

Dockets Nos. 19-92 and 20-92 are tentatively set for June 25, 1992 and July 9, 1992. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 23 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - JUNE 11, 1992

**8:15 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION CONFERENCE ROOM, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING,
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

The following cases will be heard before Michael E. Stogner, Examiner or David R. Catanach, Alternate Examiner:

CASE 10475: (Readvertised)

Application of Terra Energy Ltd. for a unit agreement, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the South Lone Wolf Unit Agreement for an area comprising 2320 acres, more or less, of Federal, State and Fee lands in portions of Township 13 South, Range 29 East, which is approximately 16 miles east by north of Hagerman, New Mexico.

CASE 10483: Application of Harvey E. Yates Company for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests underlying the SE/4 NW/4 (Unit F) in all formations developed on 40-acre spacing from the surface to the base of the Strawn formation in Section 33, Township 15 South, Range 36 East, said unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard oil well 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, designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately one-half mile southeast of the junction of U.S. Highway 82 and New Mexico No. 18.

CASE 10484: Application of Mewbourne Oil Company for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the following described area in Section 35, Township 17 South, Range 28 East, and in the following manner: the N/2 forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre gas spacing within said vertical extent, which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Empire-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Undesignated Empire-Atoka Gas Pool, and Undesignated South Empire-Morrow Gas Pool; and the NW/4 forming a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent. Said units are to be dedicated to a single well to be drilled at an unorthodox gas well location 915 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the West line (Unit D) of said Section 35. 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 9.5 miles west by south of Loco Hills, New Mexico.

CASE 10485: Application of Mewbourne Oil Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the following described area in Township 18 South, Range 28 East, and in the following manner: the W/2 forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre gas spacing within said vertical extent, which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Empire-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Undesignated Palmillo Draw-Atoka Gas Pool, and North Illinois Camp-Morrow Gas Pool; the NW/4 forming a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations developed on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent; either the W/2 NW/4 or S/2 NW/4 forming a standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 80-acre spacing which presently includes only the Undesignated Travis-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool; and the SW/4 NW/4 forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within said vertical extent, which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Artesia Queen-Grayburg San Andres Pool. Said units are to be dedicated to a single well to be drilled in Unit E and considered standard for all zones. 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 the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 12 miles west-southwest of Loco Hills, New Mexico.

CASE 10479: (Continued from May 28, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Bird Creek Resources, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Delaware formation underlying the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 22, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within said vertical extent which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the East Loving-Delaware Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard oil well 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, designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 1.75 miles east-northeast of Loving, New Mexico.

CASE 10480: (Continued from May 28, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Marathon Oil Company for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Undesignated Lea-Wolfcamp Pool underlying the S/2 of Section 1, Township 20 South, Range 35 East, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to the plugged and abandoned Amoco Production Company Selby Well No. 1 located at a standard gas well location 660 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit N) of said Section 1. Also to be considered will be the cost of re-entering and recompleting 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 re-entering and recompleting said well. Said well is located approximately 9 miles west by south of Monument, New Mexico.

CASE 10482: (Continued from May 28, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Laguna Gatuna, Inc. for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to re-enter the Pan American Petroleum Corporation Little Eddy Unit Well No. 1 (plugged and abandoned July, 1966) located 660 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit N) of Section 5, Township 20 South, Range 33 East, and utilize said wellbore to dispose of produced salt water into the Undesignated Gem-Bone Spring Pool through the perforated interval from approximately 9136 feet to 9188 feet, the Wolfcamp formation through the perforated interval from approximately 11,184 feet to 11,248 feet, and the Devonian formation through the openhole interval from 14,608 feet to 14,895 feet. Said well is located approximately 2 miles north of U.S. Highway 62/180 at mile marker No. 72.

CASE 10486: **Application of Meridian Oil Inc. for a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project, special operating rules therefor, a non-standard oil proration unit, a special project oil allowable, and special GOR assignment, San Juan County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to initiate a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project in an area that includes all of Section 20, Township 30 North, Range 15 West, Undesignated Horseshoe-Gallup Oil Pool. Within said area the applicant seeks to dedicate up to 320 acres to a horizontal well to be drilled from an unorthodox surface oil well location in the SE/4 SW/4 (Unit N) of said Section 20. Special rules and provisions would be promulgated for the area including the designation of a prescribed area limiting the horizontal displacement of the producing interval of the wellbore, special allowable considerations, and the adoption of a special gas/oil ratio of 4500 to 1. Said pilot project area is located approximately 4.75 miles northwest by north of Fruitland, New Mexico.

