

Dockets Nos. 13-89 and 14-89 are tentatively set for April 26 and May 10, 1989. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - APRIL 12, 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 Michael E. Stoger, Examiner, or David R. Catanach, or Victor T. Lyon, Alternate Examiners:

- ALLOWABLE: (1) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for May, 1989, from fourteen prorated gas pools in Lea, Eddy, and Chaves Counties, New Mexico.
- (2) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for May, 1989, from four prorated gas pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico.

CASE 9610: (Continued from March 15, 1989, Examiner Hearing.)

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 9643: Application of Steve Sell for directional drilling and an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authorization to directionally drill a well from a surface location 1400 feet from the South line and 1075 feet from the West line (Unit L) of Section 35, Township 21 South, Range 24 East to a bottomhole location in the Undesignated Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Gas Pool within 50 feet of a point which is an unorthodox gas well location 1650 feet from the South line and 850 feet from the West line of said Section 35. All of said Section 35 to be dedicated to the well to form a standard 640-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool. This unit is located approximately 14 miles west of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

CASE 9200: (Continued from March 29, 1989, Examiner Hearing.) (Reopened)

In the matter of Case 9200 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Division Order No. R-8518, which promulgated temporary special rules and regulations for the South Shoe Bar-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, including a provision for 80-acre spacing units. Operators in the subject pool may appear and show cause why the South Shoe Bar-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool rules should not be rescinded.

CASE 9644: Application of Nearburg Producing Company for directional drilling and an unorthodox oil well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to re-enter the UNC Texas, Inc. State "10" Well No. 1 from a surface location 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit C), Section 10, Township 12 South, Range 38 East, and directionally drill as to test the Devonian formation (Undesignated Gladiola-Devonian Pool or Undesignated East Gladiola-Devonian Pool) to within 100 feet of an unorthodox bottomhole oil well location 1000 feet from the North line and 1100 feet from the West line (Unit D) of said Section 10. The NW/4 NW/4 of said Section 10 is to be dedicated to said well to form a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit. Said well is located approximately 3.5 miles northwest by north of Bronco, Texas.

CASE 9645: Application of BP Exploration, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the top of the Atoka formation underlying the SE/4 SW/4 of Section 30, Township 17 South, Range 38 East, forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools within said vertical extent developed on 40-acre spacing (which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Hobbs Channel-Bone Spring Pool, Undesignated Hobbs Channel-San Andres Pool, and the Undesignated Hobbs Channel-Wolfcamp Pool). Said unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard oil 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 operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said location is approximately 1.5 miles east of Humble City, New Mexico.

CASE 9636: (Continued from March 29, 1989, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Grand Resources Inc. for statutory unitization, San Juan 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 Mesa-Gallup Oil Pool underlying 4800.00 acres, more or less, of Navajo Indian lands in all or portions of Sections 10, 13, 14, 15, 23, 24 and 25, Township 32 North, Range 18 West and Section 30, Township 32 North, Range 17 West, all as projected into the unsurveyed Navajo Indian Reservation. Said unit is to be designated the Mesa-Gallup 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 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 interest owner within the unit area upon such terms and conditions to be determined by the Division as just and reasonable. Said unit area is located approximately 12 miles north of Shiprock, New Mexico.

CASE 9637: (Continued from March 29, 1989, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Grand Resources Inc. for a waterflood project, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project by the injection of water into the designated and Undesignated Mesa-Gallup Oil Pool in its proposed Mesa-Gallup Unit Area (Division Case No. 9636) underlying all or portions of Sections 10, 13, 14, 15, 23, 24 and 25, Township 32 North, Range 18 West and Section 30, Township 32 North, Range 17 West, all as projected into the unsurveyed Navajo Indian Reservation. Said area is located approximately 12 miles north of Shiprock, New Mexico.

CASE 9646: Application of Sun Exploration and Production Company for a waterflood project, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project on its Mobil "22" Federal Lease located in Section 22, Township 26, South, Range 29 East, by the injection of water into the Brushy Draw-Delaware Pool through its Mobil Federal "22" Well No. 5 located 990 feet from the South line and 2310 feet from the West line (Unit N) of said Section 22. Said well is located approximately 1.75 miles north of Mile Corner No. 53 plus 2640 feet on the Texas/New Mexico Stateline.

CASE 9647: Application of Parker & Parsley Petroleum Company for downhole commingling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval to commingle oil production from the Undesignated East Loving-Delaware Pool and the South Culebra Bluff-Bone Spring Pool within the wellbore of its Pardue Farms "27" Btry. 1 Well No. 4, located 660 feet from the South and East lines (Unit P) of Section 27, Township 23 South, Range 28 East. Said well is located approximately 2 miles southeast by east of Loving, New Mexico.

CASE 9648: Application of Meridian Oil, Inc. to amend Division Order No. R-8868, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to amend Division Order No. R-8868 to include authorization for a non-standard coal gas well location for the subject well of said order to be drilled 2200 feet from the North line and 1360 feet from the East line (Unit G) of Section 36, Township 30 North, Range 6 West, Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool, Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 and the W/2 E/2 of said Section 36 to be dedicated to said well forming a non-standard 230.24-acre spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said location is approximately 5.5 miles northwest by north of Gobernador, New Mexico.

CASE 9649: Application of Meridian Oil, Inc. for an unorthodox coal gas well location, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox coal gas well location 790 feet from the North line and 1,165 feet from the West line (Unit D) of Section 16, Township 30 North, Range 8 West, Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool, the W/2 of said Section 16 to be dedicated forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said location is approximately 4.25 miles west by north of the Navajo Reservoir Dam.

CASE 9572: (Continued from March 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.