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IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

> CASE NO. 7342 Order No. R-6783

APPLICATION OF AROD OIL AND GAS COMPANY FOR DOWNHOLE COMMINGLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on September 9, 1981, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner, Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 30th day of September, 1981, the Division Director, 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 Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicant, Arco Oil and Gas Company, is the owner and operator of the State 367 Well No. 2 , located in Unit L of Section 36 and its Roy Barton Well No. 2 located in Unit B of Section 23, both in Township 21 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the applicant seeks authority to commingle Blinebry and Drinkard production within the wellbores of the above-described wells.
- (4) That from the Blineary zone, the subject wells are capable of low marginal production only.
- (5) That from the Drinkard zone, the subject wells are capable of low marginal production only.

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- (6) That the proposed commingling may result in the recovery of additional hydrocarbons from each of the subject pools, thereby preventing waste, and will not violate correlative rights.
- (7) That the reservoir characteristics of each of the subject zones are such that underground waste would not be caused by the proposed commingling provided that the well is not shut-in for an extended period.
- (8) That to afford the Division the opportunity to assess the potential for waste and to expeditiously order appropriate remedial action, the operator should notify the Hobbs district office of the Division any time either of the subject wells are shut-in for 7 consecutive days.
- (9) That in order to allocate the comingled production to each of the commingled zones in the wells, applicant should consult with the supervisor of the Hobbs district office of the Division and determine an allocation formula for each of the production zones.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That the applicant, Arco Oil and Gas Company, is hereby authorized to commingle Blinebry and Drinkard production within the wellbores of the State 367 Well No. 2, located in Unit L of Section 36 and its Roy Barton Well No. 2 located in Unit B of Section 23, both in Township 21 South, Range 37 East, NAPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (2) That the applicant shall consult with the Supervisor of the Hobbs district office of the Division and determine an allocation formula for the allocation of production to each zone in each of the subject wells.
- (3) That the operator of the subject wells shall immediately notify the Division's Hobbs district office any time either of the wells have been shut-in for 7 consecutive days and shall concurrently present, to the Division, a plan for remedial action.
- (4) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

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

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MR. NUTTER: Call Case Number 7342. MR. PEARCE: Application of ARCO Oil and Gas Company for downhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico. MR. KILPATRIC: Mr. Examiner, I'm Gary Kilpatric, of Montgomery and Andrews here in Santa Fe, repre-6 senting ARCO, and I have one witness, Mr. Robert Craig, to be sworn in. 10 (Witness sworn.) 11 12 ROBERT CRAIG 13 being called as a witness and being duly sworn upon his oath, 14 testified as follows, to-wit: 15 16 DIRECT EXAMINATION **17** BY MR. KILPATRIC: 18 Mr. Craig, by whom are you employed and 19 in what capacity? Employed by ARCO Oil and Gas Company as 20 21 an operations engineer. · 22 Would you please give a brief description 23 of your duties as operations engineer? 24 I determine rate and reserve projections for operating properties and for development drilling projects.

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2	I also recommend workovers of existing
3	wells and generally work to maximize recovery and production.
4	Q Have you testified before the Commission
5	and had your qualifications accepted as a matter of record?
6	A. No.
7	Q. Would you then give a brief description
8	of your education, experience, and expertise as it relates
9	to the testimony you are prepared to give today?
10	A. I gratuated in May, 1977 with a BS degree
11	in mechanical engineering from Texas A&M University.
12	I worked four years as an operations en-
13	gineer for ARCO.
14	MR. KILPATRIC: Mr. Examiner, are the
15	witness' qualifications acceptable?
16	MR. NUTTER: Yes, they are. What was
17	your first name, please?
18	A. Robert.
19	MR. NUTTER: All right, thank you.
20	O. Mr. Craig, what is it that ARCO is seeking
21 °	here today?
22	ARCO Oil and Gas Company seeks approval
23	of its application to downhole commingle production from the
24	Blinebry and Drinkard in its Roy Barton No. 2 Well and State
25	367 No. 2 We)1.

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2	Q Mr. Craig, where are these wells located,
3	and in that regard I refer you to what has been marked as
4	ARCO's Exhibits Number One and Number Two?
5	A. The Roy Barton No. 2 is located 660 feet
6	from the north line and 660 feet from the east line of Section
7	23, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico.
8	And the State 367 No. 2 Well is located
9	1980 feet from the south line and 660 feet from the west line
10	of Section 36, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, Lea County,
11	New Mexico.
12	MR. NUTTER: Mr. Craig, I think you said
13	the Barton No. 2 was 660 from the north and east of 23?
14	A. Yes, sir.
.15	MR. NUTTER: It's 1980 from the east,
16	isn't it?
17	A. 'Yes, sir, it's 1980 from the east and
18	660 from the north. I'm sorry.
19	Q So will you then again give the location
20	for the Roy Barton No. 2?
21	A. The Roy Barton No. 2 is located 660 from
22	the north line and 1980 from the east line of Section 23,
. 23	Township 21 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico.
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Exhibits Numbers One and Two are area maps showing the locations of the wells and the offset operators.

Next let me direct your attention to what have been marked as ARCO's Exhibits Numbers Four, Five -Numbers Three, Four, Five, and Six, and ask you to identify and explain each of them.

A. Exhibits Three, Four, Five, and Six show the present completions and proposed completions for the Roy Barton No. 2.

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Exhibit Number Four shows the proposed completion for the Roy Barton No. 2.

Exhibit Number Five shows the present completion for the State 367 No. 2.

And Exhibit Number Six shows the proposed completion for the State 367 No. 2.

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Barton No. 2 Well? As authorized by Commission Order DC 137. the Roy Barton No. 2 is a dual producer from the Blinebry and Drinkard. The Blinebry produces by pump from an average depth of 5613 feet and has a current rate of 8 barrels of oil per day and 19 barrels of water per day and 42 Mcf gas per day. The Drinkard has an average depth of 6534 feet, flows naturally with a current rate of 19 Mcf per day. What are the bottom hole pressures of the two zones from which the wells have been producing? The bottom hole pressures for the Blinebry and Drinkard on the Barton No. 2 at the average depths are 556 psia and 940 psia, respectively. Correcting these pressures to a common datum of 5650 feet yields respective pressures of 573 psia and 630 psia. What pressure differential for the two 21 zones does this correspond to? This corresponds to a pressure differ-22 23 ential of 1.1 for the two zones, which is less than the 2

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3	A. As allowed by Order PC 219, production
4	from both zones on the Roy Barton No. 2 is commingled on the
5	surface and no evidence of fluid incompatibility has been
6	found.
7	Q. Will the total value of the crude oil
6 6 2	be reduced by commingling by the commingling sought by
9	ARCO for this well?
10	A. Since oil production from both zones is
11	classed as sour crude, downhole commingling will not affect
12	the value of the reserves.
13	O Is the ownership of the zones to be com-
14	mingled common?
15	A. Yes.
16	Q. And what is that ownership?
17	A. The royalty ownership is common to both
18	the Blinebry and the Drinkard.
19	Q. Will the commingling sought here today
20	jeopardize the efficiency of present or future secondary re-
21	covery?
22	A. No, in my opinion it won't.
23	Q. Mr. Craig, you have testified that the
24	production from the Blinebry is artificially lifted while the
25	Drinkard is by natural flow. Since that is the case, what

are the characteristics of this well which in your opinion justify the granting of this application?

The Drinkard zone, which produces only 19 Mcf per day and less than one barrel of oil per day is considered marginal and is rapidly approaching its economic limit. If downhole commingling is not approved, this zone will require plugging and any additional reserves will be lost.

Reducing operating expense by downhole commingling will enable ARCO to continue producing this zone and possibly allow treatment of the zone to improve reservoir performance.

Have you supplied any additional information to the Commission in support of this application with respect to the Roy Barton No. 2 Well?

Yes. In support of our application the following have been supplied to the Commission: One, a well data sheet; two, a list of offset operators notified of application; three, C-116 report for each zone; four, bottom hole pressure survey for each zone; five, production decline curves for each zone.

Now turning your attention to the State 367 No. 2 Well, what is the status of that well?

The State 367 No. 2 is a dual producer

from the Blinebry and Drinkard, as authorized by Commission 2 Order No. NC 1630. 3 Both zones produce by natural flow. Blinebry produces from an average depth of 5753 feet and has 5 6 a current production of 4 Mcf gas per day, and a bottom hole 7 pressure of 612 psia. Production from the Drinkard zone is from an average depth of 6461 feet with a current production 10 of 2 barrels of oil per day and 136 Mcf gas per day and a 11 bottom hole pressure of 567 psia. What is the pressure differential between 12 13 these two zones? Correcting these pressures to a common 14 15 datum of 5550 feet yields a pressure of 545 psia for the 16 Blinebry and a pressure of 496 for the Drinkard. This corresponds to a pressure differential of .91 for the two zones. 17 Is there any evidence that the fluid 18 19 produced from these two zones is incompatible? 20 No. As allowed by Order PC No. 261, production from both zones in the State 367 No. 2 is commingled 21 on the surface and no evidence of fluid incompatibility has 22 **23** been found. 24 Will the total value of the crude oil produced from this well be reduced if this application to

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2	downhole commingle is granted?
3	A. Since oil production from both zones is
4	priced as sour crude, downhole commingling will not affect th
5	value of the reserves.
6	Q. Is there common ownership as to the two
7	zones sought to be comming' a for this well?
8	A. Yes. There is common ownership in the
9	Blinebry and Drinkard.
10	Q. Will the commingling of the two zones
11	for this well jeopardize the efficiency of present or future
12	secondary recovery?
13	A. No, in my opinion it will not.
14	Q. Why is the downhole commingling needed
15	for State 367 No. 2 Well?
16	A. The Blinebry zone, which produces only
17	4 Mcf gas per day has reached its economic limit and will have
18	to be plugged if downhole commingling is not approved.
19	Approving this application will reduce
20	operating expense and encourage the operator to continue
21	producing the well.
22	For example, ARCO is prepared to instal.
23	artificial lift equipment to keep the wells pumped off and
24	producing at a maximum rate, something that might not be
25	economical to do if the zones were not commingled.

