

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - JUNE 23, 1994
8:15 A.M. - MORGAN HALL, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Dockets Nos. 20-94 and 21-94 are tentatively set for July 7, 1994 and July 21, 1994. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 23 days in advance of hearing date. The following cases will be heard by an Examiner:

CASE 10976: (Continued from June 9, 1994, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Harvey E. Yates Company 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 Morrow formation underlying the E/2 of Section 32, Township 17 South, Range 31 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. 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 the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling and completing said well. Said unit is located approximately 1.5 miles southwest of the junction of U.S. Highway 82 and State Road 529.

CASE 11002: **Application of West Largo Corporation for compulsory pooling, Sandoval County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Rusty-Chacra Pool underlying the SW/4 of Section 4, Township 21 North, Range 6 West, forming a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said 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 the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling and completing said well. Said unit is located approximately 9 miles south of Counselor, New Mexico.

CASE 11003: **Application of Hal J. Rasmussen Operating, Inc. for a pressure maintenance project, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a pressure maintenance project on its Farnsworth A Lease in Section 13, Township 26 South, Range 36 East, by the injection of water into the Seven Rivers formation, Scarborough Yates-Seven Rivers Pool, through its Farnsworth A Wells No. 1 and 2 located in Units A and P, respectively, of said Section 13. Said project is located approximately 4 miles south-southwest of Jal, New Mexico.

CASE 11004: **Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for thirteen unorthodox infill gas well locations, Chaves County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of thirteen certain Pecos Slope-Abo Gas Pool infill gas well locations all located within its pilot enhanced gas recovery project, which was the subject of Division Order No. R-9976 and in Division Case No. 10981, comprising portions of Townships 5, 6, and 7 South, Ranges 25 and 26 East.

CASE 11005: **Application of Texaco Exploration and Production Inc. for pool reclassification, vertical extension, horizontal contraction and expansion, special pool rules, and for a special depth bracket allowable, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to extend the vertical limits of the North Teague-Lower Paddock-Blinbry Gas Pool, presently comprising the N/2 of Section 9, Township 23 South, Range 37 East, to include the Tubb, Drinkard and Abo formations. Applicant also seeks to reclassify said pool as an oil pool and to contract its horizontal limits to delete the E/2 NE/4 of said Section 9 and to expand said boundary to include the N/2 SW/4 of said Section 9 and the E/2 NE/4 of offsetting Section 8. Further, the applicant seeks the promulgation of special pool rules including a gas-oil ratio limitation of 10,000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil and the assignment of a special depth bracket allowable of 400 barrels of oil per day. Said pool is located approximately 8 miles south of Eunice, New Mexico.

CASE 10994: (Continued from June 9, 1993, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Enserch Exploration, Inc. for the assignment at a special depth bracket oil allowable, Roosevelt County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks a special depth bracket oil allowable, pursuant to General Rule 505(d), of 500 barrels of oil per day for the South Peterson-Fusselman Pool, which is located in portions of Townships 5 and 6 South, Ranges 32 and 33 East, being approximately 14 miles east of Kenna, New Mexico.

CASE 11006: **Application of Maralex Resources, 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 Lots 1 and 2, NE/4, E/2 NW/4 of Section 19, Township 30 North, Range 11 West, forming a standard 327.10-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said well is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the NE/4 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 and completing said well. Said unit is located approximately 2.5 miles south of the Aztec, New Mexico Municipal Airport.

CASE 11007: Application of Maralex Resources, 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 Gas Pool underlying Lots 3, 4 and 5 and the E/2 SW/4, N/2 SE/4 and SW/4 SE/4 of Section 19, Township 30 North, Range 11 West, forming a standard 326.26-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said well is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard coal 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 the operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling and completing said well. Said unit is located approximately 2.5 miles south of the Aztec, New Mexico Municipal Airport.