CASE 10487: **Application of Meridian Oil Inc. for a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project, special operating rules therefor, a non-standard oil proration unit, a special project oil allowable, and special GOR assignment, San Juan County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to initiate a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project in an area that includes the N/2 and SW/4 of Section 17 and Lots 1 and 2, E/2, and E/2 NW/4 of Section 18, both in Township 30 North, Range 15 West, designated and Undesignated Horseshoe-Gallup Oil Pool. Within said area the applicant seeks to dedicate up to 320 acres to a horizontal well to be drilled from an unorthodox surface oil well location in the NW/4 NW/4 (Unit D) of said Section 17. Special rules and provisions would be promulgated for the area including the designation of a prescribed area limiting the horizontal displacement of the producing interval of the wellbore, special allowable considerations, and the adoption of a special gas/oil ratio of 4500 to 1. Said pilot project area is located approximately 6 miles northwest by north of Fruitland, New Mexico.

CASE 10488: **Application of Meridian Oil Inc. for a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project, special operating rules therefor, a non-standard oil proration unit, a special project oil allowable, and special GOR assignment, San Juan County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the formation of a 160-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit in the Gallup formation comprising the SW/4 of Section 24, Township 32 North, Range 13 West, for the purpose of initiating a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project. The applicant proposes to utilize its existing USA Well No. 2 located 930 feet from the South line and 1050 feet from the West line (Unit M) of said Section 24, by sidetracking and drilling a lateral borehole within said project area. Applicant further seeks special rules and provisions within the pilot project area including the designation of a prescribed area limiting the horizontal displacement of the wellbore such that its producing interval be no closer than 330 feet from the subject area. Also to be considered will be special allowable provisions for a spacing unit larger than the statewide accepted 40-acre oil proration unit. The project area is located approximately 3.25 miles northeast by north of La Plata, New Mexico.

CASE 10489: **Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for an unorthodox gas well location, Chaves County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location 330 feet from the South line and 1225 feet from the West line (Unit M) of Section 13, Township 8 South, Range 27 East, to test the Precambrian/Granite Wash formations at a depth of approximately 6900 feet, the S/2 of said Section 13 to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit. The proposed well site is located approximately 8 miles southwest of Elkins, New Mexico.

Dockets Nos. 25-92 and 26-92 are tentatively set for August 20, 1992 and September 3, 1992. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 23 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - AUGUST 6, 1992

**8:15 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION CONFERENCE ROOM, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING,
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

The following cases will be heard before Michael E. Stogner, Examiner or David R. Catanach, Alternate Examiner:

CASE 10509: Application of Barber Oil, Inc. for a unit agreement, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Barber Unit Agreement for an area comprising 2080.00 acres, more or less, of State, Federal and Fee lands within the Undesignated and designated Barber-Yates Pool in portions of Sections 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 30, Township 20 South, Range 30 East, which is approximately 17.5 miles south of Loco Hills, New Mexico.

CASE 10517: Application of Shackelford Oil Properties, on behalf of Plains Radio Petroleum Company, for a unit agreement, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Tomcat Unit Agreement for an area comprising 1960.0 acres, more or less, of State and Federal lands in all or portions of Sections 28, 29, 31, 32 and 33, Township 8 South, Range 31 East, which is approximately 18 miles south by west of Kenna, New Mexico. The applicant further requests that either Plains Radio Petroleum Company or Fred Pool Drilling Inc. be named the initial operator of said unit.

CASE 10329: (Reopened and Continued from July 23, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

In the matter of Case 10329 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Division Order No. R-9554, which order promulgated temporary special rules and regulations for the Cedar Lake-Strawn Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, including provisions for 80-acre spacing and proration units and designated well location requirements. Operators in said pool may appear and show cause why the temporary special rules and regulations for the Cedar Lake-Strawn Pool should not be rescinded and said pool not be developed on 40-acre spacing units.

CASE 10518: Application of Mewbourne Oil Company for the amendment of Division Order No. R-9554, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the amendment of Division Order No. R-9554 (which order promulgated special pool rules for the Cedar Lake-Strawn Pool located in the W/2 equivalent of Section 2, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, being approximately 4 miles southeast by south of Loco Hills, New Mexico) providing for 160-acre spacing, special well location requirements, and a limiting gas/oil ratio of 4000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil.

