

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - DECEMBER 2, 1999

8:15 A.M. - 2040 South Pacheco
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dockets Nos. 37-99 and 1-00 are tentatively set for December 16 and January 6, 2000. 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 November 4, 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 12293: **Application of Pogo Producing Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Cisco/Canyon formation underlying the following described acreage in Section 18, Township 20 South, Range 25 East, in the following manner: The E/2 to form a standard 320-acre spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Undesignated South Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool; and the SE/4 to form a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within that vertical extent. The units are to be dedicated to applicant's Osage Well No. 1, located 1830 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit J) of Section 18. Also to be considered will be the cost of recompleting 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 recompleting the well. The units are located approximately 6 miles west-southwest of Seven Rivers, New Mexico.

CASE 12257: Continued from November 18, 1999, Examiner Hearing.

Application of E.G.L. Resources, Inc. for Compulsory Pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Yates formation underlying the NW/4 of Section 23, Township 20 South, Range 28 East to form a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Russell-Lower Yates Gas Pool. This unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard gas well location thereon. 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 11 miles north-northeast of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

CASE 12268: Continued from November 18, 1999, Examiner Hearing.

Application of E. G. L. Resources, 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 W/2 of Section 4, Township 20 South, Range 27 East, to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within that vertical extent. The unit is to be dedicated to its Trigg Federal Well No. 1, to be drilled at an orthodox location in the W/2 of Section 4. 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 east-southeast of Lakewood, New Mexico.

CASE 12287: Continued from November 18, 1999, Examiner Hearing.

Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. 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 following described acreage in Section 7, Township 22 South, Range 26 East, in the following manner: the W/2 to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Undesignated Hackberry Hills-Canyon Gas Pool, Undesignated Happy Valley-Strawn Gas Pool, Undesignated Hackberry Hills-Atoka Gas Pool, and Happy Valley-Morrow Gas Pool; the SW/4 to form a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within that vertical extent; and the NE/4 SW/4 for form a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Undesignated Filaree Dome-Delaware Pool and Undesignated Happy Valley-Bone Spring Pool. The units are to be dedicated to its White Tip "7" Fed. Well No. 2 to be located 1500 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit K) of Section 7. 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 6.5 miles west-southwest of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

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CASE 12244: Continued from November 18, 1999, Examiner Hearing.

Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. 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 following described acreage in Section 7, Township 22 South, Range 26 East, in the following manner: the E/2 to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Undesignated Hackberry Hills-Canyon Gas Pool, Undesignated Happy Valley-Strawn Gas Pool, Undesignated Hackberry Hills-Atoka Gas Pool, and Happy Valley-Morrow Gas Pool; the SE/4 to form a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within that vertical extent; and the NE/4 SE/4 to form a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Undesignated Filaree Dome-Delaware Pool and Undesignated Happy Valley-Bone Spring Pool. The units are to be dedicated to its White Tip "7" Fed. Well No. 1 to be located 1550 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the East line (Unit I) of Section 7. 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. The unit is located approximately 6 miles west-southeast of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

CASE 12261: Continued from November 4, 1999, Examiner Hearing.

Application of KCS Medallion Resources, Inc. for Compulsory Pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the the base of the Bone Spring formation to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the E/2 of Section 28, Township 21 South, Range 27 East, to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Undesignated East Carlsbad-Wolfcamp Gas Pool, Undesignated Burton Flat-Strawn Gas Pool, Undesignated Southeast La Huerta-Atoka Gas Pool, and Burton Flat-Morrow Gas Pool. The unit is to be dedicated to its Esperanza "28" Well No. 1, to be drilled at a location 860 feet from the South line and 1204 feet from the East line (Unit P) of Section 7. 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 3 1/2 miles northeast of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

CASE 12294: **Application of David H. Arrington Oil & Gas, Inc. for a special project allowable for a directional wellbore or, in the alternative, to amend Rule 6 of the special pool rules for the North Shoe Bar-Strawn Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks, effective as of October 1, 1999, the assignment of a special project oil allowable of 890 barrels of oil per day for its Mayfly "14" State Com Well No. 2, a directional wellbore located in Units A and B of Section 14, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, or, in the alternative, to amend Rule 6 of the special pool rules for the North Shoe Bar-Strawn Pool, effective as of October 1, 1999, to increase the depth bracket oil allowable from 605 barrels of oil per day to 890 barrels of oil per day. This pool is located within portions of Section 13, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, and is approximately 4 miles southeast of Lovington, New Mexico.

