

**DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - MARCH 18, 1993**

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

Dockets Nos. 10-93 and 11-93 are tentatively set for April 8, 1993 and April 22, 1993. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 23 days in advance of hearing date.

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

**CASE 10681:** Application of MW Petroleum Corporation for a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval of the Button Up Unit Agreement for an area comprising 960 acres, more or less, of State land in Sections 3 and 10, Township 9 South, Range 32 East, which is centered approximately 4 1/2 miles southeast of Button Mesa.

**CASE 10574:** (Continued from March 4, 1993, 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, at approximately 8,200 feet, underlying the following described acreage in Section 14, Township 20 South, Range 24 East, and in the following described manner: the N/2 to form a single standard 320-acre spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within said vertical extent (which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the South Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool); the NE/4 and NW/4 to form two standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration units for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent; and the NW/4 NE/4 and SW/4 NW/4 to form two standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration units for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within said vertical extent. The proposed 320-acre unit is to be dedicated to either a single well to be drilled at a standard location in Unit B or Unit E or to both wells to be simultaneously dedicated to the 320-acre unit. Further the 160-acre gas unit comprising the NE/4 and the 40-acre oil unit comprising the NW/4 NE/4 are to be dedicated to the proposed well to be drilled in Unit B. The 160-acre gas unit comprising the NW/4 and the 40-acre oil unit comprising the SW/4 NW/4 are to be dedicated to the proposed well to be drilled in Unit E. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well or wells and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as the operator of each well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well or wells. The subject area in this matter is located approximately 7.5 miles west by south of Seven Rivers, New Mexico.

**CASE 10668:** (Continued from February 18, 1993, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Canyon formation underlying the NE/4 of Section 29, Township 19 South, Range 25 East forming a standard 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 but is not necessarily limited to 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 area is located approximately 8 miles west of Lakewood, New Mexico.

**CASE 10682:** Application of Nearburg Producing Company for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks authorization to recomplete in the undesignated Delaware formation its Sueno 15 Well No. 1 which was drilled to the Strawn formation pursuant to Division Order No. R-9543 at an unorthodox location 2500 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line (Unit E) of Section 15, Township 22 South, Range 27 East. The NW/4 of said Section 15 is to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit. Said unit is located 1 mile east of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

**CASE 10556:** (Continued from February 18, 1993, Examiner Hearing.)

In the matter of Case 10556 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Division Order No. R-9759, which order promulgated special pool rules and regulations for the Old Millman Ranch-Bone Spring Pool in Eddy County. Operators in said pool may appear and present evidence about the nature of the reservoir with regards to the proper classification of the pool as either oil or gas.

**CASE 10683:** Application of Meridian Oil Inc. for a non-standard proration and spacing unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval to establish a non-standard 160-acre proration and spacing unit in the Undesignated Rhodes Yates-Seven Rivers Gas Pool comprising the SE/4 SE/4 of Section 10 and the NE/4 NE/4 and S/2 NE/4 of Section 15, Township 26 South, Range 37 East, to be dedicated to its Gregory "B" Well No. 2 to be drilled at a standard location in Unit A of said Section 15. Said unit is located approximately 5 miles southeast of Jal, New Mexico.

**CASE 10659:** (Continued from March 4, 1993, Examiner Hearing.)

**Application of Meridian Oil Inc. for a non-standard gas proration unit, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks approval to establish a non-standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit in the Undesignated Rhodes Yates-Seven Rivers Gas Pool comprising the E/2 E/2 of Section 7, Township 26 South, Range 37 East, being approximately 4 miles south of Jal, New Mexico. Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard gas well location in the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A) of said Section 7.

**CASE 10676:** (Continued from March 4, 1993, Examiner Hearing.)

**Application of Mitchell Energy Corporation for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Pennsylvanian formation underlying the following described areas in Section 35, Township 24 South, Range 29 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 spacing within said vertical extent; 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; the E/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 within said vertical extent; and the SE/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. Said units are to be dedicated to a single 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 costs 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 16 miles southeast of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

**CASE 10684:** **Application of SDX Resources, Inc. for approval of a waterflood project, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks authority to institute a waterflood project on its proposed Leonard Federal and Leonard B Federal Lease area located in portions of Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, by the injection of produced water into the Grayburg and San Andres formations through the Leonard B Federal Well No. 1 and the Leonard Federal Well No. 3, which are to be converted from producing oil wells. Said project area is located approximately 1/2 mile southeast of Bishop, New Mexico.

**CASE 10685:** **Application of Hanson Operating Company for statutory unitization, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order unitizing, for the purpose of establishing a secondary recovery project, all mineral interests in the Shugart Yates-Seven Rivers-Queen-Grayburg Pool underlying 1111.00 acres, more or less, of Federal and fee lands comprising portions of Township 18 South, Ranges 30 and 31 East, to be designated the Shugart Waterflood Unit Area. To be considered will be those matters required by the New Mexico Statutory Unitization Act, Subsection 70-7-1, et seq., N.M.S.A., 1978, and other provisions of the unit agreement and unit operating agreement. Said unit area is located approximately 8 miles south-southeast of Loco Hills, New Mexico.

**CASE 10686:** **Application of Hanson Operating Company, Inc. for approval of a waterflood project, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks authority to institute a waterflood project by injection of water into the Seven Rivers, Penrose and Middle Grayburg formations in its proposed Shugart Waterflood Unit Area (Division Case No. 10685) underlying portions of Sections 25 and 26, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, and Section 30, Township 18 South, Range 31 East. Said project is located approximately 8 miles south-southeast of Loco Hills, New Mexico.

**CASE 10687:** **Application of Mewbourne Oil Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from 500 feet below the top of the San Andres formation to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the following described areas in Section 17, Township 18 South, Range 28 East, and in the following manner: the E/2 forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within said vertical extent; and the SE/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 unit is to be dedicated to its Illinois Camp "17" State Well No. 2, to be drilled at a standard location within said E/2 proration unit. 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 unit is located approximately 2 miles north of Illinois Camp.

