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Continued from January 20, 2000, Examiner Hearing.

Application of Falcon Creek Resources, Inc. for Statutory Unitization, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order unitizing, for the purpose of establishing an enhanced recovery project, all mineral interested in the Yates and Seven Rivers formations, West Teas (Yates-Seven Rivers) Pool, underlying 1,320 acres, more or less, of Federal, State and Fee lands in the following acreage:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM

Section 4: SE/4

Section 9: S/2, NE4, S/2 NW/4, NE/4 NW/4 Section 16: N/2, N/2 SW/4, NW/4 SE4 Section 17: E/2 NE4, NE/4 SE/4

Said unit to be designated to the West Teas (Yates-Seven Rivers) Unit. Among the maters to be considered at the hearing will be the necessity of unit operations; the designation of a unit operator; the designation of horizontal and vertical limits of the unit area; the determination of the fair, reasonable; and equitable allocation of production and costs of production, including capital investment, to each of the various tracts in the unit area; the determination of credits and charges to be made among the various owners in the unit area for their investment in wells and equipment; and such other matters as may be necessary and appropriate for carrying on efficient unit operations; including but no limited to, unit voting procedures, selection, removal or substitution of unit operator, and time of commencement and termination of unit operations. Applicant also requests that any such order issued in this case include a provision for carrying any non-consenting working interest owner within the unit area upon such terms and conditions to be determined by the Division as just and reasonable. The unit area is located approximately 30 miles west by southwest of Hobbs, New Mexico.

CASE 12332:

Continued from January 20, 2000, Examiner Hearing.

Application of Falcon Creek Resources, Inc. for Approval of a Waterflood Project for its West Teas (Yates-Seven Rivers) Unit Area and Qualification of Project for the Recovered Oil Tax Rate pursuant to the Enhanced Oil Recovery Act, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order approval of its West Teas (Yates-Seven Rivers) Unit Waterflood Project for injection of water in the Yates and Seven Rivers formations, West Teas-Yates Seven Rivers Pool through six injection wells located in the following described area:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM

Section 4: SE/4

Section 9: S/2, NE4, S/2 NW/4, NE/4 NW/4 Section 16: N/2, N/2 SW/4, NW/4 SE4 Section 17: E/2 NE4, NE/4 SE/4

The applicant requests that the Division establish procedures for the administrative approval of additional injection wells within the project area without the necessity of further hearings and the adoption of such other provisions as are necessary for the waterflood operations. Applicant further seeks to qualify the project area for the recovered oil tax rate pursuant to the "New Mexico Enhanced Oil Recovery Act" (Laws 1992, Chapter 38, Sections 1 through 5). The unit is located approximately 30 miles west by southwest of Hobbs, New Mexico.

CASE 12086:

Consolidated - Continued from January 20, 2000, Examiner Hearing.

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation and Hanley Petroleum Inc. for allowable reduction and the escrow of production proceeds, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicants seek an order (1) reducing the depth bracket allowable for wells in the West Lovington-Strawn Pool to a level that will only permit operators to avoid lease terminations for failure of wells to produce in paying quantities; (2) providing for termination of the reduced depth bracket allowable for the pool when the West Lovington Strawn Unit is expanded to protect the correlative rights of each owner in the pool pursuant to a ratified statutory unitization order of the Oil Conservation Commission; and (3) requiring Gillespie-Crow, Inc. to escrow all payments received for production from the unit, and less payments for royalties and taxes thereon, from the date of the order until the unit has been expanded pursuant to a ratified statutory unitization order of the Commission to include all lands affected by the pressure maintenance project being conducted in the pool. The unit is located approximately 4.5 miles west-northwest of Lovington, New Mexico.

CASE 12086:

Consolidated - Continued from January 20, 2000, Examiner Hearing.

Application of Energen Resources Corporation for allowable reduction and the escrow of production proceeds, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicants seek an order (1) reducing the depth bracket allowable for wells in the West Lovington-Strawn Pool to a level that will only permit operators to avoid lease terminations for failure of wells to produce in paying quantities; (2) providing for termination of the reduced depth bracket allowable for the pool when the West Lovington Strawn Unit is expanded to protect the correlative rights of each owner in the pool pursuant to a ratified statutory unitization order of the Oil Conservation Commission; and (3) requiring Gillespie-Crow, Inc. to escrow all payments received for production from the unit, and Snyder "C" Well No. 4, and the Snyder "EC" Com Well No. 1, less payments for royalties and taxes thereon, from the date of the order until the unit has been expanded pursuant to a ratified statutory unitization order of the Commission to include all lands affected by the pressure maintenance project being conducted in the pool. The unit is located approximately 4.5 miles west-northwest of Lovington, New Mexico.

