DOCKET: COMMISSION HEARING – FRIDAY – AUGUST 24, 2001

9:00 A.M. - OCD Hearing Room 1120 So. St. Francis Santa Fe, New Mexico

The Land Commissioner's designee for this hearing will be Jami Bailey.

The minutes of the May 25, 2001, Commission hearing will be adopted.

The Oil Conservation Commission may vote to close the open meeting to deliberate any De Novo cases heard at this hearing.

The following cases were continued from the July 27, 2001, Commission Hearing:

CASE 12459: De Novo

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. Upon application of I. T. Properties, this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 12567: De Novo

Application of Ocean Energy Resources, Inc. for compulsory pooling and four non-standard oil and gas spacing and proration units, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Mississippian formation underlying Lots 1-8 of irregular Section 3, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, and in the following manner: Lots 1-8 to form a non-standard 355.80-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 Shoe Bar-Atoka Gas Pool and Undesignated North Shoe Bar-Morrow Gas Pool; Lots 3-6 to form a non-standard 177.21-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within that vertical extent; Lots 3 and 4 to form a non-standard 97.21-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 80-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Undesignated South Big Dog-Strawn Pool; and Lot 4 to form a non-standard 48.43-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Undesignated Townsend-Permo Upper Pennsylvanian Pool. The units are to be dedicated to applicant's Townsend State Com. Well No. 10, to be located at an orthodox location 800 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 3. 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 6 miles west-northwest of Lovington, New Mexico. Upon application of Yates Petroleum Corporation, this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

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CASE 12535: De Novo

Application of Ocean Energy Resources, Inc. for compulsory pooling and four non-standard oil and gas spacing and proration units, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Mississippian formation underlying Lots 1-8 of irregular Section 3, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, and in the following manner: Lots 1-8 to form a non-standard 355.80-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 Shoe Bar-Atoka Gas Pool and Undesignated North Shoe Bar-Morrow Gas Pool; Lots 3-6 to form a non-standard 177.21-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within that vertical extent; Lots 3 and 4 to form a non-standard 97.21-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 80-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Undesignated South Big Dog-Strawn Pool; and Lot 4 to form a non-standard 48.43-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within that vertical extent, including the Undesignated Townsend-Permo Upper Pennsylvanian Pool. The units are to be dedicated to applicant's Townsend State Com. Well No. 10, to be located at an orthodox location 800 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 3. 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 6 miles west-northwest of Lovington, New Mexico. Upon application of Yates Petroleum Corporation, this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 12590: De Novo

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for compulsory pooling and a non-standard gas spacing and proration unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Mississippian formation in Lots 1 through 8 (N/2 Equivalent) of Irregular Section 3, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, to form a non-standard 355.80-acre gas spacing and proration unit for all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within that vertical extent which includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated North Shoe Bar-Atoka Gas Pool and the Undesignated North Shoe Bar-Morrow Gas Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to Yates Daisy AFS State Well No. 2 to be drilled at a standard location 660 feet from the North and East lines of said Section 3 to a depth sufficient to test all formations from the surface to the base of the Mississippian formation. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of Yates Petroleum Corporation as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 6 miles west-northwest of Lovington, New Mexico. Upon application of Yates Petroleum Corporation, this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 12569: De Novo

Amended Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for compulsory pooling and a non-standard gas spacing and proration unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Mississippian formation in Lots 1 through 8 (N/2 Equivalent) of Irregular Section 3, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, to form a non-