

Dockets Nos. 19-87 and 20-87 are tentatively set for June 17 and July 1, 1987. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - JUNE 3, 1987

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 3878: (Reopened)

In the matter of Case 3878 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Division Order No. R-8235, which order amended Rule 101 of the Division Rules to provide for the acceptance of cash bonds as well as surety bonds. Said rule will be reviewed to determine whether it is appropriate in meeting the needs of industry.

CASE 9139: Application of Elf Aquitaine Petroleum for a horizontal directional drilling pilot project and special operating rules therefor, West Lindrith Gallup-Dakota Oil Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to initiate a horizontal directional drilling pilot project in the W/2 of Section 14, Township 23 North, Range 3 West, West Lindrith Gallup-Dakota Oil Pool. From a well to be located on the surface 500 feet from the North line and 1500 feet from the West line of Section 14, Township 23 North, Range 3 West, the applicant proposes to extend the wellbore horizontally and dedicate both the NW/4 and SW/4 of said Section 14 in the West Lindrith Gallup-Dakota Oil Pool to the well, either forming two standard 160-acre oil proration units or a single unorthodox 320-acre oil proration unit in said pool. Applicant further seeks special rules and provisions within the pilot project area including the designation of a prescribed area limiting the horizontal extent of the wellbore and special allowable considerations.

CASE 9140: Application of Permian Corporation for an exception to Division Order No. R-3221, as amended, Eddy 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 into a salt lake located in the NW/4 of Section 2, Township 23 South, Range 29 East.

CASE 8190: (Reopened)

In the matter of Case 8190 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Division Order No. R-7556, which order established special rules and regulations for the Bravo Dome 640-Acre Area in Union, Harding, and Quay Counties, including a provision for 640-acre spacing units. Interested parties may appear and show cause why the Bravo Dome 640-Acre Area should not be developed on less than 640-acre spacing and proration units.

CASE 8352: (Reopened)

In the matter of Case 8352 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Division Order No. R-7737, which order established special rules and regulations for the West Bravo Dome Carbon Dioxide Gas Area in Harding County, including a provision for 640-acre spacing units. Interested parties may appear and show cause why the West Bravo Dome Carbon Dioxide Gas Area should not be developed on less than 640-acre spacing and proration units.

CASE 9126: (Continued from May 20, 1987, Examiner Hearing)

Application of I & W, Inc. for salt water disposal, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Undesignated Empire-Wolfcamp (abandoned) Pool in the perforated interval from approximately 7518 feet to 7832 feet and in the open-hole interval from 7832 feet to 7961 feet in the Frostman Oil Corporation Walter Solt State Well No. 1 located 2240 feet from the South line and 400 feet from the West line (Unit L) of Section 5, Township 18 South, Range 28 East.

CASE 9141: Application of Marshall & Winston, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order, pursuant to Division General Rule 1207.1.(ii), pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Abo formation underlying Lot No. 13 (Unit M) of Irregular Section 6, Township 21 South, Range 38 East, forming a standard statewide 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location 3350 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line of said Section 6. Applicant further seeks a 200 percent penalty to be assessed as a charge for the risk involved in the drilling of said well, \$3600.00 per month while drilling and \$360.00 per month while producing to be fixed as reasonable overhead charges, and that the applicant be named operator of said well and unit. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS THIS CASE WILL BE TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT.

- CASE 9142: Application of TXO Production Corp. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Strawn formation underlying either the SW/4 NE/4 (Unit G) of Section 36, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, to form a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit within the formation, or the W/2 NE/4 of said Section 36 to form an 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools within said vertical limits which are developed on 80-acre spacing, either unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the costs incurred in the drilling and completion of the 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 a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- CASE 9143: Application of Amerind Oil Co. for an unorthodox oil well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox oil well location for a well to be drilled 330 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit N) of Section 33, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, Shipp-Strawn Pool, the E/2 SW/4 of said Section 33 to be dedicated to the well.
- CASE 9130: (Continued from May 6, 1987, Examiner Hearing) (This case will be continued to July 29, 1987.)
Application of Apache Corporation for an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location to be drilled 660 feet from the North and East lines of Section 27, Township 22 South, Range 34 East, to test the Morrow formation, the N/2 of said Section 27 to be dedicated to the well.
- CASE 9131: (Continued from May 6, 1987, Examiner Hearing) (This case will be continued to July 29, 1987.)
Application of Apache Corporation for an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location to be drilled 1980 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the East line of Section 22, Township 22 South, Range 34 East, to test the Morrow formation, the S/2 of said Section 22 to be dedicated to the well.
- CASE 9144: Application of Harvey E. Yates Company for revocation of Division Orders Nos. R-7240 and R-8190 and for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order revoking the provisions of Division Order No. R-7240 relating to the compulsory pooling of the S/2 SE/4 of Section 8, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, and revoking Division Order No. R-8190 in its entirety. Applicant now seeks to pool all mineral interests in the Northeast Lovington-Pennsylvanian Pool underlying the E/2 SE/4 of said Section 8, forming a standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit to be dedicated to its existing East Lovington "8" Well No. 2 located 1874 feet from the South line and 554 feet from the East line (Unit I) of said Section 8, and further pooling all mineral interests in the Northeast Lovington-Pennsylvanian Pool underlying the W/2 SE/4 of said Section 8, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the costs incurred in the drilling and completion of both wells and the allocation of the costs thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the wells and a charge for risk involved in drilling said wells.
- CASE 9107: (Continued from May 6, 1987, Examiner Hearing)
Application of Mesa Grande Resources, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Undesignated Gavilan-Mancos and Undesignated Gavilan Greenhorn-Graneros-Dakota Oil Pools underlying the E/2 of Section 5, Township 25 North, Range 2 West, forming a standard 320-acre oil spacing and proration unit in both pools 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 operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- CASE 8963: (Continued from May 6, 1987, Examiner Hearing) (Reopened)
Application of Mesa Grande Resources, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Gavilan-Mancos and Gavilan Greenhorn-Graneros-Dakota Oil Pools underlying the W/2 of Section 16, Township 25 North, Range 2 West, 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 operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- CASE 9129: (Continued from May 6, 1987, Examiner Hearing)
Application of Virginia P. Uhden, Helen Orbesen, and Carroll O. Holmberg to void and vacate Division Order Nos. R-7588 and R-7588-A, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order vacating Division Order Nos. R-7588 and R-7588-A, which orders promulgated Special Rules and Regulations for the Cedar Hill-Fruitland Basal Coal Pool, including a provision for 320-acre spacing and designated well locations.