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IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of WR Oil and Gas Com-  
pany for a water/steam injection  
pilot project, McKinley County,  
New Mexico.

CASE  
8943

BEFORE: Michael E. Stogner, Examiner

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

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MR. STOGNER: Call next Case  
Number 8943.

MR. TAYLOR: The application of  
WR Oil and Gas Company for a water/steam injection pilot  
project, McKinley County, New Mexico.

MR. STOGNER: Call for  
appearances, and the room remains quiet.

We will skip over for the time  
being and recall it later on in the hearing.

1 (Thereupon at a later time in the same docket Case 8943 was  
2 again called and the following proceedings were had, to-  
3 wit:)

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5 MR. STOGNER: This hearing  
6 will resume to order.

7 Call next Case Number 8943.

8 MR. TAYLOR: Application of WR  
9 Oil & Gas Company for a water/steam injection pilot project,  
10 McKinley County, New Mexico.

11 MR. STOGNER: Call for appear-  
12 ances.

13 MR. MANGES: May it please the  
14 Examiner, my name is Joseph Manges. I'm of the law firm  
15 Stephenson, Carpenter, Crout & Olmsted here in Santa Fe. We  
16 represent WR Oil & Gas in this matter.

17 I have one witness.

18 MR. TAYLOR: Mr. Manges?

19 MR. MANGES: Yes.

20 MR. TAYLOR: Do you spell your  
21 name M-A-N-G-E-S-S?

22 MR. MANGES: Just one S at the  
23 end.

24 MR. TAYLOR: Thank you.

25 MR. MANGES: We have one wit-

1   ness this afternoon.

2                               MR. STOGNER:   Are there any  
3   other appearances?

4                               There being none, will the wit-  
5   ness please stand and be sworn.

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7                               (Witness sworn.)

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9                               GARY DITTMAR,  
10   being called as a witness and being duly sworn upon his  
11   oath, testified as follows, to-wit:

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13                               DIRECT EXAMINATION

14   BY MR. MANGES:

15               Q               Would you please state your full name and  
16   occupation?

17               A               My name is Gary Dittmar. I'm employed by  
18   WR Oil & Gas Company in Dallas. I am Senior Staff Petroleum  
19   Engineer.

20               Q               Have you had the opportunity to testify  
21   before the Commission before?

22               A               Not the New Mexico Commission, no.

23               Q               Okay, would you briefly state your educa-  
24   tional and employment background for the Commission?

25               A               Okay. I graduated in 1974 from the Uni

1       versity of Missouri at Rolla as a mechanical engineer and  
2       worked for Amoco, W. R. Grace, and WR Oil & Gas in the form  
3       of a petroleum engineer.

4               Q               Okay, how long have you been with WR Oil  
5       & Gas?

6               A               I've been with WR Oil & Gas two and a  
7       half years.

8               Q               And were you employed as a petroleum en-  
9       gineer for that period?

10              A               Yes, I have.

11              Q               And prior to WR Oil & Gas who did you  
12       work for?

13              A               Quanah Petroleum for one year and Grace  
14       Petroleum for 2-1/2 years.

15              Q               And were you employed as a petroleum en-  
16       gineer there also?

17              A               Yes, I have.

18              Q               And prior to Grace?

19              A               Prior to Grace was five and a half years  
20       with Amoco Production in Houston, Hobbs, Odessa.

21              Q               Okay. Are you familiar with the applica-  
22       tion filed by WR in this Commission in this hearing?

23              A               Yes, I am.

24              Q               Are you familiar with the project that WR  
25       Oil & Gas proposes?

1 A Yes, I am.

2 MR. MANGES: We would tender  
3 Mr. Dittmar as an expert witness to testify before the hear-  
4 ing.

5 MR. STOGNER: Mr. Dittmar is so  
6 qualified.

7 Q Mr. Dittmar, would you please take a look  
8 at what's been marked Exhibit One?

9 A This is a field map of the Gallup oil  
10 fields in the San Juan Basin and on there we have marked the  
11 approximate location of Miguel Creek Field, which is 60  
12 miles northwest of Albuquerque and approximately 15 miles  
13 east by southeast of the Hospah Field.

