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DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - MARCH 10, 1965

9 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING - SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

The following cases will be heard before Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner, or Elvis A. Utz, Alternate Examiner:

- CASE 2764: (Reopened and continued from the February 10, 1965 Examiner Hearing) In the matter of Case No. 2764 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-2439, which order established temporary 640acre spacing units for the West Jal-Strawn Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, for a period of two years. All interested parties may appear and show cause why said pool should not be developed on 320acre spacing units.
- CASE 3203: (Continued from the February 10, 1965 Examiner Hearing) Application of Schermerhorn Oil Corporation for a non-standard location and a non-standard gas proration unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an 80-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising the N/2 NE/4 of Section 5, Township 19 South, Range 37 East, Eumont Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to its Linam G Well No. 1 at a nonstandard location 1025 feet from the North line and 1953 feet from the East line of said Section 5.
- CASE 3214: Application of Carter Foundation Production Company for a waterflood project, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project in the Teague-Simpson Pool by the injection of water into the Simpson formation through two injection wells located in Units B and G of Section 34, Township 23 South, Kange 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico.
- CASE 3215: Application of Gulf Oil Corporation for a unit agreement, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Mescal Wash Unit Area comprising 21,446 acres, more or less, of Federal, State and Fee lands in Townships 25 and 26 South, Ranges 22 and 23 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- <u>CASE 3216:</u> Application of Gulf Oil Corporation for a waterflood expansion, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the expansion of its West Pearl Queen Unit Waterflood Project, Pearl Queen Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to include the NW/4 of Section 28, Township 19 South, Range 35 East; applicant further seeks authority to convert two additional wells to water injection, said wells being located in Units D and F of said Section 28.
- <u>CASE 3217:</u> In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission upon its own motion to permit S. S. Sutton, dba Eddy Oil Company and all other interested parties to show cause why the Eddy Oil Company Stanolind-State Wells Nos. 1 and 2, located in Units G and J, respectively, of Section 36, Township 19 South, Range 30 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, should not be plugged in accordance with a Commission approved plugging program.

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- CASE 3218: Application of Newmont Oil Company for a non-standard location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to drill its Fidel Well No. 5 as a water injection well to inject water into the Lower Grayburg and Upper San Andres formations in its East Square Lake Waterflood Project, at a non-standard location 50 feet from the North line and 50 feet from the East line of Section 29, Township 16 South, Range 31 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- CASE 3219: (Continued to the March 24, 1965 Examiner Hearing) Application of Humble Oil & Refining Company for a waterflood expansion, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to expand its State "M" lease waterflood project by the conversion to water injection of 13 additional wells located in Sections 19, 20, 29, 30 and 31, Township 22 South, Range 37 East, Langlie-Mattix Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.