CASE 12295: **Application of Santa Fe Snyder Corporation for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the E/2 of Section 11, Township 21 South, Range 34 East, to form a standard 320-acre spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre gas spacing within this vertical extent, which presently include the Undesignated West Osudo-Morrow Gas Pool and Undesignated Wilson-Morrow Gas Pool. This unit is to be dedicated to its Outland "11" State Com Well No. 1 to be drilled and completed at a standard gas well location in Unit I of Section 11. Also to be considered will be the costs of drilling and completing this well and the allocation of the costs thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of the applicant as the operator of the well, and a charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing this well. This unit is located approximately 10 miles west of Oil Center, New Mexico.

CASE 12276: Continued from November 18, 1999, Examiner Hearing.

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: Continued from November 18, 1999, Examiner Hearing.

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 12296: Application of Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company to amend Rule 7 of the Special Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool for purposes of changing well location requirements for coal gas wells, San Juan, Rio Arriba, McKinley and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico. Applicant seeks to amend Rule 7 of the Special Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool to: (a) change the well location boundary requirements from not closer than 790 feet to not closer than 660 feet to any outer boundary of a spacing unit and from not closer than 130 feet to not closer than 10 feet to any quarter-quarter section line or subdivision inner boundary; and (b) to add well location requirements for federal exploratory units.

CASE 12291: Continued from November 18, 1999, Examiner Hearing.

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for an Unorthodox Gas Well Location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an exception to Division Rule 104.C(2), revised by Division Order No. R-11231, issued by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission in Case No. 12119 on August 12, 1999, to re-enter and deepen the plugged and abandoned R. L. Burns Corporation Witt Well No. 1 (API No. 30-025-24559) to be redesignated the R. T. Burns "ATL" Well No. 1, to the Mississippian formation at an unorthodox gas well location 330 feet from the South and East lines (Unit P) of Section 11, Township 16 South, Range 35 East. The E/2 of Section 2 is to be dedicated to this well in order to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for the Undesignated North Townsend-Mississippian Gas Pool. This unit is located approximately one mile southwest of the Lovington Lea County – Zip Franklin Memorial Airport.

CASE 12297: Application of David H. Arrington Oil and 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 Morrow formation underlying the following described acreage in Section 28, Township 20 South, Range 24 East, in the following manner: (a) the W/2 for all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within that vertical extent including the Undesignated Foster Ranch-Morrow Gas Pool; (b) the SW/4 for all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within that vertical extent; (c) the N/2 SW/4 for all formations and/or pools developed on 80-acre spacing; within that vertical extent; and (d) the NE/4 SW/4 for all formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within that vertical extent. Applicant proposes to dedicate these pooled units to its Orange Stimulator Caddis Federal Com Well No. 1 to be drilled at a standard gas well location 1650 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit K) of Section 28. 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 the well. The area is located approximately 20 miles southeast of Hope, New Mexico.

CASE 12298: Application of Manzano Oil Corporation for approval of a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval of the Sand Springs State Unit for an area comprising 480 acres, more or less, of state lands in portions of Sections 34 and 35, Township 10 South, Range 34 East, which is located approximately 12 miles northwest of Tatum, New Mexico.

CASE 12285: Continued from November 18, 1999, Examiner Hearing.

Application of Nearburg Exploration, Company, LLC. for Compulsory Pooling, Lea 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 for all formations developed on 320-acre spacing including but not limited to the Undesignated San Simon Wolfcamp Gas Pool, the NW/4 for all formations developed on 160-acre spacing, the N/2 NW/4 for all formations developed on 80-acre spacing, and the NW/4 NW/4 for all formations developed on 40-acre spacing, all in Section 17, Township 22 South, Range 35 East. Applicant proposes to dedicate these pooled units to a well to be drilled at a standard gas well in the NW/4 NW/4 of Section 17. 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 operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling and completing the well. The area is located approximately 10.5 miles southwest of Oil Center, New Mexico.

CASE 12286: Continued from November 18, 1999, Examiner Hearing.

Application of Nearburg Exploration Company L.L.C. for an Unorthodox Gas Well Location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an exception to Division Rule 104.C(2), revised by Division Order No. R-11231, issued by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission in Case No. 12119 on August 12, 1999, to drill its South Boyd "27" Well No. 10 to the Morrow formation at an unorthodox gas well location 510 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the East line (Unit A) of Section 27, Township 19 South, Range 25 East. The N/2 of Section 27 is to be dedicated to this well in order to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for the Undesignated Cemetery-Morrow Gas Pool. This unit is located approximately 6 miles west of Lakewood, New Mexico.