CASE 11008: Application of GECKO, Inc. for an unorthodox oil well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox oil well location to be drilled 2414 feet from the North line and 1109 feet from the West line (Unit E) of Section 36, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, to test the Shipp-Strawn Pool, the S/2 NW/4 of said Section 36 to be dedicated to said well to form a standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said unit is located approximately 5.5 miles north of Humble City, New Mexico.

CASE 11009: Application of GECKO, Inc. for an unorthodox oil well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox oil well location to be drilled 555 feet from the South line and 1648 feet from the West line (Unit N) of Section 26, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, Casey-Strawn Pool. The S/2 SW/4 of said Section 26 is to be dedicated to said well to form a standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration for said pool. Said unit is located approximately 6.5 miles north of Humble City, New Mexico.

CASE 10996: (Continued from June 9, 1994, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Anadarko Petroleum Corporation for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Morrow formation underlying the W/2 of Section 22, Township 18 South, Range 32 East, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit. Said unit is to be dedicated to its existing Querecho Plains Unit Well No. 1 which was drilled at a standard gas well location 1980 feet from the South and West lines (Unit K) of said Section 22. Also to be considered will be the valuation of the existing wellbore and the cost of recompleting 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 recompleting said well. Said unit is located approximately 8 miles south-southwest from Maljamar, New Mexico.

CASE 10962: (Continued from June 9, 1994, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Maralo, 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 Delaware formation underlying the NE/4 SE/4 of Section 30, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre oil spacing within said vertical extent. Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled and completed at a standard oil well location in the NE/4 SE/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 and completing said well. Said unit is located approximately 10 miles east of Loving, New Mexico.

CASE 11010: Application of Nearburg Exploration Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the top of the Wolfcamp formation to the base of the Morrow formation, underlying the S/2 of Section 22, Township 19 South, Range 25 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 Undesignated Cemetery-Morrow Gas Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to its B&B Well No. 2 to be drilled and completed at a standard gas well location (Unit O) in said Section 22. 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 6 miles west of Lakewood, New Mexico.

CASE 11328: (Continued from August 10, 1995, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Merriam Oil & Gas Corporation for a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project and for the promulgation of special operating rules therefor, Sandoval County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to initiate a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project in the Media-Entrada Oil Pool within its proposed Media Entrada Secondary (Federal) Unit comprising portions of Sections 14, 15, 22, and 23, Township 19 North, Range 3 West. Further, the applicant seeks the promulgation of special operating rules and procedures for wells within said Unit Area including provisions for administrative authorization for horizontal wells, the formation of oversized and irregular shaped spacing and proration units to accommodate such wellbores, the assignment of a special oil allowable or formula for the project area and the designation of a target window such that horizontal or producing portions of such a wellbore shall be no closer than 330 feet to the outer boundary of the project area. Said area is located approximately 14 miles southwest of Cuba, New Mexico.

CASE 11329: (Continued from August 10, 1995, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Merriam Oil & Gas Corporation to amend Division Order No. R-9079, to extend the horizontal limits of the existing high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project area, and to adopt additional special operating rules therefor, McKinley County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to amend Division Order No. R-9079 by extending the project area approved therein to include the N/2 NW/4, SE/4 NW/4, NE/4 SW/4, and S/2 SW/4 of Section 15 and the SE/4 NE/4 and NE/4 SE/4 of Section 16, of Township 19 North, Range 5 West. Further, the applicant seeks the promulgation of special operating rules and procedures for wells within said Cooperative Area including provisions for administrative authorization for horizontal wells, the formation of oversized and irregular shaped spacing and proration units to accommodate such wellbores, the assignment of a special oil allowable or formula for the project area and the designation of a target window such that horizontal or producing portions of such a wellbore shall be no closer than 330 feet to the outer boundary of the project area. Said area is located approximately 22 miles northwest of San Luis, New Mexico.