14 Q Okay. Would you please tell me the pres-  
15 ent condition of the Miguel Creek Field?

16 A The Miguel Creek Field has been shut in  
17 for approximately two years.

18 Q When was it last operated?

19 A Last production of record shows June of  
20 1984.

21 Q Okay. Approximately how many wells are  
22 there in the Miguel Creek Field?

23 A I the Miguel Creek Field there is approx-  
24 imately 50 wells, 42 producers and 8 water injectors.

25 Q What formations do the wells produce

1 from?

2 A Okay. This formation is locally known as  
3 the Hospach formation, which is Upper Gallup sand.

4 Q And when the wells were producing what  
5 was the constituents of the -- of the oil produced? Was it  
6 oil and water or mostly oil?

7 A It was approximately one to one barrel of  
8 oil per barrel of water; very low production rate. Many of  
9 the wells were shut in at that time.

10 Q How would you characterize the field at  
11 this time?

12 A Okay, the field itself is very -- or no  
13 drive mechanism at all hardly. It's dead oil and therefore  
14 needs some assist to be produced.

15 Q So in your opinion it's a dead reservoir.

16 A Yes, it is.

17 Q Okay. Mr. Dittmar, I'd like you to refer  
18 to what's been marked as Exhibit Two. It is a large map  
19 which was in the back of the application that was submitted.

20 Could you -- are you familiar with this  
21 map?

22 A Yes, I am.

23 Q Did you prepare the map?

24 A Yes, I did.

25 Q Would you identify for the examiner which



*Method*

1 wells are proposed to be utilized for steam injection and  
2 which wells for water injection?

3 A Okay. We have two, two symbols on the  
4 map, the triangles and the circles.

5 ~~The circles indicate the wells that have~~  
6 ~~been previously used as water injectors and which we'd like~~  
7 ~~to continue injection of water into.~~

8 The triangles are wells -- are producing  
9 wells which we'd propose to inject steam in huff and puff  
10 manner.

11 Q Would you describe what the huff and puff  
12 manner is, what it is, what the project is all about?

13 A Okay, what we propose to do to assist the  
14 reservoir and production is to inject steam down the annulus  
15 of these producing wells for a period of four days; let the  
16 wells shut in for two days and then start production back  
17 up.

18 Q From the same well?

19 A From the same well. It's more of a  
20 method of stimulation than injection.

21 Q So if you inject the well for four days  
22 with steam, how much oil do you seek to produce as a result  
23 therefrom?

24 A Well, we hope that by injecting steam we  
25 will lower the viscosity of the oil and hear the reservoir

1 enough to assist the oil in moving toward the wellbore and  
2 in addition to that we are using the injection wells to add  
3 pressure and to help movement toward the producing wells.

4 We hope through a (not clearly  
5 understood) method to get anywhere from 14 to 20,000 barrels  
6 per well.

7 Q Could you explain in greater detail how  
8 heat will result in the greater production of oil?

9 A This reservoir essentially has no  
10 pressure assist downhole. What we intend to do by lowering  
11 the viscosity of the oil is make it easier to move in the  
12 reservoir and plus by adding the pressure, the steam, to  
13 hopefully allow the waterflood, benefit in our waterflood  
14 also.

15 Q How much pressure, how much steam will be  
16 introduced into the formations at how much pressure?

17 A Okay, we intend to inject steam for a  
18 period of four days initially and then -- with a maximum  
19 pressure of 500 psi, and what volumes go in, we're not -- we  
20 have no idea right now, but we intend to keep -- keep steam  
21 pressure and water pressure both and injection until we have  
22 parting pressure.

23 Q Okay. How are you, how do you propose to  
24 determine what the parting pressure is?

25 A We intend to perform step rate tests on

1 various injectors out here to determine the accurate parting  
2 pressure.

