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FOR POOL CONTRACTION AND EXTENSION,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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Inc., for pool contraction and exten-
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1 MR. NUTTER: Call now Case 6067.

2 MS. TESCHENDORF: Case 6067. Application of Texas

3 Pacific Oil Company, Inc., for pool contraction and exten-

4 sion, Eddy County, New Mexico.

5 MR. NUTTER: I'll call for appearances in this

6 case.

7 MR. CAMPBELL: On behalf of the applicant, Texas

8 Pacific Oil Company, Mike Campbell, with Campbell, Bingaman

9 and Black, in Santa Fe.

10 MR. KELLAHIN: I'm Tom Kellahin of Kellahin and

11 Fox, Santa Fe, New Mexico, appearing on behalf of Belco Pet-

12 roleum Corporation.

13 MR. NUTTER: Mr. Campbell, would you proceed, sir.

14 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes, sir.

15 MR. NUTTER: Would all witnesses stand and be

16 sworn, please?

17 (Witnesses sworn.)

18

19 REGINALD C. KEYES

20 being called as a witness and being duly sworn upon his oath,

21 testified as follows, to-wit:

22

23 DIRECT EXAMINATION

24 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

25 Q Would you please state your name and occupation?

1 A. My name is Reginald Keyes, spelled K-E-Y-E-S.
2 I'm senior geologist with Texas Pacific Oil Company in Mid-
3 land, Texas.

4 Q. And have you appeared before this Commission be-
5 fore and been properly qualified?

6 A. Yes, I appeared before the Commission two weeks
7 ago in a forced pool hearing, Case Number 6046.

8 Q. Would please state what the application of Texas
9 Pacific seeks to accomplish today?

10 A. We are attempting to remove Section 3, Township
11 22 South, Range 25 East, from the Catclaw Field, respace it
12 to 320 acres, so that it would become a part of the Revela-
13 tion Field.

14 MR. CAMPBELL: Mr. Examiner, I might inquire
15 briefly here, we are presenting the same -- of we hope to
16 present the same four exhibits that we presented in the
17 previous case, review them in the same manner. If you would
18 like us to proceed in that manner or if you would like us to
19 be not repetitive or attempt to cover ground that's already
20 been put in issue, we will do it either way you like.

21 MR. NUTTER: The hearing September 28th a good
22 deal of material was presented which is probably applicable
23 to this case today. I would suggest in the absence of ob-
24 jections on either side, that the record in Case Number 6046
25 and the record in Case Number 6067 be consolidated.

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1 Is there objection to that consolidation?

2 MR. KELLAHIN: No objection.

3 MR. NUTTER: Do you have any objection?

4 MR. CAMPBELL: We have no objection, Mr. Examiner.

5 We do have two additional exhibits to -- to submit today.

6 In addition to the exhibits, the testimony that was offered
7 by Mr. Keyes in the previous case is basically the testimony
8 that he will offer today. He is available for cross examin-
9 ation. We will review his testimony offered in the previous
10 case today, if the Examiner desires; if the Examiner and the
11 intervening party believe it necessary to review it, then we
12 will; otherwise, we would simply incorporate his testimony
13 given in the previous case in the case today.

14 MR. NUTTER: I don't think there's need for a lot
15 of repetition of some of the testimony. If you feel that
16 certain ground has not been covered adequately you're, of
17 course, welcome to cover any additional ground, or recover
18 such ground.

19 I think, according to my records, that in the pre-
20 vious case, Number 6046, Belco Petroleum Corporation submitted
21 seven exhibits.

22 MR. KELLAHIN: I believe that's correct.

23 MR. NUTTER: And I believe that in the previous
24 case, Number 6046, Texas Pacific submitted five exhibits.

25 MR. CAMPBELL: That is correct, Mr. Examiner.

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1 MR. NUTTER: You had the four geological exhibits
2 and then the fifth was the --

3 MR. CAMPBELL: USGS.

4 MR. NUTTER: -- application for a drilling permit,
5 USGS.

6 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes, sir.

7 MR. NUTTER: So we will consolidate the two cases
8 for purpose of hearing. These exhibits are a matter of re-
9 cord. If you want to discuss them in more detail, feel free
10 to do so. Separate orders, of course, will be entered in the
11 two cases.

12 MR. CAMPBELL: Mr. Examiner, we -- if that is the
13 Examiner's ruling, we would forgo examining Mr. Keyes on the
14 geologic aspects of our application, which I believe was
15 sufficiently reviewed in the previous case.

16 We have two additional exhibits to be presented
17 by another witness on the draining ability in the area and
18 testimony regarding the ability to drain in Section 3. We
19 will be as brief as possible with that testimony and we will
20 proceed to that immediately.

21 MR. NUTTER: Well, I think, now, we've had Mr.
22 Keyes sworn, he's on the stand, you've had an opportunity to
23 redirect, and you've chosen not to do so. If the opposition
24 would care to cross examine him.

25 MR. KELLAHIN: Yes, Mr. Nutter, there are a few

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1 questions I'd like to ask Mr. Keyes that may be repetitive
2 of what we asked him a couple of weeks ago, but I'm still not
3 clear on a few things.

4 MR. NUTTER: Go ahead.

5

6

CROSS EXAMINATION

7 BY MR. KELLAHIN:

8 Q I'd like to refer you, Mr. Keyes, to what has been
9 introduced as Exhibit Number 1, that's the --

10 MR. CAMPBELL: Is that TP Number 1?

11 MR. KELLAHIN: Yes, that's the structure --

12 MR. CAMPBELL: Morrow structure.

13 Q (Mr. Kellahin continuing.) If I remember your
14 testimony correctly, Mr. Keyes, you testified in summary with
15 regards to Exhibit Number 1, that structural considerations
16 for this area was in fact very important.

17 A Yes.

18 Q That in addition to the structure information on
19 Exhibit 1 you prepared the Isopachs of the Upper and Lower
20 Morrow.

21 A Right.

22 Q And then I believe there was a cross section. In
23 determining potential Morrow production would you, as an ex-
24 pert geologist, rely solely on, or primarily on the structure
25 map to determine where you would find or most likely find the

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1 Morrow production?

2 A I would use it as one facet of it. I would also
3 rely on my Isopac maps.

4 Q All right, apart from the structure map and the
5 Isopacs, what if any other additional information have you
6 relied upon in determining what you believe to be the geology
7 of Section 3?

8 A What other information?

9 Q Yes, sir.

10 A Just what I've presented. This is what we base
11 our case on.

12 Q Summarize for me what your testimony was with re-
13 gards to the significance of your Morrow structure plat.

14 A Well, as I stated previously, this was a strong
15 ridge. I used the word "ridge". I changed that to a plunging
16 anticline. At the northeast corner of Section 3 you'll notice
17 that there is a reversal. In other words, the thing is coming
18 down and then it changes and it goes up toward the Catclaw.

19 Q Yes, sir, I know.

20 A This is interpreted as a syncline. This, in essence,
21 separates Catclaw from Revelation.

22 Q Why do you believe the reversal as you've drawn
23 it occurs at that point?

24 A Based on the subsea points that I have. Also if
25 you map on a deeper horizon, Devonian, you will see that such

1 a syncline exists on a deeper bed. We are looking at a re-
2 flection of those beds.

3 MR. NUTTER: Mr. Keyes, are we really talking
4 about a syncline or are we talking about a saddle in between
5 the two highs?

6 A Well, a saddle, but it's -- it bottoms out there
7 and I prefer the word "syncline" to saddle.

8 Q You've stated this is simply a matter of inter-
9 pretation. You would agree with me, would you not, Mr. Keyes,
10 that we have no control at this point to know for sure that
11 the reversal, in fact, occurs as you've indicated?

12 A The reversal does occur in deeper beds, Mr. Kel-
13 lahin.

14 Q Based upon the same information contained on this
15 exhibit, is it -- is it not also reasonable to simply remove
16 this reversal?

17 A If you so do so by connecting those contour lines,
18 you would have a very short -- a very, very short feature,
19 and I don't think that such a thing exists.

20 Q Based upon your structure map, where would you
21 locate your proposed well?

22 A We have located, as I stated, 1980 from the south
23 and 990 from the west of Section 3.

24 Q 1980 and 990?

25 A Yes, sir.

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1 Q Why have you chosen that particular location?

2 A This is a standard 320 proration unit. If you
3 will take your Isopacs values and maps you will see that this
4 would be an optimum location.

5 Q Is that proposed location the highest point within
6 Section 3 structurally?

7 A No, it is not.

8 Q Is it preferable in the Morrow to remain higher
9 in the structure?

10 A No, not necessarily. The Morrow is a stratigraphic
11 structural type of entrapment. If you were strictly looking
12 at some entrapment by structural means only, yes, you would
13 seek the highest structural position, structural attitude.
14 Such is not the case.

15 Q In fact, the structure mapping for the Morrow is
16 less significant than other factors. You have to take into
17 consideration your Isopacs --

18 A And you also take in the Morrow. You cannot take
19 a regional aspect. You don't use the Morrow as a regional
20 structure map. You use it as a local; just in the area that
21 you're interested in.

22 Q Well, by way of example, you can look at the Belco
23 Well in Section 16 and that is higher structurally, and that,
24 in fact, that well produced water in the Morrow Sand.

25 A It tells you that that sand is not connected to

1 the other sand because you're producing down dip from that
2 and you're making gas.

3 Q Let's go to your Isopacs, Mr. Keyes. I'm speci-
4 fically interested in Exhibit Number 3, Mr. Keyes, the Isopac
5 on the Lower Morrow.

6 In regards both to Exhibit 2, which is the Isopac
7 on the Upper Morrow, and Exhibit 3, which is the Isopac on
8 the Lower Morrow, I would appreciate your explanation as to
9 why you've elected to separate the two into different Isopac
10 maps.

11 A According -- it's in my previous testimony, I men-
12 tioned that there is a shale break that appears in Inter-
13 venor Number 4, this cross section, which carries across the
14 area. It was for this reason that we -- that the decision
15 was made. Also, you lose sands in the Lower Morrow more than
16 you do in the Upper Morrow because of the deposition itself
17 of the Morrow at that particular -- in that time spacing.

18 Q You're aware, are you not, Mr. Keyes, that the
19 Commission makes no distinctions in their ruling with regards
20 to Morrow Pools between Upper and Lower Morrow?

21 A Yes, that's right.

22 Q Let me direct your attention to Exhibit Number 3.
23 In specific reference to some of the Isopac values you've
24 used on the net -- net feet of pay in the Lower --

25 A Yes.

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1 Q -- Lower Morrow. In Section Number 4 there's
2 the Belco Petroleum R-V 4 Federal. That well is coded to
3 show that you're referring to this Lower Morrow production
4 in that well.

5 A That's right.

6 Q Why have you chosen to exclude that from -- from
7 your Isopac contours?

8 A Well, at that time there was only one value there.
9 You have an 8-foot value, and well how do you draw a line?
10 How do you draw the zero line or 10-foot line; 10-foot Iso-
11 pac? It's all conjecture at this point. I could have drawn
12 a zero line and that was all I could have done.

13 Q In Section 2 there is the Hannigan Petroleum North
14 Fork Well and you've indicated a zero value in that well,
15 have you not?

16 A Correct.

17 Q Are you in fact sure that that has a zero value
18 in the Morrow?

19 A I am sure according to my parameters.

20 Q Is that well in your cross section in Exhibit Num-
21 ber 4?

22 A Yes, it is. Yes, it is.

23 Q That's the second well from the right?

24 A That's correct.

25 Q Information indicated below the log shows that this

1 well flows some 300 MCF of gas per day. Where are the Morrow
2 perforations?

3 A. If you'll look there are some hatch marks.

4 Q. Yes, sir, I see those. At what depth are those?

5 A. Well, I can't -- I've got a larger scale on that;
6 I can't see on the cross section.

7 Approximately 10,610, 10,611.

8 Q. From 10,610 or 10,611 to what depth?

9 A. Well, it's written down there, to 733.

10 MR. NUTTER: Well, then the perforations aren't --
11 the hachers don't cover the --

12 A. They don't cover. That's a drafting error, it was
13 put up at six. We should drop those last perforations down
14 to the appropriate depth.

15 Q. And apparently, and you'll have to correct me if
16 I'm wrong, apparently some 122 feet of perforations?

17 A. No, that's 122 gross interval, but perforations --
18 these were one shot per foot, is the way these were recorded.

19 Q. How many feet of net pay for this Morrow interval?

20 A. I have given it none, because, as I say, it does
21 not fit my parameters; there is not seven percent porosity
22 there.

23 Q. What were your other parameters? You had seven
24 percent porosity.

25 A. Water saturations.

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1 Q What was your water saturation?

2 A Fifty percent or less.

3 Q Fifty percent or less. And how about permeability?

4 A This -- you cannot obtain permeability values,
5 they're too close.

6 Q What other values?

7 A I also used drillstem test information. If a
8 drillstem test produced water at that interval, it was water
9 bearing. If it was tight, the whole interval was considered
10 to be tight.

11 MR. KELLAHIN: I have nothing else.

12 MR. NUTTER: Are there any further questions of
13 the witness? Do you have any redirect?

14 MR. CAMPBELL: No, Mr. Examiner.

15 MR. NUTTER: The witness may be excused. Call
16 your next witness.

17 MR. CAMPBELL: Mr. Examiner, at this point I would
18 like to proceed and hold Mr. Schroeder for possible rebuttal
19 testimony if we feel it's required. At this point we would --
20 we have evidence on drilling capacity in the area. We don't
21 believe that it's necessary at this point. Should -- should
22 that become an issue on -- on the Intervenor's case, we'll
23 be happy to present this evidence. Otherwise, I think it
24 would be just as wise to withhold it at this time, anyway.

25 I believe that's how we'd like to proceed. I

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1 don't know what kind of approach the Intervenor's are going
2 to -- I don't want to draw this out any further than I have
3 to.

4 I think what we'll do is go ahead and present this
5 as briefly as possible and open Mr. Schroeder up to cross
6 examination at this time, then.

7
8 MEL SCHROEDER

9 being called as a witness and being duly sworn upon his oath
10 testified as follows, to-wit:

11
12 DIRECT EXAMINATION

13 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

14 Q Would you please state your name and occupation?

15 A My name is Melvin L. Schroeder and I'm an engineer
16 with Texas Pacific Oil.

17 Q And have you previously testified before this
18 Commission and been properly qualified?

19 A Yes, I have.

20 Q I will ask you to review what has been marked as
21 Applicant's Exhibit 6 and 7 and explain what those exhibits
22 attempt to illustrate.

23 MR. NUTTER: Mr. Campbell, we have your exhibits
24 1 through 5. They're identified as being in Case Number 6046.
25 In order to save going back and re-labeling all these other

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1 exhibits as being joint exhibits in the two cases, I think
2 that this would just be Applicant's Exhibit 1.

3 MR. CAMPBELL: That will be fine.

4 MR. NUTTER: In the new case, which is Number 6067.
5 All the rest are in the record; we've consolidated both cases,
6 I won't have to renumber all the exhibits. We'll just have
7 to renumber two.

8 Q (Mr. Campbell continuing.) Mr. Schroeder, will
9 you examine what has been marked as Applicant's Exhibits 1
10 and 2 and explain briefly what those exhibits illustrate?

11 A Okay. Exhibit Number 1 is a set of computer com-
12 puter pressure divided by deviation factor. P/z versus Q are
13 your gas production plots for all Catclaw Draw - Morrow gas
14 wells which are or were productive.

15 On these plots I have extrapolated data points to
16 project an initial gas in place and an initial P/z value for
17 each well.

18 Q Is the formula and the data that you have used a
19 standard compilation procedure, standard formula, used in
20 attempting to calculate the drawing ability of a well?

21 A Well, I haven't reviewed Number 2, but on Exhibit
22 Number 1 this is a standard method of projecting reserve for
23 gas wells, which is derived from material balance equations.

24 Exhibit Number 2, I've listed all the wells and
25 the numbers. The numbers out beside the wells correspond to

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1 the numbers in the lower righthand corner of the P/z versus
2 gas production plot, giving the IP from additional information
3 giving the initial shut-in well pressures reported. These
4 first two columns both come from completion reports and I've
5 included these primarily because in some cases the computer
6 data could not pick up what I believed was the actual initial
7 pressure and for example, Well No. 9, very quickly. This is
8 a well in which based on the computer information, which is
9 derived from tests reported to the Commission, that the ini-
10 tial wellhead shut-in pressure reported here was 2730 on 12-
11 73, whereas the initial completion report projected an initial
12 shut-in wellhead pressure of 3515. And as you can see by
13 looking at the P/z versus Q in plot for Well No. 9, the first
14 two points -- the first point looks erroneously low. There
15 is no way that you can produce a volume of gas from a volu-
16 metric reservoir and still retain the same pressure and fur-
17 thermore, there's no way that the pressure could have been
18 drawn from the initial reported 3515 down to this 2730 with-
19 out having some sort of production.

20 So I've included these to point out where such a
21 thing could have happened.

22 Q Now, when you compiled the information illustrated
23 in Applicant's Exhibit 1, what did you do with that informa-
24 tion?

25 A Well, I took this information and then referring

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1 back to my exhibit Number 2 I generated porosity feet values,
2 water saturation, and took the bottom hole temperature, also
3 calculated average porosities for all of these wells based on
4 well log analysis, and in taking -- and in taking the initial
5 P/z point from these curves, I calculated the gas volume
6 factor, which this gives me standard cubic feet, the ratio
7 of standard cubic feet to a cubic foot of gas reservoir pres-
8 sure and temperature. From this I've calculated a MCF per
9 acre factor, which is derived volumetric calculations, which
10 is again another standard, and is primarily used when you
11 don't have the pressure information. You know, they have to
12 assume an acreage of drainage and calculate a curve in this
13 manner. And I've just taken the formula for that and moved --
14 divided both sides by the area to get a factor which will give
15 a recovery factor of initial gas in place per acre based on
16 volumetrics. Then using the initial gas in place from the
17 P/z curve, dividing it by the volumetric factor, I calculated
18 a drainage area.

19 Q Now, in this calculation isn't this formula nor-
20 mally used by you and normally used in the industry to cal-
21 culate a curve like that?

22 A Well, in some -- in some form, yes. I know other
23 engineers will look at P/z data and then also they will take
24 this initial -- project initial gas in place, and they'll also
25 calculate initial gas in place volumetrically for, say, the

1 placing that they're on and see if the two didn't match, and
2 if there's a big disagreement then a lot of times this data
3 will be used to justify infield drilling.

4 Q I believe you said that this data was compiled on
5 every well in the Catclaw Draw - Morrow gas field.

6 A Well, it's with exception, with one exception.
7 The first five wells --

8 Q That is referring to Applicant's Exhibit Number 2.

9 A Right. The first five wells listed all have ini-
10 tial -- projected initial gas in place values of less than
11 a BCF. One of the wells has been plugged and abandoned; the
12 other four, spotting them on the map, could be considered
13 edge wells, so due to their low initial gas in place and the
14 fact that there's a good possibility that they are edge wells,
15 I did not include their drainage or calculate drainage for
16 these wells. Probably would not be a -- indicative of the
17 field itself, these being the main wells in the field.

18 Q What did the formula calculate for the next ten
19 wells listed in Applicant's Exhibit 2?

20 A Well, they range from -- they range from 191 acres
21 to 490 acres. The average was, for these ten wells, 342
22 acres per well.

23 Q And would you explain briefly the resulting data
24 on the last two wells in Applicant's Exhibit Number 2?

25 A Okay, the ARCO Pure Federal is completed in a

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1 sidetracked hole. The only logs I had available are through
2 the original hole. I did find a sand that roughly correlates
3 as far as depth to the section that they're producing in the
4 sidetracked hole and assuming that that is the sand that is
5 productive in the sidetracked hole, generated data, generated
6 the parameters that I've used here, and it indicates that this
7 well will drain 620 acres. So I think it's representative,
8 though probably not as reliable as the preceding wells.

9 Now, my last well is the Catclaw Draw Unit No. 9.
10 The only available logs we had for this well are a cased hole,
11 C&L, and a cased hole FDC. These are not good logs to try to
12 make good quantitative determinations of porosity. In fact,
13 I'll read from what is stated on these logs. The cased hole
14 density reading should not be used as absolute value due to
15 the uncertainties caused by casing and cement. Also on the
16 same log it is stated that a density curve drafted on a C&L
17 for a quantitative indication of gas.

18 What I've done here is to just project a drainage
19 for the drainage area of this well. The first calculated
20 drainage area is based on using the average field porosities,
21 the average for all the other wells, the average field loss
22 for the other wells, and I calculate a drainage area from 955
23 acres. Now, in also recalculating it using the maximum poro-
24 sity, average porosity figure for the other fifteen wells,
25 and the minimum water saturation, calculating a drainage area

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1 436 acres. Now, I would say that that drainage is probably
2 somewhere between these two. I'd say these are probably a
3 high and low value, but based on the logs I have there's just
4 no better way to make a determination, I don't believe.

5 Q Have you drawn some conclusions from your review
6 of Applicant's Exhibits Number 1 and 2.

7 A Well, I think by taking the closest field which
8 has production history and assuming that this data is creditab
9 to the whole area, I assume the chances of draining 600 or
10 more acres are approximately just about one in six, assuming
11 you don't have an edge well. The chances of recovering
12 closer to, say, approximately 340 acres I believe the most
13 probable insofar as this data is concerned.

