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# BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION Santa Fe, New Mexico September 14, 1977

#### EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of Phillips Petroleum Company for downhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico. CASE 6029

BEFORE: Richard L. Stamets, Examiner.

# TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

# APPEARANCES

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MR. STAMETS: Call Next case, Number 6029.

MS. TESCHENDORF: Case 6029, application of Phillips
Petroleum Company for downhole commingling, Lea County, New
Mexico.

MR. KELLAHIN: Tom Kellahin of Kellahin and Fox, Santa Fe, New Mexico, appearing on behalf of the applicant and I have one witness.

(THEREUPON, the witness was sworn.)

# WILLIAM J. MUELLER

was called as a witness by the applicant, and having been first duly sworn, testified upon his oath as follows:

# DIRECT EXAMINATION

# BY MR. KELLAHIN:

- Q. Would you please state your name and address and by whom you are employed and in what capacity?
- A. William J. Mueller and I am employed by Phillips
  Petroleum Company as Reservoir Engineering Advisor, Odessa,
  Texas.
- Mr. Mueller, have you testified before the Commission
   previously and had your qualifications as an expert witness
   accepted and made a matter of record?
  - A. Yes.
  - Q. Have you made a study of and are you familiar with

the facts surrounding this particular application?

A. Yes, sir.

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MR. KELLAHIN: If the Examiner please, are the witness' qualifications acceptable?

MR. STAMETS: They are.

- Q (Mr. Kellahin continuing.) Mr. Mueller, will you refer to what we have marked as Applicant's Exhibit Number One and identify it and tell us what Phillips is seeking?
- A. Applicant's Exhibit Number One is a plat showing Phillips Petroleum Company's Sims Lease. The Sims Lease encompasses the northwest quarter of the west half of the southwest quarter of Section 24, 22 South, 37 East and there are seven wells producing on the Sims Lease.

The well in Unit M of Section 24, the Sims No. 6, Phillips Petroleum Company requests permission to downhole commingle the current Tubb interval with the previously approved downhole commingling of the Drinkard, McKee, and Ellenburger zones.

- Q. What is the order number from the Commission that previously approved the downhole commingling of those other zones?
- A. That was Commission Order No. R-5178, dated March 10, 1976.
- Q And that order resulted in permission to commingle which zones?

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- Q And I assume you had a Commission administrative order that allowed you to commingle two of those zones on a previous occasion?
- A. Yes, prior to that we had had an administrative approval to downhole commingle the McKee and Ellenburger.
- Q Refer to what has been marked as Exhibit Number
  Two and identify that?
- A. Exhibit Number Two is a chronological completion history on Phillips Petroleum Company Sims Well No. 6. It shows that the well was initially completed on April 20, 1968, in the East Brunson Ellenburger Pool and the perforated interval was between seventy-four sixty-nine to fiventy-five fifty-four.

It was subsequently plugged back and completed in the East Brunson McKee Pool on April 9, 1973, and the perforated interval was from seventy-three twenty-eight to seventy-three forty-two.

Item Number Three shows the downhole commingling of the above two zones approved by the Commission on May 7, 1973, and the combined production of those two zones at that time was thirty-two barrels of oil, zero barrels water, with a gas-oil ratio of eleven-ten.

We subsequently plugged back the well in 1974 to

the Drinkard between sixty-three eighty-seven to seventytwo twenty-seven and the well at that time was pumping twentyfive barrels of oil and twenty barrels of water with a gasoil ratio of twelve thousand.

On March 10, 1976, we received permission or approval by Order R-5178 to downhole commingle the Drinkard and the East Brunson Ellenburger and the East Brunson McKee Pool completion and the well pumped then twelve oil and twelve water.

In June of this year we plugged back the well and tested the Tubb and made a Tubb completion between fifty-nine ninety-three to six oh three nine and the well pumped initially oil no water and the gas-oil ratio is seventy-four forty-four.

- Q In your opinion, Mr. Mueller, is the Tubb zone in this well economically marginal?
- A. Yes, these are all marginal completions and require artificial lift.
- Q Please refer to Exhibit Number Three and identify it?
- A. Exhibit Number Three is the Commission's Form 116 which shows the productivity test initially obtained on the Tubb zone in the Sims Well No. 6, which is nine oil and no water and 67 MCF with a gas-oil ratio of seventy-four forty-four.

