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# CASE 12441: Continued from August 10, 2000, Examiner Hearing.

Application of LG&E Natural Pipeline LLC for special rules for the Grama Ridge Morrow Gas Storage Unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order establishing special rules applicable to wells drilled and completed or recompleted in the Morrow formation within its Grama Ridge Morrow Gas Storage Unit and within each 320-acre spacing unit immediately adjacent to the Unit in the following described area:

## Grama Ridge Morrow Gas Storage Agreement

Township 21 South, Range 34 East Section 33: All Section 34: All

Township 22 South, Range 34 East Section 3: All Section 4: All Section 10: All

### Acreage Adjacent to Unit

Township 21 South, Range 34 East Section 26: NW/4, S/2 Section 27: All Section 28: All Section 29: E/2, SW/4 Section 32: All Section 35: All

# Township 22 South, Range 34 East

Section 2: All Section 5: All Section 8: N/2, SE/4 Section 9: All Section 11: All Section 14: N/2, SW/4 Section 15: All Section 16: N/2, SE/4

The application requests the Division establish rules requiring operators of all newly drilled or recompleted wells in the Morrow formation to provide the operator of the Unit with information and data obtained during drilling, completion, and production to determine whether such wells are in communication with the unitized formation or would otherwise interfere with Unit operations. The special project rules would also include provisions requiring the operators of wells determined to be in communication with the Unitized Interval to demonstrate how such well may be produced without interfering with Unit operations or to take such other action determined to be appropriate. The Grama Ridge Morrow Gas Storage Unit is approximately 18 miles west of Eunice, New Mexico.

# <u>CASE 12086</u>: Consolidated – Continued from August 10, 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.