#### BEFORE THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

#### OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

CASE NO. 7542 ORDER NO. 8861

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 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, NEWPORTE, NORMA, NORTH GRANO, NORTH MOUSE RIVER PARK, PLEASANT, PRESCOTT, SEVENMILE COULEE, SHERWOOD, SMITH, SOUTH ANTLER CREEK, SOUTH PLEASANT, TOLLEY, TRURO, WEST GREENE, WINDMILL.

#### 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. 8808, 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 Chola Sherwood Unit, Chola-Madison Pool, Clay-Madison Pool, Colquhoun-Madison Pool, Culver-Madison Pool, Des Lacs-Madison Pool, Donnybrook-Madison Pool, Dry Creek-Madison Pool, Eden Valley-Madison Pool, Elmore-Madison Pool, Glenburn-Madison Pool, Grassland-Madison Pool, Greene-Madison Pool, Grover-Madison Pool, Hedberg-Madison Pool, Hurley-Madison Pool, Ivanhoe-Madison Pool, Lake Darling Madison Unit, Lake Darling-Madison Pool, Little Deep Creek-Madison Pool, Lockwood-Madison Pool, Loraine-Madison Pool, Mackobee Coulee Madison Unit, Mackobee Coulee-Madison Pool, McKinney-Madison Pool, Mohall-Madison Pool, Mouse River Park-Madison Pool, Newporte-Cambro/Ordovician Pool, Norma-Madison Pool, North Grano-Madison Pool, North Mouse River Park-Madison Pool, Pleasant Madison Unit, Pleasant-Madison Pool, Prescott-Madison Pool, Sevenmile Coulee-Madison Pool, Sherwood-Madison Pool, Smith-Madison Pool, South Pleasant-Madison Pool, Tolley-Madison Pool, Truro Madison Unit, Truro-Madison Pool, West Greene-Madison Pool and Windmill-Madison Pool in Renville County, North Dakota.

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) 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

#### AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

# 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. 8861 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. 7542:

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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#### 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.

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BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA
The State of North Dakota by its Industrial
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law and, the rules and regulations of said
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following public hearing to be held at 900
am on December 20, 2000, Judicial Room,
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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, Carten, Columbus, Coreau, Customs, Dale, Flaxton, Foothills, Lakeside, Lignite, Little Butte, Lucy, Minnesota, Niobe, North Star, North Tioga, Northeast Foothills, Freella, Pickett, Portal, Rennie Lake, Rival, Short Creek, South Thompson Lake, Tioga, Upper Des: Lacs, Varville, Vilking, Woburn, Case No. 7534; On a. motion of the Commission to consider eliminating the reliminating the little fell distance and amending the surface casing, gas-oil ratio, and bottom for consider eliminating the eliminating the interwell distance and amending the surface casing, gas-oil ratio, and bottom for consider eliminating the interwell distance and amending the surface casing, gas-oil ratio, and bottom for consider eliminating the interwell distance and amending the surface cas Varwille, Viking, Woburn. 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Winter Butte, Yellowstone. Case No. 249:
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 Juriction. Southwest: Aurelia, Stanley, Tloga, Wabek. White Earths Case No. 7542: On a motion of the Commission to consider eliminating the instread! distance and amending the surof the Commission to consider eliminating the interwell distance and amending the surface casing, gas-oil ratio, and bottom hole pressure testing requirements for all secondpressure testing requirements for all secondary recovery projects and pools located in the following fields within Renville County, North Dakota: Chola, Clay, Colguboun, Culver, Des Lacs, Donnybrook, Dry Creek, Eden Valley, Elmore, Glenburn, Grassland, Greene, Grover, Hedberg, Hurley, Ivanhou, Lake Darling, Little Deep Creek, Lockwood, Loraine, Mackobee Coulee, McKinney, Mohall, Mouse River Park, Newporte, Norma, Nordand, Montan, Mackobee Coulee, McKinney, Mohall, Mouse River Park, Newporte, Norma, Nordan, North Mouse River Park, Pleasant, Prescott, Sevennille. 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, Schefield, Schola, McKing, Schefield, Sull Creek, Crater, Davis Buttes, Dickinson, Dobson Butte, Duck Creek, Eard, Dickinson, McKinge, Schefield, South Heart, Stadium, Subdivision, Taylor, Versippi, West Dickinson, Zenth, 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 follow Signed by, Edward T. Schafer, Governor Chairman, ND Industrial Commission

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
County of Renville

# **Notice**

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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 receive testimony and exhibits.

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

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