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4	EXAMINER HEARING				
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6	IN THE MATTER OF:				
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'	Application of Tenneco Oil Company )  for a unit agreement. McKinley ) CASE NO. 4664				
8	for a unit agreement, McKinley ) CASE NO. 4664  County, New Mexico )				
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9	and)				
10	Application of Tenneco Oil Company				
11	for a pressure maintenance ) CASE NO. 4665 / project, McKinley County, New )				
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14	BEFORE: Elvis Utz				
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MP. UTZ: The Hearing will come to order, please. 1 We will consolidate for the purpose of testimony, Cases 4664 2 and 4665. 3 Separate Orders will be written on each Case. MR. HATCH: Case 4664, Application of Tenneco Oil 5 Company for a unit agreement, McKinley County, New Mexico. 6 Case 4664, Application of Tenneco Oil Company for 7 a pressure maintenance project, McKinley County, New Mexico. 8 MR. UTZ: Appearances? 9 MR. KELLY: Booker Kelly, of White Koch, Kelly, 10 and McCarthy of Santa Fe. We have two witnesses and ask 11 that they be sworn. 12 (Whereupon, the Applicant's two witnesses were 13 sworn by Mr. Hatch.) 14 MP. UTZ: Are there any other appearances in this 15 Case? 16 (No response.) 17 MR. UTZ: You may proceed. 18 MR. KELLEY: We are going to have two witnesses, 19 and since these Cases have been consolidated, Mr. Rial is 20 going to briefly go through some of the Exhibits on geology 21 and then Mr. Melnar will resume the stand and go through the 22 engineering pressure maintenance project. 23

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## 1 WILLIAM MELNAR, was called as a witness and, having already been duly sworn, 3 testified as follows: DIRECT EXAMINATION 5 BY MR. KELLY: Would you state your name, profession and employer? Q 6 My name is William Melnar, I am District Reservoir 7 Engineer for the Tenneco Oil Company, in Denver, 8 Colorado. 9 Have you previously qualified before the Commission as 10 an expert in the field of Petroleum Engineering? 11 Yes, I have. 12 Α These two Applications have been consolidated, would 13 you briefly state what Tenneco seeks by the two 14 Applications? 15 Tenneco is seeking approval of unit agreement and also Α 16 approval of a pressure maintenance project with 17 special unit rules, in the Lone Pine Dakota "D" unit 18 in McKinley County, New Mexico. 19 Referring to Exhibit 1, would you locate the unit on 20 the plat?

Exhibit 1 is a location map of the Line Pine field and Α 22 the proposed unit is shown on the Exhibit by black hash 23 lines.

Does Exhibit 1 show all of the wells within two miles of 0

1	any injection wells and all of the offset operators?			
2	A Yes. The gas injection wells are shown in green and			
3	the water injection wells in red.			
4	Q Can you give us, just briefly, a history of this			
5	particular pool?			
6	A The Lone Pine Dakota "D" pool was discovered with the			
7	drilling completion of the Lone Pine Number 1 Well			
8	located in the northwest of the northwest of Section			
9	18, Township 17 North, Range 8 West.			
10	It was completed in June of 1970, and after			
11	discovery, rapid development followed. As of this			
12	date, we have twenty-two producing oil wells and four			
13	gas wells, and two temporarily abandoned wells.			
14	Q Exhibit Number 2 is a copy of the proposed unit			
15	agreement; is that correct?			
16	A Yes, it is.			
17	Q Would you point out to the Examiner, the Section and			
18	page where the legal description of the unit is found?			
19	A The legal description of the unit is shown on the			
20	unit agreement on pages 2 and 3, in Section 2.			
21	MR. KELLY: Mr. Examiner, do you wish the			
22	legal description read into the record?			
23	MR. UTZ: No, I don't think it is necessary. It			
24	is in the form of an Exhibit?			
	MR. KELLY: Yes.			