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CASE 12275: Continued from November 18, 1999, Examiner Hearing.

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.

CASE 12299: **Application of Redwolf Production, Inc. for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Pictured Cliffs formation underlying the following described acreage in Section 36, Township 26 North, Range 13 West, in the following manner: (a) the N/2 for all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within that vertical extent including the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool; (b) the NE/4 for all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within that vertical extent including the Undesignated WAW-Fruitland Sand-Pictured Cliffs Pool; and (c) the NE/4 NE/4 for all formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within that vertical extent. The units are to be dedicated to its Bear Well No. 1 to be drilled at a standard location in the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A) of Section 36. 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 Redwolf Production, Inc. Company as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling and completing the well. The area is located approximately 16 miles southwest of Farmington, New Mexico.

CASE 12300: **Application of EOG Resources, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Pennsylvanian formation underlying the N/2 of Section 15, Township 25 South, Range 33 East, to form a standard 320-acre spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within that vertical extent including the Draper Mill-Wolfcamp Gas Pool. Applicant proposes to dedicate this pooled unit to its Ochoa "15" Federal Well No. 2 to be drilled at a standard location 1700 feet from the North line and 1760 feet from the West line (Unit F) of Section 15. 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 area is located approximately 20 miles southwest of Jal, New Mexico.

CASE 12284: Continued from November 18, 1999, Examiner Hearing.

Application of McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, Inc. for Compulsory Pooling and an Unorthodox Well Location, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the base of the Pictured Cliffs formation to the base of the Dakota formation, underlying the following described acreage in Section 33, Township 26 North, Range 2 West, in the following manner: (a) the S/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 but is not necessarily limited to the Blanco-Mesaverde Pool, Basin-Dakota Pool, and Undesignated Gavilan Greenhorn-Graneros-Dakota Oil Pool; (b) the SE/4 to form a standard 160-acre spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within this vertical extent which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Northeast Ojito Gallup-Dakota Oil Pool; and (c) the NW/4 SE/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. All three units are to be dedicated to a single well, the proposed Cougar Com. "33" Well No. 1, to be drilled 1970 feet from the South line and 2125 feet from the East line (Unit J) of Section 33. This location: (i) is considered standard for the Blanco-Mesaverde Pool and for all formation spaced on 40 acres; (ii) is unorthodox for the Undesignated Gavilan Greenhorn-Graneros-Dakota Oil Pool and for all formation spaced on 160 acres; and (iii) has been approved as an unorthodox gas well location for the Basin-Dakota Pool by Division Administrative Order NSL-4370, dated October 25, 1999. 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 9 miles north of Lindrith, New Mexico.

CASE 12301: **Application of SDX Resources, Inc. for an unorthodox infill gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an exception to the well location requirements provided within the "Special Rules and Regulations for the Jalmat Gas Pool", as promulgated by Division Order No. R-8170, as amended, for an unorthodox Jalmat infill gas well location within an existing non-standard 114.41-acre gas spacing and proration unit (approved by Division Order No. R-6245, dated January 16, 1980) comprising Lots 3 and 4 (W/2 SW/4 equivalent) of Section 31, Township 24 South, Range 37 East, and Lot 4 (NE/4 NE/4 equivalent) of Section 6, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, which is located approximately 3.5 miles north by west of Jal, New Mexico. The proposed Jalmat Federal Com. Well No. 2 is to be drilled 1650 feet from the South line and 760 feet from the West line (Lot 3/Unit L) of Section 31. This unit is currently dedicated to SDX Resources, Inc.'s Jalmat Federal Com. Well No. 1 (API No. 30-025-26701) located at an unorthodox gas well location (also approved by Division Order No. R-6245) 590 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line (Lot 4/Unit D) of Section 6.

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CASE 12302: **Application of SDX Resources, Inc. for an unorthodox infill gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an exception to the well location requirements provided within the "*Special Rules and Regulations for the Jalmat Gas Pool*", as promulgated by Division Order No. R-8170, as amended, for an unorthodox Jalmat infill gas well location within an existing non-standard 120-acre gas spacing and proration unit (approved by Division Order No. R-369-A, dated September 28, 1953) comprising the N/2 SW/4 and SW/4 SW/4 of Section 5, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, which is located approximately 3 miles north of Jal, New Mexico. The proposed E. J. Wells Well No. 25 is to be drilled 2180 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit K) of Section 5. This unit is currently dedicated to SDX Resources, Inc.'s: (i) E. J. Wells Well No. 13 (API No. 30-025-11458), located at a standard gas well location 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line (Unit L) of Section 5; and (ii) E. J. Wells Well No. 16 (API No. 30-025-28768), located at an unorthodox infill gas well location (approved by Division Administrative Order NSL-1823, dated June 22, 1984) 2310 feet from the South line and 610 feet from the West line (Unit L) of Section 5.