CASE 10519: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for an unorthodox location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox location 360 feet from the South line and 2080 feet from the West line and (Unit N) of Section 34, Township 20 South, Range 24 East, Undesignated South Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool, the W/2 of said Section 34 to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 320-acre spacing and proration unit for either oil or gas. Said unit is located approximately 10.5 miles west-southwest of Seven Rivers, New Mexico.

CASE 10520: 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 from the surface to the base of the Canyon formation, underlying the NE/4 of Section 20, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, forming a 160-acre spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent, which presently includes only the Undesignated North Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool. Said unit is 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, designation of applicant as the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 6 miles northwest of Seven Rivers, New Mexico.

CASE 10521: Application of Union Oil Company of California d/b/a UNOCAL for termination of gas prorationing in the South Blanco-Pictured Cliffs Pool, Rio Arriba, Sandoval and San Juan Counties, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order terminating gas prorationing in the South Blanco-Pictured Cliffs Pool and to exclude said pool from the provisions of Division Order No. R-8170, as amended (General Rules For The Prorated Gas Pools of New Mexico). The current pool boundaries include portions of Townships 23 through 29 North, Ranges 1 through 9 West, in the three country area as stated above.

CASE 10522: (Continued from June 11, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Harvey E. Yates Company for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests underlying the SE/4 NW/4 (Unit F) in all formations developed on 40-acre spacing from the surface to the base of the Strawn formation in Section 33, Township 15 South, Range 36 East, said unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard oil well 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, designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately one-half mile southeast of the junction of U.S. Highway 82 and New Mexico No. 18.

CASE 10502: (Readvertised - This Case will be Continued to August 20, 1992.)

Application of Meridian Oil Inc. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Delaware formation or to a depth of 8700 feet, whichever is deeper, underlying the NW/4 NW/4 (Unit D) of Section 23, Township 22 South, Range 32 East, forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit within said vertical extent. Said unit is 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, designation of applicant as the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 6.25 miles north-northwest of the junction of State Highway No. 128 and the Delaware Basin Road.

CASE 10503: (Readvertised - This Case will be Continued to August 20, 1992.)

Application of Meridian Oil Inc. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Delaware formation or to a depth of 8700 feet, whichever is deeper, underlying the SW/4 NW/4 (Unit E) of Section 23, Township 22 South, Range 32 East, forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit within said vertical extent. Said unit is 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, designation of applicant as the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 6 miles north-northwest of the junction of State Highway No. 128 and the Delaware Basin Road.

CASE 10504: (Readvertised - This Case will be Continued to August 20, 1992.)

Application of Meridian Oil Inc. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Delaware formation or to a depth of 8700 feet, whichever is deeper, underlying the NW/4 SW/4 (Unit L) of Section 24, Township 22 South, Range 32 East, forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit within said vertical extent. Said unit is 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, designation of applicant as the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 5.5 miles north by west of the junction of State Highway No. 128 and the Delaware Basin Road.

CASE 10522: **Application of Southland Royalty Company for an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval to deepen its South Corbin Federal Well No. 3, located 554 feet from the South and East lines (Unit P) of Section 20, Township 18 South, Range 33 East, from the South Corbin-Wolfcamp Pool to test the Undesignated South Corbin-Morrow Gas Pool. Said location is considered unorthodox pursuant to General Rule 104.C.(2). Further, the E/2 of said Section 20 is to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit in the Morrow interval. Said well is located approximately 10 miles south-southeast of Maljamar, New Mexico.

CASE 10512: (Continued from July 23, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Phillips Petroleum Company for three unorthodox oil well locations, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks exception to RULE 4 of the Special Rules and Regulations for the Four Lakes-Pennsylvanian Pool, as promulgated by Division Order No. R-2326, for three unorthodox oil well locations each to be drilled within a fifty foot radius of the following described sites all within its South Four Lakes Unit which is located approximately 10 miles west-northwest of Tatum, New Mexico:

- 2200' FSL & 1980' FEL (Unit J) of Section 2, Township 12 South, Range 34 East, the 80 acres comprising the N/2 SE/4 is to be dedicated to said well;
- 1250' FSL & 2450' FWL (Unit N) of Section 35, Township 11 South, Range 34 East, the 80 acres comprising the E/2 SW/4 is to be dedicated to said well; and,
- 2200' FNL & 2150' FWL (Unit F) of Section 2, Township 12 South, Range 34 East, the 80.11 acres comprising Lot 2 and the SE/4 NW/4 is to be dedicated to said well.