1		MR. UTZ: What page?
2		THE WITNESS: Pages 2 and 3 of Section 2.
3	Q	What structures are to be unitized?
4	A	The unitized formations are defined in the unit
5		agreement on pages 3 and 4 of Section 2.
6	Q	Now, the purpose of this unit agreement is to introduce
7		a pressure maintenance project; is that correct?
8	Α	Yes, it is.
9	Õ	What kind of lands are involved in the unit?
10	A	The type of lands involved in the unit are shown on
11		Exhibit 3-B to the unit agreement and they are as
12		follows: Tracts 1, 2, and 3, and Federal 4 through 9,
13		are Indian Tracts and 10 through 12 are Fee lands.
14	δ	Can you describe who the offset operators are?
15	A The offset operators are Tesoro Petroleum Company	
16		and Kennedy.
17	Q	Tenneco has all the rest of the acreage to the south
18		and west; is that basically correct?
19	A	Yes, that is true.
20	Q	And some part of the north portion is concerned with
21		other operators?
22	A	That is correct.
23	ð	And Tenneco will be the operator of the unit?
24	Α	That is correct.
25	Q	Who are the other working interest owners in the unit?

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1	A	Besides Tenneco, there is Tesoro, Beard and Gil,		
2		and John Beard.		
3	Q	I assume you have agreements with all the working		
4		interest owners?		
5	A	Yes, we do.		
6	Q	What is the situation as far as the Indian and the		
7		U.S.G.S. land is concerned?		
8	A	We have preliminary approval for the unit agreement		
9		from both the B.I.A., the Bureau of Indian Affairs,		
10		and the U.S.G.S., and we have Exhibit Number 3 which		
11		is a letter from the United States Department of		
12		Interior, Geological Surveys, approving the unit		
13		agreement giving preliminary approval.		
14	Q	Is that on behalf of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and		
15		the U.S.G.S.?		
16	A	That is correct.		
17	Q	How about the Fee land?		
18	A	The Fee land is from Santa Fe and we have agreement		
19		from them also.		
20	Q	And the unit agreement submitted with the Application		
21	1	was amended by the U.S.G.S. and B.I.A.?		
22	A	Yes.		
23	Ω	And those amendments are shown in Exhibit Number 2; is		
24		that correct?		
25	A	That is correct.		

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Q Do those amendments make any substantial changes or just technical changes in the language?

- A Primarily, technical changes, and clarification of language.
- Q Will you show where the tract participation formula is shown in the unit agreement?
- A The participation formula is found on page 12 of Section 13 of the unit agreement and the formula is based on our current production and is to be in effect until the accumulative recovery of 3.21 million barrels are recovered from the pool.

After this Phase 2 will come into effect and that will be based on oil plus the equivalent gas acre fee.

- Q Is the formula similar to other agreements that have been approved by this Commission?
- A I believe it is.
- Would it be in the best interest of conservation and prevention of waste and protection of correlative rights to approve this agreement?
- A Yes, I think so.

MR. KELLY: Mr. Commissioner, I would like to state that we could develop more in testimony, but because of the nature of this reservoir it is important that the injection project begin as soon as possible and we have received permission from the U.S.G.S. to begin injection prior to

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formal approval of the unit agreement.
Q (By Mr. Kelly) Is it Teneco's position that if
granted what is proposed in this Application, that
Tenneco would inject before formal approval by the
U.S.G.S. and B.I.A.?

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At this time I would move the introduction MR. KELLY: of Exhibits 1 through 3 -- Exhibit 2 is a duplicate of the proposed unit agreement; is that correct?

> That is correct. THE WITNESS:

MR. KELLY: And Exhibit 1 was prepared by you or under your supervision?

THE WITNESS: That is correct.

MR. UTZ: Without objection, Exhibits 1 through 3 will be entered into the record of this Case.

> (Whereupon, Tenneco's Exhibits 1 through 3 were admitted in evidence.)

MR. KELLY: Mr. Melnar will be recalled for the Engineering testimony on the pressure maintenance aspect of this, but that is all I have on this phase of the Case for him.

That concludes our direct testimony on the unit agreement itself.

MR. UTZ: Do you want to submit him for Cross-Examination, at this time, then?

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Yes.

