

Dockets Nos. 40-79 and 41-79 are tentatively set for October 17 and 31, 1979. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - TUESDAY - OCTOBER 2, 1979

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

The following cases will be heard before Richard L. Stamets, Examiner, or Daniel S. Nutter, Alternate Examiner:

CASE 6656: (Continued from September 19, 1979, Examiner Hearing)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to permit Energy Oil & Gas Corp., The Travelers Indemnity Co., and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Sadler Well No. 1 located in Unit I of Section 3, Township 24 North, Range 29 East, Union County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program.

CASE 6640: (Continued from September 5, 1979, Examiner Hearing)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to permit Miles Production Company, National Surety Corporation, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Thomas Drought Well No. 1 located in Unit A of Section 4, Township 15 North, Range 6 West, McKinley County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program.

CASE 6687: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to permit McCoy and Phillips and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Martin Well No. 1 located in Unit N of Section 34, Township 30 North, Range 11 West, San Juan County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program.

CASE 6688: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to permit Phillips and Spence and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Martin Well No. 2 located in Unit N of Section 34, Township 30 North, Range 11 West, San Juan County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program.

CASE 6689: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to permit one "Goodrum" and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the E. C. Brawley Well No. 1 located in Unit O of Section 34, Township 30 North, Range 11 West, San Juan County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program.

CASE 6690: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to permit Elvis L. Roberts, The Travelers Indemnity Co., and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Bergin Well No. 1 located in Unit F of Section 21, Township 29 North, Range 11 West, San Juan County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program.

CASE 6691: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to consider the addition of a Rule 10(D) to Order No. R-1670-T, Blanco Mesaverde Infill Drilling Order, San Juan and Rio Arriba Counties, New Mexico, to require that both wells on a proration unit be tested when an infill well has been completed. Said Rule 10(D) would be identical to Rule 10(D) of Order No. R-1670-V for the Basin-Dakota Pool.

CASE 6692: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to consider the amendment of Order No. R-333-F-2 to require that gas wells in the Pictured Cliffs or shallower formations be classified "exempt marginal" if at least three months of production history is available and their average production for the months produced within the preceding 12-month period is less than 1000 MCF per month. The same amendment is sought for wells completed below the Pictured Cliffs formation except that minimum production would have to average less than 2000 MCF per month. Also to be considered would be the requirement in Order No. R-333-F-2 and in Rule 10(C) of Orders Nos. R-1670-T and R-1670-V that no well on a multiple well proration unit could be classified exempt marginal unless all wells on the unit are eligible for such reclassification.

CASE 6674: Application of Tenneco Oil Corporation for downhole commingling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of Fruitland and Blanco-Pictured Cliffs production in the wellbore of its Florence Well No. 115 located in Unit M of Section 10, Township 30 North, Range 9 West.

CASE 6644: (Continued from September 19, 1979, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Tenneco Oil Corporation for downhole commingling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of Fruitland and Pictured Cliffs production in the wellbores of its State K Com Well No. 12 located in Unit E of Section 16, Township 30 North, Range 9 West, and its Florence Well No. 60R in Unit L of Section 1, Township 29 North, Range 9 West.

CASE 6675: Application of Gifford, Mitchell & Wisenbaker for a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the Pawnee Unit Area, comprising 3,840 acres, more or less, of State and federal lands in Township 26 South, Range 36 East.

CASE 6671: (Continued from September 19, 1979, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Chapman and Schneider for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water in the Seven Rivers Reef formation in the open-hole interval from 3422 feet to 3504 feet in its I. B. Ogg "A" Well No. 3 located in Unit E of Section 35, Township 24 South, Range 36 East, Jalmat Pool.

CASE 6676: Application of Doyle Hartman for an unorthodox well location and a non-standard 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 SW/4 NE/4 and SE/4 NW/4 of Section 36, Township 24 South, Range 36 East, Jalmat Gas Pool, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 2310 feet from the North line and 1650 feet from the East line of said Section 36.

CASE 6677: Application of Texas Pacific Oil Company, Inc. for downhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of Arrowhead-Grayburg and Eumont production in the wellbore of its Elliott B-6 Well No. 1 located in Unit M of Section 6, Township 22 South, Range 37 East.

CASE 6678: Application of Texas Pacific Oil Company, Inc. for downhole commingling and a special casinghead gas allowable, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of Blinebry and Tubb production in the wellbore of its Eva Owens Well No. 1 located in Unit M of Section 25, Township 21 South, Range 37 East. Applicant further seeks an increase in the casinghead gas allowable for said well.

CASE 6660: (Continued from September 19, 1979, Examiner Hearing)

Application of B. & W. Oil Reclaiming for an oil treating plant permit, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority for the construction and operation of an oil treating plant for the purpose of treating and reclaiming sediment oil at a site in the NE/4 NE/4 of Section 34, Township 18 South, Range 26 East.

