

CASE 10097: Application of Texaco Producing 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 for its West Dollarhide Drinkard Unit Well No. 112 to be drilled 54 feet from the North line and 130 feet from the East line (Unit B) of Irregular Section 4, Township 25 South, Range 38 East, Dollarhide Tubb-Drinkard Pool, Skelly West Dollarhide Drinkard Waterflood Project Area, said well to be dedicated to an existing 47.26-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit comprising Lot 1 and the NE/4 NW/4 of said Section 4, which is presently dedicated to the West Dollarhide Drinkard Unit Well No. 74 located 667 feet from the North line and 631 feet from the East line (Unit C) of said Section 4. Said unit is located approximately 3 miles north of New Mexico State Highway No. 128 at that point where it meets the New Mexico/Texas Stateline.

CASE 10036: (Continued from September 5, 1990, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Texaco, Inc. for amendment of Division Order No. R-8170, as amended, to establish a minimum gas allowable for the Eumont Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to amend the "General Rules For The Prorated Gas Pools of New Mexico/Special Rules and Regulations for the Eumont Gas Pool" as promulgated by Division Order No. R-8170, as amended, to provide for a minimum natural gas allowable for the Eumont Gas Pool for a three-year period of time equal to 600 m.c.f. of gas per day for an Acreage Factor of 1.00 or 2400 m.c.f. of gas per day for a standard Eumont 640-acre gas spacing and proration unit.

CASE 10038: (Continued from September 5, 1990, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Nassau Resources, Inc. for infill drilling in the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool on its Carracas Canyon Unit, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an exception to Division General Rule 104.C.I.I., pursuant to Division Memorandum dated July 27, 1988, by instituting an infill drilling program within its Carracas Canyon Unit Area located in portions of Townships 31 and 32 North, Ranges 4 and 5 West, to drill, complete and produce a second coal gas well within an existing 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit in the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool. Said unitized area is located approximately 17 miles west by north of Dulce, New Mexico.

CASE 10098: Application of Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L. P. for directional drilling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authorization to directionally drill from a surface location 900 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit C) of Section 9 to a standard bottomhole gas well location to test the Undesignated Los Medanos-Morrow Gas Pool in the SE/4 SW/4 (Unit N) of Section 4, both in Township 23 South, Range 31 East. Said well is to be dedicated to the S/2 of said Section 4 forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said unit is located approximately 3 miles north of Mile Post No. 15 on New Mexico State Highway No. 128.

CASE 10099: Application of Samuel Gary Jr. and Associates, Inc. for a horizontal directional drilling pilot project and special operating rules therefor, Sandoval County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a horizontal directional drilling pilot project in the W/2 of Section 11, Township 20 North, Range 3 West, forming a standard 320-acre oil spacing and proration unit in the Rio Puerco-Mancos Oil Pool. The applicant proposes to commence a well to be located on the surface 934 feet from the South line and 1975 feet from the West line (Unit N) of said Section 11, drill vertically and kick-off in a north-westerly direction, build angle to approximately 90 degrees, and drill horizontally in the Mancos formation. Applicant further requests that special operating provisions be established for said project area including the designation of a prescribed area limiting the horizontal extent of said wellbore such that it can be no closer than 660 feet to the outer boundary of said spacing unit. Said project area is located approximately 6.5 miles south of New Mexico State Highway No. 44 at Mile Post 76.

CASE 10200: Application of Samuel Gary Jr. and Associates, Inc. for a gas reinjection/pressure maintenance project and special rules therefor, Sandoval County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a gas reinjection/pressure maintenance project in its San Isidro (Shallow) Unit Area located in Townships 20 and 21 North, Ranges 2 and 3 West, by the injection of gas into the Rio Puerco-Mancos Oil Pool through the open hole interval from approximately 3793 feet to 4188 feet in its San Isidro 11 Well No. 16 located 660 feet from the South line and 630 feet from the East line (Unit P) of Section 11, Township 20 South, Range 3 West. Applicant further seeks the promulgation of special rules for the operation of said project, including provisions for administrative authorization of horizontal/high angle wellbores, the formation of oversized proration units to accommodate such wellbores, and assignment of special allowables to wells in the project area. Said area is located approximately 5 to 13 miles west-southwest of Cuba, New Mexico.