1 Whatever pleases the Commissioner. MR. KELLY: 2 MR. UTZ: Any questions? 3 CROSS-EXAMINATION 4 BY MR. HATCH: 5 On page 12 of Exhibit 2, in Section 13, when you were 6 speaking of tract participation, it says that Exhibit 7 "C" shows the participation; is this Exhibit "C" 8 (indicating)? 9 Yes. Α That's all I have. MR. HATCH: 10 If there are no other questions, the 11 12 witness may be excused. (Witness excused.) 13 The witness will be subject to recall. MR. UTZ: 14 A. D. RIAL, 15 was called as a witness and having been already duly sworn, 16 testified as follows: 17 DIRECT EXAMINATION 18 BY MR. KELLY: 19 Would you state your name, position and employer, 20 please? 21 A. D. Rial, District Geological Engineer for the Α 22 Tenneco Oil Company. 23 You have previously been qualified by the Commission? 24

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Exhibit 4 is a structure map drawn to the top of the Dakota "D" zone. Shown here on the plat, is the location of all of the producing and dry holes that are in the area.

The producing zones are coded and shown in the legend in the lower left-hand corner.

We see here the location of the Hospah field and South Hospah field, and then the Dakota-Lone Pine.

The Dakota Pool is principally in Section 13 of 17 North, Range 9 West, and Section 18, of Township 17 North, and Section 8 West.

This shows the separation of the South Hospah Pool and the Lone Pine-Dakota Pool. The Lone Pine-Dakota Pool is shown on the structure map and is colored in green and this line is the line which denotes the structural position of the gas-oil contact.

Also shown in red is the structural position of the oil-water contact.

- You have a cross section marked as Exhibit 5? 0
- Shown on the cross section, which is the cross section shown in blue and which goes from the Hospah Well Number 44 in the southeast, across the field to

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a dry hole in the northwest of the southwest of Section 17.

Also shown on this map, is an outline of the proposed field.

- Q Why don't you go on to the cross section?
- A All right. This is a scale of the cross section as shown in the lower right-hand portion of the cross section.

What it primarily represents to show is the continuity of the Dakota zone which is colored and shows the position of the top of the sixteen percent and the base of the sixteen percent, and the continuity across the field.

It shows the position of the gas-oil contact and the oil-water contact. The gas-oil contact and the oil-water contact was described in the previous structural map.

- Q And Exhibit Number 6 is a log of the well that defines the vertical limits of the unitized formation; is that correct?
- A That is true.
  - Now, the unitized formation is shown in Exhibit 6 and encompasses entirely the vertical limits of the productivity zone of the formation; is that correct?
- A Yes, it does.

Q In your opinion, does the unit encompass both the vertical and horizontal limits of this pool?
A swe see right now, there is one possible exception,

and that is the State Well that was completed by
Kennedy in the southwest of the southeast of the
northwest of Section 8, 17 North and 8 West.

At the present time it cannot be determined whether it is actually in the Lone Pine Pool or separated from the Lone Pine Pool and is producing in the Dakota "D" zone.

- Now, with the exception of that well, are all of the other existing wells in the Dakota "D" zone in the unit?
- A Yes, they are.

MR. KELLY: Mr. Examiner, that would conclude the testimony of Mr. Rial. I would like to submit him for Cross-Examination on Geology.

MR. UTZ: Any questions of the witness?

## CROSS-EXAMINATION

## BY MR. KENDRICKS:

- Q Is Well Number 12 in the northeast of the southeast of Section 7 completed in the "D" zone or the "A" zone?
- A It is completed in the "D" zone.

MR. KENDRICKS: That's all.

Which well was that? 1 MR. UTZ: 2 THE WITNESS: Well Number 12 in the northeast of the southeast of Section 7. 3 MR. UTZ: Any other questions? 4 5 (No response.) If not, the witness may be excused. б MR. UTZ: (Witness excused.) 7 8 WILLIAM MELNAR, was recalled as a witness and, having been already duly 9 sworn, testified as follows: 10 DIRECT EXAMINATION 11 BY MR. KELLY: 12 Mr. Melnar, going into the engineering on the proposed 13 pressure maintenance project, what is the drive 14 mechanism of this reservoir? 15 The drive mechanism is gas drive. Α 16 Referring to Exhibit 7, which is a summary of the Q 17 general reservoir data, would you point out the 18 significant items? 19 All pertinent rock in the Lone Pine-Dakota reservoir A 20 The reservoir contains low pressure with can be seen. 21 pressure of 992 P.S.I. with a volume factor of 1.25; 22 a G.O.R. of 962; a standard cubic feet high-low gravity 23 and low viscosity of 332 with an average of 19.3. 24

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estimated oil recovery will be 3.18 million barrels of oil or thirty percent of the oil in place.