3 Q Once you have determined the parting  
4 pressure, then how do you propose to operate the wells?

5 A Okay, we will inject below that particu-  
6 lar pressure so that we will not part formations.

7 Q Would you explain why it's advantageous  
8 to stay below parting pressure in this sort of operation?

9 A Part of the ideal waterflood philosophy is  
10 to get ideal areal displacement, areal sweep and displace-  
11 ment. Parting pressure, above parting pressure would create  
12 flow channels from injector to producer and therefore be  
13 inefficient and pass reserves, bypass reserves.

14 Q And if you are experiencing problems in-  
15 jecting adequate, what you determine an adequate amount of  
16 steam is into the formation, what do you propose to do?

17 A If once we start our injection it is  
18 determined that the well is -- the rates are not sufficient  
19 enough to -- to be of any benefit, we will then acidize,  
20 hopefully acidize the well.

21 Q Okay.

22 MR. MANGES: We would like to  
23 point out that we would like to ask for acid enhancement in  
24 the case some of the wells do not -- or the formations do  
25 not accept steam, enhanced, adequate steam enhancement.

1 Q Let's turn to the water injected wells.

2 Could you explain how -- what process will occur? How will  
3 the water be injected into the wells and at what pressures?

4 A Water will be injected down tubing.  
5 Wells will have packers in them set less than 100 feet above  
6 the top perforation. Pressures will be again limited to  
7 those below parting pressures as determined by step rate  
8 testing yet to be performed.

9 A water bank will be created and push oil  
10 toward the producers.

11 Q Where -- what are you -- do you propose  
12 to use as the source of the water for water injection?

13 A Okay. We propose water from the Massive  
14 Gallup water sand, which is approximately 80 foot below the  
15 Hospah.

16 Q I would like to turn to the application  
17 submitted by WR Oil & Gas, and to paragraph 3 of the appli-  
18 cation, which is the foldout page.

19 Mr. Dittmar, would you please explain the  
20 information on paragraph 3?

21 A Okay. What we have is tried to put on  
22 one page all the information required under paragraph 3 for  
23 injection.

24 As you can see, well type, we have either  
25 an O or an I indicating whether it is an oil well or injec-

1 tor, and what fluid to be injected down that well.

2 Date drilled, total depth, some casing  
3 details, and how we propose to inject.

4 Q What's the total number of wells that  
5 we're asking for permission to flood?

6 A Eight oil wells and five injection wells.

7 Q Could you briefly describe what informa-  
8 tion is set forth in the casing details?

9 A On the casing details we have the depths  
10 set, size and weight of casing, how many sacks of cement was  
11 used, where the top of cement in the annulus is determined  
12 through calculations, visual inspection, and where the per-  
13 forations are, or the open hole completion, whatever the  
14 case may be.

15 Q Would you -- how many of the wells have  
16 been cemented to the surface?

17 A Five wells.

18 Q And how did you determine that? Would  
19 you please go to --

20 A Those were calculated, tops were calcu-  
21 lated based on cement volumes only.

22 Q Under weight on casing details, what in-  
23 formation does that indicate?

24 A We put the weight of the casing on there  
25 to point out that the casing used is -- has high integrity

1 as far as collapse and burst pressures. In other words,  
2 this casing is rated a minimum of 4200 pounds pressure be-  
3 fore it would burst.

4 Q Okay, let's take an example of what we  
5 call the lightest grade casing and determine what the  
6 bursting pressure has been. Have you made some calculations  
7 which would indicate what the weakest grade of casing  
8 bursting pressure would be?

9 A What we have is 4-1/2 inch diameter cas-  
10 ing, 9-1/2 pounds per foot, which has a burst of 4380  
11 pounds.

12 Q Which well is that with respect to?

13 A There are numerous wells there. That's  
14 d38, 37, 49, and on down.

15 Q What was the figure that you just read?

16 A 4380.

17 Q What is the maximum amount of pressure  
18 that you propose to inject into the well?

19 A Right now we anticipate maximum pressure  
20 to be 500 pounds downhole.

21 Q Have you calculated any sort of safety  
22 factor?

23 A That's more or less eight to one.

24 Q Was that calculation taken -- did that  
25 calculation take into account the amount of cement that is

1 surrounding the casing?