14 Q The production history relates to wells in the
15 Catclaw Draw - Morrow Gas Pool?

16 A Right, you know, this is the closest gas pool to
17 Section 3 that has, you know, good production history.

18 Q Were you able to calculate, you know, any drainage
19 areas for the Revelation?

20 A No, we -- there's just not -- for one thing, we
21 don't have -- there hasn't been enough production to get a
22 reliable, we feel, P/z versus Q curves.

23 MR. CAMPBELL: Mr. Examiner, I have no further
24 questions -- I have one further question.

25 Q Did you, Mr. Schroeder, prepare these Applicant's

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1 Exhibits Numbers 1 and 2 or were they prepared under your
2 direction?

3 A I prepared these exhibits.

4 MR. CAMPBELL: Mr. Examiner, I move to admit Ap-
5 plicant's Exhibits 1 and 2.

6 MR. NUTTER: TP Exhibits 1 and 2 will be admitted
7 in evidence.

8 MR. CAMPBELL: I have no further questions of this
9 witness, Mr. Examiner.

10 MR. NUTTER: Are there any questions of him?

11 MR. KELLAHIN: If the Examiner please.

12
13 CROSS EXAMINATION

14 BY MR. KELLAHIN:

15 Q Mr. Schroeder, I'm interested in what -- what in-
16 formation or what facts or tests you used in reaching your
17 final conclusions. You mentioned there were some computer
18 analysis done.

19 A There was computer generated curves, correct.

20 Q All right. Well, there are all kinds of computer
21 generated curves. Which ones did you use?

22 A I used the -- it's a commercially -- it's a com-
23 mercial service. They take the shut-in wellhead pressure
24 tests that are submitted to the Commission and then generate
25 these curves for each well in a field.

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1 Q Which commercial service did you use?

2 A Dwight's (sic).

3 Q Do you know which computer series they used in
4 running the tests for the reservoir data?

5 A No, I do not.

6 Q You wouldn't know, then, whether or not they used
7 the Bexel Van Poolen test to determine the reservoir?

8 A No, I would have -- I have no idea exactly what
9 they used. I do know that I did have one test of their cal-
10 culated bottom hole pressure. There was a well in which --
11 if I can find it -- there is a well in -- okay, the Hanagan,
12 I believe that's correct, ARCO Federal No. 4, they calculated
13 it was reported a shut-in wellhead pressure of 3504 --

14 Q Excuse me, 3504?

15 A Yes, PSI, and they reported a shut-in bottom hole
16 pressure of 4447, which gives a shut-in bottom hole to shut-
17 in wellhead ratio of 1.27, and if you look at some of the --

18 Q Excuse me, what was the shut-in bottom hole pres-
19 sure?

20 A 4447 PSI. And if you look at the ARCO Federal
21 and take the ratio of the wellhead shut-in pressure to bot-
22 tom hole pressure -- or bottom hole pressure to wellhead
23 shut-in pressure, you get essentially the same 1.27 ratio.

24 Q Does your information show you how long those
25 tests were run?

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1 A. No, the information I have here does not tell how
2 long these wellhead shut-in pressure tests were run. Now,
3 it has been my experience the longer the tests are run, the
4 better the data.

5 Q. Exactly right, the more accurate the longer the
6 tests.

7 A. That's correct.

8 Q. And that's the point of my question, is how long
9 these tests were run.

10 A. They were Commission-type tests and to be honest,
11 I don't know. Now, to take that into effect --

12 Q. Well, let me ask you this.

13 A. Okay.

14 Q. What was the permeability used? You had certain
15 parameters. What was the permeability?

16 A. Well, permeability isn't a parameter in this at
17 all. This is basically a material balance, that says that
18 the gas produced is proportional to the gas -- the initial
19 gas minus the gas in place at a certain point in time.

20 Q. What was the average permeability you found for
21 the Catclaw Draw?

22 A. There is -- this data does not generate permeability.

23 Q. Okay. What were the parameters you used, then?

24 A. The parameters as far as --

25 Q. Porosity?

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1 A. Porosity. Okay, the porosity parameters I used
2 were -- where I had a sonic log I used a Delta T matrix of
3 20,000; when I had a density log I used a matrix brine density
4 of 2.67. If I had both logs in conjunction with each other,
5 I generally used the smaller porosity value. I assumed if
6 the sonic was high that it was being affected by shale. I
7 used the density, if the density was higher than the sonic
8 I used the sonic assuming possibly some gas effect on the
9 density. By using the most pessimistic numbers, used to cut
10 down on, for one thing, if I'd used the more optimistic
11 numbers, it would have actually made these calculated drainage
12 smaller, but I used pessimistic values primarily to give some
13 credence to the data, and as far as the water saturation, I
14 used an RW of .07 --

15 Q. What was that?

16 A. .07. At bottom hole temperature in talking with
17 other people who do well log analysis in the area, some use
18 .6, which would again cause the drainage areas, if the .06
19 would have been used, would have caused the drainage areas
20 to again been smaller.

21 I've used the best available data that I had.

22 Q. Do you know whether the computer tests that you
23 used were specifically designed for homogeneous reservoirs?

24 A. Well, the computer test used specifically designed
25 for homogeneous reservoirs, no, these tests that the computer

1 is taking and generating the bottom hole pressures from are
2 just the statutory shut-in wellhead pressures.

3 Q Morrow Formation is not a homogeneous reservoir,
4 is it?

5 A No, it is not.

6 Q And most of those computer tests are specifically
7 designed and assume the existence of a homogeneous reservoir.

8 A Yes, but that does not preclude the use of the
9 data. We've got to use the best data we have.

10 Q I understand.

11 A We use similar type plots very often, primarily
12 because it's the best available. If we knew the non-homo-
13 genic renewity of the Morrow, sure, we could use that as a
14 factor, but we don't.

15 Q I understand, Mr. Schroeder. I'm just trying to
16 point out some of the limiting factors.

17 A Right.

18 Q That you have to take into consideration when,
19 first of all, you use a computer analysis --

20 A That's correct.

21 Q -- and try to apply it to the Morrow Formation.
22 Not that you didn't use the best available, it's simply that
23 the best available is not always suitable for Morrow production.

24 What bottom hole pressures did you have for the
25 Belco wells?

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1 A. The Belco wells? The Belco wells are not in --

2 Q. Yeah, but what's the Revelation - Morrow?

3 A. Okay, in the Revelation - Morrow there were no
4 bottom hole pressures given. The only information I have is
5 shut-in wellhead pressures and -- okay, for the RV Federal No.
6 4, the initial shut-in wellhead pressure reported, which I
7 had access to, was 3,309 psi.

8 MR. NUTTER: What was that number again, please?

9 A. 3,309 psi. For the --

10 Q. That is the shut-in pressure?

11 A. That is the shut-in wellhead pressure. For the
12 Jones Well, it was 2,670 psi.

13 Q. That's also a shut-in?

14 A. Shut-in wellhead pressure.

15 Q. All right, what other pressures did you have?

16 A. That is all -- those are the only pressures I had
17 for the Belco wells.

18 MR. KELLAHIN: I could, perhaps, stop at this
19 point, Mr. Nutter, if we could simply incorporate the records
20 of the previous Catclaw Draw - Morrow cases into the record
21 of this case, and I'd like to so move.

22 MR. NUTTER: Do you have the numbers of those
23 cases?

24 MR. CAMPBELL: I do, I believe, Mr. Examiner.

25 MR. NUTTER: I've got them here, too, somewhere.

1 MR. KELLAHIN: Yes, sir, here they are. The first
2 case was 6-16-71; it was Case Number 4548.

3 The second case was 8-22-73; and that was Case
4 4541.

5 MR. NUTTER: So that's --

6 MR. KELLAHIN: I think that's reopened.

7 On 11-15-73 there was Case 5109. On 9-4-74 there
8 was Case 4548, second reopening of that case. And there was
9 a case on 10-12-74, which was 4548, again, that was the third
10 reopening of that case, and I believe there's one more.

11 MR. CAMPBELL: There are a number of other cases
12 after that date.

13 MR. NUTTER: I think so. I was looking to see what
14 I have here. I want to get everything we can get into the
15 record here because I want to look at everything we've got
16 in our files.

17 MR. CAMPBELL: Well, Mr. Examiner, we in addition
18 to those mentioned by Mr. Kellahin, we show Case Number 5311,
19 Order issued on October 22nd, 1974. That was an extension.
20 Case Number 5336, Order issued by the Commission October 9th,
21 1974. That was the inclusion order Section 3.

22 MR. NUTTER: Correct. Okay. The record in Case
23 Number 4548, which has been heard three times, and was the
24 original spacing case -- right, four times -- that was the
25 original spacing case for the Catclaw Draw - Morrow, that

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1 will be incorporated. The record in Case Number 5109, and
2 I'm not exactly sure what that case involved.

3 MR. CAMPBELL: That was the proration -- that was
4 the allowable case.

5 MR. NUTTER: Okay, there was some data on the
6 Morrow Formation introduced in that case. The record in that
7 case will be incorporated.

8 Order Number R-4861 was entered in a nomenclature
9 case, which was Case Number 5336. Now, that will be incor-
10 porated although the record in that case is very sparse.
11 However, in that case the record in Case Number 5311 was in-
12 corporated. Now, 5311 related to the geology in this parti-
13 cular end of the pool and the geology in and around the pool
14 and it was incorporated -- it was the basis for the nomen-
15 clature case that came up shortly afterward, and that record
16 was incorporated in the nomenclature case, so the record in
17 Case Number 5336 will be incorporated, which in turn had
18 already incorporated the record in 5311, so here we have Case
19 Number -- we have Case Number 6046, which is the application
20 of Belco. We have Case Number 6067, which is the application
21 of TP; these two are consolidated, and they will incorporate
22 the four cases -- the four hearings of Case 4548. They will
23 incorporate Case Number 5109, Case 5311, and Case 5336. And
24 I don't know of any other cases relating to this matter that
25 we could incorporate.

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1 MR. KELLAHIN: At that point I have nothing further
2 for Mr. Schroeder.

3 MR. NUTTER: In addition, Mr. Schroeder stated that
4 he had given bottom hole pressures and shut-in wellhead pres-
5 sures that had been taken under regular Commission --

6 A Yes, I believe that is the origin of the pressures
7 that I reported on these computers.

8 MR. NUTTER: Okay. Now, you didn't know the shut-
9 in time.

10 A No, I do not know the shut-in time.

11 MR. NUTTER: I'd like to take administrative notice
12 of those shut-in pressures that were filed with the Commission
13 because that will show the shut-in time.

14 A That's correct.

15 MR. NUTTER: Are there any further questions of
16 Mr. Schroeder?

17 MR. KELLAHIN: No, sir.

18 MR. CAMPBELL: We have no redirect, Mr. Examiner.

19 MR. NUTTER: Okay.

20

21 CROSS EXAMINATION

22 BY MR. NUTTER:

23 Q Okay, Mr. Schroeder, on your Exhibit Number 2.

24 A Yes, sir.

25 Q I notice over here on the lefthand column we have

1 these numbers 1 through 17.

2 A Yes.

3 Q Does that correspond to the page number in --

4 A In the lower righthand corner, circled, right.

5 Q Now, in the column Porosity (feet).

6 A Feet, right, yes.

7 Q Could you give me the feet that you used here in
8 each of these?

9 A Yes, sir.

10 Q I want to make a new column called H.

11 A Well No. 1 I used 24 feet.

12 Q 24.

13 A Well No. 2, that is the P&A'd well, I didn't list
14 the footage there. Well No. 3 I used 26 feet. Well No. 4,
15 13 feet. Well No. 5, 16 feet. Well No. 7 --

16 Q No. 6.

17 A Oh, No. 6, I used 33 feet. Well No. 7 I used 20
18 feet. Well No. 8 I used 28 feet. 9 I used 32 feet. Well
19 No. 10 I used 42 feet. Well No. 11, 29 feet. Well No. 12,
20 46 feet. Well No. 13, 22 feet. Well No. 14, 27 feet. No.
21 15, 16 feet. No. 16 I assumed that the whole interval that
22 they are producing from, which I believe is 29 feet of the H.
23 That's the well -- I'm sorry, the Well No. 17 I used the H
24 of 29 feet, in fact used the -- and then I took that H times
25 the average porosity value for this to get these pH values

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1 here. Instead of working from the pH values I worked from
 2 the AJ and the P values to get the H.

3 As far as Well No. 16, I used 14 feet.

4 Q Okay. Now, you got your porosity column over here.

5 A Yes.

6 Q So this porosity times this H should give us this
 7 porosity feet here.

8 A Well, what I did -- what I did was to actually
 9 tabulate up all, you know, I tried to zone this thing, and
 10 say if I had 5 feet of six percent, get a .3, tabulated all
 11 the pH's and divided the pH by H to get the average porosity
 12 for the whole zone.

13 Q Now, this H is whatever pay you saw there on the
 14 log, is that correct?

15 A That was perforated.

16 Q Is that only the perforated interval?

17 A Yes. I assumed that only the perforated interval
 18 was productive, that there was no communication with any
 19 other zone.

20 Q Then you also, in other words, if you had pay be-
 21 hind the part that wasn't perforated, it didn't count?

22 A No, no, sir, it did not, and in some cases I
 23 threw out pay that was perforated.

24 Q Okay, now --

25 A Lack of porosity.

1 Q Okay, now -- and this is not all confined to Lower
2 Morrow. This would be up and down --

3 A Yes, sir, the whole shooting match there.

4 Q So there wouldn't be any correlation then between
5 the H shown here and the Isopachs for Lower Morrow or Upper
6 Morrow depths, Mr. Keyes showed on his exhibits?

7 A Well, it -- if the two agreed, you would assume
8 that there was no pay behind pipe; that would be one thing
9 you could say. Of course, he included pay behind pipe.

10 Q Right.

11 Okay, now the salt water -- saturation of water,
12 here --

13 A Water saturation, yes.

14 Q How was that derived for each individual well?

15 A Okay. Like I say, I zoned it. I zoned these
16 things and I went to the electric log and for each zone I got
17 the resistivity reading from the electric log. Sometimes
18 electric logs, they're a deeper reading tool; then you'll have
19 to say you'll get -- you won't see the zonation that you will
20 on a porosity log, so sometimes I had to include like three
21 porosity logs to one reading of the resistivity log. But
22 for each of these zones for the resistivity log, the zonations
23 that I made on the resistivity log, I calculated -- and then
24 I would take the average for -- if it was a single zone from
25 the porosity -- from the zonation I made in the porosity;

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1 used the porosity and that resistivity from the electric log
2 and the RW .07 to calculate a water saturation, and it took,
3 for each zone, I took the average or the water saturation for
4 that zone times the pH number to get a PHSW, tabulated all
5 of those, divided that by the total pH to get the average
6 water saturation.

7 In effect, what I've done, I've taken a PHSW for
8 each zone, as I zoned these logs.

9 Q Okay. Now, the average water saturation, then,
10 according to the No. 17 Well here, the field average is 33
11 percent, then.

12 A 33 percent, that's correct.

13 Q Now, your lower figure there, the 22, according to
14 the footnote, is the minimum for the field, which is from
15 the No. 16 Well that's immediately above, is that correct?

16 A That, and also the No. 15 Well.

17 Q The No. 15 also.

18 A And the fact that if you look on 15 it also gives
19 the highest average porosity that I calculated, which -- so
20 I used, you might say I used the porosity and water saturation
21 from this 15 Well, which is -- which was the max and min;
22 also the min for the -- the 22 percent also repeated itself
23 for the ARCO Pure Federal.

24 Q And where did you derive the bottom hole temper-
25 ature?

1 A. The bottom hole temperature I took it straight
2 off the --

3 Q. Straight off the logs?

4 A. -- wellhead. Yes, the log head.

5 Q. And you've explained your average porosity and
6 your P/z is a calculation of this pressure over the z factor.

7 A. No, I actually got the P/z's by extrapolating
8 factors, the initial P/z's on the first well, like has been
9 pointed out, I don't know exactly the parameters used by this
10 company to calculate z factors, and I didn't think it would
11 be consistent for me to calculate z factors on one set of
12 parameters and for -- and then to use another set of para-
13 meters for -- that this company is using, so to remain con-
14 sistent, I used the extrapolated value of P/z.

15 Q. From Exhibit Number 1?

16 A. 1, yes, sir.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. The initial P/z's.

19 Q. Now what is this next column?

20 A. This is the reciprocal of the gas formation factor.

21 Q. Okay, this is the data factor for the gas ini-
22 tially, is that correct?

23 A. Right.

24 Q. That's what the sub-i means, that's the initial --
25 that's the reciprocal of the initial gas data factor?

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1 A Right, to get it in standard -- normally a forma-
2 tion volume factor is in reservoir volume per standard volume,
3 and I wanted this in volumes of standard cubic feet per cubic
4 foot of gas at formation pressure and temperature.

5 Q Then the next one is initial gas in place per acre,
6 is that correct?

7 A Yes, and this is calculated from -- this is strictly
8 the volumetric formula for calculating gas in place. Gener-
9 ally, the A would be on the other side and this is the for-
10 mula we usually use initially to project reserves, and usually
11 we make a guess as far as the A factor, the acreage.

12 Q Now, the next column initial gas in place is de-
13 rived from Exhibit 1, is that correct?

14 A That's correct.

15 Q And then you take the initial gas in place and
16 the initial gas per acre and divide one into the other and
17 come up with your drainage area?

18 A Yes, sir.

19 Q And the smallest drainage area you have calculated
20 is 191.

21 A That's correct.

22 Q And of the ten-well average for the group of wells
23 there it's 342 acres drainage area.

24 A No, that's -- yeah, the average. The maximum --
25 within that group of wells the maximum was 490.

1 Q Now this well next, No. 16, the Pure Federal --
2 the ARCO Pure Federal, where is that well?

3 A It is -- it is not on the exhibit, I'm sorry to
4 say. The well is -- this is Well No. 16. It is a north off-
5 set to the Hanagan Catclaw Draw Unit No. 7. It is located at
6 in Section 11, which is the section directly north of Section
7 14, and it's located in the northeast corner of the southwest
8 quarter of that section.

9 Q And then the next well, this Hanagan Catclaw Draw
10 Unit No. 9, which under one calculation shows a drainage area
11 of 955 acres and under the other calculation shows a drainage
12 area of 436 acres, is the closest producing well, or one of
13 the two closest producing wells, to Section 3, is that correct?

14 A That's correct. But I'd like to point out that
15 there is, again, a dry hole, a couple of dry holes between
16 that well and Section 3.

17 And just to reiterate that the log -- the logs
18 used were just -- you just can't derive any quantitative
19 numbers from the logs that they ran.

20 Q So while Mr. Keyes Isopach for the Upper Morrow
21 shows only six feet of pay in the Upper Morrow for that well,
22 his other exhibit on the Lower Morrow shows that it has 34
23 feet of net pay, is that correct?

24 A That well is completed in the Lower Morrow.

25 Q And it's completed in the Lower Morrow.

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1 A And this -- that is the 26-foot value that I used.
 2 Possibly this could be --

3 Q Now, your calculations, Mr. Keyes, shows pay be-
 4 hind the pipe?

5 MR. KEYES: Yes, sir, it does.

6 Q So you've got 34 feet there on that well? He
 7 shows 26 feet because he's showing perforations only.

8 MR. KEYES: Yeah, but there's another zone above
 9 that that possibly could have gas in it.

10 MR. NUTTER: Are there any other questions of Mr.
 11 Schroeder?

12 MR. KELLAHIN: Just a couple, Mr. Nutter.

13
 14 RECROSS EXAMINATION

15 BY MR. KELLAHIN:

16 Q In preparing Exhibit Number 2, Mr. Schroeder, is
 17 it necessary to use an abandonment pressure factor?

18 A No, not in the method that I've used here. This --
 19 these, I'm going initial gas in place. Now as far as how
 20 that relates to reserves, if you're wanting to get reserves
 21 for each well, then you would need an abandonment -- an aban-
 22 donment volume factor in order to make the volumetric calcu-
 23 lations --

24 Q And a recoverability?

25 A -- and also an abandonment pressure in order to get

1 the remaining gas in place that you leave from the P/z curve.

2 And insofar as I really don't have any feeling as
3 far as what the use for abandonment pressure, I decided to go
4 with strictly the gas in place.

5 MR. NUTTER: Well, it actually takes it down to a
6 zero pressure.

7 A Right, that's correct.

8 MR. NUTTER: And the well would actually be aban-
9 doned at some point above that.

10 A Right. The way we'd normally -- or the way I'd
11 normally do it is I calculate what the economic limit is going
12 to the back pressure equations and assume the well is going
13 to be riding line pressure at that time, back calculate the
14 reservoir pressure that it would take to -- to produce at the
15 economic limit and go back in to bed, but I haven't --

16 MR. NUTTER: But you can't foresee what the pipe-
17 line pressure is going to be or what the suction on a com-
18 pressor might be.

19 A Well, you have to make the best estimate if you're
20 trying to get, and of course, the economic factor is the gas
21 prices.

22 Q (Mr. Kellahin continuing.) If I understand you,
23 Mr. Schroeder, calculations in Exhibit 2 make the assumption
24 that you would recover all the gas down to the zero pressure?

25 A That's correct. The calculations are initial gas

1 in place, not producible gas.

2 Q Tell me again, with regard to your exhibits, how
3 do they relate to the question of Section 3?

4 A Well, insofar that this is the closest field in
5 which we have production or production history, and this would
6 be the field in which to try to derive what to expect the
7 drainage area to be for Section 3.