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Q. Have you supplied any additional information to the Commission in support of this application with regard to State 367 No. 2 Well?

A. Yes. In support of this application we leave furnished the Commission with the following items: One, a well data sheet; two, a list of offset operators notified of application; three, a C-116 report for each zone; four, bottom hole pressure survey for each zone; five, production decline curve for each zone.

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A. Yes. It is my opinion, and ARCO's, that approval of these applications will prevent waste by extending the economic life of the wells.

Correlative rights are protected because the common ownership of the production of the zones.

Q Were ARCO's Exhibits Numbers One through Six prepared by you or under your supervision?

A. Yes.

MR. KILPATRIC: Mr. Examiner, at this time I move the introduction of Exhibits One through Six, and I ask that the information previously supplied be considered

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CERTIFICATE

I, SALLY W. BOYD, C.S.R., DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Transcript of Hearing before the Oil Conservation Division was reported by me; that the said transcript is a full, true, and correct record of the hearing, prepared by me to the best of my ability.

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do hereby certify that the foregoing is a complete record of the proceedings in the marring of Case No. 7347 heard by me on 9/9 1981. , Examiner

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A. Yes.

MR. KILPATRIC: Mr. Examiner, at this time I move the introduction of Exhibits One through Six, and I ask that the information previously supplied be considered

1 13 2 in the review of this application. MR. NUTTER: It is part of the record. Exhibits One through Six will be admitted in evidence. CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. NUTTER: Mr. Craig, only one question. What was the DC order that authorized the dual completion of the 10 Barton No. 2 again? DC something. 11 DC 137. 12 Thank you. 13 MR. NUTTER: Are there any further 14 questions of Mr. Craig? He may be excused. 15 Do you have anything further, Mr. Kil-16 patric? 17 MR. KILPATRIC: Nothing. 18 MR. NUTTER: Does anyone have anything 19 they wish to offer in case Number 7342? 20 We'll take the case under advisement. 21 (Hearing concluded.) 23 24

CERTIFICATE

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I, SALLY W. BOYD, C.S.R., DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Transcript of Hearing before the Oil Conservation Division was reported by me; that the said transcript is a full, true, and correct record of the hearing, prepared by me to the best of my ability.

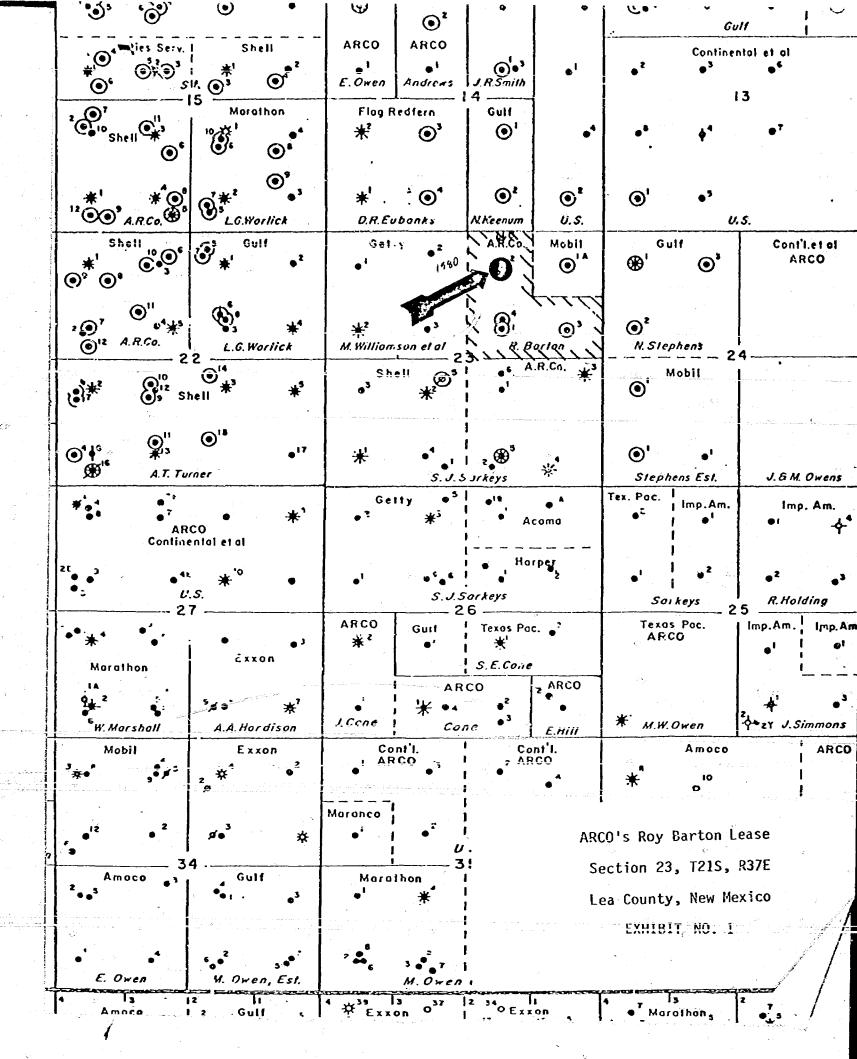
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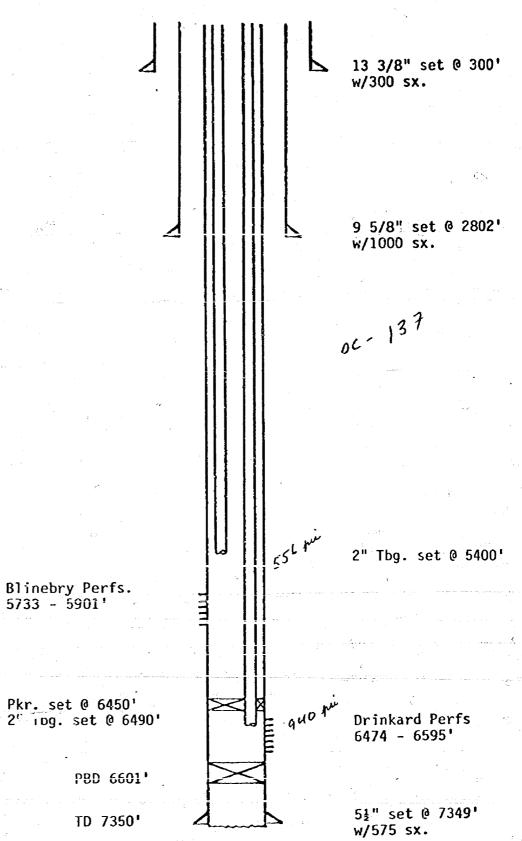