CASES 10793, 10981, and 11004: (Reopened)

In the matter of Case Nos. 10793, 10981, and 11004 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Division Order Nos. R-9976 and R-9976-A, which orders established a "pilot infill drilling program" in the Pecos Slope-Abo Gas Pool in portions of Townships 5, 6, and 7 South, Ranges 25 and 26 East, Chaves County. The applicant in this matter, Yates Petroleum Corporation, seeks the promulgation of special rules and regulations for the currently unprorated Pecos Slope-Abo Gas Pool, based on the geologic and engineering data acquired from the pilot program, including provisions to permit the optional drilling of an additional well on each 160-acre standard gas spacing and proration unit, designated well location requirements, and any other provisions deemed necessary in the implementation of "infill drilling" in said pool. Currently the Pecos Slope-Abo Gas Pool comprises approximately 199,000 acres in all or portions of Townships 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 South, Ranges 24, 25, 26, and 27 East.

CASE 11364: Application of Nearburg Exploration Company 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 SW/4 of Section 22, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, to form 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 its Ross Ranch "22" Well No. 8 (API No. 30-015-28487) to be drilled at a standard location in the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) of said Section 22. 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 unit, and a charge for risk involved in drilling and completing said well. Said unit is located approximately 14 miles south of the Artesia Municipal Airport at Artesia, New Mexico.

CASE 11360: (Continued from August 10, 1995, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Nearburg Exploration Company 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 Morrow formation, underlying the following described acreage in Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 27 East, and in the following manner: the W/2 to form 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 Undesignated Jennings Spring-Wolfcamp Gas Pool, Undesignated Red Lake-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Undesignated Logan Draw-Cisco/Canyon Gas Pool, Undesignated Scoggin Draw-Atoka Gas Pool, Undesignated Logan Draw-Morrow Gas Pool, Undesignated West Logan Draw-Morrow Gas Pool, and Undesignated Scoggin Draw-Morrow Gas Pool; and, the SW/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. Said units are to be dedicated to a single well to be drilled and completed 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 Nearburg Producing Company as the operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said well location is approximately 3 miles south of Riverside, New Mexico.

CASES 10793, 10981, and 11004: (Reopened - Continued from September 7, 1995, Examiner Hearing.)

In the matter of Case Nos. 10793, 10981, and 11004 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Division Order Nos. R-9976 and R-9976-A, which orders established a "pilot infill drilling program" in the Pecos Slope-Abo Gas Pool in portions of Townships 5, 6, and 7 South, Ranges 25 and 26 East, Chaves County. **The applicant in this matter, Yates Petroleum Corporation, seeks the promulgation of special rules and regulations for the currently unprorated Pecos Slope-Abo Gas Pool,** based on the geologic and engineering data acquired from the pilot program, including provisions to permit the optional drilling of an additional well on each 160-acre standard gas spacing and proration unit, designated well location requirements, and any other provisions deemed necessary in the implementation of "infill drilling" in said pool. Currently the Pecos Slope-Abo Gas Pool comprises approximately 199,000 acres in all or portions of Townships 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 South, Ranges 24, 25, 26, and 27 East.

DOCKET NO. 33-95

DOCKET: COMMISSION HEARING - THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 9, 1995**9:00 A.M. - 2040 SOUTH PACHECO - SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO****The Land Commissioner's designee for this hearing will be Jami Bailey****CASE 11353:** (Continued from October 12, 1995, Commission Hearing.)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division to amend Rule 303.C. of its General Rules and Regulations pertaining to downhole commingling. The proposed amendments to Rule 303.C. would provide for administrative approval of applications for types of downhole commingling currently requiring notice and hearing.

CASE 11297: (De Novo)

Application of Exxon Corporation for a waterflood project, qualification for the recovered oil tax rate pursuant to the "New Mexico Enhanced Oil Recovery Act" for said project, and for 18 non-standard oil well locations, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval to institute a waterflood project in the designated and Undesignated Avalon-Delaware Pool within its proposed Avalon Delaware Unit Area (being the subject of Case No. 11298) located in portions of Townships 20 and 21 South, Ranges 27 and 28 East, by the injection of water through 18 new wells to be drilled as injection wells and one well to be converted from a producing oil well to an injection well. Applicant further seeks to qualify this project for the recovered oil tax rate pursuant to the "New Mexico Enhanced Oil Recovery Act" (Law 1992, Chapter 38, Sections 1 through 5). Applicant further seeks approval to drill 18 new producing wells throughout the project area at locations considered to be unorthodox. The proposed unit area is centered approximately 8 miles north of Carlsbad, New Mexico. Upon the application of Premier Oil & Gas, Inc., this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 11298: (De Novo)

