; for
a calculated absolute open-flow of 52 MCF of gas per
day.

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Mr. Hanagan, in view of the limited information that is available on the Strawn zone formation in this area, can you make any observations concerning the ability of one well to efficiently and economically drain and develop an area of 640 acres in the Strawn zone?

Well, that's always a big question mark, even after we complete wells. It kind of brings me back to the time that that same question was asked in the early stages of the Indian Basin Field. It was really questionable whether the reservoir was large enough to drain 640 acres or not. I think it's pretty much the same case now. I don't believe that any operator or anyone can come here with one well and say what area it's going to drain. I do think that the gas that is there, we will efficiently and economically get. And since we are really talking about this temporary special field rules, if it was a permanent situation where we were talking about permanent rules, then perhaps I would question the decision of making 640 acres east of the operation. But since it is a temporary situation, I think that it certainly would not, or could not, he proved that it would not drain efficiently; certainly, from the economical standpoint at the present time, we would not care to develop it on

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temporary rules for what time? Well, I think, normally, a year. From the date of completion? Yes, sir. And speaking of completions, this well Q should be connected within the next 30 days. A Who is going to be the purchaser? Q Now, Mr. Hanagan, does the Morrow produce any liquids Α with this five million cubic feet of gas per day? Q Again, we haven't tested these wells with any equipment to sufficiently say how much liquids we A are making out of either zone. We feel that based on other fields and on the analysis, strictly from the analysis, we are getting good evidence that it is going to be pretty dry, three to four barrels per million, something like that. Now, that was another one reason to produce the Strawn tubing now. We feel, again, by analysis that the Strawn and also from the history of the Strawn that we would produce more liquids 8 than we wanted to produce liquids through that tubing. 19 Now, let's see, I think somewhere here I saw the 20 gravity of the gas here on your log. I believe it was Q 21 22 695. Do you have the gravity of the Morrow gas? 23 24 Yes, sir, 5,839. A

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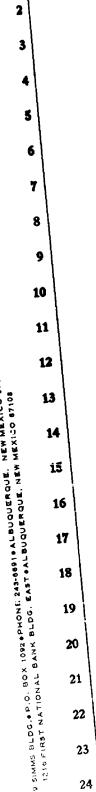
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Is it also a sweet gas? Q Yes, sir, they are both sweet gases. And the bottomhole pressure differential across the packers would be somewhere in the neighborhood of 600 pounds, I believe? Five hundred pounds. Α Would that packer withstand that differential? Yes, sir. We have, show packers are set in by tension instead of by weight and the whole string from the base of the bottom packer to the top surface is set at a 4,000 pound tension. And we feel like there wouldn't be much of anything that could happen. MR. NUTTER: Are there further questions of the witness? (No response.) MR. NUTTER: He may be excused. (Witness excused.) MR. NUTTER: Do you have anything further, Mr. Morris, in these Cases?

MR. MORRIS: We will supply the Examiner with an explanation of 0.S.T.S.O., as shown on Exhibit 3 in Case 4825. But other than that, we have nothing further in the Cases. Thank you.

MR. NUTTER: Thank you, Mr. Morris. If there's nothing else in the Cases 4825 and 4826, we will take them



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under advisement and call Case Number 4827.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO)) ss COUNTY OF BERNALILLO)

I, JOHN DE LA ROSA, a Court Reporter, in and for the County of Bernalillo, State of New Mexico, do 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 ability.

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

September 27, 1972

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	Re:	Case No	4826
Mr. Richard S. Morris		order No.	R-4407
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Attorneys at Law Post Office Box 2307 Santa Fe, New Mexico		HANAGAN P	ETROLEUM CORP.

Dear Sir:

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

A. L. PORTER, Jr.
Secretary-Director

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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. 4826 Order No. R-4407

APPLICATION OF HANAGAN PETROLEUM CORPORATION FOR POOL CREATION, SPECIAL POOL RULES, AND AN UNORTHO-DOX LOCATION, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on September 13, 1972, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 27th day of September, 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 applicant, Hanagan Petroleum Corporation, seeks the creation of a new gas pool for Strawn production in Eddy County, New Mexico, the promulgation of special rules and regulations governing said pool, including a provision for 640-acre spacing units. Applicant further seeks approval of an unorthodox location for its Catclaw Draw Unit Well No. 3, located 920 feet from the North line and 920 feet from the West line of Section 36, Township 21 South, Range 25 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the above-described well, having its top perforations in the Strawn formation at 9,544 feet, has discovered a separate common source of supply which should be designated the Catclaw Draw-Strawn Gas Pool; that the vertical limits of said pool should be the Strawn formation and that the horizontal limits of said pool should be all of said Section 36.
- (4) That in order to prevent the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, to avoid the augmentation

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of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, to prevent reduced recovery which might result from the drilling of too few wells, and to otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights, temporary special rules and regulations providing for 640-acre spacing units should be promulgated for the Catclaw Draw-Strawn Gas Pool.

