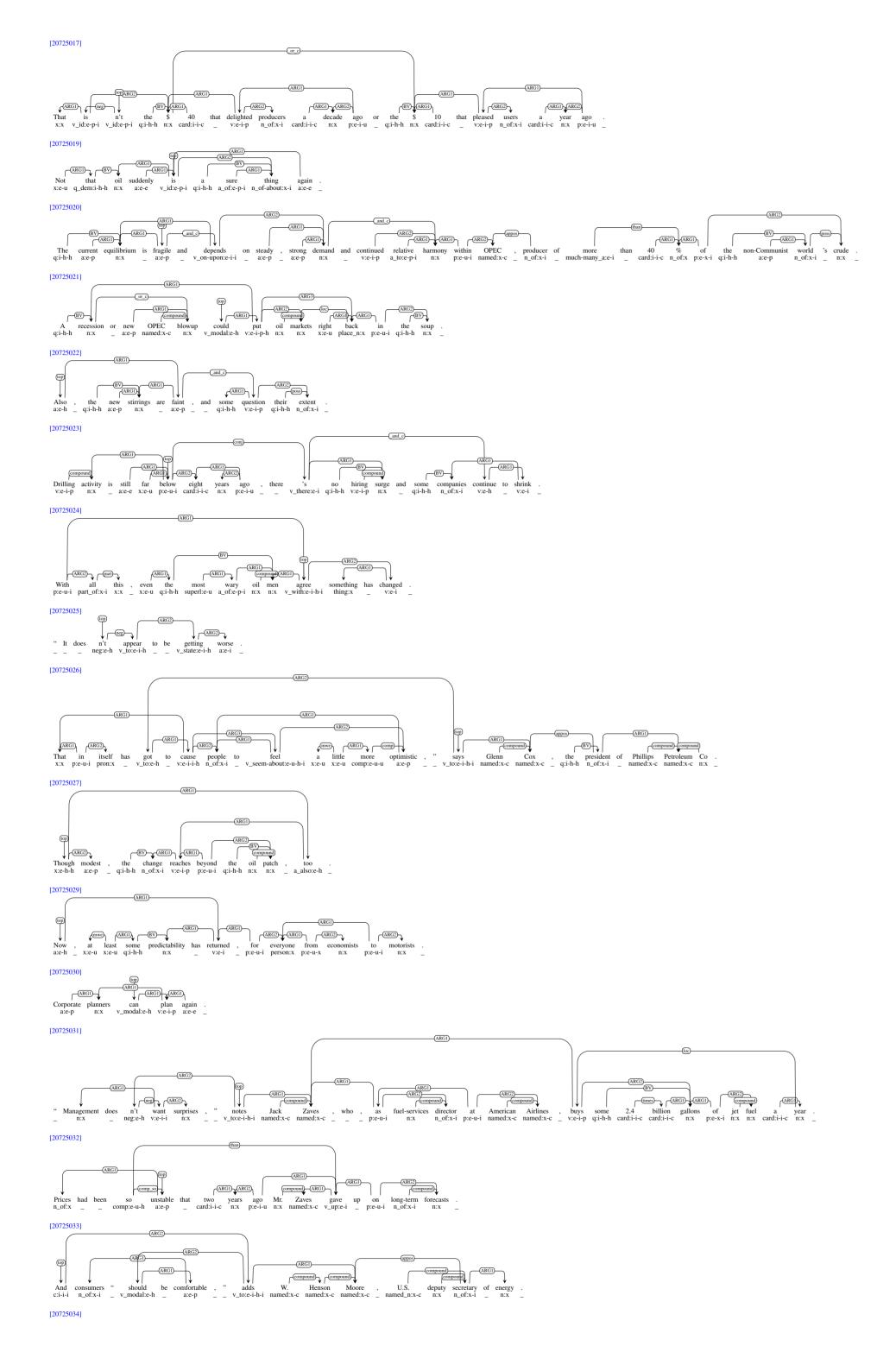
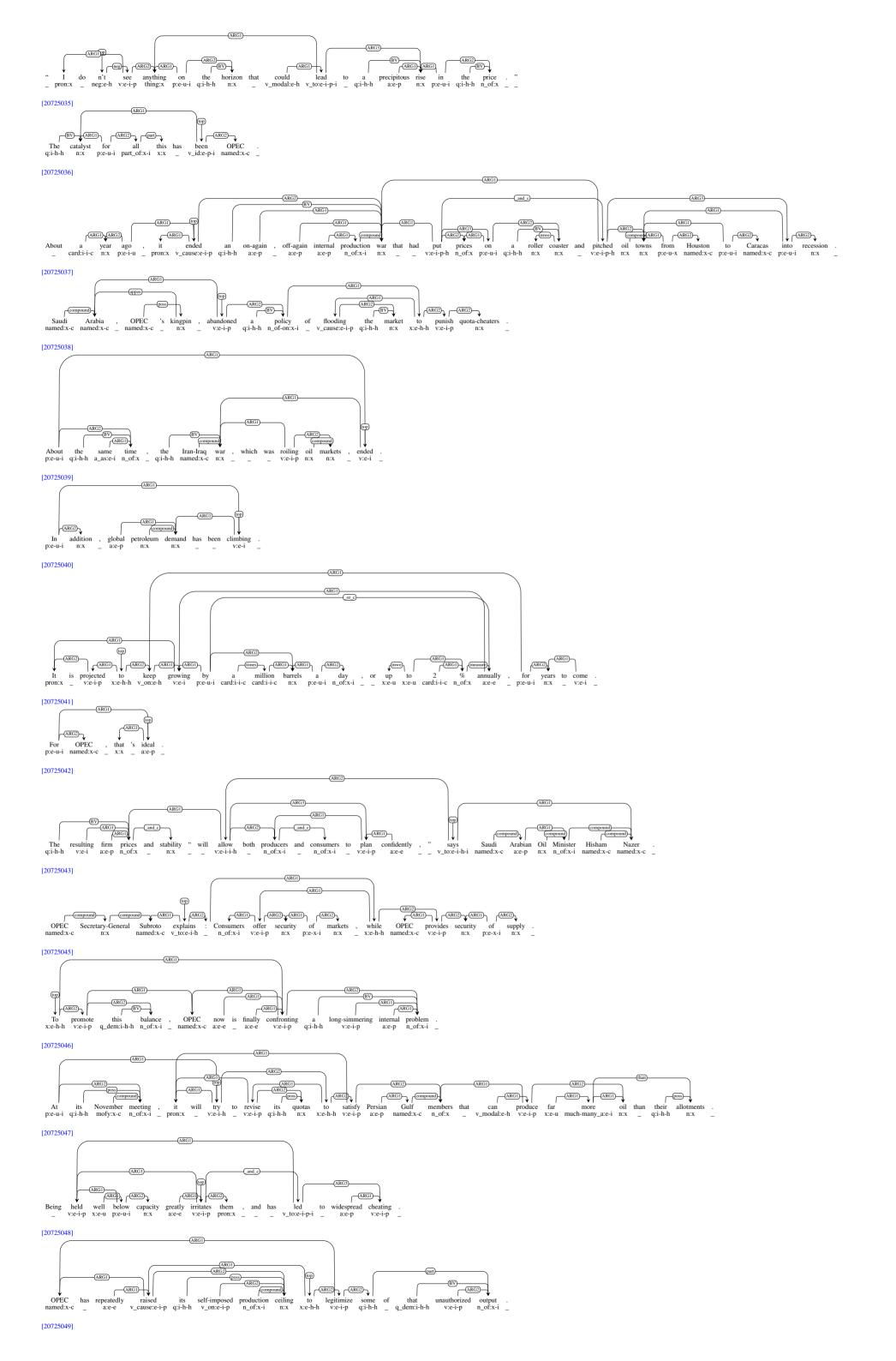
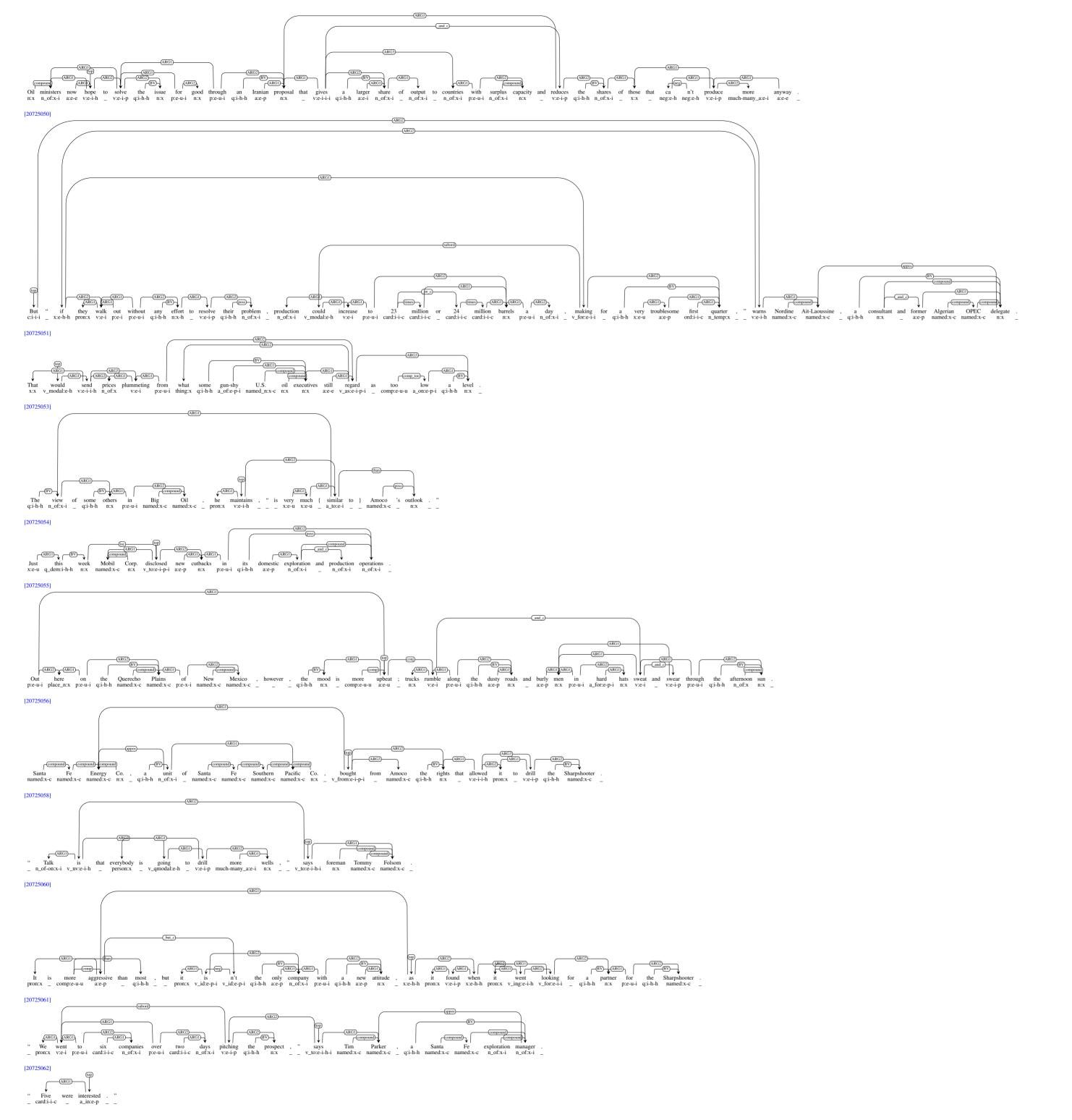
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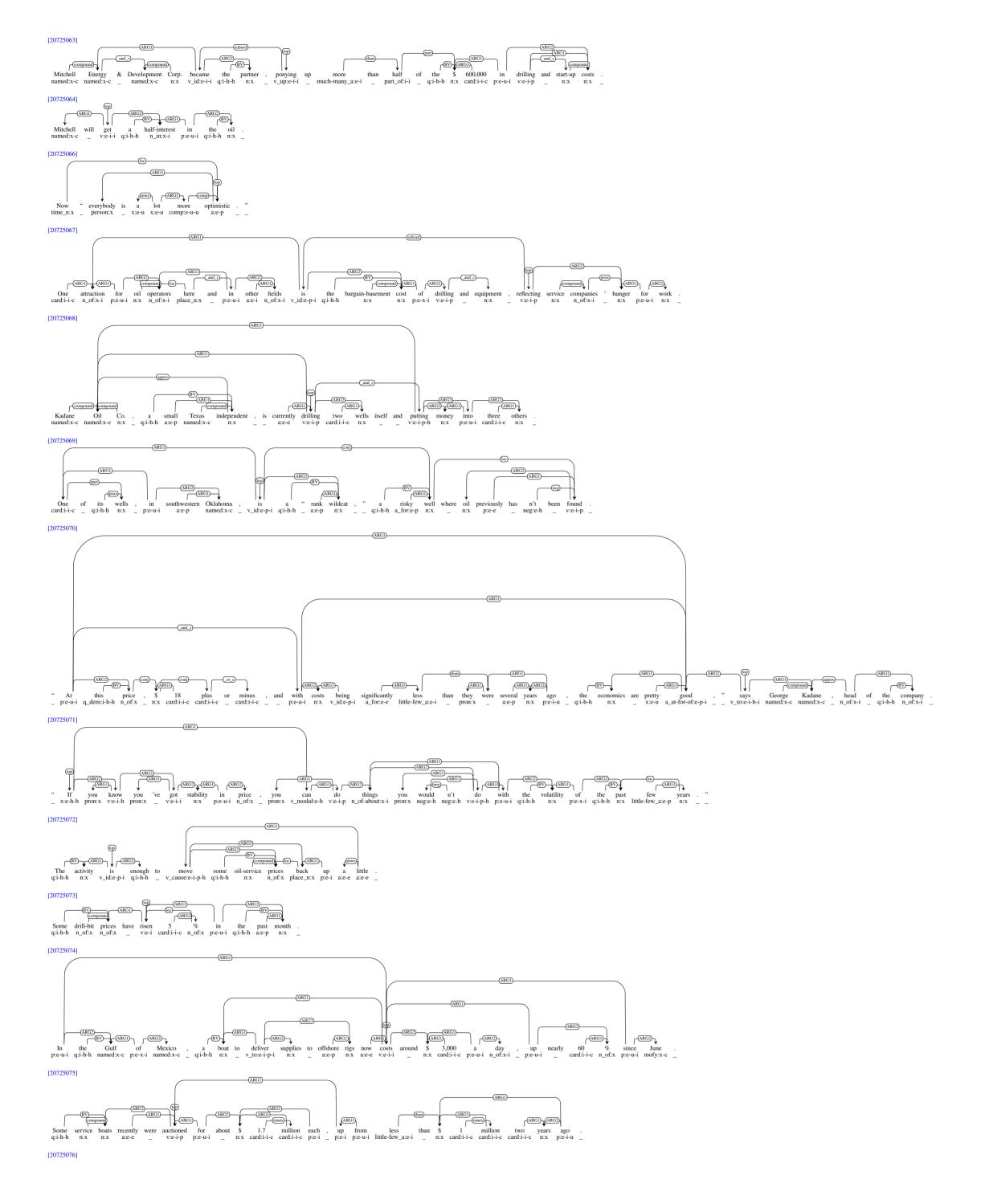
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    Sam Ramirez and his men are late named:x-c named:x-c _ q:i-h-h n:x _ time_n:x
                                                                          ____(ARGI)____
