

PRELIMINARY DOCKET: COMMISSION HEARING - THURSDAY - MARCH 20, 2003

9:00 A.M. – Porter Hall
1220 So. St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Land Commissioner, Patrick Lyons, may designate Jaimi Bailey as his representative for this hearing, or may participate himself.

Notice: The minutes of the February 27, 2003, Commission hearing will be adopted.

Notice: During this meeting, the Commission may conduct a closed executive session during which it will deliberate in connection with an administrative adjudicatory proceeding pending before the Commission or consult with Commission counsel under the attorney-client privilege concerning threatened or pending litigation in which the Commission is or may become a participant.

Final action may be taken in the following:

CASE 12792: De Novo

Application of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for an Order Requiring Kelly H. Baxter to Properly Plug Seven (7) Wells, Imposing Civil Penalties in Event of Failure to Comply, Authorizing the Division to Plug Said Wells in Default of Compliance by Kelly H. Baxter or His Surety, and Ordering a Forfeiture of Applicable Plugging Bond; Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 13029: Application of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for Amendment of Rule 1107 [Application for Multiple Completion (Form C-107)] The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division applies to the Oil Conservation Commission to amend Rule 1107 [Application for Multiple Completion (Form C-107)] to provide for a Form C-107A (Application for Downhole Commingling) and Form C-107B (Application for Surface Commingling). Application of the proposed rule and amendment is STATEWIDE.

CASE 13030: Application of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for Amendment of Rule 1209 [Continuance of Hearing without New Service] The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division applies to the Oil Conservation Commission to amend Rule 1209 [Continuance of Hearing without New Service] to delete references to the record. Application of the proposed rule and amendment is STATEWIDE.

CASE 13013: Continued from February 27, 2003, Commission Hearing.

Application of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for Amendment of Rule 711 [Applicable to Surface Waste Management Facilities Only]

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division has applied to the Oil Conservation Commission to amend Rule 711 [Applicable to Surface Waste Management Facilities Only] to authorize commercial waste management facilities regulated by the Division to accept non-hazardous, non-oilfield wastes for disposition with prior Division approval. Application of the proposed amendment is STATEWIDE.

case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 12859: De Novo

Application of David H. Arrington Oil and Gas, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests underlying the E/2 of Section 25, Township 16 South, Range 35 East in the following manner: a) E/2 to form a standard 320-acre stand-up gas spacing and proration unit ("the 320-acre Unit") for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within that vertical extent, which presently include but are not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Shoe Bar-Atoka Gas Pool, Undesignated Townsend-Morrow Gas Pool, and Undesignated North Townsend-Mississippian Gas Pool; b) NE/4 to form a standard 160-acre spacing and proration unit ("the 160-acre Unit") for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within that vertical extent; and c) E/2 NE/4 to form a standard 80-acre stand-up oil spacing and proration unit ("the 80-acre Unit") for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 80-acre spacing within that vertical extent. Said units are to be dedicated to Applicant's proposed Glass-Eyed Midge 25 Well No. 1 to be drilled at a standard 320-acre spacing and proration unit gas well location 803 feet from the North line and 902 feet from the East line in the NE/4 of said Section 25. 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 David H. Arrington Oil and Gas, Inc. or its designee as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. The proposed well location is approximately 6 miles southwest of Lovington, New Mexico. Upon application of Ocean Energy, Inc., this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 12860: De Novo

Application of Ocean Energy, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Mississippian formation underlying the W/2 of Section 25, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, 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 Townsend-Morrow Gas Pool. The unit is to be dedicated to applicant's Triple Hackle Dragon 25 Well No. 2, to be drilled at an orthodox location in the NE/4 SW/4 (Unit K) of Section 25. 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, a charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well, and the establishment of escrow accounts for the purpose of holding and disbursing funds pending resolution of a title dispute affecting the NW/4 of Section 25. The unit is located approximately 5 miles southwest of Lovington, New Mexico. Upon application of Ocean Energy, Inc., this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 12535: De Novo – Continued from September 27, 2002, Commission Hearing.

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 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 12738: Continued from September 27, 2002, Commission Hearing.

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for two non-standard gas spacing and proration units, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an exception to the provisions of Division Rule 104.C (2) to create two non-standard gas spacing and proration units for all formations developed on 320-acre spacing which include but are not necessarily limited to the Undesignated North Shoe Bar-Atoka Gas Pool, the Undesignated Townsend-Morrow Gas Pool, the Undesignated North Shoe Bar-Morrow Gas Pool and the Undesignated North Hume-Morrow Gas Pool comprising: (i) Lots 1, 2, 7 and 8 (NE/4 equivalent) to form a 178.59-acre non-standard gas spacing and proration unit ; and (ii) Lots 3 through 6 (NW/4 equivalent) to form a 177.21-acre non-standard gas spacing and proration unit. Said area is located approximately 6 miles west-northwest of Lovington, New Mexico.

CASE 12794: Continued from September 27, 2002, Commission Hearing.

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 Morrow formation underlying Lots 1-8 of irregular Section 3, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, 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 3 to form a non-standard 48.78-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 in Lot 3 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.

CASE 12905: De Novo – Continued from February 27, 2003, Commission Hearing.

Application of Pronghorn Management Corporation for Approval of a Salt Water Disposal Well, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval to utilize its State "T" Well No. 2 (API No. 30-025-03735) located 4290 feet from the South line and 500 feet from the West line, (Unit L) Section 6, Township 16 South,