- (5) That the temporary special rules and regulations should provide for limited well locations in order to assure orderly development of the pool and protect correlative rights.
- (6) That special rules and regulations should be established for a temporary period to expire one year from the date that a pipeline connection is first obtained for a well in the pool; that during this temporary period all operators in the subject pool should gather all available information relative to drainage and recoverable reserves.
- (7) That this case should be reopened at an examiner hearing one year from the date that a pipeline connection is first obtained for a well in the Catclaw Draw-Strawn Gas Pool, at which time the operators in the subject pool should appear and show cause why the Catclaw Draw-Strawn Gas Pool should not be developed on 320-acre spacing units.
- (8) That the first operator to obtain a pipeline connection for a well in the Catclaw Draw-Strawn Gas Pool should notify the Commission in writing of such fact, and that the Commission should thereupon issue a supplemental order designating an exact date for reopening this case.
- (9) That Administrative Order No. NSL-552 approved, for topographical reasons, the completion of the above-described well at an unorthodox location in the Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool.
- (10) That approval of the unorthodox location for the subject well in the Strawn formation will prevent waste and will not violate correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Strawn production, is hereby created and designated the Catclaw Draw-Strawn Gas Pool, with vertical limits comprising the Strawn formation and horizontal limits comprising the following-described area:

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TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, NMPM
Section 36: All

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(2) That temporary Special Rules and Regulations for the Catclaw Draw-Strawn Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, are hereby promulgated as follows:

SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE CATCLAW DRAW-STRAWN GAS POOL

- RULE 1. Each well completed or recompleted in the Catclaw Draw-Strawn Gas Pool or in the Strawn formation within one mile thereof, and not nearer to or within the limits of another designated Strawn gas pool, shall be spaced, drilled, operated, and produced in accordance with the Special Rules and Regulations hereinafter set forth.
- RULE 2. Each well shall be located on a standard unit containing 640 acres, more or less, consisting of a governmental section.
- RULE 3. The Secretary-Director of the Commission may grant an exception to the requirements of Rule 2 without notice and hearing when an application has been filed for a non-standard unit and the unorthodox size or shape of the unit is necessitated by a variation in the legal subdivision of the United States Public Land Surveys, or the following facts exist and the following provisions are complied with:
 - (a) The non-standard unit consists of quarterquarter sections or lots that are contiguous by a common bordering side.
 - (b) The non-standard unit lies wholly within a governmental section and contains less acreage than a standard unit.
 - (c) The applicant presents written consent in the form of waivers from all offset operators and from all operators owning interests in the section in which the non-standard unit is situated and which acreage is not included in said non-standard unit.
 - (d) In lieu of paragraph (c) of this rule, the applicant may furnish proof of the fact that all of the aforesaid operators were notified by registered or certified mail of his intent to form such non-standard unit. The Secretary-Director may approve the application if no such operator has entered an objection to the formation of such non-standard unit within 30 days after the Secretary-Director has received the application.

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- RULE 4. Each well shall be located no nearer than 1650 feet to the outer boundary of the Section and no nearer than 330 feet to any governmental quarter-quarter section line.
- RULE 5. The Secretary-Director may grant an exception to the requirements of Rule 4 without notice and hearing when an application has been filed for an unorthodox location necessitated by topographical conditions or the recompletion of a well previously drilled to another horizon. All operators offsetting the proration unit shall be notified of the application by registered or certified mail, and the application shall state that such notice has been furnished. The Secretary-Director may approve the application upon receipt of written waivers from all operators offsetting the proration unit or if no objection to the unorthodox location has been entered within 20 days after the Secretary-Director has received the application.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

- (1) That the locations of all wells presently drilling to or completed in the Catclaw Draw-Strawn Gas Pool or in the Strawn formation within one mile thereof are hereby approved; that the operator of any well having an unorthodox location shall notify the Artesia District Office of the Commission in writing of the name and location of the well on or before October 15, 1972.
- (2) That, pursuant to Paragraph A. cf Section 65-3-14.5, NMSA 1953, contained in Chapter 271, Laws of 1969, existing wells in the Catclaw Draw-Strawn Gas Pool shall have dedicated thereto 640 acres in accordance with the foregoing pool rules; or, pursuant to Paragraph C. of said Section 65-3-14.5, existing wells may have non-standard spacing or proration units established by the Commission and dedicated thereto.