**CASE 10648:** (Continued from February 4, 1993, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Seely Oil Company for approval of a waterflood project and qualification for the recovered oil tax rate, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks authority to institute a waterflood project by injection of water into the Yates, Seven Rivers and Queen formations in its proposed EK Queen Unit Area (Division Case No. 10647) underlying portions of Township 18 South, Ranges 33 and 34 East. The applicant further seeks to qualify this project for the recovered oil tax rate under the "Enhanced Oil Recovery Act" (Laws 1992, Chapter 38, Sections 1 through 5). Said project is centered approximately 22 miles west of Hobbs, New Mexico.

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Docket No. 6-93

**THIS COMMISSION HEARING WILL BE HELD AT MABRY HALL, EDUCATION BUILDING**

**DOCKET: COMMISSION HEARING - THURSDAY - FEBRUARY 25, 1993**

**9:00 A.M. - MABRY HALL, EDUCATION BUILDING**

**SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

**The Land Commissioner's designee for this hearing will be Gary Carlson and Jami Bailey**

**CASE 10672:** The Oil Conservation Division is calling a hearing on its own motion to accept nominations and other evidence and information to assist in determining April 1993 through September 1993 gas allowables for the prorated gas pools in New Mexico. Thirteen of the prorated gas pools are in Lea, Eddy, and Chaves Counties in Southeast New Mexico and four pools are in San Juan, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties in Northwest New Mexico. Amendments to the Gas Proration Rules approved by Commission Order No. R-8170-H in December 1990 provide for allowables to be established for 6-month allocation periods beginning in April and October of each year. Information concerning preliminary allowable estimates for the April-September period is being distributed with OCD Memorandum dated February 5, 1993.

**CASE 10637:** (De Novo)

Application of Mewbourne Oil Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the base of the Abo formation to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the E/2 of Section 35, Township 17 South, Range 27 East, forming a standard 320-acre, more or less, gas spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to the applicant's Chalk Bluff "35" Federal Well No. 1 to be drilled at an orthodox location within said E/2 proration unit. 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 southeast of Artesia, New Mexico. Upon application of Devon Energy Corporation, this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

**CASE 10345:** (DE NOVO - Continued from January 14, 1993, Commission Hearing.)

Application of Louise Y. Locke to consider objections to well costs, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant requests the Commission review actual well costs charged against her interest by BHP Petroleum (Americas), Inc., for the drilling of the Gallegos Canyon Unit Well #390 to determine the reasonableness of such costs pursuant to the provisions of Commission Order R-9581-A. Said well is located at the southeast edge of Farmington, New Mexico.

**CASE 10346:** (DE NOVO - Continued from January 14, 1993, Commission Hearing.)

Application of Louise Y. Locke to consider objections to well costs, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant requests the Commission review actual well costs charged against her interest by BHP Petroleum (Americas), Inc., for the drilling of the Gallegos Canyon Unit Well #391 to determine the reasonableness of such costs pursuant to the provisions of Commission Order R-9581-A. Said well is located at the southeast edge of Farmington, New Mexico.

**CASE 10507:** (DE NOVO - Continued from January 14, 1993, Commission Hearing.)

Application of C & C Landfarm Inc. for a commercial surface waste disposal facility, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authorization to construct and operate a commercial landfarm facility for remediation of non-hazardous hydrocarbon-contaminated soils using an enhanced biodegradation process. Said area is to be located in the SW/4 NE/4 (Unit G) of Section 3, Township 20 South, Range 37 East, which is approximately 2 miles southeast of Monument, New Mexico. Upon application of intervenors Elsie Reeves, S-W Cattle Co. and W. T. (Trent) Stradley, this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

**CASE 10574:** (Continued from January 21, 1993, 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, at approximately 8,200 feet, underlying the following described acreage in Section 14, Township 20 South, Range 24 East, and in the following described manner: the N/2 to form a single standard 320-acre spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within said vertical extent (which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the South Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool); the NE/4 and NW/4 to form two standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration units for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent; and the NW/4 NE/4 and SW/4 NW/4 to form two standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration units for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within said vertical extent. The proposed 320-acre unit is to be dedicated to either a single well to be drilled at a standard location in Unit B or Unit E or to both wells to be simultaneously dedicated to the 320-acre unit. Further the 160-acre gas unit comprising the NE/4 and the 40-acre oil unit comprising the NW/4 NE/4 are to be dedicated to the proposed well to be drilled in Unit B. The 160-acre gas unit comprising the NW/4 and the 40-acre oil unit comprising the SW/4 NW/4 are to be dedicated to the proposed well to be drilled in Unit E. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well or wells and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as the operator of each well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well or wells. The subject area in this matter is located approximately 7.5 miles west by south of Seven Rivers, New Mexico.

**CASE 10668:** **Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Canyon formation underlying the NE/4 of Section 29, Township 19 South, Range 25 East forming a standard 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 but is not necessarily limited to 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 area is located approximately 8 miles west of Lakewood, New Mexico.

**CASE 10669:** **Application of Columbia Gas Development Corporation for pool creation, special pool rules and a discovery allowable, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks the creation of a new pool for the production of oil from the Wolfcamp formation comprising the NW/4 of Section 34, Township 14 South, Range 38 East, and the promulgation of special rules therefor including a provision for 160-acre spacing and proration units and designated well location requirements. Applicant further seeks the assignment of an oil discovery allowable, pursuant to Division General Rule 509, to the McMillan "34" Well No. 1 located 400 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit C) of said Section 34. Said area is located approximately 2.5 miles southwest of Bronco, Texas.

**CASE 10670:** **Application of Maralo, Inc. for pool creation, special pool rules and a discovery allowable, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks the creation of a new pool for the production of oil from the Devonian formation comprising the E/2 NW/4 of Section 20, Township 9 South, Range 35 East, and the promulgation of special rules therefor including a provision for 80-acre spacing and proration units and designated well location requirements. Applicant further seeks the assignment of an oil discovery allowable, pursuant to Division General Rule 509, to the Barnes "20" Well No. 1 located 766 feet from the North line and 2201 feet from the West line (Unit C) of said Section 20. Said area is located approximately 2.5 miles west by north of Crossroads, Texas.