2 A No, it did not. That would be uncemented  
3 pipe.

4 Q So in your opinion is there an adequate  
5 safety margin to prevent against the risk of any bursting  
6 under the pressure involved?

7 A Yes, we believe it is very safe.

8 Q Have you tested any of the wells in which  
9 you seek to inject steam or water?

10 A No, we have not.

11 Q Do you propose to test the wells to check  
12 their integrity?

13 A Okay. Prior to injection of water or  
14 steam we will run -- we will test the casing for pressure  
15 integrity by use of a tubing packer.

16 Q Could you explain that process in more  
17 detail?

18 A Okay. We will run in with tubing and  
19 packer and load the annulus and pressure test the annulus  
20 and monitor the pressure and if we have a pressure decline  
21 we would have a hole somewhere and we would either repair  
22 or move on to another well.

23 Q In the event that you have a hole, well,  
24 would you explain how you will know there is a rupture in  
25 the casing in greater detail?

1           A           Okay, the annulus will not hold pressure;  
2 therefore we know fluid has to go somewhere.

3           Q           How do you propose to guard against the  
4 risk of any ruptures during the operation of the injection?

5           A           Okay, each injection will be -- water in-  
6 jection well will be injected through tubing and packer sys-  
7 tems. The back side above the packer will be loaded with  
8 KCL water, and pressures will be monitored on the annulus  
9 also.

10          Q           Are you going to add any other chemicals  
11 to the steam or --

12          A           Okay, we will add KCL to maintain a Ph  
13 above 7.

14          Q           What effect will maintaining the Ph above  
15 7 have?

16          A           It will lessen the risk of any corrosion.

17          Q           In your opinion would approval of this  
18 application result in the production of oil which otherwise  
19 would not be produced and thereby prevent waste?

20          A           Okay, we -- we feel that a successful  
21 pilot would yield up -- and (unclear) field expansion would  
22 yield up to a half million barrels of oil minimum.

23          Q           I'd like to go back to Exhibit Two brief-  
24 ly and have you point out why you chose the various loca-  
25 tions for the injectors.



1                   A                   Okay, we -- we chose these particular  
2 producing wells to get both an idea of how each section of  
3 the field would respond to steam and how steam would respond  
4 under waterflood conditions. We have wells that are remote  
5 from any water injectors and we have wells that are included  
6 inside of a 4-spot, so that -- and that way we can determine  
7 whether injection, water injection is necessary and how  
8 helpful it is if it is necessary.

9 Q Will you be monitoring the effect of in-  
10 jection on the other wells in the field?

11                   A                   Wells which are not in the pilot area  
12 will have pressure gauges and will monitor any pressure in-  
13 crease if we see it on most of these wells.

14 Q Okay, would you describe what the half  
15 circles surrounding the field are about?

16                   A                   Okay. Each -- each proposed injector had  
17 a half mile radius circle drawn around it and these are just  
18 the outer boundaries of that -- those circles, so as not to  
19 clutter up the map.

**20**                      C                      Okay.

21                   A                   It essentially encompasses the whole  
22 Miquel Creek Field.

23 MR. MANGES: We'd like to offer  
24 Exhibits One and Two into the record.

25 MR. STOGNER: Exhibits One and

1 Two will be admitted into the record.

2 MR. MANGES: That concludes my  
3 direct examination of Mr. Dittmar.

4  
5 CROSS EXAMINATION

6 BY MR. STOGNER:

7 Q Mr. Dittmar, let's look at the steam  
8 wells for a second. Could you walk with one of those  
9 through me with any special --

10 A Okay, but --

11 Q Let's go back to one of the steam injec-  
12 tion wells. Would you please walk it through with me, your  
13 proposed schematic, the equipment you used, steam genera-  
14 tion, how do you propose to make the steam? Is this going  
15 to be a steam generator per well? Is this going to be a  
16 centralized steam injector? How's it going to be heated,  
17 and essentially give me an overall view of it.

