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CASE 12432: Continued from August 24, 2000, Examiner Hearing.

Application of Amerada Hess Corporation for approval to convert the NMGSAU Well Nos. 215 and 503 to injection in the North Monument Grayburg San Andres Unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval to convert its NMGSAU Well Nos. 215 and 503 to injection in the North Monument Grayburg San Andres Unit (NMGSAU). These wells are designed to improve recovery efficiency of the waterflood patterns and enhance production of the NMGSAU secondary recovery project. The wells are located in the following locations in Township 19 South, Range 37 East:

NMGSAU No. 215: Section 18, Unit O, and
NMGSAU No. 503: Section 19, Unit C

Water will be injected into the unitized interval of the Grayburg-San Andres formation, Eunice Monument Grayburg San Andres Pool through the gross perforated and/or open hole interval from approximately 3720 feet to 3965 feet at an expected rate of 1000 barrels of water per day and with a maximum injection pressure of 710 pounds per square inch. This area is located approximately 4 miles northwest of Monument, New Mexico.

CASE 12484: Readvertised - Continued from September 21, 2000, Examiner Hearing.

Application of McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in all formations developed on 320-acre spacing from the base of the Pictured Cliffs Formation to the base of the Dakota Formation in Lots 3, 4, S/2 NW/4, SW/4 (W/2 Equivalent) of Section 4, Township 25 North, Range 2 West. The units are to be dedicated to its Cougar Com "4" Well No. 2 to be drilled to a depth sufficient to test all formations to the base of the Dakota formation, Basin-Dakota Gas Pool, at a standard location in the NW/4 NW/4 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 operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling the well. The area is located approximately 9.5 miles north of Lindrith, New Mexico.

CASE 12320: Continued from September 21, 2000, Examiner Hearing.

Application of Chevron U.S.A. Production Co. for Approval to convert the EMSU Wells No. 210, 212, 222, 252 and 258 to Injection in the Eunice Monument South Unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval to convert its EMSU Wells No. 210, 212, 222, 252 and 258 to injection in the Eunice Monument South Unit (EMSU). These wells are designed to improve recovery efficiency of the waterflood patterns and enhance production of the EMSU secondary recovery project. The wells are located in the following locations: No. 210 - Section 4, Unit K, Township 21 South, Range 36 East; No. 252 - Section 5, Unit I, Township 21 South, Range 36 East; No. 222 - Section 6, Unit O, Township 21 South, Range 36 East; No. 252 - Section 6, Unit W, Township 21 South, Range 36 East; No. 258 - Section 4, Unit U, Township 21 South, Range 36 East. Water will be injected into the unitized interval of the Eunice Monument Grayburg-San Andres Pool which has an upper limit of 100 feet below mean sea level or the top of the Grayburg formation, whichever is higher, to a lower limit of the base of the San Andres formation. Injection will occur at an expected maximum pressure rate of 1500 barrels of water per day and an expected maximum pressure of 750 pounds per square inch. This area is approximately one mile west-southwest of Oil Center, New Mexico.

CASE 12499: **Application of Southwestern Energy Production Company for a Unit Agreement, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks approval of the Geronimo State Unit Agreement, an exploratory unit comprising 1280 acres of state land in Sections 28 and 33, Township 22 South, Range 35 East. The unit area is centered approximately 13½ miles southwest of Eunice, New Mexico.

CASE 12500: **Application of Southwestern Energy Production Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the base of the San Andres formation to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the following described acreage in Section 31, Township 17 South, Range 28 East, and in the following manner: 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 that vertical extent, including but not limited to the Undesignated Southeast Logan Draw-Atoka Gas Pool and Undesignated North Illinois Camp-Morrow Gas Pool; 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, including the Undesignated Logan Draw-Wolfcamp Gas Pool; and the NE/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 that vertical extent, including but not limited to the Undesignated Logan Draw-Wolfcamp Pool. The units are to be dedicated to applicant's Big Bluff "31" State Com. Well No. 1, to be drilled at an orthodox location 660 feet from the North and East lines of Section 31. 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 the risk involved in drilling and completing the well. The units are located approximately 11½ miles southeast of Artesia, New Mexico.

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CASE 12439: Continued from September 21, 2000 Examiner Hearing.

Application of Arch Petroleum Inc. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from 7100 feet subsurface to the base of the Ellenburger formation underlying the SW/4 SE/4 of Section 27, Township 23 South, Range 37 East, 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 that vertical extent, including but not limited to the Teague (Simpson) Pool. The unit is to be dedicated to applicant's E.C. Hill "A" Well No. 7, to be drilled at a location 540 feet from the South line and 1850 feet from the East line of Section 27. 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 the risk involved in drilling and completing the well. The unit is located approximately 11 1/2 miles south of Eunice, New Mexico.

CASE 12501: **Application of Santa Fe Snyder Corporation for pool creation and special pool rules, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks the creation of the North Hackberry-Bone Spring Pool, covering the SE/4 of Section 6, Township 19 South, Range 31 East, and the promulgation of Special Pool Rules for the North Hackberry-Bone Spring Pool, including provisions for 160-acre spacing, special well location requirements, and a gas:oil ratio of 30,000 cubic feet of gas for each barrel of oil produced. The proposed pool is centered approximately 10 miles southeast of Loco Hills, New Mexico.

CASE 12502: In the matter of the hearing called by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to amend Division Order No. R-5878, as amended. The Division seeks to further amend its "Special Rules for Applications for Wellhead Price Ceiling Category Determinations", as promulgated by Division Order No. R-5878, as amended, as necessary in order to comply with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Order No. 616, which reinstates wellhead determination procedures for Section 107 gas that qualifies for a federal tax credit under Section 29 of the Internal Revenue Code.

CASE 12503: **Application of the Oil Conservation Division for an order requiring Adams Oil & Gas Producers to properly plug six wells, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order requiring Adams Oil & Gas Producers to appear and show cause why six (6) wells located in Sections 6, 7, 17, 33, Townships 23 and 24 South, Ranges 33 and 36 East, 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. *In The Absence of Objection, This Case Will be Taken Under Advisement.*

CASE 12456: Continued from July 13, 2000, Examiner Hearing.

Application of the Oil Conservation Division for an order requiring Strata Production Company to properly plug one well, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order requiring Strata Production Company to appear and show cause why one (1) well located in Section 32, Township 19 South, Range 29 East, 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. *In The Absence of Objection, This Case Will be Taken Under Advisement.*

CASE 12459: Continued from July 13, 2000, Examiner Hearing.

Application of the Oil Conservation Division for an order requiring I. T. Properties to properly plug one well, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order requiring I. T. Properties to appear and show cause why one (1) well located in Section 23, Township 19 South, Range 28 East, 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. *In The Absence of Objection, This Case Will be Taken Under Advisement.*

CASE 12457: Continued from July 27, 2000, Examiner Hearing.

Application of the Oil Conservation Division for an order requiring Jack J. Grynberg to properly plug five wells, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order requiring Jack J. Grynberg to appear and show cause why five (5) wells located in Sections 16 and 32, Township 5 South, Range 24 East, 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. *In The Absence of Objection, This Case Will be Taken Under Advisement.*