CASE 6679: Application of El Paso Natural Gas Company for a gas storage unit agreement, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Washington Ranch Morrow Unit Area comprising the Morrow formation and the first 100 feet immediately above and below said formation underlying all or parts of Sections 21 thru 23, 26 thru 29, and 32 thru 36, Township 25 South, Range 24 East; Sections 1 thru 5 and 9 thru 14, Township 26 South, Range 24 East; and Sections 6, 7, and 18, Township 26 South, Range 25 East, Washington Ranch-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico. Said unit area would be for the purpose of conducting a gas storage project and would comprise 12,158 acres, more or less, of State, federal and fee lands.

CASE 6630: (Continued from August 22, 1979, Examiner Hearing)

Application of El Paso Natural Gas Company for downhole commingling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of Basin-Dakota and BS Mesa-Gallup production in the wellbore of its San Juan 27-4 Unit Well No. 37 located in Unit N of Section 33, Township 27 North, Range 4 West.

CASE 6680: Application of Robert C. Anderson for surface commingling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the surface commingling of all production from his Ute Mountain Ute Lease, Wells Nos. 1, 3 and 4, located in Section 14, Township 31 North, Range 16 West.

CASE 6681: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of a Wolfcamp-Mississippian test well to be located 660 feet from the South line and 1100 feet from the West line of Section 31, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, the S/2 of said Section 31 to be dedicated to the well.

CASE 6682: (This case will be dismissed.)

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp-Mississippian formations underlying the N/2 of Section 28, Township 18 South, Range 29 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. 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. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 6683: Application of Read & Stevens, Inc. for an unorthodox well location and non-standard oil proration unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of a Devonian test well to be located 330 feet from the North line and 100 feet from the West line of Section 6, Township 11 South, Range 37 East, Lots 5 and 6 of said Section 6 to be dedicated to the well as a non-standard 49.33-acre proration unit.

CASE 6684: Application of CO₂-In-Action, Inc. for creation of a new carbon dioxide gas pool and special pool rules, Harding County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the creation of the North Bueyeros-Santa Rosa CO₂ Gas Pool and the promulgation of special pool rules therefor, including a provision for 40-acre spacing and proration units. Said pool would comprise all or parts of Sections 1 thru 4, Township 20 North, Range 30 East, and Sections 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 32, 33 and 34, Township 21 North, Range 30 East.

CASE 6685: Application of ARCO Oil and Gas Company for downhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of Blinebry and Drinkard production in the wellbore of its J. R. Cone A Well No. 2 located in Unit L of Section 26, Township 21 South, Range 37 East.

CASE 6686: Application of Mesa Petroleum Company for an exception to Order No. R-111-A, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an exception to the casing-cementing rules of Order No. R-111-A to permit a well to be drilled in Unit F of Section 6, Township 20 South, Range 31 East, without a salt protection string and to circulate cement on the production string. Applicant also seeks the same exception for a possible future well in Unit E of said Section 6.

Docket No. 39-79

DOCKET: COMMISSION HEARING - WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 3, 1979

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION - 9 A.M. - ROOM 205
STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

CASE 6652: (Continued from September 19, 1979, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Shell Oil Company for statutory unitization, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order unitizing, for the purpose of a pressure maintenance project, all mineral interests in the North Hobbs Grayburg-San Andres Unit encompassing 10,650 acres, more or less, underlying all or portions of the following lands in Lea County, New Mexico: Sections 13, 14, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 36, Township 18 South, Range 37 East; Sections 17 through 21 and 27 through 34, Township 18 South, Range 38 East.

The unitized interval would be the Grayburg-San Andres Formation between the depths of 3,698 feet and 4,500 feet in Shell's State A Well No. 7, located in Unit H of Section 32, Township 18 South, Range 38 East.

Among the matters to be considered at the hearing will be the necessity of unit operations; the designation of a unit operator; the determination of the horizontal and vertical limits of the unit area; the determination of a fair, reasonable, and equitable allocation of production and costs of production, including capital investment, to each of the various tracts in the unit area; the determination of credits and charges to be made among the various owners in the unit area for their investment in wells and equipment; and such other matters as may be necessary and appropriate for carrying on efficient unit operations, including, but not necessarily limited to, unit voting procedures, selection, removal, or substitution of unit operator, and time of commencement and termination of unit operations.

CASE 6653: (Continued from September 19, 1979, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Shell Oil Company for a pressure maintenance project, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a pressure maintenance project on its North Hobbs Grayburg-San Andres Unit, by the injection of water through 70 wells into the Grayburg-San Andres formation, and the adoption of special rules governing said project.