18 A If you can turn to the next page we have  
19 a schematic diagram of a producing well.

20 This particular well, as you see, is  
21 cemented to surface. It has 5-1/2 inch casing in it and  
22 perforations are at approximately 900 foot.

23 What we'll do is we have a portable steam  
24 generator that is propane fired and we intend to get the  
25 steam up to 330 degrees and 500 psi.

1                   We'll inject down the annulus. We'll  
2 have the tubing, or the pump will be shut, shut-in, and  
3 hopefully force the steam into the perforations.

4                   This generator is trailer mounted and  
5 pulled behind a pickup. We'll have water from the Massive  
6 Gallup. We'll make a connection with the water supply wells  
7 and steam, steam it for approximately four days, at which  
8 time we'll remove the equipment. The well will remain shut-  
9 in for another two days and then we will turn the pump on  
10 and pump out what we can.

11                   The steam itself, the heat itself is gen-  
12 erated through propane and those flue gases or the exhaust  
13 gases will be also re-induced into the boiler.

14                   Q            Okay, how many days will you be pumping?  
15 Is this predetermined or will it just --

16                   A            It's -- it's trial and error method.  
17 We'll be monitoring offset wells with pressure gauges. We  
18 don't anticipate seeing any pressure increase in offsets.  
19 Four days was an arbitrary number and to start with right  
20 now.

21                   Production, hopefully, will last in the  
22 neighborhood of six to eight months.

23                   Q            This 2-3/8ths inch tubing, that won't be  
24 pulled during your injection process, right?

25                   A            No, sir, it will not.

- 1 Q Will that be able to withstand 500 psi?
- 2 A Yes, it should.
- 3 Q Now you show this particular well, which
- 4 is Well No. 54, to be cemented all the way back up to the
- 5 surface; however, when I look over --
- 6 A Yes, sir, there are others that -- that
- 7 the cement top's been calculated. I believe the deepest
- 8 cement top is a little under 400 foot from surface.
- 9 Again these are calculated tops.
- 10 Q Would you elaborate on that? Is there
- 11 any possible danger or --
- 12 A Okay.
- 13 Q -- any --
- 14 A We don't foresee any danger at all by in-
- 15 jecting steam down the annulus.
- 16 Q Without that portion that would -- that
- 17 portion of the casing that doesn't have cement --
- 18 A Right, there should be no problems. The
- 19 casing is rated well above 4000 pounds.
- 20 Q What is the maximum temperature that will
- 21 be reached during this steam injection?
- 22 A 330 (inaudible). *(circled)*
- 23 Q What kind of extra problems will that
- 24 cause, the tubing, casing, cement, or other facilities out
- 25 there?

1           A           There may be some expansion in the casing  
2 but not sufficient enough to warrant any problem.

3                       Steam had been successfully injected in  
4 wells to the north on the State lease.

5           Q           In the same procedure?

6           A           Using different equipment but basically  
7 the same procedure.

8           Q           Is there any water zones, fresh water  
9 zones, above this perforated interval?

10          A           None that we're aware of. Water is pro-  
11 duced out of the Massive Gallup, which is approximately 80  
12 foot below the top of the Hospah. There's 50 feet separa-  
13 tion between the Hospah and the Gallup.

14          Q           And what separates this?

15          A           Shale.

16          Q           Shale. Where are your source water wells  
17 at?

18          A           There's one by 6-Y; by 44, I believe, and  
19 then one to the north by 80. The exact locations right now  
20 I don't have on my map but there are three source wells  
21 scattered throughout the field.

22          Q           Are they designated on this map?

23          A           No, sir, they are not.

24          Q           Have they been drilled or are they --

25          A           They've already been drilled.

1           Q           Could you submit me some information on  
2 those water wells?

3           A           Yes, I could.

4           Q           Do you have water analyses on that water?

5           A           Yes, there's a water analysis included in  
6 the brochure. Both waters out of the Hospah and out of the  
7 Gallup are drinkable.