**CASE 10671:** **Application of Chuza Operating for pool creation and special pool rules, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks the creation of a new pool for the production of oil from the Blinberry formation comprising the SE/4 NE/4 and NE/4 SE/4 of Section 11, and the SW/4 NW/4 of Section 12, both in Township 23 South, Range 37 East, and the promulgation of special rules therefor including a provision for a gas-oil limitation of 6000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil. Applicant further requests that the proposed special pool rules be made effective retroactive to December 14, 1992. Said area is located approximately 8 miles south by east of Eunice, New Mexico.

**CASE 10647:** (Continued from February 4, 1993, Examiner Hearing.)

**Application of Seely Oil Company for statutory unitization, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order unitizing, for the purpose of establishing a secondary recovery project, all mineral interests in the EK-Yates-Seven Rivers-Queen Pool, underlying 1148.40 acres, more or less, of State land comprising portions of Township 18 South, Ranges 33 and 34 East, to be designated the Central EK Queen Unit Area. To be considered will be those matters required by the New Mexico Statutory Unitization Act, Subsection 70-7-1, et seq., N.M.S.A. 1978, and other provisions of the unit agreement and unit operating agreement. Said unit area is located approximately 22 miles west of Hobbs, New Mexico.

**CASE 10676:** Application of Mitchell Energy Corporation for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Pennsylvanian formation underlying the following described areas in Section 35, Township 24 South, Range 29 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 spacing within said vertical extent; 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; the E/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 within said vertical extent; and the SE/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. Said units are to be dedicated to a single 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 costs 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 16 miles southeast of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

**CASE 10677:** Application of Conoco Inc. for an unorthodox gas well location Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval to drill its proposed Preston Federal Well No. 5 at an unorthodox gas well location 840 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit O) of Section 34, Township 20 South, Range 24 East, Undesignated Cemetery-Morrow Gas Pool, the E/2 of said Section 34 to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit. Said well is located approximately 10 miles west-southwest of Seven Rivers, New Mexico.

**CASE 10678:** Application of Conoco Inc. for an unorthodox gas well location and to amend Division Order No. R-4988, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval to drill its Lockhart B Well No. 11 at an unorthodox gas well location 760 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line (Unit A) of Section 14, Township 21 South, Range 36 East, Eumont Gas Pool, and to amend Division Order No. R-4988 to allow for the simultaneous dedication of said well to the 480-acre non-standard gas spacing and proration unit approved by said Order and consisting of the E/2 E/2 of Section 14 and the W/2 of Section 13, Township 21 South, Range 36 East, with its Lockhart B Well No. 9 located in Unit L of said Section 13. Said unit is located approximately 2 1/2 miles southeast of Oil Center, New Mexico.

**CASE 10659:** (Continued from February 18, 1993, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Meridian Oil Inc. for a non-standard gas proration unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval to establish a non-standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit in the Undesignated Rhodes Yates-Seven Rivers Gas Pool comprising the E/2 E/2 of Section 7, Township 26 South, Range 37 East, being approximately 4 miles south of Jal, New Mexico. Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard gas well location in the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A) of said Section 7.

**CASE 10679:** Application of Meridian Oil Inc. for a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project, special operating rules therefor, a non-standard oil proration unit, an unorthodox oil well location, and special project oil allowable, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks to initiate a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project in the Undesignated Northeast Ojito Gallup-Dakota Oil Pool underlying the N/2 of Section 23, Township 26 North, Range 3 West, thereby creating a non-standard 320-acre oil spacing and proration unit for said pool. The applicant proposes to drill its Jicarilla "99" Well No. 17 from an unorthodox surface location 150 feet from the North line and 670 feet from the West line (Unit D) of said Section 22, drill vertically to a true vertical depth of approximately 6,700 feet, kick off from vertical in a southeasterly direction commencing to build angle at an appropriate rate to vertically and horizontally traverse the proposed producing area. Applicant further seeks the adoption of special operating provisions and rules within the pilot project area including the designation of a target window such that the horizontal or producing portion of the wellbore shall be no closer than 330 feet to either the north or south boundary, nor closer than 790 feet to the east or west boundary of the spacing unit, and for a special project allowable. Said project area is located approximately 12 miles northwest of Lindrieth, New Mexico.

**CASE 10680:** Application of Meridian Oil Inc. for a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project, special operating rules therefor, and an unorthodox oil well location, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks to initiate a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project in the Gavilan-Mancos Oil Pool underlying all of Section 8, Township 26 North, Range 2 West, being a standard 640-acre spacing and proration unit for said pool. The applicant proposes to drill its Cheney Federal B Well No. 2 at an unorthodox surface location 1650 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the West line (Unit L) of said Section 8, kick off from vertical in an estimated westerly direction commencing to build angle at an appropriate rate to vertically and horizontally traverse the proposed producing area. Applicant further seeks the adoption of special operating provisions and rules within the pilot project area including the designation of a target window such that the horizontal or producing portion of the wellbore shall be no closer than 790 feet from the outer boundary of the spacing unit. Said project is located approximately 13 miles north of Lindrieth, New Mexico.

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**8:15 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION CONFERENCE ROOM, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING,**  
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Dockets Nos. 9-93 and 10-93 are tentatively set for March 18, 1993 and April 8, 1993. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 23 days in advance of hearing date.

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

**CASE 10673:** Application of Murphy H. Baxter for a unit agreement, Roosevelt County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval of the Parks State Unit Agreement for an area comprising 1840 acres, more or less, of state and fee lands in all or portions of Sections 16, 20, 21, 22, and 28 of Township 6 South, Range 36 East. Said unit is located 27 miles south of Portales, New Mexico.