CASE 10504: (Continued from August 6, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Meridian Oil Inc. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Delaware formation or to a depth of 8700 feet, whichever is deeper, underlying the NW/4 SW/4 (Unit L) of Section 24, Township 22 South, Range 32 East, forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit within said vertical extent. Said unit is 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, designation of applicant as the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 5.5 miles north by west of the junction of State Highway No. 128 and the Delaware Basin Road.

CASE 10531: **Application of Southland Royalty Company for an unorthodox gas well location and downhole commingling, San Juan County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval to commingle gas production from the Fulcher Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool and the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool within the wellbore of a well to be drilled at an unorthodox gas well location 1800 feet from the North line and 790 feet from the West line (Unit E) of Section 12, Township 27 North, Range 10 West. The W/2 of said Section 12, forming a standard 320-acre spacing and proration unit for the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool, and the NW/4 of said Section 12, forming a standard 160-acre spacing and proration unit for the Fulcher Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool, are to be dedicated to said well. Said wellsite is located approximately 11 miles southeast of Bloomfield, New Mexico.

CASE 10522: (Continued from August 6, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Southland Royalty Company for an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval to deepen its South Corbin Federal Well No. 3, located 554 feet from the South and East lines (Unit P) of Section 20, Township 18 South, Range 33 East, from the South Corbin-Wolfcamp Pool to test the Undesignated South Corbin-Morrow Gas Pool. Said location is considered unorthodox pursuant to General Rule 104.C.(2). Further, the E/2 of said Section 20 is to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit in the Morrow interval. Said well is located approximately 10 miles south-southeast of Maljamar, New Mexico.

CASE 10523: (Readvertised)

Application of Phillips Petroleum Company for three unorthodox oil well locations, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for three unorthodox oil well locations each to be drilled within a fifty foot radius of the following described sites all within Section 4, Township 15 South, Range 32 East, Tulk-Wolfcamp Pool, which is located approximately 24 miles south of Caprock, New Mexico:

- . 1150' FSL & 1450' FEL (Unit O), the 40 acres comprising the SW/4 SE/4 is to be dedicated to said well;
- . 2600' FNL & 660' FEL (Unit H), the 40 acres comprising the SE/4 NE/4 is to be dedicated to said well; and,
- . 1300' FSL & 660' FWL (Unit M), the 40 acres comprising either the NW/4 SW/4 or SW/4 SW/4, whichever is appropriate, is to be dedicated to said well.

CASE 10521: (Continued from August 6, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Union Oil Company of California d/b/a UNOCAL for termination of gas prorationing in the South Blanco-Pictured Cliffs Pool, Rio Arriba, Sandoval and San Juan Counties, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order terminating gas prorationing in the South Blanco-Pictured Cliffs Pool and to exclude said pool from the provisions of Division Order No. R-8170, as amended (General Rules For The Prorated Gas Pools of New Mexico). The current pool boundaries include portions of Townships 23 through 29 North, Ranges 1 through 9 West, in the three country area as stated above.

CASE 10525: (Continued from August 6, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Harvey E. Yates Company for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests underlying the SE/4 NW/4 (Unit F) in all formations developed on 40-acre spacing from the surface to the base of the Strawn formation in Section 33, Township 15 South, Range 36 East, said unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard oil well 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, designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately one-half mile southeast of the junction of U.S. Highway 82 and New Mexico No. 18.

Dockets Nos. 26-92 and 27-92 are tentatively set for September 3, 1992 and September 17, 1992. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 23 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - AUGUST 20, 1992
8:15 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION CONFERENCE ROOM, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING,
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

The following cases will be heard before David R. Catanach, Examiner or Michael E. Stogner, Alternate Examiner:

CASE 10527: **Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for a unit agreement, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Sedge Unit Agreement for an area comprising 1967.92 acres, more or less, of State and Federal lands in Sections 18, 19, and 30, Township 22 South, Range 23 East, which is centered approximately 7.5 miles southwest by south of Marathon Oil Company's Indian Basin Gas Plant.

CASE 10519: (Continued from August 6, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for an unorthodox location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox location 360 feet from the South line and 2080 feet from the West line and (Unit N) of Section 34, Township 20 South, Range 24 East, Undesignated South Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool, the W/2 of said Section 34 to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 320-acre spacing and proration unit for either oil or gas. Said unit is located approximately 10.5 miles west-southwest of Seven Rivers, New Mexico.