CASE 10075: (Continued from September 5, 1990, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Mesa Operating Limited Partnership 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, the S/2 NW/4 and the SW/4 (W/2 equivalent) of Section 2, Township 27 North, Range 8 West, forming a standard 321.36-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, said unit to be dedicated to its proposed "F.C." State Com Well No. 34 to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the SW/4 of said Section 2. 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 4 miles east of Huerfanito Park.

CASE 10076: (Continued from September 5, 1990, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Mesa Operating Limited Partnership 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 29 North, Range 8 West, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, said unit to be dedicated to its proposed "F.C." State Com Well No. 27 to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the SW/4 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 approximately 6.5 miles southwest by south of the Navajo Reservoir Dam.

CASE 10078: (Continued from September 5, 1990, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Mesa Operating Limited Partnership 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 36, Township 29 North, Range 10 West, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, said unit to be dedicated to its proposed "F.C." State Com Well No. 22 to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the NE/4 of said Section 36. 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 2.5 miles south of Blanco, New Mexico.

CASE 10079: (Continued from September 5, 1990, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Mesa Operating Limited Partnership 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 S/2 of Section 36, Township 30 North, Range 8 West, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, said unit to be dedicated to its proposed "F.C." State Com Well No. 26 to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the SW/4 of said Section 36. 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 2.75 miles south-southwest of the Navajo Reservoir Dam.

CASE 10080: (Continued from September 5, 1990, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Mesa Operating Limited Partnership 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 7 through 13 and the NE/4 SE/4 (S/2 equivalent) of Section 14, Township 30 North, Range 11 West, forming a standard 313.81-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, said unit to be dedicated to its proposed "F.C." Federal Com Well No. 39 to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the SW/4 equivalent of said Section 14. 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 2 miles southeast by east of Aztec, New Mexico.

CASE 10081: (Continued from September 5, 1990, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Mesa Operating Limited Partnership 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 5, 6, and 7, the NW/4, and the NE/4 SW/4 (W/2 equivalent) of Section 15, Township 30 North, Range 11 West, forming a standard 323.42-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, said unit to be dedicated to its proposed "F.C." Federal Com Well No. 16 to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the SW/4 equivalent of said Section 15. 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 southeast of Aztec, New Mexico.

CASE 10082: (Continued from September 5, 1990, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Mesa Operating Limited Partnership 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 11 West, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, said unit to be dedicated to its proposed "F.C." State Com Well No. 30 to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the SW/4 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 approximately 1 mile south by west of Aztec, New Mexico.

CASE 10083: (Continued from September 5, 1990, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Mesa Operating Limited Partnership 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, 2, 3, 4, and 5, the S/2 SW/4 and the NE/4 SE/4 (S/2 equivalent) of Section 32, Township 31 North, Range 9 West, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, said unit to be dedicated to its proposed "F.C." State Com Well No. 25 to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the SW/4 equivalent of said Section 32. 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 10.5 miles east by north of Aztec, New Mexico.

Dockets Nos. 29-90 and 30-90 are tentatively set for October 17, 1990 and October 31, 1990. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 3, 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 Jim Morrow, Examiner, or David R. Catanach or Michael E. Stogner, Alternate Examiners:

CASE 10102: Application of Sage Energy Company for a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the North Vacuum (Abo) North Unit Agreement for an area comprising 1763 acres, more or less, of State lands in all or portions of Sections 35 and 36, Township 16 South, Range 34 East, and Sections 1, 2, and 12, Township 17 South, Range 34 East. This area is located approximately 4 miles north by west of Buckeye, New Mexico.

CASE 10103: Application of Sage Energy Company for a waterflood project, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project on its proposed North Vacuum (Abo) North Unit located in all or portions of Sections 35 and 36, Township 16 South, Range 24 East and Sections 1, 2, and 12, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, by the injection of water into the North Vacuum-Abo Pool through 19 certain wells to be converted as injection wells. Said area is located approximately 4 miles north by west of Buckeye, New Mexico.

