

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY – JUNE 21, 2007

**8:15 A.M. - 1220 South St. Francis
Santa Fe, New Mexico**

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AMENDMENT TO CASE 13936 – JUNE 21, 2007 – EXAMINER HEARING

CASE 13936 (Continued and readvertised)

Application of Harvey E. Yates Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the W/2 of Section 12, Township 18 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for all pools or formations developed on 320-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Northwest Young-Morrow Gas Pool. The unit is to be dedicated to the Taylor Deep 12 Fed. Com. Well No. 5, to be re-entered at an orthodox location in the NW/4 NW/4 of Section 12. Also to be considered will be the cost of re-entering and completing the well and the allocation of the cost thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a 200% charge for the risk involved in re-entering and completing the well. The unit is located approximately 10 miles east-southeast of Loco Hills, New Mexico

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CASE 13920: (Continued from May 24, 2007 Examiner Hearing)

Application of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for a Compliance Order against Northstar Oil & Gas. The Applicant seeks an order finding that operator is in violation of 19.15.4.201 NMAC as to two wells, determining that the violation is knowing and willful and imposing a penalty of not less than \$2,000, requiring operator to bring the two wells into compliance with 19.15.4.201 NMAC by a date certain and authorizing the division to plug said wells in the event of non-compliance and forfeit the applicable financial assurance. The affected wells are: Barbara #001, 30-045-24263, P-12-29N-15W; Davie #001, 30-045-25092, M-2-29N-15W. The wells are located approximately 15 miles west of Farmington in San Juan County, New Mexico.

CASE 13935: (Continued from the June 7, 2007 Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Apollo Energy, L.P. for approval of waterflood project, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval to re-instate a waterflood (secondary recovery) project in the Russell (Yates) Pool, originally approved by Oil Conservation Commission Order No. R-263, by the injection of water into seven wells located on Federal Lease LC 050797 insofar as it covers the SW/4 SE/4 of Section 12, N/2, SW/4, N/2 SE/4, and SW/4 SE/4 of Section 13, and SE/4 SE/4 of Section 14, Township 20 South, Range 28 East, N.M.P.M. The project is located approximately 16 miles east of Seven Rivers, New Mexico.

CASE 13925: (Continued from the June 7, 2007 Examiner Hearing)

Application of Cimarex Energy Co. for a non-standard oil spacing and proration unit and compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Cimarex Energy Co. seeks an order approving a non-standard oil spacing and proration unit (project area) comprised of the W/2 SW/4 of Section 31, Township 14 South, Range 38 East, NMPM, to form a non-standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit (project area) for any and all formations or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Denton-Wolfcamp Pool, and pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the non-standard unit. The unit is to be dedicated to the Pyramid Well No. 1, a horizontal well to be drilled at a surface location 2210 feet from the South line and 430 feet from the West line with a terminus 330 feet from the South line and 430 feet from the West line of Section 31. Also to be considered 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, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well. The unit is located approximately 7 miles east of Prairieview, New Mexico.

CASE 13777 (Reopened): (Continued from the June 7, 2007 Examiner Hearing)

Application of Cimarex Energy Co. for a non-standard oil spacing and proration unit and compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Cimarex Energy Co. seeks an order approving a non-standard oil spacing and proration unit (project area) comprised of the SW/4NW/4 and NW/4SW/4 of Section 21, Township 15 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, to form a non-standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit (project area) for any and all formations or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Caudill-Permo Upper Penn Pool, and pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the non-standard unit. The unit is to be dedicated to the Caudill South "21" Fee Well No. 2H, a horizontal well drilled at a surface location 2000 feet from the south line and 940 feet from the west line with a terminus 1723 feet from the north line and 950 feet from the west line of Section 21. Also to be considered 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, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well. The unit is located approximately 4-1/2 miles north-northeast of Lovington, New Mexico

CASE 13936: Application of Harvey E. Yates Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation underlying

the W/2 of Section 12, Township 18 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for all pools or formations developed on 320-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Northwest Young-Morrow Gas Pool. The unit is to be dedicated to the Taylor Deep 12 Fed. Com. Well No. 1, to be re-entered at an orthodox location in the NW/4 NW/4 of Section 12. Also to be considered will be the cost of re-entering and completing the well and the allocation of the cost thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a 200% charge for the risk involved in re-entering and completing the well. The unit is located approximately 10 miles east-southeast of Loco Hills, New Mexico.