Application of Exxon Corporation for statutory unitization, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order unitizing, for the purpose of establishing a waterflood project, all mineral interests in the designated and Undesignated Avalon-Delaware Pool underlying its proposed Avalon Delaware Unit Area encompassing some 2,140.14 acres, more or less, of Federal, State, and Fee lands comprising portions of Sections 25 and 35, Township 20 South, Range 27 East, all or portions of Sections 29, 30, 31, and 32, Township 20 South, Range 28 East, and portions of Sections 4, 5, and 6, Township 21 South, Range 28 East. Among the matters to be considered at the hearing, pursuant to the "New Mexico Statutory Unitization Act", Sections 70-7-1 et. seq., NMSA, will be the necessity of unit operations; the designation of a unit operator; the determination of horizontal and vertical limits of the unit area; the determination of the fair, reasonable and equitable allocation of production and costs of production, including capital investments, to each of the various tracts in the unit area; the determination of credits and charges to be made among the various owners in the unit area for their investment in wells and equipment; and such other matters as may be necessary and appropriate for carrying on efficient unit operations, including, but not necessarily limited to unit voting procedures, selection, removal or substitution of the unit operator, and time of commencement and termination of unit operations. Said unit area is centered approximately 8 miles north of Carlsbad, New Mexico. Upon the application of Premier Oil & Gas, Inc., this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 11413: (Continued from October 19, 1995, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Amoco Production Company for surface commingling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval to surface commingle Blanco Mesaverde Pool gas production with Basin Dakota Pool gas production within the wellbore of its Blanco Com Well No. 1A, located 1120 feet from the South line and 950 feet from the East line (Unit P) of irregular Section 2, Township 30 North, Range 11 West. Said well is located approximately 1 1/2 miles northeast of Aztec, New Mexico. IN THE ABSENCE OF OBJECTION, THIS APPLICATION WILL BE TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT.

CASE 11408: (Continued from October 19, 1995, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Morton Exploratory Unit Agreement for an area comprising 2,178.68 acres, more or less, of State and Fee lands comprising all or portions of Sections 33 and 33, Township 14 South, Range 35 East, and Sections 4, 5 and 6 of Township 15 South, Range 35 East, which is located approximately 14 miles south-southwest of Tatum, New Mexico.

CASE 11420: **Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for a unit agreement, Roosevelt County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of a unit agreement for its proposed Sawyer North Unit Area containing 1,012.04 acres, more or less, of Federal and State lands in portions of Sections 32 and 33, Township 8 South, Range 38 East. Said unit area is located approximately 17 miles east by north of Crossroads, New Mexico.

CASE 11421: **Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for the promulgation of special rules and regulations for the South Pecos Slope-Abo Gas Pool, Chaves County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the promulgation of special rules and regulations for the currently unprorated South Pecos Slope-Abo Gas Pool, including provisions to permit the optional drilling of an additional well on each 160-acre standard gas spacing and proration unit, designated well location requirements, and any other provisions deemed necessary in the implementation of "infill drilling" in said pool. Currently the South Pecos Slope-Abo Gas Pool comprises approximately 73,440 acres in portions of Townships 8, 9, 10, and 11 South, Ranges 24, 25, 26, and 27 East.

CASE 11422: **Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for the promulgation of special rules and regulations for the West Pecos Slope-Abo Gas Pool, Chaves County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the promulgation of special rules and regulations for the currently unprorated West Pecos Slope-Abo Gas Pool, including provisions to permit the optional drilling of an additional well on each 160-acre standard gas spacing and proration unit, designated well location requirements, and any other provisions deemed necessary in the implementation of "infill drilling" in said pool. Currently the West Pecos Slope-Abo Gas Pool comprises approximately 92,480 acres in portions of Townships 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 South, Ranges 21, 22, and 23 East.

