

BEFORE THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

CASE NO. 7531
ORDER NO. 8850

IN THE MATTER OF A HEARING CALLED
ON A MOTION OF THE COMMISSION TO
CONSIDER ELIMINATING THE INTERWELL
DISTANCE AND AMENDING THE SURFACE
CASING, GAS-OIL RATIO, AND BOTTOM
HOLE PRESSURE TESTING REQUIREMENTS
FOR ALL SECONDARY RECOVERY PROJECTS
AND POOLS LOCATED IN THE FOLLOWING
FIELDS WITHIN BOTTINEAU COUNTY,
NORTH DAKOTA: ANTLER, BAUMANN
DRAIN, CIMBEL, ELMS, GLENBURN, GREAT
NORTHERN, HAAS, HARAM, HULSE COULEE,
KANE, KANU, KUROKI, LANDA, LANSFORD,
LEONARD, LESJE, MOHALL, MOUNTROSE,
NEWBURG, NORTH HAAS, NORTH ROTH,
NORTH SOURIS, NORTH WESTHOPE,
NORTHEAST LANDA, PRESCOTT, REFUGE,
RENVILLE, ROTH, RUSSELL, SCANDIA,
SCOTIA, SERGIS, SHERMAN, SOURIS,
SOUTH ANTLER CREEK, SOUTH LANDA,
SOUTH STARBUCK, SOUTH WESTHOPE,
SOUTHWEST HAAS, SOUTHWEST LANDA,
SOUTHWEST STARBUCK, SPRING COULEE,
STARBUCK, STINSON, WAYNE, WEST ROTH,
WHEATON, WILEY AND ZION.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

THE COMMISSION FINDS:

(1) This cause came on for hearing at 9:00 a.m. on the 20th day of December, 2000. Order No. 8797, dated January 4, 2001, continued this matter for 60 days or until further order of the Commission.

(2) Special field rules are currently in effect for the Antler Midale Unit, Antler-Madison Pool, Baumann Drain Madison Unit, Baumann Drain-Madison Pool, Cimbel-Madison Pool, Elms-Madison Pool, Glenburn-Madison Pool, Great Northern-Madison Pool, Haas Madison Unit, Haas-Madison Pool, Haram-Madison Pool, Hulse Coulee-Madison Pool, Kane-Madison Pool, Kanu-Madison Pool, Kuroki Midale Unit, Kuroki-Madison Pool, Landa-Madison Unit, Landa-Madison and Spearfish Pools, Lansford-Madison Pool, Leonard-Spearfish/Madison Pool, Lesje-Madison Pool, Mohall-Madison Pool, Mountrose-Madison Pool, Newburg Spearfish/Charles Unit, Newburg-Spearfish/Charles Pool, North Haas-Madison Pool, North Roth-Spearfish Pool, North Souris-Madison Pool, North Westhope Madison Unit, North Westhope-Madison Pool, Northeast Landa-Spearfish/Madison Pool, Prescott-Madison Pool, Refuge-Madison Pool, Renville-Madison Pool, Roth-Spearfish/Madison Pool, Russell-Spearfish/Madison Pool, Scandia-Spearfish/Madison Pool, Scotia Madison Unit, Scotia-Madison Pool,

Sergis-Madison Pool, Sherman-Madison Pool, Souris-Madison and Spearfish/Madison Pools, South Antler Creek Madison Unit, South Antler Creek-Madison Pool, South Landa Madison Unit, South Landa-Madison Pool, South Starbuck Madison Unit, South Starbuck-Madison and Spearfish Pools, South Westhope-Spearfish/Charles Unit, South Westhope-Madison and Spearfish/Charles Pools, Southwest Haas-Madison Pool, Southwest Landa-Madison Pool, Southwest Starbuck-Madison and Spearfish Pools, Spring Coulee-Madison Pool, Starbuck-Madison Pool, Stinson-Madison Pool, Wayne-Madison Pool, West Roth-Madison Pool, Wheaton-Madison Pool, Wiley Glenburn Unit, Wiley-Madison Pool and Zion-Spearfish/Madison Pool in Bottineau County, North Dakota. Said rules require the following:

- (a) Surface casing is not required to be set at a point deep enough to protect the fresh waters found within the Fox Hills Formation.
- (b) All wells drilled must maintain an interwell setback from any well permitted to or producing from each respective pool.
- (c) Semiannual gas-oil ratio tests must be conducted.
- (d) Annual reservoir pressure tests must be conducted.
- (3) Potable waters are located within the Fox Hills Formation and sufficient surface casing should be set to protect such waters.
- (4) An interwell setback prevents operators from drilling a well at an optimum location in the reservoir. A well drilled at an optimum location may produce oil that might otherwise not be produced, therefore, the interwell setback should be eliminated.
- (5) Semiannual gas-oil ratio tests are a financial burden on operators and should be required annually only when the gas is not being marketed, although additional tests conducted by the operator may provide valuable information and should be submitted to the Commission.
- (6) Annual reservoir pressure tests on existing wells are a financial burden on operators and should be required only when a new well is completed in the pool, although additional tests conducted by the operator may provide valuable information and should be submitted to the Commission.
- (7) There were no objections to this case.
- (8) The aforementioned protection of potable waters and relief from certain field rules will prevent waste, avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) Commission orders establishing special field rules for the aforementioned pools in paragraph (2) above are hereby amended to provide for the following:
 - (a) Surface casing shall be set and cemented at a point not less than 50 feet below the base of the Fox Hills Formation.

- (b) No interwell setback shall be required to a well permitted to or producing from any respective pool.
- (c) The gas-oil ratio of all wells not connected to a gas gathering system shall be measured annually during the month of May. The reservoir pressure shall be measured within 45 days in all wells hereinafter completed in any pool. Drill stem test pressures are acceptable for determining reservoir pressure. Pressure measurements shall be made at or adjusted to its respective subsea datum after the well has been shut in for a minimum of 48 hours. All gas-oil ratio and reservoir pressure determinations shall be made by methods approved by the Director and reported to the Director within 15 days following the end of the month in which they are determined. The Director is authorized to waive these requirements if the necessity therefor can be demonstrated to his satisfaction. All additional gas-oil ratio and reservoir pressure determinations conducted on any well, but not specifically required herein, shall be reported to the Director within 15 days following the end of the month in which they are determined.

(2) Paragraph (9) of Commission Order No. 8574, which sets forth the gas-oil ratio and reservoir pressure requirements for the Saddle Butte-Stonewall Pool, shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

(3) This order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

Dated this 15th day of February, 2001.

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

/s/ John Hoeven, Governor

/s/ Wayne Stenehjem, Attorney General

/s/ Roger Johnson, Commissioner of Agriculture

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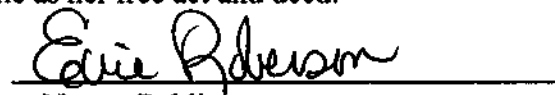
I, Donna Bauer, being duly sworn upon oath, depose and say: That on the 21st day of February, 2001, enclosed in separate envelopes true and correct copies of the attached Order No. 8850 of the North Dakota Industrial Commission, and deposited the same with the United State Postal Service in Bismarck, North Dakota, with postage thereon fully paid, directed to the following persons by the Industrial Commission in Case No. 7531 :

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Donna Bauer
Oil & Gas Division

On this 21st day of February, 2001, before me personally appeared Donna Bauer to me known as the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that she executed the same as her free act and deed.


Notary Public
State of ND, County of Burleigh
My Commission expires 11-03-2004

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ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

THE COMMISSION FINDS:

- (1) This cause came on for hearing at 9:00 a.m. on the 20th day of December, 2000.
- (2) North Dakota Century Code Section 38-08-11 provides the Commission shall enter its orders within thirty (30) days after hearing.