8           Q           Okay, if I refer to your booklet that you  
9 identified as your application, the second to the last page  
10 marked water analysis, is that your source well or is that  
11 --

12          A           That is a produced well. That is Hospah  
13 water, and the next page is the water from the water source  
14 well.

15          Q           Who is the surface owner out here in your  
16 area of review?

17          A           Okay, the surface owner is Lea Ranch,  
18 Fernandez Company (sic).

19          Q           And have they been notified?

20          A           Yes, sir, they have.

21          Q           Do you have a notification on that?

22          A           Yes, we do.

23          Q           Is that submitted with the --

24                       MR. MANGES: We've submitted  
25 that, that's correct. It should be in the file.

1 Q Is that by letter dated June 127th, 1986?

2 A Yes, sir, it is. We also have registered  
3 mail certificates.

4 Q Did you make me a copy of those?

5 MR. MANGES: The green -- the  
6 originals have been submitted to the Division.

7 They were submitted yesterday  
8 so they may not have been filed.

9 MR. STOGNER: Oh, were they  
10 mailed yesterday?

11 MR. MANGES: They were hand de-  
12 livered.

13 MR. STOGNER: And who were they  
14 given to?

15 MR. MANGES: I can give you a  
16 copy of what was submitted.

17 MR. STOGNER: You did submit  
18 them to this office, right?

19 MR. MANGES: Yeah.

20 Q Okay, now on this notice you show that a  
21 Mr. --

22 A Mr. Davidson?

23 Q Yeah.

24 A Mr. Davidson is an offset operator,  
25 Northern Minerals, which has a lease to the north and to the

1 south.

2 Q And there are no other operators or  
3 leaseholds out there?

4 A No, sir, there are not.

5 Q You mentioned something about acid  
6 enhancement. I'm confused about the terminology and I real-  
7 ly don't know what you mean.

8 A Just an acid stimulation, 500 gallons hy-  
9 drochloric acid, a near wellbore cleanout.

10 Q This is for the producers or injectors,  
11 or both?

12 A Both, depending on if we see a need,  
13 These wells have been shut in for two years and have really  
14 never been stimulated upon completion.

15 MR. STOGNER: Mr. Chavez, do  
16 you have any questions of Mr. Dittmar?

17 MR. CHAVEZ: Yes, I do.

18 Frank Chavez, District Super-  
19 visor, Oil Conservation Division, Aztec Office.

20

21 QUESTIONS BY MR. CHAVEZ:

22 Q Mr. Dittmar, how many other huff and puff  
23 projects have you operated?

24 A None.

25 Q This will be your first one for your com-



1 pany?

2 A Yes, it will.

3 Q Will this be a pilot project starting out  
4 with just a few, one or two wells and working to the others?

5 A This will encompass the thirteen wells  
6 that the application covers, so we will do each of these  
7 eight producers.

8 Q Do you foresee that perhaps some initial  
9 results might, if they're not very good, would cause you to  
10 not complete the project?

11 A No, we intend to go through the pilot.

12 Q Do you not foresee any problems with the  
13 casing failures caused by expansion or contraction from the  
14 heating and cooling of the casing in the steam injection  
15 wells?

16 A We've tried to get information on that.  
17 Right now we do not foresee any problems.

18 Q How about the expansion and cooling of  
19 the tubing and the sucker rods on the pumping equipment that  
20 may be in the well?

21 A We have no knowledge of any problems like  
22 that.

23 Q So you'll be injecting not only steam but  
24 also flue gas from the generator, is that correct?

25 A That is correct.

1           Q           What is the cycle length on the steam cy-  
2 cle, steaming cycle and then a production cycle for these  
3 wells? Is that, I guess, I didn't understand but you've al-  
4 ready explained that.