Failure to file new Forms C-102 with the Commission dedicating 640 acres to a well or to obtain a non-standard unit approved by the Commission within 60 days from the date of this order shall subject the well to cancellation of allowable. Until said Form C-102 has been filed or until a non-standard unit has been approved, and subject to said 60-day limitation, each well presently drilling to or completed in the Catclaw Draw-Strawn Gas Pool or in the Strawn formation within one mile thereof shall receive no more than one-half of a standard allowable for the pool.

(3) That this case shall be reopened at an examiner hearing one year from the date that a pipeline connection is first obtained for a well in the Catclaw Draw-Strawn Gas Pool, at which time the operators in the subject pool may appear and show cause why the Catclaw Draw-Strawn Gas Pool should not be developed on 320-acre spacing units.

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- (4) That the first operator to obtain a pipeline connection for a well in the Catclaw Draw-Strawn Gas Pool shall notify the Commission in writing of such fact, and that the Commission will thereupon issue a supplemental order designating an exact date for reopening this case.
- (5) 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. ARMIJO, Member

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

SEAL

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 13, 1972

9 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING - SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

The following cases will be heard before Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner, or Elvis A. Utz. Alternate Examiner:

- ALLOWABLE: (1) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for October, 1972, from seventeen prorated pools in Lea, Eddy, Chaves and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico;
 - (2) Consideration of the allowable production of gas from nine prorated pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico, for October, 1972.
- CASE 4808: Application of Skelly Oil Company for a waterflood expansion and dual completion, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to expand its Grayburg-Jackson Skelly Unit Water-flood Project, Grayburg-Jackson Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, by the injection of water through its Unit Well No. 114 located in Unit D of Section 14, Township 17 South, Pange 31 East. Said Well No. 114 to be completed as a dual completion in such a manner as to permit the production of oil from the Fren-Sevens Rivers Pool and the injection of water into the Grayburg-Jackson Pool.
- CASE 4809: Application of Saturn Oil Company for a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Antebellum Unit Area comprising 3,840 acres, more or less, of State and Federal lands in Township 23 South, Range 34 East, Lea County, New Mexico.
- CASE 4810: In the matter of the application of the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to consider the revision of the special rules for the Devils Fork Gallup Associated Pool and the Escrito Gallup Associated Pool, Rio Arriba and San Juan Counties, New Mexico, promulgated by Orders Nos. R-1670-B and R-1793-A, respectively, to permit taking of gas-oil ratio and bottom-hole pressure tests on an annual basis rather than quarterly and semi-annually, as is now required.

CASE 4747: (Continued from the July 26, 1972, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Union Texas Petroleum, a Division of Allied Chemical Corporation for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico, Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests below the base of the Devonian formation underlying the N/2 of Section 33, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, Crosby Field, Lea County, New Mexico. Said acreage to be dedicated to its well to be located 1650 feet from the North line and 2310 feet from the East line of said Section 33. 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.

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CASE 4577: (Reopened)

In the matter of Case 4577 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. K-4181, which order established special rules and regulations for the Parkway-Wolfcamp Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, including a provision for 160-acre spacing units. All interested persons may appear and show cause why said pool should not be developed on 40-acre or 80-acre spacing units.

