

Dockets Nos. 9-89 and 10-89 are tentatively set for March 15 and March 29, 1989. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - MARCH 1, 1989

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, or Victor T. Lyon, Alternate Examiners:

CASE 9610: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to permit Knights Bridge Petroleum Corporation and James Marchbanks and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Triple Crown Well No. 1 located 660 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit O) of Section 6, Township 9 North, Range 31 East, Quay County, New Mexico (being located approximately 7.75 miles northeast by north of Quay, New Mexico), should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program. Additionally, the Division seeks an order directing the operator to pay the costs of such plugging and if the Operator fails to do so, ordering a forfeiture of the Operator's bond and authorizing the Director of the Division to make demand upon First National Bank of Tucumcari to pay to the Division so much of the funds of the certificate of deposit given as collateral for the bond as is necessary to pay the costs of plugging said well.

CASE 9589: (Continued from February 15, 1989, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Murphy Operating Corporation for expansion of unit area, Chaves and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to expand the Haley Chaveroo San Andres Unit Area, authorized by Division Order No. R-8750, to include an additional 80 acres of State lands in Section 3, Township 8 South, Range 33 East, Chaveroo-San Andres Pool, Chaves County. Said unit area is located approximately 13 miles west of Milnesand, New Mexico.

CASE 9590: (Continued from February 15, 1989, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Murphy Operating Corporation for area expansion of a waterflood project, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to expand the Haley Chaveroo San Andres Waterflood Project Area, authorized by Division Order No. R-8760, to include an additional 80 acres in Section 3, Township 8 South, Range 33 East, Chaveroo-San Andres Pool, Haley Chaveroo San Andres Unit Area. Said project area is located approximately 13 miles west of Milnesand, New Mexico.

CASE 9611: Application of The Petroleum Corporation of Delaware for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the South and West lines (Unit M) of Section 1, Township 20 South, Range 29 East, Undesignated East Burton Flat-Morrow Gas Pool, the S/2 of said Section 1 to be dedicated to the well forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said location is approximately 3.5 miles west of the Eddy Potash Inc. Mine and Refinery.

CASE 9597: (Readvertised)

Application of Meridian Oil, 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 W/2 of Section 16, Township 30 North, Range 8 West, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, to be dedicated to its Delhi Com Well No. 300 to be drilled at an unorthodox coal gas well location 570 feet from the South line and 185 feet from the West line (Unit M) of said Section 16. 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 operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said well location is approximately 4 miles northwest by west of the Navajo Reservoir Dam.

CASE 9602: (Continued from February 15, 1989, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of BHP Petroleum, Inc. for special COR, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the adoption of special pool rules for the East Avalon-Bone Spring Pool, establishing a limiting gas-oil ratio of 5,000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil. Said pool is located in portions of Townships 20 and 21 South, Ranges 27 and 28 East, which is approximately 9 miles northeast of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

CASE 9612: Application of Pennzoil Company for an unorthodox oil well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox oil well location 1650 feet from the North line and 330 feet from the East line (Unit H) of Section 21, Township 17 South, Range 37 East, Undesignated Humble City-Strawn Pool, the E/2 NE/4 of said Section 21 to be dedicated to the well forming a standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said location is approximately 2.5 miles north-northwest of Humble City, New Mexico.

CASE 9613: Application of Chevron U.S.A. Inc. for an unorthodox oil well location and a non-standard oil proration unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox oil well location 940 feet from the North line and 2210 feet from the West line (Unit C) of Section 2, Township 17 South, Range 37 East, Shipp-Strawn Pool, Lots 3 and 4 of said Section 2 to be dedicated to the well forming a non-standard 82.37-acre oil spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said location is approximately 5 miles north of Humble City, New Mexico.

