

**DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - MARCH 4, 1993**  
**8:15 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION CONFERENCE ROOM, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING,**  
**SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

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 D) 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.

**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 Lindrith, 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 Lindrith, New Mexico.