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STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION State Land Office Building

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of Western Oil Producers, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.

BEFORE: Richard L. Stamets

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

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MR. STAMETS: Call next Case 6397.

MS. TESCHENDOFF: Case 6397. Application of Western Oil Producers, Inc., for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.

Junior. I'm a member of the firm of Hunker, Fedric, P. A., Roswell, New Mexico, and I represent the applicant, Western Oil Producers, I-N-C., and Mr. Roy L. McKay.

I have one witness.

MR. STAMETS: Any other appearances in this case?

MR. KELLAHIN: Tom Kellahin of Kellahin and Fox, appearing on behalf of BTA Oil Producers, and I have one witness.

MR. STAMETS: I'd like to have all witnesses stand and be sworn at this time, please.

(Witnesses sworn.)

MR. STAMETS: Mr. Hunker, you may proceed.

MR. HUNKER: Mr. Examiner, I'd like for the Division to take administrative notice of Order R-3161 for the establishment of field rules, dated December 6th, 1966, Case Number 3492, Cinta Rojas Morrow Gas Pool, wherein the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission established a 640-acre spacing unit as to the Morrow zone of the Pennsylvanian formation for the pool and for each well completed in the

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pool or in the Morrow formation within one mile thereof.

As originally defined on November 1st, 1965, by Order R-2988, excuse me, 2935, the pool included only the southwest quarter of Section 9, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, but this was amended by Order R-3161 so that at the present time all of Section 9, in 24 South, 35 East, is in the pool.

MR. STAMETS: The Examiner will take administrative notice of Case 3492 and Order R-3161.

Mr. McKay, will you please identify yourself for the record?

A. My name is Roy McKay. I'm the president of McKay Oil Corporation and we are oil and gas producers.

We placed in front of you an exhibit marked Number One. Will you explain to the Examiner what this exhibit shows?

A. It's a land plat showing the Section 4; it's outlined with ownership of three particular leases of Union Cil Company of California and that would be covering the east half of the Section 4 and the east half of the southwest quarter of 4, and the second lease will be the northwest quarter of 4, which is held by Gulf, Amoco, and Superior. The third lease is BTA's on the west half of the southwest quarter of 4.

Q Does this plat also show the location of your

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- A Yes.
- Q What is that proposed location?
- A 1980 feet from the south and east lines.
- Q Has McKay Oil Corporation obtained a farmout to drill a Morrow test from Union Oil Company of California?
- A. Yes, we've got a farmout from Union for a 14,500 or 600 feet test. We have additional farmouts from Gulf and Amoco, and we've been advised that Superior will either farmout or participate, probably participate.
- Q. When must that well be commenced under the terms of your agreement?
- A. December 31st. The lease expires January 1, 1979.
- Q Has BTA been invited to participate or farmout to you in connection with this proposed well?
  - A. Yes, several times.
- Q Referring to a letter dated November 7, 1978, and marked Exhibit Two, is this a letter that you sent to BTA inviting participation?
- A. That was my last notice or letter, yes, and I believe it was sent registered to make sure they did get one.
- Q. All right, does the last page of this exhibit reflect the receipt of this particular letter?

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MS. TESCHENDORF: Mr. Hunker, may I interrupt you for a minute?

MR. HUNKER: What is McKay's connection with Western Oil? Will you get to that?

MR. HUNKER: I will get to that, if you don't mind. I didn't know where to put it in, but I'll put it in in a little while.

Q (Mr. Hunker continuing.) What's the percentage of the 640-acre or 640.60-acre spacing unit does BTA own?

A They own the 80 acres which is 12.4983 percent.

Q They roughly have an 80-acre interest, reduced slightly be reason of the fact that the section is slightly large?

A. Right.

Q Have you prepared an AFE for the drilling of your test well?

A. Yes, this was prepared by Western Oil Producers for me, which is, let's see, where Woolworth Ranch Unit Number One, for 1,093,893 Dollars.

Q Tell me, is this exhibit the one we have marked Exhibit Three?

A Yes.

Q. What does this exhibit show with regards to

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overhead charges, Mr. McKay?

- A \$7500.
- Q In connection with your farmout from Union Oil Company of California, what is the rate that is prescribed in that agreement with respect to the time you're drilling a well?
  - A. \$2525, I believe.
  - Q Is that per month?
  - A. Per month.
  - Q While you're drilling?
  - A Right.
- Q. Is this amount agreeable to you as a reasonable charge in the event the uncommitted interests are force pooled?
  - A Yes.
- Q. In connection with that same -- or Union farmout, what was the producing well rate specified by Union?
  - A. \$292 a month.
- Q. How, again tell us, how deep the well is going to be drilled, Mr. McKay?
- A Approximately 14,500 foot or to the base of the Morrow.
- Q And how long will it take to drill and complete?

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- Q This application in this case, Mr. McKay, is filed in the name of Western Oil Producers, I-N-C. Will you explain to the Examiner why it is that Western is the applicant in this particular case, and you're testifying?
- A. Western Oil Producers was hired by me to do the operations and they do this quite often for the majority of my wells in southeast New Mexico.
  - <u>o</u> Do they also drill some wells?
  - A Yes.
- Q Are they going to be the contractor to drill this particular well?
- A. They are handling all the engineering end of it. The actual rig is a Moranco rig.
- Q. Do you desire that Western Oil Producers be designated as the operator of this drilling unit in the event the Commission -- the Division sees fit to grant an order in this case?
  - A Yes.
- One, I notice that there appears to be a drilling well in Section 10. Are you familiar with that well?
- A Yes, it's a Cetty well that's going to the Morrow objective.
  - Q What was the estimated cost of drilling that

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tion 5 drilled?

A 1974 was plugged.

No other wells have been drilled in either Section 3 or 4, is that correct?

A Right.

Q In evaluating this particular prospect, you've drilled other wells before, what in your opinion is the risk factor that should be applied to the drilling of your test well in Section 4?

A. Risk factor meaning what? It's risky.

Q How much -- how much risk is involved there?
Explain to the Examiner --

A. Well, the fact that we have one producing well in the south half of 9 in the area is -- it's just a typical Morrow shot out in the wide open spaces. I mean you either -- it's obviously risky enough that the people that farmed out wasn't going to do it.

Q They wouldn't have farmed out to you --

A. They wouldn't have if they were going to do something good on it. That's a matter of opinion, of course. I personally think that we'll make a well or I wouldn't be doing it.

Q Do you have a recommendation to make to the Examiner as to what rate of risk that should be applied in this particular instance if the interest of BTA is force

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pooled?

A I would think a maximum allowable, like 300 percent to 500.

What do you -- in the event you complete this well as a producing well, in addition to the overhead charge of \$292, which you've testified to, what do you think that the operating costs will be on a monthly basis?

A Well, initially we've been running around \$350.

Q \$350 a month?

A \$350 a month.

MR. HUNKER: That's all the questions I have, Mr. Examiner.

### CROSS EXAMINATION

### BY MR. STAMETS:

Q This \$350 figure, now, that's not your combined fixed rate --

Mell, this is a completion. We've generally been paying our pumpers or most all our Morrows have been running that figure. I used that as a comparable amount.

MR. HUNKER: Does that include the overhead, that's what he's asking.

A Yes, that would be --

Q But \$292 is what you're asking for your --

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Q That's an operating charge, though.

MR. HUNKER: That's an operating charge and not a --

- A. It's an operating charge.
- Q Okay.

MR. STAMETS: I think, Mr. Hunker, that we need to qualify Mr. McKay, since he did give his opinion on risk.

MR. HUNKER: All right.

### REDIRECT EXAMINATION

## BY MR. HUNKER:

Q Mr. McKay, how long have you been in the oil business?

- A Independently, five years.
- Q No, start with the time when you first started in the oil business.
  - A. 1969.
  - And who did you go to work for?
  - A Sun Oil Company, Sunray DX.
  - Q And what did you do for Sunray DX?

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1	A	<b>L</b> .	I was a landman.
2	Q	).	And after being a landman with Sunray where
3	did you go	<b>)?</b>	
4	A	<b>L</b>	Pubco Petroleum in Albuquerque.
5	Q	<b>)</b> .	And what did you do with Pubco?
6	А	<b>L</b>	I was a landman and manager of a land depart
7	ment subse	equent	ely.
8	٥	<b>)</b>	Did you have occasion to prepare drilling
9	operating	agree	ements while you were working with Pubco?
10	A	<i>.</i>	Yes.
11	Q	).	And to prepare AFEs in connection with the
12	drilling o	of we	lls?
13	A	<b>.</b>	Yes, I've been involved with this.
14	Ω	<b>)</b>	Since that time what have you done?
15	A	<i>r</i>	I was with Petro Grande in Dallas for a year
16	and since	that	time I have drilled approximately fifty
17	wells, mos	stly 1	Morrow tests in southeast New Mexico.
18	Ç	Ç.	And in connection with those tests have you
19	had occasi	ion to	o prepare AFEs and operating agreements in-
20	volving we	ell c	osts?
21	1	<b>A.</b>	Yes. We do use consultants for expertise,
22	however,	in th	e engineering field as well as the geological
23	field.		