8 MR. KELLAHIN: I have nothing else.

9 MR. NUTTER: If there are no further questions the
10 witness may be excused. I think you've already offered your
11 exhibits, Mr. Campbell?

12 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes, sir.

13 MR. NUTTER: Does anyone have anything they wish
14 to offer in Case Number 6067?

15 MR. KELLAHIN: Yes, sir, I have a witness to call.

16 MR. NUTTER: Okay. Do you want to wait until
17 after lunch? How long --

18 MR. KELLAHIN: I guess so. Oh, I don't know, it
19 may take some --

20 MR. NUTTER: Take some time. We'd better break
21 for lunch, and we'll recess until 1:45.

22 (Thereupon the noon recess was taken.)

23 MR. NUTTER: The hearing will come to order, please
24 and we'll resume now with Case Number 6067. Mr. Kellahin?

25 MR. KELLAHIN: Yes, sir, I'd like to present the

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1 testimony of Mr. Nering. He's been sworn.

2

3 LEE G. NERING

4 being called as a witness and being duly sworn upon his oath,
5 testified as follows, to-wit:

6

7 DIRECT EXAMINATION

8 BY MR. KELLAHIN:

9 Q Mr. Nering, would you state for the record where
10 you are employed and in what capacity?

11 A My name is Lee Nering. I'm employed by Belco Pet-
12 roleum Corporation as Administrative Geologist in Houston,
13 Texas.

14 Q Mr. Nering, as a geologist, have you made a study
15 of the Catclaw Draw Formation? I'm sorry, Catclaw Draw Pool
16 and the Revelation - Morrow Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico?

17 A Yes, I have.

18 Q Have you read the previous Commission cases with
19 regards to the Catclaw Draw - Morrow?

20 A Yes, during the course of investigation in May of
21 1977 I had occasion to review the Catclaw Draw - Morrow Pool,
22 particularly with respect to 620-acre spacing.

23 Q Have you made a study of and are you familiar with
24 the exhibits introduced by Texas Pacific with regards to this
25 particular case?

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1 A When we speak of cases, since this is a combined
2 case, yes, I'm familiar with the exhibits presented in Case
3 Number 6046 and Case Number 6067.

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

6 MR. NUTTER: Yes, they are, please proceed.

7 Q Mr. Nering, would you please refer to what we've
8 marked as Belco Exhibit Number 1 and identify it?

9 A Exhibit Number 1 is a structure map. The scale of
10 the map is one inch to 2000 feet, contoured on what we de-
11 scribe as a Morrow Marker map. It differs from the Exhibit
12 Number 1 presented in Case 6046 in that it's taken at a some-
13 what lower level within the Morrow, in Belco's opinion some-
14 what more representative of the structural conditions in the
15 Morrow. I wish to modify this remark by saying that structure
16 is a factor and in spite of the fact that some testimony has
17 been entered, not only in Case Number 6046 and 6067.

18 Structure is only one of the factors that determine
19 that productivity of the Morrow, and since the Morrow is
20 spaced within the Catclaw Draw - Morrow Pool in its entirety,
21 Belco felt that the best possible structural configuration
22 would be representative of something near the middle of the
23 Morrow, rather than taking something near the base or near
24 the top.

25 This exhibit is intended to illustrate the relation-

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1 ship between the Catclaw Draw - Morrow Pool and Belco's Reve-
2 lation - Morrow Pool. I think it demonstrates, as has been
3 testified, that we're dealing with what we call a ridge,
4 structural anticlinal ridge, if one prefers that. In some
5 ways this resembles Belco's activity with six or eight Morrow
6 penetrations about eight miles to the east in the Carlsbad
7 South Morrow Pool, in that the Morrow production is associated
8 with an anticlinal structure bounded on the west side by a
9 syncline and in some cases interpreted to be faulting. The
10 evidence for faulting is unclear. There is, perhaps, some
11 indication of faulting in this area; however, that is unclear.

12 The --

13 Q Would you directly compare Belco Exhibit 1 with
14 Texas Pacific Exhibit Number 1, I believe?

15 A Yes.

16 MR. NUTTER: Now, we're comparing Exhibit 1 in
17 Case 6067 with Texas Pacific Exhibit 1 in Case 6046, is that
18 correct?

19 A That is 6067 and 6046.

20 MR. KELLAHIN: That's correct.

21 A Correct, yes. It can be noted that the position,
22 the structural position even at the top of the Morrow in Case
23 6046 indicates that the Morrow contours on the top of the
24 Morrow are attempting to conform to the curvature determined
25 by the Belco Jones No. 1 Well in Section 9. The Belco 10-1

1 Well, being located in Section 10: both of these being in
2 22 South, 25 East, in which event it's entirely possible, as
3 I have shown with this interpretation, to show a structural
4 saddling, structural separation by contour, between Section
5 10 and Section 3.

6 MR. NUTTER: Excuse me a minute, Mr. Nering. That
7 Belco RV-10 - 1, that is a minus 6965 or is it a 67 --

8 A That's a 9, both of those are -- the Jones in Section
9 9 and 10, those are both 9, 6917 and 6965.

10 MR. NUTTER: Okay, thank you.

11 A As a geologist, I'm not going to be, let's say,
12 foolish enough to say that these contours either of Texas
13 Pacific exhibits or our exhibits are ipso facto. They are
14 interpretive in both cases. As was pointed out during the
15 cross examination in the previous case, certain degree of
16 license can be used with contouring. I think the most im-
17 portant thing is that a structural map shows a direct contin-
18 uation of this ridge between the Catclaw Draw - Morrow Pool
19 and Revelation - Morrow area. There is no doubt by either
20 one of these maps, in my opinion, that there is structural
21 continuation, and I think that ends what I feel is the im-
22 portant -- importance of our Exhibit Number 1.

23 MR. NUTTER: The main difference between the two
24 is that yours is on the Morrow Marker, which is approximately
25 the middle of the Morrow section?

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1 A. Yes, sir, that --

2 MR. NUTTER: And Mr. --

3 A. -- and I saddle it further to the south.

4 MR. NUTTER: And Mr. Keyes is drawing his structure
5 map on the Morrow Clastic. Now where is the Morrow Clastic
6 with relation to this Morrow Marker?

7 A. I think that we can then in that case, for identi-
8 fication purposes, refer to Exhibit Number 4 of Case 6046 and
9 I think you'll find that Morrow Clastics are defined as being
10 the datum Morrow Clastics, which Belco calls top of Morrow,
11 and I must say there is practically no disagreement between
12 Belco and Texas Pacific in this regard.

13 MR. NUTTER: Okay, now we've got this cross section
14 here. Let's take one of these wells and identify the point
15 that Mr. Keyes shows on his exhibit and the point that you're
16 showing for that same well on this exhibit.

17 A. Well, I think the easiest things to pick out are
18 the one on the left, the RV-4.

19 MR. NUTTER: Okay, the RV-4 will be fine.

20 A. On the left of the cross section. That point would
21 be approximately, if I can read it on this cross section,
22 at 10,070, call it, I'd have to -- 10,070. Excuse me, 10,670.

23 MR. NUTTER: 10,670.

24 A. Yeah, approximately.

25 MR. NUTTER: Okay, that's the heavy line, then,

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1 that crosses this cross section that separates the Upper and
2 the Lower Morrow.

3 A. It's below that -- it's below that point.
4 It's a point, we feel, that is reasonably correlative, although
5 I might point out that as long as we're discussing correlations,
6 that it can be noted from this cross section that individual
7 sand members are not shown to be precisely correlative, only
8 markers, specific datum point. I think this is a classic
9 example of correlations within the Morrow regardless of the
10 proximity of the wells. I think the importance of the cross
11 section demonstrates that gross correlations are in fact
12 just that factual; individual correlations are somewhat in
13 doubt, and as far as specific correlations are concerned, one
14 must be exceedingly careful about making precise individual
15 correlations, and I think this statement is born out by the
16 testimony at the previous hearings on Catclaw Draw.

17 Q. (Mr. Kellahin continuing.) Would you please refer
18 to what we've marked as Belco Petroleum Corporation Exhibit
19 Number 2 in Case 6067 and identify it?

20 A. Belco's Exhibit Number 2 in Case 6067 is what I
21 describe as a total Morrow productive sand Isopach and trend;
22 the key words being "trend" and "Isopach", and "productive".

23 Now, productive means in this case sands that are
24 not necessarily perforated. Sands that are in the opinion
25 of Belco productive. Now there are going to be differences

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1 shown between our interpretation of the parameters being used
2 for these well points from Texas Pacific exhibits Isopaching,
3 their Exhibits Number 2 and 3.

4 I might point out for your convenience what these
5 differences are. You'll find the differences being in the
6 Belco wells and in the Hanagan North Fork Well, which is
7 shown on the Exhibit Number 4 of Case 6046, which is erroneous
8 shown as a dry hole on that cross section but is, in fact,
9 a producing well, and I have honored a degree of thickness
10 to that well.

11 I think during the earlier part of this particular
12 hearing, 6067, it was determined that the point was being
13 honored by Texas Pacific as being a zero point. Belco is
14 not of this opinion, and I would refer to Texas Pacific's
15 Exhibit 4, the cross section, and draw your attention to the
16 fact, which I think has already been illustrated, that the
17 perforations in the Morrow of some 22, 23 feet, are in a sand
18 zone of 25 or 26 feet thick. I have honored it as having
19 approximately 10 feet of potential productivity. It should
20 also be noted that in the caption associated with this well
21 on this cross section, that this well did, in fact, produce
22 300 MCF per day, and it's my opinion that Mr. Hugh Hanagan
23 will not walk away from this well until he goes back to that
24 zone. In Belco's opinion, I believe that this probably could
25 have made a well. We have been successful in completing wells

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1 something of this same character and perhaps a little out of
2 my specific area of expertise, which is primarily geological,
3 I am familiar in my administrative duties with production
4 techniques, and the Morrow is a roof of rocks that is parti-
5 cularly sensitive to productive practices, and Belco has had
6 sufficient experience in this area to know that no one com-
7 pletion practice is going to resolve any one or any of all
8 wells in the Morrow, and as such, I would honor this point.
9 In any event, whether one wants to argue whether or not that
10 particular sand has ten feet, five feet, three feet, it did
11 produce Morrow gas and I would invite anyone with a knowledge
12 of the density logs and pick out what percentages are involved
13 Mr. Keyes stated that the porosity involved in this instance
14 was around seven percent, which he felt was a cutoff point.
15 Mr. Keyes should be informed that Belco uses about a six
16 percent cutoff point and we are being very successful in
17 completing wells in this area.

18 And I personally think that if we tried hard, we
19 might even get that.

20 Q Would you point out apart from the Hanagan well,
21 would you point out those Belco wells in which you and Mr.
22 Keyes have reached a different pick of the net feet of pay?

23 A Yes, actually it's all three wells. We'll get
24 both of the Texas Pacific exhibits out. Let's draw attention,
25 first of all, to the Belco RV - 4 - 1, which is in Section

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1 4. Honored with 9 feet of Lower Morrow net pay. I don't know
2 as I would necessarily disagree with whether it's Lower Morrow,
3 Upper Morrow; my contention is that we're dealing with the
4 entire Morrow as far as completions are concerned. We've
5 given this well a total of 51 feet of pay. At this juncture
6 I'd like to point out that the combined Upper and Lower Morrow
7 Isopaching net pay maps by Texas Pacific illustrate a maximum
8 of 80 feet combined, combining the two wells -- the two Iso-
9 pachs.

10 The other area -- well, before we leave the 4-1,
11 I have a copy of our work completion log on this well. I
12 didn't intend to enter this as an exhibit, but if the Commission
13 desires to examine this log or Texas does, I'd think they
14 would be surprised with what can be done and how Belco ar-
15 rived at its determination as to what is pay and what is not
16 pay.

17 MR. NUTTER: And your normal percentage is six
18 percent?

19 A. I wouldn't say normal. I would say that we would
20 give it a darned good try at six percent, yes, sir.

21 But this matter of cutoffs is fairly arbitrary
22 particularly in view of permeabilities, and permeability is
23 probably the most critical factor, and that if you can over-
24 come the permeability, even in very low porosity Morrow Sands,
25 I think you can still make a quote Morrow well, and in my

1 opinion, a 300 MCF a day Morrow well is still a well.

2 Q Let me direct your attention to the Belco RV-10
3 Well.

4 A The RV-10 Well on the Texas Pacific Exhibit Number
5 3 is the Lower Morrow net pay. It's given a -- on a point
6 of zero it might -- I realize Texas Pacific didn't have the
7 knowledge that Belco had on this well; they're not privy to
8 our internal activities, but it might be interesting to note
9 that we have 4 feet of perforations in quote the Lower Morrow.

10 MR. NUTTER: I believe, Mr. Nering, at the time
11 of the last hearing that well was just being completed.

12 A That is correct, yes.

13 MR. NUTTER: Has that well been completed now?

14 A No, sir, it is shut-in waiting on a potential test.
15 It is shut-in.

16 MR. NUTTER: You have not had a test on it, then?

17 A We are planning to four-point that well into a
18 pipeline; a pipeline is coming into this area, which I might
19 add has, I think, some bearing on the entire matter; it was
20 brought in here Belco's contractual relationship, and we
21 plan to test into the pipeline on four-point, so it is shut-
22 in, at the moment.

23 MR. NUTTER: You do have a well, though?

24 A We tested it, I believe I gave the figures -- I
25 don't have my -- it was in the order of a million nine at

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1 maximum, something of this order.

2 But I think an important point of my testimony at
3 this point is the fact that there are 4 feet of perforations
4 open in the Morrow and in addition on my Isopach, we have an
5 additional 19 feet pay in that well of which 6 feet is not
6 perforated, and as such, I think one has to use that as a
7 point of control for Morrow productive sands.

8 The other well that differed considerably, of
9 course, is the Jones Well, which on their Exhibit Number 2
10 from Case 6046, gives the Jones Well 42 feet.

11 Q That Jones Well is in Section 9?

12 A Section 9, and we've given it a total of 63 feet.
13 We're not too far apart on this one, and again I invite the
14 Commission to examine our work copy of what we believe to
15 be pay in this well and all pays are open in this well.

16 MR. NUTTER: Do you give it anything in the Lower
17 Morrow?

18 A Lower Morrow. There is a slight difference of
19 opinion as far as Lower Morrow is concerned. I think if I
20 may pass this down. This pic on Lower Morrow is going to be
21 slightly different than shown on the structure map, but we
22 might point out that the sands that are at this interval with-
23 in the Morrow Sands.

24 MR. NUTTER: Now this is the log on the Jones Well?

25 A Yes.

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1 MR. NUTTER: Well, all your perforations are in
2 the Lower Morrow, aren't they?

3 A I think they're marked on there.

4 MR. NUTTER: It would appear that the Lower Morrow
5 is here, you've got it identified at 10,383.

6 A Yes.

7 MR. NUTTER: And you've got perforations on down --

8 A Below that point, yes, sir.

9 MR. NUTTER: -- below that point.

10 A I also want to point out that --

11 MR. NUTTER: But Exhibit Number 3 on Lower Morrow
12 Keyes gives it zero in the Lower but he does give it 42 feet
13 in the Upper.

14 A That's why I pointed out that this is a matter of
15 correlation and that we are disagreeing something in the tune
16 of 50 feet on Upper Morrow and Lower Morrow.

17 MR. NUTTER: You think you're disagreeing on where
18 the marker is?

19 A Yes.

20 MR. NUTTER: I see.

21 A It's -- it's so close though, that we would prefer
22 as far as completion is concerned, say Lower Morrow, it com-
23 pares somewhat to the zones that are present up in Catclaw
24 Draw, slightly higher continuity of reservoir communication
25 is probably doubtful being this far away, but the fact remains

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1 that there's very significant sands in the, let's say, lower
2 part of -- let's say that in quotes -- lower part of the
3 Morrow in the Jones Well, as well as in the 4, and as well as
4 in the Number 10 Well, and the point of all this is simply
5 that we think that when we're describing zones of projection
6 for Morrow production, the Isopaching is going to show a very
7 distinct trend, and I'd like the Commission to take our plats,
8 both structure and Isopaching, and overlay them on the three
9 Texas Pacific exhibits, being the two Isopach maps and the
10 one structure map, and I think you'll see a great deal of
11 coincidence in trendology, and as such we contend for the
12 moment Section 3 was of course at one time decided by the
13 Commission to be within the Catclaw Draw - Morrow Pool and
14 that -- and I'm digressing at this point -- that since Belco
15 became interested in commencing activity in this area, we have
16 honored Section 3 as having 640-acre spacing, and accordingly,
17 programed our spacing for Revelation Pool. We were well
18 aware of the findings and the limitations of horizontal
19 limits to Section 3, because we were, of course, quite con-
20 cerned about the one-mile development rule when we drilled
21 the Jones No. 1, as to whether or not we would be spaced 640
22 or 320, but upon determination by phone call to the Commission
23 at that time we determined that Section 3 was indeed spaced
24 for 640 and as such we proceeded in early 1976 to program our
25 spacing on the basis of 320 acres for new pool.

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1 Q Mr. Nering, do you have an opinion concerning
 2 whether Section 3 ought to at this time remain spaced on 640
 3 and be part of the Catclaw Draw - Morrow or whether it ought
 4 to be down spaced and placed in the Revelation - Morrow?

5 A I think I can best answer that by repeating what
 6 I've just finished saying, that Belco proceeded with its
 7 plans earlier assuming that Section 3 was -- we didn't assume,
 8 we found out for certain, that it was spaced 640 acres, and
 9 we designed our program, and I think in view of the absence
 10 of any specific further control and the fact that in our
 11 opinion a trend both structurally speaking and in particular
 12 Isopaching productive Morrow Sands can clearly be shown to
 13 extend across Section 3, I think that in my opinion it should
 14 be still spaced 640 acres.

15 Q In your opinion, Mr. Nering, will the denial of
 16 Texas Pacific's application be in the best interests of con-
 17 servation?

18 A In view of the existing regulations, yes.

19 Q Would it -- would denial of the application avoid
 20 the drilling of unnecessary Morrow wells?

21 A In denying of the Texas Pacific application?

22 Q Yes, sir.

23 A I'd have to answer that by saying that denial re-
 24 ducing the number of wells, would probably be that case at
 25 this time. I can only say that in view of all engineering and

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1 all geological information, that the future may hold different
2 plans, but in view of the fact that no well is that, I think
3 it should remain 640 acres.

4 Q Were Belco's Exhibits 1 and 2 prepared by you
5 directly?

6 A Yes.

7 MR. KELLAHIN: We move the introduction of Exhibits
8 1 and 2.

9 MR. NUTTER: Belco Exhibits 1 and 2 will be admit-
10 ted in evidence.

11 MR. KELLAHIN: That completes my examination.

12 MR. NUTTER: Are there any questions of the wit-
13 ness?

14 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes, Mr. Examiner.

15 MR. NUTTER: Mr. Campbell.

16

17

CROSS EXAMINATION

18

BY MR. CAMPBELL:

19

Q What, Mr. Nering, what's the spacing of the con-
20 tours in your Exhibit 1, do you have it marked down?

21

A Yeah, it's marked clearly, CI equals 50 feet.

22

Q Are you aware that at the time Section 3 was in-
23 cluded in the Catclaw Draw - Morrow Gas Pool, that the dry
24 hole now in Section 34 was not in existence?

25

A Yes, I am.

1 Q And would it be your opinion that a dry hole in
2 Section 34 would have some impact on the -- on the delineation
3 of the boundaries of the pool toward the southwest corner?

4 A I think my Isopach map indicates clearly what my
5 answer to this would be.

6 Q Well, we'll get to that. What is your reason for
7 closure of that --

8 A I don't have to close any of them. As indicated
9 on the cross examination on -- in Case 6046, geological license
10 can be used. You don't have to close those contours. You
11 can pull them through there, there's room.

12 Q But you did close them?

13 A I certainly did and I mentioned in my testimony
14 this time that this particular structural feature resembles
15 the South Carlsbad Morrow feature very closely, on which we
16 know for certain that these items do close, do in fact close,
17 so that you have considerable Morrow control. This does re-
18 semble that, and let's say that based upon my experience factor
19 from South Carlsbad Morrow Pool, which lies about eight, nine
20 feet to the east. It is a trend structure.

21 Q Now, referring again to both maps, you show closure
22 in Section 3.

23 A In both cases.

24 Q Yes. And it is your contention that those maps
25 indicate a syncline or a saddle separating the -- or indicating

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1 a separation of the Catclaw Draw - Morrow Gas Pool somewhere
2 toward the southwest corner of Section 35.

3 A. No, they do not.

4 Q. You indicate no breakage there?

5 A. No. The contours, as I indicated, you asked me
6 about whether or not I could pull the contours through, and
7 I said I could, there's space, in which case that's not
8 breakage. Breakage means that you'd have to close all the
9 contours between the two points you're suggesting, total
10 breakage.

11 Q. So it's your contention that there is a straw
12 through those dry holes?

13 A. Straw, call it what you like, it's a distance of
14 something like three-quarters of a mile; that's a pretty
15 thick straw.

16 Q. Well, now, if that is your contention, why are you
17 so anxious to site your well in the southwest quarter rather
18 than up in the northeast quarter where that straw is coming
19 right through?