CASE 10083: (Continued from September 19, 1990, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Mesa Operating Limited Partnership 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, 2, 3, 4, and 5, the S/2 SW/4 and the NE/4 SE/4 (S/2 equivalent) of Section 32, Township 31 North, Range 9 West, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, said unit to be dedicated to its proposed "F.C." State Com Well No. 25 to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the SW/4 equivalent of said Section 32. 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 10.5 miles east by north of Aztec, New Mexico.

CASE 10104: Application of BASF Corporation for amendment of Division Order No. R-9255, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to amend Division Order No. R-9255, which order authorized a horizontal directional drilling pilot project in the Undesignated Verde-Gallup Oil Pool underlying the S/2 SW/4 of Section 28, Township 31 North, Range 14 West, as projected into the unsurveyed Ute Mountain Indian Reservation, by moving the surface location of its proposed Ute Mt. Tribal "28" Well No. 14 to an unorthodox oil well location 1284 feet from the South line and 1112 feet from the West line (Unit M) of said Section 28. Said project area is located approximately 12 miles northwest by north of Farmington, New Mexico. IN THE ABSENCE OF OBJECTION, THIS CASE WILL BE TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT.

CASE 10099: (Continued from September 19, 1990, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Samuel Gary Jr. and Associates, Inc. for a horizontal directional drilling pilot project and special operating rules therefor, Sandoval County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a horizontal directional drilling pilot project in the W/2 of Section 11, Township 20 North, Range 3 West, forming a standard 320-acre oil spacing and proration unit in the Rio Puerco-Mancos Oil Pool. The applicant proposes to commence a well to be located on the surface 934 feet from the South line and 1975 feet from the West line (Unit M) of said Section 11, drill vertically and kick-off in a north-westerly direction, build angle to approximately 90 degrees, and drill horizontally in the Mancos formation. Applicant further requests that special operating provisions be established for said project area including the designation of a prescribed area limiting the horizontal extent of said wellbore such that it can be no closer than 660 feet to the outer boundary of said spacing unit. Said project area is located approximately 6.5 miles south of New Mexico State Highway No. 44 at Mile Post 76.

CASE 10100: (Continued from September 19, 1990, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Samuel Gary Jr. and Associates, Inc. for a gas reinjection/pressure maintenance project and special rules therefor, Sandoval County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a gas reinjection/pressure maintenance project in its San Isidro (Shallow) Unit Area located in Townships 20 and 21 North, Ranges 2 and 3 West, by the injection of gas into the Rio Puerco-Mancos Oil Pool through the open hole interval from approximately 3793 feet to 4188 feet in its San Isidro 11 Well No. 16 located 660 feet from the South line and 630 feet from the East line (Unit P) of Section 11, Township 20 South, Range 3 West. Applicant further seeks the promulgation of special rules for the operation of said project, including provisions for administrative authorization of horizontal/high angle wellbores, the formation of oversized proration units to accommodate such wellbores, and assignment of special allowances to wells in the project area. Said area is located approximately 5 to 13 miles west-southwest of Cuba, New Mexico.

CASE 10069: (Readvertised)

Application of Pacific Enterprises Oil Company (USA) to limit the rules governing the Fren-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool to its present horizontal boundary, or, in the alternative, to establish 320-acre spacing for said pool, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to limit the Rules and Regulations governing the Fren-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool to its present horizontal boundary comprising the SW/4 of Section 15, the E/2 of Section 21, and the NW/4 of Section 22, all in Township 17 South, Range 31 East. Said pool was established in 1956 at which time statewide spacing for wells to this depth was 160 acres; these provisions are still applicable for the pool at this time. Further, the applicant requests that all wells drilled to the Pennsylvanian formation within one mile of the above-described area be exempt from the provisions of General Rule 104.A and be governed by the current Statewide Rules. IN THE ALTERNATIVE, the applicant seeks 320-acre spacing for said pool whereby the current General Rules regarding spacing (Rule 104) would be applicable. IN THE ABSENCE OF EVIDENCE TO THE CONTRARY, 320-ACRE SPACING WILL BE ESTABLISHED FOR THE SUBJECT POOL. Said pool is located approximately 7 miles east of Loco Hills, New Mexico.

