

**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. 10740
Order No. R-9903**

**APPLICATION OF ENRON OIL AND
GAS COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY
POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on June 17, 1993, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner David R. Catanach.

NOW, on this 1st day of July, 1993, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS THAT:

- (1) Due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) The applicant, Enron Oil and Gas Company, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Delaware formation underlying the SW/4 SW/4 of Section 31, Township 22 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit. Said unit is to be dedicated to the applicant's proposed Silverton "31" Federal Well No. 1 to be drilled at a standard oil well location thereon.
- (3) The applicant has the right to drill and proposes to drill its Silverton "31" Federal Well No. 1 at a standard oil well location within the SW/4 SW/4 of Section 31.
- (4) There are interest owners in the proposed proration unit who have not agreed to pool their interests.

(5) To avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, to protect correlative rights, to avoid waste, and to afford to the owner of each interest in said unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense his just and fair share of the production in any pool completion resulting from this order, the subject application should be approved by pooling all mineral interests, whatever they may be, within said unit.

(6) The applicant should be designated the operator of the subject well and unit.

(7) Any non-consenting working interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production.

(8) Any non-consenting working interest owner who does not pay his share of estimated well costs should have withheld from production his share of the reasonable well costs plus an additional 200 percent thereof as a reasonable charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well.

(9) Any non-consenting working interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to object to the actual well costs but actual well costs should be adopted as the reasonable well costs in the absence of such objection.

(10) Following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner who has paid his share of estimated costs should pay to the operator any amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and should receive from the operator any amount that paid estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.

(11) \$4,700.00 per month while drilling and \$500.00 per month while producing should be fixed as reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates); the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charges attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating the subject well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.

(12) All proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason should be placed in escrow to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership.

(13) Upon the failure of the operator of said pooled unit to commence the drilling of the well to which said unit is dedicated on or before October 1, 1993, the order pooling said unit should become null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

(14) Should all the parties to this forced pooling order reach voluntary agreement subsequent to entry of this order, this order shall thereafter be of no further effect.

(15) The operator of the well and unit shall notify the Director of the Division in writing of the subsequent voluntary agreement of all parties subject to the forced pooling provisions of this order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) All mineral interests, whatever they may be, from the surface to the base of the Delaware formation underlying the SW/4 SW/4 of Section 31, Township 22 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, are hereby pooled forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit. Said unit shall be dedicated to the applicant's Silverton "31" Federal Well No. 1 to be drilled at a standard oil well location thereon.

PROVIDED HOWEVER THAT, the operator of said unit shall commence the drilling of said well on or before the 1st day of October, 1993, and shall thereafter continue the drilling of said well with due diligence to a depth sufficient to test the Delaware formation.

PROVIDED FURTHER THAT, in the event said operator does not commence the drilling of said well on or before the 1st day of October, 1993, Ordering Paragraph No. (1) of this order shall be null and void and of no effect whatsoever, unless said operator obtains a time extension from the Division Director for good cause shown.

PROVIDED FURTHER THAT, should said well not be drilled to completion, or abandonment, within 120 days after commencement thereof, said operator shall appear before the Division Director and show cause why Ordering Paragraph No. (1) of this order should not be rescinded.

(2) Enron Oil and Gas Company is hereby designated the operator of the subject well and unit.

(3) After the effective date of this order and within 90 days prior to commencing said well, the operator shall furnish the Division and each known working interest owner in the subject unit an itemized schedule of estimated well costs.

(4) Within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him, any non-consenting working interest owner shall have the right to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production, and any such owner who pays his share of estimated well costs as provided above shall remain liable for operating costs but shall not be liable for risk charges.

(5) The operator shall furnish the Division and each known working interest owner an itemized schedule of actual well costs within 90 days following completion of the well; if no objection to the actual well costs is received by the Division and the Division has not objected within 45 days following receipt of said schedule, the actual well costs shall be the reasonable well costs; provided however, if there is objection to actual well costs within said 45-day period the Division will determine reasonable well costs after public notice and hearing.

(6) Within 60 days following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner who has paid his share of estimated well costs in advance as provided above shall pay to the operator his pro rata share of the amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and shall receive from the operator his pro rata share of the amount that estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.

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- (A) The pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.
- (B) As a charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well, 200 percent of the pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.

(8) The operator shall distribute said costs and charges withheld from production to the parties who advanced the well costs.

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(10) Any unleased mineral interest shall be considered a seven-eighths (7/8) working interest and a one-eighth (1/8) royalty interest for the purpose of allocating costs and charges under the terms of this order.

(11) Any well costs or charges which are to be paid out of production shall be withheld only from the working interest's share of production, and no costs or charges shall be withheld from production attributable to royalty interests.