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Q Would you please identify Exhibit Number Four?

A Exhibit Number Four is a productivity test taken of the downhole commingling of the Drinkard, East Brunson Ellenburger and East Brunson McKee zones and prior to it being plugged back to the Tubb it shows its capacity of six barrels of oil and five barrels of water and 57 MCF of gas with a gas-oil ratio of ninety-five hundred.

- Q Would you identify Exhibit Number Five?
- A. Exhibit Number Five is a monthly production plot obtained from the Sims Well No. 6 since May of 1976.

Showing on the left-hand side of this plot is the combined monthly production of pay obtained from the Drinkard-Ellenberger-McKee zones. As you can see that this well has been probably averaging five barrels of oil per day, four barrels of water per day, and the last three months prior to plugging back to the Tubb it was approximately 600 MCF per month or 20 MCF per day.

Shown on the right-hand is two months of production obtained from the Tubb zone since plug back and shows it has only been producing approximately fifty to sixty barrels of oil per month and approximately two barrels of oil per day and approximately 12 MCF per day.

- Q. Would you identify Exhibit Number Six, please?
- A. Exhibit Number Six details the allocation approved by the Commission in Order R-5178 when we had the combined

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downhole commingled, Drinkard, East Brunson Ellenburger and East Brunson McKee zones.

recommends to the Commission with the allocation, what it would be, with the Tubb zone added to this downhole commingling and we are recommending that the Tubb zone be allocated thirty percent of the oil and forty percent of the gas. The Drinkard zone be allocated thirty percent of the gas. The East Brunson Ellenburger, twenty percent of the oil and five percent of the gas. The East Brunson McKee zone twenty percent of the oil and five percent of the gas.

These allocations are based on the actual production obtained from the well in July and August of this year rather than the initial nine barrel initial potential because the nine barrels was not sustained.

- Q. Is the vertical ownership the same for all of the zones in this well, Mr. Mueller?
- A. Yes, all royalty and working interest ownership is the same in all formations.
- Q. In your opinion will the granting of this application result in the recovery of addition hydrocarbons that would not otherwise be recovered?
- A. Yes, the granting of downhole commingling of these four zones should yield an additional three thousand to five

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- Q. In your opinion, Mr. Mueller, will the approval
  of this application result in the damage of any formation?
  - A. No, sir.
  - Q. Were Exhibits One through Six prepared by you directly or under your direction and supervision?
    - A. Yes, sir.
  - Q. In your opinion, Mr. Mueller, will the granting of this application be in the best interest of conservation, the prevention of waste, and the protection of correlative rights?
    - A. Yes, sir.

MR. KELLAHIN: We move the introduction of Exhibit
One through Six.

MR. STAMETS: These Exhibits will be admitted.

MR. KELLAHIN: That concludes our examination.

# CROSS EXAMINATION

# BY MR. STAMETS:

- 0. Mr. Mueller, which exhibit is this draft?
- A. I believe that is five, sir.
- Q. Now, you indicated that your division of production and which is Exhibit Six was based on production in July and August and the production that is shown on Exhibit Five does that go through May or June?

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A. The production shown on Exhibit Five for the
combined Drinkard, Ellenburger and McKee zones the last
plotted there would be June for approximately one hundred
and twenty-five barrels of oil but that would be was
not a full month. It was in the middle of June when we
plugged the well back and that is why the Tubb zone also
shows in June production.

- Q Okay. Now, you indicated, again, that the division is based on July and August production. Do you have those figures here or could you submit them?
- A. I believe I have the July C-115 with me. I don't have the August ones.
- O. Anyhow, I would like to have those two figures either presented now or presented later.
  - A. The July and August figures for the Tubb zone?
  - A. Yes.
  - A. Right, okay.
- Q That will help me evaluate the accuracy of these percentages.
  - A. All right.
- Q Is there any incompatibility problems between the crudes from these zones?
  - A. No, sir.
    - Q. And there is no water produced by the Tubb zone?
    - A. No water at all, sir, and only minor water combined

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from the other -- approximately four barrels of water per day from the McKee, Drinkard and Ellenburger from that combination.

- To your knowledge is there any other downhole commingling involving these zones?
- No, sir, I did not check the field to see if anyone else has combined all four zones.

