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CASE 12514: Continued from October 19, 2000, Examiner Hearing.

Application of Chi 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 following described acreage in Section 11, Township 22 South, Range 25 East, and in the following manner: The W/2 of Section 11 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 Catclaw Draw-Wolfcamp Gas Pool, Undesignated McKittrick Canyon-Upper Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Undesignated Hackberry Hills-Canyon Gas Pool, Undesignated Revelation-Strawn Gas Pool, and Revelation-Morrow Gas Pool; the NW/4 of Section 11 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 SE/4 NW/4 of Section 11 to form a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 40 acres within that vertical extent, including the Undesignated Azotea Mesa-Bone Spring Pool. The units are to be dedicated to applicant's Big Mac "11" Fed. Com. Well No. 1, to be drilled at a location 1980 feet from the North and West lines (Unit F) of Section 11. 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 Chi Operating, Inc. as operator of the well, and a charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well. The units are located approximately 8½ miles west-southwest of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

CASE 12526: **Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the top of the Strawn formation to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the E½ of Section 32, Township 15 South, Range 32 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 Anderson Ranch-Morrow Gas Pool. The unit is to be dedicated to the Anderson Ranch "32" State Well No. 2, to be drilled at an orthodox gas well location 1330 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line of Section 32. 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 the risk involved in drilling and completing the well. The unit is located approximately 8½ miles north-northeast of Maljamar, New Mexico.

CASE 12500: Continued from October 19, 2000, Examiner Hearing.

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.

CASE 12490: Continued from October 19, 2000, Examiner Hearing.

Application of Permian Resources Incorporated for produced water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval to re-enter the existing Harrison Well No. 2-22, located in the NE/4 SE/4 of Section 22, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, and utilize the well to dispose of produced water into the Queen formation through the open hole interval from approximately 3,218 feet to 3,366 feet. This area is located approximately 2 miles east of Jal, New Mexico.

CASE 12441: Continued from October 19, 2000, Examiner Hearing.

Application of LG&E Natural Pipeline LLC for special rules for the Grama Ridge Morrow Gas Storage Unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order establishing special rules applicable to wells drilled and completed or recompleted in the Morrow formation within its Grama Ridge Morrow Gas Storage Unit and within each 320-acre spacing unit immediately adjacent to the Unit in the following described area:

Grama Ridge Morrow Gas Storage Agreement

Township 21 South, Range 34 East

Section 33: All

Section 34: All

Township 22 South, Range 34 East

Section 3: All

Section 4: All

Section 10: All

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Acreage Adjacent to Unit

Township 21 South, Range 34 East

Section 26: NW/4, S/2

Section 27: All

Section 28: All

Section 29: E/2, SW/4

Section 32: All

Section 35: All

Township 22 South, Range 34 East

Section 2: All

Section 5: All

Section 8: N/2, SE/4

Section 9: All

Section 11: All

Section 14: N/2, SW/4

Section 15: All

Section 16: N/2, SE/4

The application requests the Division establish rules requiring operators of all newly drilled or recompleted wells in the Morrow formation to provide the operator of the Unit with information and data obtained during drilling, completion, and production to determine whether such wells are in communication with the unitized formation or would otherwise interfere with Unit operations. The special project rules would also include provisions requiring the operators of wells determined to be in communication with the Unitized Interval to demonstrate how such well may be produced without interfering with Unit operations or to take such other action determined to be appropriate. The Grama Ridge Morrow Gas Storage Unit is approximately 18 miles west of Eunice, New Mexico.

CASE 12527: **Application of LG&E Natural Pipeline LLC Pursuant To The New Mexico Underground Storage of Natural Gas Act, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order from the Division making certain findings pursuant to Section 70-6-5 of the New Mexico Underground Storage of Natural Gas Act (NMSA 1978 Sections 70-6-1, *et seq.*) preparatory to the condemnation of certain property interests in the Morrow Formation underlying the E/2 of Section 33, Township 21 South, Range 34 East, NMPM in Lea County. Applicant seeks to condemn such interests for use in connection with gas storage, injection and withdrawal operations for its Grama Ridge Morrow Gas Storage Unit. The Unit and the subject lands are located approximately 18 miles west of Eunice, New Mexico.

CASE 12502: **Continued from October 19, 2000, Examiner Hearing.**

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 12528: **Application of the Oil Conservation Division for an order requiring Lonnie J. Buck to properly plug two wells, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order requiring Lonnie J. Buck to appear and show cause why two (2) wells located in Section 25, Township 25 South, Range 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 12529: **Application of the Oil Conservation Division for an order requiring BC Development to properly plug one well, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order requiring BC Development to appear and show cause why one (1) well located in Section 30, Township 11 South, Range 33 East, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program. Further, should the operator fail to properly plug this well, the Division seeks an order (i) requiring operator to properly plug this well; (ii) authorizing the Division to plug this well; (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 12530: **Application of the Oil Conservation Division for an order requiring Poe Properties, Inc. to properly plug one well, Roosevelt County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order requiring Poe Properties, Inc. to appear and show cause why one (1) well located in Section 29, Township 4 South, Range 33 East, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program. Further, should the operator fail to properly plug this well, the Division seeks an order (i) requiring operator to properly plug this well; (ii) authorizing the Division to plug this well; (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.*