20 A. I think you can see from both of these maps why,
21 on both structure and on the Isopach map those wells are lo-
22 cated in the center of a closure and in anticipation of your
23 next question, why not the northeast quarter?

24 Q. That was my last question.

25 A. Well, proximity, geography, and the best geology

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1 in the world isn't -- many, many times proximity alone.

2 Q Did you use a water saturation factor in your six
3 percent calculation?

4 A Well, water saturation factor in six percent, we
5 have variant and marked in these logs there's quite a variation
6 in water saturation factors. I would say we can't generalize
7 in terms of water saturation since we're dealing with I didn't
8 bother to count the number of sands, but there is variation,
9 considerable variation, and I don't think that you can say
10 any one water saturation is totally valid. I would say in
11 all instances it's certainly less than fifty percent.

12 Q Now you have heard the parameters that were out-
13 lined by Mr. Keyes in computing this data reflecting a seven
14 percent factor.

15 A I did.

16 Q I don't believe that you indicated that Belco
17 always uses a six percent factor, did you?

18 A I indicated that we like to shoot at that; we like
19 to aim at that six percent. Anybody's going to prefer some-
20 thing greater than six percent, but we're not going to limit
21 ourselves arbitrarily, and I think this is a cardinal rule
22 in all explorations, that you do not limit yourself by arbi-
23 trary parameters.

24 Q Do you -- do you believe that that parameter is
25 affected by -- by the location -- by the Morrow Formation?

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1 The six percent?

2 A. No, I do not, no. I venture to say that given
3 rocks being what they are and subject to things other than
4 native porosity, rocks are also affected by fracture and
5 other conditions which are not necessarily a direct function
6 of the matrix porosity, so one says that rock has six percent
7 matrix porosity, he's limiting himself to a potential com-
8 pletion.

9 Q Is the seven percent factor unreasonable?

10 A. Unreasonable, for what?

11 Q For a criteria in setting parameters for compila-
12 tion of this data?

13 A. His data? I can't answer that. That's his data.

14 Q Now, I'm not quite sure that I understand how you
15 have viewed this matter in relation to Section 3. Is it your
16 contention that there is a large straw splitting the two
17 dry holes?

18 A. A straw? Again, I repeat, that distance -- first
19 of all, my testimony indicated that we were ignoring as a
20 zero point the Hanagan North Fork Well.

21 Q Let me get to that for a second. You understand
22 that we have set a parameter of seven percent on that particu-
23 lar well.

24 A. You did; I didn't.

25 Q Well, we have set the parameter. You are question-

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1 ing the parameter; you're not questioning the fact that using
2 our parameters that's a dry hole in the Morrow, is that cor-
3 rect?

4 A I question your zero line running through it on
5 the basis of the fact that the well did make 300 MCF of gas
6 a day. It did make 300 MCF a day.

7 Q But using the seven percent factor, that is a dry
8 hole in the Morrow, is it not?

9 A Not in Belco's opinion.

10 Q But Belco is using six percent. You're questioning
11 the fact --

12 A I said only that Belco aims at six percent. We
13 don't hold ourselves arbitrarily to six percent.

14 Q Are you contending that there is pool connection
15 that runs through Section 35 into Section 3?

16 A No, I'm not contending that. I'm contending from
17 the Isopach map that there is continuity of productive sands
18 through there. In fact, I think I said that to expect com-
19 munication between the Belco Jones Well and up there in Sec-
20 tion 35 is asking a whole lot. I don't think they communi-
21 cate. I think it's just a combination of sands that are as-
22 sociated with the structural and Isopaching trend.

23 Q Have you prepared data which would indicate that
24 Section 3 can drain 640 acres?

25 A I can't prepare that because there's no well there.

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1 MR. CAMPBELL: That's all the questions I have.

2 MR. NUTTER: If there are no other questions of
3 the witness he may be excused.

4 MR. CAMPBELL: Mr. Examiner, I would like briefly
5 to recall Mr. Keyes.

6 MR. NUTTER: You don't have any other witnesses?

7 MR. KELLARIN: No, sir, I'm through, thank you.

8 MR. NUTTER: Okay, Mr. Keyes.

9
10 REGINALD C. KEYES

11 being recalled as a witness, testified as follows, to-wit:

12
13 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

14 BY MR. CAMPBELL:

15 Q Mr. Keyes, have you had the opportunity to review
16 Belco's Exhibits 1 and 2?

17 A Yes, briefly during the testimony of Mr. Nering.

18 Q In your opinion, what is the validity of Belco's
19 Exhibits 1 and 2?

20 A Well, just as Mr. Nering mentioned, contouring,
21 structural contouring is highly interpretive, so I suspect
22 mine is just as interpretive as his. On his Exhibit 2 I
23 would like to know that if these sands are productive, why
24 you compare the Hanagan No. 1 Round Mountain with the Hanagan
25 No. 1 North Fork Unit.

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1 MR. NUTTER: Now, where is the Round Mountain, Mr.
2 Keyes?

3 A It's the one in Section 34, sir.

4 MR. NUTTER: Okay, that's Round Mountain?

5 A Yes, sir.

6 MR. NUTTER: Now, what was your statement again?
7 Compare the Round Mountain with what?

8 A If you compare the Round Mountain with the Hanagan
9 No. 1 North Fork Unit, which is the well in Section 2 of 23
10 South. There are some interesting comparisons that can be
11 made. I refer you to my Exhibit Number 4 so that you can
12 just follow through.

13 MR. NUTTER: They're right next to each other
14 there.

15 A Yes, sir, they're right next to each other; that's
16 number one. The Hanagan Round Mountain in the Upper Morrow
17 they produced 250 MCF plus water. If you go across there and
18 look in the North Fork Unit, that is a tight well up in that
19 horizon there.

20 Going back to the Round Mountain comparing it to
21 the drillstem tests of over 400 feet and all they recovered
22 was gas cut mud. You compare that with the Hanagan North
23 Fork Unit where the perforations are, and you see that the
24 Hanagan No. 1 Round Mountain is a tight well, yet the Isopach,
25 Mr. Nering's Isopach, show productivity going through those

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1 sands, through that -- between the two wells -- productive
2 sands passing through both wells, and yet this would sub-
3 stantiate that there those -- both wells are tight.

4 As far as Mr. Nering's six percent cutoff, this,
5 I did not at any time in my testimony say a six percent cut-
6 off would not produce. My seven percent cutoff is based on
7 a well with seven percent porosity has a better chance of
8 making a commercial well than one with six percent. Six per-
9 cent can produce but the reserves are going to be on the low
10 side.

11 If you were to compare and further look on the
12 Hanagan No. 1 North Fork Unit, they also took a drillstem
13 test on the lower portion, the very lowest portion. It's
14 marked on my exhibit by a reversed z. That well recovered
15 water. You go across there and part of those sands are
16 missing and yet the sands presented in the Round Mountain Well
17 are tight, so leaves in the Round Mountain Well just that in-
18 terval between the first drillstem test and the second drill-
19 stem test in the Upper Morrow, and if you look at the density,
20 there is no way you can -- using a seven percent cutoff, get
21 sixty feet or even, I would venture to say, that even using
22 six percent you can get sixty feet of porosity going through,
23 or productivity going through that, even though that's a --
24 zero -- he zeroed off that well, but you can't and he shows
25 a sixty foot Isopach value line there right at the junction

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1 of Section 3 indicating that -- and then of course, further
2 up in Section 35, depth sixty foot also picks up again.

3 But if you compare between the two wells, it would
4 indicate that both are tight wells and it seems rather im-
5 possible -- improbable that you can fathom something as much
6 as sixty feet of productive sands in between those two wells.

7 And as far as going back to -- digressing -- his
8 digressing on his No. RV-10, he has 4 feet of perforations
9 in the Lower Morrow, yes, but that does not fall within my
10 parameters. Secondly, can Mr. Nering definitely say that
11 those sands are contributing any productivity? Did he run
12 the horizontal survey on that well to show whether those
13 wells that have those perforations are actually contributing
14 to the bore hole?

15 So there are differences and one of the differences
16 is because I have set high parameters, but in no way can I
17 accept this. In my opinion, it's forcing these things through
18 Now, this is a good exploration tool, go for an Isopach for
19 your sands and running them through. It's a good thing for
20 explorations but not for development. We have to use the
21 more finite in development work.

22 MR. KELLAHIN: I believe that's all the questions --
23 statement we would have.

24 MR. NUTTER: Do you have any questions?

25 MR. KELLAHIN: No, sir.

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CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. NUTTER:

Q Mr. Keyes.

A Yes, sir.

Q Now, on your Exhibits 2 and 3 you showed on this Jones Well, you showed 42 feet in the Upper and no feet in the Lower Morrow pay.

A Yes, sir.

Q Now, Mr. Nering's testimony was that all of the perforations were below the marker that separates the Upper and the Lower Morrow.

A All right, on the No. 1 Jones --

Q Where did you pick the --

A My marker is at 10,4 -- about 424.

Q Which would be the marker --

A That's the marker at the top of the Lower Morrow. This is where that shale break comes in, so in my Isopach, or my zonation of the Upper and Lower, I place that in the Upper.

Q I see. And he's got the Lower Morrow, the top of the Lower Morrow picked at 10,383 and you picked it at 10,424?

A About 10,424, this is the top of the Lower Morrow.

Q So we not only have different parameters, we've also got different correlations.

A Different correlations. I think that all in all

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1 we're looking at the same thing but in just a different light.
2 He's calling it one way; I'm calling it another way. And
3 also I'd like to correct one statement Mr. Nering made, that
4 I erroneously put the Hanagan North Fork Unit as a dry hole.
5 If you'll look on my caption on the structure map, Exhibit 1,
6 you will see that I said my legend showed dry in Morrow;
7 Morrow dry hole. I did not say that -- that was a dry Morrow
8 Well. I also listed on my cross section that that was a shut-
9 in Wolfcamp gas well.

10 Q All right, I realize that.

11 A And as far as the pay in that well again, it does
12 not fit my parameters. I have to leave it at zero and I
13 know Mr. Hanagan as a personal friend, and I know Mr. Hanagan
14 would not walk off of anything that he had any pay in.

15 Q Do you think he'll come back to the Morrow?

16 A No, I don't think he'll come back. I think he
17 would have produced that because his well is a shut-in gas
18 well; it's been shut-in since '76. He hasn't produced one
19 MCF out of the Wolfcamp, and if he could have made money,
20 knowing him, he would have been producing down here, not up
21 there.

22 Q Well, is there any reason why they wouldn't buy
23 the gas from the Wolfcamp?

24 A I have no idea.

25 Q Is it the quality of gas?

1 A. No, sir, I have no idea what his problem is, why
2 he can't get a gas contract or why he hasn't produced that
3 well.

4 Q I think your exhibit shows that the well has a
5 calculated absolute open flow of 1.2 million in the Wolfcamp.

6 A That's Wolfcamp potential, yes, sir, and I speci-
7 fically did that to -- not to confuse that that was a dry
8 hole, complete dry hole, only the Morrow, because this is
9 where we are discussing, what we are discussing. As far as
10 I'm concerned, that is a Morrow dry hole.

11 Q Do you know what kind of a test he took from the
12 Morrow when he tested the 300 MCF a day?

13 A No, sir, I don't. What was on there is just what
14 we get from the commercial scouting service and that's what
15 we put on there.

16 Q But it was after an acid treatment?

17 A After 5000 gallons of acid.

18 MR. NUTTER: Are there any other questions of Mr.
19 Keyes? He may be excused.

20 Do you have anything further, Mr, Kellahin?

21 MR. KELLAHIN: I'd like to make a brief statement,
22 if I may.

23 MR. NUTTER: Would you, please?

24 MR. KELLAHIN: Mr. Schroeder testified with regards
25 to the drainage calculations he had made with regard to cer-

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1 tain of the wells in the Catclaw Draw - Morrow. We've in-
2 corporated in the record the previous Catclaw Draw cases and
3 I'd invite the Examiner's attention to the hearing on 9-4-74,
4 Case 4548, Inexco in their Exhibit Number 1 summarized and
5 certain testimony with regards to reserves and estimated
6 drainage calculations, and I'll simply give you a copy of
7 that information; it is a matter of record in the file.

8 MR. NUTTER: That is an exhibit that's in a hearing
9 of a case that we have reincorporated -- that we have incor-
10 porated.

11 MR. KELLAHIN: Yes, sir.

12 MR. NUTTER: Okay, we'll just put that in. It
13 will be handy to look at then.

14 MR. KELLAHIN: There are several points that I
15 would like to refresh the Examiner's memory on. First of
16 all is the unique problem of having Belco or any operator of
17 a proposed section, such as Section 3, placed in a position
18 where they have to come in and substantiate the number of
19 acres to be drained prior to the completion of the well. We
20 seem to have gotten ourselves in that situation. By filing
21 a forced pooling application we are interested in drilling
22 the well based on 640 acres for Section 3. We have for a
23 considerable period of time made a good faith effort to ac-
24 complish that purpose. The Commission has heard this type
25 of case with regards to the Catclaw Draw for some time and

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1 that the rules for Section 3 have been in effect since the
2 1st of November, 1974, and they've continued to be based on
3 640-acre spacing up until the present time.

4 We believe that it would be inappropriate to down-
5 space this particular section and take it out of the Catclaw
6 Draw without more evidence of record.

7 The testimony that you've heard today and the
8 burden is upon Texas Pacific to show you that there is a sub-
9 stantial evidence that Section 3 ought to be excluded from
10 the Catclaw Draw, and it appears from the testimony of Mr.
11 Keyes and Mr. Nering that two competent geologists have
12 reached different conclusions based essentially on the same
13 information and that it all amounts to nothing more than
14 speculation as to what the well in this particular section
15 will or will not be able to do.

16 We believe that there are two alternatives. One
17 would be for the Commission on its own motion to re-examine
18 the spacing for the entire Catclaw Draw - Morrow and not
19 simply to single out Section 3 and determine whether that in
20 fact is or is not part of the Catclaw Draw - Morrow.

21 The type of testimony used by Texas Pacific with
22 regards to Section 3 is certainly equally applicable to some
23 five other sections within the Catclaw Draw - Morrow, and
24 to exclude Section 3 or any other section without the
25 drilling of the well on Section 3 seems to me to be inappro-

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1 priate. The other solution we would suggest rather than re-
2 examining the entire Catclaw Draw - Morrow, would be simply
3 to deny the application of Texas Pacific, grant Belco's
4 forced pooling application, allow us to drill that well, and
5 then we will know and have the information available to deter-
6 mine how they should be spaced.

7 MR. CAMPBELL: Briefly, Mr. Examiner, I made a
8 statement at the opening of Case 6046, I think is still ap-
9 plicable.

10 We believe that a review of the history of the
11 spacing rules and special pool rules for the Catclaw Draw -
12 Morrow Formation will indicate that the Commission has been
13 reluctant to extend 640 spacing beyond the clearly delineated
14 limits of the pool. We believe that we've shown by more than
15 substantial evidence that there is a delineation of the pool
16 now in the southwest corner of that pool and which up to
17 this time has not been determinable. We believe that the
18 dry holes evidence the limit of the pool. We believe we've
19 shown that Section 3 cannot drain 640 acres. We believe
20 that our calculation on those drainage estimates are more
21 substantial and more current than the information provided
22 by Mr. Kellahin in the previous case.

23 We simply believe, Mr. Examiner, that Texas Pacific
24 has a good shot at a gas well in the western half of Section
25 3; that Belco, through some machination is attempting to ob-

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1 tain a half interest in that well on our side of the section,
2 and they're trying to do that by forced pooling with 640
3 acreage, and we just don't believe it's equitable. We don't
4 believe that a conclusion resulting in that determination can
5 be upheld when considering the evidence we've presented and
6 the history of the Catclaw Draw - Morrow Gas Pool rules and
7 regulations, and I would add only in closing that if the
8 Commission does order the forced pooling, that we would like
9 to have the opportunity to become operator; that we in no
10 manner concede the appointment of Belco as an operator and
11 we would review all this presentation as something different
12 arguing on risk factors and appointment of operator, and
13 we'd like to have the opportunity to come back in should the
14 Commission decision be to force pool this section.


15 MR. NUTTER: In other words, in the event the
16 Commission should deny the application of Texas Pacific here
17 and grant the pooling application to Belco, you would want
18 to reopen the forced pooling case and argue for the designa-
19 tion of TP as the operator of the well rather than Belco?
20 In the event that the lands were pooled.

21 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes, sir, in the event that a com-
22 pulsory pooling order is issued by the Commission.

23 MR. KELLAHIN: We would certainly resist that,
24 Mr. Nutter. The hearing on the 28th of September was totally
25 unopposed by Texas Pacific except with regards to spacing.

REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

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1 They made no effort to object to the risk factor, to the
2 problem of supervision while drilling or after drilling or
3 any other part of that case and that record is complete and
4 ready for a decision.

5 MR. CAMPBELL: Mr. Examiner, I would mention that
6 there were some procedural difficulties with this case. We
7 have viewed both the previous case, Case 6046 and this case,
8 Case 6067, as presenting the Commission with an opportunity
9 to determine whether Section 3 should be in the Catclaw Draw.
10 We in no manner --we attempted to consolidate these hearings
11 and it was my early understanding that that motion had been
12 denied. It was my later understanding that it had not been
13 ruled on. We certainly believe that the issue of appointment
14 of operator and proportion of risk is still open for the
15 Commission and we would ask the Commission and the Examiner
16 to recognize in that light the procedural difficulties that
17 we've had in attempting to bring this case to issue.

18 MR. NUTTER: I think both cases are still open
19 actually. They're going to close here in about thirty seconds,
20 though, but I think they're both open at this present time.
21 I don't know what final disposition of either case, of course,
22 will be, but we'll give everybody due consideration.

23 We'll take the case under advisement and the
24 hearing is adjourned.

25 (Hearing concluded.)

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ORDER NO. R-5599

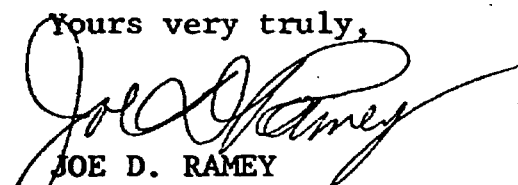
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Texas Pacific Oil Co., Inc.

Dear Sir:

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

Yours very truly,


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Director

JDR/fd

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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. 6067
Order No. R-5599

NOMENCLATURE

APPLICATION OF TEXAS PACIFIC OIL
CO., INC., FOR POOL CONTRACTION AND
EXTENSION, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on October 12, 1977, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 27th day of December, 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, Texas Pacific Oil Co., Inc., is the owner of an oil and gas lease covering the W/2 of Section 3, Township 22 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(3) That Belco Petroleum Corporation is the operator, by farmout agreement, of an oil and gas lease covering the E/2 of Section 3, Township 22 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(4) That in Case No. 6046, heard by the above-named examiner on September 28, 1977, Belco Petroleum Corporation seeks an order from the Commission pooling all mineral interests in the Morrow formation underlying all of Section 3, Township 22 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, to form a standard 640-acre spacing and proration unit for said pool to be dedicated to a well Belco proposes to drill in the SW/4 of said Section 3.

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(5) That in the instant case, Texas Pacific Oil Co., Inc., seeks an order from the Commission deleting all of the aforesaid Section 3 from the horizontal boundaries of the Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool and extending the horizontal boundaries of the Revelation-Morrow Gas Pool in Sections 4 and 9 of Township 22 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, to include said Section 3.

(6) That the Revelation-Morrow Gas Pool is spaced one well to each 320 acres, and Texas Pacific proposes to dedicate the W/2 of the aforesaid Section 3 to a Morrow gas well it proposes to drill in the SW/4 of said Section 3.

(7) That the records in Cases Nos. 6046 and 6067 were consolidated by the examiner but a separate order should be entered in each case.

(8) That the Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool was created and defined by Commission Order No. R-4157 dated June 21, 1971, which order also established 640-acre spacing for said pool on a temporary basis pending development of additional reservoir information.

(9) That the 640-acre spacing rules for said pool were extended for a period of one year by Commission Order No. R-4157-A dated September 13, 1973, and were extended indefinitely by Commission Order No. R-4157-B dated October 22, 1974, with the specific provision that the rules should apply only to wells within the defined limits of the pool and not, as is often the case in other pools, to the pool limits and to lands outside said limits but within one mile thereof.

(10) That the aforesaid limitation to the application of the pool rules was "...to avoid conflicts of spacing patterns and violation of correlative rights," inasmuch as the Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool was being developed on 640-acre spacing and "...the drilling of Pennsylvanian gas wells on the standard Southeast New Mexico spacing of 320 acres (was) occurring in lands offsetting the established limits of the...pool but outside the productive limits of the pool."

(11) That in an effort to protect correlative rights by finding the appropriate line of juxtaposition for the meeting of two different spacing patterns, i.e., 320-acre spacing and 640-acre spacing, the Commission entered Order No. R-4861 effective November 1, 1974, and Order No. R-4887, also effective November 1, 1974, extending the Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool in several places, including all of Section 3, Township 22 South, Range 25 East, NMPM.

(12) That some of the aforesaid extensions were predicated upon the completion of Morrow gas wells the characteristics of which indicated that they were in fact completed in the Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool, but others of said extensions were based

upon the Commission's interpretation of the best geological information available at the time.

(13) That the extension of the Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool to include the aforesaid Section 3 was based upon such geological information inasmuch as the nearest production from the Catclaw Draw Pool was from a well in the SE/4 SW/4 of Section 35, Township 21 South, Range 25 East, NMPM.