(3) The issues in this case are of such complexity that additional time is necessary for the Commission to render a decision, therefore, this matter should be continued.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) This matter is hereby continued for sixty (60) days or until further order of the Commission.

Dated this 12th day of January, 2001.

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

By the Director, on behalf of the Commission.

/s/ Lynn D. Helms, Director

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

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I, Donna Bauer, being duly sworn upon oath, depose and say: That on the 17th day of January, 2001, enclosed in separate envelopes true and correct copies of the attached Order No. 8797 of the North Dakota Industrial Commission, and deposited the same with the United State Postal Service in Bismarck, North Dakota, with postage thereon fully paid, directed to the following persons by the Industrial Commission in Case No. 7531 :

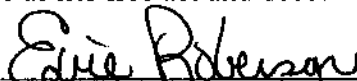
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Donna Bauer
Oil & Gas Division

On this 17th day of January, 2001, before me personally appeared Donna Bauer to me known as the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that she executed the same as her free act and deed.



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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION NORTH DAKOTA INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

The State of North Dakota by its Industrial Commission hereby gives notice pursuant to law and the rules and regulations of said Commission promulgated thereunder of the following public hearing to be held at 9:00 a.m. on December 20, 2000, Judicial Room, Doubletree Inn, 1400 East Interchange Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota. For the purpose of this hearing, the Commission, any member thereof acting as Examiner, or an Examiner appointed by the Commission will receive testimony and exhibits.

ATTENTION PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: If you plan to attend the hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the North Dakota Industrial Commission at 701-328-3722 by December 6, 2000.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA TO:

All named parties and persons having any right, title, interest, or claim in the following cases and notices to the public. **Case No. 7531.** On a motion of the Commission to consider the temporary or proper spacing for the development of an oil and/or gas pool discovered by the Nance Petroleum Corporation #16-28X Federal well, located in