CASE 13937: *Application of Mewbourne Oil Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.*

Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the S/2 of Section 3, Township 20 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for all pools or formations developed on 320-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the East Burton Flat-Strawn Gas Pool, West Parkway-Atoka Gas Pool, and East Burton Flat-Morrow Gas Pool. The unit is to be dedicated to the proposed Sharps 3 Fed. Com. Well No. 1, to be drilled at an orthodox location in the NW/4 SW/4 of Section 3. Also to be considered 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, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well. The unit is located approximately 21 miles east of Seven Rivers, New Mexico.

CASE 13900: *(Continued from the May 24,, 2007, Examiner Hearing.)*

Application of El Paso E&P Company, L.P. for an exception to NMAC 19.15.3.104.C(3) to allow infill drilling and simultaneous dedication, Colfax County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval to drill its VPR B Well No. 300 as an infill well in an existing 160-acre gas spacing unit in the Vermejo and Raton formations comprising the SW/4 of Section 30, Township 30 North, Range 19 East, N.M.P.M. Applicant further seeks to simultaneously dedicate production from the Vermejo and Raton formations in the SW/4 of Section 30 to the VPR B Well No. 300, to be located in Unit N of Section 30, and to the existing VPR B Well No. 22, located in Unit L of Section 30. The unit is located approximately 29 miles west-southwest of Raton, New Mexico.

CASE 13901: *(Continued from the May 24, 2007, Examiner Hearing.)*

Application of El Paso E&P Company, L.P. for an exception to NMAC 19.15.3.104.C(3) to allow infill drilling and simultaneous dedication, Colfax County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval to drill its VPR B Well No. 301 as an infill well in an existing 160-acre gas spacing unit in the Vermejo and Raton formations comprising the SE/4 of Section 25, Township 30 North, Range 18 East, N.M.P.M. Applicant further seeks to simultaneously dedicate production from the Vermejo and Raton formations in the SE/4 of Section 25 to the VPR B Well No. 301, to be located in Unit P of Section 25, and to the existing VPR B Well No. 21, located in Unit I of Section 25. The unit is located approximately 30 miles west-southwest of Raton, New Mexico.

CASE 13902: *(Continued from the May 24, 2007, Examiner Hearing.)*

Application of El Paso E&P Company, L.P. for an exception to NMAC 19.15.3.104.C(3) to allow infill drilling and simultaneous dedication, Colfax County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval to drill its VPR E Well No. 64 as an infill well in an existing 160-acre gas spacing unit in the Vermejo and Raton formations comprising the NW/4 of Section 3, Township 31 North, Range 19 East, N.M.P.M. Applicant further seeks to simultaneously dedicate production from the Vermejo and Raton formations in the NW/4 of Section 3 to the VPR E Well No. 64, to be located in Unit C of Section 3, and to the existing VPR A Well No. 64, located in Unit E of Section 3. The unit is located approximately 25 miles west-northwest of Raton, New Mexico.

CASE 13903: *(Continued from the May 24, 2007, Examiner Hearing.)*

Application of El Paso E&P Company, L.P. for an exception to NMAC 19.15.3.104.C(3) to allow infill drilling and simultaneous dedication, Colfax County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval to drill its VPR E Well No. 63 as an infill well in an existing 160-acre gas spacing unit in the Vermejo and Raton formations comprising the NE/4 of Section 4, Township 31 North, Range 19 East, N.M.P.M. Applicant further seeks to simultaneously dedicate production from the Vermejo and Raton formations in the NE/4 of Section 4 to the VPR E Well No. 63, to be located in Unit A of Section 4, and to the existing VPR E Well No. 13, located in Unit G of Section 4. The unit is located approximately 25-1/2 miles west-northwest of Raton, New Mexico.

CASE 13904: *(Continued from the May 24, 2007, Examiner Hearing.)*