MR. KELLAHIN: I don't think that they have.

- (Mr. Stamets continuing.) And the well will be Q. pumped, is that correct?
  - Yes, sir, all zones require artificial lift. A.
- Where is the pump or where will it set in this well?
- Currently the pump is set right below the current 14 Tubb interval. We have a plug-packer set -- the plug-packer right now is set at approximately sixty-three hundred and the pump is set there and we are producing through a sleeve in the tubing and after downhole commingling the pump will be lowered to the bottom, to approximately seventy-four hundred feet.
- What is the interval of the lower-most producing zone of the well?
- That would be the Ellenburger at seventy-four sixtynine to seventy-five fifty-four.

MR. STAMETS: Okay. Any other questions of the

witness? He may be excused. Is there anything further in this case?

MR. KELLAHIN: No, sir.

MR. STAMETS: We will take the case under advise-

ment.

(THEREUPON, the witness was excused.)

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# REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

I, SIDNEY F. MORRISH, a Certified Shorthand Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached Transcript of Hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission was reported by me, and the same is a true and correct record of the said proceedings to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

Sidney F. Morrish, C.S.R.

i do hereby certify that the foregoing is a complete record of the proceedings in the Examiner hearing of Case No. 6029 heard by me on 19 22.

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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. 6029 Order No. R-5541

APPLICATION OF PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY FOR DOWNHOLE COMMINGLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

# ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

# BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on September 14, 1977, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 18th day of October, 1977, 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, Phillips Petroleum Company, is the owner and operator of the Sims Well No. 6, located in Unit M of Section 24, Township 22 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the applicant seeks authority to commingle Tubb, Drinkard, East Brunson-McKee and East Brunson-Ellenburger production within the wellbore of the above-described well.
- (4) That from each of said zones, the subject well is capable of low marginal production only.
- (5) 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.
- (6) That by Order No. R-5178, dated March 10, 1976, the Commission authorized the commingling of Drinkard, Ellenburger, and McKee production in the wellbore of the subject well, and that said order should be superseded.
- (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 shutin for an extended period.

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- (8) That to afford the Commission 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 Commission any time the subject well is shut-in for 7 consecutive days.
- (9) That in order to allocate the commingled production to each of the commingled zones in the subject well, 30 percent and 40 percent of the commingled oil and gas production, respectively, should be allocated to the Tubb zone, 30 percent and 50 percent of the commingled oil and gas production, respectively, to the Drinkard zone, 20 percent and 5 percent of the commingled oil and gas production, respectively, to the East Brunson-McKee zone, and 20 percent and 5 percent of the commingled oil and gas production, respectively, to the East Brunson-Ellenburger zone.

# IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That the applicant, Phillips Petroleum Company, is hereby authorized to commingle Tubb, Drinkard, East Brunson-McKee and East Brunson-Ellenburger production within the wellbore of the Sims Well No. 6, located in Unit M of Section 24, Township 22 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (2) That 30 percent and 40 percent of the commingled oil and gas production, respectively, shall be allocated to the Tubb zone, 30 percent and 50 percent of the commingled oil and gas production, respectively, shall be allocated to the Drinkard zone, 20 percent and 5 percent of the commingled oil and gas production, respectively, to the East Brunson-McKee zone, and 20 percent and 5 percent of the commingled oil and gas production, respectively, shall be allocated to the East Brunson-Ellenburger zone.
- (3) That the operator of the subject well shall immediately notify the Commission's Hobbs district office any time the well has been shut-in for 7 consecutive days and shall concurrently present, to the Commission, a plan for remedial action.
- (4) That Commission Order No. R-5178, dated March 10, 1976, is hereby superseded.
- (5) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PHIL R. LUCERO, Chairman

EMERY C ARNOLD Member

JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Secretary

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# PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY

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PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY SIMS LEASE WELL NO. 6 370' FSL and 330' FWL (Unit M), Section 24, T-22-S, R-37-E, Les County, New Mexico.

# COMPLETION HISTORY

Spudded January 13, 1968; 8-5/8" O.D. casing at 1,137 feet; TD 7,625 feet; 4-1/2" O.D. casing at 7,625 feet.