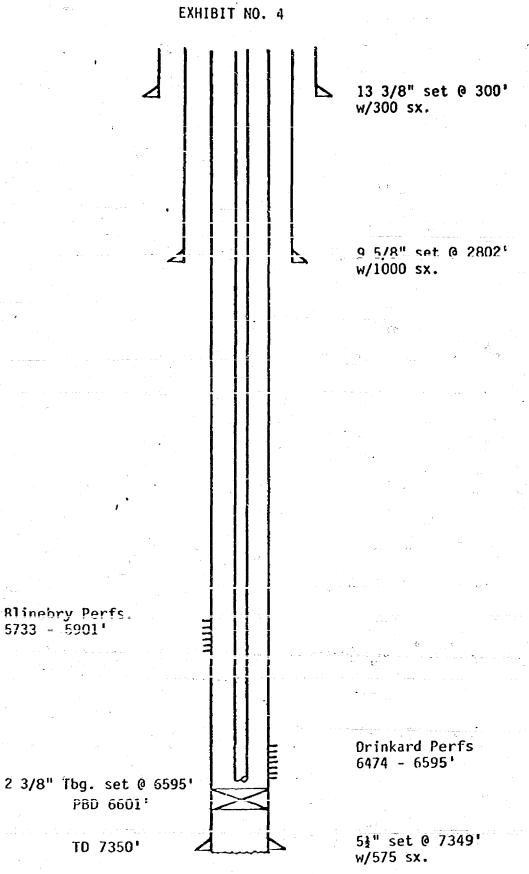
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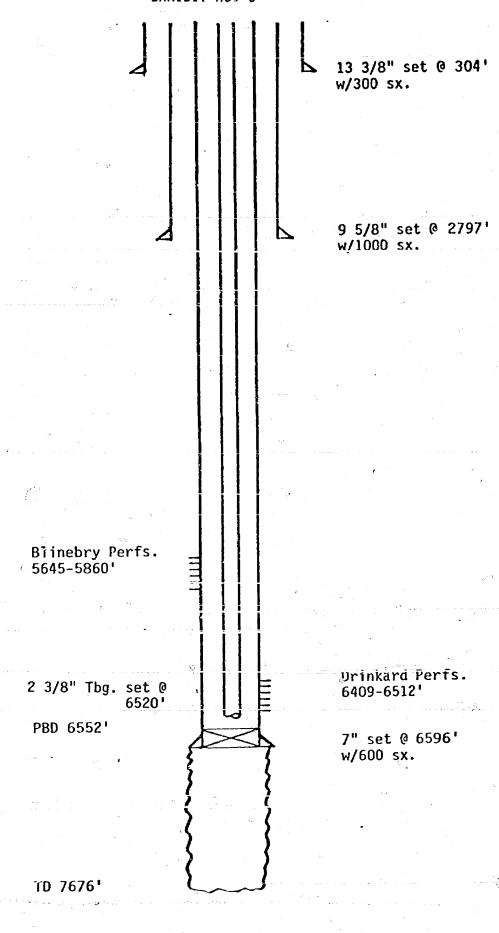
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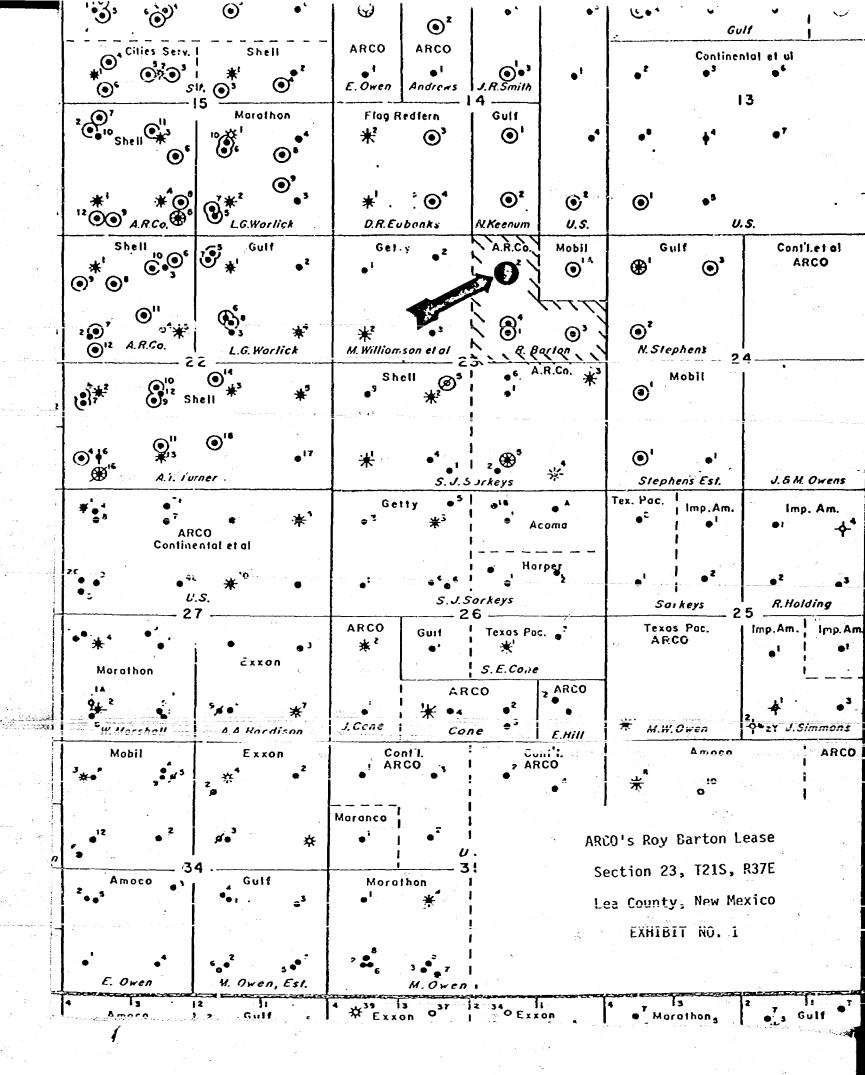
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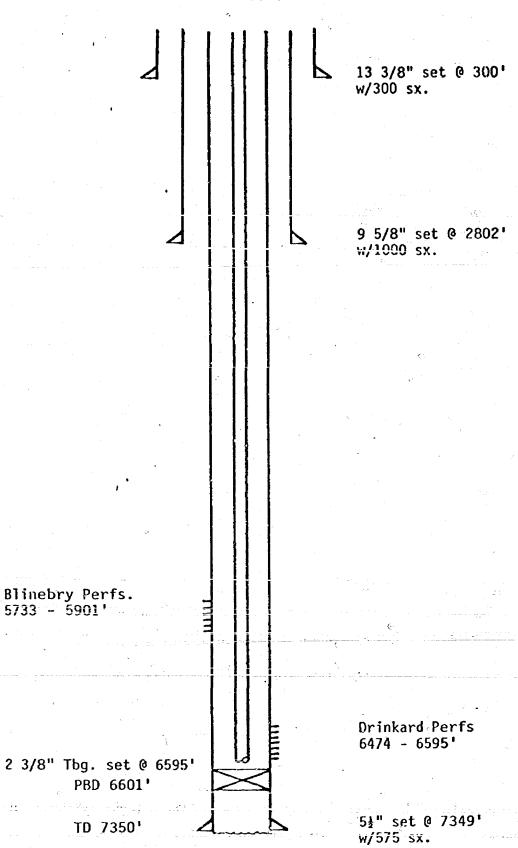
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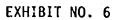
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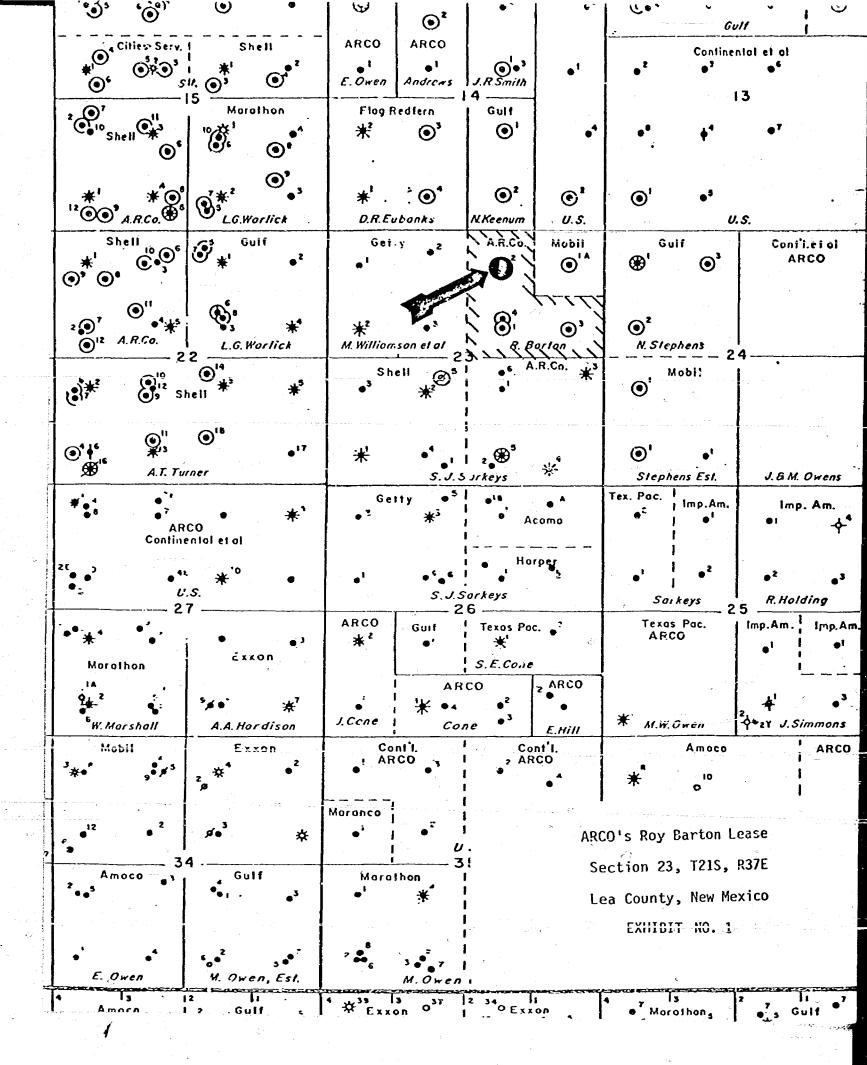
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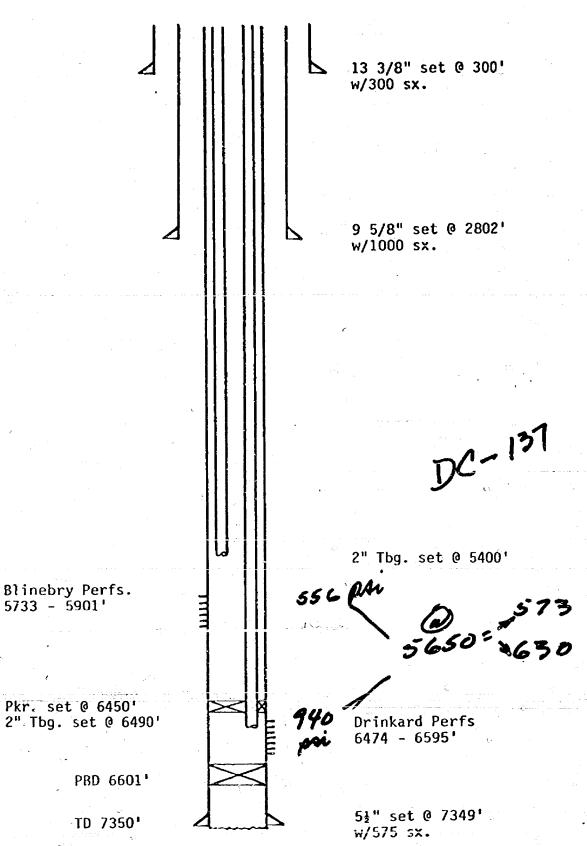
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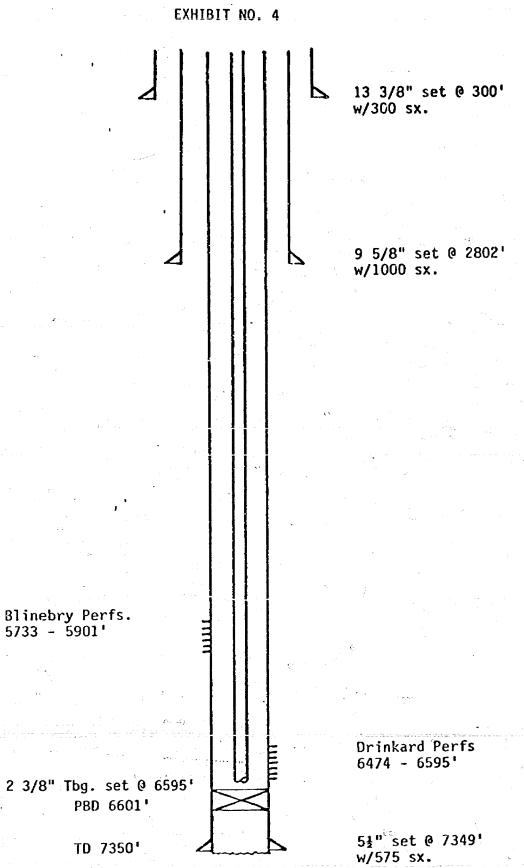
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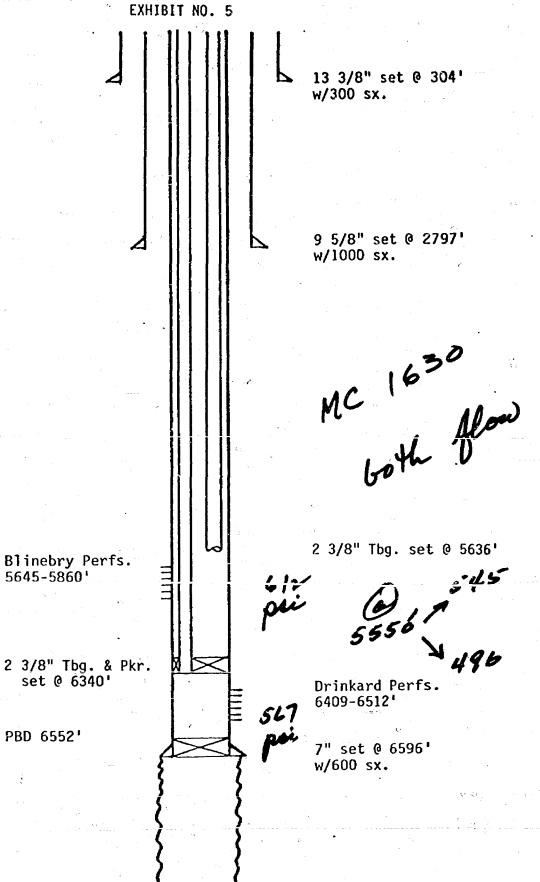
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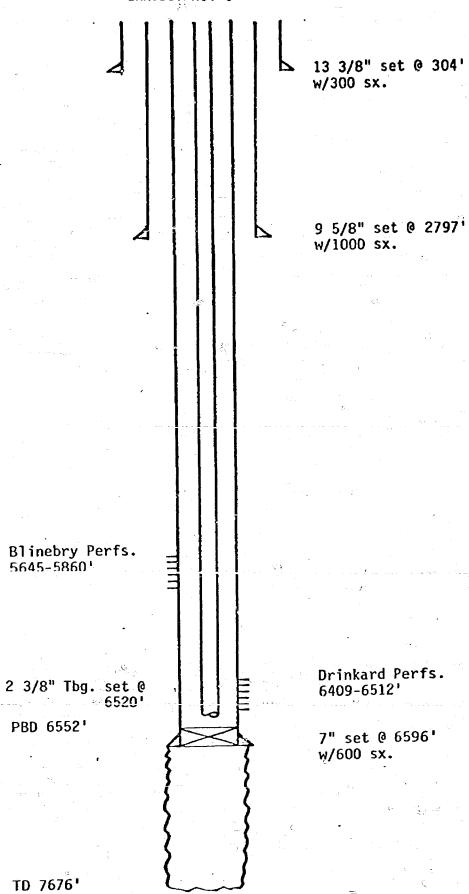
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EXHIBIT NO. 6