                                                                                                _and_c
     They pile out of their truck and furiously begin twisting together steel pipes linking a giant storage tank to the Sharpshooter, a freshly drilled oil well two miles deep pron:x v:e-i p:e-u-i p:e-u-i p:e-u-i p:e-u-i p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x _ a:e-e v:e-i-p n:x a:e-i card:i-i-c n:x a:e-p
   If they finish today , the Sharpshooter can pump tomorrow x:e-h-h pron:x v:e-i-p time_n:x _ q:i-h-h named:x-c v_modal:e-h v:e-i-p time_n:x
      One roustabout , hanging by his hands from a ladder , bounces his weight on a three-foot wrench to loosen a stuck fitting card:i-i-c n:x _ v:e-i p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x _ v:e-i-p q
"We 've been putting in long hours , "Mr. Ramirez says – six-day weeks and 13-hour days for the last two months proning v_in:e-i-i a a:e-p n:x n:x named:x-c v_to:e-i-h-i n_of:x-i n:x n n.x n_of:x-i p:e-u-i q:i-h-h a:e-p card:i-i-c n:x
 Independent drillers are gingerly sinking bits into the Earth 's crust again a_of:e-p-i n:x _ a:e-e v_cause:e-i-p n_of:x p:e-u-i q:i-h-h named:x-c _ n:x a:e-e _
   Investment capital is creeping back n:x n:x v:e-i-p place_n:x n:x v:e-i-p much-many_a:e-i_
Oil-tool prices are even edging up n:x n_of:x _ a:e-e v:e-i p:e-i _
               √<sup>ARG1</sup> →
      What happened thing:x v:e-i
    [20725014]
               (ARGI)