An additional twenty-five percent of the original oil in place, or 2.65 million barrels of oil can be recovered by pressure maintenance with a P.S.I. of 992.

I am also going to emphasize that, to obtain additional recovery of 2.65 million barrels of oil, it will require sufficient gas to maintain 992 P.S.I., to maintain that pressure.

- Q In reference to that, will you refer to Exhibits 8 and 9 and explain why they are important?
- Exhibit 8 is a pressure production history of the Α Lone Pine-Dakota "D" field. The solid curve at the bottom of the Exhibit which reads to the left, shows monthly production from the field in barrels of oil per month.

You can see that in recent months the field has produced between sixty and sixty-five thousand barrels of oil per month.

The curve at the bottom, which reads to the right, is accumulative oil production curve and I just want to point out that, as of December of 1971, the accumulative production was approximately 780,000 barrels.

Now, the curve at the top of the Exhibit is the

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bottom hole pressure expressed in P.S.I. You can see the original pressure was 992 P.S.I. and it then declined to approximately 762 P.S.I. since June of 1970.

Now, if we look at the slope of the decline curve, we can calculate that the recovery has been approximately 4,300 barrels of oil per P.S.I. since the drop of pressure in the reservoir.

Now, if you go to Exhibit 9, Exhibit 9 is the recovery maintenance pressure of the Lone Pine-Dakota "D" field. Shown on the Exhibit is the recovery in millions of barrels, on the right, and in percentage of recovery on the left.

If the initial pressure of 992 P.S.I. was maintained the recovery could be 5.83 million barrels of oil. However, if unitization is declared, or we do not have sufficient gas to bring about significant recovery, we can lose the ultimate secondary recovery.

This is brought out by the fact that, at 60,000 barrels of production every month in this field, we are losing approximately 14 P.S.I. per month in reservoir pressure and this is shown by the curve.

For each pound of decrease in pressure, we can lose approximately 3,500 barrels of oil in secondary recovery.

2		you can lose 50,000 barrels of ultimate secondary		
3		recovery for each pound lost in pressure.		
4	Q	Let me see if I understand you. At the present time,		
5		what is the pressure in the reservoir?		
6	A	Seven hundred forty-two pounds, approximately.		
7	Q	So if you maintain the pressure, what would be your		
8		estimate of the recoverable reserves?		
9	A	If we started injecting the recovery would be		
10		approximately five million barrels instead of 5.85.		
11	Q	As I understand it, you plan to build the pressure		
12		up to the initial bottom hole pressure?		
13	A	Yes.		
14	Q	As a matter of fact, Tenneco has received permission		
15		from the Oil Conservation Commissioner last Fall to		
16		store produced gas in the Dakota zone; is that correct?		
17	A	Yes,		
18	Q	What you are going to do is start producing the stored		
19		gas and reinjecting it?		
20	A	That is correct.		
21	Q	Now, Exhibit Number 10 is your proposed gathering		
22		system; is that correct?		
22	A	<pre>system; is that correct? Yes, it is.</pre>		
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they are covered in green. The proposed water injection well is colored in red. Then we show the gas supply wells in blue.

We show on this pipeline gathering map the

pipeline systems for the gas distribution system and also we show all the oil gathering lines for the unit.

- Now, Wells Numbers 2 and 8, these wells you will reproduce the gas stored in the zone?
- A That is correct.
- Q So you are going to have four gas injection wells and one water injection well, initially; is that correct?
- 12 A That is correct.
  - Q What is the present status of the water injection well?
  - A This is a temporarily abandoned well.
  - Q Are you asking for authority to inject water from other sources?
  - A Yes, we are.
  - Q And, I assume, you are also asking for authority to drill or convert additional water or gas injection wells prior to a new Hearing?
  - A Yes.
  - Q And your proposed rules would cover that?
- 23 A Yes.
  - Q Is there anything else you want to say about the gathering system?