Dockets Nos. 29-81 and 30-81 are tentatively set for September 23 and October 7, 1981. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 9, 1981

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

The following cases will be heard before Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner, or Richard L. Stamets, Alternate Examiner:

- CASE 7341: Application of Superior Oil Company for downhole commingling, Eddy County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of South Carlsbad Strawn and Morrow production in the wellbore of its Collatt State Com Well No. 1 located in Unit J of Section 1, Township 23 South, Range 25 East.
- CASE 7342: Application of Arco Oil and Gas Company for downhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of Blinebry and Drinkard production in the wellbore of its State 367 Well No. 2 located in Unit L of Section 36 and its Roy Barton Well No. 2 located in Unit B of Section 23, both in Township 21 South, Range 37 East.
 - CASE 7343; Application of Caribou Four Corners, Inc. for compulsory pooling. San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Cha Cha Gallup Oil Pool underlying the E/2 NW/4 of Section 18, Township 29 North, Range 14 West, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
 - CASE 7344: Application of Read & Stevens, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Morrow formation underlying the W/2 of Section 19, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
 - CASE 7345: Application of Bass Enterprises Production Company for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Lovington Penn Fool underlying the N/2 NE/4 of Section 13, Township 16 South, Range 36 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
 - CASE 7346: Application of Cibola Energy Corporation for compulsory pooling, Chaves County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfdamp through Devonian formations underlying the W/2 or Section 19, Township 10 South, Range 29 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
 - CASE 7347: Application of Tenneco Oil Company for an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of a well to be drilled 660 feet from the South Line and 860 feet from the West Line of Section 20. Township 15 South, Range 34 East, Kemnitz-Morrow Gas Pool, the W/2 of said Section 20 to be dedicated to the well.

Dar - Please call

ARCO Oll and Gas Company Permian District Post Office Box 1610 Midland, Texas 79702 Telephone 915 684 0100



August 12, 1981

Mr. Roy Johnson
Oil Conservation Division
New Mexico Department of Energy and Minerals
P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Case 7342

Dear Sir:

RE: Downhole Commingling Applications
Roy Barton No. 2, S.J. Sarkeys No. 4
and State 367 No. 2
Lea Co., New Mexico

As you requested in our telephone conversation of August 11, 1981, I am sending you copies of the three downhole commingling applications we submitted earlier this year. In answer to some of the questions you raised concerning the applications, we hope you will consider the following information in making your decision.

- 1) Roy Barton No. 2 This well produces by pumping the Blinebry oil and flowing the Drinkard gas. As commingling an oil and gas zone is generally more complicated, we wish to point out that the production from the Drinkard is extremely marginal at 19 MCFGPD. If downhole commingling is not approved for this case, the Drinkard zone will have to be plugged as it is becoming uneconomical to produce as a dual.
- 2) S.J. Sarkeys No. 4 This well's Drinkard zone was shut-in in 1976. Its shut-in pressure after 5 years of 1007 psi cannot equitably be compared to the 24-hour shut-in pressure of 431 psi on the Blinebry zone. We believe that if the Blinebry were allowed to stabilize for 5 years, the pressure quotient would be less than the 2.0 considered acceptable by the Commission.
- 3) State 367 No. 2 This case is similar to that of the Barton in that ARCO wishes to commingle an oil zone (Blinebry) and a gas zone (Drinkard). In this well the Blinebry production of 1 BOPD and 15 MCFPD is uneconomical and will require plugging if commingling is not granted.

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Mr. Roy Johnson August 12, 1981 Page 2

ARCO believes that approval of the downhole commingling applications for these three wells is necessary to prevent loss of hydrocarbons due to economic reasons.

If you require any additional information concerning these applications, please contact me at 915-684-0157.

Very truly yours,

Robert E. Craig

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Permian District
Post Office Box 1610
Midland, Texas 79702
Telephone 915 684 0100

May 26, 1981

Mr. Joe D. Ramey Oil Conservation Division New Mexico Department of Energy and Minerals P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

RE: Downhole Commingling Application Roy Barton No. 2 . Section 23, T-21-S, R-37-E

Dear Sir:

ARCO Oil and Gas Company requests administrative approval under the provisions of Rule 303-C to commingle downhole production from the Blinebry and Drinkard zones of the Roy Barton No. 2 located in Section 23, T-21-S, R-37-E, of Lea County, New Mexico.

Production on this lease is presently being commingled in the surface facilities (Order #PC-219) with no evidence of fluid incompatibility. Since the crudes are commingled at the battery before sale, no change in value will result from commingling the production downhole. Ownership of both zones is common and correlative rights will not be violated.

This well produces from a maximum depth of 6595' and is therefore allowed a commingled production rate up to 40 BOPD. The water production limit is 40 BWPD from each zone.

The Roy Barton No. 2 produces 8 BOPD + 19 BWPD + 42 MCFGPD under artificial lift from the Blinebry zone. Estimated bottom hole pressure is 556 psia. Drinkard production is by natural flow. Presently this zone produces 19 MCFGPD from a measured bottom hole pressure of 940 psia.

Additional information, such as decline curves, Form C-116-A, List of Offset Operators, and lease and well information is included as required by Rule 303-C. Offset operators are being notified by registered mail with a copy of this application.

Case 7342

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Susan M. Tidwell

Susan M. Tidwell Operations Engineer

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Attachments

cc: NMOCC Area Supervisor
P. O. Box 1980
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

Offset Operators

ROY BARTON #2

- 1. Operator: ARCO Oil and Gas Company
 P. O. Box 1510
 Midland, Texas 79702
- 2. Lease, Well, and Location:

Roy Barton #2 660' FNL & 1980' FEL Section 23-215-37E Lea County, New Mexico

3. Producing Zones:

Blinebry-pump
Drinkard-natural flow
Bottom-most perforation at 6595'

4. Commission Order No. Authorizing Dual Completion:

DC-137

- 5. Decline Curves: attached
- 6. Fluid Incompatibility:

Production from these zones is being commingled in the surface facilities of the S. J. Sarkey's Lease. No evidence of fluid incompatibility has been found. (PC-219)

7. Value of Commingled Fluids:

As production from both zones is currently priced as sour crude, downhole commingling will not affect the value of the oil.