the NE/4 SE/4 of Section 28, T.148N., R.104W, McKenzie County, North Dakota, define the limits of the field, and enact such special field rules as may be necessary. **Case No. 7522:** On a motion of the Commission to consider the application of Petro-Hunt, LLC, for an order amending the applicable orders for the Little Knife-Duperow Pool so as to eliminate the requirement that any well located within Zone I of the pool be located in the NE or SW quarter of each section or for such other and further relief as the Commission deems appropriate and which will allow the Zaboloty #3D-4-4 well to be drilled to and completed in the Little Knife-Duperow Pool at a location approximately 1837 feet from the west line and 1925 feet from the north line of Section 3, T.144N., R.98W, Billings County, North Dakota. **Case No. 7523:** On a motion of the Commission to consider the application of Upton Resources USA, Inc. for an order amending the field rules for the Rocky Hill-Madison Pool so as to create and establish a zone of 640-acre spacing for Section 7, T.138N., R.99W, Stark County, North Dakota, authorizing the drilling of not more than two horizontal wells within said section, and/or such other and further relief as the Commission deems appropriate. **Case No. 7524:** On a motion of the Commission to consider the application of Upton Resources USA, Inc. for an order amending the field rules for the Davis Creek-Madison Pool and the Norwegian Creek-Madison Pool so as to create and establish a zone of 320-acre spacing for the W/2 of Section 32, T.139N., R.100W, Billings County, North Dakota, authorizing the drilling of a horizontal well within said half section not less than 500 feet to the spacing unit boundary and/or such other and further relief as the Commission deems appropriate. **Case No. 7525:** On a motion of the Commission to consider the application of Upton Resources USA, Inc. for an order extending the field boundaries amending the field rules for the Fryburg-Madison Pool so as to create and establish a zone of 640-acre spacing for Section 11, T.138N., R.101W, Billings County, North Dakota, authorizing the drilling of not more than two horizontal wells within said section, and/or such other and further relief as the Commission deems appropriate. **Case No. 7526:** On a motion of the Commission to consider the application of Belco Energy Corp. for an order extending the field boundaries and amending the field rules for the Little Knife-Madison Pool so as to create and establish a zone of 640-acre spacing for Section 32, T.144N., R.97W, Dunn County, North Dakota, authorizing the drilling of a horizontal well within said section, and/or such other and further relief as the Commission deems appropriate. **Case No. 7528:** On a motion of the Commission to consider the application of Belco Energy Corp. for an order creating a 640-acre drilling unit, consisting of all of Section 32, T.142N., R.95W, Dunn County, North Dakota, authorizing the drilling of a horizontal well therein at a location not less than 500 feet from the boundary of the proposed drilling unit as an exception to the provisions of Section 43-02-03-18 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, and such other and further relief as the Commission deems appropriate. **Case No. 7529:** On a motion of the Commission to consider eliminating the interwell distance and amending the gas-oil ratio and bottom hole pressure testing requirements for all secondary recovery projects and pools located in the following fields within Billings County, North Dakota: Ash Coulee, Barta, Beaver Creek, Big Stick, Buckhorn, Bull Creek, Bullsneck, Davis Creek, DeMores, Devils Pass, Elkhorn Ranch, Four Eyes, Fryburg, Glade, Hungry Man Butte, Ice Caves, Knutson, Little Knife, Magpie, Marquis, Medora, Morgan Draw, North Elkhorn Ranch, Rider, Rocky Hill, Rocky Ridge, Roosevelt, Saddle Butte, T. R., Tracy Mountain, Tree Top, Wamsutter, Whiskey Joe, and Whitehall. **Case No. 7531:** On a motion of the Commission to consider eliminating the interwell distance and amending the surface casing, gas-oil ratio, and bottom hole pressure testing requirements for all secondary recovery projects and pools located in the following fields within Bottineau County, North Dakota: Antler, Baumann Drain, Cimbel, Elms, Glenburn, Great Northern, Haas, Haram, Hulse Coulee, Kane, Kanu, Kuroki, Landa, Lansford, Leonard,

