

**CASE 12246: Continued from October 21, 1999, Examiner Hearing.**

**Application of Snow Oil & Gas, Inc. for Compulsory Pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Bone Spring formation which includes the Esperanza-Delaware Pool, underlying the NW/4 SW/4 for all formations developed on 40-acre spacing in Section 28, Township 21 South, Range 27 East. Applicant proposes to dedicate this pooled unit to a well to be drilled at a standard location (Unit L) in the NW/4 SW/4 of Section 28 to test any and all formations to the base of the Bone Spring formation. 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 the operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling and completing the well. The unit is located approximately 2 miles northeast of the City of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

**CASE 12276: Application of Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company for Compulsory Pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Mesaverde formation and the Chacra formation underlying the following described acreage within Section 36, Township 27 North, Range 8 West, in the following manner: (i) a 320-acre gas spacing unit consisting of the W/2 of this section for gas production from the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool to be dedicated to the proposed Brookhaven Com Well No. 8 to be located in the NW/4 and to the Brookhaven Com Well No. 8-A to be located in the SW/4 of this section; (ii) for a standard 160-acre gas spacing unit consisting of the NW/4 of this section for gas production from the Otero-Chacra Gas Pool to be dedicated to the Brookhaven Com Well No. 8; and (iii) for a standard 160-acre gas spacing unit consisting of the SW/4 of this section for gas production from the Otero-Chacra Gas Pool to be dedicated to the Brookhaven Com Well No. 8-A. The units are to be dedicated to Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company's Brookhaven Com Wells No. 8 and 8-A which are to be drilled as dual completions at standard gas well locations within these quarter sections. Also to be considered will be the costs of drilling and completing the wells and the allocation of the costs thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as the operator of the wells, and a charge for risk involved in drilling and completing the wells. The wells are located approximately 15 miles northeast of the El Huerfano Trading Post on New Mexico State Highway 44.

**CASE 12277: Application of Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company for Compulsory Pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Mesaverde formation within the E/2 of Section 16, Township 31 North, Range 11 West for a 320-acre gas spacing unit consisting of the E/2 of this section for gas production from the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool to be dedicated to the proposed Brookhaven Com B Well No. 3B to be located in the NE/4 SE/4 of Section 16. 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 the operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling and completing the well. The unit is located approximately 5 miles north of Aztec, New Mexico.

**CASE 12229: Readvertised - Continued from October 21, 1999, Examiner Hearing.**

**Application of OXY USA, Inc. for Compulsory Pooling and an Unorthodox Oil Well Location, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation, underlying the following described acreage in Section 4, Township 18 South, Range 29 East, in the following manner: (a) the N/2 to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within this vertical extent which presently includes the Undesignated Grayburg-Strawn Gas Pool, Undesignated Grayburg-Atoka Gas Pool, Undesignated Grayburg-Morrow Gas Pool, and Undesignated South Empire-Morrow Gas Pool; (b) the NW/4 to form a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within that vertical extent; (c) the S/2 NW/4 to form a standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit for the Undesignated South Empire-Wolfcamp Pool; and (d) the SE/4 NW/4 to form a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within this vertical extent which presently includes the Loco Hills-Queen-Grayburg-San Andres Pool, Undesignated Loco Hills-Bone Spring Pool, and Undesignated Loco Hills-Cisco Pool. These four units are to be dedicated to a single well, the proposed Buckskin Federal Well No. 1, to be drilled 1980 feet from the North line and 1650 feet from the East line (Unit G) of Section 4 which is a standard well location for the 40, 160, and 320-acre spacing and proration units but an unorthodox oil well location in the Undesignated South Empire-Wolfcamp Pool for the 80-acre unit. 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 the operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling the well. The proposed well location is approximately 6.5 miles west-southwest of Loco Hills, New Mexico.

**CASE 12278: Application of Pride Energy Company for Division rescission of approval of a change of operator, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks a Division order rescinding its October 5, 1999 approval of a request by EGL Resources Inc. for a change of operator (Division form C-104) from Pride Energy Company to EGL Resources, Inc. for the Arco State Well No. 1 located in Unit P, Section 16, Township 18 South, Range 35 East, Lea County, New Mexico. This well is located approximately 19 miles west of Hobbs, New Mexico.

**DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 4, 1999****8:15 A.M. - 2040 South Pacheco****Santa Fe, New Mexico**

Dockets Nos. 34-99 and 35-99 are tentatively set for November 18 and December 2, 1999. 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 12249: Continued from October 7, 1999, Examiner Hearing.**

**Application of Navajo Refining Company to modify its discharge plan to change the location of an injection well, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks to modify its discharge plan (# UIC-CLI-008) to revise the location of its proposed WDW-2 injection well to a well originally drilled as the Amoco Production Company Diamond Federal Gas Com No. 1, located in the NW 4 of Section 12, Township 18 South, Range 27 East. The well is located approximately 10 miles southeast of Artesia, New Mexico.

**CASE 12273: Application of Pogo Production Company for an Unorthodox Oil Well Location, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks approval to drill its proposed Red Tank "33" Federal Well No. 1 at an unorthodox oil well location 10 feet from the North and East lines (Unit A) of Section 33, Township 22 South, Range 32 East, in order to test both the Delaware and Bone Spring formations. The NE 4 NE 4 of Section 33 is to be dedicated to this well in order to form a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for both the Undesignated West Red Tank-Delaware Pool and the Undesignated Red Tank-Bone Spring Pool. This unit is located approximately 8 miles north-northeast of New Mexico State Road No. 128 at the Lea/West County line.

**CASE 12234: Continued from October 21, 1999, Examiner Hearing.**

**Application of Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas for Compulsory Pooling and an Unorthodox Oil Well Location, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the following described acreage in Section 4, Township 18 South, Range 29 East, in the following manner: (a) the N/2 to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within this vertical extent which presently includes the Undesignated Grayburg-Strawn Gas Pool, Undesignated Grayburg-Atoka Gas Pool, Undesignated Grayburg-Morrow Gas Pool, and Undesignated South Empire-Morrow Gas Pool; (b) the NE 4 to form a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within that vertical extent; (c) the S/2 NE 4 to form a standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 80-acre spacing which presently includes the Undesignated South Empire-Wolfcamp Pool; and (d) the SW 4 NE 4 to form a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within this vertical extent which presently includes the Loco Hills-Queen-Grayburg-San Andres Pool, Undesignated Loco Hills-Bone Spring Pool, and Undesignated Loco Hills-Cisco Pool. These four units are to be dedicated to a single well, the proposed Loco Hills 4 Federal Com Well No. 1, to be drilled 1980 feet from the North line and 1650 feet from the East line (Unit G) of Section 4, being a standard well location for the 40, 160, and 320-acre spacing and proration units but an unorthodox oil well location in the Undesignated South Empire-Wolfcamp Pool for the 80-acre unit. 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 the operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling the well. The proposed well location is approximately 6.5 miles west-southwest of Loco Hills, New Mexico.

**CASE 12274: Application of David H. Arrington Oil and Gas, Inc. for Compulsory Pooling, Directional Drilling and an Unorthodox Well Location, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Wolfcamp formation underlying the SE 4 NE 4 for all formations developed on 40-acre spacing, Section 29, Township 15 South, Range 36 East. Applicant proposes to dedicate this pooled unit to its Prince Nymph Well No. 1-A which will be drilled by reentering the Price-Nymph Well No. 1 located 2308 feet from the South line and 943 feet from the East line in Unit I of Section 29 and kicking off and directionally drilling in a northerly direction to an unorthodox bottomhole location within 50 feet of a point 2440 feet from the North line and 866 feet from the East line in Unit H of Section 29 provided, however, the bottomhole location shall not be closer than 200 feet to the southern boundary of the dedicated 40-acre spacing unit. 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 charge for risk involved in drilling and completing the well. The unit is located approximately 2 miles northeast of Lovington, New Mexico.

**CASE 12275: Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in all formations developed on 320-acre spacing in the S/2 including but not limited to the East Gem-Morrow Gas Pool, in all formations developed on 160-acre spacing in the SE 4, in all formations developed on 80-acre spacing in the N/2 SE 4, and in all formations developed on 40-acre spacing in the NW 4 SE 4 of Section 13, Township 19 South, Range 33 East. The units are to be dedicated to its Stetson 13 Federal Com Well No. 1 to be drilled at a standard location 1650 feet from the South and East lines of Section 13 to a depth sufficient to test all formations from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation. 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 Nearburg Producing Company as the operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling and completing the well. These units are located approximately 9 miles northeast of Halfway, New Mexico.