- 8. Current Production: Sec attached C-116.
- 9. Bottom Hole Pressures:

Blinebry - 556 psi / Drinkard - 940 psi /

10. All Offset Operators are being notified by copy of this application.

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OFFSET OPERATORS

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GETTY OIL CORP. BOX 1231 MIDLAND, TEXAS 79702

GULF ENERGY & MINERALS COMPANY BOX 1150 MIDLAND, TEXAS 79702

HOBIL OIL CORPORATION 3 BOX 633 MIDLAND, TEXAS 79702

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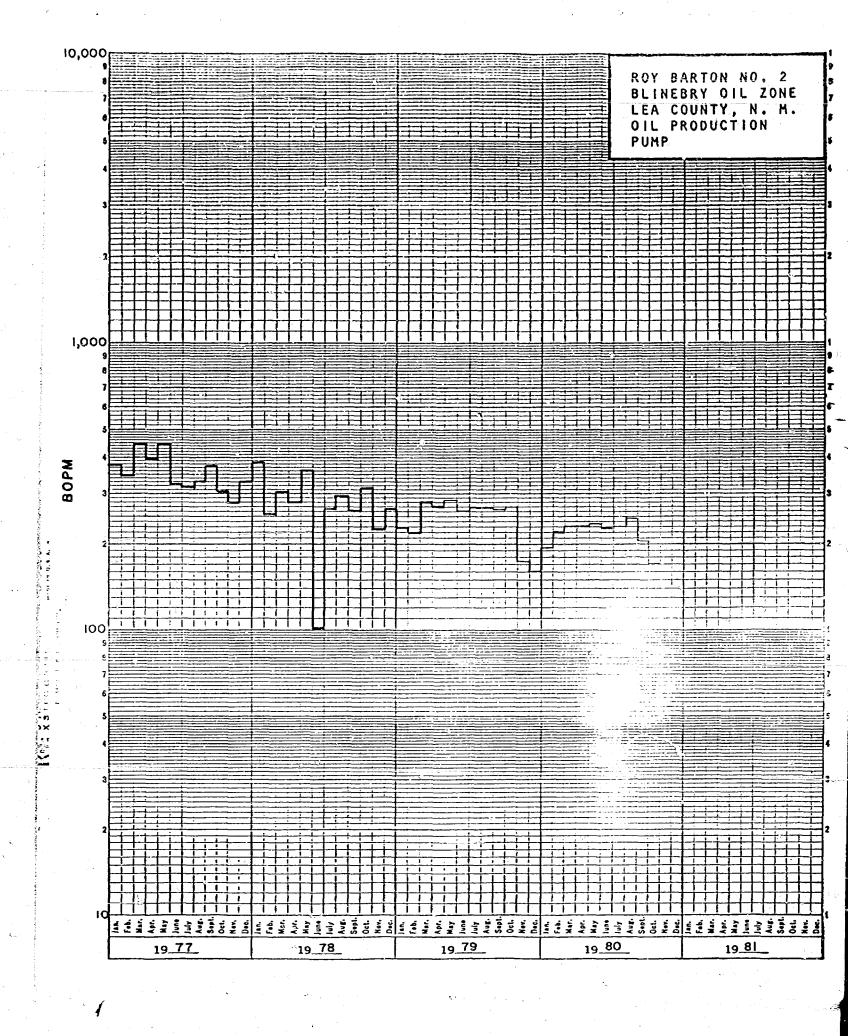
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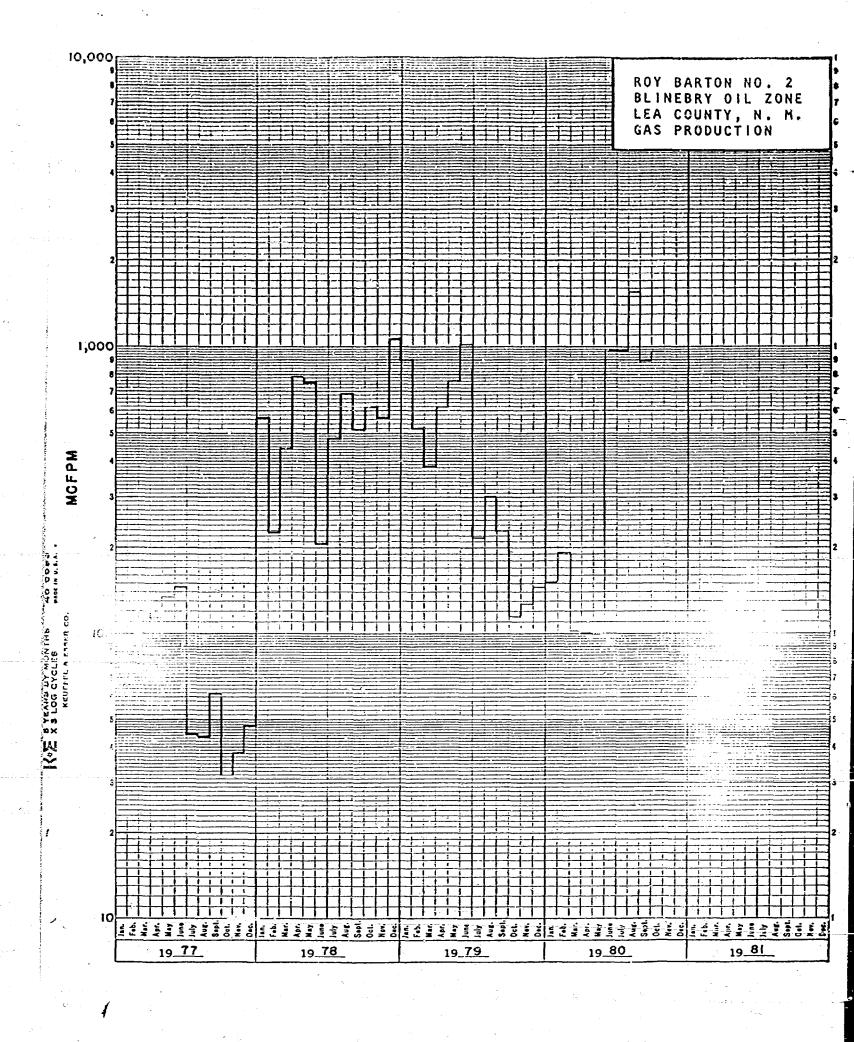
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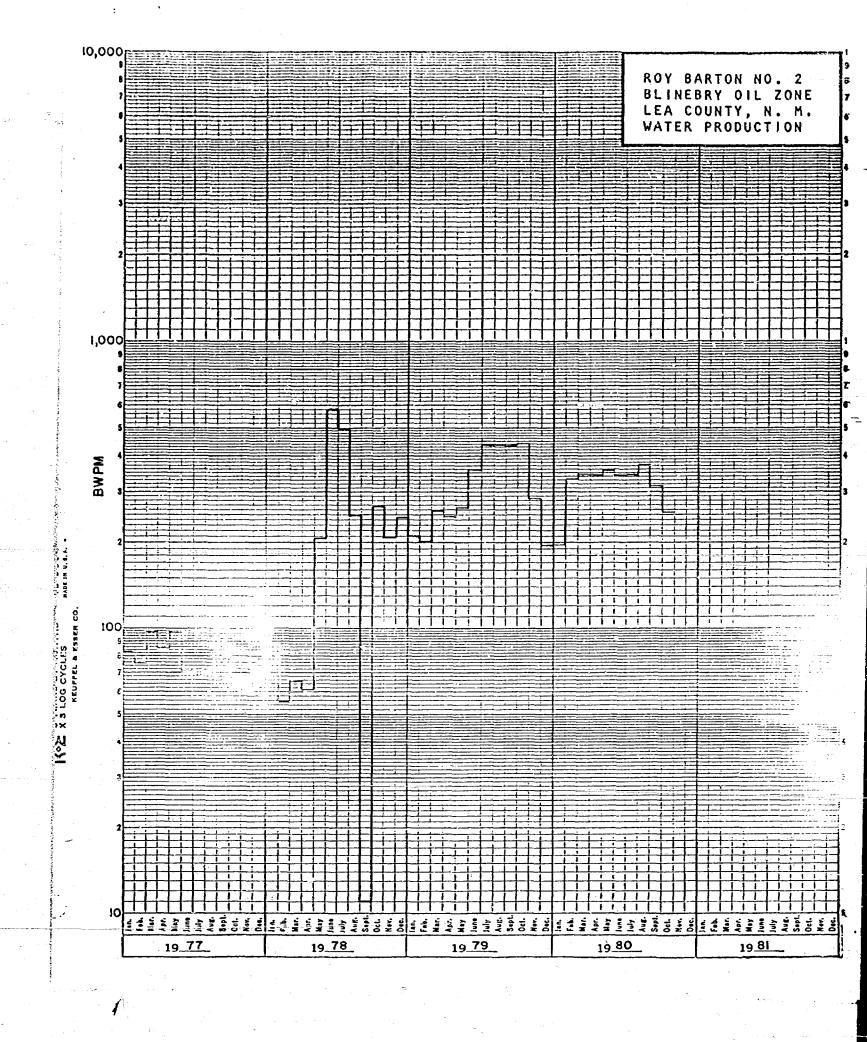
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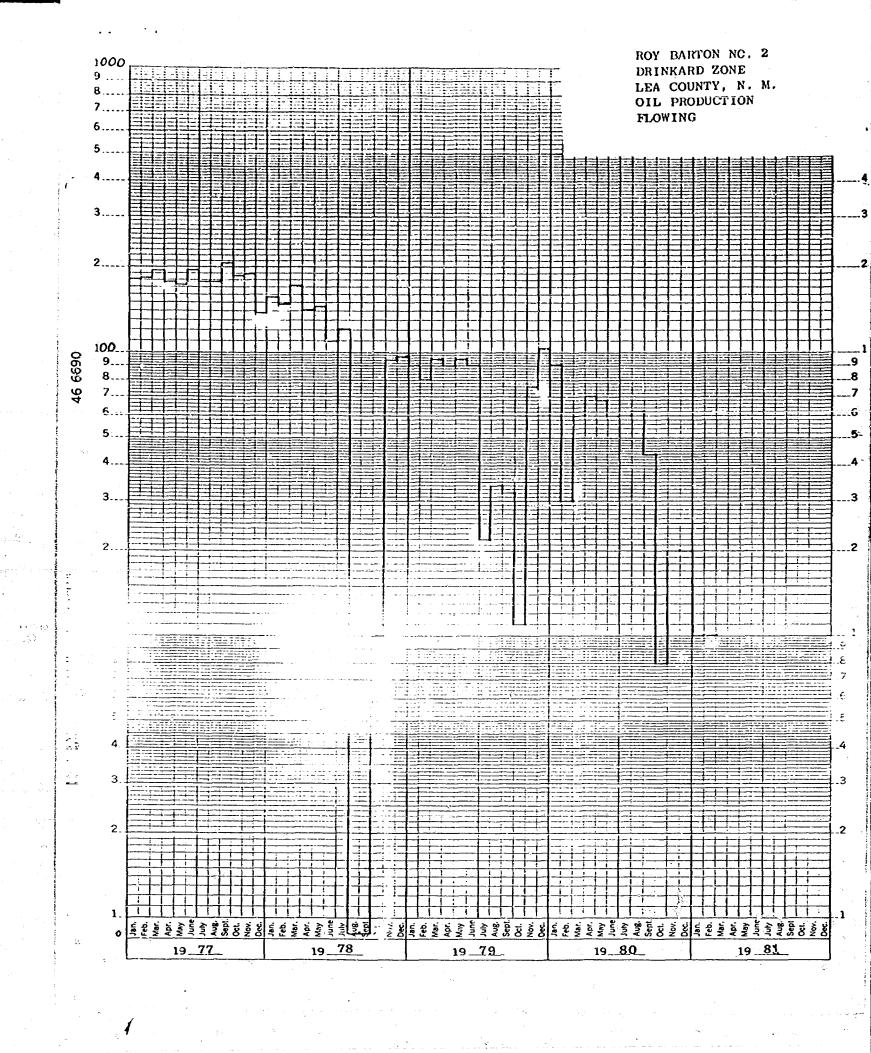
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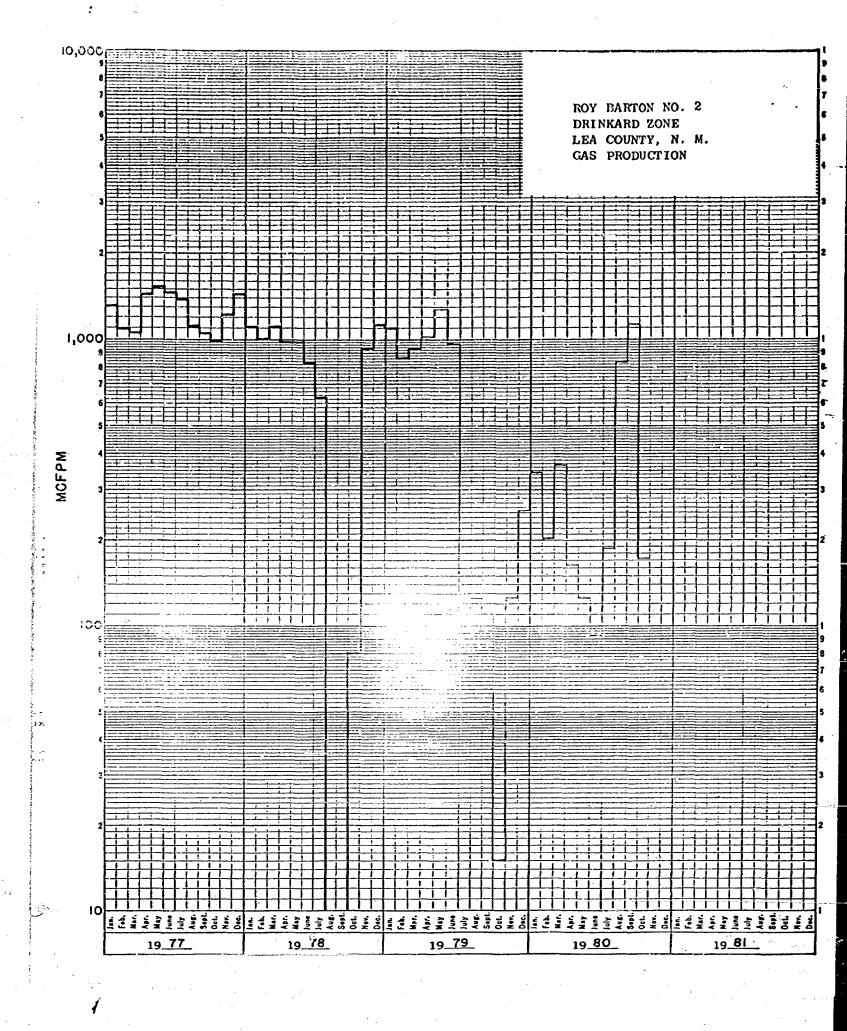
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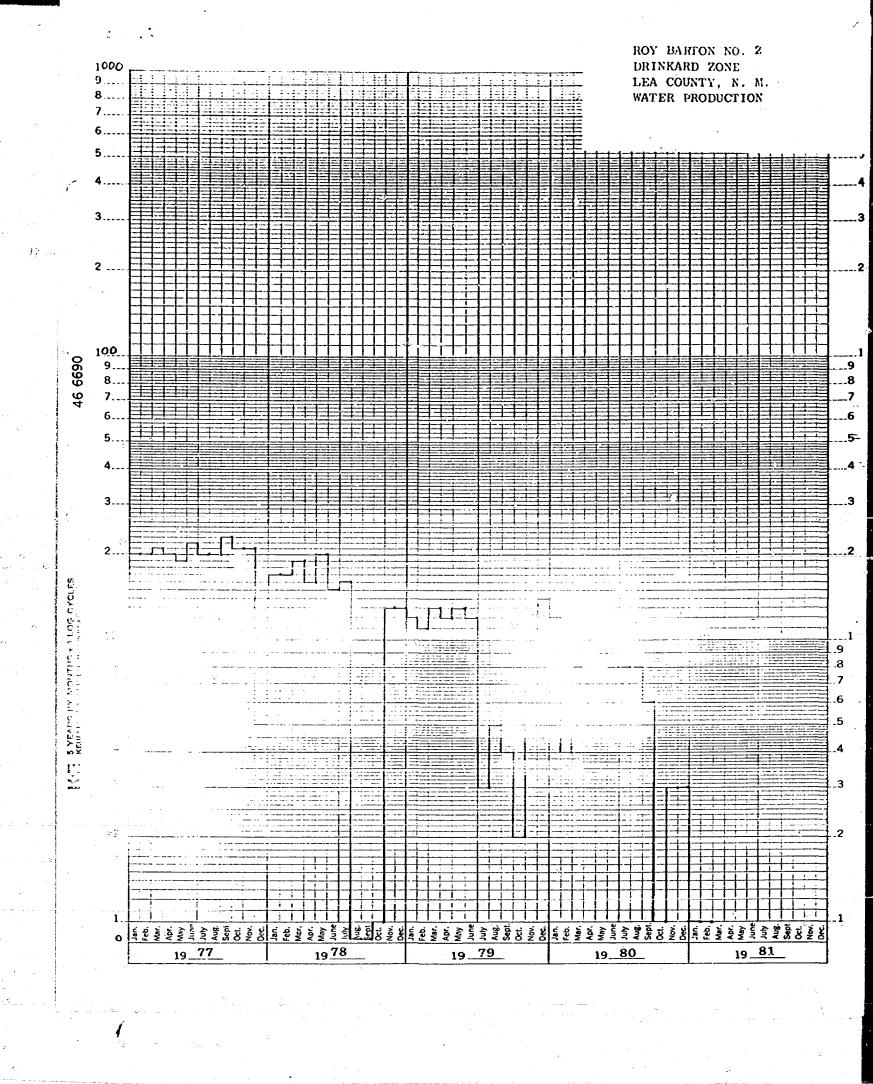












