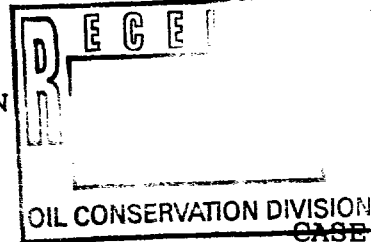


STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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



CASE NO. 10780
CASE NO. 10781
CASE NO. 10782

APPLICATIONS OF MARATHON OIL COMPANY
FOR THREE UNORTHODOX
GAS WELL LOCATIONS,
SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CONSOLIDATED
PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This pre-hearing statement is submitted by MARATHON OIL
COMPANY as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

APPEARANCE OF PARTIES

APPLICANT

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STATEMENT OF CASE

APPLICANT:

MARATHON OIL COMPANY seeks drill three "off-pattern" wells in the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool as follows:

NMOCD Case 10780:	Bolack Well No 9-3 Unit C Section 9 T27N, R11W E/2 dedication
NMOCD Case 10782:	Bolack Well No 9-4 Unit I Section 9 T27N, R11W W/2 dedication
NMOCD Case 10781:	Schwerdtfeger Well No 1702 Unit I Section 17 T27N, R11W E/2 dedication

Each of the unorthodox locations is located at a standard footage distance from the spacing unit line but is unorthodox because it is located in either the SE/4 or NW/4 of the Section rather than the NE/4 or SW/4.

Each of the three unorthodox locations has satisfied the surface location limitations imposed by the "NAPI" irrigation project. Each well is a replacement well to an original well in each spacing unit drilled in the correct quarter section.

These wells are in the under pressure area of the pool and are intended to replace poor producing wells thereby providing a better opportunity than the original wells to produce coal gas reserves underlying these spacing units.

No reservoir damage will occur and offsetting operators do not object.

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PROPOSED EVIDENCE

APPLICANT

WITNESSES	EST. TIME	EXHIBITS
Craig Kent (petroleum engineer)	30 min.	5

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Applicant proposes to consolidate all three cases for purposes of hearing.

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By: 

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IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
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CASE NO. 10781
(Reopened)

APPLICATION OF MARATHON OIL COMPANY
FOR AN UNORTHODOX COAL
GAS WELL LOCATION,
SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This Prehearing Statement is submitted by Campbell, Carr, Berge & Sheridan, P.A.,
as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

APPEARANCES OF PARTIES

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OPPOSITION OR OTHER PARTY

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STATEMENT OF CASE

APPLICANT

(Please make a concise statement of what is being sought with this application and the reasons therefore.)

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.)

Roddy Production Company will present evidence in support of its request that the proposed well location either be denied or that a substantial production penalty be imposed on the well's ability to produce.

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

APPLICANT

WITNESSES
(Name and expertise)

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EXHIBITS

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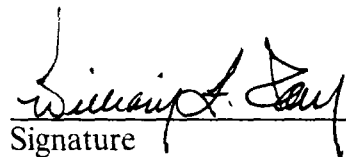
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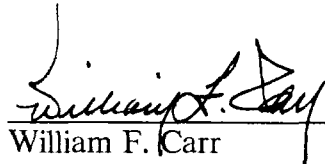
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Signature

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that on this 17th day of September, 1993, I have caused to be mailed a copy of our Pre-Hearing Statement in the above-captioned case to:

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