MR. KELLAHIN: I'd like to voir dire the wit-

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### VOIR DIRE EXAMINATION

### BY MR. KELLAHIN:

O. Mr. McKay, you are the only witness today to present evidence as the risk factor to be assessed, is that true?

A. Yes.

Q. And you're neither a geologist nor a petroleum engineer?

A Right.

MR. KELLAHIN: We would move to strike Mr. McKay's testimony as to the risk factor involved in the drilling of this well. We believe that Mr. McKay's qualifications do not satisfy requirements for him to express an expert opinion as to that risk.

MR. HUNKER: If the Examiner please, Mr.

McKay has been in the oil business for quite some time and has drilled a lot of wells and paid for a lot of wells, and if, as operator, he doesn't know how much these wells cost and can't concern himself with the risk that's involved in this particular case based on his knowledge as an operator, I don't know who can.

He's a pretty fair geologist himself and I think he is qualified to testify with respect to the matter

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of risk, but I'll leave it up to you.

MR. KELLAHIN: If the Examiner please, Mr. McKay indicated that he has outside help to do his geology and engineering for the drilling of his Morrow tests. It's obvious from his remarks that he's the only witness; that the geologist and engineers that prepared whatever he's using to establish a risk factor are not present here to cross examine them today, and based on that opinion, and therefore we believe that apart from the fact that Mr. McKay is not qualified to express that opinion, Mr. Hunker has failed to meet the burden of proof.

### RECROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. STAMETS:

Q. Mr. McKay, you indicated you worked for Petro Grande and then left them, is that correct?

- A. Right, five years ago.
- Q Five years ago.
- A. Correct.
- Q Okay, so that would be 1973, and since that time you have been drilling your own wells?
  - A Right.
- Okay, now you say drilling your own wells, are you putting deals together and spending other people's money only or are you putting --

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A.	Combination.
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- a so you're --
- We have several companies. This particular company is McKay Oil Corporation, which is involved with this one. I also operate as Roy L. McKay, independent.
- Q So you are spending your money and other people's money on the wells.
  - A Yes.
- You're fully aware of what happens if you don't recover the money that you spend on a well?
  - A Yes.
- Are you aware that it's risky to invest in oil wells?
  - A Yes.
- Q. Have you sometimes drilled a well and not gotten your money back?
  - A Yes.
- Q How would you rate this well in cost of \$1,093,000? Is this a higher priced well, the highest priced well you've ever drilled?
- A. Close to it. We've drilled some 22,000 footers, or participated, down in Mississippi. For New Mexico this is probably the deepest we've done. We do drill 17,000, 22,000 footers in Mississippi. 15,000 is our average depth in Mississippi.

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We do tend to drill them a little cheaper than some of the majors, I may add, instead of putting a two and a half million AFE on the well in Mississippi, we did it for a million and a half, I believe.

MR. STAMETS: I agree with Mr. Kellahin that in this case we don't have a witness who is qualified geologist or engineer testifying as to the likelihood of getting the money back and a fair rate of return from an engineering or geological standpoint.

However, I believe what we have here is a practical oil man: a man who has drilled wells, who is testifying from the standpoint of experience, and his risk involved in getting his money back, and I believe that the witness is qualified under those conditions.

Mr. Kellahin, if you have some geological or engineering evidence or some practical evidence that you would wish to put into the record to offset or refute this risk factor that Mr. McKay has asked for, we'll certainly allow you to do it.

MR. KELLAHIN: Thank you.

MR. STAMETS: Any other questions of this witness? He may be excused.

Do you have anything further?

MR. HUNKER: No.

MR. STAMETS: Ms. Teschendorf has one question.

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MS, TESCHENDORF: This isn't necessarily addressed to the witness but Mr. Hunker probably can answer this.

We've gotten a letter from the USGS stating that you have applied for the Woolworth Ranch Unit area.

Is that going to be Sections 3 and 4?

MR. HUNKER: Yes.

MS. TESCHENDORF: And are you going ahead with the unit and why are you force pooling Section 4? I'm just curious.

MR. HUNKER: In connection with the farmout from Union, they have compelled us to drill Section 4 as a drilling block, and we felt that we needed to pool the BTA interest or have them participate in order to know who was going to bear the cost as far as that 80-acre tract was concerned.

Yes, we are unitizing.

MS. TESCHENDORF: Okay, thank you.

MR. STAMETS: If there is nothing further, the witness may be excused.

Do you have anything else at this time?

MR. HUNKER: There should be a telegram in
the file from Superior, indicating that they will participate

or farmout.

That's all I have. Thank you.

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MR. STAMETS: Mr. Kellahin?

MR. KELLAHIN: Yes, I call Scotty Alcorn.

### SCOTTY ALCORN

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

### DIRECT EXAMINATION

## BY MR. KELLAHIN:

Mr. Alcorn, would you please state your name, by whom you're employed, and in what capacity?

A. My name is John Scott Alcorn. I'm known as Scotty Alcorn. I'm employed with BTA Oil Producers as a development geologist.

0. Mr. Alcorn, have you previously testified before the Oil Conservation Division?

- A No, sir, I haven't.
- Q Would you state for the benefit of the Examiner when and where you obtained your degree in geology?
- A. I obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in geological engineering from the University of Oklahoma in 1950.
- Q. Subsequent to graduation where have you been employed and in what capacity?
  - A I came to the West Texas New Mexico area,

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headquartered in Midland, Texas, for Amerada Petroleum Corporation in 1950. I worked for six years for Amerada, a
major company, and then from then until 1972 I worked for
various independent oil operators in geological capacity.

In 1972 I went to work for BTA Oil Producers in Midland, Texas, operating basically out of the West Texas - New Mexico, southeast New Mexico, area as a development geologist.

As a development geologist have you participated in geology with regards to the drilling of Morrow wells in southeast New Mexico?

A Yes, sir, I have.

Q Have you made a study of and are you familiar with the geology surrounding this particular application by Western Oil Producers, Inc.?

A Yes, sir, I've reviewed the electric logs and the completion history of the wells in the area. Yes, sir, I have.

MR. KELLAHIN: We tender Mr. Alcorn as an expert geologist.

MR. STAMETS: The witness is considered qualified.

A. Thank you, sir.

Q (Mr. Kellahin continuing.) Mr. Alcorn, would you please refer to what I have marked as BTA Exhibit Number

One and identify that exhibit for us?

A Exhibit Number One consists of -- well, let's see, one, two, three, four five pages.

- Q Excuse me, I've numbered each one separately.
- A Okay, Exhibit Number One is a structure map of 24 South, 35 East on the Strawn lime, prepared by a commercial mapping service, Geomap, that is used in the oil industry as a recognized commercial mapping service.

And then --

Q. Have you specifically studied the wells located within Section 5, the drilling well in Section 10, and then the Amoco well in Section 9?

A. Yes, I have.

Q Of your own knowledge, is the structure map, prepared as with regards to that particular area, true and correct to the best of your knowledge?

A Yes, sir, it is.

Q Would you summarize what the significance of Exhibit Number One is for us?

A. The significance of Number One shows that a well drilled in the southeast quarter of Section 4 would probably in all likelihood be on strike as interpreted by this regional map to the Amoco No. 1 Custer Mountain. It was drilled as the Midwest. It shows on the map as the original Midwest. It was taken over and operated by Amoco.

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And I feel as though from the interpretation of this log -- I mean this map, on a regional basis, we would be on strike with this producing well.

Let me have you refer to what I've marked as Exhibit Number Two, and if you'll identify that.

A. Yes, sir. This is the same area, a structural map prepared by Geomap, commercial mapping service, on the Silurc-Devonian.

You can see in reference to Exhibit One and Exhibit Two that the formation above, which is the Morrow, which is the Strawn, and the formation below Siluro-Devonian, show that Section 4 is on strike and there are no faulting, significant shows of faults in there, which would show any indication other than strike in 4 and 9.

Q Would you describe for us the type of completion at the Amoco well in Section 9?

A. Yes, sir. I'd say that you could refer to Exhibit Six --

Q. Excuse me, let me make sure we've got the right number here.

A I counted them real quickly, I hope I came out on it.

Q All right, let's go to the last page. That's Exhibit Six.

A. Okay, Exhibit Six, which is a Schlumberger

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sonic gamma ray log, and a Rinehart Oil Report completion report.

I have taken the completion intervals and noted them in the center column of the electric log, showing that there are four zones of perforations within the Morrow pay. They're shown by the blocks with the circles in them. I marked the top of the Morrow pay zone at 13,060 and the base would be down at 14,288, as shown on the Rinehart card of completion.

- 0. When was this well completed?
- A. It shows completion on the card as May 18th, 1964.
- Q And what has been the total cumulative Morrow production to date?
- A. As shown on the Exhibit Four from the New Mexico Oil and Gas Engineering Committee of 1977, it had produced almost 9-billion cubic feet of gas through 1977.
- Q And what is the current daily production on that well?
- A. On Exhibit Five you will see the July,

  Volume Three, Southeast New Mexico, it was 45,612, which is

  in excess of 1-1/2 million a day.
- Q In your opinion, Mr. Alcorn, is this a commercially successful well?
  - A Yes, sir, in the Morrow when you can get a

well that's almost a 10 billion, you've got a very commercial Morrow well. That's a dandy.