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Permian District Post Office Box 1610 Midfand, Texas 79702 Telephone 915 684 0100



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May 26, 1981

Mr. Joe D. Ramey Oil Conservation Division New Mexico Department of Energy and Minerals P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

RE: Downhole Commingling Application State 367 No. 2 Section 36, T-21-S, R-37-E

Dear Sir:

ARCO Oil and Gas Company requests administrative approval under the provisions of Rule 303-C to commingle downhole production from the Blinebry and Drinkard zones of the State 367 No. 2 located in Section 36, T-21-S, R-37-E, of Lea County, New Mexico.

Production on this lease is presently being commingled in the surface facilities (Order #PC-261) with no evidence of fluid incompatibility. Since the crudes are commingled at the battery before sale, no change in value will result from commingling the production downhole. Ownership of both zones is common and correlative rights will not be violated.

This well produces from a maximum depth 6512' and is therefore allowed a commingled production rate up to 40 BOPD. The water production limit is 40 BWPD from each zone.

The State 367 No. 2 produces <u>4 MCFGPD</u> from the Blinebry by natural flow and has a measured bottom hole pressure of 612 psia. Drinkar production is also by natural flow. This zone currently produces 2 BOPD + 136 MCFGPD from a measured bottom hole pressure of 567 psis

Additional information, such as decline curves, Form C-116-A, List of Offset Operators, and lease and well information is included as required by Rule 303-C. Offset operators are being notified by registered mail with a copy of this application.

ARCO Oil and Gas, Company is a Division of Atlantic Richfield Company

Thank you for your consideration. Very truly yours,

Susan M. Tidwell

Susan M. Tidwell Operations Engineer

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Attachments

cc: NMOCC Area Supervisor P. 0. Box 1980 Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

Offset Operators

STATE 367 #2

1. Operator: ARCO Oil and Gas Company

P. 0. Box 1610 Midland, Texas 79702

2. lease, Well, and Location:

State 367 #2 1980' FSL & 660' FWL Section 36-21S-37E Lea County, New Mexico

3. Producing Zones:

Blinebry by natural flow.
Drinkard by natural flow.
Bottom-most perforation at 6512'

4. Commission Order No. Authorizing Dual Completion:

MC-1630

- 5. Decline Curves: attached
- 6. Fluid Incompatibility:

Production from these zones is being commingled in the surface facilities evidence of fluid incompatibility has been found. (PC-261).

7. Value of Commingled Fluids:

As production from both zones is currently priced as sour crude, downhole commingling will not affect the value of the oil.

- 8. Current Production: See attached C-116.
- 9. Bottom Hole Pressures:

Blinebry - 612 psi Drinkard - 567 psi

10. All Offset Operators are being notified by copy of this application.

OFFSET OPERATORS:

Amoco
P. O. Box 68
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

Getty Oil Company P. O. Box 730 Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

Marathon Oil Company
P. O. Box 2409
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

Cities Service Oil Company P. O. Box 1919 Midland, Texas 79702

Exxon P. O. Box 1600 Midland, Texas 79701

Conoco, Inc. P. O. Box 460 Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

Petro Lewis Corporation P. O. Box 509 Levelland, Texas 79336

NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION GAS-OIL RATIO TESTS

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Mail original and one copy of this report to the district office of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission in accordance with Rule 301 and appropriate pool rules.