(14) That the geological information at hand when the pool was extended to include Section 3, Township 22 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, indicated a favorable looking Morrow structure extending from Sections 23, 26, and 35 of Township 21 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, where producing Morrow gas wells were located, into Sections 27 and 34 of Township 21 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, and Section 3, Township 22 South, Range 25 East, NMPM.

(15) That subsequent to the extension of the pool to include, among other lands, the aforesaid Section 3, non-productive Morrow wells have been drilled in Sections 27 and 34, Township 21 South, Range 25 East, and in Section 2, Township 22 South, Range 25 East, NMPM.

(16) That this subsequent development and the attendant additional geological information would appear to indicate that the favorable looking Morrow structure described in Finding No. (14) above is either non-existent, or of a different configuration than originally thought, or is non-productive of gas from the Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool.

(17) That a non-productive belt in the Morrow formation appears to run in a north-south direction through the east half of Sections 27 and 34, Township 21 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, thence southeasterly across Section 2, Township 22 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, thereby effectively separating Section 3 of Township 22 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, from the Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool.

(18) That the aforesaid non-productive belt constitutes a reasonable and logical line of juxtaposition for the meeting of two different spacing patterns, and in order to prevent waste and protect correlative rights, the Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool should be contracted by the deletion therefrom of all of Section 3, Township 22 South, Range 25 East, NMPM.

(19) That while there is another productive Morrow structure to the south and west of said Section 3, and the Commission has heretofore created and defined the Revelation-Morrow Gas Pool to include portions of said structure, and it appears that said structure extends north and east into said Section 3, it would be premature for the Commission to extend the Revelation-Morrow Gas Pool into said Section 3 at this time.

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(20) That the application of Texas Pacific Oil Co., Inc., for the extension of the Revelation-Morrow Gas Pool should be denied.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, as heretofore classified, defined, and described, is hereby contracted by the deletion of the following described lands:

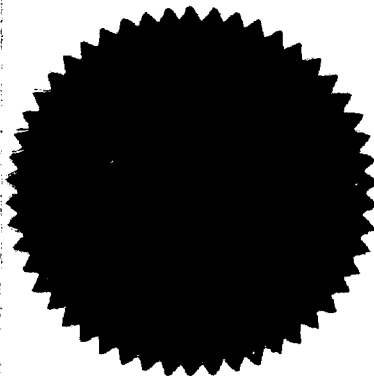
TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, NMPM
Section 3: All

(2) That the application of Texas Pacific Oil Co., Inc., for the extension of the Revelation-Morrow Gas Pool is hereby denied.

(3) 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



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CASE 6065: Application of Odessa Natural Corporation for a special well classification, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the classification of its ARCO-Little Fed. Well No. 1, located in Unit D of Section 32, Township 24 North, Range 3 West, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, as a gas well rather than an oil well, thereby permitting the continued dedication of the W/2 of said Section 32. Said classification would be in exception to the statewide definition of gas wells, or to the Chacon-Dakota Associated Pool definition of gas wells, whichever is applicable.

CASE 6066: Application of Texas Pacific Oil Company, Inc., for an unorthodox gas well location and simultaneous dedication, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its State "A" A/c-1 Well No. 53 located in the center of Unit E of Section 24, Township 23 South, Range 36 East, Jalmat Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to be simultaneously dedicated to a previously approved 480-acre multiple well non-standard proration unit comprising the NW/4 and S/2 of said Section 24.

CASE 6067: Application of Texas Pacific Oil Co., Inc., for pool contraction and extension, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the contraction of the Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, by the deletion of Section 3, Township 22 South, Range 25 East, therefrom, and the extension of the Revelation-Morrow Gas Pool to include said lands.

CASE 6068: 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 San Juan, Rio Arriba and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico:

(a) CREATE a new pool in San Juan County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Fruitland production and designated as the Conner-Fruitland Pool. The discovery well is the Odessa Natural Corporation Little Federal Well No. 1 located in Unit K of Section 1, Township 30 North, Range 14 West, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 30 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST, NMPM
Section 1: W/2
Section 12: W/2

(b) CREATE a new pool in San Juan County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Pictured Cliffs production and designated as the South Gallegos-Pictured Cliffs Pool. The discovery well is the Jerome P. McHugh Nassau Well No. 5 located in Unit A of Section 36, Township 27 North, Range 12 West, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST, NMPM
Section 36: All

(c) EXTEND the Ojo-Pictured Cliffs Pool in San Juan County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 15 WEST, NMPM
Section 25: S/2 & NW/4
Section 26: All
Section 35: N/2 & SE/4
Section 36: All

and to extend the vertical limits of said pool to include the Fruitland formation and redesignate said pool the Ojo Fruitland-Pictured Cliffs Pool.

(d) EXTEND the WAW-Pictured Cliffs Pool in San Juan County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, NMPM
Section 4: NW/4

TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, NMPM
Section 26: SW/4
Section 27: SE/4
Section 29: All
Section 30: E/2
Section 31: All
Section 32: N/2 & SW/4
Section 33: All
Section 34: N/2 & SW/4

and to extend the vertical limits of said pool to include the Fruitland formation and redesignate said pool the WAW Fruitland-Pictured Cliffs Pool.

(e) EXTEND the Ballard-Pictured Cliffs Pool in Rio Arriba and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico, to include therein:

CATCLAW DRAW FIELD (MORROW)

T21S -Rge. 25&26E

EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

SUMMARY OF RESERVES & ESTIMATED DRAINAGE AREA

Well No.	Sec. Location	Recoverable Res. MMCF	Avg. Rec. G.I.P. MCF/Ac-ft	Est. Avg. Net Pay - Over Spacing Unit	Drainage Area Acres
2	23	11.25	546	20.2'	1020
4	24	11.40	546	21.0'	994
6	13	3.95	546	14.2'	509
7	14	4.10	546	15.6'	481
9	35	10.72	546	26'	755
TOTALS...		40.42	546	19.4'	3759

AVERAGE DRAINAGE AREA PER WELL = 752 Acres.

Case No 4548
(2nd Re-opening)
Inexco
Exhibit 1
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CATCLAW DRAW FIELD (MORROW)
T21S - Rge. 25&26E
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
SUMMARY OF ROCK PROPERTIES BY ZONE

Well No.	Perforated Zone					
	"C"			"D"		
	<u>Ø</u>	<u>Net Pay ft</u>	<u>S_w %</u>	<u>Ø</u>	<u>Net Pay ft</u>	<u>S_w %</u>
#2	12	14	34.7	11.3	12	39
#4	8.3	12	37	9.5	19	24
#6	7.3	7	40	8	4	44
#7	6.2	10	30	9	13	41.2
#9	-	-	-	-	26	-

Weighted Average Rock Properties ("C" and "D" Zones Combined).

Porosity - 9.3%

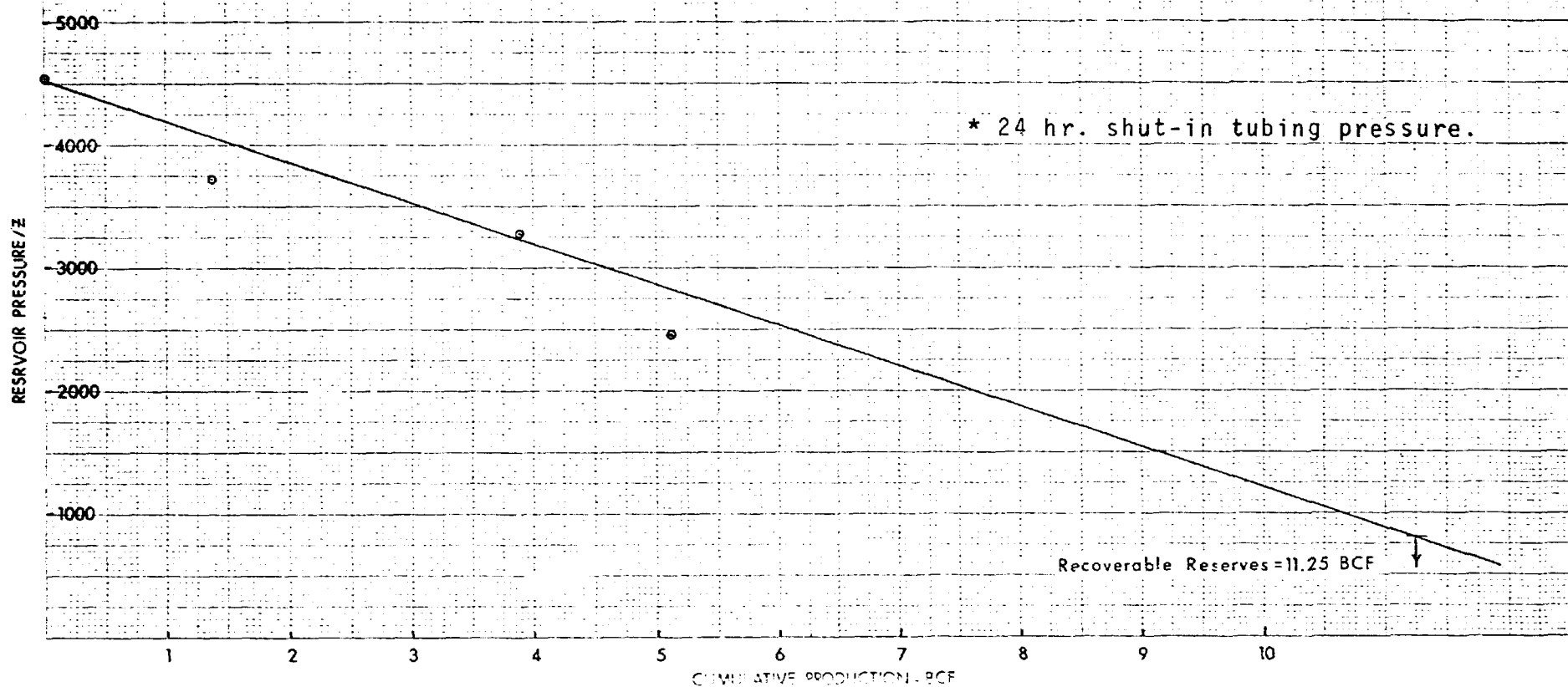
Water Saturation - 34.5%

Gas - In - Place (MCF/Ac-ft) - 663.

Recoverable Gas - In - Place (MCF/Ac-ft) - 546
(Abandonment Pressure \approx 750 psig)

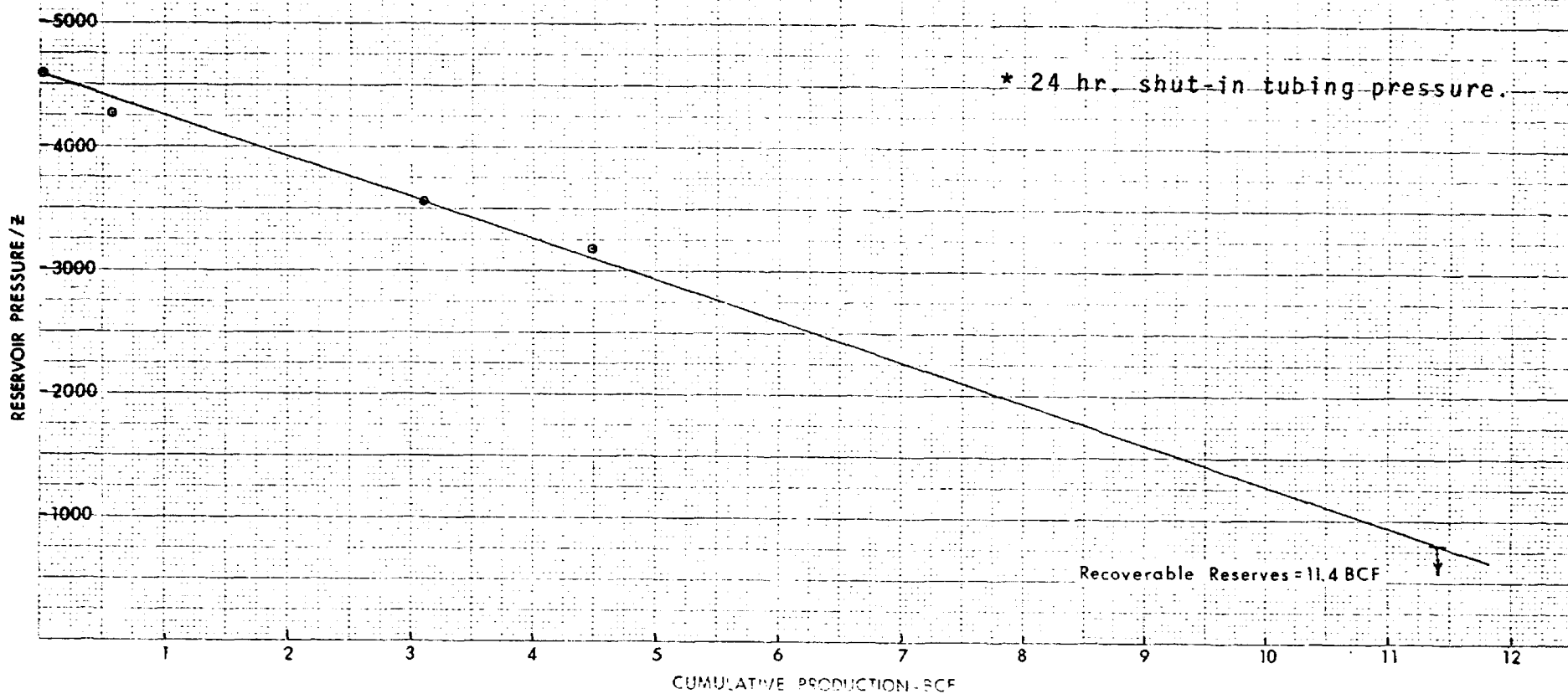
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Date	BHP	Cum. Prod'n	Z	BHP/Z
11-71	4397	0	.967	4547
1-73	3432	1.267 BCF	.919	3734
2-74	2952	3.904 BCF	.896	3294
* 8-74	2186	5.119 BCF	.888	2460



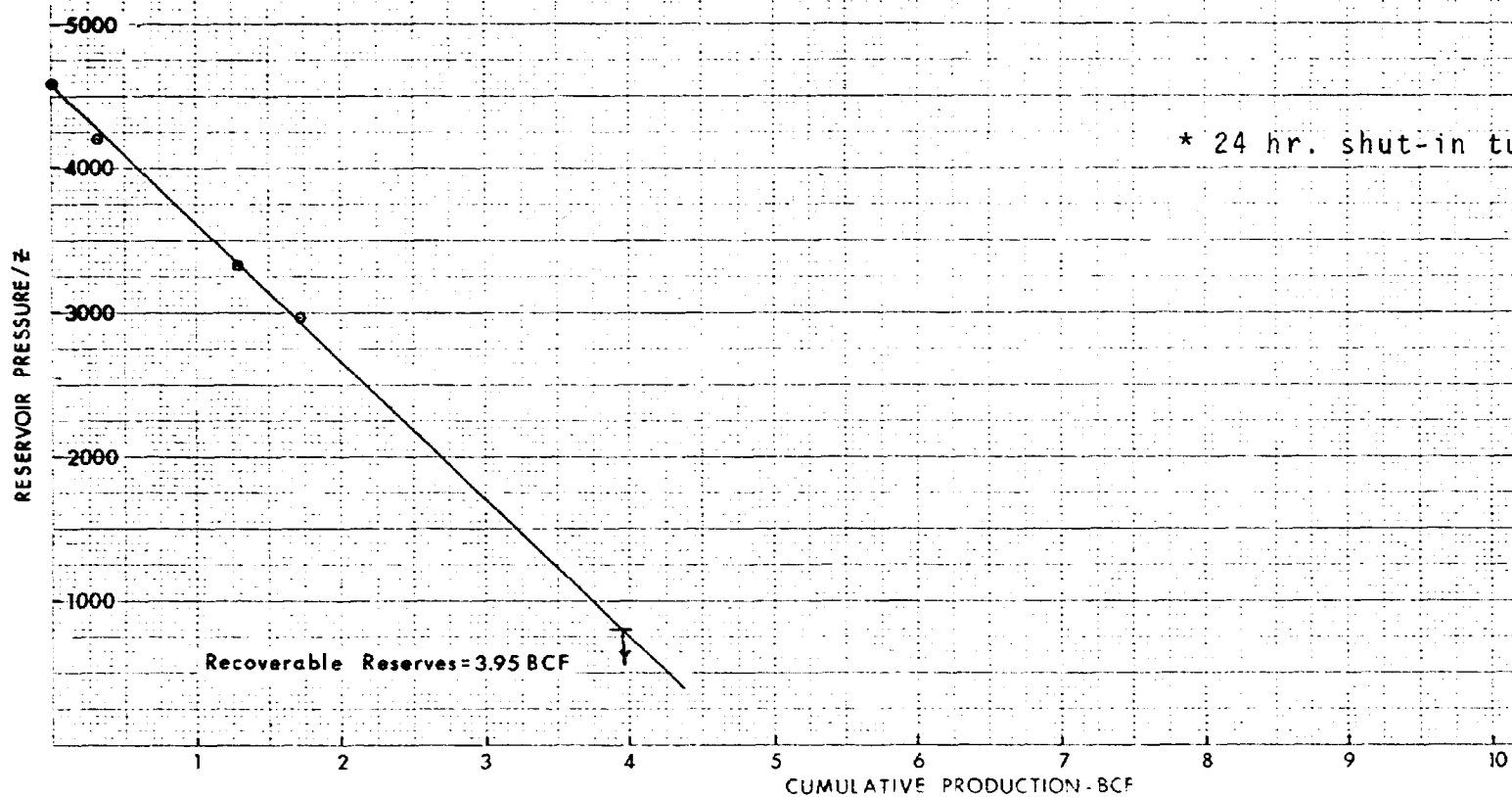
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8-72	4434	0	.97	4571
1-73	3978	.634 BCF	.934	4259
2-74	3238	3.115 BCF	.906	3574
*8-74	2787	4.494	.877	3177



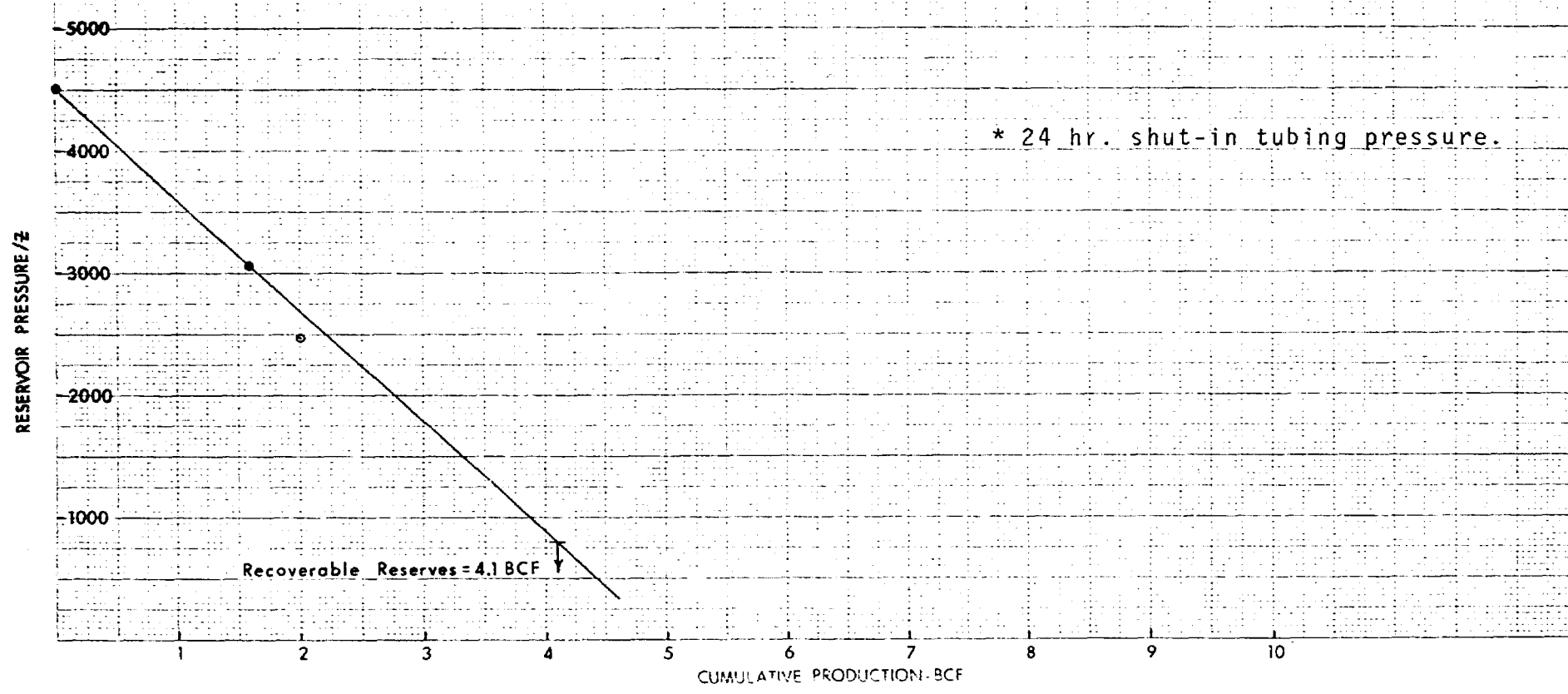
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10-72	4428	0	.97	4565
1-73	3920	.307 BCF	.934	4197
2-74	2979	1.287 BCF	.898	3317
*8-74	2613	1.722	.883	2960