- Are you familiar with the well in Section 10 in the northwest quarter that Getty is drilling?
  - A Yes, sir, I am.
- Q Would you describe that to the Examiner, please? What your knowledge is of that well?
- A. The last current information I have is that the well is drilling in excess of 7700 feet deep, proceeding to test the Morrow Sand.
- Q Mr. Alcorn, why has BTA elected not to join Western Oil Producers in the drilling of this well?
- A. Well, we feel as though that the Getty well being drilled on -- as an east offset to the 10 billion, or 9-plus billion cubic feet gas well, that it will give us an opportunity to see another well in the area. The risk involved in an offset to the east shows about -- I would give it about a five and ten risk, because you see, in Section 5 there's a dry hole and in Section 16 there's a dry hole.

Well, the extent of a well making 10 -we're giving it an estimated in excess of 10 billion cubic
feet out of the Morrow Sand, we feel as though the lateral
extent would be more than 640 acres, and I assume Western
Oil feels the same or they wouldn't be drilling the well.

So if the well is to the northeast, which is the Getty well, if that becomes the producer then it enhances the odds considerably of a well in Section 4. It would probably make that risk a very nominal for Morrow, being a direct offset, it would be, I would say, seven and ten. It would enhance the production odds up there.

Now, if the well in Section 10 becomes a dry hole, then it would lessen the probability of production in Section 4 to approximately three and ten. So what we're caught up with, Mr. Examiner, is on the basis of that well and the involvement of drilling in the area, we're caught in a dilemma of whether to think that this will be a seven and ten risk area or a three and ten risk area.

A Has BTA communicated their desire to wait until the Getty well is completed before commencing a well in Section 4?

A. Oh, very definitely so because of the operation in the area and as was reported. there are a couple of dry holes, and we feel as though we are put under undue pressure if we don't take advantage of the drilling of the the results of the drilling of the well in Section 10.

And what, if any, response did Mr. McKay give BTA Oil Producers with regards to waiting until the Gulf State well was completed?

A. Well, I feel, as I understand it through our

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land department, the requirement is that drilling has to commence on or before the end of this year, and that's putting us in an undue pressure because we are in sympathy with their situation of drilling a well on a lease that's running out, but we don't feel as though we should be penalized because of their acreage situation. We feel as though we're we should be given the advantage of evaluating the wells in the area.

All right. In your opinion, Mr. Alcorn, what would be a reasonable risk factor to assess against

Well, I believe that with all things being equal, and their situation of having to start now, and they are offsetting -- a direct offset on 640-acre spacing, and then they have a diagonal offset drilling, that the area should be, oh, not over a sixty percent penalty.

Now, I assume that you're familiar with the Oil Division rules with regards to a statutory maximum for a risk factor of 200 percent.

Yes, sir, I am.

And that your recommendation of a 60 percent factor is in relation to the statutory maximum.

Yes, sir, I feel that way.

MR. KELLAHIN: I have no further questions of Mr. Alcorn. I move -- oh, let me ask you this. Were

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Exhibits One through Six either compiled by you directly or the information contained therein reconfirmed by your own investigation to show that they're true and accurate?

A. Yes, sir, I examined all of it and they're all accurate as far as my checking them out.

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

MR. STAMETS: Without objection, these exhibits will be admitted.

Are there questions of the witness?

MR. HUNKER: I have a question or two.

### CROSS EXAMINATION

### BY MR. HUNKER:

Q Mr. Alcorn, did you participate with Gulf in connection with the drilling of their deep test in Section 5?

- A Yes, sir, we did.
- 0. On what basis?
- A On the basis of the area in there. There have been --
- Q Did you farmout or did you actually pay your part of the cost?
  - A. We paid our part of the cost, yes, sir.
  - Q. What area was condemned by that well? Do

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you care to express an opinion with regard to that?

A No, sir, I feel as though probably I would say the area condemned is, on a 640-acre spacing we would consider that 640 acres condemned at the present time, yes, sir.

- Q You don't think that your acreage in the west half of the southwest of Section 4 has been at least partially condemned by the drilling of that well?
- A No, sir, I don't. As you can see, the structure in the area, on our Exhibit One, there is a dip of 100 feet between those wells and on Exhibit Two, you can see by the Devonian structure that there might be in excess of -- there is in excess of that interpretation so that there would be quite a differential in the area.

In reference to Exhibit Six, there are four zones of production in the Amoco Custer Mountain Unit Well, so it -- I feel as though they could carry over more than one section.

- Q What is the difference, though, between the structure as shown by the well that was drilled in Section 16 as compared to the well in Section 9?
  - A The well in Section 16 --
  - Q Isn't there a considerable --
  - A Yes, sir, there's a --
  - Q -- difference there?

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- Q The Exhibit Two that you've submitted is on the Siluro-Devonian formation, is that correct?
  - A Yes, sir.
- Q. And doesn't have anything to do with the Morrow?
- A. It has -- all it shows is that the rock below, rock formations below the Morrow, are basically a general southeast dip as in the Strawn formation above, showing that there is no indication to date of any faulting in the area.
- Q Isn't it possible that there is just as much risk involved in drilling a well to the north of the Custer Mountain Unit as there was in drilling a well to the south of it?
  - A Well, if it's a dry hole, it's possible.
  - Q The well to the south was closer.
  - A Yes, sir, it was.
  - O. Than Western Oil Producers' well in Section
- 4. Now, isn't the risk involved just as much?
- A No, sir, because we have indication of possibly being on strike in Section 4.
  - Q. What do you mean by being on strike?
  - A. That we would encounter the Morrow pay formation

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at the same subsea depth. It would be encountered in Section 4 as it is in the Amoco Well in Section 9.

Q What about the Gulf well in Section 5, wasn't it on strike?

A No, sir, it was up dip and then being up dip you have vour sedimentation could be very much different.

Q The Western Oil Producers well is going to be up dip too, isn't it?

A. We don't believe that it will be up dip as was the well in Section 5, no, sir.

a Did you recommend to vour company that they spend their money for the well in Section 5?

A No, sir, I did not. I was not in on the decision.

A I don't see, Mr. Alcorn. how you can assume that the Getty well is going to help you evaluate your acreage, and is that the principal reason why you're not participating in this particular well? You just prefer to ride the Getty well down and then make up your mind what your company should do?

A Yes, sir, we feel as though any information in the area is of advantage to us to make a decision on the evaluation of our property. We feel as though that anyone doing prudent oil work in the area takes advantage of all the subsurface holes drilled.

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- A. Well, as I said, we feel as though we would like to take advantage at the present time of the Getty well drilling. We don't feel as though that it would hurt anybody's situation of evaluation of the area.
- Q But that doesn't have anything to do with the risk factor, does it? The fact that you want to take advantage of your situation from a lease standpoint.
- A I believe that the risk factor in the very essence of a well being drilled and another well being proposed to be drilled shows that there is activity in the area and the risk factor has been lessened greatly by the choice of the two wells being drilled.
- O If you look at the lease picture, you'll notice that the Getty Well is a mile and a half away from your acreage. Now, again, you feel that the risk factor involved in this particular matter is going to be controlled by a well that's a mile and a half away.
- A. We're -- I think we're using a play on words.

  That's a direct offset in Section 4. On 640-acre spacing that's a direct offset.
- Q I know, but it's a mile and a half away from your lease.

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Q We're talking about getting your lease to participate in the cost of drilling this particular test well, or at least farming your interest out. Now, why don't you want to farm the acreage out? You're not willing to participate in the cost of drilling the well. Would you be willing to farm the interest out?

A. After the Getty well comes in we feel as though we would be interested in entertaining some sort of an offer to join or farmout, but at the present --

Q When do you think the Getty Well will be down?

A. In approximately sixty days. As Mr. McKay said, it takes about 120 days to complete a well and they're at 7000 feet now, so it would probably be 60 days more.

Q And by that time the Union lease will have expired, is that correct?

A. From the looks of the map, yes, sir, it appears to be that way.

Q. Why do you imagine that Gulf -- that Union, Gulf, and Amoco and Superior are willing to farmout their interests?

MR. KELLAHIN: I'm going to object to that question. It calls for specualtion on the part of this witness, of things he has no knowledge.

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MR. HUNKER: I'll withdraw the question.

MR. STAMETS: Very good.

MR. HUNKER: I'll withdraw the guestion.

Our information is that BTA Oil Producers --

MR. KELLAHIN: I'm going to object to that.

Mr. Hunker is testifying as to what he knows.

MR. HUNKER: All right, I'll withdraw that question.

Q (Mr. Hunker continuing.) How does the title stand to the 80-acre tract in Section 4 described as the west half of the southwest quarter?