# 1. East Brunson Ellenburger Completion

April 20, 1968, 14 barrels oil, 5 barrels water, GOR 1,049. Interval: 7,469 feet to 7,554 feet. 1.P.P.:

# 2. East Brunson McKee Completion

April 9, 1973, 13 barrels oil, 0 barrels water, GOR 725. Interval: 7,328 feet to 7,342 feet. I.P.P.:

# 3. Downhole Commingled Ellenburger and McKee

May 20, 1973, 32 barrels oil, 0 barrels water, GOR 1,110. NMOCC: I.P.P.:

# 4. Drinkard Completion

May 29, 1974, 25 barrels oil, 20 barrels water, GOR 12,700. Interval: 6,387 feet to 7,227 feet. I.P.P.:

# 5. Downhole Commingled Drinkard, Ellenburger, and McKee

May 11, 1976, 12 barrels oil, 12 barrels water, GOR 1,195. NMOCC: 1.P.P.:

# 6. Tubb Completion

June 19, 1977, 9 barrels oil, 0 barrels water, GOR 7,444. Interval: 5,993 feet to 6,039 feet.

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J. Mueller (Signature)

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No well will be assigned an allowable greater than the amount of oil produced on the official test.

During gas-oil ratio test, each well shall be produced at a rate not exceeding the top unit allowable for the pool in which well is located by more than 25 percent. Operator is encouraged to take advantage of this 25 percent tolerance in order that well can be assigned increased allowables when authorized by the Commission.

Gas volumes must be reported in MCF measured at a pressure base of 15.025 psis and a temperature of 60° F. Specific gravity base will be 0.60.

Report casing pressure in lieu of tubing pressure for any well producing through casing.

Mall 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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Engineering Advisor

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Phillips PATROLEUM Co. SIMS WALL No. 6 (M-24-225-375) LEA Co., N.M. 1000 COMMINGLED DRINKARD Ellenburger Tubb MEKAR 19.76 19.77

PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY
SIMS LEASE WELL NO. 6
Unit M, Section 24, T-22-S, R-37-E,
Lea County, New Mexico

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission Order No. R-5178 dated March 10, 1976, provided for the allocation of the commingled production as follows:

•	Well's P	roduction
Drinkard Zone	011	Gas
	40%	80%
East Brunson Ellenburger Zone	30%	10%
East Brunson McKee Zone	30%	10%

It is recommended that with the addition of the Tubb zone the allocation of the commingled production be as follows:

	well's Produ	ction
Tubb 011 Zone	011	Gas
	30%	40%
Drinkard Zone	30% 7	50%
East Brunson Ellenburger Zone	20% (70	8 (2
East Brunson McKee Zone	1	5%
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Dockets Nos. 30-77 and 31-77 are tentatively set for hearing on September 28 and October 12, 1977. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

#### DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 14, 1977

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

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

- ALLOWABLE: (1) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for October, 1977, from fifteen prorated pools in Lea, Eddy, Chaves, and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico.
  - (2) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for October, 1977, from four prorated pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico.
- CASE 6016: (Continued from August 31, 1977 Examiner Hearing)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Land Oil Company, American Employers' Insurance Company, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Garner Well No. 1 located in Unit D of Section 23, Township 14 South, Range 25 East, Chaves County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.

CASE 5981: (Continued from July 6, 1977 Examiner Hearing)

Application of W. A. Moncrief, Jr., for pool creation and special pool rules, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the creation of an oil pool for Upper-Pennsylvanian production for his State Well No. 1 located in Unit E of Section 26, Township 16 South, Range 33 East, Lea County, New Mexico, and the promulgation of special rules therefor, including a provision for 80-acre spacing.

CASE 5943: (Continued from July 20, 1977 Examiner Hearing)

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for the amendment of Order No. R-5445, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the amendment of Order No. R-5445 to provide for a 200 percent risk factor for drilling the unit well rather than 20 percent. Said order pooled the N/2 of Section 19, Township 20 South, Range 25 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.

