

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - APRIL 18, 1996

8:15 A.M. - San Juan College, Room 7103

Farmington, New Mexico

Dockets Nos 13-96 and 14-96 are tentatively set for May 2, 1996 and May 16, 1996. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 23 days in advance of hearing date. The following cases will be heard by an Examiner:

CASE 11511: Application of Fuller Production, Inc. for compulsory pooling and unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the N/2 of Section 33, Township 21 South, Range 33 East, for all formations developed on 320-acre spacing. Said unit is to be dedicated to the applicant's Merchant Livestock Co. Federal 33 Well No. 1 to be drilled at an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the North line and 2080 feet from the East line of the 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, designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for the risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 24 miles west of Eunice, New Mexico.

CASE 11470: (Continued from March 21, 1996, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Energy Development Corporation for salt water disposal, Sandoval County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks authority to inject produced water into the Menefee formation through perforations from 2,438 - 2,624 feet in its existing San Isidro (Shallow) Unit Well No. 7-11, located 2074 feet from the South line and 1,650 feet from the West line (Unit K) of Section 7, Township 20 North, Range 2 West. Said well is located approximately 8 miles southwest of Cuba, New Mexico.

CASE 11512: Application of Marathon Oil Company, Kerr-McGee Corporation and Santa Fe Energy Resources Inc. to terminate gas prorationing, to infill drill and to amend the special pool rules and regulations for the Indian Basin-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicants seek the termination of gas prorationing in the Indian Basin-Morrow Gas Pool including the cancellation of all accumulated over and under production. Applicants also seek the promulgation for said pool of a special pool rule authorizing infill drilling of a second well on a standard 640-acre spacing unit. In addition, applicants seek to amend Rule 4 of the current special pool rules for this pool to provide for standard well locations not closer than 660 feet to the outer boundary of a spacing unit. Said pool is located in portions of Township 21 South, Range 23 East and Township 21 South, Range 24 East, the center of which is located approximately 18.5 miles west of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

CASE 11493: (Continued from March 21, 1996, Examiner Hearing. - This Case Will Be Continued to May 2, 1996.)

Application of Bonneville Fuels Corporation for pool contraction, pool creation, the promulgation of special pool rules, and the assignment of a special limiting gas-oil ratio, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, seeks to contract the boundaries of the South Humble City-Strawn Pool by deleting therefrom the W/2 SW/4 of Section 13 and the S/2 of Section 14, both in Township 17 South, Range 37 East, and the concomitant creation of a new pool for the production of oil from the Strawn formation comprising said acreage. The applicant further seeks the promulgation of special rules and regulations therefor, including provisions for 80-acre spacing and proration units, designated well location requirements, and a gas-oil ratio limitation of 8,000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil. The above-described area is located approximately 2.5 miles north of Humble City, New Mexico.

CASE 11016: (Reopened - Continued from March 21, 1996, Examiner Hearing.)

In the matter of Case No. 11016 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Division Order No. R-5353-P, which order created the North Teague-Tubb Associated Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, and promulgated temporary special pool rules. Operators in the subject pool may appear and show cause why the North Teague-Tubb Associated Pool should not be reclassified as an oil pool and why a gas-oil ratio limitation of 6,000:1 is appropriate for this pool.

CASE 11017: (Reopened - Continued from March 21, 1996, Examiner Hearing.)

In the matter of Case No. 11017 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Division Order No. R-5353-Q, which order reclassified the North Teague Lower Paddock-Blinbry Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, and promulgated temporary special pool rules. Operators in the subject pool may appear and show cause why said North Teague Lower Paddock-Blinbry Associated Pool should not be reclassified as an oil pool why a gas-oil ratio limitation of 6,000:1 is appropriate for this pool.

CASE 11018: (Reopened - Continued from March 21, 1996, Examiner Hearing.)

In the matter of Case No. 11018 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Division Order No. R-10199, which order created the North Teague Drinkard-Abo Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, promulgated temporary special pool rules. Operators in the subject pool may appear and show cause why a gas-oil ratio limitation of 10,000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil is appropriate on a permanent basis for said pool.