CASE 11399: (Continued from October 5, 1995, Examiner Hearing.)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") on its own motion to permit the operator, Diamond Back Petroleum Inc. and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the following two wells located in Eddy County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program. Further, should the operator fail to properly plug any or all of said wells, the Division seeks an order directing the operator to pay the costs of such plugging and if failing to do so, ordering a forfeiture of the plugging bond, if any, covering said wells:

Margie Kay Well No. 1, located 1980 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit F) of Section 7, Township 17 South, Range 28 East.

Margie Kay Well No. 1, located 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line (Unit L) of Section 7, Township 17 South, Range 28 East.

CASES 10793, 10981, and 11004: (Reopened - Continued from November 2, 1995, Examiner Hearing.)

In the matter of Case Nos. 10793, 10981, and 11004 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Division Order Nos. R-9976 and R-9976-A, which orders established a "pilot infill drilling program" in the Pecos Slope-Abo Gas Pool in portions of Townships 5, 6, and 7 South, Ranges 25 and 26 East, Chaves County. **The applicant in this matter, Yates Petroleum Corporation, seeks the promulgation of special rules and regulations for the currently unprorated Pecos Slope-Abo Gas Pool,** based on the geologic and engineering data acquired from the pilot program, including provisions to permit the optional drilling of an additional well on each 160-acre standard gas spacing and proration unit, designated well location requirements, and any other provisions deemed necessary in the implementation of "infill drilling" in said pool. Currently the Pecos Slope-Abo Gas Pool comprises approximately 199,000 acres in all or portions of Townships 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 South, Ranges 24, 25, 26, and 27 East.

CASE 11448: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") on its own motion to permit Rhonda Operating Co., owner/operator, American Employers' Insurance Company, surety, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the State 29 Well No. 2, located 1977 feet from the North line and 670 feet from the East line (Unit H) of Section 29, Township 8 South, Range 33 East, Chaves County, New Mexico (which is approximately 17 miles southeast of Kenna, New Mexico), should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program. Should the operator fail to properly plug said well, the Division should then be authorized to take such action as is deemed necessary to have the well properly plugged and abandoned and to direct the owner/operator to pay the costs of such plugging.

CASE 11449: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") on its own motion to permit Abbott Ventures, operator, Ralph Abbott, owner, Allied Fidelity Insurance Company, surety, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the N.E. Hogback State NM Well No. 1 (API No. 30-045-09592), located 365 feet from the North line and 330 feet from the East line (Unit A) of Section 16, Township 30 North, Range 16 West, San Juan County, New Mexico (which is approximately 9.25 miles east by north of Shiprock, New Mexico), should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program. Should the operator fail to properly plug said well, the Division should then be authorized to take such action as is deemed necessary to have the well properly plugged and abandoned and to direct the owner/operator to pay the costs of such plugging.

CASE 11450: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") on its own motion to permit Ralph Abbott, owner/operator, Aetna Casualty and Surety Company, surety, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Palmer Well No. 1 (API No. 30-045-24691), located 1735 feet from the North line and 1695 feet from the East line (Unit G) of Section 17, Township 29 North, Range 13 West, San Juan County, New Mexico (which is approximately one mile south of the Four Corners Regional Airport in Farmington, New Mexico), should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program. Should the operator fail to properly plug said well, the Division should then be authorized to take such action as is deemed necessary to have the well properly plugged and abandoned and to direct the owner/operator to pay the costs of such plugging.

CASE 11399: (Continued from November 2, 1995, Examiner Hearing.)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") on its own motion to permit the operator, Diamond Back Petroleum Inc. and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the following two wells located in Eddy County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program. Further, should the operator fail to properly plug any or all of said wells, the Division seeks an order directing the operator to pay the costs of such plugging and if failing to do so, ordering a forfeiture of the plugging bond, if any, covering said wells:

Margie Kay Well No. 1, located 1980 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit F) of Section 7, Township 17 South, Range 28 East.

