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August 23, 1982

Mr. Joe Elledge 200 West 25th Street Farmington, NM 87401 SANTA FE

Re: T. H. McElvain

Miller B #6 G-12-24N-7W

Dear Joe;

Based on the test results submitted to this office, the allocations to the commingled zones in the referenced well

Devil's Fork Gallup	Gas	Oil
Undesignated Dakota	90%	97%
ondesignated Dakota	10%	3%

If you have any questions please contact this office.

Yours truly,

Frank T. Chavez District Supervisor

FTC:dh

cc: Santa Fe 🗸 El Paso Natural Gas . Plateau, Inc.

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September 21, 1979

Mr. Sumner Buell Jasper & Buell Attorneys at Law Post Office Box 1626	Re: CASE NO. 6626 ORDER NO. R-6111
Santa Fe, New Mexico	Applicant:
	T. H. McElvain Oil & Gas Propert
Dear Sir:	
Enclosed herewith are two cope Division order recently entered	
JOE D. RAMEY Director	
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JDR/fd Copy of order also sent to:	

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. 6626 Order No. R-6111

APPLICATION OF T. H. MCELVAIN OIL & GAS PROPERTIES FOR POOL COMMINGLING, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on August 22, 1979, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 19th day of September, 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, T. H. McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, is the owner and operator of the Miller B Well No. 6, located in Unit G of Section 12, Township 24 North, Range 7 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the applicant seeks authority to commingle Gallup and Dakota production within the wellbore of the above-described well.
- (4) That from the Gallup zone, the subject well is expected to be capable of low marginal production only.
- (5) That from the Dakota zone, the subject well is capable of low marginal production only.
- (6) That the proposed commingling may result in the recovery of additional hydrocarbons from each of the subject pools, thereby preventing waste, and will not violate correlative rights.

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- (7) That the reservoir characteristics of each of the subject zones are such that underground waste would not be caused by the proposed commingling provided that the well is not shut-in for an extended period.
- (8) That to afford the Division the opportunity to assess the potential for waste and to expeditiously order appropriate remedial action, the operator should notify the Aztec district office of the Division any time the subject well is shut-in for 7 consecutive days.
- (9) That in order to allocate the commingled production to each of the commingled zones in the well, applicant should consult with the supervisor of the Aztec district office of the Division and determine an allocation formula for each of the production zones.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That the applicant, T. H. McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, is hereby authorized to commingle Gallup and Dakota production within the wellbore of the Miller B Well No. 6, located in Unit G of Section 12, Township 24 North, Range 7 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.
- (2) That the applicant shall consult with the Supervisor of the Aztec district office of the Division and determine an allocation formula for the allocation of production to each zone in the subject well.
- (3) That the operator of the subject well shall immediately notify the Division's Aztec district office any time the well has been shut-in for 7 consecutive days and shall concurrently present, to the Division, a plan for remedial action.
- (4) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT Oil Conservation Division State Land Office Building Santa Fe, New Mexico 22 August 1979

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of T. H. McElvain Oil &) Gas Properties for pool commingling,) Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

CASE 6626

BEFORE: Daniel S. Nutter

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

APPEARANCES

For the Oil Conservation Division:

Ernest L. Padilla, Esq. Legal Counsel for the Division State Land Office Bldg. Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

For the Applicant:

Sumner Buell, Esq. JASPER AND BUELL Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

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We have one witness.

(Witness sworn.)

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Would you please state your name, your residence, by whom you're employed, and in what capacity?

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Dockets Nos. 35-79 and 36-79 are tentatively set for September 5 and 19, 1979. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 22, 1979

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

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

CASE 6545: (Continued from July 25, 1979, Examiner Hearing)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to permit Corinne Grace, Travelers Indemnity Company, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Kuklah Baby Well No. 1 located in Unit G of Section 24, Township 22 South, Range 26 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program.

- CASE 6626: Application of T. H. McElvain Oil & Gas Properties for pool commingling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the commingling of Gallup and Dakota production in its Miller B Well No. 6 located in Unit G of Section 12, Township 24 North, Range 7 West.
- CASE 6627: Application of Caribou Four Corners, Inc. for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Gallup formation underlying a previously approved 64.32-acre non-standard unit comprising the NW/4 NW/4 and that portion of lot 5 lying north of the San Juan River, all in Section 18, Township 29 North, Range 14 West, Cha Cha-Gallup Oil 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 6628: Application of Texaco Inc. for downhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of Skaggs-Glorieta, Skaggs-Drinkard and East Weir-Blinebry production in the wellbore of its M. B. Weir "B" Well No. 9 located in Unit O of Section 12, Township 20 South, Range 37 East.
- CASE 6629: Application of Hilliard 0.11 & Gas, Inc. for directional drilling, Lea County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to directionally drill its Hanson Bonds Well

