

Dockets Nos. 25-90 and 26-90 are tentatively set for September 5, 1990 and September 19, 1990. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 22, 1990

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, Alternate Examiner:

CASE 10048: Application of Great Western Drilling Company for a non-standard gas proration unit, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of a non-standard 327.80-acre gas spacing and proration unit for the Basin Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool comprising Lots 3 and 4, and the S/2 SW/4 (SW/4 equivalent) of Irregular Section 8 and the W/2 W/2 of Section 17, Township 32 North, Range 11 West (which is bounded to the north by the New Mexico/Colorado stateline at Mile Corner No. 274), to be dedicated to its J. E. Decker Well No. 11 located at a standard coal gas well location 910 feet from the South line and 955 feet from the West line (Unit M) of said Section 8.

CASE 9998: (Continued and Readvertised)

Application of Yates Energy Corporation to amend Division Order No. R-9093, as amended, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the amendment of Division Order No. R-9093, as amended, which order compulsorily pooled all mineral interests in the Undesignated Tamano-Bone Spring Pool underlying the SE/4 SW/4 (Unit N) of Section 1, Township 18 South, Range 31 East. Applicant now seeks to include a provision within said order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Undesignated Tamano-Bone Spring Pool. The applicant also requests that this amendment be made effective retroactive to January 8, 1990. Said unit is located approximately 5.5 miles south by west of New Mexico State Highway No. 529's intersection with the Lea/Eddy County line.

CASE 10043: (Continued from August 8, 1990, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of D. J. Simmons Company 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 all of Section 7, Township 28 North, Range 10 West, forming a standard 257.95-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the SW/4 (equivalent) of said Section 7. 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 4 miles southeast of Bloomfield, New Mexico.

CASE 10044: (Continued from August 8, 1990, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of D. J. Simmons Company 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 20, Township 28 North, Range 10 West, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the NE/4 of said Section 20. 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 5.5 miles southeast of Bloomfield, New Mexico.

CASE 10045: (Continued from August 8, 1990, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of D. J. Simmons Company 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 22, Township 28 North, Range 10 West, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the SW/4 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 operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 6 miles southwest by south of Blanco, New Mexico.

CASE 10046: (Continued from August 8, 1990, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of D. J. Simmons Company 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 27, Township 28 North, Range 10 West, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the NE/4 of said Section 27. 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 6.5 miles south-southwest of Blanco, New Mexico.

CASE 10047: (Continued from August 8, 1990, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of D. J. Simmons Company 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 through 4 and the E/2 W/2 (W/2 equivalent) of Section 30, Township 28 North, Range 10 West, forming a standard 329.40-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the SW/4 (equivalent) 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 operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is located approximately 6 miles south-southeast of Bloomfield, New Mexico.

CASE 10049: Application of Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L. P. 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 4, Township 23 South, Range 31 East, and in the following manner: the S/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 West Sand Dunes-Atoka Gas Pool and Undesignated Los Medanos-Morrow Gas Pool); 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; and the SE/4 SW/4 to form 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 the Undesignated Los Medanos-Bone Spring Pool). Said units are to be dedicated to a single well to be drilled at an orthodox 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 the drilling of said well. Said unit is located approximately 3 miles north of Mile Post No. 15 on New Mexico State Highway No. 128.

CASE 10031: (Continued from August 8, 1990, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Nearburg Producing Company for a non-standard oil proration unit, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an 80-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit comprising the W/2 NE/4 of Section 31, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, Undesignated North Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard oil well location thereon. Said unit is located approximately 9 miles west by south of Lakewood, New Mexico.

CASE 10050: Application of Blackwood & Nichols Co., Ltd. for directional drilling and a non-standard gas proration unit, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authorization to directionally drill from a surface location 1830 feet from the South line and 830 feet from the East line (Unit I) of Section 12, Township 30 North, Range 8 West, to a proposed bottomhole location in the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool within 100 feet of a target point 1376 feet from the South line and 840 feet from the West line (Unit K) of Section 7, Township 30 North, Range 7 West. Said well is to be dedicated to a non-standard gas spacing and proration unit comprising 298.90 acres, more or less, described as follows: Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, and 15 and that portion of Tract No. 40 lying west of the projected north/south line which is common to both Lots 15 and 16 of said Section 7, (W/2 equivalent) as shown on the official U.S. Public Land Survey dated July 19, 1915, and Lots 7 and 8 and the E/2 NW/4 of Section 18 (NW/4 equivalent), Township 30 North, Range 7 West. Said unit is located approximately 1.5 miles north of the Navajo Reservoir Dam.

CASE 10051: Application of Union Oil Company of California d/b/a Unocal for pool contraction and special pool rules, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to contract the horizontal limits of the Esperanza-Delaware Pool by deleting all of Sections 28 and 33, Township 21 South, Range 27 East, and further seeks the promulgation of Special Pool Rules which provide for a 120 barrel per day special oil allowable. Said pool is located approximately 2 miles north-northeast of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

CASE 10052: Application of Shell Western E & P Inc. for amendment of Division Order Nos. R-8539 and R-8541, as amended, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to amend Division Order No. R-8539 which, in part, created and promulgated special rules for the North Eunice Blinbry-Tubb-Drinkard Oil and Gas Pool, by eliminating the separate classification and regulation of gas wells in said pool and redesignate same as the North Eunice Blinbry-Tubb-Drinkard Pool. The applicant further seeks the amendment of Division Order No. R-8541, as amended, which instituted the Northeast Drinkard Waterflood Project, to conform the provisions of the waterflood area to the new pool classification. Also, pursuant to the provisions of said Order No. R-8539 (Decretory Paragraph No. 9) the applicant seeks to present a review of pool operations and the need for such continuance.

CASE 10053: Application of Woodbine Petroleum Inc. for an exception to Division Order No. R-3221, as amended, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an exception to the provisions of Division Order No. R-3221, as amended, to permit the disposal of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil and gas from its Mobil Federal and Amoco Federal Leases into an unlined pit to be located in the NE/4 SE/4 (Unit I) of Section 21, Township 19 South, Range 32 East. Said area is located approximately 6 miles north of Laguna Toston.

CASE 10054: Application of Pacific Enterprises Oil Company (USA) for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from a depth of 5000 feet to the top of the Mississippian Chester Limestone formation, underlying the following described acreage in Section 12, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, and in the following described manner: the N/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 Grayburg-Morrow Gas Pool); and the NW/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 (which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Anderson-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool). Said units are to be dedicated to a single 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 operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 3.75 miles northwest of Loco Hills, New Mexico.

CASE 9995: (Continued from August 8, 1990, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Sendero Petroleum, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Undesignated Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Gas Pool underlying all of Section 8, Township 21 South, Range 23 East, forming a standard 640-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, to be dedicated to the plugged and abandoned Santa Fe Exploration Company Indian Basin Federal Well No. 1 located at a previously authorized unorthodox gas well location (NSL-2809, dated June 7, 1990) 660 feet from the South and East lines (Unit P) of said Section 8. Also to be considered will be the cost of re-entering and recompleting