**CASE 10574:** (Continued from February 18, 1993, 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, at approximately 8,200 feet, underlying the following described acreage in Section 14, Township 20 South, Range 24 East, and in the following described manner: the N/2 to form a single standard 320-acre spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within said vertical extent (which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the South Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool); the NE/4 and NW/4 to form two standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration units for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent; and the NW/4 NE/4 and SW/4 NW/4 to form two standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration units for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within said vertical extent. The proposed 320-acre unit is to be dedicated to either a single well to be drilled at a standard location in Unit B or Unit E or to both wells to be simultaneously dedicated to the 320-acre unit. Further the 160-acre gas unit comprising the NE/4 and the 40-acre oil unit comprising the NW/4 NE/4 are to be dedicated to the proposed well to be drilled in Unit B. The 160-acre gas unit comprising the NW/4 and the 40-acre oil unit comprising the SW/4 NW/4 are to be dedicated to the proposed well to be drilled in Unit E. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well or wells and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as the operator of each well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well or wells. The subject area in this matter is located approximately 7.5 miles west by south of Seven Rivers, New Mexico.

**CASE 10671:** (Readvertised)

Application of Chuza Operating for pool creation and special pool rules, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks the creation of a new pool for the production of oil from the Blinberry and Paddock formations comprising the SE/4 NE/4 and NE/4 SE/4 of Section 11, and the SW/4 NW/4 of Section 12, both in Township 23 South, Range 37 East, and the promulgation of special rules therefor including a provision for a gas-oil limitation of 6000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil. Applicant further requests that the proposed special pool rules be made effective retroactive to December 14, 1992. Said area is located approximately 8 miles south by east of Eunice, New Mexico.

**CASE 10669:** (Continued from February 18, 1993, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Columbia Gas Development Corporation for pool creation, special pool rules and a discovery allowable, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks the creation of a new pool for the production of oil from the Wolfcamp formation comprising the NW/4 of Section 34, Township 14 South, Range 38 East, and the promulgation of special rules therefor including a provision for 160-acre spacing and proration units and designated well location requirements. Applicant further seeks the assignment of an oil discovery allowable, pursuant to Division General Rule 509, to the McMillan "34" Well No. 1 located 400 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit C) of said Section 34. Said area is located approximately 2.5 miles southwest of Bronco, Texas.

**CASE 10674:** Application of Exxon Corporation for an unorthodox gas well location and simultaneous dedication, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location for its existing John D. Knox Well No. 11 located 2310 feet from the South line and 330 feet from the East line (Unit I) of Section 10, Township 21 South, Range 36 East, Eumont Gas Pool. Said well is to be simultaneously dedicated with the John D. Knox Well Nos. 1 and 13 located in Units J and H, respectively, of said Section 10 to the existing 320-acre Eumont Gas spacing and proration unit comprising the E/2 of said Section 10. Said unit is located approximately one mile southeast of Oil Center, New Mexico.

**CASE 10675:** Application of Phillips Petroleum Company for an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location 810 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line (Unit D) of Section 26, Township 12 South, Range 34 East, West Ranger Lake-Devonian Gas Pool. The N/2 of said Section 26 is to be dedicated to said well, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing unit. Said unit is located approximately 10 miles west of Tatum, New Mexico.

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**CASE 10650:** (Continued from January 7, 1993, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Mewbourne Oil Company for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks approval for an unorthodox gas well location, in the Cedar Lake-Morrow Gas Pool, 990 feet from the North and East lines (Unit A) of Section 2, Township 18 South, Range 30 East. The E/2 of said Section 2 is to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit. Said unit is located approximately 3 miles southeast of Loco Hills, New Mexico.

**CASE 10635:** (Continued from January 7, 1993, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Mewbourne Oil Company for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the base of the San Andres formation to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the following described areas in Section 15, Township 18 South, Range 28 East, and in the following manner: the E/2 forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within said vertical extent, the SE/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, the W/2 SE/4 forming a standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 80-acre spacing within said vertical extent, the NW/4 SE/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. Said units are to be dedicated to a single well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 1500 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit J) of said Section 15. 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 miles east-southeast of Artesia, New Mexico.

**CASE 10658:** Application of Mewbourne Oil Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the base of the Abo formation to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the following described areas in Section 35, Township 17 South, Range 27 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 spacing within said vertical extent; 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; and the E/2 NW/4 forming a standard 80-acre spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 80-acre spacing within said vertical extent. Said unit is to be dedicated to the applicant's Chalk Bluff "35" Federal Well No. 2, to be drilled at an orthodox location within said W/2 proration unit. 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 southeast of Artesia, New Mexico.

**CASE 10629:** (Readvertised)

Application of Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L. P. for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the following described areas in Section 27, Township 21 South, Range 24 East, and in the following manner: the entire section forming a standard 640-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 640-acre spacing within said vertical extent, which presently includes only the Undesignated Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Gas Pool and the Undesignated Indian Basin-Morrow Gas Pool; 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 spacing within said vertical extent; the SW/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; and, if applicable, the W/2 SW/4 forming an 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any pools which may be developed on 80-acre spacing within said vertical extent. Said units are to be dedicated to a single well to be drilled at an unorthodox well location 204 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line (Unit M) of said Section 27. 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 15 miles west by north of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

**CASE 10574:** (Continued from January 7, 1993, 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, at approximately 8,200 feet, underlying the following described acreage in Section 14, Township 20 South, Range 24 East, and in the following described manner: the N/2 to form a single standard 320-acre spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within said vertical extent (which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the South Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool); the NE/4 and NW/4 to form two standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration units for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent; and the NW/4 NE/4 and SW/4 NW/4 to form two standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration units for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within said vertical extent. The proposed 320-acre unit is to be dedicated to either a single well to be drilled at a standard location in Unit B or Unit E or to both wells to be simultaneously dedicated to the 320-acre unit. Further the 160-acre gas unit comprising the NE/4 and the 40-acre oil unit comprising the NW/4 NE/4 are to be dedicated to the proposed well to be drilled in Unit B. The 160-acre gas unit comprising the NW/4 and the 40-acre oil unit comprising the SW/4 NW/4 are to be dedicated to the proposed well to be drilled in Unit E. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well or wells and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as the operator of each well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well or wells. The subject area in this matter is located approximately 7.5 miles west by south of Seven Rivers, New Mexico.