CASE 12303: **Application of Raptor Resources, Inc. for two unorthodox infill gas well locations, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks exceptions to the well location requirements provided within the "*Special Rules and Regulations for the Jalmat Gas Pool*", as promulgated by Division Order No. R-8170, as amended, for two unorthodox Jalmat infill gas well locations within an existing non-standard 480-acre gas spacing and proration unit (approved by Division Order No. R-9073, dated December 14, 1989) comprising the N/2 and the SW/4 of Section 9, Township 22 South, Range 36 East, which is located approximately 8 miles west by south of Eunice, New Mexico. The two existing: (i) State "A" A/C-2 Well No 30 (API No. 30-025-08855), located at an unorthodox Jalmat infill gas well location 1980 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line (Unit E) of Section 9; and (ii) State "A" A/C-2 Well No. 48 (API No. 30-025-08845), located at an unorthodox Jalmat infill gas well location 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit B) of Section 9, are currently completed in the South Eunice-Seven Rivers-Queen Pool at standard oil well locations; however, both are to be plugged back and recompleted up-hole into the Jalmat Gas Pool. This unit is currently simultaneously dedicated to the applicant's State "A" A/C-2 Wells No. 1, 4, 29, 38, 40, 57, 63, 67, and 72.

CASE 12304: **Application of Raptor Resources, Inc. for an unorthodox infill gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an exception to the well location requirements provided within the "*Special Rules and Regulations for the Jalmat Gas Pool*", as promulgated by Division Order No. R-8170, as amended, for an unorthodox Jalmat infill gas well location within an existing standard 640-acre gas spacing and proration unit comprising all of Section 8, Township 22 South, Range 36 East, which is located approximately 8 miles west by south of Eunice, New Mexico. The existing State "A" A/C-2 Well No. 54 (API No. 30-025-08841), located at an unorthodox Jalmat infill gas well location 660 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit O) of Section 8, is currently completed in the South Eunice-Seven Rivers-Queen Pool at a standard oil well location; however, this well is to be plugged back and recompleted up-hole into the Jalmat Gas Pool. This unit is currently simultaneously dedicated to the applicant's State "A" A/C-2 Wells No. 3, 24, 25, 26, 43, and 70.

CASE 12236: **Continued from October 21, Examiner Hearing.**

Application of Prairie Sun, Inc. for Compulsory Pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the top of the Wolfcamp formation through the base of the Morrow formation underlying the E/2 of Section 28, Township 23 South, Range 29 East, to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within this vertical extent. The unit is to be dedicated to the existing Laguna Grande Well No. 1 located 1380 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the East line (Unit I) of Section 28. Also to be considered will be the cost of re-entering and recompleting 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 re-entering and recompleting the well. The unit is located approximately 7 1/2 miles east of Lovington, New Mexico.

CASE 12086: **Consolidated – Continued from November 18, 1999, 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 November 18, 1999, 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 Oil Conservation Division for an order requiring Rault Petroleum Corporation to plug four (4) wells in Lincoln, De Baca and Chaves Counties, New Mexico. In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division to permit the operator, Rault Petroleum Corporation and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the following four (4) wells located in (i) Unit J, Section 2, Township 3, South, Range 19 East, Lincoln County (the Armstrong State Well No. 1), (ii) Unit M, Section 33, Township 3 South, Range 25 East, De Baca County (the Mark W. Isler Well No. 1), (iii) Unit G, Section 24, Township 1 North, Range 20 East, De Baca County (the Ridge State Well No. 1), and (iv) Unit F, Section 24, Township 8 South, Range 27 East, Chaves County, (the Union State Well No. 1), should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program. Further, should the operator fail to properly plug these wells, the Division seeks an order (i) requiring operator to properly plug these wells; (ii) authorizing the Division to plug these wells; (iii) ordering a forfeiture of the plugging bond, and (iv) assessing fines for failure to comply with the order.

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RE: CASE 12284: Application of McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, Inc., for compulsory pooling and an Unorthodox Well Location, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery,

McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, Inc., hereby requests that the Examiner Hearing in the above-referenced case which is currently scheduled for November 18, 1999 be continued to December 2, 1999.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

William F. Carr

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cc: J. Scott Hall (via facsimile)
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