 No. 1 located 1650 feet from the North line and 330 feet from the East line of Section 20, Township

 9 South, Range 35 East, to a Devonian bottom hole location within 100 feet of a point 1325 feet
 from the North line and 430 feet from the East line of said Section 20.
- CASE 6630: Application of El Paso Natural Gas Company for downhole commingling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of Basin-Dakota and BS Mesa-Gallup production in the wellbore of its San Juan 27-4 Unit Well No. 37 located in Unit N of Section 33, Township 27 North, Range 4 West.
- CASE 6631: Application of Reserve 011, Inc. for downhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of Jalmat gas and Langlie Mattix 011 production in the wellbore of its Cooper Jal Unit Well No. 149-306 located in Unit J of Section 18, Township 24 South, Range 37 East.
- CASE 6632: Application of Mesa Petroleum Company for a dual completion, Eddy County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the dual completion of its Frank State Well

 No. 1 located in Unit I of Section 7, Township 19 South, Range 23 East, to produce gas from the Abo

 and Morrow formations, Runyan Ranch Field, through the casing-cubing annulus and through tubing.
- CASE 6633: Application of Mesa Petroleum Company for a dual completion, Eddy County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the dual completion of its Yates Federal Com Well No. 1-Y located in Unit J of Section 20, Township 17 South, Range 27 East, to produce gas from the Logan Draw-Cisco Canyon Gas Pool and an undesignated Morrow pool through the casing-tubing annulus and through tubing.
- CASE 6634: Application of Durham Inc. for special pool rules or a spacing exception, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the promulgation of special pool rules for the Lake Arthur-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool to provide for 320-acre spacing rather than 160 acres. In the absence of objection, this pool will be placed on the standard 320-acre spacing for Pennsylvanian gas pools rather than the present 160-acre spacing. In the alternative applicant seeks to limit the application of the pool's rules to the horizontal limits of the pool, being the SW/4 of Section 31, Township 15 South, Range 27 East.

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Docket No. 32-79

TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST, NMPM Section 4: N/2 and SE/4

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CREATE a new pool in San Juan County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Fruitland production and designated as the Farmer-Fruitland Pool. The discovery well is Manana Gas, Incorporated Bobbie Herrera Well No. 1 located in Unit K of Section 4, Township 30 North, Range 11 West, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

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> TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 19 WEST, NMPM Section 20: SE/4

(e) EXTEND the Aztec-Probland Pool in San Juan County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 10 WEST, NMPM

Section 29: NE/4

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

TOWNSHIP 31 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST, NMPM Section 35: E/2

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TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANCE 14 WEST, NMPM

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Section 15: N/2 NE/4

(h) EXTEND the Blanco Mesaverde Pool in Rio Arriba and San Juan Counties, New Mexico, to include

TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, NMPM Section 4: N/2

TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, NYPM Section 30: All (Partial Section) Section 31: All (Partial Section)

TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, NMPM

Section 16: W/2 Section 20: E/2

Section 21: NW/4

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

TOWNSHIP 29 HORTH, RANGE 8 WEST, NMPM

Section 4:

Section 5: NE/4

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TOWNSHIP 30 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST, NMPM Section 35: N/2 and SE/4

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TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, NMPM NE/4 Section 5:

TOWNSHIP 23 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, NMPM Section 32: E/2

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TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST, NMPM Section 32: NE/4

(s) EXTEND the West Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool in San Juan County, New Mexico, to include therein;

TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST, NMPM Section 26: SW/4

(t) EXTEND the La Plata-Gallup Oil Pool in San Juan County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 32 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, NMPM Section 32: N/2 and SW/4

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TOWNSHIP 24 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, NMPM Section 6: S/2 (Partial Section) Section 18: All (Partial Section)

TOWNSHIP 24 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, IMPM Section 5:

N/2 N/2 Section 6: SE/4 Section 24:

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TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST, NIPM Section 3: ۸11 A11 Section 4:

Section 10: N/2 and SE/4

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TOWNSHIP 22 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST, NMPM Section 20: SE/4 Section 21: E/2 and SW/4

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TOWNSHIP 31 NORTH, RANGE 16 WEST, INFM Section 14: SE/4

