

Dockets Nos. 23-89 and 24-89 are tentatively set for August 9 and August 23, 1989. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - JULY 26, 1989

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, or Victor T. Lyon, Alternate Examiners:

CASE 9689: (Continued from July 12, 1989, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the East Four Lakes State Unit Area comprising 12,178.27 acres, more or less, of State lands in portions of Townships 11 and 12 South, Ranges 34 and 35 East. Said unit area is located approximately 10 miles northwest of Tatum, New Mexico.

CASE 9698: (Continued from July 12, 1989, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for an unorthodox gas well location, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox gas well location for its Dragonfly State Unit Well No. 2 located 660 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the East line (Unit 0) of Section 31, Township 9 South, Range 27 East, Undesignated Poor Ranch-PrePermian Gas Pool. Lots 3 and 4, the E/2 SW/4, and the SE/4 (S/2 equivalent) of said Section 31 to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 319.16-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said well is approximately 4.5 miles north of Mile Post 172.5 on U. S. Highway 380.

CASE 9700: (Continued from July 12, 1989, Examiner Hearing.)

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 Morrow formation underlying Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 and the S/2 N/2 (N/2 equivalent) of Section 2, Township 20 South, Range 24 East, forming a standard 319.04-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 Dagger Draw-Strawn Gas Pool, Undesignated Dagger Draw-Atoka Gas Pool, Undesignated North Cemetery-Atoka Gas Pool, Undesignated Cemetery-Morrow Gas Pool, and the Undesignated Hoag Tank-Morrow Gas Pool) and Lots 3 and 4 and the S/2 NW/4 (NW/4 equivalent) of said Section 2 to form a standard 159.64-acre spacing and proration unit for all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing (which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Dagger Draw-Wolfcamp Gas Pool and the Undesignated North Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool). Both aforementioned units are to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit C) of said Section 2. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of 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 well location is approximately 8 miles west by north of Seven Rivers, New Mexico.

CASE 9175: (Reopened)

In the matter of Case 9175 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Division Order No. R-8476, which promulgated temporary special rules and regulations for the North Hume-Wolfcamp Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, including a provision for 80-acre spacing units. Operators in the subject pool may appear and show cause why the temporary special pool rules for the North Hume-Wolfcamp Pool should not be developed on 40-acre spacing units.

CASE 9354: (Reopened)

In the matter of Case 9354 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Division Order Nos. R-8476 and R-8476-A, which promulgated temporary special rules and regulations for the North Hume-Wolfcamp Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, including a provision for 160-acre spacing units. Operators in the subject pool may appear and show cause why the North Hume-Wolfcamp Pool should not be developed on less than 160-acre spacing.

CASE 9663: (Continued from July 12, 1989, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of The Petroleum Corporation of Delaware for downhole commingling, the amendment of Division Order No. R-7269, and the amendment of Division Administrative Order NSP-1290, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, and as operator of the Superior Federal Well No. 6 located 660 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit N) of Section 6, Township 20 South, Range 29 East, seeks to downhole commingle production from the Undesignated East Burton Flat-Atoka Gas Pool and the East Burton Flat-Morrow Gas Pool. Applicant also seeks to permit such commingled production to be produced through tubing and the production of gas from the East Burton Flat-Strawn Gas Pool through the casing-tubing annulus of said well and that Division Order No. R-7269 be amended accordingly. Applicant further seeks to amend Division Administrative Order No. NSP-1290, dated April 28, 1982; which authorized a 299.84-acre, more or less, gas spacing and proration unit for the East Burton Flat-Strawn

authorized a 299-84-acre, more or less, gas spacing and proration unit for the East Burton Flat-Strawn Gas Pool comprising Lots 6 and 7, the E/2 SW/4, and the SE/4 of said Section 6 for said well; to include both the Undesignated East Burton Flat-Atoka Gas Pool and the East Burton Flat-Morrow Gas Pool. Applicant also requests that any such order issued in this case be made effective retroactively to May 1987. Said well is located approximately 7.5 miles northwest of the junction of New Mexico Highway No. 31 North and U.S. Highway 62/180.