- CASE 6024: Application of Read & Stevens, Inc., for two unorthodox gas well locations, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its R & J Federal Well No. 1 located in the center of Unit A of Section 20, Township 12 South, Range 31 East, and its Jackson Well No. 1, located in the center of Unit I of Section 25, Township 12 South, Range 30 East, Southeast Chaves-Queen Gas Area, Chaves County, New Mexico, the E/2 of said Section 20 and the S/2 of said Section 25, respectively, to be dedicated to the wells.
- CASE 6025: Application of Roger C. Hanks for a special gas-oil ratio limitation, Eddy County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the establishment of a special gas-oil ratio limitation of 4000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil for the North Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, retroactive to August 22, 1977.
- CASE 6026: Application of William G. Rabe and Alice P. Rabe for a non-standard gas proration unit, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for a 160-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising the NE/4 of Section 25, Township 27 North, Range 8 West, Blanco-Mesaverde Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico.
- CASE 6027: Application of Great Lakes Chemical Corporation for a non-standard gas proration unit, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for a 160-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising the SE/4 of Section 25, Township 27 North, Range 8 West, Blanco-Mesaverde Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico.
- Application of Union Oil Company of California for a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for its Luzon Unit Area comprising 5117 acres, more or less, of Federal and fee lands in Township 24 South, Ranges 35 and 36 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 6029:

Application of Phillips Petroleum Company for downhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of Tubb, Drinkard, East Brunson-McKee, and East Brunson-Ellenburger production in the wellbore of its Sims Well No. 6 located in Unit M of Section 24, Township 22 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

- CASE 6030: Application of Burleson & Huff for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests underlying the SE/A, SE/A, of Section 4, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, Langlie-Mattix Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to its re-entered Smith Well No. 1 located in Unit P of said Section 4, or in the alternative, to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of re-entering and recompleting or of drilling and completing the unit well and the allocation of the cost thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in recompleting or drilling said well.
- CASE 6032: Application of Burleson & Huff for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests underlying the SW/4 SW/4 of Section 21, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, Langlie-Mattix Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to its re-entered Lanehart Well No. 1-Y located in Unit M of said Section 21, or, in the alternative, to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of re-entering and recompleting or of drilling and completing the unit well and the allocation of the cost thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in recompleting or drilling said well.
- CASE 6031: Application of Rex Alcorn for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests underlying the E/2 SW/4 of Section 35, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, West Knowles-Drinkard Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 2310 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line of said Section 35. 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. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- CASE 6033: Application of Basin Fuels, Inc., for salt water disposal, McKinley County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Mesaverde formation through the perforated interval from 1948 feet to 2755 feet in its Slick Well No. 1 located in Unit O of Section 7, Township 20 North, Range 5 West, Franciscan Lake-Mesaverde Pool, McKinley County, New Mexico.
- CASE 6034: Application of Flag-Redfern Uil Company for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the San Andres formation through the perforated interval from 4941 feet to 5022 feet in its Bilbrey "51" Well No. 1 located in Unit A of Section 23, Township 9 South, Range 37 East, Sawyer-San Andres Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.
- CASE 6035: Application of Southern Union Supply Co., for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the San Andres formation underlying the N/2 NE/4 of Section 30, Township 9 South, Pange 33 East, Flying M-San Andre Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a stendard 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. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- CASE 6017: (Continued from August 31, 1977 Examiner Hearing)

Application of E. L. Lathem, Jr. and Roy G. Barton, Jr., for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests underlying the E/2 NE/4 of Section 30, Township 9 South, Range 33 East, Flying M-San Andres Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, 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. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 6036: Application of E. L. Iatham, Jr., and Roy G. Barton, Jr., for compulsory pooling of a standard or a non-stundard oil proration unit and an unorthodox location, or in the alternative, 40-acre spacing, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicants, in the above-styled cause, seek an order pooling all mineral interests in the Flying M-San Andres Pool underlying the E/2 NE/4 of Section 30, Township 9 South, Range 33 East, Lea County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location for said pool within 200 feet of the center of the NE/4 NE/4 of said Section 30, or an order pooling only the NE/4 NE/4 of Section 30 to form a non-standard 40-acre unit to be dedicated to the aforesaid well. In the alternative, applicants seek the amendment of the Flying M-San Andres Pool Rules to provide for 40-acre spacing, and seek an order pooling the aforesaid NE/4 NE/4 of Section 30 as a standard unit for said pool 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 the proposed well and the allocation of the cost thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicants as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 6037: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission upon its own motion for the creation and extension of certain pools in Lea, Eddy, and Chaves Counties, New Mexico.