**CASE 10655:** (Continued from January 7, 1993, Examiner Hearing.)

**Application of Meridian Oil Inc. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Eumont Gas Pool underlying the S/2 of Section 36, Township 21 South, Range 36 East, to be dedicated to its proposed Shell State Com "D" Well No. 13 to be drilled at a previously approved unorthodox gas well location 1780 feet from the South line and 760 feet from the West line (Unit L) of said Section 36 and dedicated to a previously approved non-standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit consisting of the S/2 of said Section 36 and to simultaneously dedicate production with the Shell State Com "D" Well No. 12. 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 and completing said well. Said unit is located approximately 3 miles west of Eunice, New Mexico.

**CASE 10659:** **Application of Meridian Oil Inc. for a non-standard gas proration unit, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks approval to establish a non-standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit in the Undesignated Rhodes Yates-Seven Rivers Gas Pool comprising the E/2 E/2 of Section 7, Township 26 South, Range 37 East, being approximately 4 miles south of Jal, New Mexico. Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard gas well location in the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A) of said Section 7.

**CASE 10560:** (Continued from December 3, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

**Application of Conoco 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 Canyon formation underlying the NE/4 of Section 17, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, forming a standard 160-acre spacing and proration unit for any and all formations spaced on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent, which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the North Dagger Draw-Pennsylvanian Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to the existing Southwest Royalties, Inc. Dagger Draw Well No. 1 located at a standard location 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit B) of said Section 17, said unit and well were the subject of Division Case No. 10471. 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 unit is located approximately 6.5 miles northwest of Seven Rivers, New Mexico.



**CASE 10657:** Application of Marathon Oil Company for reinstatement of underproduction for a GPU in the Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in accordance with Rule 14(b) of the General Rules for prorated gas pools of New Mexico, seeks an order reinstating canceled underproduction from the proration period ending March 31, 1990 for a gas proration unit ("GPU") in the Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Gas Pool consisting of all of Section 34, Township 21 South, Range 23 East, and dedicated to its Indian Basin D Well No. 1 located in Unit K of said Section 34. Said area is located approximately 22 miles west of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

**CASE 10624:** (Readvertised)

Application of Sea Coast, Inc. for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Fruitland Coal formation underlying the W/2 (equivalent) of Section 8, Township 29 North, Range 12 West, forming a standard 325.77-acre gas spacing unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within said vertical extent, which presently includes but is not limited to the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location in Section 8. Applicant requests that Meridian Oil Inc. be designated as operator. 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 and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located on the east end of Farmington, New Mexico.

**CASE 10625:** (Readvertised)

Application of Sea Coast, Inc. for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Fruitland Coal formation underlying the E/2 (equivalent) of Section 8, Township 29 North, Range 12 West, forming a standard 322.86-acre gas spacing unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within said vertical extent, which presently includes but is not limited to the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location in Section 8. Applicant requests that Meridian Oil Inc. be designated as operator. 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 and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located on the east end of Farmington, New Mexico.

**CASE 10601:** (Continued from November 19, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Strata Production Company for salt water disposal, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Scanlon-Delaware Pool through the perforated interval from approximately 3274 feet to 3030 feet in its Doris Federal Well No. 2 located 1780 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit J) of Section 26, Township 20 South, Range 28 East, which is approximately northeast by north of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

**CASE 10572:** (Continued from December 17, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Texaco Exploration & Production Inc. for waterflood expansion, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to expand its W. H. Rhodes "B" Federal Waterflood Project, authorized by Division Order No. R-2748, by converting its W. H. Rhodes "B" Federal (NCT-1) Well No. 6 located 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line (Unit I) and its W. H. Rhodes "B" Federal (NCT-1) Well No. 13 located 990 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the East line (Unit O), both in Section 27, Township 26 South, Range 37 East, from producing oil wells to water injection wells. Said project area is located approximately 7.5 miles south-southeast of Jal, New Mexico.

**CASE 10573:** (Continued from December 17, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Texaco Exploration & Production Inc. for waterflood expansion, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to expand its Rhodes Yates Unit Waterflood Project, authorized by Division Order No. R-3889, by converting its Rhodes Yates Unit Well No. 8 located 1875 feet from the North line and 765 feet from the West line (Unit E) and its Rhodes Yates Unit Well No. 13 located 660 feet from the South and West lines (Unit M), both in Section 27, Township 26 South, Range 37 East, Rhodes Yates Unit, Rhodes Yates-Seven Rivers Pool, from producing oil wells to water injection wells. Said project area is located approximately 7.5 miles south-southeast of Jal, New Mexico.

**CASE 10574:** (Continued from December 17, 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, at approximately 8,200 feet, underlying the following described acreage in Section 14, Township 20 South, Range 24 East, and in the following described manner: the N/2 to form a single standard 320-acre spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within said vertical extent (which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the South Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool); the NE/4 and NW/4 to form two standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration units for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent; and the NW/4 NE/4 and SW/4 NW/4 to form two standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration units for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within said vertical extent. The proposed 320-acre unit is to be dedicated to either a single well to be drilled at a standard location in Unit B or Unit E or to both wells to be simultaneously dedicated to the 320-acre unit. Further the 160-acre gas unit comprising the NE/4 and the 40-acre oil unit comprising the NW/4 NE/4 are to be dedicated to the proposed well to be drilled in Unit B. The 160-acre gas unit comprising the NW/4 and the 40-acre oil unit comprising the SW/4 NW/4 are to be dedicated to the proposed well to be drilled in Unit E. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well or wells and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as the operator of each well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well or wells. The subject area in this matter is located approximately 7.5 miles west by south of Seven Rivers, New Mexico.

**CASE 10626:** (Continued from December 17, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

**Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox gas well location, Chaves County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Abo formation underlying the NW/4 of Section 32, Township 6 South, Range 26 East, 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, which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Pecos Slope-Abo Gas Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard gas 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 16 miles west by north of Elkins, New Mexico.