CASE 10067: (Continued from September 19, 1990, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Bird Creek Resources, 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 or to a depth of 6,250 feet, whichever is deeper, underlying the SW/4 SE/4 of Section 15, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for either the Undesignated East Loving-Delaware Pool or Undesignated South Loving-Delaware Pool, 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 unit is located approximately 1.5 miles northeast of Loving, New Mexico.

CASE 10091: (Continued from September 19, 1990, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Bird Creek Resources, 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 or to a depth of 6250 feet, whichever is deeper, underlying the NW/4 SE/4 (Unit J) of Section 15, Township 23 South, Range 28 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 oil spacing, which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Loving-Cherry Canyon Pool and Undesignated East Loving-Delaware Pool. Said unit is 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 unit is located approximately 2 miles east-northeast of Loving, New Mexico.

CASE 10105: Application of Anadarko Petroleum Corporation 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 Pennsylvanian formation, or to a depth of 11,500 feet, whichever is deeper, underlying the W/2 of Section 28, Township 17 South, Range 30 East, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320 acres within said vertical extent, which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Loco Hills-Atoka Gas Pool, Undesignated Cedar Lake-Morrow Gas Pool, Undesignated Loco Hills-Morrow Gas Pool, and Undesignated South Loco Hills-Morrow Gas 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 operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said unit is approximately 1 mile south of Loco Hills, New Mexico.

CASE 10106: Application of Conoco, Inc. for a salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the San Andres formation through the perforated interval from approximately 4547 feet to 5092 feet in its SEMU Penn. Well No. 9, located 660 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit O) of Section 23, Township 20 South, Range 37 East, Undesignated Eunice Monument Grayburg-San Andres Pool. Said well is located approximately 9.5 miles south of the Hobbs-Lea County Airport.

CASE 10107: Application of Conoco, Inc. for a salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the San Andres formation through the perforated interval from approximately 4160 feet to 5020 feet in its SEMU Drinkard Weir Well No. 95, located 2130 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit J) of Section 23, Township 20 South, Range 37 East, Undesignated Eunice Monument Grayburg-San Andres Pool. Said well is located approximately 9.5 miles south of the Hobbs-Lea County Airport.

CASE 10066: (Continued from September 19, 1990, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Matador Petroleum Corporation 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 Morrow formation or to a depth of 13,600 feet, whichever is deeper, underlying the following described acreage in Section 5, Township 20 South, Range 34 East, and in the following manner: Lots 3 and 4, the S/2 NW/4, and SW/4 (W/2 equivalent) to form a standard 320-acre, more or less, 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 Quail Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool); Lots 3 and 4 and the S/2 NW/4 (NW/4 equivalent) to form a standard 160-acre, more or less, gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent; and the SW/4 NW/4 to form a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within said vertical extent (which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated South Quail Ridge-Bone Spring Pool). Said units are to be dedicated to a single well to be drilled at a standard 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 unit underlies the area underneath Mile Marker No. 77 on U.S. Highway 62/180.

CASE 10108: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation to amend the special pool rules for the South Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks a revision of the special rules and regulations for the South Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool, as promulgated by Division Order No. R-5353, as amended, to provide that each well, oil or gas, shall be located no closer than 660 feet to the outer boundary of the proration unit, nor closer than 330 feet to any quarter-quarter section or subdivision inner boundary, to increase the limiting gas-oil ratio to 10,000 cubic feet of gas for each barrel of oil, and for a special depth bracket oil allowable for oil wells on a 320-acre proration unit of 700 barrels of oil per day. Said pool comprises either all or portions of Sections 11, 14, 22, 23, 26, and 35, Township 20 South, Range 24 East, which is approximately 8 miles west-southwest of Seven Rivers, New Mexico.