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Q	Now, turning to Exhibit 11, which actually is four
	pages and sketches of all four gas injection wells,
	would you explain just the top one?
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A Yes. These are diagrams of the proposed gas injection well for Well Number 44 and you can see the wells are completed by setting five and one-half inch casing and it is cemented by 350 sacks of cement.

This is a sufficient amount of cement to bring the cement at least 1,000 feet above the Dakota "D" perforation.

The injection of gas will still be under the Packer which will be fifty feet above the perforation and will be down 2 and 7/8 inch tubing. We will, of course, maintain surveillance by installing pressure gages.

- Q And the other installations are similar there too?
- A Yes, sir, they are.
- Q Do you expect any erosion problems with this?
- A We do not.
- Q How many cubic feet a day will you be injecting?
- A Approximately thirteen million cubic feet per day, or an average of three or four million per day per well.
- Q What about the pressure?
- A We expect the pressure to be somewhere in the vicinity

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	1		of twelve to eighteen hundred P.S.I.
	2	Q	Do you expect any problems in the zone?
	3	A	No.
	4	Ω	Exhibit Number 12 is the same type of sketch for
	5		water injection, will you briefly go through that?
	6	A	It is very similar. Again, we will complete the casing
	7		and the cementing will be done in the same was as
	8		previously described. We will maintain the surveillance
	9		on the pressure.
	10	Q	Will this prevent migration of this projected water
	11		into any other zones?
	12	A	Yes, it will.
	13	Q	I notice that all of these sketches in Exhibits 11 and
801/8	14		12, you show the actual footage location for the four
	15		injection wells; is that correct?
E W ME A CO	16	A	That is correct. It is shown on the upper left-hand
200E.	17		side of the Exhibit.
3000による0に	18	Q	What are you doing with your water now?
5 - A L	19	A	It is presently being put in a surface pit.
. F. A.	20	Q	What are the characteristics of the water?
ANK BLUG. EAST ARL	21	A	It is fairly fresh water.
n	22	Q	And your anticipated injection rate?
AN TONAL	23	V	Approximately 1,500 barrels of water per day.
i N	24	Q	How about pressure?
	25	A	The pressure is shown in Exhibit 13.

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Q	Exhibit 13 shows the proposed rules governing the				
	unit. Would you go through those and point out anything				
	that would be unusual?				

We have previously submitted to you a copy of our proposed rules and we made some slight revisions in that, in those rules, and we would like to just point out these revisions, if that is okay?

MR. UTZ: Okay.

Rule 7 shows no change.

A (Continuing) In rules 1 through 5, there are no changes.

In rule 6 we eliminated a sentence. A portion of the sentence begins in the fifth line and the remainder of that paragraph is eliminated.

- O In order to make this sensible, will you refer to the rules that were submitted with the Application?
- Rule 8 and rule 9, no change -- in rules 8 and 9 we added the words: "injection of gas or water

will be confined to the Dakota "D" Pool."

It previously read only injection of gas, and now we say the injection of gas and water.

In item 3 we inserted that -- it read originally that all of the offset operators will be furnished with copies of the Application and the date of the Application. It now reads that all offset operators

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1 within one-half mile of the proposed injection wells 2 will be furnished with an Application and date of 3 notification. Rule number 10 is slightly revised and it allows 5 us to drill an injection well within the unit, but the б producer cannot be located nearer than 330 feet of the 7 outer boundary of the unit. 8 Now, these rules are basically similar to the other 9 adopted rules of the pressure maintenance projects 10 of New Mexico; is that right? Α That's right. 11 In your opinion, would the granting of this Application 12 Q protect the rights of all people involved? 13 Yes, it would. 14 Α 15 Were Exhibits 4 through 13 prepared by you, or under your supervision? 16 Yes, they were. 17 MR. KELLY: At this time, I move for the introduction 18 of Exhibits 4 through 13. 19

MR. UTZ: Without objection, Exhibits 4 through 13 will be made part of the record of this Case.