CASE 9702: Application of Santa Fe Exploration Company for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the South and West lines (Unit M) of Section 36, Township 17 South, Range 26 East, to test the Morrow formation, the S/2 of said Section 36 to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit in the Undesignated Atoka-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Undesignated Red Lake-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, or Undesignated Kennedy Farms-Morrow Gas Pool. Said well is approximately 6.25 miles southeast of Artesia, New Mexico.

CASE 9692: (Continued from July 12, 1989, Examiner Hearing.)

Application of Bettis, Boyle & Stovall for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit C) of Section 15, Township 24 South, Range 31 East, to test the Devonian formation, the W/2 of said Section 15 to be dedicated to said well. Said well is approximately 2.7 miles west-southwest of the Lea and Eddy County line on New Mexico State Highway 128.

CASE 9703: Application of Meridian Oil, Inc. for exemption from the New Mexico Natural Gas Pricing Act (NMPA). San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the exemption from the NMPA of certain infill wells in the Basin-Dakota and Blanco-Mesaverde Pools as provided in Section 62-7-5 NMSA, 1978. A list of wells for which exemptions are being sought may be obtained by contacting the Santa Fe office of the Oil Conservation Division.

CASE 9704: Application of Union Oil Company of California for an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox gas well location 1800 feet from the South line and 2060 feet from the West line (Unit K) of Section 20, Township 19 South, Range 33 East, for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing from the surface to the base of the Morrow formation which includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Buffalo-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool and the Gem-Morrow Gas Pool, the W/2 of said Section 20 to be dedicated to said well. Said well location is approximately 5.25 miles north of Mile Post No. 70.5 on U.S. Highway 62/180.

CASE 9705: Application of Union Oil Company of California for an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox gas well location 460 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line (Unit B) of Section 29, Township 19 South, Range 33 East, to test the Morrow formation, the N/2 of said Section 29 to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for the Undesignated Gem-Morrow Gas Pool. Said well location is approximately 4.5 miles north of Mile Post No. 72 on U.S. Highway 62/180.

CASE 9706: Application of Bahlburg Exploration for an unorthodox oil well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox oil well location 900 feet from the South line and 50 feet from the West line (Unit M) of Section 25, Township 13 South, Range 37 East, Undesignated King-Devonian Pool, the SW/4 SW/4 of said Section 25 to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit. Said well location is approximately 11.5 miles southeast by east of Tatum, New Mexico.

CASE 9707: 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 for an unorthodox coal gas well location for its Heizer Well No. 100 to be drilled 1430 feet from the North line and 2250 feet from the East line (Unit G) of Section 15, Township 32 North, Range 10 West, Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool, Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 and the W/2 E/2 (E/2 equivalent) of said Section 15 to be dedicated to said well forming a standard 311.43-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool. Said location is approximately 1 mile south of the Colorado/New Mexico Stateline on U.S. Highway 550.

CASE 9708: Application of Phillips Petroleum Company for salt water disposal, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced water into the Yates formation in the perforated interval from approximately 3,509 feet to 3,629 feet in its Cruces Well No. 3 located 330 feet from the South line and 1655 feet from the West line (Unit N) of Section 26, Township 20 South, Range 34 East, Lynch Yates-Seven Rivers Pool. Said well is located approximately 4.5 miles south of Mile Post No. 77 on U.S. Highway 62/180.

CASE 9709: Application of Pacific Enterprises Oil Company for compulsory pooling, Lea 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 Morrow formation underlying Lots 1 thru 5, the SE/4 NW/4, and the S/2 NE/4 (N/2 equivalent) of Section 6, Township 20 South, Range 34 East, forming a 322.03-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing (which presently includes but is not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Quail Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool and the Undesignated Teas-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool). Applicant also seeks an order pooling all mineral interests

from the surface to the top of the Wolfcamp formation underlying Lots 3, 4, and 5, and the SE/4 NW/4 (NW/4 equivalent) of said Section 6, forming a 162.03-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any all formations and/or pools developed on 160-acre spacing. Both units are to be dedicated to a single well to be drilled at a standard location 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit C) 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 well location is approximately 1/2 mile north of Mile Post No. 76 on U.S. Highway 62/180.

