

Dockets Nos. 5-91 and 6-91 are tentatively set for February 21, 1991 and March 7, 1991. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 23 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - FEBRUARY 7, 1991

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 or Jim Morrow, Alternate Examiners:

CASE 10226: Application of Bird Creek Resources for special pool rules, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order promulgating special rules and regulations for the East Loving-Delaware Pool including a provision for a limiting gas-oil ratio of 5000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil. Said pool is located in Township 23 South, Range 28 East, being approximately 2 miles east of Loving, New Mexico.

CASE 10227: Application of Nearburg Producing Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the N/2 of Section 29, Township 18 South, Range 25 East, to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools within said vertical extent developed on 320-acre spacing which presently includes, but is not necessarily limited to, the Undesignated Penasco Draw San Andres-Yeso Associated Pool, Undesignated Penasco Draw-Permo Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Undesignated Penasco Draw-Atoka Gas Pool, and Penasco Draw-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 located approximately 7 miles west of Dayton, New Mexico.

CASE 10228: Application of Tahoe Energy, Inc. for a non-standard gas proration unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of a 160-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising the S/2 SE/4 and SE/4 SW/4 of Section 10 and the NE/4 NW/4 of Section 15, both in Township 25 South, Range 37 East, Jalmat Gas Pool, said unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard gas well location thereon. Said unit is located approximately 2 miles east-northeast of Jal, New Mexico.

CASE 10229: Application of Tahoe Energy, Inc. for a non-standard gas proration unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of a 160-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising the NE/4 of Section 15, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, Jalmat Gas Pool, said unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard gas well location thereon. Said unit is located approximately 2.25 miles east-northeast of Jal, New Mexico.

CASE 10230: Application of Tahoe Energy, Inc. for a non-standard gas proration unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an 80-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising the W/2 NE/4 of Section 22, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, Jalmat Gas Pool, said unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard gas well location thereon. Said unit is located approximately 2 miles east of Jal, New Mexico.

CASE 10156: (Continued from January 10, 1991, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of ARCO Oil and Gas Company for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Ellenburger formation, underlying the S/2 of Section 32, Township 20 South, Range 37 East, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing, said unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard gas well location thereon. Also to be considered will be the costs of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in the drilling of said well. Said unit is located approximately 2 miles north-northwest of Oil Center, New Mexico.

~~CASE 10031:~~ (This case will be dismissed.)

Application of Harvey E. Yates Company 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 underlying the SW/4 NW/4 (Unit E) of Section 12, Township 18 South, Range 31 East, to form 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 North Shurgart-San Andres Pool and Shugart Yates-Seven Rivers-Queen-Grayburg 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 2.75 miles south-southwest of New Mexico State Highway No. 529 at the Lea/Eddy County line.

CASE 10232: (This case will be dismissed.)

Application of Bannon Energy, Inc. for an unorthodox oil well location, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox oil well location for its Mesa 25 Well No. 2A to be drilled 2416 feet from the South line and 287 feet from the East line (Unit I) of Section 25, Township 24 North, Range 7 West, Escrito-Gillup Associated Pool. The N/2 SE/4 of said Section 25 is to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said unit is located approximately 4 miles north-northeast of the Sunterra Gas Processing Co. Lybrook Plant.

CASE 10196: (Continued from January 10, 1991, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Merriam Oil & Gas Corporation for a horizontal directional drilling pilot project, special operating rules therefor, non-standard oil spacing and proration unit, and an unorthodox oil well location, McKinley County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the formation of an 80-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit in the Undesignated Ojo Encino-Entrada Oil Pool comprising the W/2 NE/4 of Section 28, Township 20 North, Range 5 West, for the purpose of initiating a horizontal directional drilling pilot project. The applicant proposes to drill at a non-standard surface location 750 feet from the North line and 2450 feet from the East line (Unit B) of said Section 28, penetrate the Entrada formation whereby the zone will be evaluated to determine the proper direction for a horizontal extension. Applicant further seeks special rules and provisions within the pilot project area including the designation of a prescribed area limiting the horizontal displacement of the wellbore to a target window described as a rectangle 1320 feet wide and 1200 feet long, the northern side of which is located 550 feet from the North line of said Section 28, with the western side formed by the half section line of Section 28. Also to be considered will be special allowable provisions for a double sized proration unit for this pool. This area is located approximately 8.25 miles northwest by west of Torreon (Sandoval), New Mexico.

CASE 10190: (Readvertised)

Application of McKay Oil Corporation for a horizontal directional drilling pilot project and special operating rules therefor, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to initiate a horizontal directional drilling pilot project in the SW/4 of Section 6, Township 5 South, Range 22 East, being a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit in the Wildcat Abo Gas Pool. The applicant proposes to utilize its West Fork Federal Well No. 10 to be drilled at a surface location 1980 feet from the South and West lines (Unit K) of said Section 6 to a depth of approximately 3400 feet, kick off from vertical in an undetermined direction with a short radius curve building angle to 90 degrees and continue drilling horizontally for approximately 500 feet. Applicant further seeks special rules and provisions within the pilot project area including the designation of a prescribed area limiting the horizontal displacement of the wellbore such that the well can be no closer than 300 feet to the outer boundary of its assigned spacing and proration unit. Said project is located approximately 5 miles south of Mesa, New Mexico.

CASE 10141: (Continued from January 24, 1991, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Samuel Gary Jr. & Associates, Inc. for a gas reinjection/pressure maintenance project, 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 North, Range 3 West. Said project area is located approximately 5 to 13 miles west-southwest of Cuba, New Mexico.

CASE 10233: Application of Mobil Exploration & Producing Company for approval of salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the South Vacuum Devonian Pool, in the open hole interval from approximately 11,800 feet to 13,970 feet in its State Section 27 Well No. 1 located 660 feet from the North line and 1983 feet from the East line (Unit B) of Section 27, Township 18 South, Range 35 East. Said well is located approximately 5 miles east of the old Hobbs Army Air Corps Auxiliary Airfield No. 4.

CASE 10202: (Readvertised)

Application of Seay Exploration, Inc. 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 Abo formation underlying the following described acreage and in the following manner: Lots 1 and 2 and the S/2 NE/4 (NE/4 equivalent) of Section 6, Township 20 South, Range 39 East, forming a 160.12-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools within said vertical extent developed on 160-acre spacing, which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the House-Yates Seven Rivers Gas Pool and the SW/4 NE/4 of said Section 6 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 spacing, which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the House-San Andres, Undesignated House-Blinbry and House-Drinkard Pools. Said units are to be dedicated to a single well to be drilled at a standard location in the SW/4 NE/4 (Unit G) of said Section 6. 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 3 miles east-southeast of the community of Nadine, New Mexico.

CASE 10234: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox gas well location, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Ordovician formation underlying the following described acreage in Section 29, Township 9 South, Range 26 East, and in the following manner: the N/2 to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within said vertical extent, which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Poor Ranch-PrePermian Gas Pool and Undesignated East Bitter Lakes-Wolfcamp Gas Pool; the NE/4 to form a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing within said vertical extent, which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the South Pecos Slope-Abo Gas Pool; and the SW/4 NE/4 to form a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit for any