#### BEFORE THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

#### OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

CASE NO. 7533 ORDER NO. 8852

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 BURKE COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA: BATTLEVIEW, BLACK SLOUGH, BOWBELLS, CARTER, COLUMBUS, COTEAU, CUSTOMS, DALE, FLAXTON, FOOTHILLS, LAKESIDE, LIGNITE, LITTLE BUTTE, LUCY, MINNESOTA, NIOBE, NORTH STAR, NORTH TIOGA, NORTHEAST FOOTHILLS, PERELLA, PICKETT, PORTAL, RENNIE LAKE, RIVAL, SHORT CREEK, SOUTH COTEAU, SPIRAL, STONEVIEW, STONY RUN, THOMPSON LAKE, TIOGA, UPPER DES LACS, VANVILLE, VIKING, WOBURN.

#### 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. 8799, 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 Battleview-Madison Pool, Black Slough-Madison Pool, Bowbells-Madison Pool, Carter-Madison and Midale/Nesson Pools, Columbus-Madison Pool, Coteau-Madison Pool, Customs-Midale/Nesson Pool, Dale-Madison Pool, East Flaxton Madison Unit, Flaxton-Madison Pool, Foothills-Madison Pool, Lakeside-Midale/Nesson Pool, Lignite-Madison Pool, Little Butte-Madison Pool, Lucy-Madison Pool, Minnesota-Madison Pool, Niobe-Madison Pool, North Star-Madison Pool, North Tioga-Bakken, Madison, Red river, Stonewall and Winnipegosis Pools, Northeast Foothills Madison Unit, Northeast Foothills-Madison and Mission Canyon Pools, Perella-Madison Pool, Pickett-Madison Pool, Portal-Madison Pool, Rennie Lake-Madison Pool, Rival Madison Unit, Rival-Madison Pool, Short Creek-Madison Pool, South Coteau-Madison Pool, Spiral-Madison Pool, Stoneview-Bakken, Duperow, Madison, Red River, Stonewall and Winnipegosis Pools, Stony Run-Madison Pool, Thompson Lake-Madison Pool, Tioga-Devonian, Madison, Minnelusa, Ordovician, Silurian, Stonewall and Winnipeg/Deadwood Pools, Upper Des Lacs-Madison Pool, Vanville-Madison Pool, Viking-Madison Pool, Woburn-Madison Pool in Burke 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 (8) of Commission Order No. 8589, which sets forth the gas-oil ratio and reservoir pressure requirements for the North Tioga-Red River 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

## STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

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#### COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

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. 8852 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. 7533:

John Morrison Fleck, Mather & Strutz Ltd. P. O. Box 2798 Bismarck, ND 58502

Lawrence Bender Pearce & Durick P. O. Box 400 Bismarck, ND 58502

Donna Bauer
Oil & Gas Division

On this <u>21st</u> day of <u>February, 2001</u>, before me personally appeared <u>Donna Bauer</u> 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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## BEFORE THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

## OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

CASE NO. 7533 ORDER NO. 8799

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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.

Case No. 7533 Order No. 8799

## 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. 8799 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. 7533:

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On this 17<sup>th</sup> 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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the NE/4 SE/4 of Section 28, 1,148N, 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 of for such other and further relief as the Commission deems appropriate and which will allow the Zabolotry: #3D-44 well to be drilled to and completed in the Little Knife-Duperow Pool as a location approximately. 1837 feet from the morth 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 460-acre. spacing for Section 3, T.138N, R.99W, Stark County, North Dakota, authorizing the drifting of not more than two horizontal wells within said section, and/or such other, and further relief as the Commission to each of the Commission to consider the application of Upton Resources USA. Inc. for an order amending the field rules for the Pool and the Norwegian Creek-Madison Pool so as to create and establish a zone of 40-acre spacing for Section 3, T.138N, R.100W. Billings County, North Dakota, authorizing the drifting of a horizontal well within said half section not cess than 500 feet to the spacing for the Commission to consider the application of Upton Resources USA. Inc. for an order amending the field volundaries amending the field boundaries and stablish a zone of 640-acre spacing for Section 12, T.138N, R.100W. Billings County, North Dakota, authorizing the drifting of a horizontal well within said half section, and/or such other and further relief as the Commission to consider the application of Upton Resources USA. Inc. for an or 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 6-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 spools located in the following fields: within Adams County, North Dakota: Cow Burte. Case No. 7530. 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. Cow Burte. Case No. 7530: Dense Recovery-projects and pools located in the following fields within Billings County, North Dakota. Ash Coulee, Barta, Beaver Creek, Big Stick, Buckhorn, Bull Creek, Bullsmake, Davis Creek, Defors, Devils Pass, Elkhorn Ranch, Fourty, Giade, Hungry Man Butte, Ice Caves, Knutson, Little Knife, Magnie, Marquis, Medora, Morgan Draw, North Bilkoner Ranch, Fourtyng, Giade, Hungry Man Butte, Ice Caves, Knutson, Little Knife, Magnie, Marquis, Medora, Morgan Draw, North Bilkoner Ranch, Fourtyng, Giade, Hungry Man Butte, Ice Caves, Knutson, Little Knife, Magnie, Marquis, Medora, Morgan Draw, North Bilkoner Ranch, Fourtyng, Giade, Hungry Man Butte, Ice Caves, Knutson, Little Knife, Magnie, Marquis, Medora, Morgan Draw, North Bilkoner Ranch, Fourtyng, Fourtyng, Pourtyng, Pourtyng,

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Winter Butte, Tellowstone. Case No. 1240. 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 incerwell 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 Mountrall County, North Dakota: Banner, Big Bend, Osloe, Piaza, Pleasant Valley, Prairie junction, Southwest Aurelia, Stanley, Tioga, Wabek, White Barth. 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 Renviller County, North Dakota: Choka, Clay, Coluthoun, Guiver, Des Lacs, Donnybrook, Dry Creek, Eden Valley, Elmore, Gienburn, Grassland, Greene, Grover, Hedberg, Hurley, Ivanhoe, Lake Darling, Little Deep Creek, Lockwood, Loraine, Mackobee Coulee, McKinney, Mohall, Mouse River Park, Newporte, Norma, North Mouse River Park, Pleasant, Prescott, Sevenmille. Coulee, Sherwood, Smith, South Ander Greek, South Pleasant, Tolley, Truro, West Greene, Windmill, Icase, 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, Schefield, South, Heart, Stadium, Subdivision, Eyori, Versipi, West Dickinson, Zenith. Case No. 7544; On a motion of the Commission to consider eliminating the interwell distance and amending the surface casing, gas-oil ratio, and bottom hole pressure test Signed by, Edward T. Schafer, Governor Chairman, ND Industrial Commission 1730 - 137769

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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.
Doublewood 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
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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.

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All named parties and persons having any
right, title, interest, or claim in the following
cases and notices to the public. Case No.
7521: On a motion of the Commission
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# THE BURKE COUNTY TRIBUNE AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

## STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA) COUNTY OF BURKE)

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a printed copy of which is hereto annexed, was published in the regular and entire issue of said newspaper during the period and time of publication, and that the Notice was published in the newspaper proper and not in supplement. once each week for successive weeks, to-wit: 20 20 Subscribed and sworn to before me this LYANN BICK Notary Public in and for Notary Public, BURKE COUNTY, N. DAK Burke County, North Dakota My Commission Expires, AUG. 6, 200. Fee \$ lines at . Uper line 2nd time lines at perline 3rd time lines at per line 1st time column inches at\_ per inch 2nd time column inches at per inch

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ATTENTION PERSONS WITH DIS-ABILITIES: 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 70I-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. 7533: 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 Burke County, North Dakota: Battleview, Black Slough, Bowbells, Carter, Columbus, Coteau, Customs, Dale, Flaxton, Foothills, Lakeside, Lignite, Little Butte, Lucy, Minnesota, Niobe, North Star, North Tioga, Northeast Foothills, Perella, Pickett, Portal, Rennie Lake, Rival, Short Creek, South Coteau, Spiral, Stoneview, Stony Run, Thompson Lake, Tioga, Upper Des Lacs, Vanville, Viking, Woburn.

Signed by, Edward T. Schafer, Governor Chairman, ND Industrial Commission November 29, 2000