Margie Kay Well No. 1, located 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line (Unit L) of Section 7, Township 17 South, Range 28 East.

DOCKET: COMMISSION HEARING - THURSDAY - JANUARY 18, 1996
9:00 A.M. - 2040 SOUTH PACHECO - SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO
The Land Commissioner's designee for this hearing will be Jami Bailey

CASE 11354: (De Novo - Continued from December 14, 1995, Commission Hearing.)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") on its own motion to permit the operator, Nerdhlic Company, Inc., and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the following five wells in McKinley County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program. Further should the operator fail to properly plug any or all of said wells, the Division seeks an order directing the operator to pay the costs of such plugging and if failing to do so, ordering a forfeiture of the "blanket" cash plugging bond covering said wells and authorizing the Director of the Division to make demand upon United New Mexico Bank in Santa Fe, New Mexico to pay to the Division so much of the funds of the certificate of deposit given as collateral for said bond as is necessary to compensate the costs of plugging any or all of said wells:

- (1) **Inditos Well No. 1** (API No. 30-031-20774), located 2310'FNL & 330'FEL (Unit H) of Section 15, Township 16 North, Range 9 West;
- (2) **Bullseye Well No. 2** (API No. 30-031-20414), located 540'FSL & 1560'FWL (Unit N) of Section 18, Township 16 North, Range 9 West;
- (3) **Bullseye Well No. 9** (API No. 30-031-20576), located 330'FSL & 1650'FEL (Unit O) of Section 18, Township 16 North, Range 9 West;
- (4) **Bullseye Well No. 8** (API No. 30-031-20531), located 330'FNL & 990'FWL (Unit D) of Section 19, Township 16 North, Range 9 West; and,
- (5) **Bullseye "A" Well No. 2** (API No. 30-031-05091), located 990'FS & EL (Unit P) of Section 13, Township 16 North, Range 10 West.

Upon the application of Nerdhlic Company, Inc., this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1.220.

CASE 11353: (Continued from November 9, 1995, Commission Hearing.)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division to amend Rule 303.C. of its General Rules and Regulations pertaining to downhole commingling. The proposed amendments to Rule 303.C. would provide for administrative approval of applications for types of downhole commingling currently requiring notice and hearing.

CASE 11451: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") to reformat its rules and regulations to comply with the New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC), which reformatting is mandated by 14-4-7.2 NMSA 1978. The OCD rules will now be found in NMAC Title 19, Chapter 15 with the rule numbers remaining unchanged. At the same time typographical and grammatical changes will be made to the rules. No substantive changes will be made.

The following orders of more-than-specific application, along with amendments, will now become sections of the NMAC: R-111, R-3221, R-5353, R-7940, and R-8170. OCD form numbers C-134 to C-140 have been added to Rule 1100.D. Parts B, Q and P of 19 NMAC 15 are Reserved. The first 6 sections (1 through 6) of each Part (on each of 19 NMAC 15, Parts A through R) will contain the following information: Issuing Agency, Scope, Statutory Authority, Duration, Effective Date, Objective.

The effective date of the reformatting change will be February 1, 1996. Copies of the proposed reformatted OCD rules may be reviewed at the OCD offices at 2040 S. Pacheco, Santa Fe, NM 87505.

CASE 11452: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission ("Commission") to adopt its annual resolution setting forth reasonable notice standards for Commission public meetings, pursuant to the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, 10-15-1.D. NMSA 1978.

Awaiting Final Commission Action -- No Evidence or Testimony Will Be Taken.

CASE 11351: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division to amend Rule 104 of its General Rules and Regulations pertaining to unorthodox well locations and non-standard units. The proposed amendments to Rule 104 would provide for administrative approval of applications for certain unorthodox well locations and non-standard units currently requiring notice and hearing. A copy of the proposed Rule 104 is attached to this docket.