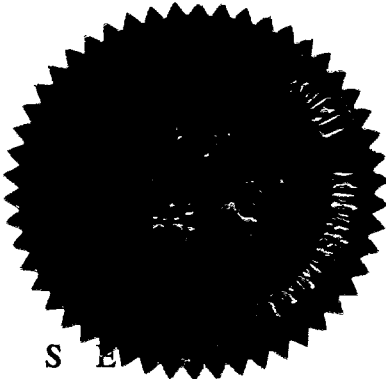
(12) All proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason shall immediately be placed in escrow in Lea County, New Mexico, to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership; the operator shall notify the Division of the name and address of said escrow agent within 30 days from the date of first deposit with said escrow agent.

(13) Should all the parties to this forced pooling order reach voluntary agreement subsequent to entry of this order, this order shall thereafter be of no further effect.

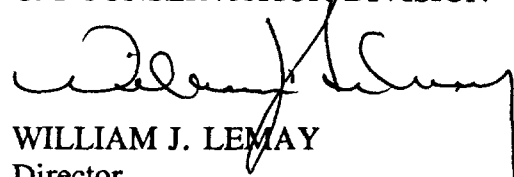
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(15) Jurisdiction is hereby retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.



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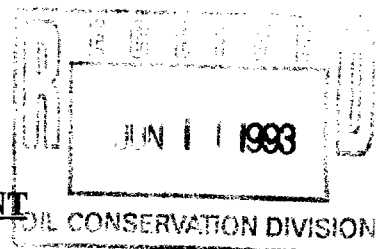

WILLIAM J. LEMAY
Director

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PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

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

APPEARANCES OF PARTIES

APPLICANT

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STATEMENT OF CASE

APPLICANT

Enron Oil & Gas Company, applicant in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Delaware formation underlying the SW/4 SW/4 of Section 31, Township 22 South, Range 32 East. Said unit is to be dedicated to its Silverton 31 Federal Well No. 1 to be drilled at a standard location in the SW/4 SW/4 of said Section 31. 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.

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

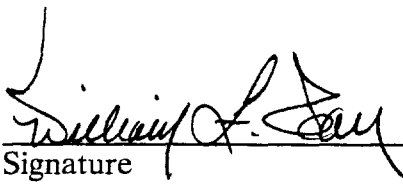
APPLICANT

WITNESSES (Name and expertise)	EST. TIME	EXHIBITS
Patrick J. Tower, (Landman)	10 Min.	Approximately 4
Bruce Insalaco, (Geologist)	15 Min.	Approximately 3
Randy Cate, (Engineer)	10 Min.	Approximately 1

OPPOSITION

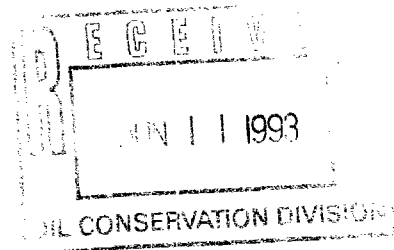
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CASE NO. 10,740

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This pre-hearing statement is submitted by Mitchell Energy Corporation as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

APPEARANCE OF PARTIES

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OPPOSITION OR OTHER PARTY

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STATEMENT OF CASE

APPLICANT

OPPOSITION

Mitchell is a working interest owner in Enron’s proposed well, and seeks to preserve its rights in the event the parties do not come to terms. Mitchell seeks to minimize any penalty which may be assessed against non-consenting interests.

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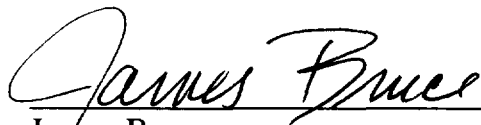
OPPOSITION

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1.	Larry D. Cunningham (Landman)	5 minutes	(a) Correspondence
2.	Ted Gawloski (Geologist)	10 minutes	(a) Structure map (b) Porosity isopach
3.	Carl Richard (Engineer)	Possible witness	

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Respectfully submitted,

HINKLE, COX, EATON, COFFIELD
& HENSLEY

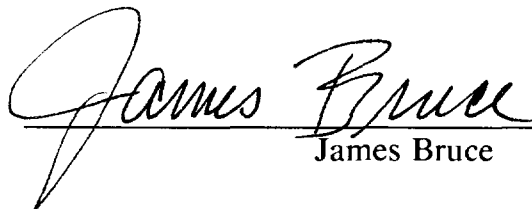


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Attorneys for Mitchell Energy Corporation

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Pre-Hearing Statement was mailed to William F. Carr, Esq., Campbell, Carr, Berge & Sheridan, Post Office Box 2008, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2008, this 11th day of June, 1993, by first-class mail, postage prepaid.


James Bruce

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