- A How does it stand? I --
- Q In what name? In what name?
- A BTA Oil Producers in the west half of the southwest quarter of Section 4.
- Q Is BTA Oil Producers a corporation, a partnership, or what is the nature of the legal entity?
  - A It is a family-owned partnership.
  - 0. Consisting of whom?
- A Of Carlton Beale, Carlton Beale, Junior, Barry Beale, Spencer Beale, and Kelly Beale.
  - Q It is not an incorporation, is that correct?
- A. To my knowledge it is not. Now, I'm not -I don't really know how they have it. but it's -- as I understand it, it is a partnership.

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- A Yes, sir.
- Q Or do you know?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q Does that group have an interest in the west half of the southwest quarter of Section 4?
- A I would not be qualified to say. I do not know. I'm sorry.
- Q. Would that be a reason why you would be unwilling at this time to join in the -- participate or farmout that acreage?
- A Not to my knowledge, it isn't. I just have never been informed as to our -- which acreage is which in there. It appears as though they both carry the same lease numbers, but I am not qualified as a landman to give the land situation as to those two leases. Those two tracts, excuse me.
- Q It was your opinion that 60 percent of 200 percent should be assigned as a risk factor in this particular instance?
- A. No, it was 60 percent above the cost of drilling the well. It's kind of if it's risky and it's a dry hole, it won't make any difference type deal, and if it's

a good well, then we'll all be happy.

being expiration, we're being put in undue pressure to make a decision at the present time. I feel as though Western Oil knew that this expiration was coming up and accepted the farmout and we're in complete sympathy with the situation at the present time, but we don't feel as though we should be penalized because of the expiration date. We're sorry.

- A How far is the well location in Section 4 from Amoco's Custer Mountain Well?
- A. It looks like it's being a direct offset on 640 acres, it looks like it's approximately one mile.
- Q And how far was the well in Section 16 from that Custer Mountain Well?
- A. Oh, it looks like a direct south offset, about three-quarters of a mile.
- Would you say that there was as much risk involved in connection with drilling the well in Section 16 as there is going to be involved in connection with drilling the well in Section 4?
- A As much risk in 16? Yes, sir, there was more risk in 16 because there was -- there were less subsurface points to evaluate the area.

Now we know that Section 16 is dry, as that well in Section 16, let me clarify that, and the well in the

northwest of 5 is a dry hole. We are anticipating the well in Section 9 to have 10 billion cubic feet of gas. We feel as though the -- and still making after eighteen years a million and a half cubic feet of gas per day, the field has to be larger than one section, so each well drilled enhances the undeveloped acreage of being productive.

It just kind of like if that well in 10 should have as good a chance of making it, it would show that it's going up there in the northeast, and then a well in the southeast of 4 would be a very good location.

- Q I don't -- oh, let's see. How long ago was the Amoco well drilled, do you know?
  - A. In 1964 it was completed.
  - Q Why has it been fourteen years?
- A. Time goes by. I mean why has what been fourteen years, Mr. Hunker?
- Q And no one has seen fit to develop the land in Section 4?
  - A I'll be doggoned if I know.
- Q Doesn't it indicate to you that there is a considerable amount of risk involved in drilling a Morrow test at the location Western Oil Producers has selected?
- A. No. sir, it does not. There's activity in the area and it appears as though that would be a logical area to drill, and we feel as though in Section 10, that well

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is going to give us more information.

Q Doesn't it appear to you at this time that it would be worth while for your company to participate in the drilling of the well in Section 4?

A At this time I feel as though we should wait and see in the northwest quarter of Section 10 the production of that well.

- Q And as a professional geologist, --
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q -- you are saying that the Getty Well in

  Section 10 is going to evaluate your acreage to the point

  where you feel like you would or would not be able to participate, is that correct?
- A. The information gained from the Getty Well will enhance the interpretation of the Cinta Roja Field and give us all the information available, which we should take advantage of.
- Q What's the net feet of pay for the Custer Mountain Well, do you know?
- A No, I can tell you the gross feet. It looks like -- it looks like, counting up very guickly, a hundred feet of gross pay, in four separate zones.
- Q And that would calculate to cover approximately 640 acres, is that correct?
  - A I think that it's an indication that it would

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probably drain a little more than that at the present time; over 10 billion cubic feet of gas is quite a bit for 640 acres.

MR. HUNKER: I have no further questions, Mr. Examiner. I thank you, Mr. Alcorn, I didn't mean to badger you.

A Oh, I appreciate the opportunity to testify. This is the first time I've testified. I'm kind of excited about it.

#### CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. STAMETS:

As long as you're kind of excited, Mr. Alcorn, what's the nature of the pay in the existing well in Cinta Roja? Is it a bar, a delta, a channel, a combination of those?

A I am not qualified to say on that, in that the top part of the pay zone is a limestone and the other three are sandstones. We feel as though it's — it might be a shore-type deposition, we don't feel that — but evidently, it is a bar because of the indication of the Gulf Well being dry to the north and the well in Section 16 to the south, so it probably has to be some sort of a channel sand through there.

It definitely appears to be deposited on --

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in a strike-type situation through there.

From what you know about the Morrow Sands, are those sands apt to be where you think they are or are they apt to be somewhere else?

Well, we always hope that they're where we think they are, but that's --

What do you find, generally?

Generally they lens in and out, yes, sir. The sands are within the confines of the -- of the shale areas, but the sands lens in and out.

MR. STAMETS: Any other questions of the witness? He may be excused.

Anyone have anything further in this case? MR. HUNKER: I'd like to offer my exhibits in evidence.

MR. STAMETS: Okay, they'll be accepted.

MR. HUNKER: One, Two, and Three.

MR. KELLAHIN: Everybody's exhibits will be

accepted.

Are there any closing statements? There being none, the case will be taken under advisement.

(Hearing concluded.)

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I, SALLY WALTON BOYD, a Court Reporter, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached Transcript of Hearing before the Oil Conservation Division was reported by me; that said transcript is a full, true, and correct record of the hearing, prepared by me to the best of my ability, knowledge, and skill, from my notes taken at the time of the hearing.

Sally W. Boyd, C.S.R.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is
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BTA 0il Producers 104 S. Pecos Midland, Texas 79701 ATTENTION: Carlton Beal

Re: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Case #6397, Order #R5892 Application for compulsory pooling

Sec. 4, T-24S, R-35E Lea County, New Mexico

#### Gentlemen:

In accordance with the referenced case, we are forwarding two executed copies of the AFE for the Woolworth Ranch Unit #1 located in the area described above. This is in accordance with the Oil Conservation Division directive outlined in referenced case.

Hoping this meets with your requirements. Please execute the attached copies of the AFE keeping one for your file and returning the other to this office.

If there is any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,

WESTERN OIL PRODUCERS, INC.

Arnold Newkirk

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cc: State of New Mexico
Energy and Minerals Dept.
Oil Conservation Division

# WESTERN OIL PRODUCERS, INC. P.O. Box 1498 Roswell, New Mexico (2004)

LEASE: WOOLWORTH RANCH UNIT #1
LOCATION: 1980' FS & EL Sec. 4. 248, 39E for 6 anty New Mexico

INTANGIBLE COST	PRODUCER	DRY HOLE COST
Surface Damages & Survey	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
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Approved	WESTERN OIL PRODUCERS, INC.
Date	Kenneth Dereynolds,
	Vice President



# STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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January 17, 1979

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Attorneys at Law Post Office Box 1837 Roswell, New Mexico 88	3201	Applicant:		
		Western Oil	Producers,	Inc.
Dear Sir:				
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Yours very truly,  JOE D. RAMEY  Director				
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#### STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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

> CASE NO. 6397 Order No. R-5892

APPLICATION OF WESTERN OIL PRODUCERS, INC. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

#### ORDER OF THE DIVISION

#### BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on December 7, 1978, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 16th day of January, 1979, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

#### FINDS:

- (1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicant, Western Oil Producers, Inc., seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Morrow formation underlying all of Section 4, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, MMPM, Cinta Roja-Morrow Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the applicant has the right to drill and proposes to drill a well at a standard location thereon.
- (4) That there are interest owners in the proposed proration unit who have not agreed to pool their interests.
- (5) That to avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, to protect correlative rights, and to afford to the owner of each interest in said unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense his just and fair share of the gas in said pool, the subject application should be approved by pooling all mineral interests, whatever they may be, within said init.

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- (6) That the applicant should be designated the operator of the subject well and unit.
- (7) That any non-consenting working interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production.
- (8) That any non-consenting working interest owner that does not pay his share of estimated well costs should have withheld from production his share of the reasonable well costs plus an additional 200 percent thereof as a reasonable charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well.
- (9) That any non-consenting interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to object to the actual well costs but that actual well costs should be adopted as the reasonable well costs in the absence of such objection.
- (10) That following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner that has paid his share of estimated costs should pay to the operator any amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and should receive from the operator any amount that paid estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.
- (11) That \$2520.00 per month while drilling and \$292.00 per month while producing should be fixed as reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates); that the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charges attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating the subject well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each hon-consenting working interest.
- (12) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason should be placed in escrow to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership.
- (13) That upon the failure of the operator of said pooled unit to commence drilling of the well to which said unit is dedicated on or before April 1, 1979, the order pooling said unit should become null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

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#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That all mineral interests, whatever they may be; in the Morrow formation underlying all of Section 4, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Cinta Roja-Morrow Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, are hereby pooled to form a standard 640-acre gas spacing and proration unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon.