CASE 9572: (Continued from February 1, 1989, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Dugan Production Corporation for a non-standard gas proration unit, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for a 164.87-acre non-standard gas spacing and proration unit for production from the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool comprising Lots 1 and 2 and the E/2 NW/4 of Section 31, Township 28 North, Range 10 West. Said unit is to be dedicated to its Knauff Well No. 1 which is presently completed in the Kutz-Fruitland Pool and is located at a previously authorized unorthodox coal gas well location (pursuant to Decretory Paragraph No. (4) of Division Order No. R-8768) 1015 feet from the North line and 1650 feet from the West line (Unit C) of said Section 31. This well is located approximately 6.5 miles south-southeast of Bloomfield, New Mexico.

CASE 9573: (Continued from February 1, 1989, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Dugan Production Corporation for a non-standard gas proration unit, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for a 160-acre non-standard gas spacing and proration unit for production from the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool comprising the NE/4 of Section 18, Township 29 North, Range 11 West. Said unit is to be dedicated to its Hana Well No. 1 which is presently a dually completed gas well in the Fruitland formation and the Fulcher Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool and is located at a standard coal gas well location 790 feet from the North line and 1520 feet from the East line (Unit B) of said Section 18. This well is located approximately 2.5 miles west-northwest of Bloomfield, New Mexico.

CASE 9614: Application of Blackwood & Nichols Co., Ltd. for an unorthodox coal gas well location and a non-standard gas proration unit, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox coal gas well location 930 feet from the South line and 610 feet from the West line (Unit N) of irregular Section 6, Township 30 North, Range 7 West, Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool. Said well is to be dedicated to a 296.02-acre non-standard gas spacing and proration unit comprising Lots 11 and 12 and the E/2 SW/4 of Section 31, Township 31 North, Range 7 West, and Lots 11, 12, 17, and 18 and the E/2 W/2 equivalent of said Section 6. Said location is approximately 2.25 miles north of the Navajo Reservoir Dam.

CASE 9615: Application of Blackwood & Nichols Co., Ltd. for an unorthodox coal gas well location and a non-standard gas proration unit, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox coal gas well location 320 feet from the South line and 1250 feet from the West line (Unit N) of irregular Section 19, Township 31 North, Range 7 West, Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool. Said well is to be dedicated to a 259.82-acre non-standard gas spacing and proration unit comprising Lots 5, 6, 7, and 8 and the E/2 W/2 of said Section 19 and Lot 5 and the NE/4 NW/4 of Section 30, both in Township 31 North, Range 7 West. Said location is approximately 6 miles north of the Navajo Reservoir Dam.

CASE 9616: Application of Blackwood & Nichols Co., Ltd. for an unorthodox coal gas well location and a non-standard gas proration unit, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox coal gas well location 2275 feet from the North line and 340 feet from the West line (Unit F) of irregular Section 31, Township 31 North, Range 7 West, Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool. Said well is to be dedicated to a 250.65-acre non-standard gas spacing and proration unit comprising Lots 6, 9, and 10, the E/2 SW/4, and the SE/4 SW/4 of Section 30 and Lots 7 and 8 and the E/2 NW/4 of said Section 31, both in Township 31 North, Range 7 West. Said location is approximately 4 miles north of the Navajo Reservoir Dam.

CASE 9617: Application of Curry and Thornton for an unorthodox oil well location and a non-standard proration unit, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox oil well location 1980 feet from the South line and 2475 feet from the West line (Unit K) of Section 9, Township 14 South, Range 29 East, Undesignated North Ring Camp-Devonian Pool, the E/2 W/2 of said Section 9 to be dedicated to said well forming a non-standard 160-acre oil spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said location is approximately 17 miles east of Hagerman, New Mexico.

CASE 9618: Application of Bill Fenn, Inc. for an unorthodox gas well location and dual completion, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dually complete a well in the Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Gas Pool and Indian Basin-Morrow Gas Pool at an unorthodox gas well location 1650 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the West line (Unit E) of Section 14, Township 21 South, Range 23 East, all of said Section 14 to be dedicated to the well forming a standard 640-acre gas spacing and proration unit for both pools. Said well location is approximately 1.25 miles north-northwest of the Marathon Oil Company Indian Basin Gas Plant.