(a) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Delaware production and designated as the Combs-Delaware Gas Pool. The discovery well is the Penroc Oil Corporation Combs Federal Well No. 1 located in Unit P of Section 15, Township 20 South, Range 27 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

# TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM Section 15: SE/4

(b) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Morrow production and designated as the East Lake-Morrow Gas Pool. The discovery well is the Coquina Oil Corporation Gulf Federal Well No. 1 located in Unit A of Section 5, Township 19 South, Range 27 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

# TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NAMPM Section 5: N/2

(c) CREATE a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for Cisco production and designated as the Hume-Cisco Pool. The discovery well is Vaquero Independent Producers, Inc. Jackrabbit Draw Com Well No. 1 located in Unit L of Section 15, Township 16 South, Range 33 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

# TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM Section 15: SW/4

(d) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Morrow production and designated as the West Malaga-Morrow Gas Pool. The discovery well is the HNG Oil Company Ogden 6 Com Well No. 1 located in Unit H of Section 8, Township 24 South, Range 28 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

# TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NMPM Section 8: E/2

(e) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Atoka production and designated as the Millman-Atoka Gas Pool. The discovery well is the Depco, Inc. DHY State B Well No. 1 located in Unit L of Section 11, Township 19 South, Range 28 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

# TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NMPM Section 11: W/2

(f) CREATE a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for Abo production and designated as the Pearsall-Abo Pool. The discovery well is the Harvey E. Yates Company, Inc. South Maljamar Deep Well No. 1 located in Unit O of Section 30, Township 17 South, Range 32 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

# TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, NMPM Section 30: SE/4

(g) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for Bone Springs production and designated as the Penlon-Bone Springs Pool. The discovery well is the Penroc oil Corporation Allied B Well No. 1 located in Unit K of Section 27, Township 20 South, Range 27 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

# TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMFM Section 27: SW/4

(h) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Delaware production and designated as the Penion-Delaware Gas Pool. The discovery well is the Penroc Oil Corporation Allied Com Well No. 2 located in Unit B of Section 27, Township 20 South, Range 27 East, NAPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM Section 27: NE/4

(i) CREATE a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Morrow production and designated as the Rock Lake-Morrow Gas Pool. The discovery well is the Union Oil Company of California Northern Natural State Well No. 1 located in Unit O of Section 28, Township 22 South, Range 35 East, NAPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, NMPM Section 28: S/2

(j) EXTEND the Avalon-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM Section 22: S/2 Section 27: All Section 34: N/2

(k) EXTEND the North Burton-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM Section 32: SW/4

(1) EXTEND the Burton Flat-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM Section 24: All Section 25: E/2 Section 36: All TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NMPM

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TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM

Section 4: Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, & 14

Section 5: All

Section 8: S/2

Section 17: All

Section 20: All

Section 29: W/2

Section 30: All

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(m) EXTEND the East Carlsbad-Wolfcamp Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM Section 35: S/2

(n) EXTEND the South Carlsbad-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, NMPM Section 13: N/2

(o) EXTEND the Cato-San Andres Pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM Section 1: NE/4

TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NAPM Section 8: NE/4

(p) EXTEND the Flying "M"-San Andres Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM Section 19: SE/4

(q) EXTEND the Indian Draw-Delaware Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NMPM Section 7: SE/4 and N/2 SW/4 Section 18: W/2 SW/4

(r) EXTEND the South Leonard-Queen Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 26 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM Section 11: SW/4

(s) EXTEND the East Lusk-Bone Springs Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, NMPM Section 16: SE/4

(t) EXTEND the West Tonto-Pennsylvanian Cas Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM Section 7: S/2 and NE/4

(u) EXTEND the White City-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, NAPM Section 9: All Section 19: All

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#### DOCKET: COMMISSION HEARING - TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 20, 1977

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

CASE 5961: (REHEARING)

Application of D. L. Hannifin for amendment of Order No. R-4432, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the amendment of Order No. R-4432 to remove the present operator of the pooled proration unit comprising the S/2 of Section 24, Township 22 South, Range 26 East, South Carlsbad-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, and to designate applicant as operator of said unit.

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August 17, 1977

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

OIL CONSERVATION COMM

Re: Phillips Petroleum Company

Dear Dan:

Please find enclosed on behalf of Phillips Petroleum Company our application for downhole commingling of production from the Sims #6 well. Please schedule this matter for hearing on September 14, 1977.