Dockets Nos. 37-92 and 38-92 are tentatively set for November 5, 1992 and November 19, 1992. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 23 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - OCTOBER 26, 1992

8:15 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION CONFERENCE ROOM, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING,
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

The following case will be heard before Michael E. Stogner, Examiner or David R. Catanach, Alternate Examiner:

CASE 10490: (Continued from September 3, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Noranda Minerals Inc. requesting the Division to rescind or deny an application to drill a certain well in the oil/potash area, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order denying or rescinding the approval of an "Application for Permit to Drill" which would authorize Yates Petroleum Corporation to drill its Snyder "AKY" Well No. 1 at a standard oil well location in the NW/4 SW/4 (Unit L) of Section 1, Township 20 South, Range 32 East, (approximately 3 miles north of the junction of U.S. Highway 62/180 and State Highway 176). Said location is within the designated oil/potash area as described in and governed under the provisions of Division Order No. R-111-P.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - OCTOBER 29, 1992

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. Stogner, Examiner or David R. Catanach, Alternate Examiner:

CASE 10100: In the matter of Case 10100 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Division Order No. R-9330, which order promulgated special operating rules and regulations for the San Isidro (Shallow) Unit in Sandoval County. Operators in said unit may appear and show cause why the continuation of the foregoing special operating rules and regulations governing the Rio Puerco-Mancos Oil Pool within said Unit Area are consistent with sound engineering and conservation practices and show cause why such procedures should remain in effect.

CASE 10560: (Continued from October 15, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Conoco 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 Canyon formation underlying the NE/4 of Section 17, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, forming a standard 160-acre spacing and proration unit for any and all formations spaced on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent, which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the North Dagger Draw-Pennsylvanian Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to the existing Southwest Royalties, Inc. Dagger Draw Well No. 1 located at a standard location 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit B) of said Section 17, said unit and well were the subject of Division Case No. 10471. 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 northwest of Seven Rivers, New Mexico.

CASE 10574: **Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation 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, at approximately 8,200 feet, underlying the following described acreage in Section 14, Township 20 South, Range 24 East, and in the following described manner: the N/2 to form a single standard 320-acre 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 South Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool); the NE/4 and NW/4 to form two standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration units for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent; and the NW/4 NE/4 and SW/4 NW/4 to form two standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration units for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 40-acre spacing within said vertical extent. The proposed 320-acre unit is to be dedicated to either a single well to be drilled at a standard location in Unit B or Unit E or to both wells to be simultaneously dedicated to the 320-acre unit. Further the 160-acre gas unit comprising the NE/4 and the 40-acre oil unit comprising the NW/4 NE/4 are to be dedicated to the proposed well to be drilled in Unit B. The 160-acre gas unit comprising the NW/4 and the 40-acre oil unit comprising the SW/4 NW/4 are to be dedicated to the proposed well to be drilled in Unit E. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well or wells and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as the operator of each well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well or wells. The subject area in this matter is located approximately 7.5 miles west by south of Seven Rivers, New Mexico.

CASE 10528: (Continued from October 1, 1992, Examiner Hearing and this case will be dismissed.)

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation 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 SE/4 of Section 20, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, forming a 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 only the Undesignated North Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard 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 said well. Said unit is located approximately 6 miles northwest of Seven Rivers, New Mexico.

CASE 10575: **Application of Klabzuba Operating Company for an unorthodox oil well location, Chaves County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox oil well location 1847 feet from the North line and 1310 feet from the East line (Unit H) of Section 13, Township 10 South, Range 27 East, Race Track-Devonian Pool. The SE/4 NE/4 of said Section 13 is to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit. Said unit is located approximately 1.5 miles north by west of U.S. Highway 380 at milepost 178.

CASE 10498: (Reopened)

In the matter of Case No. 10498 being reopened upon application of Monty D. McLane to exempt certain working interests from the compulsory pooling provisions of Division Order No. R-9690, Lea County, New Mexico. Division Order No. R-9690, issued in Case 10498 and dated July 1, 1992, granted the application of Charles Gillespie to compulsorily pool all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Strawn formation underlying Lot 3 of Section 1, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, forming a non-standard 51.08-acre oil spacing and proration unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard oil well location thereon. At this time Monty D. McLane requests the Division enter an order reopening Case No. 10498 and declare that the working interests of Henry H. Lawton and Amanda K. Parks are not subject to said Order No. R-9690.

CASE 10540: (Continued from October 1, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of American Hunter Exploration, Ltd. for an unorthodox oil well location, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox oil well location 2480 feet from the South line and 915 feet from the West line (Unit J) of irregular Section 6, Township 27 North, Range 2 West, to test the Mancos formation. The NW/4 SE/4 of said Section 6 is to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit. Said unit is located approximately 19 miles west of El Vado, New Mexico.