**CASE 10654:** **Application of Warrior, Inc. for an unorthodox oil well location, Eumont Oil Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order approving the drilling of its Federal "D" Well No. 13 in the Eumont Oil Pool at an unorthodox oil well location 1300 feet from the South and West lines (Unit M) of Section 26, Township 20 South, Range 36 East. Said well is to be dedicated to a standard 40-acre oil proration and spacing unit consisting of the SW/4 SW/4 of said Section 26. Said unit is located approximately 7 miles southwest of Monument, New Mexico.

**CASE 10655:** **Application of Meridian Oil Inc. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Eumont Gas Pool underlying the S/2 of Section 36, Township 21 South, Range 36 East, to be dedicated to its proposed Shell State Com "D" Well No. 13 to be drilled at a previously approved unorthodox gas well location 1780 feet from the South line and 760 feet from the West line (Unit L) of said Section 36 and dedicated to a previously approved non-standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit consisting of the S/2 of said Section 36 and to simultaneously dedicate production with the Shell State Com "D" Well No. 12. 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 and completing said well. Said unit is located approximately 3 miles west of Eunice, New Mexico.

**CASE 10656:** **Application of Mitchell Energy Corporation for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the top of the Wolfcamp formation to the base of the Pennsylvanian formation underlying the W/2 of Section 28, Township 20 South, Range 33 East, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within said vertical extent, which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the South Salt Lake-Morrow Gas Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to its Tomahawk "28" Federal Com Well No. 1 to be drilled and completed at an unorthodox gas well location 1650 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit F) of said Section 28. 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 and completing said well. Said unit is located approximately 22 miles southeast of Maljamar, New Mexico.

**CASE 10624:** (Continued from December 3, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Sea Coast, Inc. for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Pictured Cliffs formation in Section 8, Township 29 North, Range 12 West, and in the following described manner: Lots 1 through 4, 9 and 10, and the N/2 NW/4 (W/2 equivalent) to form a standard 325.77-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within said vertical extent (which presently includes only the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool and Lots 3, 4, 9 and 10 (SW/4 equivalent) to form a standard 164.44-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent (which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Crouch Mesa-Fruitland Sand Pool, Undesignated West Kutz-Fruitland Sand Pool and Undesignated Fulcher Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool. Said units are to be dedicated to a single well to be drilled at a standard gas 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, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. The applicant also requests that Marlex Resources, Inc. be designated operator of the well. Said area is located on the east end of Farmington, New Mexico.

**CASE 10625:** (Continued from December 3, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Sea Coast, Inc. for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Pictured Cliffs formation in Section 8, Township 29 North, Range 12 West, and in the following described manner: Lots 5 through 8 and the NE/4 (E/2 equivalent) to form a standard 322.86-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within said vertical extent (which presently includes only the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool and the NE/4 to form 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 (which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Crouch Mesa-Fruitland Sand Pool, Undesignated West Kutz-Fruitland Sand Pool and Undesignated Fulcher Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool. Said units are to be dedicated to a single well to be drilled at a standard gas 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, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. The applicant also requests that Marlex Resources, Inc. be designated operator of the well. Said area is located on the east end of Farmington, New Mexico.

**CASE 10639:** Application of American Hunter Exploration for authorization to flare gas as an exception to Rule 306 and for the establishment of special allowable rates, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order authorizing it to flare gas from its Jicarilla 3-F Oil Well No. 1 located in the SE/4 NW/4 of Section 3, Township 27 North, Range 1 West, as an exception to Division Rule 306, for a maximum period of six months at a maximum rate of the lower of 800 barrels of oil per day or 800 MCF of gas per day, up to a maximum cumulative volume of 146 MMCF of gas flared or 146 thousand barrels of oil produced while flaring gas. This well is governed by rules for the West Puerto Chiquito-Mancos Oil Pool, and this location is approximately 2.5 miles southwest of Burford Lake.

**CASE 10640:** Application of Arapaho Oil & Gas for salt water disposal, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the San Andres formation, Cave Grayburg-San Andres Pool, through the perforated interval from approximately 2449 feet to 2464 feet, in its Cave State Well No. 3 located 1650 feet from the North line and 330 feet from the West line (Unit E) of Section 4, Township 17 South, Range 29 East. This location is approximately 18 miles east of Artesia, New Mexico.

**CASE 10641:** Application of Yates Drilling Company for the expansion of the Cactus Queen (Voluntary) Unit Area and for the amendment of Division Order No. R-9075-A, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an amendment of Division Order No. R-9075-A which approved the voluntary unitization (for the purpose of establishing a secondary recovery project) of the Queen formation underlying the Cactus Queen Unit Area, which encompasses 320 acres, more or less, in portions of Sections 27 and 34, Township 12 South, Range 31 East, Southeast Chaves Queen Gas Area Associated Pool, to include at this time an additional 320 acres, more or less, comprising the SW/4 NE/4, S/2 NW/4, SW/4 and NW/4 SE/4 of said Section 34. Said expansion area is located approximately 12 miles southwest by south of Caprock, New Mexico.

**CASE 10574:** (Continued from December 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, at approximately 8,200 feet, underlying the following described acreage in Section 14, Township 20 South, Range 24 East, and in the following described manner: the N/2 to form a single standard 320-acre spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within said vertical extent (which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the South Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool); the NE/4 and NW/4 to form two standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration units for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent; and the NW/4 NE/4 and SW/4 NW/4 to form two standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration units for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within said vertical extent. The proposed 320-acre unit is to be dedicated to either a single well to be drilled at a standard location in Unit B or Unit E or to both wells to be simultaneously dedicated to the 320-acre unit. Further the 160-acre gas unit comprising the NE/4 and the 40-acre oil unit comprising the NW/4 NE/4 are to be dedicated to the proposed well to be drilled in Unit B. The 160-acre gas unit comprising the NW/4 and the 40-acre oil unit comprising the SW/4 NW/4 are to be dedicated to the proposed well to be drilled in Unit E. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well or wells and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as the operator of each well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well or wells. The subject area in this matter is located approximately 7.5 miles west by south of Seven Rivers, New Mexico.