CASE 10528: **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 from the surface to the base of the Canyon formation, underlying the SE/4 of Section 20, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, forming a 160-acre spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent, which presently includes only the Undesignated North Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool. Said unit is 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, designation of applicant as the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 6 miles northwest of Seven Rivers, New Mexico.

CASE 10529: **Application of Pogo Producing Company for an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the North line and 1650 feet from the East line (Unit B) of Section 34, Township 22 South, Range 32 East, to test the Morrow formation, the N/2 of said Section 34 to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit. The proposed well site is located approximately 8.75 miles north-northeast of New Mexico State Highway No. 128 at the Lea/Eddy County Line.

CASE 10530: **Application of Charles B. Gillespie, Jr. for pool creation and special pool rules, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the creation of a new pool for the production of oil from the Strawn formation comprising the W/2 SE/4 of Section 33, Township 15 South, Range 35 East, the assignment of a discovery allowable, and the promulgation of special rules therefor including provisions for 80-acre spacing units and designated well location requirements. Said area is located approximately 3.5 miles northwest of Lovington, New Mexico.

CASE 10502: (Continued from August 6, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Meridian Oil Inc. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Delaware formation or to a depth of 8700 feet, whichever is deeper, underlying the NW/4 NW/4 (Unit D) of Section 23, Township 22 South, Range 32 East, forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit within said vertical extent. Said unit is 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, designation of applicant as the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 6.25 miles north-northwest of the junction of State Highway No. 128 and the Delaware Basin Road.

CASE 10503: (Continued from August 6, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Meridian Oil Inc. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Delaware formation or to a depth of 8700 feet, whichever is deeper, underlying the SW/4 NW/4 (Unit E) of Section 23, Township 22 South, Range 32 East, forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit within said vertical extent. Said unit is 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, designation of applicant as the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 6 miles north-northwest of the junction of State Highway No. 128 and the Delaware Basin Road.

CASE 10549: **Application of Greenhill Petroleum Corporation for waterflood expansion, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to expand its Lovington-Paddock Unit Waterflood Project, authorized by Division Order No. R-3124, by converting its Lovington Paddock Unit Well No. 9 located 660 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit N) of Section 30 and its Lovington Paddock Unit Well No. 10 located 660 feet from the North line and 2440 feet from the East line (Unit B) of Section 31, both in Township 16 South, Range 37 East, Lovington Paddock Unit, Lovington-Paddock Pool, from producing oil wells to water injection wells. Said wells are both located approximately 5.5 miles southeast of Lovington, New Mexico.

CASE 10550: **Application of R & G Drilling Company for an unorthodox coal gas well location, San Juan County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval to recomplete its existing Schlosser Well No. 16 from the West Kutz Pictured Cliffs Pool to the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool at an unorthodox coal gas well location 1180 feet from the South line and 800 feet from the East line (Unit P) of Section 10, Township 27 North, Range 11 West, the S/2 of said Section 10 is to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool. Said unit is located approximately 8 miles south of Bloomfield, New Mexico.

CASE 10537: (Readvertised)

Application of American Hunter Exploration, Ltd. for an unorthodox oil well location and a non-standard oil proration unit, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox oil well location 610 feet from the North line and 2110 feet from the East line (Unit B) of irregular Section 5, Township 27 North, Range 1 West, to test the West Puerto Chiquito-Mancos Oil Pool. All of said Section 5 is to be dedicated to said well forming a non-standard 655.48-acre oil spacing and proration unit. Said unit is located approximately 12.5 miles west of El Vado, New Mexico.

CASE 10538: (Readvertised)

Application of American Hunter Exploration, Ltd. for an unorthodox oil well location and a non-standard oil proration unit, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an exception to RULE 4 of the Special Rules and Regulations for the Gavilan-Mancos Oil Pool, as promulgated by Division Order No. R-7407, as amended, for a well to be drilled at an unorthodox oil well location no closer than 330 feet from the North line nor closer than 1400 feet from the East line (Unit B) of irregular Section 28, Township 27 North, Range 2 West, Undesignated Gavilan-Mancos Oil Pool, all of said Section 28 to be dedicated to said well forming a non-standard 430.56-acre oil spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said unit is located approximately 18 miles west by south of El Vado, New Mexico.