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the operator of said unit shall commence the drilling of said well on or before the 1st day of April, 1979, and shall thereafter continue the drilling of said well with due diligence to a depth sufficient to test the Morrow formation;

PROVIDED FURTHER, that in the event said operator does not commence the drilling of said well on or before the 1st day of April, 1979, Order (1) of this order shall be null and void and of no effect whatsoever, unless said operator obtains a time extension from the Division for good cause shown.

PROVIDED FURTHER, that should said well not be drill to completion, or abandonment, within 120 days after commencement thereof, said operator shall appear before the Division Director and show cause why Order (1) of this order should not be rescinded.

- (2) That Western Oil Producers, Inc. is hereby designated the operator of the subject well and unit.
- (3) That after the effective date of this order and within 30 days prior to commencing said well, the operator shall furnish the Division and each known working interest owner in the subject unit an itemized schedule of estimated well costs.
- (4) That within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him, any non-consenting working interest owner shall have the right to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production, and that any such owner who pays his share of estimated well costs as provided above shall remain liable for operating costs but shall not be liable for risk charges.
- (5) That the operator shall furnish the Division and each known working interest owner an itemized schedule of actual well costs within 90 days following completion of the well; that if no objection to the actual well costs is received by the Division and the Division has not objected within 45 days following receipt of said schedule, the actual well costs shall be the reasonable

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well costs; provided however, that if there is an objection to actual well costs within said 45-day period the Division will determine reasonable well costs after public notice and hearing.

- (6) That within 60 days following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner that has paid his share of estimated costs in advance as provided above shall pay to the operator his pro rata share of the amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and shall receive from the operator his pro rata share of the amount that estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.
- (7) That the operator is hereby authorized to withhold the following costs and charges from production:
  - (A) The pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.
  - (B) As a charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well, 200 percent of the pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.
- (8) That the operator shall distribute said costs and charges withheld from production to the parties who advanced the well costs.
- (9) That \$2520.00 per month while drilling and \$292.00 per month while producing are hereby fixed as reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates); that the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charges attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expanditures required for operating such well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.
- (10) That any unsevered mineral interest shall be considered a seven-eights (7/8) working interest and a one-eighth (1/8) royalty interest for the purpose of allocating costs and charges under the terms of this order.

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- (11) That any well costs or charges which are to be paid out of production shall be withheld only from the working interests share of production, and no costs or charges shall be withheld from production attributable to royalty interests.
- (12) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason shall immediately be placed in escrow in Lea County, New Mexico, to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership; that the operator shall notify the Division of the name and address of said escrow agent within 30 days from the date of first deposit with said escrow agent.
- (13) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year herein-

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

JOE D. RAMEY Director

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### EAST DENTON-WOLFCAMP POOL Les County, New Mexico

Order No. R-3530, November 1, 1968, Establishing Pool. T-15-S, R-38-E NW/4 Sec. 5.

## SOUTH PRAIRIE-DEVONIAN POOL Roosevelt County, New Mexico

Order No. R-3533, October 23, 1968, Establishing Pool, as Amended by Order No. R-3731, May 1, 1969. T-8-S, R-36-E NE/4 Sec. 20

### HOBBS-BLINEBRY POOL Lea County, New Mexico

Order No. R-3530, November 1, 1968, Establishing Pool, as Amended by Order No. R-3731, May 1, 1969; Order No. R-3780, July 1; 1969; Order No. R-3818, September 1, 1969; Order No. R-3853, November 1, 1969; Order No. R-3895, January 1, 1970; Order No. R-3964, June 1, 1970; Order No. R-4014, September 1, 1970.

T-18-S, R-38-E S/2 Sec. 19; SW/4 Sec. 28; S/2, NW/4 Sec. 29; E/2 Sec. 30; NE/4 Sec. 31; Sec. 32; N/2 Sec. 33.

### CINTA ROJA-MORROW GAS POOL Les County, New Mexico

Order No. R-2925, November 1, 1965, Establishing Pool, as Amended by Order No. R-3161, December 6, 1965. T-24-S, R-35-E Sec. 9.

### HOBBS-PADDOCK POOL Lea County, New Mexico

Order No. R-3530, November 1, 1968, Establishing Pool, as Amended by Order No. R-4937, February 1, 1975.

T-18-S, R-38-E N/2 Sec. 32; NW/4 Sec. 33.

### ALLISON-SAN ANDRES POOL Roosevelt County, New Mexico

Order No. R-2692, May 1, 1964, Establishing Pool. T-8-S, R-37-E NE/4 Sec. 31.

## WEST MILNESAND-PENNSYLVANIAN POOL (BOUGH C) Roosevelt County, New Mexico

Order No. R-3530, November 1, 1968, Establishing Pool. T-8-S, R-34-E SE/4 Sec. 19.

VACUUM-LOWER PENNSYLVANIAN POOL Lea County, New Mexico

Order No. R-2677, April I, 1964, Establishing Pool. T-17-S, R-34-E E/2 Sec. 26.

#### (EAST PUERTO CHIQUITO-MANCOS POOL - Cont'd.)

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Section 125:	SE/4 NW/4 and Lot 3	64.01 acres
Section 19:	N/2 NE/4	80,00 scres
Section 29:	N/2 NW/4	80.00 acres
Section 29:	SW/4 NW/4 and Lot 4	64.50 acres
Section 29:\	8E/4 NW/4 and Lot 3	64.30 acres
Section 29: \	SW/4 NE/4 and Lot 2	64.30 acres
Section 29:	SE/4 NE/4 and Lot 1	64.30 acres

PROVIDED BOWEVER, That none of the aforesaid non-standard units shall become effective until the operator thereof has filed with the Commission Form C-128 outlining thereon the acreage dedicated to the well.

(4) (As Amended by Order No. R-2855, December 29, 1964.) That the Secretary-Director of the Commission is hereby authorized to approve interference tests and the transfer of allowables to wells on the same lease or, if is a unitized area, to wells in the same participating area, provided however, that no transfer well shall be permitted to receive, in addition to its own allowable, more than one top unit allowable for the Puerto Chiquito-Galkip Oil Pool; that the Secretary-Director of the Commission is hereby authorized to permit the accumulation of allowables for wells shut in for interference tests and to permit the transfer of back allowables from shut-in wells, provided allowables for wells shut in for interference tests and to permit the transfer of back allowables from shut-in wells, provided however, that the period of time authorized to produce back allowable shall not exceed six:mosths following completion of

To obtain administrative approval for interference tests and the transfer of allowable, the operator shall submit in triplicate a request for such authority describing in detail the proposed method of conducting such tests and transferring the allowable. The application shall be accompanied by a plat showing thereon all Gallup wells within a radius of two miles of the proposed shut-in well(s) and the transfer well(s). The plat shall also predictly each lease or participating area as to ownership or operating rights. The application shall include evidence that all offset operators to shut-in well(s) and the transfer well(s) have been furnished a complete copy of the application. It shall also be accompanied by Form C-116 for each shut-in well, showing the results of a pre-shut-in test to determine the amount of allowable to be transferred. The transferred allowable shall not exceed the volume of oil produced during the last 24 hours of a 72 hour period during which the well shall be produced at a constant rate. The Commission and offset operators to both the shut-in well(s) and the transfer well(s) may witness such tests if they so desire and shall be notified of the tests at least 45 hours prior to the commencement thereof. To obtain administrative approval for interference tests and

The Secretary-Director of the Commission may grant approval of the interference tests and transfer of allowable upon receipt of watvers from all offset operators or upon expiration of a 20-day waiting period, provided no offset operator has objected to the proposed test and transfer.

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(5) That notwithstanding any of the provisions of Rule 104 (a) of the Commission Rules and Regulations, the Special Rules and Regulations for the Puerto Chiquito-Gallap Oil Pool shall not be applicable outside the limits of said pool as hereinabove defined or as hereafter extended.

- (6) That this case shall be reopened in September, 1966, at which time the operators in the subject pool may appear and show cause why the Puerto Chiquito-Gallup Oil Pool should not be developed on 40-acre proration units.
- (7) 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.

#### CINTA ROJA-MORROW GAS POOL Lea County, New Mexico

Order No. R-3161, Adopting Operating Rules for the Cinta Roja-Morrow Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, December 6, 1966.

Application of Midwest Oil Corporation for Special Pool Rules, Lea County, New Mexico.

