

October 9, 1987

Energy and Minerals Department Oil Conservation Division P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Case 9245

Re: Cactus Flower State Unit Chaves County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Enclosed for filing, please find three copies of the Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for Approval of a Unit Agreement, Cactus Flower State Unit Area, Chaves County, New Mexico.

We ask that this matter be set for hearing before an Examiner on November 4, 1987, and that we be furnished with a docket of said hearing.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

DICKERSON, FISK & VANDIVER

Chad Dickerson

CD:pv Enclosures

cc w/enclosure: Ms. Kathy Colbert

DICKERSON, FISK & VANDIVER

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF A UNIT AGREEMENT, CACTUS FLOWER STATE UNIT AREA, CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO.

APPLICATION

COMES NOW Yates Petroleum Corporation, by its attorneys, and in support hereof, respectfully states:

1. Applicant is the operator of the following lands in Chaves County, New Mexico:

Township 8 South, Range 27 East, N.M.P.M.

NW/4 NE/4, S/2 NE/4, Section 8: NW/4, S/2Section 9: A11 Section 10: All Section 15: All Section 16: A11 Section 18: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 (W/2 W/2),

S/2 NE/4, E/2 W/2, SE/4Section 19: A11

Section 20: A11

containing 5,016.20 acres, more or less.

- 2. The Applicant seeks to commit the above described lands to an exploratory unit known as the Cactus Flower State Unit. The unit consists entirely of state lands.
- 3. The ratification or approval of all leasehold owners, including the State of New Mexico, required to ratify such

unit agreement will be forthcoming prior to the effective date of any order issued pursuant to this Application by the Division.

4. The approval of this Application is in the interest of conservation and will prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, Applicant prays:

- A. That this Application be set for hearing before an examiner and that notice of said hearing be given as required by law.
- B. That upon hearing, the Division enter its order approving the Cactus Flower State Unit Agreement, with Applicant as operator, as an exploratory unit embracing the above described lands.
- C. And for such other and further relief as may be just in the premises.

YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION

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Energy and Minerals Department Oil Conservation Division P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

> Re: Cactus Flower State Unit Chaves County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Enclosed for filing, please find three copies of the Amended Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for Approval of a Unit Agreement, Cactus Flower State Unit Area, Chaves County, New Mexico.

We ask that this matter be set for hearing before an Examiner on November 4, 1987, and that we be furnished with a docket of said hearing.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

DICKERSON, FISK & VANDIVER

David R. Vandiver

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OF YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION
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CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. 9245

AMENDED APPLICATION

COMES NOW Yates Petroleum Corporation, by its attorneys, and in support hereof, respectfully states:

1. Applicant is the operator of the following lands in Chaves County, New Mexico:

Township 8 South, Range 27 East, N.M.P.M.

Section 8: NW/4 NE/4, S/2 NE/4, NW/4, S/2
Section 9: All
Section 10: All

Section 15: All Section 16: All

Section 17: SW/4, E/2

Section 18: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 (W/2 W/2), S/2 NE/4, E/2 W/2, SE/4

Section 19: All Section 20: All

containing 5,496.20 acres, more or less.

- 2. The Applicant seeks to commit the above described lands to an exploratory unit known as the Cactus Flower State Unit. The unit consists entirely of state lands.
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Dockets Nos. 34-87 and 35-87 are tentatively set for November 18 and December 2, 1987. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 4, 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 Michael E. Stogner, Examiner, or David R. Catanach, Alternate Examiner:

- ALLOWABLE: (1) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for December, 1987, from fourteen prorated pools in Lea, Eddy, and Chaves Counties, New Mexico.
 - (2) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for December, 1987, from four prorated pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico.
- CASE 9179: (Continued from October 21, 1987, Examiner Hearing)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to permit Turman & Hayes, Western Surety Company, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the following four wells located on the "B" Lee State Lease in Section 7, Township 18 South, Range 35 East, Lea County, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program:

- Well No. 1 located 1650 feet from the North line and 2236 feet from the West line (Unit F);
- Well No. 3 located 2319 feet from the North line and 918 feet from the West line (Unit E);
- Well No. 4 located 2055 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line (Unit L); and
- Well No. 5 located 994 feet from the South line and 330 feet from the West line (Unit M).

All of these wells are located approximately 2.5 to 3 miles south of Buckeye, New Mexico.