CASE 9619: Application of Santa Fe Exploration Company for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the South and East lines (Unit P) of Section 8, Township 21 South, Range 23 East, Undesignated Indian Basin-Morrow Gas Pool, all of said Section 8 to be dedicated to said well, forming a standard 640-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said well is located approximately 3.75 miles west-northwest of the Marathon Oil Company Indian Basin Gas Plant.

CASE 9606: (Continued from February 1, 1989, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Read & Stevens, Inc. for statutory unitization, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order unitizing, for the purpose of establishing a secondary recovery project, all mineral interests in the designated and Undesignated Bunker Hill-Penrose Associated Pool underlying 1360.00 acres, more or less, of State, Federal, and Fee lands in portions of Sections 13, 14, 23, and 24, Township 16 South, Range 31 East. Said unit is to be designated the Bunker Hill Unit Area. Among the matters to be considered at the hearing will be the necessity of unit operations; the designation of a unit operator; the determination of the 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 investment, 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 unit operator, and time of commencement and termination of unit operations. Applicant also requests that any such order issued in this case include a provision for carrying any nonconsenting working owner within the unit area upon such terms and conditions to be determined by the Division as just and reasonable. Said Unit Area is centered approximately 3.5 miles south-southwest of a point common to Eddy, Chaves, and Lea Counties, New Mexico.

CASE 9607: (Continued from February 1, 1989, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Read & Stevens, Inc. for a waterflood project, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project by the injection of water into the Penrose Formation in its proposed Bunker Hill Unit Area (Division Case No. 9606) underlying portions of Sections 13, 14, 23, and 24, Township 16 South, Range 31 East, Bunker Hill-Penrose Associated Pool. Said area is centered approximately 3.5 miles south-southwest of a point common to Eddy, Lea and Chaves Counties, New Mexico.

CASE 9608: (Continued from February 1, 1989, Examiner Hearing.)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion for an order creating, abolishing, and extending certain pools in Chaves and Eddy Counties, New Mexico.

- (a) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Bone Spring production and designated as the Magruder-Bone Spring Gas Pool. The discovery well is the OXY USA Inc. State CP Com Well No. 1 located in Unit J of Section 9, Township 21 South, Range 27 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM
Section 9: SE/4

- (b) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Wolfcamp production and designated as the West Millman-Wolfcamp Gas Pool. The discovery well is the Yates Petroleum Corp. State HU Com Well No. 1 located in Unit N of Section 7, Township 19 South, Range 28 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NMPM
Section 7: S/2

- (c) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Strawn production and designated as the West Wickiup Hill-Strawn Gas Pool. The discovery well is the Yates Petroleum Corp. Eland AFC Federal Com Well No. 1 located in Unit N of Section 12, Township 20 South, Range 29 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM
Section 12: W/2

- (d) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Morrow production and designated as the Diamond Mound-Morrow Gas Pool. The discovery well is the Mesa Operating Derrick Federal Com Well No. 1 located in Unit K of Section 5, Township 16 South, Range 28 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM
Section 33: All
Section 34: All
Section 35: All
Section 26: All

TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NMPM
Section 30: S/2
Section 31: All
Section 32: All

TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM

Section 1: All
Section 2: Lots 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15 and 16
Section 9: S/2
Section 10: All
Section 11: All
Section 12: All
Section 15: N/2
Section 16: N/2

TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NMPM

Section 3: Lots 1 through 16
Section 4: Lots 1 through 16
Section 5: Lots 1 through 16
Section 6: All

- (e) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Atoka production and designated as the Diamound Mound-Atoka Gas Pool. The discovery well is the Northern Natural Gas Co. Vandagriff Federal Com Well No. 1 located in Unit K of Section 1, Township 16 South, Range 27 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM

Section 1: All
Section 2: Lots 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, and 10
Section 9: S/2
Section 10: All
Section 11: All
Section 12: All
Section 16: N/2