**CASE NO. 3492** Order No. R-3161

#### ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION: This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on November 30, 1966, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 6th day of December, 1966, 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,

- (1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the sublact matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicant, Midwest Oil Corporation, seeks the promulgation of special rules and regulations for the Cinta Roja-Morrow Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, including a provision for 640-acre spacing units.
- That the applicant has established that one well in the Cinta Roja-Morrow Gas Pool can efficiently and economically drain and develop 640 acres.
- at the vertical limits of said pool should be defined
- (4) That the vertical limits of said pool should be defined as the Morrow zone of the Pennsylvanian formation and the harizontal limits of said pool should be extended to include the harizontal limits of said pool should be extended to include the harizontal limits of section 9, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

  (5) That in order to prevent the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, to avoid the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, to prevent reduced recovery which might result from the drilling of too few wells, and to otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights, special rules and regulations providing for 640-acre spacing units should be promulgated for the Cinta Roja-Morrow Gas Pool.

#### (CINTA ROJA-MORROW GAS POOL - Contd.)

5) That the special rules and regulations should provide limited well locations in order to assure orderly development of the pool and protect correlative rights.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That the verical limits of the Cinta Roja-Morrow Gas Pool shall be the Morrow zone of the Pennsylvanian formation and the horizontal limits of said pool shall be extended to include the N/2 and SE/4 of Section 9, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (2) That Special Rules and Regulations for the Cinta Roja-Morrow Gas Pool are hereby promulgated as follows:

#### SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE CINTA ROJA-MORROW GAS POOL

- RULE 1. Each well completed or recompleted in the Cinia Roja-Morrow Gas Pool or in the Morrow formation within one mile thereof, and not nearer to or within the limits of another designated Morrow gas pool, shall be spaced, drilled, operated, and produced in accordance with the Special Rules and Regulation and tenth.
- KULE 2. Each well shall be located on a standard unit containing 640 acres, more or less, consisting of a governmental
- RULE 3. The Secretary-Director of the Commission may grant an exception to the requirements of Rule 2 without notice and hearing when an application has been filed for a non-standard unit and the unorthodox size or shape of the unit is necessitated by a variation in the legal subdivision of the United States Public Lands Survey, or the following facts exist and the following provisions are complied with:
- (a) The non-standard unit consists of quarter quarter sections r lots that are contiguous by a common bordering side.
- (b) The non-standard unit lies wholly within a governmental section and contains less acreage than a standard unit.
- (c) The applicant presents written consent in the form of waivers from all offset operators and from all operators owning interests in the section in which the non-standard unit is situated and which acreage is not included in said nonstandard unit
- (d) In lieu of paragraph (c) of this rule, the applicant may furnish proof of the fact that all of the aforesaid operators were notified by registered or certified mail of his intent to form such non-standard unit. The Secretary-Director may approve the application if no such operator has entered an objection to the formation of such non-standard unit within 30 days after the Secretary-Director has received the application.
- RULE 4. Each well shall be located no nearer than 1650 feet to the outer boundary of the section and no nearer than 330 feet to any governmental quarter-quarter section line.
- BULE 5. The Secretary-Director may grant an exception to the requirements of Rule 4 without notice and hearing when an application has been filled for an unorthodox location necessitated by topographical conditions or the recompletion of a well previously drilled to another horizon. All operators offsetting

the proposed location shall be notified of the application by the proposed location shall be notified of the application by registered or certified mall, and the application shall state that such notice has been furnished. The Secretary-Director may approve the application upon receipt of written waivers from all operators offsetting the proposed location or if no objection to the unorthodox location has been entered within 20 days after the Secretary-Director has received the application.

- IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
  (1) That the locations of all wells presently drilling to or completed in the Cinta Roja-Morrow Gas Pool or in the Morrow formation within one mile thereof are hereby approved; that the operator of any well having an unorthodox location shall notify the Hobbs District Office of the Commission in writing of the name and location of the well on or before January 1, 1967.
- (2) That the operator of each well presently drilling to or completed in the Cinta Roja-Morrow Gas Pool or in the Morrow formation within one mile thereof shall receive a 320-acre allowable until a Form C-102 dedicating 640 acres to the well has been filed with the Commission.
- (5) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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

### WEST PUERTO CHIQUITO-MANCOS POOL Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

Order No. R-2565-B, Abolishes Puerto Chiquito-Mancos Pool, Creates East Puerto Chiquito-Mancos Pool and West Puerto Chiquito-Mancos Pool and Adopts Temporary Operating Rules for the West Puerto Chiquito-Mancos Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, November 28, 1966, as Amended by Order No. R-2565-C, January 6, 1970.

Order No. R-2565-C, January 6, 1970, makes permanent the rules adopted in Order No. R-2565-B, as amended.

See separate Order No. R-3994, August 1, 1970, contracting the horizontal limits of the East Puerto Chiquito-Mancos Pool and extending the horizontal limits of the West Puerto Chiquito-

Application of Benson-Montin-Greer Drilling Corporation for Division of an Oil Pool into Two Pools and for Special Rules for Each, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

CASE NO. 3455 Order No. R-2565-B

#### ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION: This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on November 16, 1966, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission.

NOW, on this 28th day of November, 1966, the Commission, a quorum being present, having constiered the testimony presented and the exhibits received at said hearing, and being fully advised in the premises,

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BTA Oil Producers 104 South Pecos Midland, Texas 79701 November 7, 1978

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EXAMPLE NO. 2

CACE NO. 6397.

Submitted by Cyclicant.

Hearing Daie 12-7-18

Re: Participation of Working Interest Unit or Farmout Request of Section 4, T24S, R35E Lea County, New Mexico

Attention: Mr. Weldon Wheatley

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to our recent conversation concerning your possible participation in a well to be drilled in Section 4, T24S, R35E or in the alternative, McKay Oil Corporation would desire a farmout of your acreage in the drillsite tract.

I have proposed the formation of a divided Federal Unit comprising all of Section 3 and 4 of T24S, R35E, Lea County, New Mexico. The initial test well will be drilled in the SE/4 of Section 4. This well will be drilled to a depth sufficient to adequately test the Morrow formation or to a depth of 14,600 subsurface, whichever is the lesser.

I desire to commence the test well prior to January 1, 1979. I need your support of this well to the extent that you participate in the well or in the event you do not desire to participate, that you grant me a farmout of your acreage. If granted such a farmout, I would drill said well in such a manner to be considered a prudent operator.

In the event of a farmout, I would drill said well to contract depth and either plug and abandon said well or complete it into the tanks or pipeline, if productive, free of cost to BTA and earn your acreage in Section 4, subject to BTA providing McKay Oil Corporation with an 80% net revenue lease prior to payout, with BTA's retained override converting at BTA's choice to a 33.33% working interest in the well and earned acreage when McKay Oil Corporation has received from working interest proceeds, all of its cost of drilling, completing, equipping and operating the

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well to payout. It is further understood that BTA does not own all of the interest or acreage in Section 4, and therefore; BTA's interest will be reduced proportionately as its acreage bears

Also, as we have discussed, we intend to include BTA farmout. acreage in the federally approved unit consisting of Section 3 and 4 of T24S, R35E, Lea County, New Mexico. However, the distribution of revenues will be based on a proration spacing unit; that is to say, the federal unit will hold two sections of land, but production will be distributed only according to the Section 4 and then when a well is drilled on Section 3, the production from that according a well is drilled on Section 3, the production from that acreage will be distributed to only those earning an interest in Section 3.

I trust then we may have an early answer to my request, insomuch, as time is of the essence.

Immediately upon your participation or farmout approval, I will call a meeting of the working interest owners to attempt to finalize everyone's position in the unit. I would expect the meeting to be held at Mesa Petroleum's Office in Midland.

If you have any further questions, please advise.