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Application of Falcon Creek Resources, Inc. for Statutory Unitization, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order unitizing, for the purpose of establishing an enhanced recovery project, all mineral interested in the Yates and Seven Rivers formations, West Teas (Yates-Seven Rivers) Pool, underlying 1,320 acres, more or less, of Federal, State and Fee lands in the following acreage:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM

Section 4: SE/4

Section 9: S/2, NE4, S/2 NW/4, NE/4 NW/4 Section 16: N/2, N/2 SW/4, NW/4 SE4 Section 17: E/2 NE4, NE/4 SE/4

Said unit to be designated to the West Teas (Yates-Seven Rivers) Unit. Among the maters to be considered at the hearing will be the necessity of unit operations; the designation of a unit operator; the designation of horizontal and vertical limits of the unit area; the determination of the fair, reasonable; and equitable allocation of production and costs of production, including capital investment, to each of the various tracts in the unit area; the determination of credits and charges to be made among the various owners in the unit area for their investment in wells and equipment; and such other matters as may be necessary and appropriate for carrying on efficient unit operations; including but no limited to, unit voting procedures, selection, removal or substitution of unit operator, and time of commencement and termination of unit operations. Applicant also requests that any such order issued in this case include a provision for carrying any non-consenting working interest owner within the unit area upon such terms and conditions to be determined by the Division as just and reasonable. The unit area is located approximately 30 miles west by southwest of Hobbs, New Mexico.

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Application of Falcon Creek Resources, Inc. for Approval of a Waterflood Project for its West Teas (Yates-Seven Rivers) Unit Area and Qualification of Project for the Recovered Oil Tax Rate pursuant to the Enhanced Oil Recovery Act, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order approval of its West Teas (Yates-Seven Rivers) Unit Waterflood Project for injection of water in the Yates and Seven Rivers formations, West Teas-Yates Seven Rivers Pool through six injection wells located in the following described area:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM

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The applicant requests that the Division establish procedures for the administrative approval of additional injection wells within the project area without the necessity of further hearings and the adoption of such other provisions as are necessary for the waterflood operations. Applicant further seeks to qualify the project area for the recovered oil tax rate pursuant to the "New Mexico Enhanced Oil Recovery Act" (Laws 1992, Chapter 38, Sections 1 through 5). The unit is located approximately 30 miles west by southwest of Hobbs, New Mexico.

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Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation and Hanley Petroleum Inc. for allowable reduction and the escrow of production proceeds, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicants seek an order (1) reducing the depth bracket allowable for wells in the West Lovington-Strawn Pool to a level that will only permit operators to avoid lease terminations for failure of wells to produce in paying quantities; (2) providing for termination of the reduced depth bracket allowable for the pool when the West Lovington Strawn Unit is expanded to protect the correlative rights of each owner in the pool pursuant to a ratified statutory unitization order of the Oil Conservation Commission; and (3) requiring Gillespie-Crow, Inc. to escrow all payments received for production from the unit, and less payments for royalties and taxes thereon, from the date of the order until the unit has been expanded pursuant to a ratified statutory unitization order of the Commission to include all lands affected by the pressure maintenance project being conducted in the pool. The unit is located approximately 4.5 miles west-northwest of Lovington, New Mexico.

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Application of Energen Resources Corporation for allowable reduction and the escrow of production proceeds, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicants seek an order (1) reducing the depth bracket allowable for wells in the West Lovington-Strawn Pool to a level that will only permit operators to avoid lease terminations for failure of wells to produce in paying quantities; (2) providing for termination of the reduced depth bracket allowable for the pool when the West Lovington Strawn Unit is expanded to protect the correlative rights of each owner in the pool pursuant to a ratified statutory unitization order of the Oil Conservation Commission; and (3) requiring Gillespie-Crow, Inc. to escrow all payments received for production from the unit, and Snyder "C" Well No. 4, and the Snyder "EC" Com Well No. 1, less payments for royalties and taxes thereon, from the date of the order until the unit has been expanded pursuant to a ratified statutory unitization order of the Commission to include all lands affected by the pressure maintenance project being conducted in the pool. The unit is located approximately 4.5 miles west-northwest of Lovington, New Mexico.