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- CASE 9818: Application of Blackwood & Nichols Co., Ltd. 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 for its Northeast Blanco Unit Well No. 440 to be drilled 530 feet from the North line and 2135 feet from the East line (Unit B) of Section 11, Township 31 North, Range 7 West, Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool, the N/2 of said Section 11 to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool. This well location is approximately 5.5 miles south of Mile Post No. 247.5 located on the New Mexico/Colorado Stateline.
- CASE 9819: Application of Blackwood & Nichols Co., Ltd. for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox gas well location, San Juan and Rio Arriba Counties, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Fruitland formation underlying Lots 7 and 8, the S/2 NW/4, and the SW/4 of Section 4, Township 30 North, Range 7 West, in both San Juan and Rio Arriba Counties, forming a 319.38-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools within said vertical extent developed on 320-acre spacing, which presently includes the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool, to be dedicated to its Northeast Blanco Unit Well No. 424, to be drilled at an unorthodox coal gas well location 2075 feet from the North line and 1330 feet from the West line (Unit F) of said Section 4. 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 approximately 3.5 miles north-northeast of the Navajo Reservoir Dam.
- CASE 9820: Application of Blackwood & Nichols Co., Ltd. for compulsory pooling and a non-standard gas proration unit, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Fruitland formation underlying the E/2 equivalent of Irregular Section 13, Township 30 North, Range 8 West, for any and all formations and/or pools within said vertical extent of this tract developed on 320-acre spacing (which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool). Said unit is to be dedicated to its Northeast Blanco Unit Well No. 469, to be drilled at a previously approved (WSL-2685) unorthodox coal gas well location 1315 feet from the North line and 645 feet from the East line (Unit M) of said Section 13. 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 approximately 1 mile northwest of the Navajo Reservoir Dam.
- CASE 9821: Application of Nearburg Producing Company for amendment of Division Order No. R-8991, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to amend Division Order No. R-8991, dated August 31, 1989, which order authorized an unorthodox oil well location in the South Humble City-Strawn Pool for its Boy's Ranch Well No. 1 to be drilled 1100 feet from the North line and 880 feet from the East line (Unit A) of Section 13, Township 17 South, Range 37 East, by including provisions to test the Devonian formation whereby the NE/4 NE/4 of said Section 13 is to be dedicated to form a standard statewide 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for said zone. Said well site is located approximately 3 miles north by east of Humble City, New Mexico.
- CASE 9791: (Continued from October 18, 1989, Examiner Hearing.)
- Application of Bannon Energy Incorporated for extension and contraction of certain pools in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to contract the Lybrook-Gallup Oil Pool by the deletion of the NE/4 SW/4, S/2 SW/4, and SW/4 SE/4 of Section 31, Township 24 North, Range 6 West, to contract the Counselors Gallup-Dakota Oil Pool by the deletion of the NE/4 of Section 6 and N/2 of Section 5, both in Township 23 North, Range 6 West, and to extend the Escrito-Gallup Associated Pool to include therein the E/2 NE/4, NW/4, and S/2 of Section 31, Township 24 North, Range 6 West, and the NE/4 of Section 6 and N/2 of Section 5, both in Township 23 North, Range 6 West. This area is located approximately 3 miles northeast of the Southern Union Gas Company Lybrook Plant.
- CASE 9822: Application of Harvey E. Yates Company 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 base of the Bone Spring formation underlying the NE/4 SW/4 of Section 12, Township 18 South, Range 32 East, forming a standard statewide 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, which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Corbin-San Andres, Undesignated South Maljamar-Yates, Undesignated West Corbin-Delaware, Undesignated Querecho Plains-Upper Bone Spring, and Undesignated North Young-Bone Spring Pools. Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard oil well location 2310 feet from the South and West lines (Unit L) of said Section 12. 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 7 miles south-southeast of Maljamar, New Mexico.

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CASE 9809: (Continued from November 1, 1989, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Yates Drilling Company for statutory unitization, Chaves 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 Southeast Chaves Queen Gas Area Associated Pool, underlying 560 acres, more or less, of Federal, State and Fee lands in portions of Sections 26, 27, 34, and 35, Township 12 South, Range 31 East. Said unit is to be designated the Cactus Queen Unit. 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 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 non-consenting 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 centered approximately 12 miles southwest by south of Caprock, New Mexico.

CASE 9810: (Continued from November 1, 1989, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Yates Drilling Company for a waterflood project, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project by the injection of water into the Southeast Chaves Queen Gas Area Associated Pool in its proposed Cactus Queen Unit Area (Division Case No. 9809), underlying portions of Sections 26, 27, 34 and 35, Township 12 South, Range 31 East. Said area is centered approximately 12 miles southwest by south of Caprock, New Mexico.

CASE 9823: Application of Yates Drilling Company for a unit agreement, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Cactus Queen Unit for an area comprising 560 acres, more or less, of Federal, State and Fee lands in all or portions of Sections 26, 27, 34 and 35, Township 12 South, Range 31 East. Unit Area is centered approximately 12 miles southwest by south of Caprock, New Mexico.