- (f) ABOLISH the Diamound Mound Atoka-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy and Chaves Counties, New Mexico.
(g) EXTEND the Diablo-San Andres Pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM

Section 22: E/2 SW/4 and SE/4

- (h) EXTEND the North Grayburg-Atoka Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM

Section 22: W/2

- (i) EXTEND the Owen Mesa-Atoka Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM

Section 35: NE/4
Section 36: N/2

- (j) EXTEND the North Shugart-Bone Spring Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, NMPM

Section 5: SW/4

Docket 8-89

DOCKET: COMMISSION HEARING - THURSDAY - MARCH 9, 1989

9:00 A.M. - MORGAN HALL, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

CASE 9511: (Continued from February 16, 1989, Commission Hearing.) De Novo)

Application of Phillips Petroleum Company for salt water disposal, Roosevelt County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced water into the South Peterson-Fusselman Pool and Montoya formation in the perforated interval from approximately 7892 feet to 7994 feet in its Lambirth "A" Well No. 6 located 1830 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit 3) of Section 30, Township 5 South, Range 33 East, which is located 10.5 miles west of Pep, New Mexico. Upon application of Enserch Exploration, Inc., this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 9543: (Continued from February 16, 1989, Commission Hearing.) (De Novo)

Application of Meridian Oil, 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 W/2 of Section 16, Township 32 North, Range 10 West, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, to be dedicated to its EPNG Com C Well No. 100 to be drilled at a standard gas well location in the NE/4 SW/4 (Unit K) of said Section 16. 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 operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 3.1 miles north of Cedar Hill, New Mexico. Upon application of Fina Oil and Chemical Company, this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 9544: (Continued from February 16, 1989, Commission Hearing.) (De Novo)

Application of Meridian Oil, 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 16, Township 32 North, Range 10 West, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, to be dedicated to its Burroughs Com A Well No. 100 to be drilled at a standard gas well location in the SW/4 NE/4 (Unit G) of said Section 16. 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 operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 3.1 miles north of Cedar Hill, New Mexico. Upon application of Fina Oil and Chemical Company, this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 9588: (Continued from February 16, 1989, Commission Hearing.)

Application of Sun Exploration and Production Company for contraction of the North Vacuum Atoka-Morrow Gas Pool, extension horizontally and vertically of the South Shoe Bar-Atoka Gas Pool, redesignation of said pool as the South Shoe Bar Atoka-Morrow Gas Pool, and the institution of proration in said pool as extended and redesignated, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order

- (1) contracting the area of the North Vacuum Atoka-Morrow Gas Pool by deleting therefrom the following lands:

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, N.M.P.M.
E/2 Section 1, S/2 and NE/4 Section 12

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, N.M.P.M.
All of Section 7, W/2 Section 8, W/2 Section 16, N/2 Section 17 and all of Section 18;

- (2) extending the horizontal limits of the South Shoe Bar-Atoka Gas Pool to include the above-described lands; plus the SE/4 of Section 16, Township 17 South, Range 35 East;
- (3) extending the vertical limits of the South Shoe Bar-Atoka Gas Pool downward to include the Pennsylvanian formations to the base of the Morrow;
- (4) redesignating said pool as the South Shoe Bar Atoka-Morrow Gas Pool; and
- (5) instituting gas proration and promulgating special pool rules in the extended and redesignated gas pool. Said pools are approximately 2 miles north of Buckeye, New Mexico.

CASE 9490: (Continued from February 16, 1989, Commission Hearing.) (De Novo)

Application of Texaco Producing, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in any and all formations to the base of the Strawn formation underlying the E/2 of Section 17, Township 25 South, Range 36 East, forming a standard 320-acre spacing and proration unit for any and all formations developed on 320-acre spacing. Said unit is to be dedicated to its West Jal B Deep Well No. 1 located at a standard location 1980 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line of said Section 17. 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 operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 5 1/2 miles west by north of Jal, New Mexico. Upon application of Texaco Producing, Inc., this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.