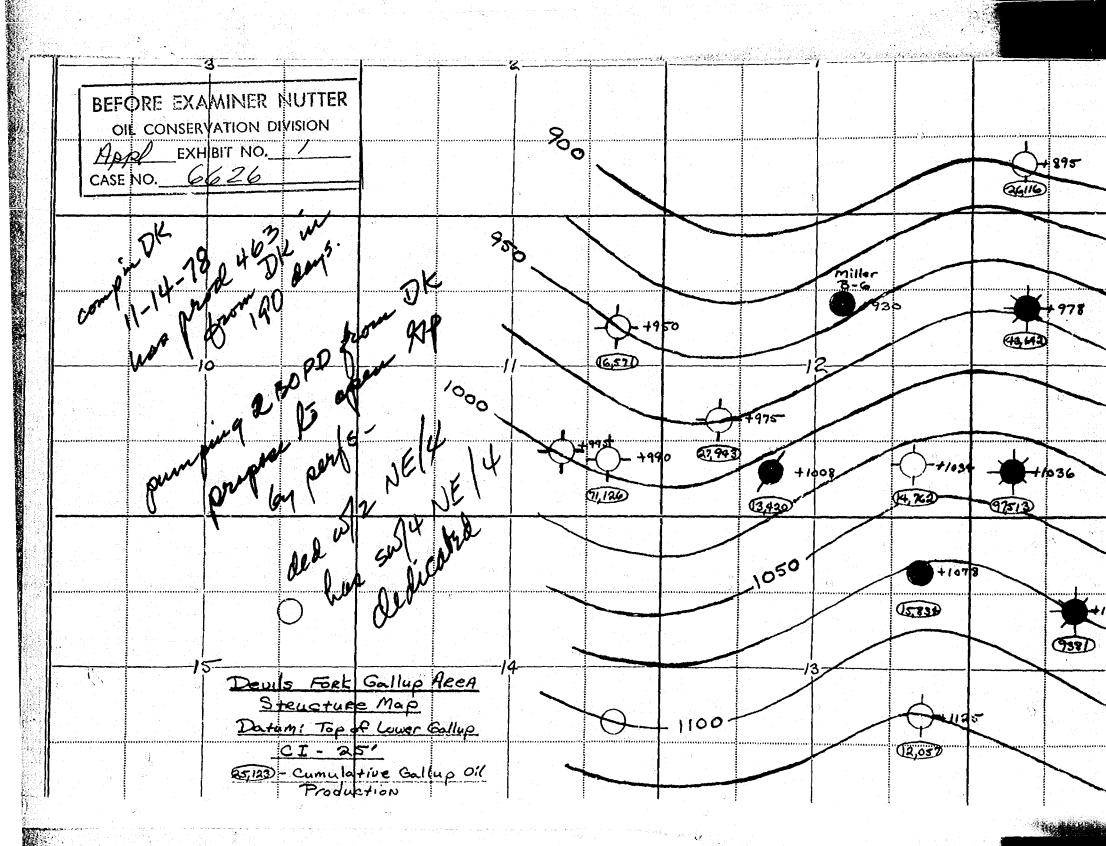
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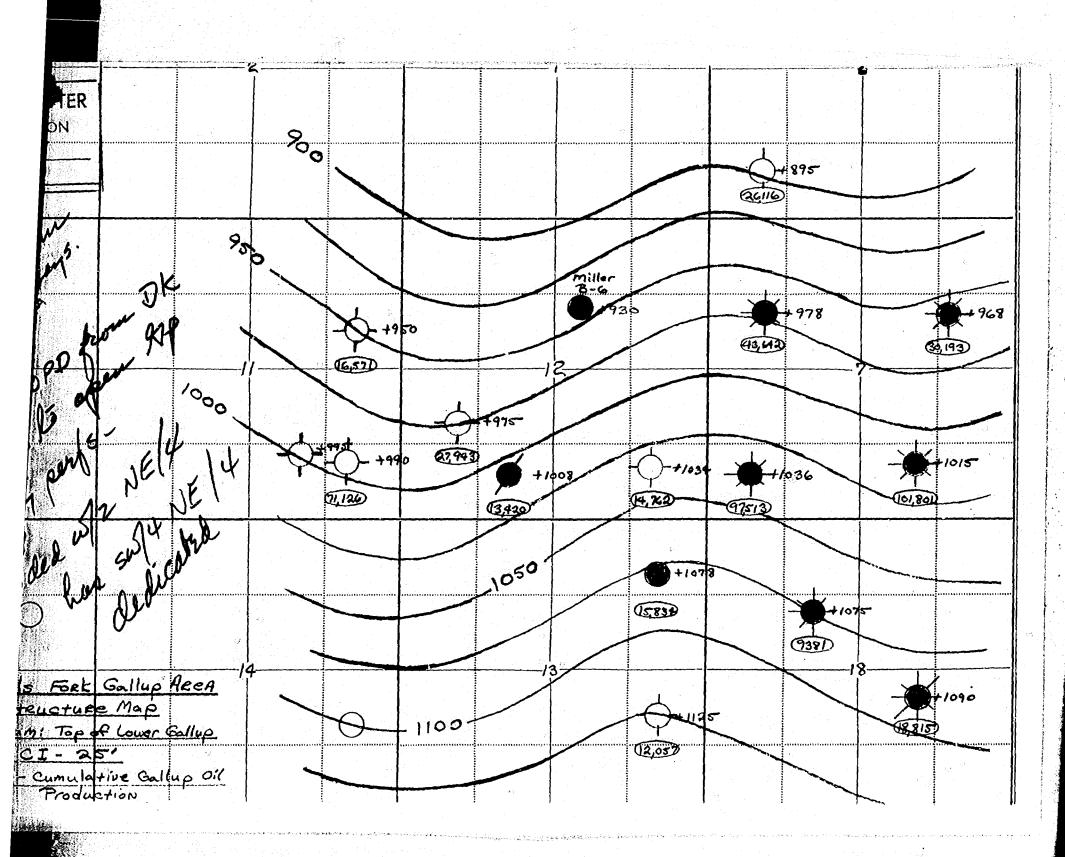
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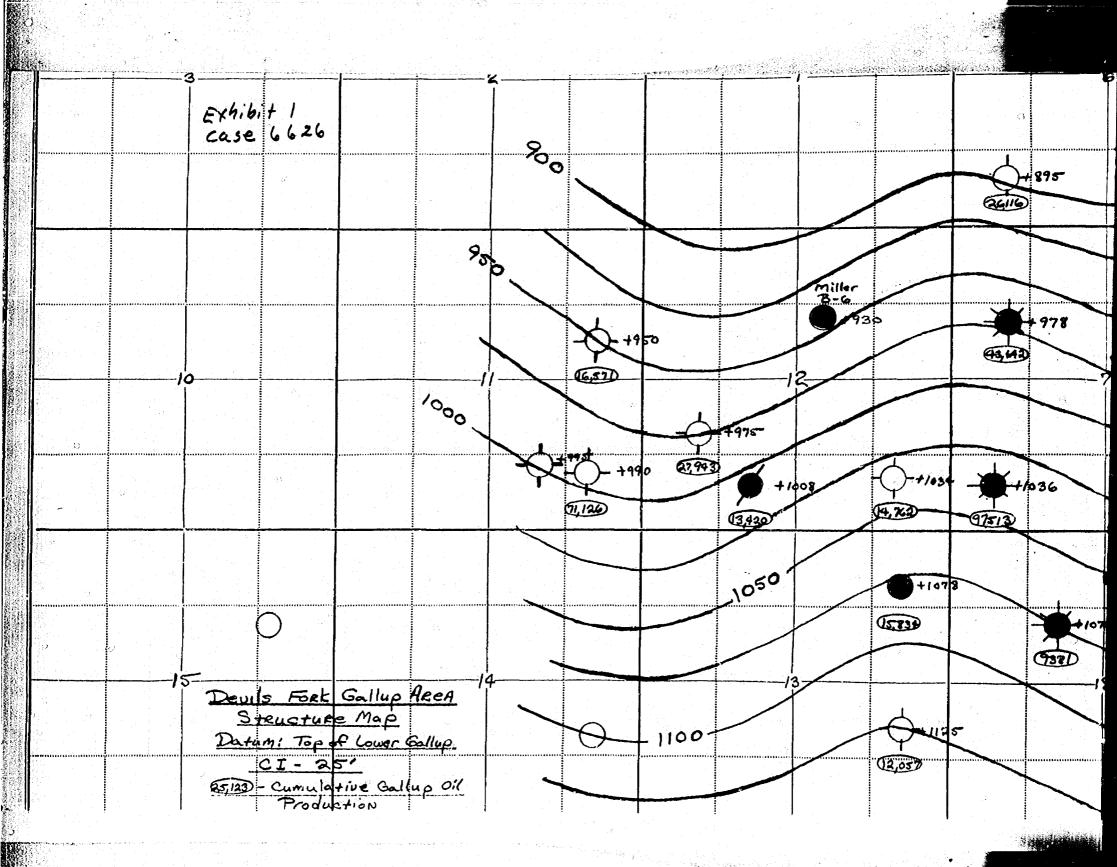
Section 32: N/2