- CASE 9243: Application of Elk Oil Company for a unit agreement, Chaves County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Runyan Unit Area comprising 3,764.40 acres, more or less, of State and Fee lands in Township 8 South, Range 27 East. Said area is located 5 miles south of the west end of Railroad Mountain.
- CASE 9244: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Lazy Tree State Unit Area comprising 4,640 acres, more or less, of State lands in Township 13 South, Ranges 32 and 33 East. Said area is located approximately 20 miles west of Tatum, New Mexico.
- CASE 9245: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for a unit agreement, Chaves County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Cactus Flower State Unit Area comprising 5,496.2 acres, more or less, of State lands in Township 8 South, Range 27 East. Said area is located approximately 3 miles south of the west end of Railroad Mountain.
 - CASE 9246: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for a unit agreement, Chaves County, New Mexico.
 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Dragonfly State Unit Area comprising 1,282.08 acres, more or less, of State lands in Township 9 South, Range 27 East. Said area is located approximately 10 miles south of the west end of Railroad Mountain.
 - CASE 9247: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for a unit agreement, Chaves County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the East Wind State Unit Area comprising 3,520 acres, more or less, of State lands in Township 9 South, Range 27 East. Said area is located approximately 7 miles south of the west end of Railroad Mountain.
 - CASE 9248: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for a unit agreement, Chaves County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Hard as Nails State Unit Area comprising 2,080.37 acres, more or less, of State lands in Townships 9 and 10 South, Range 26 East. Said area is located approximately 11 miles south of the west end of Railroad Mountain.
 - CASE 9249: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location 2310 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line (Unit L) of Section 8, Township 19 South, Range 27 East, to test all formations from the top of the Wolfcamp through the base of the Morrow, the S/2 of said Section 8 to be dedicated to the well. Said well is located approximately 17 miles southeast of Artesia, New Mexico.

CASE 9238: (Continued from October 21, 1987, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for downhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval to commingle production from the Sanmal-Queen and the Undesignated Maljamar Grayburg-San Andres Pools in the wellbore of its Hoover "ADR" State Well No. 6 located 330 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the West line (Unit M) of Section 1, Township 17 South, Range 33 East. Said well is located approximately 8 miles south of Maljamar, New Mexico.

CASE 9239: (Continued from October 21, 1987, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for downhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval to commingle production from the Undesignated Sanmal-Queen and Undesignated Maljamar Grayburg-San Andres Pools in the wellbore of its Billy "AES" State Well No. 2 located 530 feet from the North line and 1750 feet from the West line (Unit C) of Section 12, Township 17 South, Range 33 East. Said well is located approximately 8 miles east of Maljamar, New Mexico.

CASE 9233: (Continued from October 7, 1987, Examiner Hearing)

Application of TXO Production Corporation for compulsory pooling and directional drilling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order authorizing its re-entry into the plugged and abandoned Mesa Petroleum Company Hightower Well No. 1 located 810 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line (Unit A) of Section 4, Township 17 South, Range 37 East, wherein applicant proposes to deepen and deviate said well to the Shipp-Strawn Pool at a standard sub-surface oil well location in Lot 1 (Unit A) of said Section 4. Applicant further seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Shipp-Strawn Pool underlying Lot 1 and the SE/4 NE/4 of said Section 4, forming a standard 80.95-acre spacing and proration unit, to be dedicated to the above-described well. Also to be considered will be the cost of re-entering, deepening, 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 is located approximately 8 miles southeast of Lovington, New Mexico.

- CASE 9250: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion for an order extending a certain pool in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico:
 - (a) EXTEND the Gavilan-Mancos Oil Pool in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, NMPM Sections 3 and 4: All Section 8: E/2 Sections 9 and 10: All

TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, NMPM Section 15: All

Section 22: All Section 27: All Section 34: All

- CASE 9251: Application of Dugan Production Corporation 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 Oil Pool underlying all of Section 21, Township 26 North, Range 2 West, forming a standard 640-acre oil spacing and proration unit for said 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 location is approximately 11.5 miles north of Lindrith, New Mexico.
- CASE 9252: Application of Dugan Production Corporation 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 Oil Pool underlying all of Section 28, Township 26 North, Range 2 West, forming a standard 640-acre oil spacing and proration unit for said 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 location is approximately 10 miles north of Lindrith, New Mexico.