**CASE 10638:** **Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for a unit agreement, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks approval of the Bandana Unit Agreement for an area comprising 4160 acres, more or less, of Federal and State lands in Sections 19, 20, 21, 28, 32, 33 and 34, Township 22 South, Range 24 East, which is centered approximately 2 miles southeast of Lone Butte.

**CASE 10622:** (Continued from December 3, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

**Application of Sea Coast, Inc. for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Pictured Cliffs formation in Section 6, Township 29 North, Range 12 West, and in the following described manner: Lots 6 and 7, the E/2 SW/4 and SE/4 (S/2 equivalent) to form a standard 317.98-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within said vertical extent (which presently includes only the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool and Lots 6 and 7 and the E/2 SW/4 (SW/4 equivalent) to form a standard 157.98-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent (which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Crouch Mesa-Fruitland Sand Pool, Undesignated West Kutz-Fruitland Sand Pool and Fulcher Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool. Said units are to be dedicated to a single well to be drilled at a standard gas 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, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. The applicant also requests that Marlex Resources, Inc. be designated operator of the well. Said area is located on the east side of Farmington, New Mexico.

**CASE 10623:** (Continued from December 3, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

**Application of Sea Coast, Inc. for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Pictured Cliffs formation in Section 7, Township 29 North, Range 12 West, and in the following described manner: Lots 5 through 9, the N/2 NE/4, and the NW/4 SE/4 (E/2 equivalent) to form a standard 321.45-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within said vertical extent (which presently includes only the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool and Lots 5 and 6 and the N/2 NE/4 (NE/4 equivalent) to form a standard 160.46-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent (which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated West Kutz-Fruitland Sand Pool and Fulcher Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool. Said units are to be dedicated to a single well to be drilled at a standard gas 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, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. The applicant also requests that Marlex Resources, Inc. be designated operator of the well. Said area is located on the east end of Farmington, New Mexico.

- (d) EXTEND the Angels Peak-Gallup Associated Pool in San Juan County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 10 WEST, NMPM

Section 5: S/2  
Sections 6 through 8: All

TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 10 WEST, NMPM

Section 30: W/2  
Section 31: W/2

- (e) EXTEND the Bisti-Lower Gallup Oil Pool in San Juan County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, NMPM

Section 32: N/2 S/2

- (f) EXTEND the South Bisti-Gallup Oil Pool in San Juan County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 23 NORTH, RANGE 10 WEST, NMPM

Section 9: SE/4

TOWNSHIP 24 NORTH, RANGE 10 WEST, NMPM

Section 26: S/2 SW/4  
Section 27: S/2 SE/4  
Section 35: NW/4

- (g) EXTEND the Blanco-Mesaverde Pool in Rio Arriba and San Juan Counties, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST, NMPM

Section 26: W/2  
Sections 27 and 28: All  
Sections 33 through 36: All

- (h) EXTEND the Counselors Gallup-Dakota Oil Pool in Rio Arriba and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 24 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST, NMPM

Section 32: S/2  
Section 33: SW/4

- (i) EXTEND the West Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool in San Juan County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST, NMPM

Section 25: SW/4  
Section 36: NW/4

- (j) EXTEND the South San Luis-Mesaverde Oil Pool in Sandoval County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, NMPM

Section 33: NE/4 NW/4

- (k) EXTEND the West Lindrith Gallup-Dakota Oil Pool in Rio Arriba and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 24 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, NMPM

Section 5: W/2  
Section 6: E/2  
Section 7: All  
Section 8: All  
Sections 16 through 21: All

**CASE 10574:** (Continued from November 19, 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, at approximately 8,200 feet, underlying the following described acreage in Section 14, Township 20 South, Range 24 East, and in the following described manner: the N/2 to form a single standard 320-acre spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within said vertical extent (which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the South Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool); the NE/4 and NW/4 to form two standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration units for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent; and the NW/4 NE/4 and SW/4 NW/4 to form two standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration units for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within said vertical extent. The proposed 320-acre unit is to be dedicated to either a single well to be drilled at a standard location in Unit B or Unit E or to both wells to be simultaneously dedicated to the 320-acre unit. Further the 160-acre gas unit comprising the NE/4 and the 40-acre oil unit comprising the NW/4 NE/4 are to be dedicated to the proposed well to be drilled in Unit B. The 160-acre gas unit comprising the NW/4 and the 40-acre oil unit comprising the SW/4 NW/4 are to be dedicated to the proposed well to be drilled in Unit E. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well or wells and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as the operator of each well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well or wells. The subject area in this matter is located approximately 7.5 miles west by south of Seven Rivers, New Mexico.

**CASE 10572:** (Continued from November 19, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Texaco Exploration & Production Inc. for waterflood expansion, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to expand its W. H. Rhodes "B" Federal Waterflood Project, authorized by Division Order No. R-2748, by converting its W. H. Rhodes "B" Federal (NCT-1) Well No. 6 located 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line (Unit D) and its W. H. Rhodes "B" Federal (NCT-1) Well No. 13 located 990 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the East line (Unit O), both in Section 27, Township 26 South, Range 37 East, from producing oil wells to water injection wells. Said project area is located approximately 7.5 miles south-southeast of Jal, New Mexico.

**CASE 10573:** (Continued from November 19, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Texaco Exploration & Production Inc. for waterflood expansion, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to expand its Rhodes Yates Unit Waterflood Project, authorized by Division Order No. R-3889, by converting its Rhodes Yates Unit Well No. 8 located 1875 feet from the North line and 765 feet from the West line (Unit E) and its Rhodes Yates Unit Well No. 13 located 660 feet from the South and West lines (Unit M), both in Section 27, Township 26 South, Range 37 East, Rhodes Yates Unit, Rhodes Yates-Seven Rivers Pool, from producing oil wells to water injection wells. Said project area is located approximately 7.5 miles south-southeast of Jal, New Mexico.