Very truly yours,

MCKAY OIL CORPORATION

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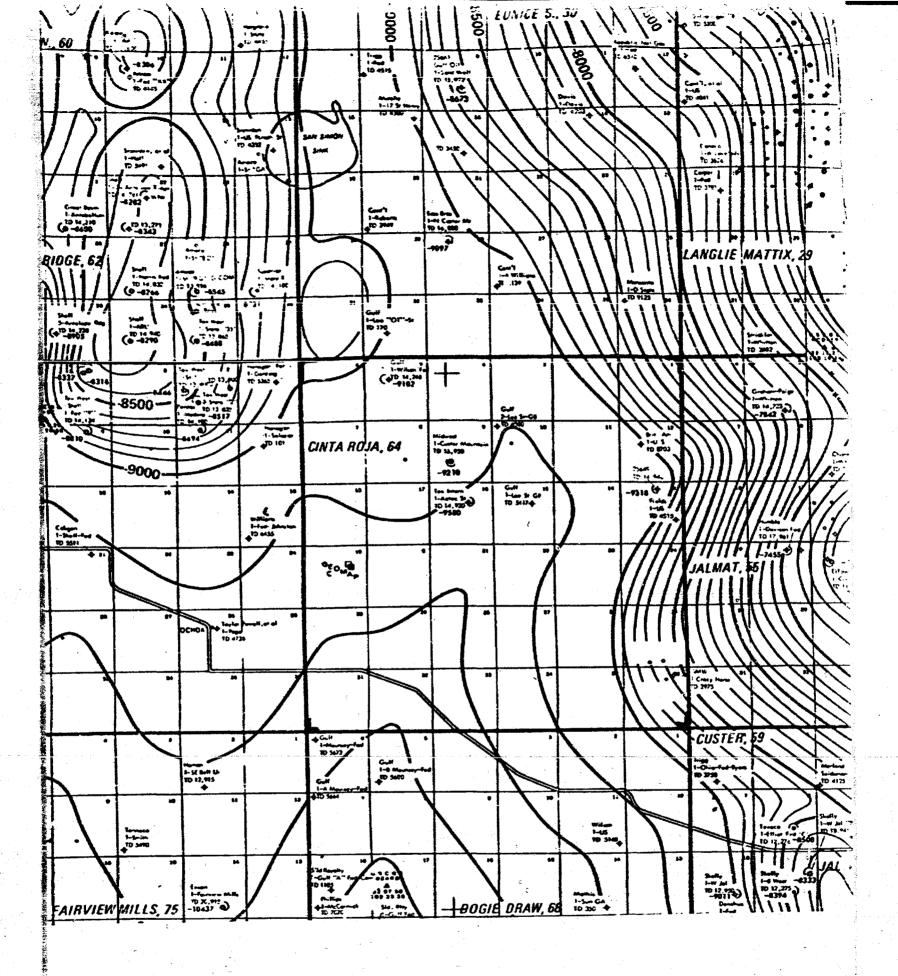
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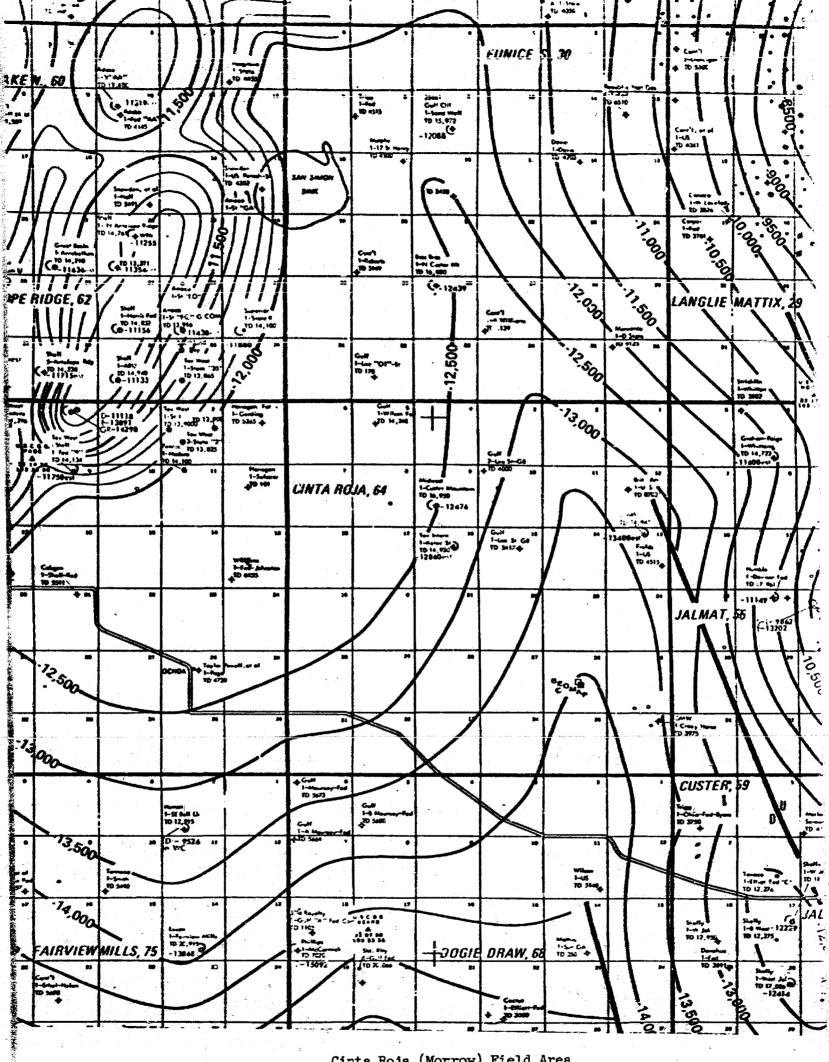
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Dockets Nos. 40-78 and 41-78 are tentatively set for hearing on December 20, 1978 and January 3, 1979. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

#### DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - DECEMBER 7, 1978

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

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

- In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to permit Corinne Grace, The Travelers Indemnity Company, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Indian Bills Com. Well No. 1 located in Unit J of Section 8, Township 21 South, Range 24 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program.
- CASE 6393: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to consider the amendment of Rule 104 F of the Division Rules and Regulations to provide for the administrative approval of the unorthodox location of wells drilled within secondary recovery or pressure maintenance projects.
- CASE 6394: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to consider the adoption of an administrative procedure and Forms C-132 and C-132-A, all for the purpose of making wellhead price ceiling category determinations under the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978.
- CASE 6395:

  Application of David Fasken for pool contraction and pool extension, Eddy County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the contraction of the Indian Basin-Morrow Gas Pool by the deletion therefrom of Section 9, Township 21 South, Range 24 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, and the extension of the Cemetery-Morrow Gas Pool to include the aforesaid Section 9.
- Application of Amoco Production Company for pool creation and contraction, Lea County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the contraction of the House Drinkard oil pool by the deletion therefrom of the NE/4 and E/2 SE/4 of Section 12 and the E/2 NE/4 of Section 13, both in Township 20 South, Range 38 East, and the W/2 of Section 7 and the NW/4 of Section 18, Township 20 South, Range 39 East, and the creation of a new gas pool for Lower Drinkard production in the NE/4 of Section 12, Township 20 South, Range 38 East, all in Lea County, New Mexico.
- CASE 6397: Application of Western Oil Producers, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Morrow formation underlying all of Section 4, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, Cinta Roja-Morrow Gas Pool, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- CASE 6398:

  Application of Texas 0:1 & Gas Corporation for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location for the Wolfcamp and Pennsylvanian formations of its State Com Well No. 1, to be located 660 feet from the South and West lines of Section 18, Township 21 South, Range 26 East, Catclaw Draw Field, Eddy County, New Mexico, all of said Section 18 to be dedicated to the well in the Morrow formation.
- Application of Texas Oil & Gas Corporation for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp and Pennsylvanian formations underlying the W/2 of Section 32, Township 18 South, Range 27 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled 710 feet from the Worth line and 2330 feet from the West line of said section. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as accual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- CASE 6400: Application of Coronado Exploration Corporation for compulsory pooling, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the San Andres formation underlying each of the following 40-acre tracts: SW/4 SW/4 Section 7; SW/4 SW/4 Section 8; SW/4 SE/4 Section 18; MW/4 WW/4 Section 19; and WW/4 WW/4 Section 20, all in Township 10 South, Range 28 East, Race Track-San Andres Fool, Chaves County, New Mexico. Also the NE/4 NE/4 Section 28, Township 10 South, Range 28 East, LE Ranch-San Andres Pool, Chaves County, and the SW/4 NE/4 Section 15, Township 11 South, Range 28 East, East Chisum-San Andres Pool, Chaves County. Each of the afore-said 40-acre tracts would comprise a drilling unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered, with respect to each of the above described drilling units and well, will be the cost of drilling and completing the well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision; also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of each well and a charge for risk involved in drilling each well.

- CASE 6401: Application of Southland Royalty Company for downhole commingling, Rio Arriba County, New Hexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of Pictured

  Cliffs and Mesaverde production within the wellbore of its Jicarilla 101 Well No. 1 located in

  Unit A of Section 1, Township 26 North, Range 4 West, Rio Arriba County, New Hexico.
- CASE 6402: Application of Southland Royalty Company for downhole commingling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of Gallup and
  Dakota production within the wellbore of its Heartlin 101 Well No. 2 located in Unit H of Section
  12, Township 26 North, Range 4 West, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.
- CASE 6403: Application of Consolidated 0:11 & Gas, Inc. for downhole commingling, San Juan County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of Hasin Dekota and Blanco Hesaverde production within the wellbore of its 0'Shaa Well No. 1 located in Unit K of Section 3, Township 31 North, Range 13 West, San Juan County, New Mexico.
- CASE 6404: Application of Sun Production Company for compulsory pooling, non-standard gas proration unit, and an unorthodox well location, Lea County, New Nerico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Emmont Gas Pool underlying the SE/4 of Section 35, Township 19 South, Range 36 East, Lea County, New Mexico, to form a non-standard 160-acre proration unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 810 feet from the South line and 2030 feet from the East line of said section. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- CASE 6405: Application of LaRue and Muncy for exception to Order No. R-111-A, Eddy County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an exception to the casing/cementing rules for the Oil-Potash Area as promulgated by Order No. R-111-A to permit its Federal FR Well No. 1 located in Unit I of Section 15, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, to be completed in the following manner: set surface casing and circulate cement; eliminate selt protection string; and do not circulate cement on production casing.

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Re: T-24-S, R-35-E, NMPM

Lea County, New Mexico

Western Oil Producers, Inc.