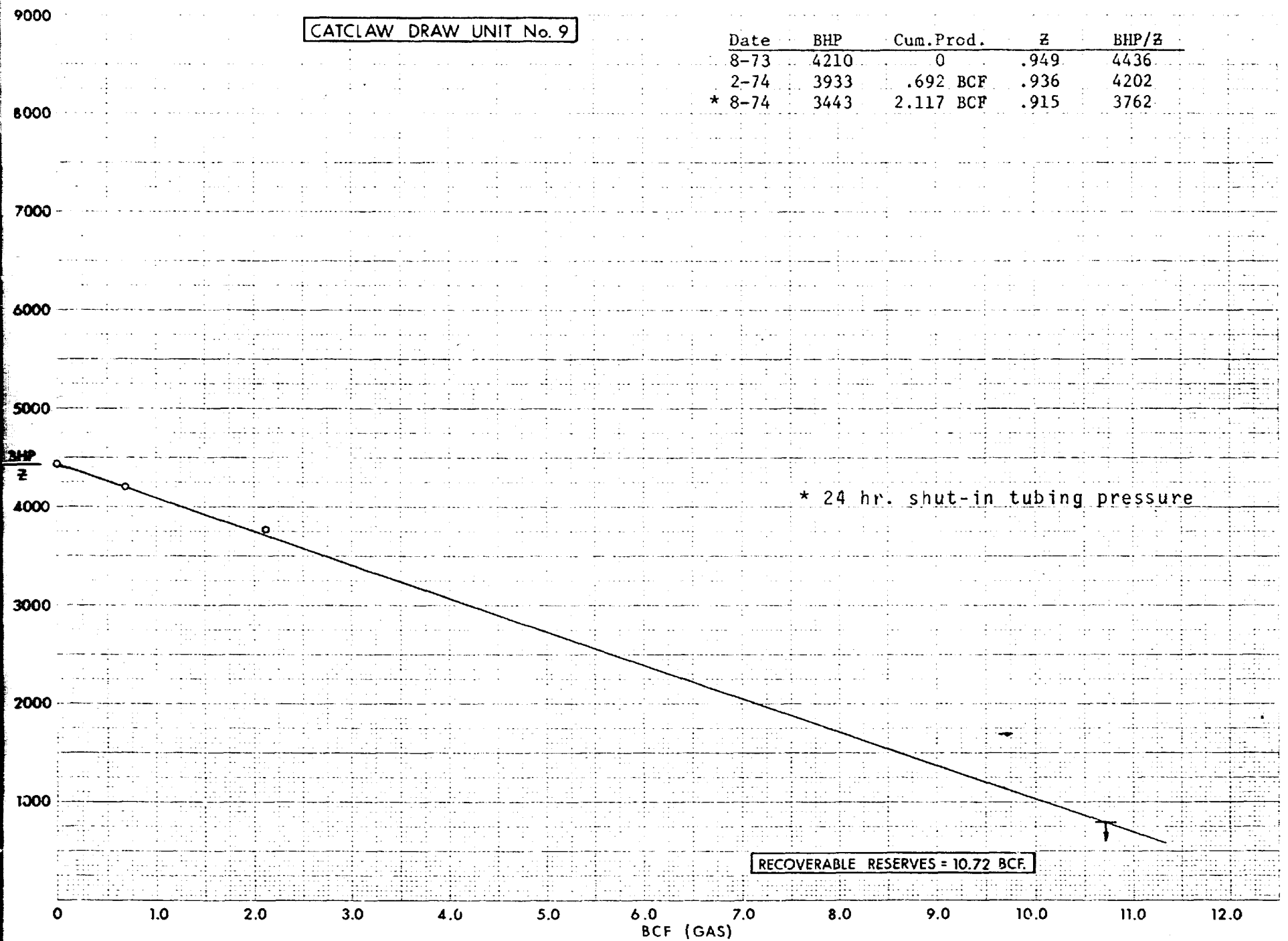
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11-72	4280	0	.95	4505
2-74	2737	1.572 BCF	.894	3061
* 8-74	2188	2.023	.884	2474



CATCLAW DRAW UNIT No. 9

Date	BHP	Cum. Prod.	Z	BHP/Z
8-73	4210	0	.949	4436
2-74	3933	.692 BCF	.936	4202
* 8-74	3443	2.117 BCF	.915	3762



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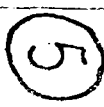
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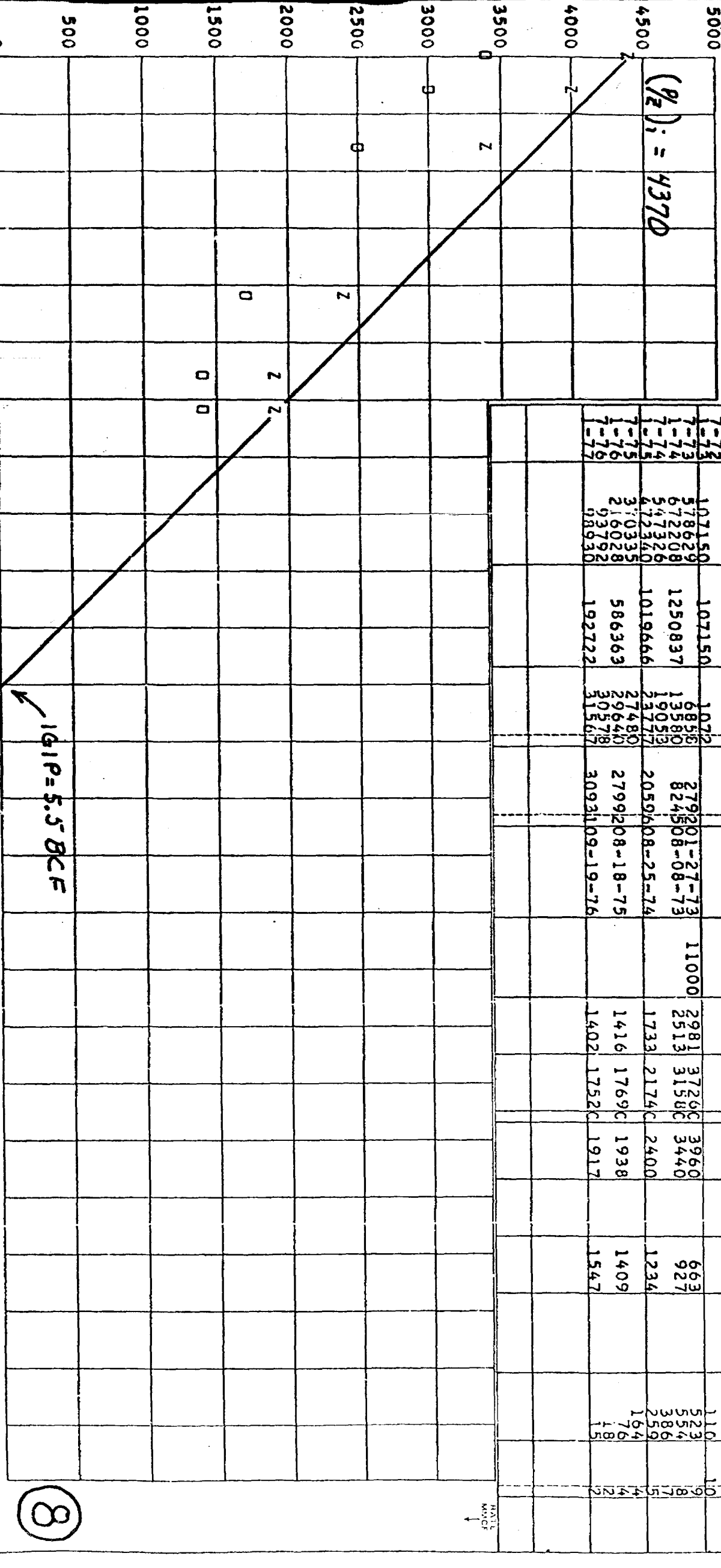
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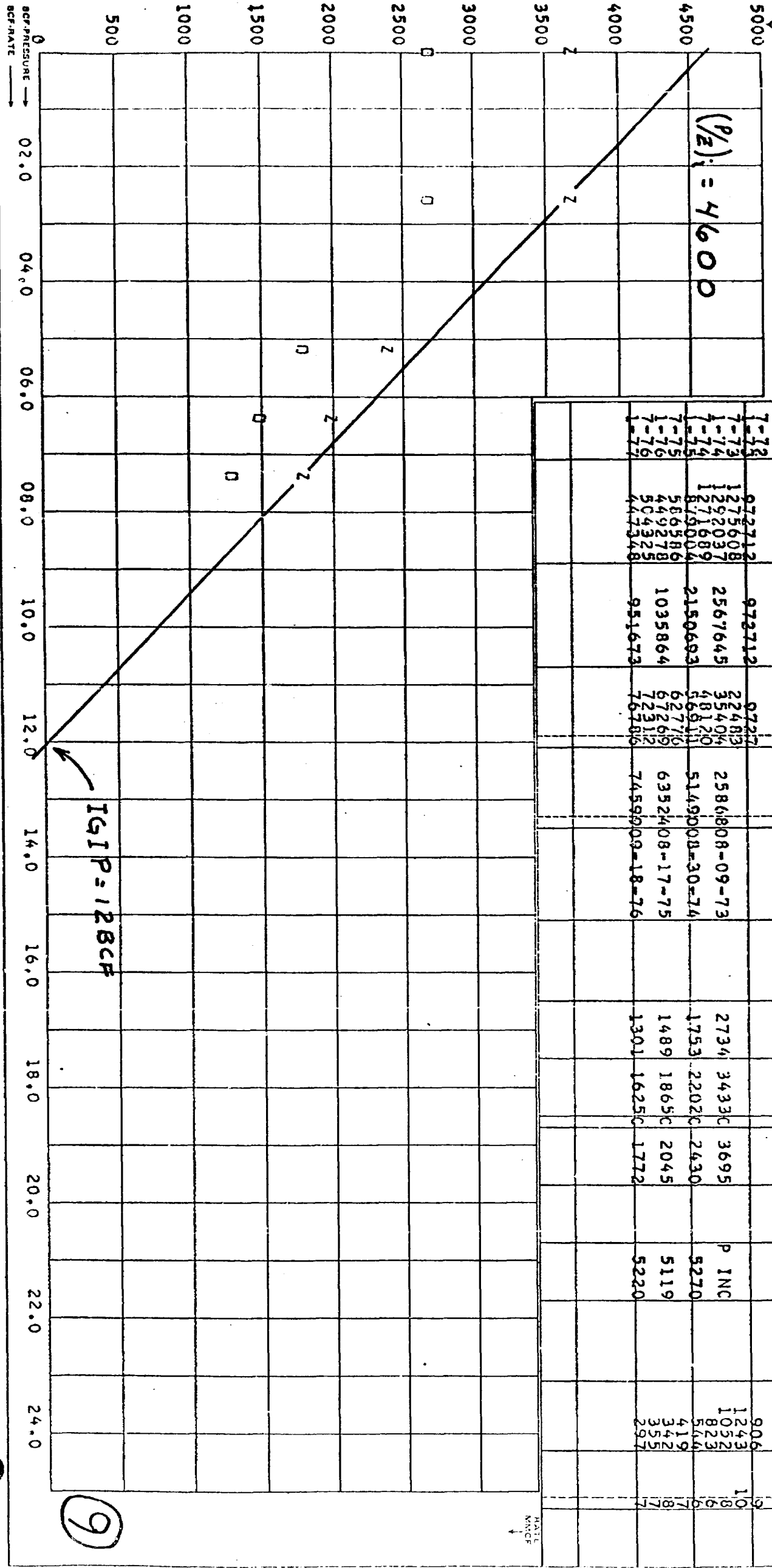
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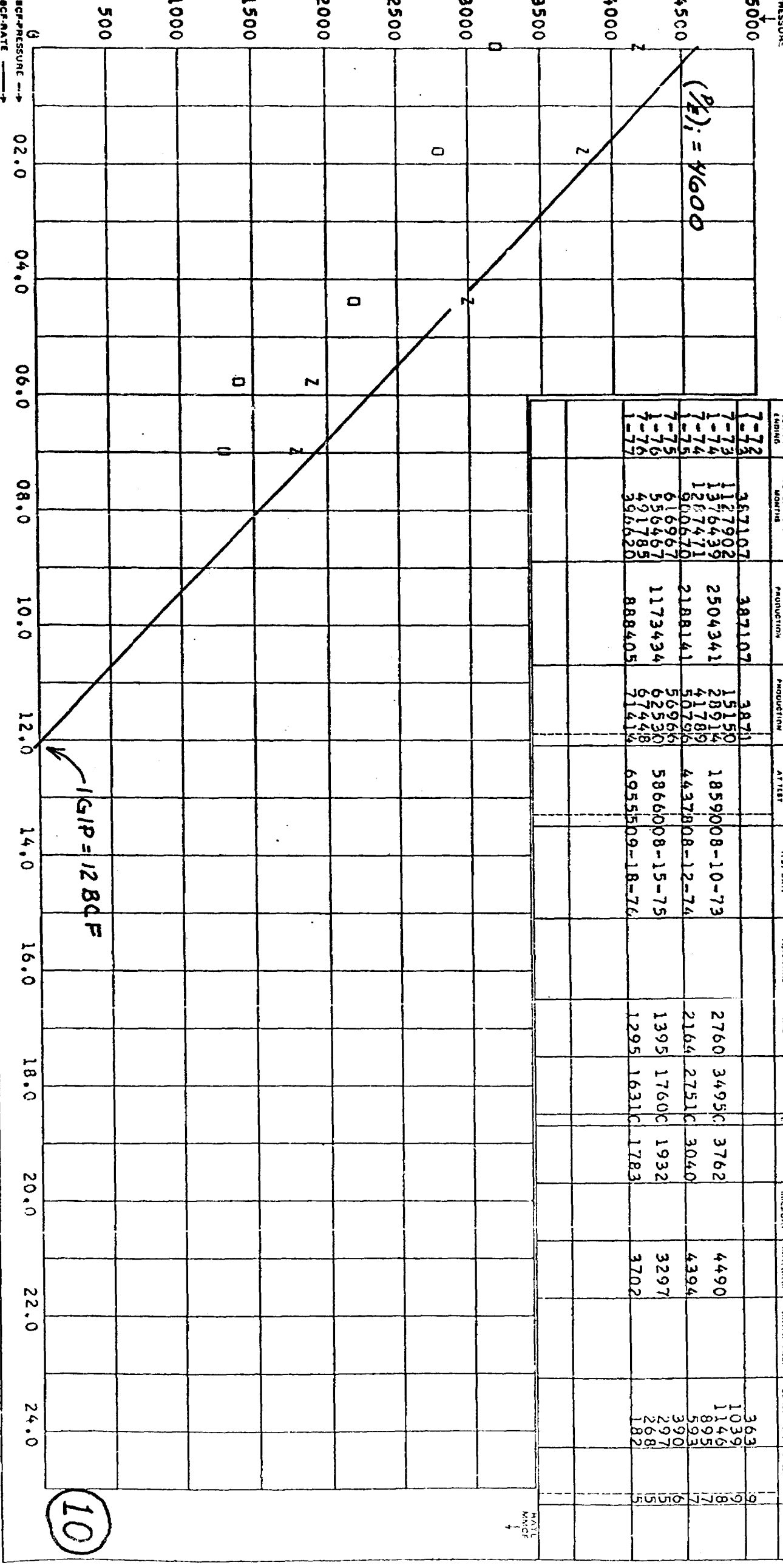
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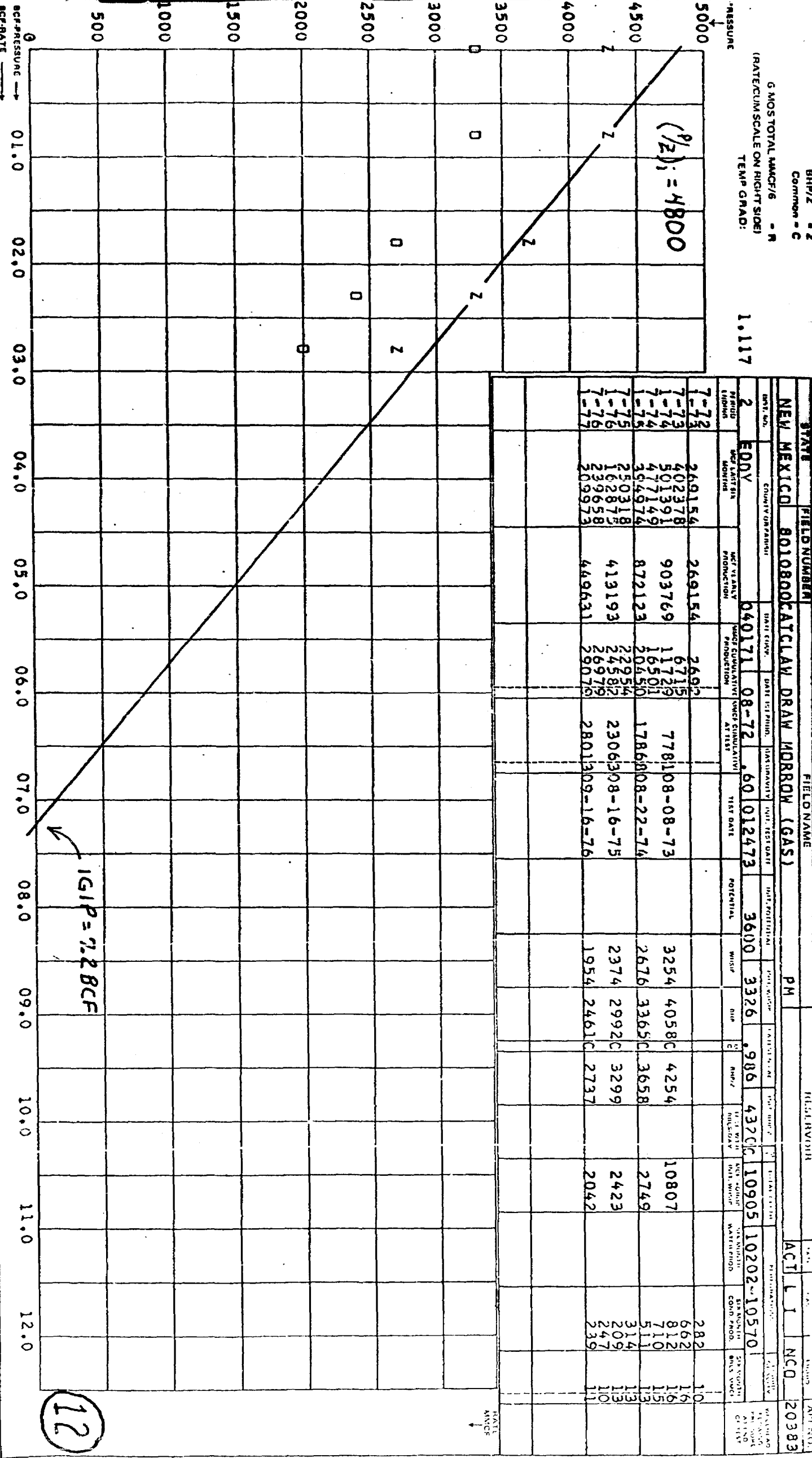