**CASE 10611:** (Continued from November 19, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion for an order creating, contracting, and extending certain pools in Rio Arriba, Sandoval, and San Juan Counties, New Mexico:

- (a) ABOLISH the Lindrith-Dakota Oil Pool in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, consisting of the following described area:

**TOWNSHIP 24 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, NMPM**

Sections 20 and 21: All

Sections 28 and 29: All

- (b) ABOLISH the Lindrith-Gallup Gas Pool in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, consisting of the following described area:

**TOWNSHIP 24 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, NMPM**

Sections 20 and 21: All

Sections 28 and 29: All

- (c) ABOLISH the Media-Gallup Oil Pool in Sandoval County, New Mexico, consisting of the following described area:

**TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, NMPM**

Section 22: S/2 NE/4, NE/4 SE/4

Section 23: NW/4 SW/4

**CASE 10528:** (Continued from October 1, 1992, Examiner Hearing and 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 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 10575:** **Application of Klabzuba Operating Company for an unorthodox oil well location, Chaves County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox oil well location 1847 feet from the North line and 1310 feet from the East line (Unit H) of Section 13, Township 10 South, Range 27 East, Race Track-Devonian Pool. The SE/4 NE/4 of said Section 13 is to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit. Said unit is located approximately 1.5 miles north by west of U.S. Highway 380 at milepost 178.

**CASE 10498:** (Reopened)

**In the matter of Case No. 10498 being reopened upon application of Monty D. McLane to exempt certain working interests from the compulsory pooling provisions of Division Order No. R-9690, Lea County, New Mexico.** Division Order No. R-9690, issued in Case 10498 and dated July 1, 1992, granted the application of Charles Gillespie to compulsorily pool all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Strawn formation underlying Lot 3 of Section 1, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, forming a non-standard 51.08-acre oil spacing and proration unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard oil well location thereon. At this time Monty D. McLane requests the Division enter an order reopening Case No. 10498 and declare that the working interests of Henry H. Lawton and Amanda K. Parks are not subject to said Order No. R-9690.

**CASE 10540:** (Continued from October 1, 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 10576:** **Application of Merrion Oil & Gas Corporation for a unit agreement, Sandoval County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Rock Mesa Unit Agreement for an area comprising 10,823.16 acres, more or less, of Federal and State lands in portions of Townships 18 and 19 North, Range 3 West, which is centered approximately 18 miles south-southwest of Cuba, New Mexico.

**CASE 10567:** (Continued from October 15, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

**Application of SG Interests I, Ltd. for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool underlying Lots 3 and 4, the E/2 SW/4 and the SE/4 (S/2 equivalent) of Section 30, Township 29 North, Range 10 West, forming a 319.80-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the SW/4 of said Section 30. 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 3 miles east-southeast of Bloomfield, New Mexico.

**CASE 10577:** **Application of SG Interests I, Ltd. for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool underlying Lots 1 through 4 and the S/2 N/2 (N/2 equivalent) of Section 2, Township 29 North, Range 9 West, forming a standard 324.00-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the NE/4 SW/4 (Unit G) of said Section 2. 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 1 mile east-northeast of Turley, New Mexico.

Dockets Nos. 37-92 and 38-92 are tentatively set for November 5, 1992 and November 19, 1992. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 23 days in advance of hearing date.

**DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - OCTOBER 26, 1992**

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

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

**CASE 10490:** (Continued from September 3, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

**Application of Noranda Minerals Inc. requesting the Division to rescind or deny an application to drill a certain well in the oil/potash area, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order denying or rescinding the approval of an "Application for Permit to Drill" which would authorize Yates Petroleum Corporation to drill its Snyder "AKY" Well No. 1 at a standard oil well location in the NW/4 SW/4 (Unit L) of Section 1, Township 20 South, Range 32 East, (approximately 3 miles north of the junction of U.S. Highway 62/180 and State Highway 176). Said location is within the designated oil/potash area as described in and governed under the provisions of Division Order No. R-111-P.

**DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - OCTOBER 29, 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 10100:** In the matter of Case 10100 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Division Order No. R-9330, which order promulgated special operating rules and regulations for the San Isidro (Shallow) Unit in Sandoval County. Operators in said unit may appear and show cause why the continuation of the foregoing special operating rules and regulations governing the Rio Puerco-Mancos Oil Pool within said Unit Area are consistent with sound engineering and conservation practices and show cause why such procedures should remain in effect.

**CASE 10560:** (Continued from October 15, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

**Application of Conoco 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 Canyon formation underlying the NE/4 of Section 17, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, forming a standard 160-acre spacing and proration unit for any and all formations spaced on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent, which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the North Dagger Draw-Pennsylvanian Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to the existing Southwest Royalties, Inc. Dagger Draw Well No. 1 located at a standard location 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit B) of said Section 17, said unit and well were the subject of Division Case No. 10471. 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 unit is located approximately 6.5 miles northwest of Seven Rivers, New Mexico.

**CASE 10574:** **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, at approximately 8,200 feet, underlying the following described acreage in Section 14, Township 20 South, Range 24 East, and in the following described manner: the N/2 to form a single standard 320-acre spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within said vertical extent (which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the South Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool); the NE/4 and NW/4 to form two standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration units for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent; and the NW/4 NE/4 and SW/4 NW/4 to form two standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration units for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within said vertical extent. The proposed 320-acre unit is to be dedicated to either a single well to be drilled at a standard location in Unit B or Unit E or to both wells to be simultaneously dedicated to the 320-acre unit. Further the 160-acre gas unit comprising the NE/4 and the 40-acre oil unit comprising the NW/4 NE/4 are to be dedicated to the proposed well to be drilled in Unit B. The 160-acre gas unit comprising the NW/4 and the 40-acre oil unit comprising the SW/4 NW/4 are to be dedicated to the proposed well to be drilled in Unit E. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well or wells and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as the operator of each well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well or wells. The subject area in this matter is located approximately 7.5 miles west by south of Seven Rivers, New Mexico.