Application for Compulsory Pooling

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Dear Mr. Ramey:

In connection with the above matter, we hand you herewith in triplicate Western Oil Producers, Inc.'s Application to compulsorily pool the above described tract as to the Morrow zone of the Pennsylvanian formation, reference being made to Case No. 3492, Order No. R-3161, Cinta Roja-Morrow Gas Pool, dated December 6, 1966.

Please set this matter down for hearing at the December 7, 1978, hearing date before an Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

HUNKER - FEDRIC, P.A.

George H. Hunker, Jr.

GHH: dd Enc.

xc: Western Oil Producers, Inc., P.O. Box 2055, Roswell, New Mexico 88201, W/enc.

xc: McKay Oil Corporation, P.O. Box 2014
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO

#### ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT

#### OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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

case no. <u>4397</u>

APPLICATION OF WESTERN OIL PRODUCERS, INC. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

#### APPLICATION

COMES NOW WESTERN OIL PRODUCERS, INC., P.O. Box 2055,

Roswell, New Mexico 88201, by and through its Attorneys,

Hunker-Fedric, P.A., P.O. Box 1837, Roswell, New Mexico 88201,

and makes application to the Division pursuant to Section 65-3-14,

M.M.S.A. (1953 comp.), as amended, for an Order pooling for gas

and associated hydrocarbon production from all mineral interests

as to the Morrow zone of the Pennsylvanian formation underlying

all of Section 4, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea

County, New Mexico, Cinta Roja-Morrow Gas Pool; and in support

thereof the Applicant states:

- 1. Applicant is the owner of the right to drill and develop the Morrow zone of the Pennsylvanian formation in all of Section 4, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, at a standard well location for the 640-acre unit; and Applicant proposes to drill a test well on said section, to be located 1,980 feet from the South line and 1,980 feet from the East line, and projects that said well will be drilled to a depth sufficient to test the Morrow zone of the Pennsylvanian formation.
- 2. Applicant has obtained voluntary agreement for pooling from all interest owners except the persons named in Exhibit "A" hereto, whose addresses according to Applicant's best information and belief, are set forth on said Exhibit "A" hereto.

- 3. Applicant has made a good-faith effort through Applicant's agent to obtain the voluntary agreement for pooling from the persons named in Exhibit "A"; however, such persons have either refused to voluntarily pool their interests upon just and reasonable terms and conditions or have failed to respond to such contact attempts.
- 4. In order to drill to a common source of supply, to protect correlative rights, and to afford to the owners of each interest in said section the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense his just and fair share of the oil and/or gas from said common source of supply, it is necessary and proper that an Order be entered herein pooling for gas and associated hydrocarbon production, all mineral rights, whatever they may be, under said section as to the Morrow zone of the Pennsylvanian formation.
- 5. Applicant should be designated as the Operator of said pooled unit.
- 6. A hearing should be had before an Examiner for the purpose of determining and considering the cost of drilling and completing a well on said section, and the allocation of such costs as well as the operating costs and charges for supervision. Applicant will ask that a charge be made for the risk involved in drilling a well to the Morrow zone of the Pennsylvanian formation at an orthodox location.
- 7. The persons named on Exhibit "A" attached hereto are believed to be interested parties.

WHEREFORE, Applicant prays that an Order be entered herein pooling all mineral interests as to the Morrow zone of the Pennsylvanian formation underlying all of Section 4, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Cinta Roja-Morrow Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico; naming Western Oil Producers, Inc. as Operator of the pooled unit; and providing for the allocation of costs of drilling, completing, equipping and operating said well, together with a reasonable charge for the risk involved therein, together

with such further Orders and Rules as may be required by the Division.

Respectfully submitted,

HUNKER - FEDRIC, P.A.

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#### EXHIBIT "A"

WESTERN OIL PRODUCERS, INC., OPERATOR TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, NMPM SECTION 4: LOTS 1,2,3,4, S\n\;, S\r\

#### UNCOMMITTED WORKING INTERESTS

#### Tract 1 - W\sWk Section 4:

BTA OIL PRODUCERS 104 South Pecos St. Midland, Texas 79701

#### Tract 2 - Lcts 3,4, ShNW Section 4:

AMOCO PRODUCTION COMPANY P.O. Box 3092 Houston, Texas 77001

GULF OIL CORPORATION P.O. Box 1150 Midland, Texas 79702

THE SUPERIOR OIL COMPANY P.O. Box 1521 Houston, Texas 77001

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#### STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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

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Order No. R- 5892

APPLICATION OF WESTERN OIL PRODUCERS, INC. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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#### ORDER OF THE DIVISION

$\mathbf{BY}$	THE	DIVI	SION	1	ŧ

#### FINDS:

- (1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicant, Western Oil Producers, Inc.

  seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Morrow

  formation underlying the all of

  xxxxx Section 4 , Township 24 South , Range 35 East

  NMPM, Cinta Roja-Morrow Gas Pool, Lea County, New

  Mexico.

- (3) That the applicant has the right to drill and proposes to drill a well at a standard location thereon
- (4) That there are interest owners in the proposed proration unit who have not agreed to pool their interests.
- (5) That to avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, to protect correlative rights, and to afford to the owner of each interest in said unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense his just and fair share of the gas in said pool, the subject application should be approved by pooling all mineral interests, whatever they may be, within said unit.
- (6) That the applicant should be designated the operator of the subject well and unit.
- (7) That any non-consenting working interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production.
- (8) That any non-consenting working interest owner that does not pay his share of estimated well costs should have withheld from production his share of the reasonable well costs plus an additional 200 percenthereof as a reasonable charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well.
- (9) That any non-consenting interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to object to the actual well costs but that actual well costs should be adopted as the reasonable well costs in the absence of such objection.
- any non-consenting working interest owner that has paid his share of estimated costs should pay to the operator any amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and should receive from the operator any amount that paid estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.

25-2000 per month while drilling and #292 mpon month while producing Case No. Order No. R-(11)per month should be fixed as a reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates); that the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision chargesattributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating the subject well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest. (12) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason should be placed in escrow to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership. (13) That upon the failure of the operator of said pooled unit to commence drilling of the well to which said unit is dedicated on or before April 1, 1979, the order pooling said unit should become null and void and of no effect whatsoever. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED: (1) That all mineral interests, whatever they may be, in the Morrow formation underlying kkm all of Section 4 , Township 24 South , Range 35 East NMPM, Cinta Roja-Morrow Gas Pool , Lea County, New Mexico, are hereby pooled to form a standard 640 - acre gas spacing and proration unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the operator of said unit shall commence the drilling of said well on or before the /s/ day of  $\frac{1}{1100}$ ,  $\frac{1078}{1000}$ , and shall thereafter continue the drilling of said well with due diligence to a depth sufficient to test the

\_\_\_\_\_formation; PROVIDED FURTHER, that in the event said operator does not commence the drilling of said well on or before the \_/s day of April , 1978, Order (1) of this order shall be null and void and of no effect unatsoever, unless said operator obtains a time extension from the Division for good cause shown,

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PROVIDED FURTHER, that should said well not be drilled to completion, or abandonment, within 120 days after commencement thereof, said operator shall appear before the Division Director and show cause why Order (1) of this order should not be rescinded.

- (2) That Western Oil Producers, Inc. is hereby designated the operator of the subject well and unit.
- (3) That after the effective date of this order and within 30 days prior to commencing said well, the operator shall furnish the Division and each known working interest owner in the subject unit an itemized schedule of estimated well costs.
- (4) That within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him, any non-consenting working interest owner shall have the right to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production, and that any such owner who pays his share of estimated well costs as provided above shall remain liable for operating costs but shall not be liable for risk charges.
- known working interest owner an itemized schedule of actual well costs within 90 days following completion of the well; that if no objection to the actual well costs is received by the Division and the Division has not objected within 45 days following receipt of said scheque, the actual well costs shall be the reasonable well costs; provided however, that if there is an objection to actual well costs within said 45-day period the Division will determine reasonable well costs after public notice and hearing.
- (6) That within 60 days following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner that has paid his share of estimated costs in advance as provided

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

- (7) That the operator is hereby authorized to withhold the following costs and charges from production:
  - (A) The pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.
  - (B) As a charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well, 200 percent of the pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.
- (8) That the operator shall distribute said costs and charges withheld from production to the parties who advanced the well costs.

  #252000 per month while drilling and the well costs.
- charge, for supervision (combined fixed rates); that the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charge, attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating such well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.

- (10) That any unsevered mineral interest shall be considered a seven-eighths (7/8) working interest and a one-eighth (1/8) royalty interest for the purpose of allocating costs and charges under the terms of this order.
- (11) That any well costs or charges which are to be paid out of production shall be withheld only from the working interests share of production, and no costs or charges shall be withheld from production attributable to royalty interests.
- well which are not disbursed for any reason shall immediately be placed in escrow in Lea County, New Mexico, to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership; that the operator shall notify the Division of the name and address of said escrow agent within 30 days from the date of first deposit with said escrow agent.
- (13) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

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

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