CASE 10576: **Application of Merrion Oil & Gas Corporation for a unit agreement, Sandoval County, New Mexico.** Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Rock Mesa Unit Agreement for an area comprising 10,823.16 acres, more or less, of Federal and State lands in portions of Townships 18 and 19 North, Range 3 West, which is centered approximately 18 miles south-southwest of Cuba, New Mexico.

CASE 10567: (Continued from October 15, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of SG Interests I, Ltd. 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 3 and 4, the E/2 SW/4 and the SE/4 (S/2 equivalent) of Section 30, Township 29 North, Range 10 West, forming a 319.80-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the SW/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 said well. Said unit is located approximately 3 miles east-southeast of Bloomfield, New Mexico.

CASE 10577: **Application of SG Interests I, Ltd. 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 S/2 N/2 (N/2 equivalent) of Section 2, Township 29 North, Range 9 West, forming a standard 324.00-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location in the NE/4 SW/4 (Unit G) of said Section 2. 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 said well. Said unit is located approximately 1 mile east-northeast of Turley, New Mexico.

CASE 10594: (Continued from November 5, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Meridian Oil Inc. for a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project, special operating rules therefor, a non-standard oil proration unit, an unorthodox well location, and special project oil allowable, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to initiate a high angle/horizontal directional drilling pilot project in the Undesignated Northeast Ojito Gallup-Dakota Oil Pool underlying the N/2 of Section 23, Township 26 North Range 3 West, thereby creating a non-standard 320-acre spacing and proration unit for said pool. The applicant proposes to drill its Jicarilla "99" Well No. 17 from an unorthodox surface location 330 feet from the North line and 745 feet from the West line (Unit D) of said Section 23, kick off from vertical in a southeasterly direction commencing to build angle at an appropriate rate to vertically and horizontally traverse the proposed producing area. Applicant further seeks the adoption of special operating provisions and rules within the pilot project area including the designation of a target window such that the horizontal or producing portion of the wellbore shall be no closer than 330 feet to either the north or south boundary, nor closer than 790 feet to the east or west boundary of the spacing unit, and for a special project allowable. Said project area is located approximately 12 miles northwest of Lindrieth, New Mexico.

CASE 10604: (Continued from November 19, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

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 to drill a replacement coal gas well within an existing standard 315.76-acre gas spacing and proration unit comprising Lots 3 through 6, and 11 through 14 (W/2 equivalent) of Section 33, Township 31 North, Range 9 West, Basin Fruitland Coal Gas Pool, at an unorthodox coal gas well location within the NW/4 equivalent of said Section 33 that is no closer than 790 feet to any outer boundary of the proration unit nor closer than 130 feet to the quarter section line bisecting the unit nor closer than 10 feet to the subdivision inner boundaries within the NW/4 equivalent of said Section 33. Said unit is presently dedicated to the Johnston Federal Well No. 28 located at a standard coal gas well location 2255 feet from the South line and 1065 feet from the West line (Unit L) of said Section 33, which will either be plugged and abandoned or used as a pressure observation well after the replacement well is completed. Said unit is located approximately 8 miles southeast of Cedar Hill, New Mexico.

CASE 10605: (Continued from November 19, 1992, Examiner Hearing.) (This Case Will Be Dismissed.)

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 13, Township 28 North, Range 11 West, forming a standard 320-acre spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to its Angle Peak "B" Well No. 14, located at a standard coal gas well location 1650 feet from the North and East lines (Unit G) at said Section 13, which will be recompleted from the Fulcher Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool into the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool. Also to be considered will be the cost of recompleting said well and the allocation of the costs thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well and the assignment of a risk penalty factor. Said unit is located approximately 4 miles southeast by south of Bloomfield, New Mexico.

CASE 10606: (Continued from November 19, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

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 to drill a replacement coal gas well within an existing standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit comprising the W/2 of Section 12, Township 30 North, Range 9 West, Basin Fruitland Coal Gas Pool, at an unorthodox coal gas well location 790 feet from the North and West lines (Unit D) of said Section 12. Said unit is presently dedicated to the Johnston Federal Well No. 27 located at a standard coal gas well location 1250 feet from the South line and 1010 feet from the West line (Unit M) of said Section 12, which will either be plugged and abandoned or used as a pressure observation well after the proposed replacement well is completed. Said unit is located approximately 14 miles east of Aztec, New Mexico.