CASE 11513: Application of Manzano Oil Corporation for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in all formations developed on 160-acre spacing from the surface to the base of the Strawn formation, underlying the SW/4 of Section 11, Township 16 South, Range 36 East. Said unit is to be dedicated to its "SV" Chipshot Well No. 1 which will be drilled at an unorthodox location 2164 feet from the South line and 1362 feet from the West line of said Section 11. 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, designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 2 miles southeast of Lovington, New Mexico.

CASE 11495: (Continued from March 21, 1996, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Penwell Energy, Inc. 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 N/2 of Section 28 for all formations developed on 320-acre spacing, the NW/4 of Section 28 for all formations developed on 160-acre spacing, the N/2 NW/4 of Section 28 for all formations developed on 80-acre spacing and the NE/4 NW/4 of Section 28 for all formations developed on 40-acre spacing, all in Township 23 South, Range 26 East. Applicant proposes to dedicate this pooled unit to its F. H. State "28" Com Well No. 1 to be drilled at a standard location 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit C) of said Section 28 to test any and all formations to the base of the Morrow formation. 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, designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for the risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 10 miles south of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

CASE 11506: (Continued from April 4, 1996, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Penwell Energy, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Strawn formation underlying the W/2 of Section 32 for all formations developed on 320-acre spacing, the SW/4 of Section 32 for all formations developed on 160-acre spacing, the N/2 SW/4 of Section 32 for all formations developed on 80-acre spacing, and the NE/4 SW/4 of Section 32 for all formations developed on 40-acre spacing, all in Township 21 South, Range 26 East. Applicant proposes to dedicate this pooled unit to its Rifleman North AFQ 32 State Com Well No. 1 to be drilled at a standard location 1980 feet from the South and West lines in Unit K of said Section 32 to test any and all formations to the base of the Strawn formation. 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, designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for the risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 4 miles west-northwest of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

CASE 11514: Application of Read & Stevens, Inc. for an unorthodox infill gas well location and simultaneous dedication, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval of an unorthodox infill gas well location in the Buffalo Valley-Pennsylvanian (Prorated) Gas Pool for a well to be drilled 990 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit O) of Section 26, Township 15 South, Range 27 East. Said well is to be simultaneous dedicated with the existing Harris Federal Well No. 4, located at a standard gas well location in Unit "P" of said Section 26, to a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit comprising the S/2 of said Section 26. Said unit is located approximately 9.5 miles southeast of Lake Arthur, New Mexico.

CASE 11499: (Continued from March 21, 1996, Examiner Hearing.)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") on its own motion to permit the operator, Deanie Lou, American Manufacturer's Mutual Insurance Company, Surety, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Ring Well No. 1 located in Unit C of Section 32, Township 6 South, Range 26 East, Chaves County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program, authorizing the Division to plug said well, and ordering a forfeiture of the plugging bond.

CASE 11515: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") on its own motion to permit the operator Woosley Oil Co., American Employers' Insurance Company, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Santa Fe Energy Well No. 1 located in Unit P of Section 8, Township 19 North, Range 6 West; Santa Fe Energy Well No. 2 located in Unit A of Section 17, Township 19 North, Range 6 West; State Well No. 1 located in Unit D of Section 16, Township 19 North, Range 6 West; State Well No. 2 located in Unit C of Section 16, Township 19 North, Range 6 West; State Well No. 3 located in Unit A of Section 16, Township 19 North, Range 6 West; Ptasynski A Well No. 1 located in Unit I of Section 11, Township 19 North, Range 5 West; and Ptasynski A Well No. 2 located in Unit J of Section 11, Township 19 North, Range 5 West; all located in McKinley County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program, authorizing the Division to plug said wells, and ordering a forfeiture of the plugging bond. The center of the area encompassing said wells is located approximately 10 miles southeast of Chaco Canyon National Monument, New Mexico.