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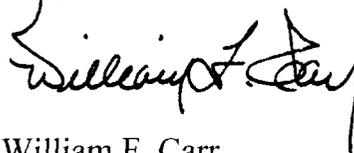
***Re: In the matter of case 12371: Application of Texaco Exploration and
Production, Inc. for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.***

Dear Ms. Wrottenbery,

Texaco Exploration and Production, Inc. respectfully requests that the above-referenced case be dismissed.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



William F. Carr

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cc: Mike Mullins

CASE 12384: **Application of Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas for Compulsory Pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from a depth of 4,000 feet to the base of the Morrow formation, underlying the following described acreage in Section 34, Township 17 South, Range 28 East, and in the following manner: (a) the W/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 Empire-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool; (b) the NW/4 to form a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit for all formations developed on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent; and (c) the SW/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 Undesignated Empire-Wolfcamp Pool. These three units are to be dedicated to a single well, the proposed Geronimo "34" State Com. Well No. 1, to be drilled within the SW/4 NW/4 (Unit E) of Section 34 at a location considered to be standard for all three units. 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 the applicant as the operator of the well and units, and a charge for risk involved in drilling the well. The proposed well location is approximately one-quarter mile southwest of the junction of U. S. Highway No. 82 and New Mexico State Road No. 360.

CASE 12371: **Continued from April 6, 2000, Examiner Hearing.**

Application of Texaco Exploration and Production Inc. for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the base of the Queen formation to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the following described acreage in Section 17, Township 16 South, Range 32 East, in the following manner: (a) the N/2 to form a standard 320-acre spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing; (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; and (c) the SW/4 NE/4 to form a standard 40-acre spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing. These units are to be dedicated to a single well, the proposed Texmack "17" State Com Well No. 1 to be drilled at a location that is standard for each of these units. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing this 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 units, and a charge for risk involved in drilling the well. The proposed well location is approximately 4 miles northwest of Maljamar, New Mexico.

CASE 12385: **Application of Texaco Exploration and Production, Inc. for Compulsory Pooling, Chaves County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the top of the Abo formation to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the following described acreage in Section 36, Township 15 South, Range 31 East, and in the following manner: (a) the W/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 West Anderson Ranch-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool; and (b) the NW/4 to form a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit for all formations developed on 160-acre spacing within this vertical extent. Both units are to be dedicated to the proposed Dulce "36" State Com. Well No. 1 (API No. 30-005-21160), to be drilled at a standard gas well location for both units 1330 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit F) 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 applicant as the operator of this well and the two above-described units, and a charge for risk involved in drilling the well. The proposed well location is approximately seven miles north of Maljamar, New Mexico.

CASE 12386: **Application of Threshold Development Company for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Wolfcamp formation, underlying the following described acreage in Section 16, Township 24 South, Range 33 East, and in the following manner: (a) the W/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 Johnson Ranch-Wolfcamp 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 said vertical extent; and (c) the NE/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. These three units are to be dedicated to a single well, the proposed Johnson Ranch State "16" Well No. 1, to be drilled within the NE/4 NW/4 of Section 16 at a location considered to be standard for all three units. 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 units, and a charge for risk involved in drilling the well. The proposed well location is approximately four miles west-northwest of the junction of New Mexico State Road 128 and the Delaware Basin Road.

CASE 12387: **Application of Penwell Energy, Inc. for Pool Creation, Special Pool Rules, Approval of a Non-Standard Oil Proration Unit and an Unorthodox Oil Well Location, Sandoval County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks to create a new pool for the production of oil from the Entrada formation comprising the N/2 of Section 8, Township 19 North, Range 4 West (being approximately eight miles north by west of Torreon, New Mexico) and the promulgation of special pool rules therefor including provisions for 160-acre spacing and proration units and designated well location requirements. Applicant further seeks exceptions to these proposed rules in order to establish a non-standard 160-acre oil spacing and proration unit within this newly created pool to comprise the W/2 NE/4 and the E/2 NW/4 of Section 8 to be dedicated to its Eagle Spring "8" Federal Well No. 1 (API No. 30-043-20949), located at an unorthodox oil well location 263 feet from the North line and 2548 feet from the East line (Unit B) of Section 8 (this well was the subject on Division Order No. R-11331 issued in Case No. 12335 and dated February 17, 2000).

CASE 12368: Continued from April 6, 2000, Examiner Hearing.

Application of Harvey E. Yates Company for Compulsory Pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from 9000 feet subsurface to the base of the Morrow formation underlying Lots 3 and 4, the S/2 NW/4, and the SW/4 (W/2 equivalent) of Section 5, Township 18 South, Range 31 East, to form a standard 319.96-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Undesignated North Shugart-Morrow Gas Pool. The unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard gas well location in the SW/4 of Section 5. 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 six miles southeast of Loco Hills, New Mexico.

CASE 12367: Continued from April 6, 2000, Examiner Hearing.

Application of Santa Fe Snyder Corporation for Pool Creation, Special Pool Rules, and an Unorthodox Oil Well Location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order creating a new pool for the production of oil designated as the North Cass Draw-Wolfcamp Pool with horizontal limits comprising the NW/4 of Section 27, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, and approving special pool rules for the pool including 160-acre well spacing and special well location requirements. Applicant requests that the pool rules be made effective February 1, 2000. Applicant further requests approval of an unorthodox location for its Weems Well No. 1 located 990 feet from the North line and 1330 feet from the West line (Unit C) of Section 27. The pool is located approximately 1 1/2 miles northwest of Otis, New Mexico

CASE 12382: **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 21, Township 19 South, Range 28 East, and 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 the Undesignated South Millman-Atoka Gas Pool, Undesignated Winchester-Atoka Gas Pool, Undesignated South Millman-Morrow Gas Pool, Undesignated Winchester-Morrow Gas Pool, and Undesignated North Winchester-Morrow Gas Pool; (b) the SE/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 said vertical extent; and (c) the SW/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 which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the East Millman Yates-Seven Rivers-Queen-Grayburg-San Andres Pool and the Undesignated North Winchester-Wolfcamp Pool. These units are to be dedicated to a single well to be drilled at a location considered to be standard for all three units 660 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the East line (Unit O) of Section 21. 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 the three above-described units, and a charge for risk involved in drilling the well. Further, the East Millman Yates-Seven Rivers-Queen-Grayburg-San Andres Pool underlying the SW/4 SE/4 of Section 21 is currently dedicated to C.F.M. Oil Company's Monsanto State Well No. 1 (API No. 30-015-24252), located at a standard oil well location 986 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the East line (Unit O) of Section 21. At the time of the hearing it will be necessary for the applicant to address certain issues created by the forced pooling of producing acreage currently operated by another operator. The proposed well location is approximately eleven miles east of Lakewood, New Mexico.

CASE 12383: **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 24, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, and in the following manner: (a) the E/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 Red Lake-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool; (b) the SE/4 to form a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit for all formations developed on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent; and (c) the NE/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 which presently includes the Dayton (Grayburg) Pool, Undesignated Atoka-San Andres Pool, Undesignated Atoka-Gloriata-Yeso Pool, and Undesignated Dayton-Abo Pool. These three units are to be dedicated to a single well, the proposed Rio Pecos "24" Well No. 1, to be drilled within the NE/4 SE/4 (Unit I) of Section 24 at a location considered to be standard for all three units. 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, L.L.C. as the operator of the well and units, and a charge for risk involved in drilling the well. The proposed well location is approximately three miles east of Dayton, New Mexico.