(Whereupon, Tenneco's Exhibits 4 through 13 were admitted in evidence.)

MR. KELLY: That is all we have on Direct, Mr.

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2	BY MR. UTZ:					
3	Q	Mr. Rial, you are going to produce a certain amount				
4		of water with your oil; is that correct?				
5	A	Yes, we are.				
6		MR. KELLY: This is Mr. Melnar.				
7		MR. UTZ: I'm sorry.				
8	Q	(By Mr. Utz) You will reinject the produced water?				
9	A	We plan to inject it back into the producing formation.				
10	Q	What if you need more water than that?				
11	Α	Than we now produce?				
12	Q	Yes.				
13	Λ	We possibly may need additional water at some future				
14		date.				
15	Q	Where would you get the water?				
16	A	It's possible we could use some produced water from				
17		the Hospah area.				
18		MR. UTZ: Any other questions?				
19		CROSS-EXAMINATION				
20	BY N	IR. HATCH:				
21	Q	What water do you expect to be producing at the beginning				
22		of the operation?				
23	A	At the beginning, it should be approximately 1,500				
24		barrels per day.				
25	Q	About what you would be injecting?				

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Yes. 1 Do you plan to start injecting the wells immediately? Q 2 3 Yes, that is what we propose to do. MR. HATCH: I have nothing further. 4 CROSS-EXAMINATION 5 BY MR. KENDRICKS: 6 How much effect does the water drive have on the 7 reservoir, at the present time, or do you have any 8 way of knowing? 9 I'd say very light, if any. A 10 So you are not concerned at the present time about 11 the gas-oil contact being raised in the reservoir and 12 the water-oil contact not being raised? 13 We are not concerned with that at all. A 14 MR. KENDRICKS: I believe that's all. 15 MR. UTZ: You have stored gas produced out of 16 the field -- out of the zone? 17 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir. 18 All of it except that which has flared? MR. UTZ: 19 THE WITNESS: Yes. 20 Do you have enough gas in this zone for 21 pressure backup? 22 THE WITNESS: No, sir. 23 Where would you get the rest of it? 24 We have additional gas reserves to THE WITNESS: 25

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the north in the Hospah area that is still available for us in the Lone Pine-Dakota.

We should have sufficient gas to initiate and maintain the pressure maintenance project in this are.

MR. UTZ: I don't think the Commission is going to hold you up from starting, we think you should have started a long time ago.

MR. McGRATH: Are you going to have enough need to use all the proposed gas in the entire Hospah area?

> THE WITNESS: Would you please say that again?

MR. McGRATH: I said, do you anticipate you are going to have a need for enough gas to use all the produced gas in the Hospah area?

> For the Lone Pine? THE WITNESS:

MR. McGRATH: Right.

I think we should probably use all THE WITNESS: the gas that we have in the area, both in the Hospah and the Lone Pine fields.

This is over a period of years, now.

MR. KENDRICKS: Can you give me any idea of the amount of liquids that will be squeezed out of the gas that is injected into this zone?

I don't have any numbers, Mr. Kendricks, THE WITNESS: but we do feel there are a lot of liquids that will be produced with the gas and the unit plans to install a plant

MR. KENDRICKS: Do you have gas analyses for the 2 gas that was found? 3 THE WITNESS: I don't have any of these Exhibits 4 with me, I believe we submitted an Exhibit of this type at 5 the gas storage Hearing, but the analysis was very similar 6 in both the "A" and "B" zones. 7 MR. KENDRICKS: If you did submit those, would you 8 submit the gas analysis again, upon request? 9 THE WITNESS: Yes, we would. 10 MR. KENDRICKS: I think that's all. 11 MR. UTZ: Anv further questions? 12 (No response.) 13 MR. UTZ: If not, the witness may be excused. 14 (Witness excused.) 15 MR. UTZ: Are there any statements? 16 (No response.) 17 MR. UTZ: The case will be taken under advisement. 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

to process this gas and recover these liquids.

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