CASE 10540: (Continued from September 3, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of American Hunter Exploration, Ltd. for an unorthodox oil well location, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox oil well location 2480 feet from the South line and 915 feet from the West line (Unit J) of irregular Section 6, Township 27 North, Range 2 West, to test the Mancos formation. The NW/4 SE/4 of said Section 6 is to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit. Said unit is located approximately 19 miles west of El Vado, New Mexico.

CASE 10483: (Continued from August 20, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Harvey E. Yates Company for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests underlying the SE/4 NW/4 (Unit F) in all formations developed on 40-acre spacing from the surface to the base of the Strawn formation in Section 33, Township 15 South, Range 36 East, said unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard oil well 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, designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately one-half mile southeast of the junction of U.S. Highway 82 and New Mexico No. 18.

CASE 10541: (Continued from September 3, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

The consolidated application of Bird Creek Resources, Fortson Oil Company and Ray Westall Operating, Inc. for special pool rules, Eddy County, New Mexico. The applicants, in the above-styled cause, seek an order promulgating special rules for the East Herradura Bend-Delaware Pool including a provision for a limiting gas-oil ratio of 10,000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil. Said pool is located in the southeastern portion of Township 22 South, Range 28 East and the northeastern portion of Township 23 South, Range 28 East, being approximately 5 miles northeast by north of Loving, New Mexico.

Dockets Nos. 32-92 and 33-92 are tentatively set for October 1, 1992 and October 15, 1992. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 23 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 17, 1992

**8:15 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION CONFERENCE ROOM, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING,
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

The following cases will be heard before David R. Catanach, Examiner or Michael E. Stogner, Alternate Examiner:

CASE 10529: (Continued from September 3, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Pogo Producing Company for an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the North line and 1650 feet from the East line (Unit B) of Section 34, Township 22 South, Range 32 East, to test the Morrow formation, the N/2 of said Section 34 to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit. The proposed well site is located approximately 8.75 miles north-northeast of New Mexico State Highway No. 128 at the Lea/Eddy County Line.

CASE 10544: (Readvertised)

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the North line and 860 feet from the West line (Unit D) of Section 23, Township 22 South, Range 23 East, to test all formations and/or pools from the top of the Wolfcamp formation to the base of the Morrow formation. Said well is to be either dedicated to the N/2 of said Section 23 forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools within said vertical extent spaced on 320-acre spacing or all of said Section 23 forming a standard 640-acre gas spacing and proration unit for the Undesignated Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Gas Pool. Said area is located approximately 6 miles south of the Marathon Oil Company's Indian Basin Gas Plant.

CASE 10528: (Continued from September 3, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

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 from the surface to the base of the Canyon formation, underlying the SE/4 of Section 20, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, forming a 160-acre spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent, which presently includes only the Undesignated North Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool. Said unit is 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, designation of applicant as the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 6 miles northwest of Seven Rivers, New Mexico.

CASE 10542: (Continued from September 3, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location 1980 feet from the North line and 1650 feet from the West line (Unit F) of Section 30, Township 18 South, Range 25 East, for any and all formations and/or pools from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation being developed on 320-acre spacing, which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Penasco Draw San Andres-Yeso Associated Pool, Penasco Draw-Permo Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Undesignated Penasco Draw-Atoka Gas Pool, and Penasco Draw-Morrow Gas Pool, Lots 1 and 2, the NE/4, and E/2 NW/4 (N/2 equivalent) of said Section 30 to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 322.36-acre gas spacing and proration unit. The proposed well site is located approximately 11 miles southwest of Artesia, New Mexico.

CASE 10543: (Continued from September 3, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for an unorthodox gas well location and simultaneous dedication, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the North and East lines (Unit A) of Section 2, Township 19 South, Range 24 East, to test all formations and/or pools from the top of the Wolfcamp formation to the base of the Morrow formation which are spaced on 320-acre spacing, Lots 1 through 4 and the S/2 N/2 (N/2 equivalent) of said Section 2 are to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 321.08-acre gas spacing and proration unit. Further, the applicant seeks an exception to Division General Rule 104.C(2) to allow the N/2 equivalent of said Section 2 to be simultaneously dedicated in the Penasco Draw-Permo Pennsylvanian Gas Pool to the proposed well and to the existing Irish Hills "KW" State Well No. 2 located at a standard gas well location 1980 feet from the North and East lines (Unit G) of said Section 2. Said unit is located approximately 11.5 miles west by south at Seven Rivers, New Mexico.