CASE 10100: (Continued from October 29, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

In the matter of Case 10100 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Division Order No. R-9330, which order promulgated special operating rules and regulations for the San Isidro (Shallow) Unit in Sandoval County. Operators in said unit may appear and show cause why the continuation of the foregoing special operating rules and regulations governing the Rio Puerco-Mancos Oil Pool within said Unit Area are consistent with sound engineering and conservation practices and show cause why such procedures should remain in effect.

CASE 10617: (This Case Will Be Continued to January 7, 1993.)

Application of C. W. Trainer for designation of a tight formation, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the designation of the Mississippian formation underlying an area comprising 11,009.08 acres, more or less, of State (approximately 5.8%) and fee (approximately 94.2%) lands in Sections 35 and 36, Township 11 South, Range 28 East; Sections 21 through 23 and 26 through 35, Township 11 South, Range 29 East; Sections 1 and 2, Township 12 South, Range 29 East; and, Sections 2 through 6, Township 12 South, Range 29 East, as a "Tight Formation" pursuant to Section 107 of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 and 18 C.F.R. Sections 271.701-705. Said area is located approximately 29 miles east by south of Roswell, New Mexico.

CASE 10618: Application of Siete Oil and Gas Company 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 proposed Parkway-Delaware Pool, underlying 920 acres, more or less, of State, Federal and Fee lands comprising portions of Sections 26, 35 and 36, Township 19 South, Range 29 East and a portion of Section 2, Township 20 South, Range 29 East. Said unit is to be designated the Parkway Delaware 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 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 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 located approximately 6 miles north by west of the junction of U.S. Highway 62/180 and New Mexico State Highway No. 31.

CASE 10619: Application of Siete Oil and Gas Company for approval of a waterflood project, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project on its proposed Parkway Delaware Unit Area (Division Case No. 10618) located in portions of Sections 26, 35 and 36, Township 19 South, Range 29 East and a portion of Section 2, Township 20 South, Range 29 East, by the injection of water into the Parkway-Delaware Pool through five certain wells all to be converted from producing oil wells. The applicant further seeks approval that said project qualify as an "Enhanced Oil Recovery Project" pursuant to the provisions of Division Order No. R-9708. Said project area is located approximately 6 miles north by west of the junction of U.S. Highway 62/180 and New Mexico State Highway No. 31.

CASE 10560: (Continued from October 29, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Conoco 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 Canyon formation underlying the NE/4 of Section 17, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, forming a standard 160-acre spacing and proration unit for any and all formations spaced on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent, which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the North Dagger Draw-Pennsylvanian Pool. Said unit is to be dedicated to the existing Southwest Royalties, Inc. Dagger Draw Well No. 1 located at a standard location 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit B) of said Section 17, said unit and well were the subject of Division Case No. 10471. 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 northwest of Seven Rivers, New Mexico.

CASE 10603: (Continued from November 19, 1992, Examiner Hearing.) (This Case Will Be Dismissed.)

Application of Conoco, 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 17, Township 30 North, Range 8 West, forming a standard 320-acre 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 in the NE/4 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 2 miles west of the Navajo Lake State Park Airport.

SUPPLEMENTAL TO DOCKET NO. 1-93

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - JANUARY 7, 1993

**8:15 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION CONFERENCE ROOM, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING,
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

Dockets Nos. 3-93 and 4-93 are tentatively set for January 21, 1993 and February 4, 1993. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 23 days in advance of hearing date.

The following cases will be heard before David R. Catanach, Examiner or Michael E. Stogner, Alternate Examiner:

CASE 10100: (Continued from December 17, 1992, Examiner Hearing.)

In the matter of Case 10100 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Division Order No. R-9390, which order promulgated special operating rules and regulations for the San Isidro (Shallow) Unit in Sandoval County. Operators in said unit may appear and show cause why the continuation of the foregoing special operating rules and regulations governing the Rio Puerco-Mancos Oil Pool within said Unit Area are consistent with sound engineering and conservation practices and show cause why such procedures should remain in effect.