- CASE 4811: Application of Atlantic Richfield Company for a non-standard proration unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of a 120-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising the N/2 SE/4 and NE/4 SW/4 of Section 36, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, Blinebry Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to its State 367 Well No. 3 located in Unit K of said Section 36.
- CASE 4812: Application of Midwest Oil Corporation for an unorthodox location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks as an exception to Rule 104, authority to drill a wildcat gas well to test the Morrow formation at an unorthodox location 1320 feet from the South and East lines of Section 1, Township 18 South, Range 28 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, with the S/2 of said Section 1 to be dedicated to the well.
- CASE 4813: Application of Inexco Oil Company for a unit agreement, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Sitting Bull Unit Area comprising 6,665 acres, more or less, of Federal lands in Sections 28, 29, 31, 32, and 33 of Township 23 South, Range 22 East, and Sections 4 through 9 of Township 24 South, Range 22 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- CASE 4814: Application of Inexco Oil Company for a unit agreement, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Four Forks Unit Area comprising 3,133 acres, more or less, of Federal and Fee lands in Sections 3, 10, 11, 14 and 15 of Township 22 South, Range 25 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- CASE 4815: Application of Inexco Oil Company for pool creation and special pool rules, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the creation of a new Strawn gas pool for its well located 1980 feet from the South and West lines of Section 18, Township 21 South, Range 26 East, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant further seeks the promulgation of special rules therefor, including a provision for 640-acre spacing units.
- CASE 4816: Application of Penroc Oil Corporation for a special gas-oil ratio limitation increase, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks amendment of the special rules and regulations for the Hobbs-Drinkard Pool promulgated by Order No. R-3811, as amended,

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to establish a limiting gas-oil ratio limitation of 6,000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil in said pool.

- CASE 4817: Application of Phillips Petroleum Company for a dual completion, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the dual completion (conventional) of its Drag "B" Well No. 1 located in Unit K of Section 18, Township 23 South, Range 27 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, in such a manner as to produce gas from the South Carlsbad-Morrow Gas Pool through tubing and an undesignated Canyon gas pool through the casing-tubing annulus.
- CASE 4818: Application of Tipperary Land and Exploration Corporation for a waterflood project, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project in the North Bagley-Pennsylvanian Pool by the injection of water into the Strawn and possibly other formations by the injection of water through its Bess Well No. 1 located 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line of Section 20, Township 11 South, Range 33 East, Lea County, New Mexico.
- CASE 4819: Application of D. L. Hannifin for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in and under the 5/2 of Section 24, Township 22 South, Range 26 East, South Carlsbad Field, Eddy County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled 1980 feet from the South and East lines of said Section 24. 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 4820: Application of Anadarko Production Company for the creation of an associated pool, special rules therefor, downhole and surface commingling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the creation of a new associated pool for the production of oil and gas from the Yates and Seven Rivers formations for its Loco Hills Federal "B" Wells Nos. 1 and 8 located, respectively, in Units P and K of Section 9, Township 17 South, Range 30 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, and the promulgation of special rules therefor including provisions for the classification of oil and gas wells, oil and gas well spacing, and an unlimited gas-oil ratio.

Applicant further seeks authority to commingle in the well-bore of said Well No. 1 the Yates-Seven Rivers production from the newly created pool and the Grayburg-Jackson Pool and to commingle on the surface the Yates-Seven Rivers production from said Well No. 8 with production from the Grayburg-Jackson Pool.

CASE 4821: Application of Getty Oil Company for downhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks as an exception

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to Rule 303 of the Commission Rules and Regulations, authority to commingle production from the North Vacuum-Abo, Vacuum-Wolfcamp, and Vacuum-Pennsylvanian Pools in the wellbore of its State "BA" Well No. 8 located in Unit B of Section 36, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

- CASE 4822: Application of Getty Oil Company for an unorthodox location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox location for its State "BA" Well No. 9 located 660 feet from the North line and 2310 feet from the East line of Section 36, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Vacuum Grayburg-San Andres Pool, Lea County, New Mexico. Said well being nearer than 660 feet to another well capable of producing from the same pool.
- CASE 4823: Application of Getty Oil Company for an unorthodox location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox location for its A. B. Coates "C" Well No. 28 located 1820 feet from the North and West lines of Section 24, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, Justis Blinebry Pool, Lea County, New Mexico. Said well being located nearer than 660 feet to another well capable of producing from the same pool.
- CASE 4824: Application of Getty Oil Company for an unorthodox location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox location for its H. D. McKinley Well No. 11 located 760 feet from the North line and 550 feet from the East line of Section 30, Township 18 South, Range 38 East, Hobbs Grayburg-San Andres Pool, Lea County, New Mexico. Said well being nearer than 660 feet to another well capable of producing from the same pool.
- CASE 4825: Application of Hanagan Petroleum Corporation for dual completion, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the dual completion (conventional) of its Catclaw Draw Unit Well No. 3 located in Unit D of Section 36, Township 21 South, Range 25 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, in such a manner as to produce gas from an undesignated Strawn gas pool through tubing and from the Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool through the casing-tubing annulus.
- CASE 4826: Application of Hanagan Petroleum Corporation for pool creation, special pool rules, and an unorthodox location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the creation of a new Strawn gas pool for its well located 920 feet from the North and West lines of Section 36, Township 21 South, Range 25 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, and the promulgation of special rules therefor, including a provision for 640-acre spacing units. Applicant further seeks approval of an unorthodox location for the above-described well.
- CASE 4827: Application of Robert N. Enfield for an unorthodox location, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks

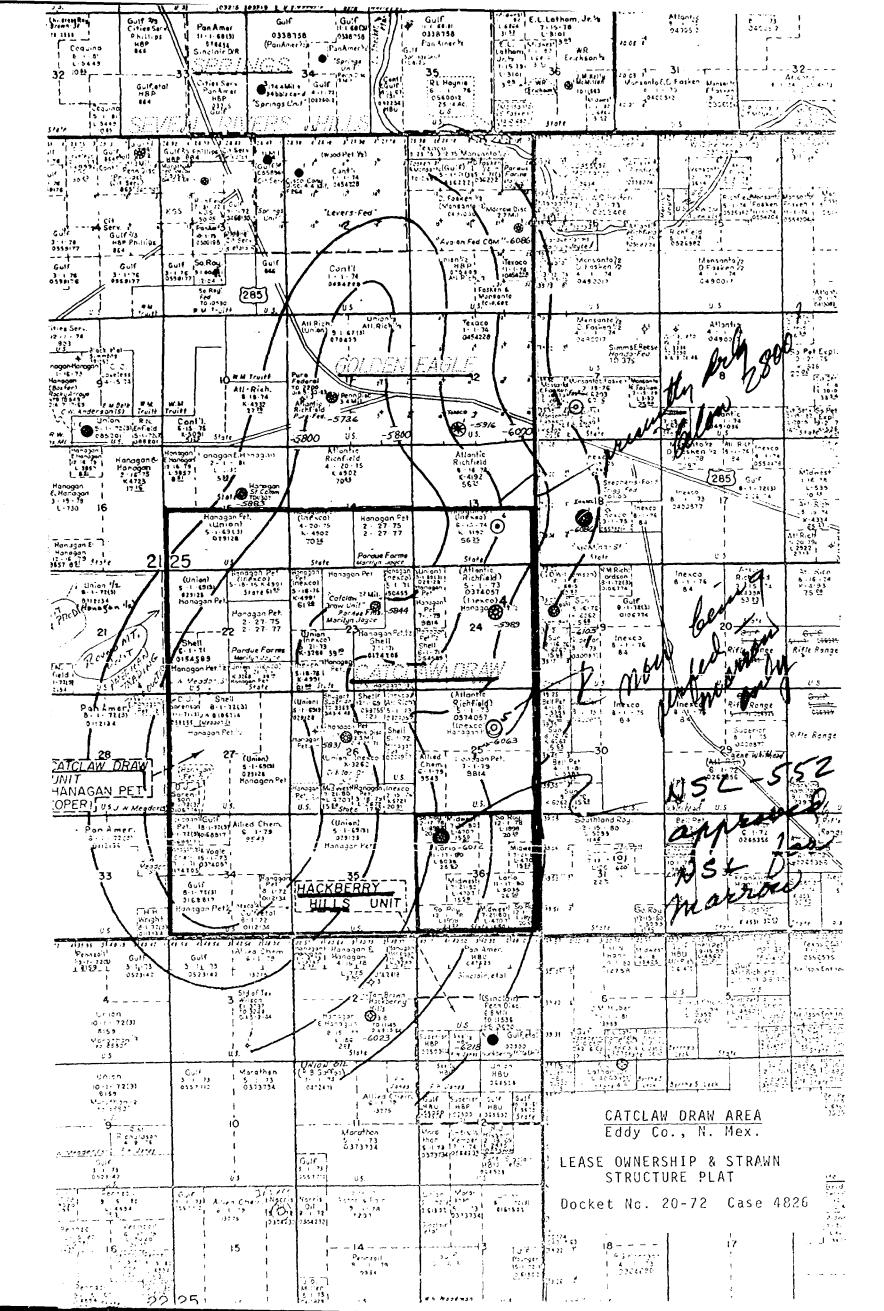
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authority to drill a gas well at an off-pattern unorthodox location 990 feet from the North and East lines of Section 11, Township 15 South, Range 27 East, Buffalo Valley-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Chaves County, New Mexico, with the E/2 of said Section 11 to be dedicated to the well.

