STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 10614

APPLICATION OF WJC INC. FOR SALT WATER DISPOSAL, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This prehearing statement is submitted by William F. Carr, as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

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STATEMENT OF CASE

<u>APPLICANT</u>

WJC, Inc., applicant in the above-styled cause seeks authority to dispose of salt water into the lower Devonian and Ellenberger formations through an open hole interval at a depth of 12.337 feet to 14,209 feet, using its D.F. Willhoit Well No. 2, located 660 feet from the South and West lines, (Unit M), Section 18, Township 17 South, Range 39 East.

OPPOSITION OR OTHER PARTY

(Please make a concise statement of the basis for opposing this application or otherwise state the position of the party filing this statement.)

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

<u>APPLICANT</u>

WITNESSES (Name and expertise)

Michael J. Pierce, Geologist 15 Minutes Plat
C-108
Cross-Section
Structure Map

Notice Affidavit

OPPOSITION

WITNESSES EST. TIME EXHIBITS (Name and expertise)

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Signature

Docket No. 41-92

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - DECEMBER 3, 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 10569: (Continued from November 19, 1992, Examiner Hearing.) (This Case Will Be Dismissed.)

Application of Hallwood Petroleum Inc. 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 the E/2 of Section 35, Township 32 South, Range 13 West, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location in the NE/4 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 the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 1.5 miles northeast of La Plata, New Mexico.

CASE 10613: Application of WJC Inc. for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the San Andres and Bone Spring formations through an open hole interval at a depth of 5000 feet to 8360 feet, using its J.G. Cox Well No. 1 located 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit C) of Section 13, Township 17 South, Range 38 East. This location is approximately 1 mile east of Knowles, NM.

CASE 19614: Application of WJC Inc. for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the lower Devonian and Ellenberger formations through an open hole interval at a depth of 12,337 feet to 14,209 feet, using its D.F. Willhoit Well No. 2, located 660 feet from the South and West lines, (Unit M), Section 18, Township 17 South, Range 39 East. This location is approximately 2 miles east-southeast of Knowles, NM.

CASE 10600: (Continued from November 19, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of BK Petroleum, Inc. for salt water disposal, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Gallegos Gallup Associated Pool through the perforated interval from approximately 4850 feet to 5028 feet in its Nelson Well No. 1 located 990 feet from the North line and 1090 feet from the East line (Unit A) of Section 8, Township 26 North, Range 12 West, which is approximately 16 miles south by east of Farmington, New Mexico.

CASE 10615: Application of Pro New Mexico, Inc. for a non-standard gas proration unit or, in the alternative, for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an exception to RULE 4 of the Special Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool, as promulgated by Division Order No. R-8768, as amended, approving the creation of a non-standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit that incorporates the SW/4 of Section 5, Township 25 North, Range 11 West; OR. IN THE ALTERNATIVE, the applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool underlying Lots 3 and 4, the S/2 NW/4, and SW/4 (W/2 equivalent) of said Section 5 forming a standard 320.48-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool. In either instance a well to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location 1845 feet from the South line and 1835 feet from the West line (Unit K) of said Section 5 is to be dedicated to the resulting gas spacing and proration unit. Also to be considered, if a compulsory pooling order is sought, 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. The area involved in this matter is located approximately 2 miles south-southwest of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Huerfano Community School.

CASE 10108: (Reopened) (Continued from November 5, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

In the matter of Case 10108 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Division Order No. R-5353-L, as amended, which order amended the special rules and regulations for the South Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool in Eddy County. Operators in said pool may appear and show cause why the amended temporary special rules and regulations for said South Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool should not be rescinded.

CASE 10616: 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 the S/2 of Section 20, Township 28 North, Range 8 West, forming a standard 320.00-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 SW/4 of said Section 20. 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 9 miles southeast by east of Blanco. New Mexico.

CASE 10607: (Continued from November 19, 1992, Examiner Hearing.) (This Case Will Be Dismissed.)

Application of SG Interests I, Ltd. for compulsory pooling and a non-standard gas proration unit, 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, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, the W/2 NE/4, E/2 NW/4, NE/4 SW/4 and NW/4 SE/4 (N/2 and N/2 S/2 equivalents) of Section 19, Township 29 North, Range 9 West, forming a non-standard 409.34-acre, more or less, 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 equivalent of said Section 19. 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 southeast of Blanco, New Mexico.

CASE 10608; (Continued from November 19, 1992, Examiner Hearing.) (This Case Will Be Dismissed.)

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 the W/2 of Section 28, Township 29 North, Range 10 West, forming a standard 320.00-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 SW/4 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 said well. Said unit is located approximately 5 miles east by south of Bloomfield, New Mexico.

CASE 10609: (Continued from November 19, 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 the N/2 of Section 24, Township 29 North, Range 10 West, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to its Archunde 29-10-24 Well No. 1 which was recently drilled at a previously approved unorthodox coal gas well location 1030 feet from the North line and 640 feet from the East line (Unit A) of said Section 24 (Division Administrative Order NSL-3173). 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 one-half mile south of Blanco, New Mexico.

CASE 10610: (Continued from November 19, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of SG Interests I, Ltd. for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox coal gas well location, 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 the S/2 of Section 21, Township 29 North, Range 10 West, forming a standard 320.00-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox coal gas well location 1165 feet from the South line and 645 feet from the West line (Unit M) of said Section 21. 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 miles east of Bloomfield, New Mexico.

CASE 10577: (Continued from November 19, 1992, Examiner Hearing.) (This Case Will Be Dismissed.)

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.