I hereby certify that the above information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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(Signature)

Operations Engineer

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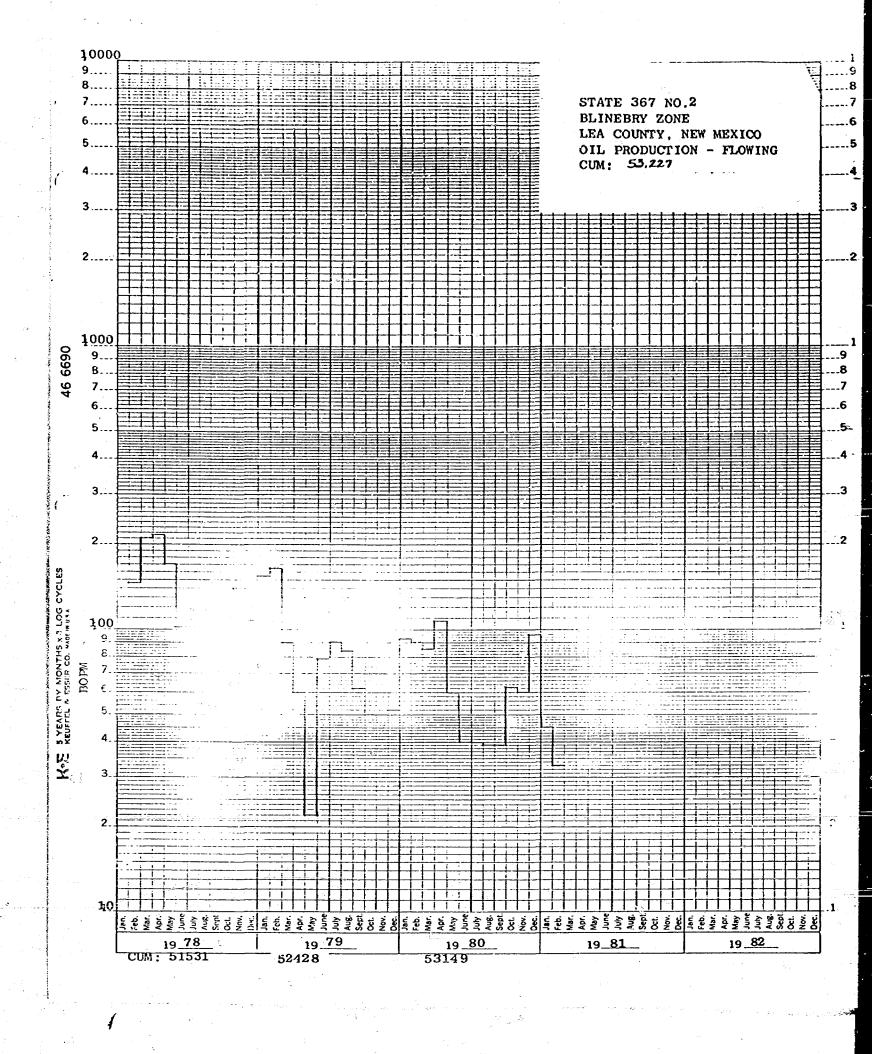
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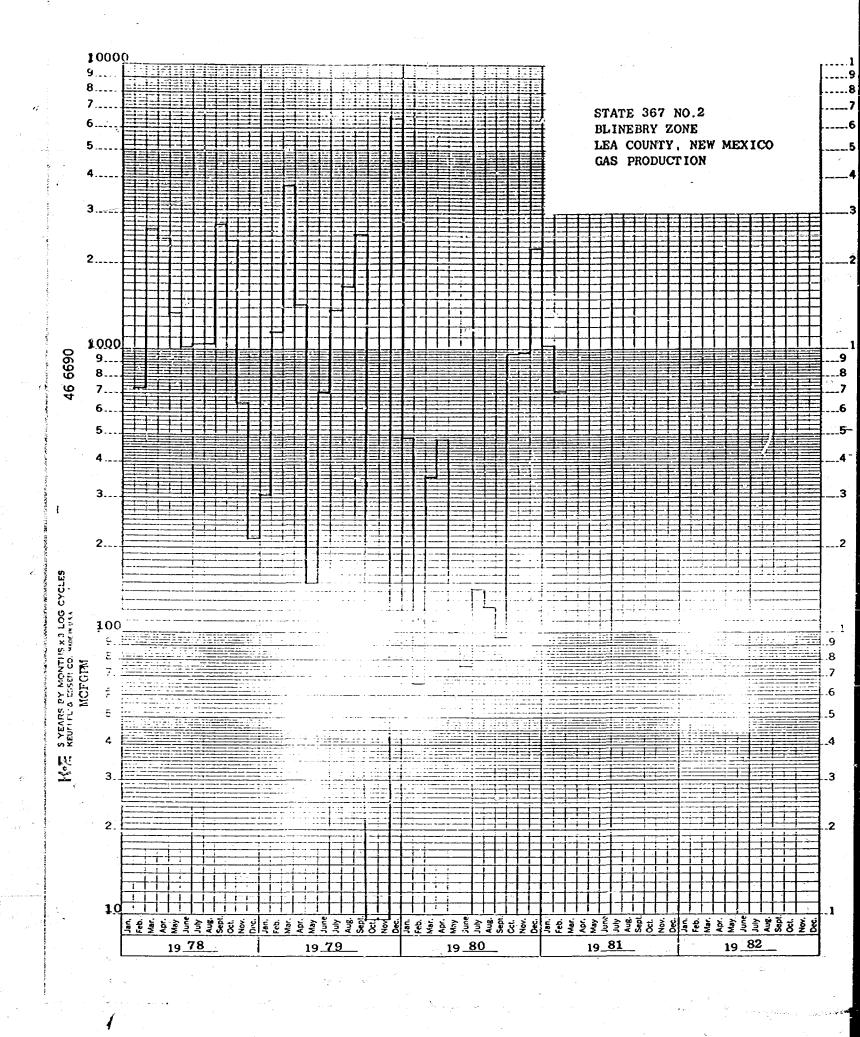
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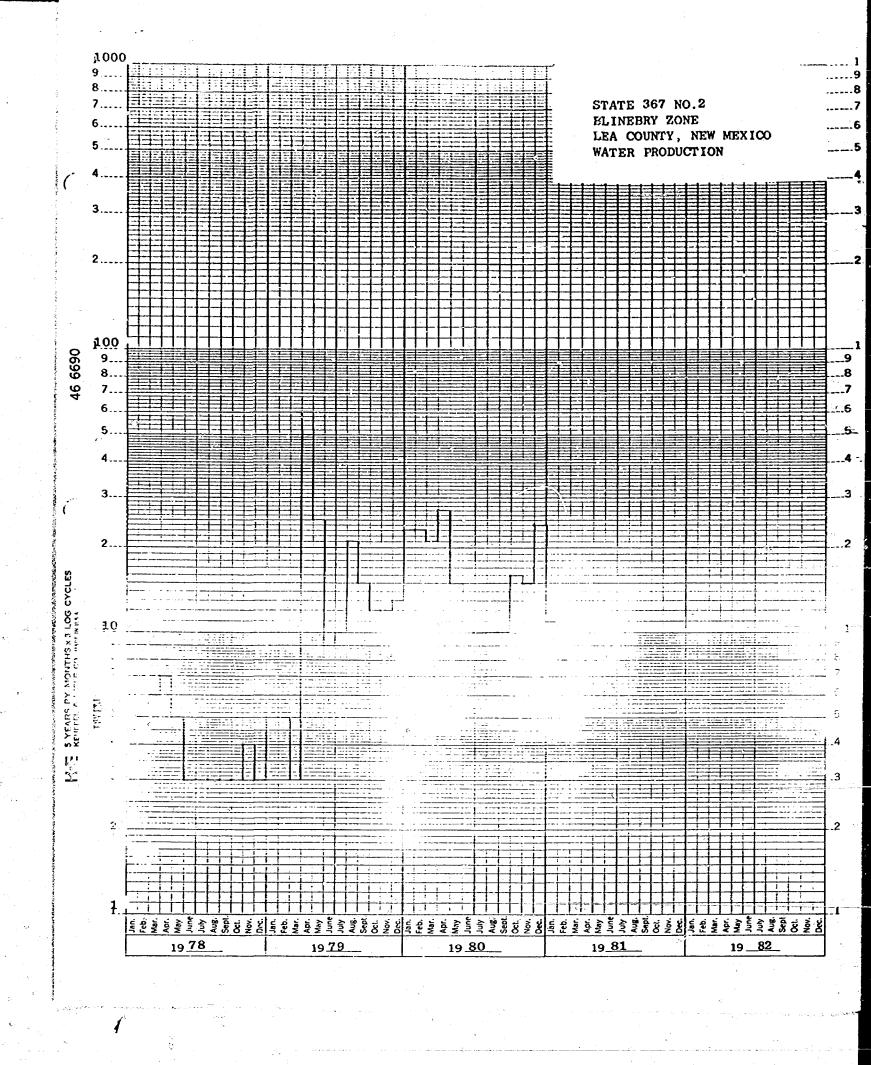
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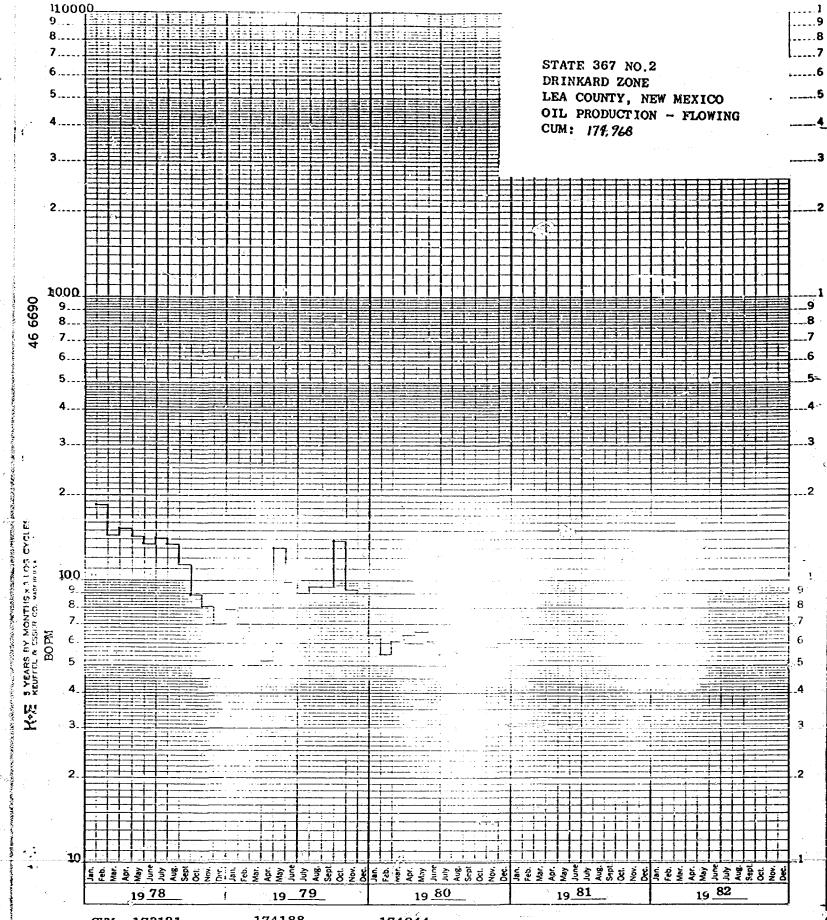
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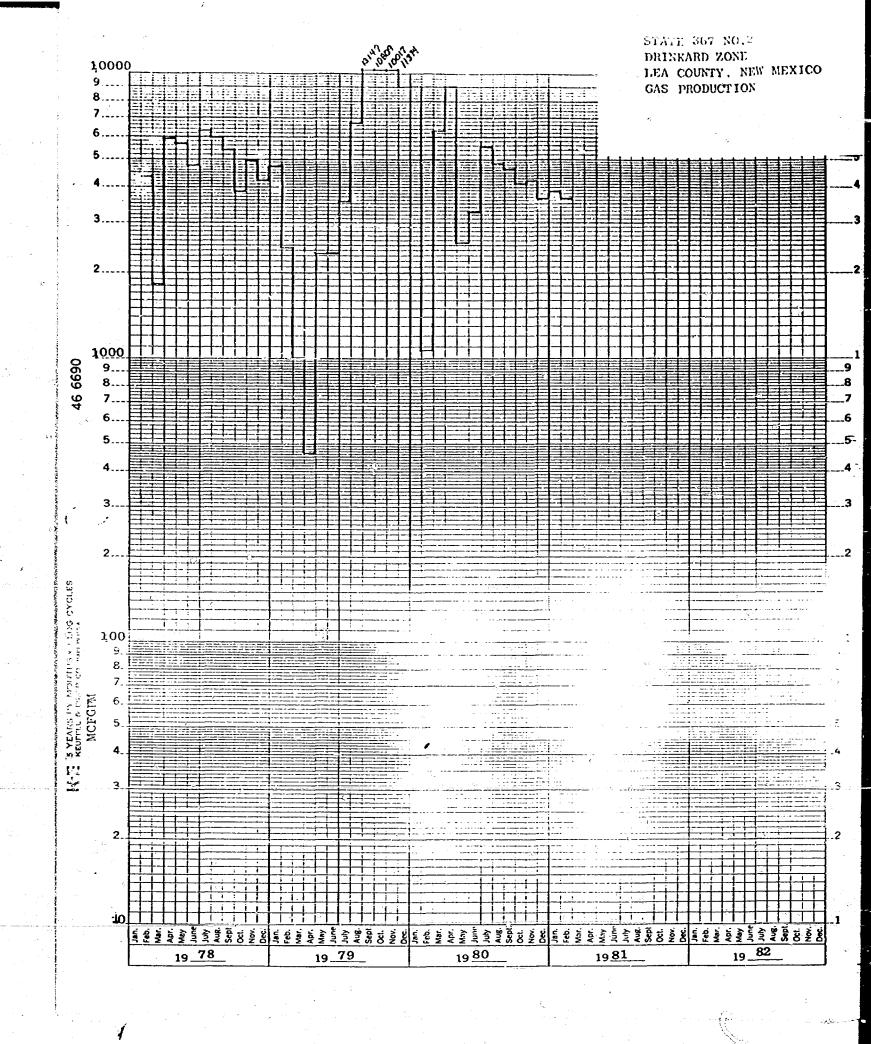