CASE 4828: Application of Inexco Oil Company for a dual completion, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority for the dual completion of its McMinn State Well No. 1 located 1980 feet from the South and West lines of Section 18, Township 21 South, Range 26 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, in such a manner as to produce gas from the Strawn formation and the Morrow formation adjacent to the Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool.



BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

APPLICATION OF HANAGAN PETROLEUM)
CORPORATION FOR CREATION OF THE)
CATCLAW DRAW-STRAWN GAS POOL)
AND FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF)
SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS)
FOR SAID POOL, EDDY COUNTY,)
NEW MEXICO)

Case No. 4826

APPLICATION

Comes now Hanagan Petroleum Corporation, by its attorneys, and requests the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission to create the Catclaw Draw-Strawn Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, and to establish Special Rules and Regulations for the said pool, and in support of its application states:

- 1. The applicant, Hanagan Petroleum Corporation, is the operator of the Catclaw Draw Unit Well No. 3, located 920 feet from the north line and 920 feet from the west line in Unit D, of Section 36, Township 21 South, Range 25 East, Eddy County, New Mexico. The said well has been completed in the Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool and in an undesignated Strawn Gas Pool.
- 2. The information presently available concerning the Strawn Formation in the said well indicates that one well can efficiently and economically drain and develop a spacing unit comprising 640 acres. Accordingly, a new pool should be created for Strawn production and designated the Catclaw Draw-Strawn Gas Pool, and Special Rules and Regulations for said pool should be established consistent with the Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool, including provisions for 640 acre spacing units and requirements for well locations no nearer than 1650 feet to the outer boundary of the Section.
- 3. Applicant obtained administrative approval under NSL-552, dated May 9, 1972, for the unorthodox location of its Catclaw Draw Unit Well No. 3 in the Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool.

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Applicant seeks further approval for the location of its well in the Catclaw Draw-Strawn Gas Pool, which approval should be given as part of the order establishing Special Rules and Regulations for the said pool.

5. Approval of this application will prevent waste and correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, the applicant requests that this case be set for hearing before the Commission or one of its Examiners and that the Commission enter its order approving this application.

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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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APPLICATION OF HANAGAN PETROLEUM CORPORATION FOR POOL CREATION, SPECIAL POOL RULES, AND AN UNORTHO-DOX LOCATION, EDDY COUNTY, NEW

MEXICO.

CASE NO. 4826

Order No. R- 4708

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ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on September 13 , 1972 at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter

NOW, on this day of <u>September</u>, 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 applicant, Hanagan Petroleum Corporation, seeks the creation of a new gas pool for Strawn production in Eddy County, New Mexico, the promulgation of special rules and regulations governing said pool, including a provision for 640-acre spacing units, and further seeks approval of an

unorthodox location for the above-described well.

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(3) That the Hanagan Petroleum Corporation well located

230 feet from the North line and 920 feet from the West line of

Section 36, Township 21 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, Eddy County,

New Mexico, having its top perforations at 95 44 feet,
has discovered a separate common source of supply which should be
designated the Catelau Claus Gas Pool;
that the vertical limits of said pool should be the Strawn
formation as found in the interval from

feet on the log of the aforesaid

well; and that the horizontal limits of said
pool should be 451 of said Section 36.

- (4) That in order to prevent the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, to avoid the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, to prevent reduced recovery which might result from the drilling of too few wells, and to otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights, temporary special rules and regulations providing for 640-acre spacing units should be promulgated for the
- (5) That the temporary special rules and regulations should provide for limited well locations in order to assure orderly development of the pool and protect correlative rights.
- (6) That special rules and regulations should be established for a temporary period to expire one year from the date that a pipeline connection is first obtained for a well in the pool; that during this temporary period all operators in the subject pool should gather all available information relative to drainage and recoverable reserves.
- (7) That this case should be reopened at an examiner hearing one year from the date that a pipeline connection is

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Pool, at which time the operators in the subject pool should appear and show cause why the Calculations.