5           I know you will inject for four days,  
6 shut in for two, and then produce for how many days?

7           A           Hopefully, we're talking, instead of days  
8 we're talking months.

9           Q           Okay.

10          A           And we hope to have at least six months  
11 of production. Then depending on what the rate has dropped  
12 to either re-steam, in other words cyclic. As far as how  
13 long the cycles are, we have no idea right now.

14          Q           Okay, so that will depend on the results  
15 of the initial steaming?

16          A           Yes, it will. We do know that on one of  
17 the wells that Golden Exploration had steamed to the north,  
18 pressure maintained on that well for well over a year; how-  
19 ever that well was shut in, so there's real good handle on a  
20 time.

21          Q           Will you change any perforated intervals  
22 by adding new perforations or closing any on any of the  
23 wells in the project?

24          A           Not on these particular wells, no.

25          Q           Have you discovered any discrepancies

1 with the data which is available to you on the actual condi-  
2 tions of this field concerning the wells, any wells?

3 A We made a field inspection and found the  
4 location of one well to be erroneous or -- and (not clearly  
5 understood) and relied heavily on data submitted to the  
6 state.

7 Q And which well was that, for the record?

8 A Okay, for the record it was Well No. 81,  
9 which is located on the map on the leaseline between -- or  
10 section line between Section 20 and 21, between the two pro-  
11 posed injection wells.

12 That well was permitted east of Well No.  
13 80, about halfway on a diagonal between Wells 49 and 59.

14 MR. CHAVEZ: That's all the  
15 questions I have, Mr. Examiner.

16 MR. STOGNER: Thank you, Mr.  
17 Chavez.

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RECROSS EXAMINATION

20 BY MR. STOGNER:

21 Q Mr. Dittmar, who owns the mineral rights  
22 under the Felipe Tafoya Land Grant which intrudes up in Sec-  
23 tion 32?

24 A We don't know. We don't know that an-  
25 swer.

1 A SPECTATOR: Lea Ranch.

2 A Lea Ranch? Lea Ranch owns the minerals?

3 Q The reason I'm asking, they're within a  
4 mile of one of your injection wells up there in my crude  
5 measurement, but Lea Ranch was notified, that should be suf-  
6 ficient.

7 Do you know of any other wells within the  
8 half mile radius of these injection wells that are not  
9 shown?

10 A No, sir, we do not.

11 Q Is this within a designated pool?

12 A This is in the Miguel Creek Gallup.

13 Q In looking at the south half of 20 and  
14 the southwest quarter of 21 and the northwest quarter of 28  
15 and the north half of 29, these particular portions of  
16 those sections which I just mentioned, are they within one  
17 single lease or is it a separate lease?

18 A That is all one lease.

19 Q All one lease? Okay.

20 A Yes, sir.

21 Q So there's no need of -- within that  
22 lease, then, all of the royalties and mineral interests are  
23 the same?

24 A Right. We have outlined this lease on  
25 the attachment on the wall.

1 Q And all the mineral interests are common  
2 throughout.

3 A Yes.

4                   Q                   So there would be no need of unitization  
5 or anything such as that.

6 A No, sir, not for these wells.

7 Q Okay.

8 MR. STOGNER: I have no further  
9 questions at this time.

10 I'd like to make note for the  
11 record I'll take administrative notice of the application  
12 which has -- which was submitted in book form.

13 MR. MANGES: We have one fur-  
14 ther request.

15 MR. STOGNER: Yes.

16 MR. MANGES: We'd like to  
17 reserve the right to expand the program with -- subject to  
18 administrative approval pursuant to Rule 701-E.

19 And the only other comment I  
20 have was, Mr. Dittmar, have you had experience with other  
21 waterflood projects?

22           A           While I was with Amoco I was in charge of  
23 several waterfloods, both the production side and reservoir  
24 modeling.

25 I also worked with Amoco on CO2 enhanced

1 pilot in West Texas.

2 With Grace petroleum I initiated a CO2  
3 flood in Montana and a polymer flood in Wyoming.

4 And when I was with Amoco in Hobbs I was  
5 in charge of the South Hobbs Waterflood Unit and also expansion of Bravo Dome CO2 Flood.