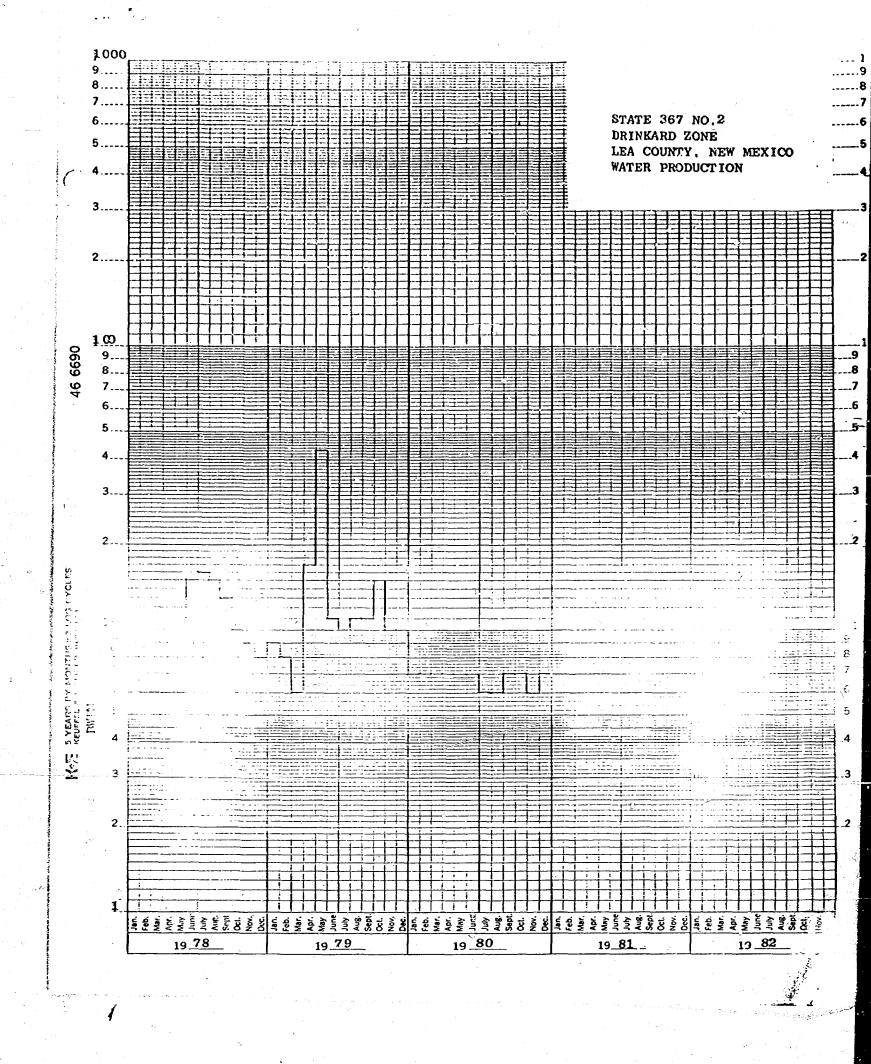






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STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 7342
Order No. <u>R-6783</u>
APPLICATION OF ARCO OIL AND GAS COMPANY
FOR DOWNHOLE COMMINGLING, LEA
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.
ORDER OF THE DIVISION
BY THE DIVISION:
This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on September 9
19 81 , at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. 6
NOW, on this day of September, 1981, the
Division Director, 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 Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the
subject matter thereof.
(2) That the applicant, Arco Oil and Gas Company, is
the owner and operator of the State 367 Well No. 2 and its Roy Barton Well No. 2 located in Unit B of Section located in Unit of Section 36 both Township 21 South
Range 37 East , NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
(3) That the applicant seeks authority to commingle
Blinebry and Drinkard production
within the wellbores of the above-described well.

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(4) That from the Dilledry zone, the
subject wells us capable of low marginal production only.
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(6) That the proposed commingling may result in the recove
of additional hydrocarbons from each of the subject pools, there
preventing waste, and will not violate correlative rights.
(7) That the reservoir characteristics of each of the
subject zones are such that underground waste would not be cause
by the proposed commingling provided that the well is not shut-i
for an extended period.
(8) That to afford the Division the opportunity to assess
the potential for waste and to expeditiously order appropriate
remedial action, the operator should notify the Hobbs
district office of the Division any time the subject wells in
shut-in for 7 consecutive days.
(9) That in order to allocate the commingled production
te each of the commingled zones in the subject well,
percent of the commingled production should be
allocated to the Blinehry zone, and
percent of the commingled production to the
Drinkard zone.
(9) That in order to allocate the commingled production to
each of the commingled zones in the wells, applicant should
consult with the supervisor of the Hobbs district office
of the Division and determine an allocation formula for each of
the production zones.
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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Arco Oil and Gas Company, is
hereby authorized to commingle Blinebry and
Drinkard production within the wellboresof
the State 367 Well No. 2 , located in Unit L of its Roy Barton Well No. 2 located in Unit B of Section 23, both is Section 36 and , Township 21 South , Range 37 East ,
NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
(2) That the applicant shall consult with the Supervisor
of the Hobbs district office of the Division and
determine an allocation formula for the allocation of production
to each zone in each of the subject wells.
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(2) That percent of the commingled
production shall be allocated to theBlinebry
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production shall be allocated to the Drinkard
(3) That che operator of the subject wellshall immediately
notify the Division's Hobbs district office any time the
well has been shut in for 7 consecutive days and shall concurrently
present, to the Division, a plan for remedial action.
(4) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the
entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.
DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove
designated.