Gas Pool should not be developed on 320-acre spacing units.

(8) That the first operator to obtain a pipeline connection for a well in the Catalan Oran, Gas Pool should notify the Commission in writing of such fact, and that the Commission should thereupon issue a supplemental order designating an exact date for reopening this case.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Strawn production, is hereby created and designated the <u>lease County</u>. Gas Pool, with vertical limits comprising the Strawn formation as found in the interval from feet to feet on the leg of the Hanagan Petroleum Corporation well located 920 feet from the North line and 920 feet from the West line of Section 36, Township 21 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, and horizontal limits comprising the following-described area:

EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, NMPM
Section 36:

(2) That temporary Special Rules and Regulations for the Calolina Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, are hereby promulgated as follows:

SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS
FOR THE
GAS POOL

RULE 1. Each well completed or recompleted in the Gas Pool or in the Strawn formation within one mile thereof, and not nearer to or within the limits of another designated Strawn gas pool, shall be spaced, drilled, operated, and produced in accordance with the Special Rules and Regulations hereinafter set forth.

RULE 2. Each well shall be located on a standard unit containing 640 acres, more or less, consisting of a governmental section.

RULE 3. The Secretary-Director of the Commission may grant an exception to the requirements of Rule 2 without notice and hearing when an application has been filed for a non-standard unit and the unorthodox size or shape of the unit is necessitated by a variation in the legal subdivision of the United States Public Land Surveys, or the following facts exist and the following provisions are complied with:

- (a) The non-standard unit consists of quarterquarter sections or lots that are contiguous by a common bordering side.
- (b) The non-standard unit lies wholly within a governmental section and contains less acreage than a standard unit.
- (c) The applicant presents written consent in
 the form of waivers from all offset operators
 and from all operators owning interests in
 the section in which the non-standard unit
 is situated and which acreage is not included
 in said non-standard units
- (d) In lieu of paragraph (c) of this rule, the applicant may furnish proof of the fact that all of the aforesaid operators were notified by registered or certified mail of his intent to form such non-standard unit. The Secretary-Director may approve the application if no such operator has entered an objection to the formation of such non-standard unit within 30 days after the Secretary-Director has received the application.

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- RULE 4. Each well shall be located no nearer than 1650 feet to the outer boundary of the Section and no nearer than 330 feet to any governmental quarter-quarter section line.
- RULE 5. The Secretary-Director may grant an exception to the requirements of Rule 4 without notice and hearing when an application has been filed for an unorthodox location necessitated by topographical conditions or the recompletion of a weil previously drilled to another horizon. All operators offsetting the proration unit shall be notified of the application by registered or certified mail, and the application shall state that such notice has been furnished. The Secretary-Director may approve the application upon receipt of written waivers from all operators offsetting the proration unit or if no objection to the unorthodox location has been entered within 20 days after the Secretary-Director has received the application.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

- or completed in the Gas Pool or in the Strawn formation within one mile thereof are hereby approved; that the operator of any well having an unorthodox location shall notify the Artesia District Office of the Commission in writing of the name and location of the well on or before
- (2) That, pursuant to Paragraph A. of Section 65-3-14.5,

 NMSA 1953, contained in Chapter 271, Laws of 1969, existing wells

 in the Gas Pool shall have

 dedicated thereto 640 acres in accordance with the foregoing

 pool rules; or, pursuant to Paragraph C. of said Section 65-3-14.5,

 existing wells may have non-standard spacing or proration units

 established by the Commission and dedicated thereto.

Failure to file new Forms C-102 with the Commission dedicating 640 acres to a well or to obtain a non-standard unit approved by the Commission within 60 days from the date of this order shall subject the well to cancellation of allowable. Until said Form C-102 has been filed or until a non-standard unit has been approved, and subject to said 60-day limitation, each well presently drilling to or completed in the Gas Pool or in the Strawn formation within one mile thereof shall receive no more than one-half of a standard allowable for the pool.

- one year from the date that a pipeline connection is first obtained for a well in the Gas

 Pool, at which time the operators in the subject pool may appear and show cause why the Gas

 Pool should not be developed on 320-acre spacing units.
- (4) That the first operator to obtain a pipeline connection for a well in the Commission in writing of such fact, and that the Commission will thereupon issue a supplemental order designating an exact date for reopening this case.
- (5) 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.