CASE 9710: Application of Mallon Oil Company for salt water disposal, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced water into the Brushy Canyon formation in the perforated interval from approximately 5593 feet to 5636 feet in its Amoco Federal Well No. 1 located 1665 feet from the South line and 330 feet from the East line (Unit I) of Section 27, Township 26 South, Range 29 East, Brushy Draw-Delaware Pool. Said well is located approximately 3/4 of a mile north of Mile Corner No. 53 located on the New Mexico/Texas Stateline.

CASE 8668: (Reopened) (Continued from July 12, 1989, Examiner Hearing.)

In the matter of Case No. 8668 being reopened upon application of Howard Olsen to reconsider the provisions of Division Order No. R-8031, issued in said Case No. 8668 and dated September 27, 1985, which granted the application of Doyle Hartman to compulsorily pool all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Langlie-Mattix Pool underlying the SE/4 SE/4 (Unit P) of Section 23, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard oil well location thereon. Said well is located approximately 4 miles east of Jal, New Mexico.

CASE 8769: (Reopened) (Continued from July 12, 1989, Examiner Hearing.)

In the matter of Case No. 8769 being reopened upon application of Howard Olsen to reconsider the provisions of Division Order No. R-8091, issued in said Case No. 8769 and dated December 6, 1985, which granted the application of Doyle Hartman to compulsorily pool all mineral interests from the surface to the base of the Langlie-Mattix Pool underlying the SE/4 NE/4 (Unit H) of Section 26, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, forming a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard oil well location thereon. Said well is located approximately 4 miles east of Jal, New Mexico.

CASE 9711: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion for an order creating and extending certain pools in Chaves and Eddy Counties, New Mexico.

- (a) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for Delaware production and designated as the Ingle Wells-Delaware Pool. The discovery well is the Texaco, Inc. Todd 2 State Well No. 1 located in Unit P of Section 2, Township 24 South, Range 31 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, NMPM
Section 2: NW/4

- (b) EXTEND the Burton Flat-Atoka Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM
Section 4: E/2

- (c) EXTEND the Burton Flat-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NMPM
Section 9: W/2

- (d) EXTEND the East Burton Flat-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM
Section 11: S/2
Section 12: S/2

- (e) EXTEND the East Burton Flat-Wolfcamp Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM
Section 17: E/2

- (f) EXTEND the Cemetery-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, NMPM
Section 2: S/2

- (g) EXTEND the Collins Ranch-Wolfcamp Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, NMPM
Section 34: W/2

- (h) EXTEND the Comanche Springs-PrePermian Gas Pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, NMPM
Section 36: W/2

- (i) EXTEND the Diablo-San Andres Pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM
Section 27: NE/4
Section 28: NE/4

- (j) EXTEND the Foor Ranch-PrePermian Gas Pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, NMPM
Section 35: E/2

TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, NMPM
Section 1: N/2

- (k) EXTEND the Foor Ranch-Wolfcamp Gas Pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, NMPM
Section 35: E/2

- (l) EXTEND the Indian Basin-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, NMPM
Section 21: All

- (m) EXTEND the East Loving-Delaware Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NMPM
Section 27: SE/4

- (n) EXTEND the Palmillo-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM
Section 19: NE/4

- (o) EXTEND the Parkway-Delaware Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM
Section 36: SW/4

- (p) EXTEND the Red Lake Atoka-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM
Section 26: N/2

- (q) EXTEND the Seven Rivers-Yeso Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, NMPM
Section 26: NW/4
Section 27: E/2

- (r) EXTEND the North Shugart-Bone Spring Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, NMPM
Section 7: NW/4