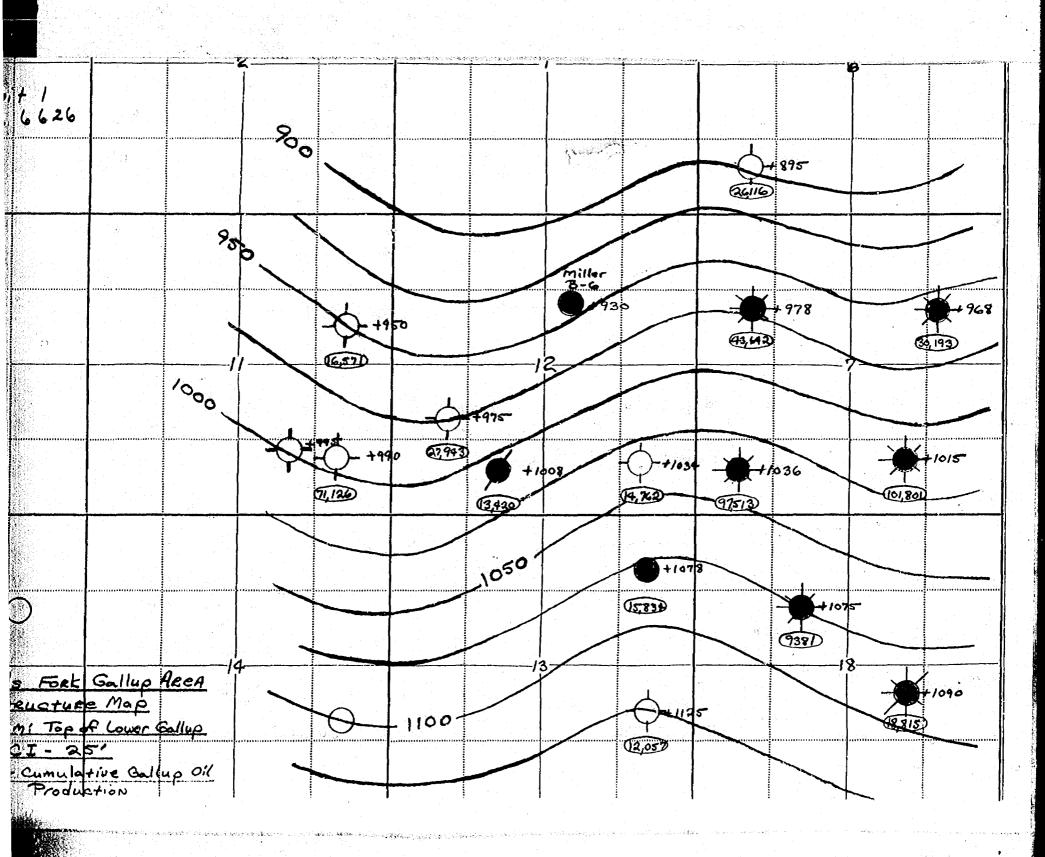
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Section 14: SE/4