Very truly yours,

W. Thomas Kellahin

CC: Mr. Bill Mueller Mr. Charles Jordan

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Enclosure

#### BEFORE THE

# OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY FOR DOWN-HOLE COMMINGLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

# APPLICATION

COMES NOW Phillips Petroleum Company and applies to the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico for approval of down-hole commingling in this Sims Well No. 6 located in Unit M of Section 24, T22S, R37E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, and in support thereof would show the Commission:

- 1. The Phillips Petroleum Company is currently authorized pursuant to NMOCC Order No. R-5178 to commingle production in this well from the East Brunson-Ellenburger, East Brunson-McKee and the Drinkard zones.
- 2. That applicant seeks authority to commingle Tubb production with the already approved zones.
- 3. Approval of this application will result in the production of hydrocarbons that would not otherwise be produced, will prevent waste, and will not cause any damage to any of the production formations. Correlative rights including those of offset operators will not be impaired.

WHEREFORE applicant prays that this application be set for hearing before the Commission's duly appointed examiner, and that after notice and hearing as provided by law, the Commission enter its order approving commingling as prayed for.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY

Kellahin & Fox
P. O. Box 1769
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Attorneys for Applicant

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

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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. 6029
Order No. R- 554
APPLICATION OF PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY  FOR DOWNHOLE COMMINGLING, LEA  COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.  ORDER OF THE COMMISSION  BY THE COMMISSION:
BY THE COMMISSION:
This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on September 14
19 77, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets
NOW, on this day of September, 1977, 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, Phillips Petroleum Company, is the
owner and operator of the Sims Well No. 6 , located
in Unit M of Section 24 , Township 22 South , Range
37 East , NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
(3) That the applicant seeks authority to commingle Tubb,  East Brunson-McKee and East Brunson-Ellenburgerproduction
within the wellbore of the above-described well.  (4) That from the each of Said Zones  zone, the subject well is capable of low marginal production only.
(5) What from the Drinbard Zone, the
subject well is capable of low marginal production only.
(5) 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.
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capable of low marginal production only. Laked Me arch 10, 1976, the Commit (6) That by Order No. R-5178, dated Me arch 10, 1976, the Commit Sion authorized the Commingling of Drinkard, Ellenburger, and McKee production in the well bore of the subject well, and that said order

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- (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)(4) That to afford the Commission the opportunity to assess the potential for waste and to expeditiously order appropriate remedial action, the operator should notify the ken Hobbs district office of the Commission any time the subject well is shut-in for 7 consecutive days.
- to each of the commingled zones in the subject well, 30 per and 40 percent of the commingled 0 percent of the commingled 0 percent of the commingled 0 percent of the commingled 0 percent of the commingled 0 percent of the commingled 0 percent of the commingled 0 percent of the commingled 0 percent of the commingled 0 percent of the commingled 0 percent of the commingled 0 percent of the commingled 0 percent percent of the commingled 0 percent percent of the commingled 0 percent percent of the commingled 0 percent percent of the commingled 0 percent percent of the commingled 0 percent percent of the commingled 0 percent percent of the commingled 0 percent percent of the commingled 0 percent percent of the commingled 0 percent percent percent of the commingled 0 percent percent percent percent of the commingled 0 percent

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# IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That the applicant, Phillips Petroleum Company, is hereby authorized to commingle Tubb, Drinkard, East Brunson-McKee and East Brunson-Ellenburger production within the wellbore of the Sims Well No. 6, located in Unit M of Section 24, Township 22 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
- production/shall be allocated to the Tubb zone, 30 percent and 50 percent percent of the commingled Orlands production/shall be allocated to the Drinkard zone, 20 percent and 50 percent of the commingled Orlands percent of the commingled Orlands percent of the commingled Orlands percent of the commingled Orlands percent of the commingled Orlands percent of the commingled Orlands percent of the commingled Orlands percent of the commingled Orlands percent of the commingled Orlands production shall be allocated to the East Brunson-Ellenburger zone.

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(3) That the operator of the subject well shall immediately notify the Commission's Hobbs diskxxxx district office any time the well has been shut-in for 7 consecutive days and shall concurrently present, to the Commission, a plan for remedial action.

entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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

Commission R-5178, Dated march 10, 1976, is hereby supersided.

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