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Wynette Butte, Yellowstone. **Case No. 7540:** On a motion of the Commission to consider eliminating the interwell distance and amending the surface casing, gas-oil ratio, and bottom hole pressure testing requirements for all pools located in the following fields within McLean County, North Dakota: Centennial, Lucky Mound, Raub. **Case No. 7541:** On a motion of the Commission to consider eliminating the interwell distance and amending the surface casing, gas-oil ratio, and bottom hole pressure testing requirements for all secondary recovery projects and pools located in the following fields within Mountrail County, North Dakota: Banner, Big Bend, Osloe, Plaza, Pleasant Valley, Prairie Junction, Southwest Aurelia, Stanley, Tioga, Wabek, White Earth. **Case No. 7542:** On a motion of the Commission to consider eliminating the interwell distance and amending the surface casing, gas-oil ratio, and bottom hole pressure testing requirements for all secondary recovery projects and pools located in the following fields within Renville County, North Dakota: Chola, Clay, Colquhoun, Culver, Des Lacs, Donnybrook, Dry Creek, Eden Valley, Elmore, Glenburn, Grassland, Greene, Grover, Hedberg, Hurley, Ivanhoe, Lake Darling, Little Deep Creek, Lockwood, Loraine, Mackobee Coulee, McKinney, Mohall, Mouse River Park, Newport, Norma, North Grano, North Mouse River Park, Pleasant, Prescott, Sevenmile Coulee, Sherwood, Smith, South Antler Creek, South Pleasant, Tolley, Truro, West Greene, Windmill. **Case No. 7543:** On a motion of the Commission to consider eliminating the interwell distance and amending the gas-oil ratio and bottom hole pressure testing requirements for all secondary recovery projects and pools located in the following fields within Slope County, North Dakota: Cedar Hills, Rocky Ridge. **Case No. 7544:** On a motion of the Commission to consider eliminating the interwell distance and amending the gas-oil ratio and bottom hole pressure testing requirements for all secondary recovery projects and pools located in the following fields within Stark County, North Dakota: Bell, Bull Creek, Crater, Davis Butte, Dickinson, Dobson Butte, Duck Creek, Eland, Gladstone, Green River, Heart River, Hillie, Livestock, Rocky Hill, Rocky Ridge, Scheffels, South Heart, Stadium, Subdivision, Taylor, Versippl, West Dickinson, Zenith. **Case No. 7545:** On a motion of the Commission to consider eliminating the interwell distance and amending the surface casing, gas-oil ratio, and bottom hole pressure testing requirements for all secondary recovery projects and pools located in the following fields within Ward County, North Dakota: Greenbush, Hartland, Lone Tree, Norma, Passport, Shealey, South Lone Tree, Southwest Aurelia, Spring Valley, Torming, Wabek. **Case No. 7546:** On a motion of the Commission to consider eliminating the interwell distance and amending the surface casing, gas-oil ratio, and bottom hole pressure testing requirements for all secondary recovery projects and pools located in the following fields within Williams County, North Dakota: Avoca, Battlevue, Beaver Lodge, Big Meadow, Bonetrail, Buford, Capa, Catwalk, Charlson, Cow Creek, Crazy Man Creek, Dollar Joe, Dublin, East Fork, Eightmile, Epping, Ft. Buford, Glass Bluff, Grenora, Grinnell, Hanson, Hardscrabble, Helle Slough, Hofflund, Indian Hill, Last Chance, Lindsahl, Marmon, McGregor, Midway, Missouri Ridge, North Tioga, Northwest McGregor, Pleasant Valley, Ray, Rosebud, Round Prairie, Sauk, Sixmile, South McGregor, Springbrook, Stockyard Creek, Stony Creek, Temple, Tioga, Todd, Trenton, Trux, Tyrone, West Capa, West Tioga, Williston, Willow Creek. Signed by, Edward T. Schafer, Governor Chairman, ND Industrial Commission 1/30 - 137769

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA TO:

All named parties and persons having any right, title, interest, or claim in the following cases and notices to the public. Case No. 7531: On a motion of the Commission to consider eliminating the interwell distance and amending the surface casing, gas-oil ratio, and bottom hole pressure testing requirements for all secondary recovery projects and pools located in the following fields within Bottineau County, North Dakota: Antler, Baumann Drain, Cimbel, Elms, Glenburn, Great Northern, Haas, Haram, Hulse Coulee, Kane, Kanu, Kuroki, Landa, Lansford, Leonard, Lesje, Mohall, Mountrose, Newburg, North Haas, North Roth, North Souris, North Westhope, Northeast Landa, Prescott, Refuge, Renville, Roth, Russell, Scandia, Scotia, Sergis, Sherman, Souris, South Antler Creek, South Landa, South Starbuck, South Westhope, Southwest Haas, Southwest Landa, Southwest Starbuck, Spring Coulee, Starbuck, Stinson, Wayne, West Roth, Wheaton, Wiley and Zion.

Signed by,

Edward T. Schafer, Governor
Chairman, ND Industrial Commission

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
County of Bottineau) ss
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I, Wanda Thrauseth being first duly sworn, on my oath, say that I am the bookkeeper of The Bottineau Courant, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, published in the City of Bottineau, in said county and state, and that the advertisement headed:

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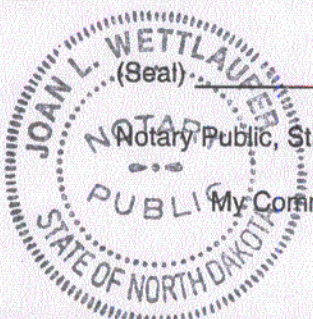
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My Commission expires

JOAN L. WETTLAUFER
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My Commission Expires JUNE 25, 2003