TOWNSHIP 27 KORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, NORTH Section 18: E/2









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Energy and Minerals Department Oil and Gas Conservation Division Post Office Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re: Application of T. H. McElvain Oil and Gas Properties to commingle production from its Miller B Well No. 6

Gentlemen:

I would appreciate it if you would place the enclosed application on the next available examiner's docket.

Very truly yours,

SUMNER G. BUELL

SGB/jc

Enclosure as noted

cc: Mr. George Broome T. H. McElvain Oil & Gas Properties Post Office Box 2148 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

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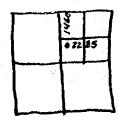
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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

CASE NO. 6626 Order No. 6111 APPLICATION OF T. H. McELVAIN OIL & GAS PROPERTIES FOR DOWNHOLE COMMINGLING, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO. ORDER OF THE DIVISION BY THE DIVISION: This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on August 22 19 79, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter NOW, on this _____ day of ______, 19 79 , 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. Properties (2) That the applicant, T. H. McElvain Oil & Gas/, is the owner and operator of the Miller B Well No. 6 located in Unit G of Section 12 , Township 24 North Range 7 West , NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. (3) That the applicant seeks authority to commingle and Dakota Gallup production within the wellbore of the above-described well.

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

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21 15 THEREFORE ORDERED:
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