

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY – JUNE 14, 2001

8:15 A.M. - 1220 South St. Francis

Santa Fe, New Mexico

Docket Nos. 22-01 and 23-01 are tentatively set for June 28, 2001 and July 12, 2001. 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 12646: Continued from May 31, 2001, Examiner Hearing.

Application of Strata Production Company for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in all formations developed on 160-acre spacing underlying the NW/4 of Section 15, Township 24 South, Range 34, East. Applicant proposes to dedicate the above-described spacing or proration unit to its Buckeye No. 1 well to be reentered at a standard location 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line of Section 15, to a depth sufficient to test any and all formations down to the base of the Bone Spring Formation.

CASE 12676: **Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for approval of a Unit Agreement, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks approval of the Luke Federal State Unit for an area comprising 2560 acres, more or less, of federal and state lands in Sections 2, 3, 9, and 10 of Township 21 South, Range 22 East, which is located approximately 18 miles southwest of Seven Rivers, New Mexico.

CASE 12665: **(Readvertised) Amended application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for amendment of compulsory pooling order No. R-11542 to change the dedicated spacing unit, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order amending pooling Order No. R-11542 pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Mississippian formation in the following described spacing and proration units located in Section 13, Township 15 South, Range 34 East: The S/2 to form a standard 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 Morton-Morrow Gas Pool; and the SW/4 to form a standard gas spacing and proration unit for all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within that vertical extent. Said units are to be dedicated to the Chevy AWV State Com Well No. 1 to be drilled at a standard location 1650 feet from the South and West lines of said Section 13 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 applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 6 miles northwest of Lovington, New Mexico.

CASE 12609: Continued from May 17, 2001, Examiner Hearing.

Application of Chevron U.S.A., Inc. for an unorthodox infill gas well location and simultaneous dedication, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an exception to the well location requirements provided within the "*Special Rules and Regulations for the Eumont Gas Pool*", as promulgated by Division Order No. R-8170, as amended, for an unorthodox Eumont infill gas well location within an existing non-standard 480-acre gas spacing and proration unit (authorized by Division Administrative Order NSP-944, dated April 12, 1974, and upheld by Division Order No. R-5549, issued in Case No. 6041 on October 25, 1977) comprising the NE/4 and the S/2 of Section 22, Township 21 South, Range 36 East, which is located approximately one mile northwest of the Eunice-Lea County Airport. The applicant's proposed Harry Leonard NCT-A Well No. 15 (API No. 30-025-35396) is to be drilled at an unorthodox infill gas well location 1980 feet from the South line and 760 feet from the West line (Unit L) of Section 22. This unit is currently dedicated to Chevron U.S.A., Inc.'s:

- (i) Harry Leonard NCT-A Well No. 3 (API No. 30-025-04757), located 660 feet from the North

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line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit B) of Section 22;

(ii) Harry Leonard NCT-A Well No. 7 (API No. 30-025-04760), located 660 feet from the South and West lines (Unit M) of Section 22;

(iii) Harry Leonard NCT-A Well No. 12 (API No. 30-025-25496), located at an unorthodox infill gas well location (approved by Division Order No. R-5549) 990 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line (Unit P) of Section 22;

(iv) Harry Leonard NCT-A Well No. 13 (API No. 30-025-31320), located at a standard infill gas well location 1650 feet from the South line and 2310 feet from the East line (Unit J) of Section 22;

(v) Harry Leonard NCT-A Well No. 6 (API No. 30-025-04759), located at an unorthodox infill gas well location [approved by Division Administrative Order NSL-3253 (SD), dated May 28, 1993] 660 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit N) of Section 22;

(vi) Harry Leonard NCT-A Well No. 14 (API No. 30-025-32154), located at a standard infill gas well location 1760 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the East line (Unit H) of Section 22, which is a new gas well that was included in this unit in February, 1998.

Further, the applicant, pursuant to the rules governing the Eumont Gas Pool and the stipulated declaratory judgement issued by the First Judicial District Court in Santa Fe County, New Mexico on December 15, 2000, seeks to simultaneously dedicate Eumont gas production to this 480-acre unit from all seven of the above-described Harry Leonard NCT-A Wells No. 3, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, and 15.

Note: Records indicate that Chevron U.S.A., Inc.'s Harry Leonard NCT-A Well No. 8 (API No. 30-025-04761), located 660 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit O) of Section 22, is a Eumont oil well that is currently dedicated to a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit comprising the SW/4 SE/4 of Section 22. It will be necessary for the applicant to address this matter at the time of the hearing.

CASE 12610: Continued from May 17, 2001, Examiner Hearing.

Application of Chevron U.S.A., Inc. for simultaneous dedication, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, pursuant to the rules governing the Eumont Gas Pool and the stipulated declaratory judgement issued by the First Judicial District Court in Santa Fe County, New Mexico on December 15, 2000, seeks to simultaneously dedicate Eumont gas production to the previously approved 160-acre non-standard gas spacing and proration unit comprising the SE/4 of Section 28, Township 21 South, Range 36 East (approved by Division Administrative Order NSP-272, dated June 27, 1956) from the following four wells:

- existing S. E. Felton Well No. 1 (API No. 30-025-04815) located at a standard gas well location 660 feet from the South and East lines (Unit P) of Section 28;
- existing S. E. Felton Well No. 2 (API No. 30-025-25352) located at a standard gas well location either 800 feet or 880 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit O) of Section 28; and,
- existing S. E. Felton Well No. 5 (API No. 30-025-33796) located at a standard Eumont gas well