

VADA-PENNSYLVANIAN POOL
Compulsory Pooling (Case 5140 - Dismissed)

Dismissed was the application of Pierce and Dehlinger seeking an order pooling all mineral interests in the Vada-Pennsylvanian Pool underlying the NW/4 of Sec. 24, T-9-S, R-33-E, Lea County, to be dedicated to the King Resources No. 1-A Sheridan well, Unit C, Sec. 24.

VADA-PENNSYLVANIAN POOL
Determination of Reasonable Well Costs (Case 4956 - Reopened - Dismissed)

Dismissed was the application of Pierce and Dehlinger seeking the determination of reasonable well costs for the No. 1 Sheridan well, Unit M, Sec. 13, T-9-S, R-33-E, Vada-Pennsylvanian Pool, Lea County.

CATCLAW DRAW-MORROW GAS POOL AREA
Compulsory Pooling (Case 5187 - Dismissed)

Dismissed was the application of Inexco Oil Company seeking an order pooling all mineral interests in the Pennsylvanian formation underlying Sec. 17, T-21-S, R-26-E, Eddy County, adjacent to the Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool, to be dedicated to a well at a standard location.

DRINKARD AND BLINEBRY POOLS
Downhole Commingling (Case 5188 - Continued to March 27)

Continued to March 27 is the application of Continental Oil Company seeking to commingle Drinkard and Blinebry production in the well bore of its No. 8 Lockhart B-1 well located in Unit H, Sec. 1, T-22-S, R-36-E, Lea County.

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COMMISSION HEARING HELD - MARCH 15 - SANTA FE

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission met in Morgan Hall, State Land Office, Santa Fe, 9 a.m., Friday, March 15, 1974, to hear one case ahead of which it held a discussion on the "Open Meetings" bill enacted by the recent session of the State Legislature. Present for the discussion of the bill were all three commissioners: Chairman L. R. Trujillo, Land Commissioner Alex Armijo, and Secretary-Directory A. L. Porter. For the hearing on Case 5193, Porter and Trujillo remained.

Porter read the addition to the State Laws, Chapter 91, Section 1, which he followed with a statement of his own. The announcement was made at this, the first official meeting, since the bill was signed into law February 28, 1974.

Armijo said the law as passed "is kind of ridiculous" as it does not define what constitutes a meeting. He noted that he could meet casually and hold a conversation with one of his staff or a member of the Commission and it might well be termed a meeting, under the new law, for which notice should have been given in advance to the public.

Porter urged industry members to attend the policy meeting which the Commission will hold shortly and have its say on recommended guidelines. He announced the meeting in the form of a motion, which was passed.

The copy of the new law is included in its entirety elsewhere in this report.

SOUTH SALT LAKE FIELD
Drilling Permit in Oil-Potash Area (Case 5193)

Belco Petroleum Corporation requested a permit in the South Salt Lake Field to allow it to drill its proposed No. 2 Bass-Federal Pennsylvanian well at an unorthodox location 660 feet from the South and 1300 feet from the East lines of Sec. 30, T-20-S, R-33-E, Lea County, within the boundaries of the Potash-Oil Area established by Order R-111-A. The unorthodox location was previously approved by Order R-4699 but objection was entered by Kerr McGee Corporation, owner of leases a few miles away and with an expressed interest in mining Sec. 30 for potash.

Appearing as witnesses for Belco were Omar Brown, landman, Midland; William J. Henry, consulting geologist, Midland; Glen Cope, consulting engineer, Midland; H. L. Kendrick, El Paso Natural Gas Company, El Paso; Kenneth McPeters, Moranco Drilling, Hobbs; W. J. Holbart, Roland Drilling U. S., western division manager; and George Warnock, consulting mining geologist, Albuquerque.

Kerr McGee presented one witness, Robert H. Lane, engineering superintendent, Carlsbad. Its case was not heard until Saturday morning. Attorneys for Kerr McGee were John Robb and Mark Adams, both from Albuquerque.

Omar Brown testified that Belco has a number of Morrow gas wells in the pool but additional development is needed in the S/2 of Sec. 30 to prevent drainage that is now taking place and permit gas to be recovered under this to protect correlative rights and prevent waste. Teledyne is the owner of record of the potash lease under Sec. 30 and Brown said nothing had been heard from them in regard to the well location.