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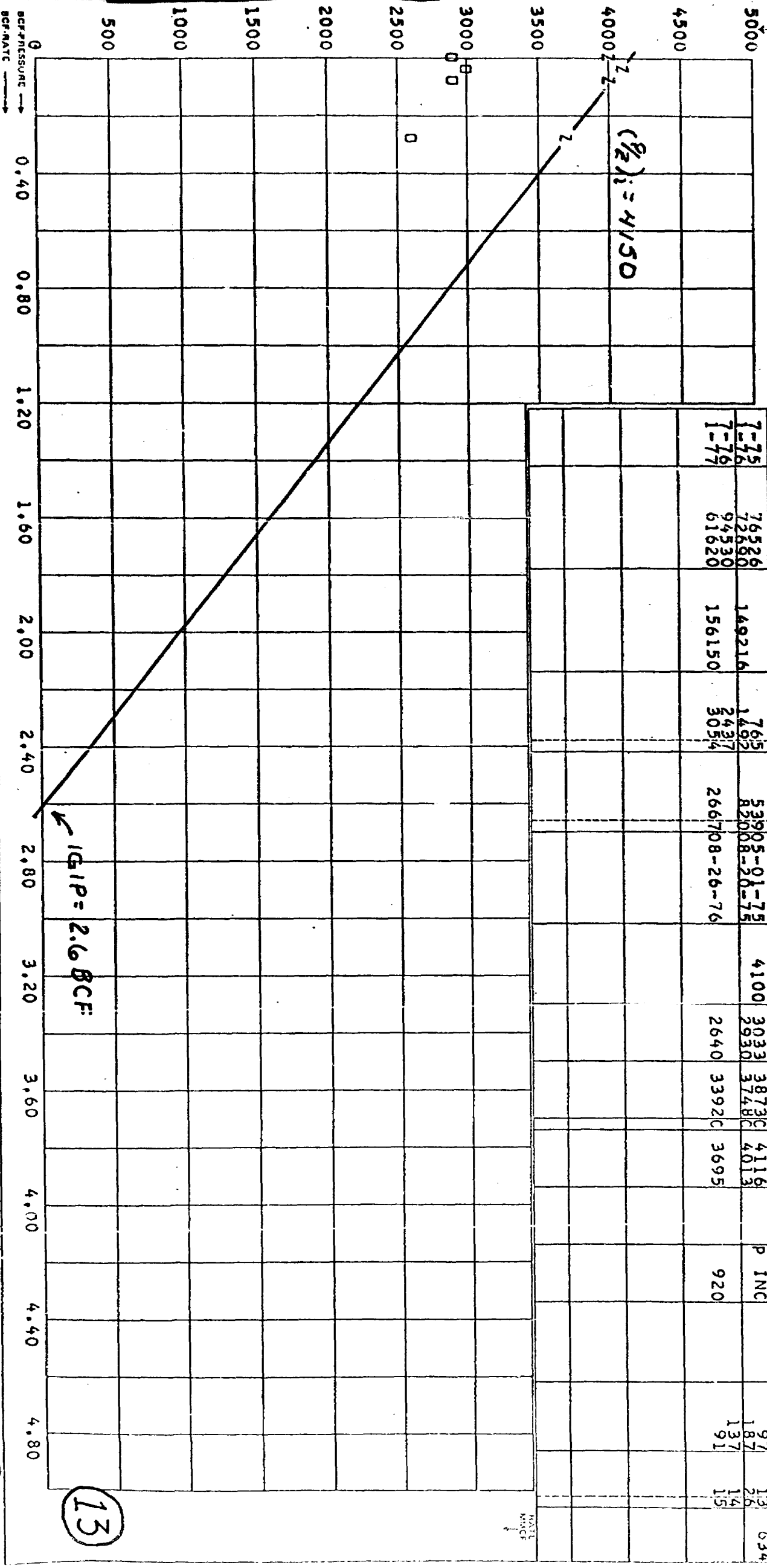
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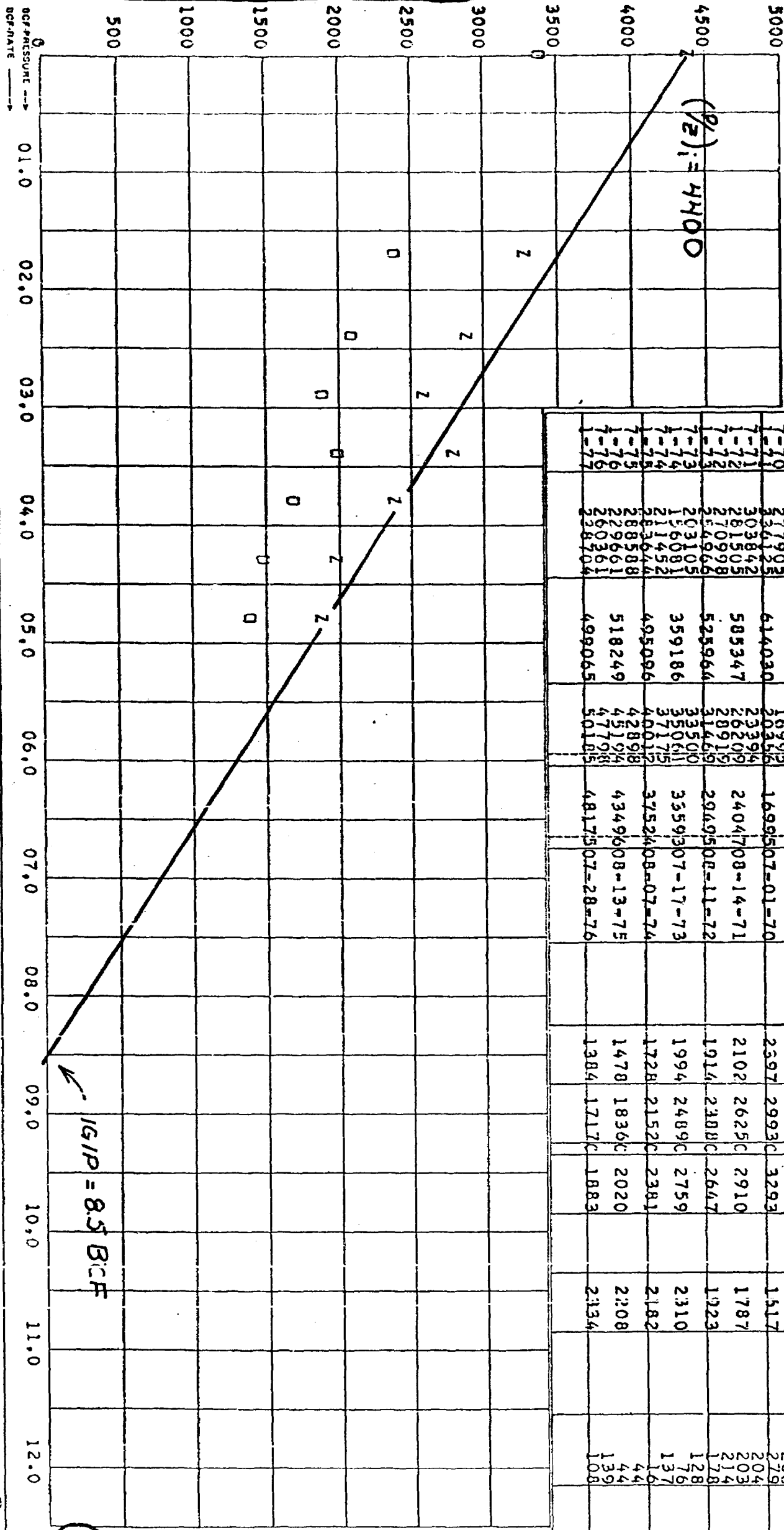
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1. Fasken	Avalon Federal	1	2,725	2,738	24	2.89	30%	156	12%				.29	
2. Hanagan	Catclaw Draw Unit	3	5,000	3,267	well	(P & A'd after producing 51.8 MMCF)							.17	
3. Hanagan	Catclaw Draw Unit	11	4,940	3,291	24	2.31	35%	170	9%				.26	
4. Hanagan	Arco Federal	1	8,299	NR	13	1.15	44%	170	9%				.53	
5. Inexco	USA - Boscowitz	1	9,800	3,278	16	1.40	42%	174	9%				.79	
6. Texaco	E. J. Levers Federal	1	29,302	3,483	33	2.89	36%	158	9%	4,500	262	21,100	4.5	213
7. Hanagan	Catclaw Draw Unit	6	7,750	3,500	20	1.44	35%	165	7%	4,460	256	10,400	5.1	490
8. Hanagan	Catclaw Draw Unit	7	9,200	3,402	28	2.04	46%	157	7%	4,370	254	12,200	5.5	450
9. Hanagan	Catclaw Draw Unit	2	27,000	3,515	32	3.36	34%	161	11%	4,600	266	25,700	12	467
10. Hanagan	Catclaw Draw Unit	4	8,600	3,519	42	3.32	30%	156	8%	4,600	268	27,100	12	442
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12. Hanagan	Catclaw Draw Unit	1-Y	2,800	3,472	46	4.46	30%	162	10%	4,800	277	37,700	7.2	191
13. Gulf	Inexco "17" Federal	1	5,009	3,180	22	1.56	26%	170	7%	4,150	237	11,900	2.6	218
14. Inexco	McMinn State	1	7,300	3,421	27	2.24	34%	160	8%	4,000	232	14,900	3.8	255
15. Hanagan	Nan - Bet	1	84,000	3,517	16	2.80	22%	158	18%	4,200	244	23,200	8.7	375
16. Arco	Pure Federal	1	3,428	NR	14	1.59	22%	164	11%	4,400	253	13,700	8.5	620
17. Hanagan	Catclaw Draw Unit	9	10,600	3,322	29	2.50*	33%*	185	10*	4,400	245	17,900	17	955
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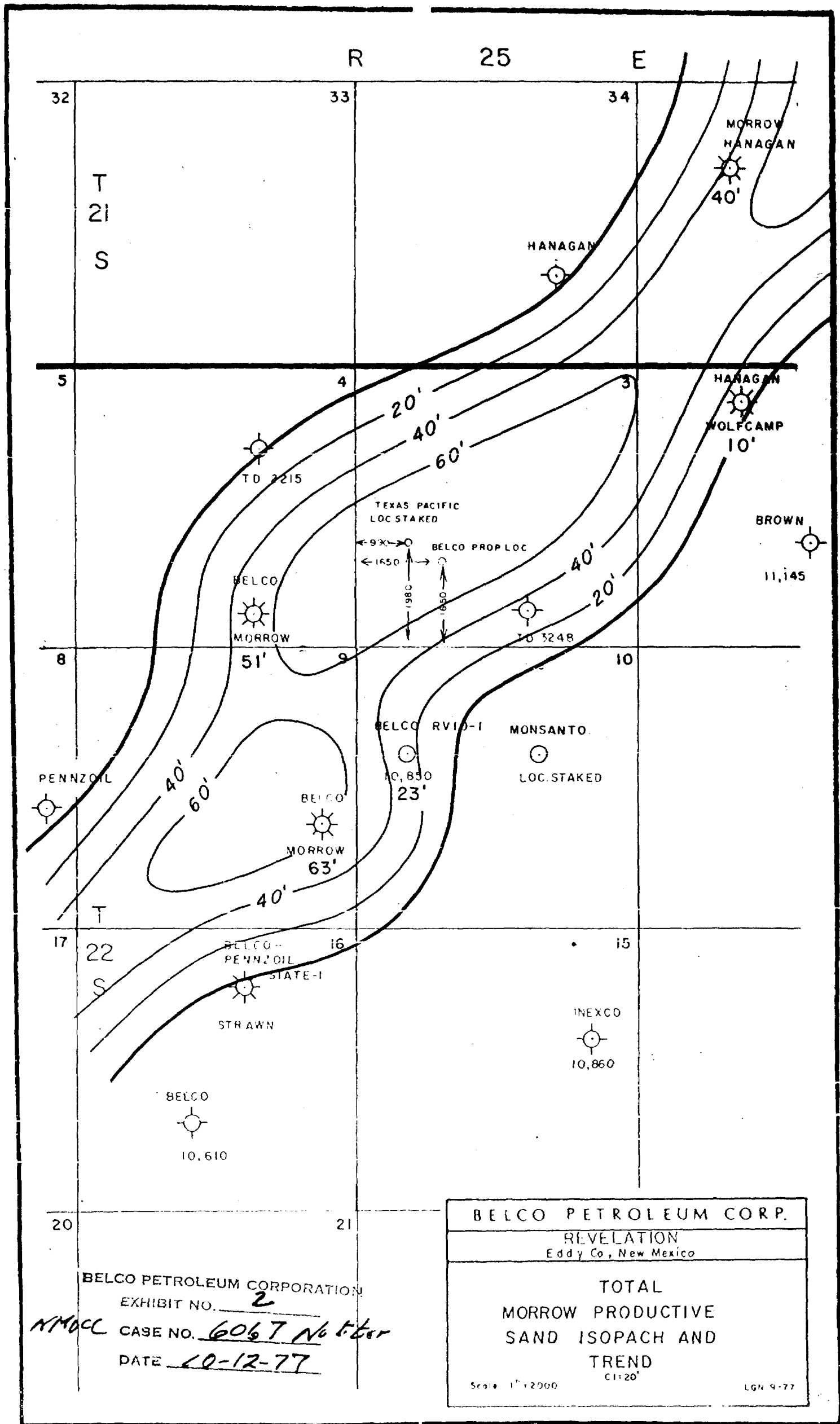
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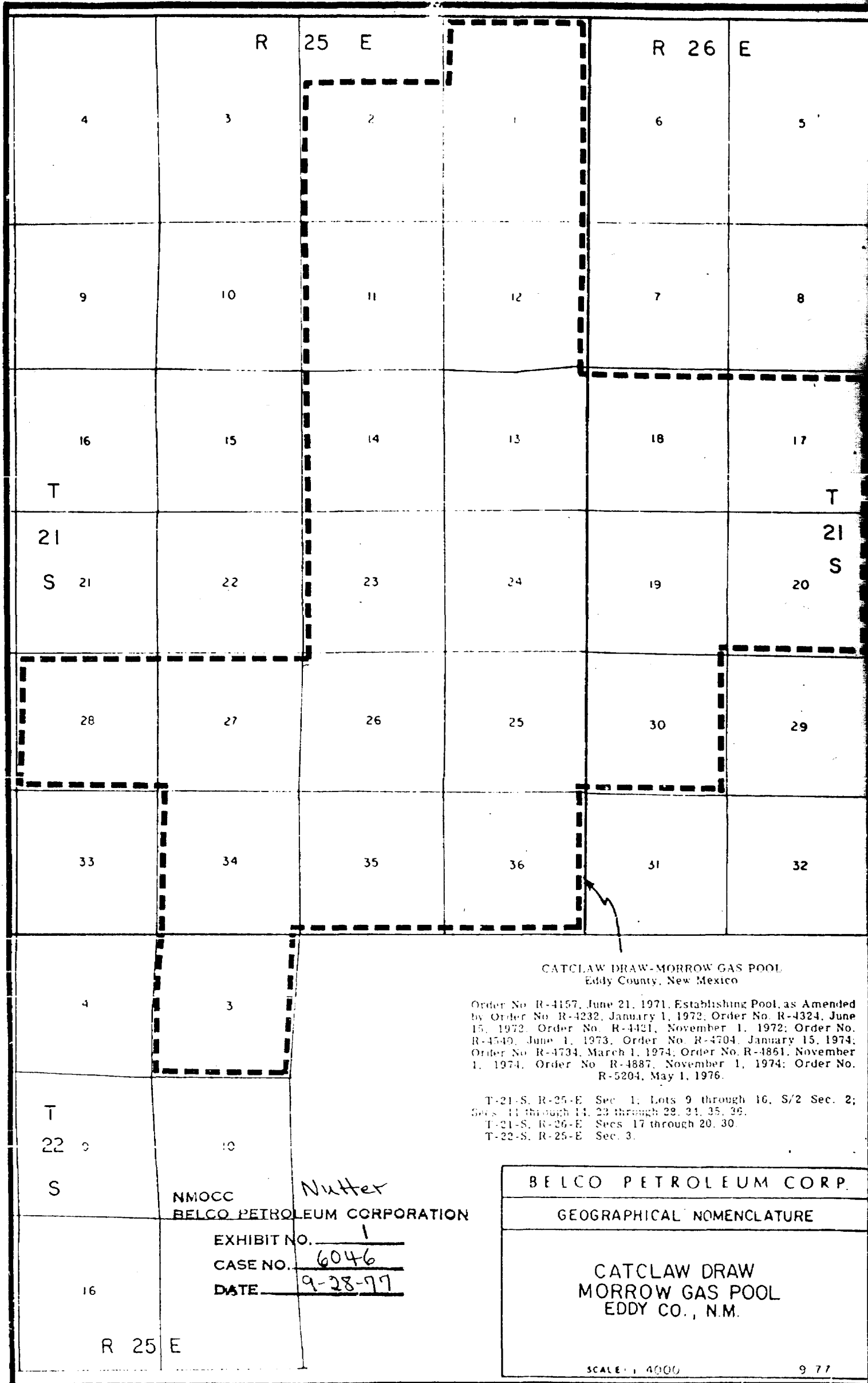
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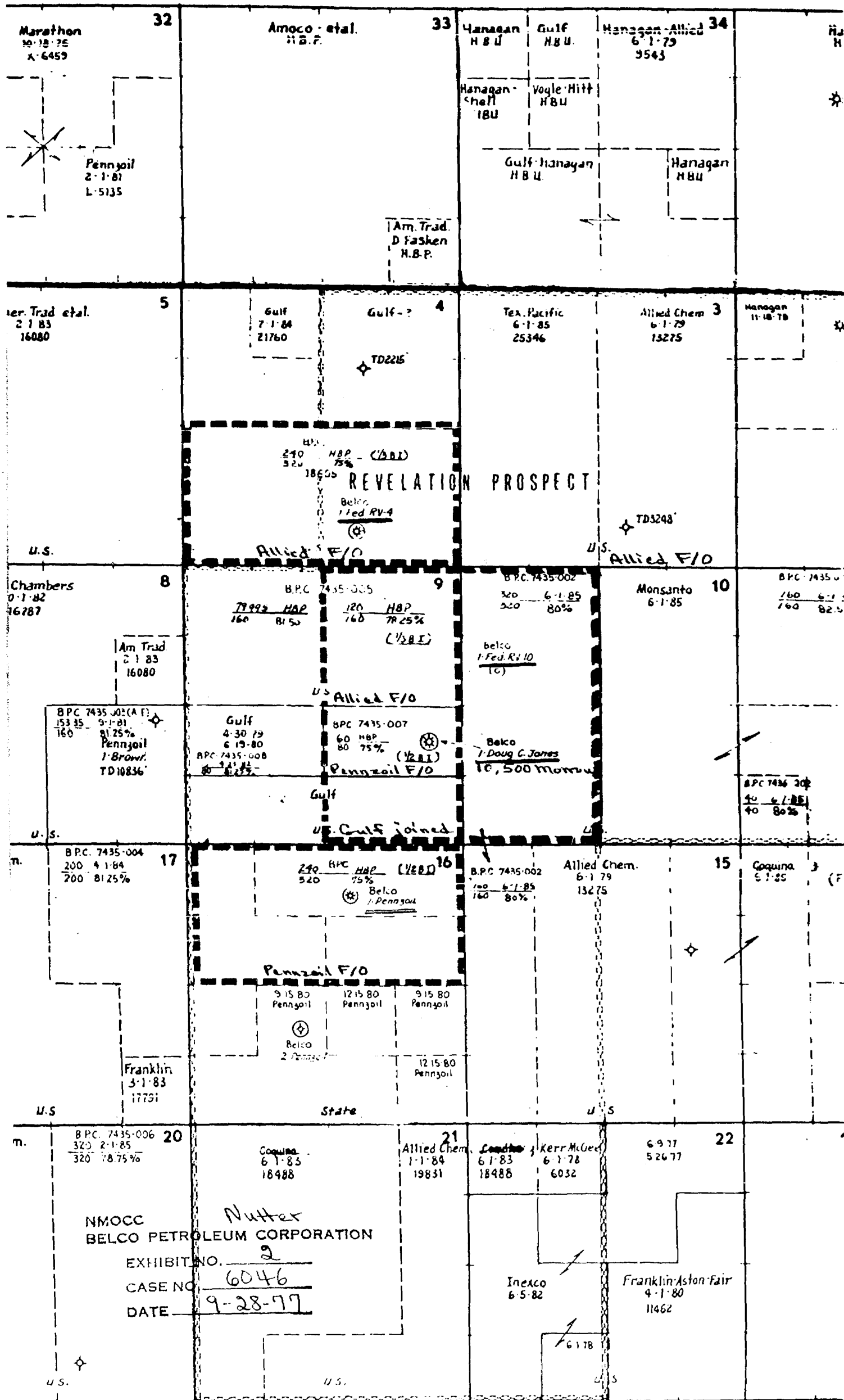
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Texas Pacific
 Exhibit 2
 Case 6067

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12 well ave (known) = 436
 340







Union Texas Petroleum Division
1300 Wilco Building
Midland, Texas 79701

September 21, 1977

Belco Petroleum Corporation
411 Petroleum Building
Midland, Texas 79701

RE: NM-12254
Proposed Farmout
Hackberry Hills Area
Eddy County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

This is to advise that subject to our management's final approval we will farmout our interest to you under the E/2 of Section 3, T-22-S, R-25-E, Eddy County, New Mexico subject to the following general terms:

- (1) Within 90 days from agreement date you will commence the drilling of a 10,600' Morrow test at a legal location in the SW/4 of Section 3, T-22-S, R-25-E.
- (2) The proposed well will be drilled on a working interest unit and/or proration unit composed of all of Section 3, T-22-S, R-25-E, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (3) Upon completion of the well as a commercial producer of oil and/or gas we will assign to you all of our proportionate interest in the well and proration unit surrounding the well as to all rights from the surface down to the base of the deepest producing formation in the well.
- (4) We shall reserve a proportionately reduced 1/16 X 8/8 overriding royalty interest under the well and proration unit surrounding the well with the option to convert the override to our proportionate part of a 50% working interest after payout.
- (5) We will reserve all rights below the base of the deepest producing formation in the earning well and the preferential right to purchase the oil and/or gas attributable to the interest you may earn from Union Texas Petroleum.

This letter is not intended to be a commitment between the parties. It is however an expression of the general terms under which we desire to farmout.

NMOCC *Nutter*
BELCO PETROLEUM CORPORATION

EXHIBIT NO. 3

CASE NO. 6046

DATE 9-28-77

DFD/dn

Yours very truly,

UNION TEXAS PETROLEUM, a Division
of Allied Chemical Corporation

Don F. Dow
Don F. Dow
District Landman

April 30, 1975

Texas Pacific Oil Co., Inc.
P. O. Box No. 4067
Midland, Texas

Attention: J. D. Larremore

Re: Revelation Prospect
Eddy County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

According to our information, Texas Pacific owns leases covering the W/2 Section 3, T22S, R25E. Belco has recently acquired acreage in Sections 10, 11 and 15 of T22S, R25E.

We are interested in drilling a Morrow test in this area in the very near future and would appreciate your advising us whether Texas Pacific would make its acreage available on a farmout basis.