7 That will be all.

8 MR. STOGNER: One more question  
9 and then I'll be through.

10 On your step rate test, do you  
11 propose to do step rate tests on all the injection wells or  
12 do you have some other plan?

13 A We propose a minimum of three, 6-Y, 2 in  
14 the massive injection area.

15 MR. STOGNER: 6-Y and the No.  
16 2?

17 A 6-Y and then one of the -- two of the  
18 wells, 79, 80, 82, 83, two of those wells, for a total of  
19 three tests.

20 MR. STOGNER: Do you have any  
21 idea when those will be ran?

22 A The first step rate test will be run  
23 after stabilized injection has occurred.

24 MR. STOGNER: I'm sorry?

25 A After the state has stabilized. In other

1 words --

2 MR. STOGNER: Stabilized at  
3 what, the pressure?

4 A After minimum pressure is stable; the  
5 pressure range is stable.

6 MR. STOGNER: You stated 500  
7 psi, is that right?

8 A That was under steam. I believe 250 psi  
9 maximum waterflood.

10 MR. STOGNER: And the injection  
11 depth is what, about 800 feet?

12 A 800 feet, approximately. We're antici-  
13 pating a bottom hole pressure maybe of 500 pounds.

14 MR. STOGNER: But you have no  
15 pressure information at this time?

16 A We have past injection pressures from a  
17 waterflood performed by Capital in the area, and we feel  
18 that their pressures weren't in excess of parting pressure  
19 at all and therefore the proposed step rate tests to deter-  
20 mine that.

21 MR. STOGNER: Could these step  
22 rate tests be run before the project gets kicked off?

23 A There's been no water injection in these  
24 wells for two years, so that we need to stabilize some kind  
25 of water injection at minimum rate --

1 MR. STOGNER: You're talking  
2 about stabilizing at 250 and the maximum is 160 for the .2  
3 psi per foot depth.

4 A We anticipate --

5 MR. STOGNER: So will you run  
6 that before you inject above 160?

7 A Okay, we looked at a .7, .8 fracture dur-  
8 ing these wells and feel that a .2 is a minimum.

9 MR. STOGNER: But you don't  
10 have nothing to show me that.

11 A No, sir, we do not.

12 MR. STOGNER: Okay. Is there  
13 anything further in Case Number 8943?

14 MR. CHAVEZ: Mr. Examiner, I'd  
15 like you to take administrative note, unknown to -- the best  
16 records available to the applicant indicate that there are  
17 two wells which are plugged; however, investigation by the  
18 District Office indicates that two of the wells as shown on  
19 the exhibits are probably not plugged; one may have been an  
20 illegal re-entry or illegal redrill within that area.

21 MR. STOGNER: Which ones are  
22 those, Mr. Chavez?

23 MR. CHAVEZ: In Section 29 to-  
24 wards the middle of the section where it says, just under  
25 the "N" of Northern Minerals No. 16, there's a well there at



1 this time and we have not yet determined whether it was an  
2 illegal re-entry of a plugged and abandoned 16 or a redrill  
3 of a new hole at that -- right next to that location.

4 The second well is the Sinclair  
5 Well, which was drilled, let's see, it's in the southeast  
6 corner of Section 20, where you see Well No. 41, right next  
7 to it as a P&A for a No. 1, that's another Sinclair well.

8 That well had been turned over  
9 to the ranch to use as a water supply well, however, our in-  
10 vestigation so far has indicated that it was not plugged and  
11 it was completed in the formation under question.

12 MR. STOGNER: And these are the  
13 the only two wells which you know of?

14 MR. CHAVEZ: Yes, sir.

15 MR. STOGNER: Is there anything  
16 further in Case Number 8943?

17 The witness may be excused and  
18 Case Number 8943 will be taken under advisement.

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20 (Hearing concluded.)

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I, SALLY W. BOYD, C.S.R., DO HEREBY  
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