If a suitable farmout arrangement can be negotiated, we would be able to drill this area in the very near future. Thank you for your cooperation and anticipated prompt reply to this request.

Yours very truly,

BELCO PETROLEUM CORPORATION

J. A. Patterson
District Landman

JAP/MW

Nutter
NMOCC
BELCO PETROLEUM CORPORATION

EXHIBIT NO. 4

CASE NO. 6046

DATE 9-28-77

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June 9, 1975

Texas Pacific Oil Company, Inc.
P. O. Box No. 4067
Midland, Texas
Attention: Jack Larremore

Gulf Oil Company
P. O. Box 1150
Midland, Texas
Attention: R. E. Griffith

Union Texas Petroleum,
a Division of Allied Chemical
1300 Wilco Building
Midland, Texas
Attention: Don F. Dow

Pennzoil United, Inc.
P. O. Box 1828
Midland, Texas
Attention: James A. Davidson

Monsanto Oil Company
101 North Marienfeld
Midland, Texas

Re: Revelation Prospect
Eddy County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Belco Petroleum Corporation proposes the formation of a three-section Working Interest Unit covering Sections 3, 9 and 10 of T22S, R25E, Eddy County, New Mexico, for the drilling of a 10,500 ft. Morrow test in the NE/4 Section 3.

According to my information, which is reflected on the attached land plat, the approximate ownership would be as follows:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Allied Chemical	640	33.3333
Belco Petroleum	320	16.6667
Texas Pacific	320	16.6667
Monsanto	320	16.6667
Gulf Oil	240	12.5000
Pennzoil	80	4.1666
	1920	100.0000%

Although Belco is not the majority owner in this proposed unit, we would be pleased to serve as Operator. However, we would be agreeable to any Operator selected by a majority of the unit participants. If your companies are interested in this proposal, we would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

NMOCC Nutter
BELCO PETROLEUM CORPORATION Yours very truly,

JAP/MW

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DATE 9-28-77

J. A. Patterson

pg. 2

October 5, 1976

Texas Pacific Oil Company, Inc.
P. O. Box 4067
Midland, Texas 79701

Attn: Mr. Jack D. Larremore
District Landman

Re: Farmout Request
Revelation Area
Eddy County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Belco Petroleum Corporation respectfully request a farmout of your acreage being described as the W/2 Section 3, T-22-S, R-25-E, Eddy County, New Mexico based on the following terms and conditions:

1. Belco to commence the drilling of a Morrow test (approximately 10,500') at a location of our choice, within said Section 3, with the option to drill to the Devonian.
2. Said test to be commenced on or before 120 days from date of the execution of a formal farmout.
3. Texas Pacific to grant said farmout and retain an ORRI sufficient as to deliver to Belco no less than a 80% NRI lease with the option to convert said retained ORRI to a 40% back-in after payout.

If the above basic terms and conditions are satisfactory to you and your company, please prepare the necessary farmout agreement at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,

BELCO PETROLEUM CORPORATION

Mary Ward
Landman

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NMOC
MW/sam BELCO PETROLEUM CORPORATION
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TEXAS PACIFIC OIL COMPANY, INC.

REGIONAL OFFICE
MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701

P. O. BOX 4087
1500 WEST WALL STREET

TEL. 915-804-5544
TWX. 910-805-5124

November 16, 1976

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MIDLAND OFFICE

BELCO PETROLEUM CORPORATION
411 Petroleum Building
204 West Texas Street
Midland, Texas 79701

RE: Farmout Request
Your Revelation Area
Eddy County, New Mexico
TPOC Hackberry Area
TPOC Lease No. 70988-1

Gentlemen:

After careful evaluation of the above referenced area, we regret to advise you that we will not be able to grant your request for a farmout in the W/2 of Section 3-22S-25E, Eddy County, New Mexico.

We do appreciate your offer, and your interest in this area.

Yours very truly,

TEXAS PACIFIC OIL COMPANY, INC.

Jack D. Larremore
Jack D. Larremore
Regional Land Manager

NMOCC *Nutter*
BELCO PETROLEUM CORPORATION

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DATE 9-28-77

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Belco Petroleum Corporation

August 18, 1977

Belco

Texas Pacific Oil Co., Inc.
P. O. Box 4067
Midland, Texas 79701

Attn: J. D. Larremore

Re: Revelation Prospect
Sec. 3, T22S, R25E,
Eddy Co., New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Please be advised that Belco Petroleum Corporation has secured a farmout from Allied Chemical covering their E/2 of the captioned section. As you are aware, the W/2 of Section 3 is owned by Texas Pacific. According to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission Field Rules, Section 3 is included in the Catclaw Draw Field and is spaced 640 acres for Morrow gas.

By this letter, Belco Petroleum Corporation, as operator, proposes drilling a 10,600' Morrow test to be located 1650 feet FS&WL's of Section 3. Our estimated completed well cost is \$605,000. We will forward to you an AFE for this expenditure as soon as it is available. If you want to join in this unit, we will forward the necessary operating agreement.

If, however, you should desire to farmout your acreage in the W/2 of Section 3, we would be pleased to take it on a 1/2 back-in basis.

We plan to commence this well in October, 1977, depending upon rig availability. Therefore, your prompt consideration and reply will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

BELCO PETROLEUM CORPORATION

Mary Ward
Landman

MW:sls

NMOCC *Nutter*
BELCO PETROLEUM CORPORATION

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411 Petroleum Building
204 W. Texas
Midland, Texas 79701
Telephone (915) 683-6366

Belco Petroleum Corporation

September 8, 1977

Belco

Texas Pacific Oil Company
P. O. Box 4067
Midland, Texas 79701

Attn: J.D. Larremore

Re: Revelation Prospect
Section 3, T22S, R25E
Eddy County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Please be advised that on August 18, 1977 Belco sent you a letter requesting to form a drilling unit covering Section 3 as captioned. The working interest to be 50%-Belco and 50%-Texas Pacific.

Since that letter was mailed, it is our understanding that Texas Pacific intends to drill in the W/2 Section 3 on a 320 acre proration unit. Since Section 3 is under 640 acre Morrow spacing and since you choose not to participate in our proposed unit, we have filed for a Force Pool Application which is set for hearing on September 28, 1977.

We would be happy to continue negotiations to form our proposed 640 acre unit.

Yours very truly,

BELCO PETROLEUM CORPORATION

Mary Ward
Landman

MW/sam
Enc.

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NMOCC
BELCO PETROLEUM CORPORATION

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TEXAS PACIFIC OIL COMPANY, INC.

REGIONAL OFFICE
MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701

P. O. BOX 4067
1508 WEST WALL STREET

TEL. 915-684-5584
TWX. 810-888-8384

September 8, 1977

BELCO PETROLEUM CORPORATION
411 Petroleum Building
204 West Texas
Midland, Texas 79701

ATTENTION: Ms. Mary Ward

RE: Revelation Prospect
Section 3, T-22S, R-25E
Eddy County, New Mexico
TPOC Hackberry Prospect
TPOC Lease No. 70988-1

Gentlemen:

In response to your letter of August 18, 1977, we wish to advise that activity was commenced several weeks ago for the staking of the Texas Pacific No. 1 Hackberry Federal, to be located 1980' FSL and 990' FWL of Section 3-22S-25E, Eddy County, New Mexico.

This well has been filed as a Revelation Field well as it is offset to the west and south of two of your wells. As you well know, the Revelation Field is based on a 320-acre proration unit; and because of this it will not be possible for us to join with you in a 640-acre spaced unit. We might add that we have begun proceedings for despacing Section 3 out of the Catclaw Draw Field into the Revelation Field.

We appreciate the opportunity you have afforded us, however, we feel it is in our best interests to drill this well 100% Texas Pacific on its fully owned lease covering the W/2 of Section 3.

Yours very truly,

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NMOCC
BELCO PETROLEUM CORPORATION

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JDL/lrp

TEXAS PACIFIC OIL COMPANY, INC.

Jack D. Larremore
Jack D. Larremore
Regional Land Manager

CHRONOLOGY

RE: Belco-Texas Pacific

Concerning Section 3, T-22-S, R-25-E, Eddy County,
New Mexico

4/30/75 Belco requests a farmout from Texas Pacific; no written reply.

6/9/75 Belco requests that Texas Pacific join with others in forming a three-section working interest unit inclusive of Sections 3, 9, and 10.

7 - 76 to current Belco proceeds alone to drill one discovery well, and one development well in the above-described proposed working interest unit.

10/5/76 Belco again requests farmout from Texas Pacific.

11/16/76 Texas Pacific advises Belco by letter that Texas Pacific will not farm out.

6/13/77 Texas Pacific stakes an irregular Catclaw Draw Morrow location in Section 3.

8/17/77 Belco requests permission from the USGS (Federal lease) to stake a regular Catclaw Draw Morrow location in Section 3.

8/18/77 Belco advises Texas Pacific by letter that Catclaw Draw Morrow 640-acre spacing applies to Section 3, and requests that Texas Pacific join.

8/29/77 Texas Pacific files Application with USGS for 320-acre spacing dedication with an irregular Catclaw Draw Morrow location.

9/8/77 Belco advises Texas Pacific by letter that Belco has made Application to force pool Section 3 for Catclaw Draw Morrow.

9/8/77 Texas Pacific advises Belco by letter of staked location in Section 3 and preparations to withdraw acreage dedicated to the Catclaw Draw Morrow Pool.

NMOCC *Nutter*
BELCO PETROLEUM CORPORATION

EXHIBIT NO. 5
CASE NO. 6046
DATE 9-28-77

19	Revelation	New Mexico	Eddy		
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NO MORE THAN NINE DIGITS PER COLUMN WHOLE DOLLARS ONLY

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		INTANGIBLE EXPENSE			
18	20	Rig Expenditure			
		Move In & Out - \$ 10,000			
		Drilling Ft. @ \$ /Ft.			
		Daywork 42 days @ \$2,800/day = \$117,000			
		Completion/W.O. Unit 10 days @ \$1,000/day = 10,000			
218		Total Rig Expenditure	\$127,600	\$ 10,000	\$137,600
612		Location - Roads, Row & Damages	10,000	3,000	13,000
204		Contract Professional Services	15,000	6,000	21,000
210		Misc. Contract Labor	2,500	5,000	7,500
418		Mud & Additives	20,000	1,000	21,000
		Mud Logging	4,000	-	4,000
422		Bits	20,000	500	20,500
228		Tubular Testing/Inspection	-	4,000	4,000
230		CSG/TBG Crews/Tools	4,800	3,000	7,800
422		Float Eq. Cent & Scratchers	2,800	2,000	4,800
420		Cement & Additives	15,000	8,000	23,000
236		Pump Truck/Skid Unit Serv. & Cmt. Tools	5,000	2,000	7,000
222		Coring & Analysis	-	-	-
224		Elec. Line - Logs, Perf, Production, Etc.	11,000	8,000	19,000
226		Well Testing - DST, Wireline, Etc.	-	2,000	2,000
512		Eq. Rntls. - Surface/Downhole	11,000	2,000	13,000
950		Directional Drilling Expense	-	-	-
234		Transportation - Land - Marine	20,000	5,000	25,000
410		Fuel, Power & Water	9,000	2,000	11,000
930		Well Stimulation	-	10,000	10,000
808		Insurance & Bonds	-	-	-
920		Misc. & Contingency	18,300	7,500	25,800
		TOTAL INTANGIBLE EXPENSE	\$296,000	\$ 81,000	\$377,000

50	CHG	TANGIBLE EXPENSE	CSG PT COST	COMPL COST	TOTAL COST
20			732	736	
		CSG & LINER			
		Drive Ft. O.D. @ \$ /Ft. =			
		Casing Ft. O.D. @ \$ /Ft. =			
		Surf. 300 Ft. 13-3/8" O.D. @ \$ 14.56 /Ft. = \$ 4,400			
		Intr. 2300 Ft. 9-5/8" O.D. @ \$ 10.55 /Ft. = 24,300			
		Prod. 10600 Ft. 5-1/2" O.D. @ \$ 6.68 /Ft. = 70,800			
		Liner Ft. O.D. @ \$ /Ft. =			
426		TOTAL	\$ 28,700	\$ 70,800	\$ 99,500
432		TURING 10500 Ft. 2-3/8" O.D. @ \$ 2.65 /Ft. = 27,800	-	27,800	27,800
430		WELLHEAD EQUIPT.	6,300	9,400	15,700
438		WELL PROD. EQUIPT. SURFACE	-	5,600	5,600
440		WELL PROD. EQUIPT. DOWNHOLE	-	7,000	7,000
442		PROD. FACILITIES TANKS, EQUIPT. & LINES	-	20,000	20,000
450		MARINE PLATFORMS	-	-	-
452		OFFSHORE PROD. FACILITIES	-	-	-
		TOTAL TANGIBLE EXPENSE	\$ 35,000	\$140,000	\$175,000
		TOTAL WELL COST	\$331,000	\$221,000	\$552,000

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BELCO PETROLEUM CORPORATION

EXHIBIT NO. 7

CASE NO. 6046

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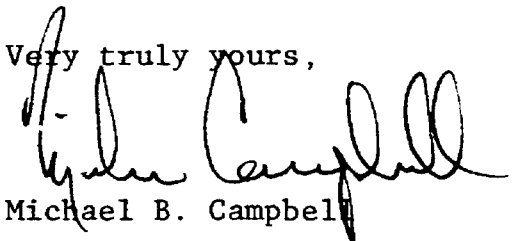
Ms. Lynn Techendorf
Oil Conservation Commission
Legal Division
Post Office Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Lynn:

Enclosed please find an Application for Hearing filed on behalf of Texas Pacific Oil Company, Inc. The Company seeks to withdraw acreage dedicated to the Catclaw Draw Morrow Pool and to extend the Revelation Morrow Pool limits to include Section 3, T22S, R25E, Eddy County, New Mexico.

It is my understanding that Belco Petroleum Corporation has filed a Force Pool Application for the same acreage. A hearing on Belco's Application is set for September 28, 1977. We believe that both Applications should be heard by the Commission at the same time. We have contacted Belco to request that they voluntarily continue their scheduled hearing until October 12, 1977, the date on which I understand our Application will be heard. Belco has refused to continue its hearing voluntarily. I have therefore enclosed a Motion to Consolidate the hearing on Belco's Application with ours. I believe that consolidation of the matter is in the best interest of the Commission and the parties involved.

Very truly yours,


Michael B. Campbell

MBC:mr

Enclosures

APPLICATION FOR HEARING BEFORE THE
NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Applicant's Name:

Texas Pacific Oil Company, Inc.
Regional Office
Post Office Box 4067
Midland, Texas

Common Sources of Supply:

The Catclaw Draw Morrow Pool and
the Revelation Morrow Pool in
Eddy County, New Mexico.

General Nature of the Order Sought: To withdraw acreage dedicated
to the Catclaw Draw Morrow Pool by Order No. 4861 Para-
graph (M) and to extend the Revelation Morrow Pool limits
to include Section 3, T22S, R25E, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Justification:

1. Dry holes to the west and southwest of the Catclaw Field have delineated the boundary of the field.
2. Section 3, T22S, R25E, is located outside the defined boundaries.
3. Rule 1 of the Special Rules and Regulations for the Catclaw Draw Morrow Gas Pool (Order No. R-4157, Case No. 4548) appears to provide that in the event dedicated Catclaw acreage is nearer to another designated Morrow gas pool, such acreage should be reclassified and drilled under the closer pool field regulations. Section 3, T22S, R25E is nearer to the Revelation Morrow gas pool and should be reclassified and drilled under the pool field regulations governing that pool.

Case 5336
Order No. 5311
was incorporated in 5336
Case No. 4548
was inc.

Respectfully submitted,

CAMPBELL, BINGAMAN & BLACK

By 

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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. 6067

Order No. R- 5599

APPLICATION OF TEXAS PACIFIC
OIL CO., INC., FOR POOL CONTRACTION
AND EXTENSION, EDDY COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO.

NOMENCLATURE

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on October 12,
19 77, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this day of December, 19 77, 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, Texas Pacific Oil Co., Inc., is the
owner of an oil and gas lease covering the W/2 of Section 3, Town-
ship 22 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool,
Eddy County, New Mexico.

(3) That Belco Petroleum Corporation is the operator, by farmout agreement, of an oil and gas lease covering the E/2 of Section 3, Township 22 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(4) That in Case No. 6046, heard by the above-named examiner on September 28, 1977, Belco Petroleum Corporation seeks an order from the Commission pooling all mineral interests in the Morrow formation underlying all of Section 3, Township 22 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, to form a standard 640-acre spacing and proration unit for said pool to be dedicated to a well Belco proposes to drill in the SW/4 of said Section 3.

(5) That in the instant case, Texas Pacific Oil Co., Inc., seeks an order from the Commission deleting all of the aforesaid Section 3 from the horizontal boundaries of the ~~Catclaw Draw-Morrow~~ Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool and extending the horizontal boundaries of the Revelation-Morrow Gas Pool in Sections 4 and 9 of Township 22 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, to include said Section 3.

(6) That the Revelation-Morrow Gas Pool is spaced one well to each 320 acres, and Texas Pacific proposes to dedicate the W/2 of the aforesaid Section 3 to a Morrow gas well it proposes to drill in the SW/4 of said Section 3.

(7) That the records in Cases Nos. 6046 and 6067 were consolidated by the examiner but a separate order should be entered in each case.

(8) That the Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool was created and defined by Commission Order No. R-4157 dated June 21, 1971, which order also established 640-acre spacing for said pool on a temporary basis pending development of additional reservoir information.

(9) That the 640-acre spacing rules for said pool were extended for a period of one year by Commission Order No. R-4157-A dated September 13, 1973, and were extended indefinitely by Commission Order No. R-4157-B dated October 22, 1974, with the specific provision that the rules should apply only to wells within the defined limits of the pool and not, as is often the case in other pools, to the pool limits and to lands outside said limits but within one mile thereof.

(10) That the aforesaid limitation to the application of the pool rules was "...to avoid conflicts of spacing patterns and violation of correlative rights," inasmuch as the Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool was being developed on 640-acre spacing and "...the drilling ^{of} ~~so~~ Pennsylvanian gas wells on the standard Southeast New Mexico spacing of 320 acres [was] occurring in lands offsetting the established limits of the...pool but outside the productive limits of the pool."

(11) That in an effort to protect correlative rights by finding the appropriate line of juxtaposition for the meeting of two different spacing patterns, i.e., 320-acre spacing and 640-acre spacing, the Commission entered Order No. R-4861 effective November 1, 1974, and Order No. R-4887, also effective November 1, 1974, extending the Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool in several places, including all of Section 3, Township 22 South, Range ²⁵ ~~24~~ East, NMPM.

(12) That some of the aforesaid extensions were predicated upon the completion of Morrow gas wells the characteristics of which indicated that they were in fact completed in the Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool, but others of said extensions were based upon the Commission's interpretation of the best geological information available at the time.

(13) That the extension of the Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool to include the aforesaid Section 3 was based upon such geological information inasmuch as the nearest production from the Catclaw Draw Pool was from a well in the SE/4 SW/4 of Section 35, Township 21 South, Range 25 East, NMPM.

(14) That the geological information at hand when the pool was extended to include Section 3, Township 22 South, Range ~~25~~²⁵ East, NMPM, indicated a favorable looking Morrow structure extending from Sections 23, 26, and 35 of Township 21 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, where producing Morrow gas wells were located, into Sections 27 and 34 of Township 21 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, and Section 3, Township 22 South, Range ~~25~~²⁵ East, NMPM.

(15) That subsequent to the extension of the pool to include, among other lands, the aforesaid Section 3, non-productive Morrow wells have been drilled in Sections 27 and 34, Township 21 South, Range 25 East, and in Section 2, Township 22 South, Range ~~25~~²⁵ East, NMPM.

(16) That this subsequent development and the attendant additional geological information would appear to indicate that the favorable looking Morrow structure described in Finding No. (14) above is either non-existent, ^{or} of a different configuration [^] than originally thought, or is non-productive of gas from the Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool.

(17) That a non-productive belt in the Morrow formation appears to run in a north-south direction through the east half of Sections 27 and 34, Township 21 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, thence southeasterly across Section 2, Township 22 South, Range ~~25~~²⁵ East, NMPM, thereby effectively separating Section 3 of Township 22 South, Range ~~25~~²⁵ East, NMPM, from the Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool.

(18) That the aforesaid non-productive belt constitutes a reasonable and logical line of juxtaposition for the meeting of two different spacing patterns, and in order to prevent waste and protect correlative rights, the Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool should be contracted by the deletion therefrom of all of Section 3, Township 22 South, Range ²⁵~~27~~ East, NMPM.

(19) ~~That while there is another productive~~ That while there is another productive Morrow structure to the south and west of said Section 3, and the Commission has heretofore created and defined the Revelation-Morrow Gas Pool to include portions of said structure, and it appears that said structure extends north and east into said Section 3, it would be premature for the Commission to extend the Revelation-Morrow Gas Pool into said Section 3 at this time.

(20) That the application of Texas Pacific Oil Co., Inc., for the extension of the Revelation-Morrow Gas Pool should be denied.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, as heretofore classified, defined, and described, is hereby contracted by the deletion of the following described lands:

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE ²⁵~~27~~ EAST, NMPM
Section 3: All

(2) That the application of Texas Pacific Oil Co., Inc., for the extension of the Revelation-Morrow Gas Pool ~~is~~ is hereby denied.

(3) 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.