                                                                           calmed down and the squabbling within the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries seems under control for now v_down:e-i _ _ q:i-h-h n:x p:e-u-i q:i-h-h named:x-c p:e-x-i named:x-c named:x-c
    [20725015]
   last 12 months have settled at around $ 15 to $ 20 a barrel a:e-p card:i-i-c n:x _ v:e-i-p p:e-u-i _ n:x card:i-i-c p:e-u-i n:x card:i-i-c p:e-u-i n:x
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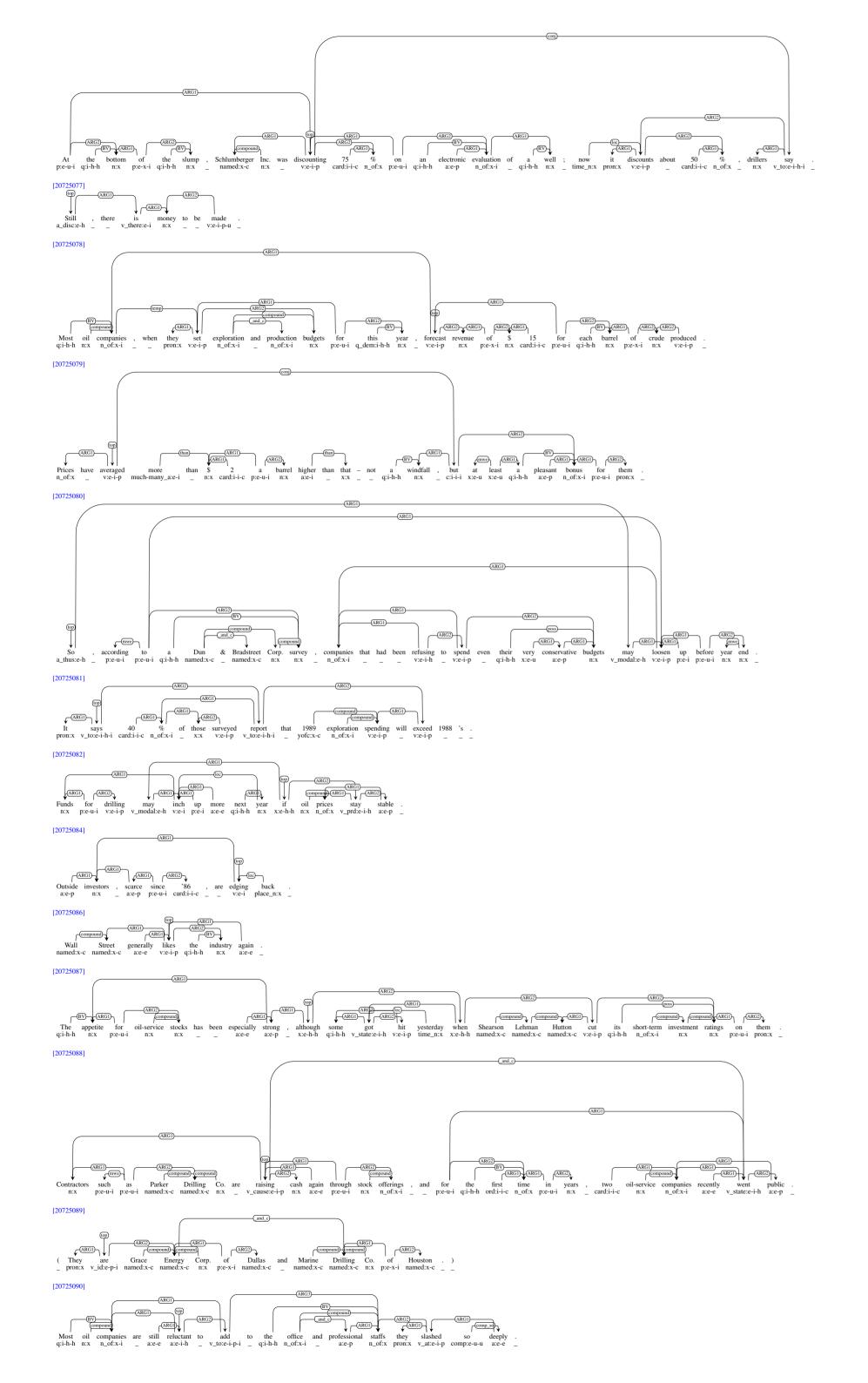


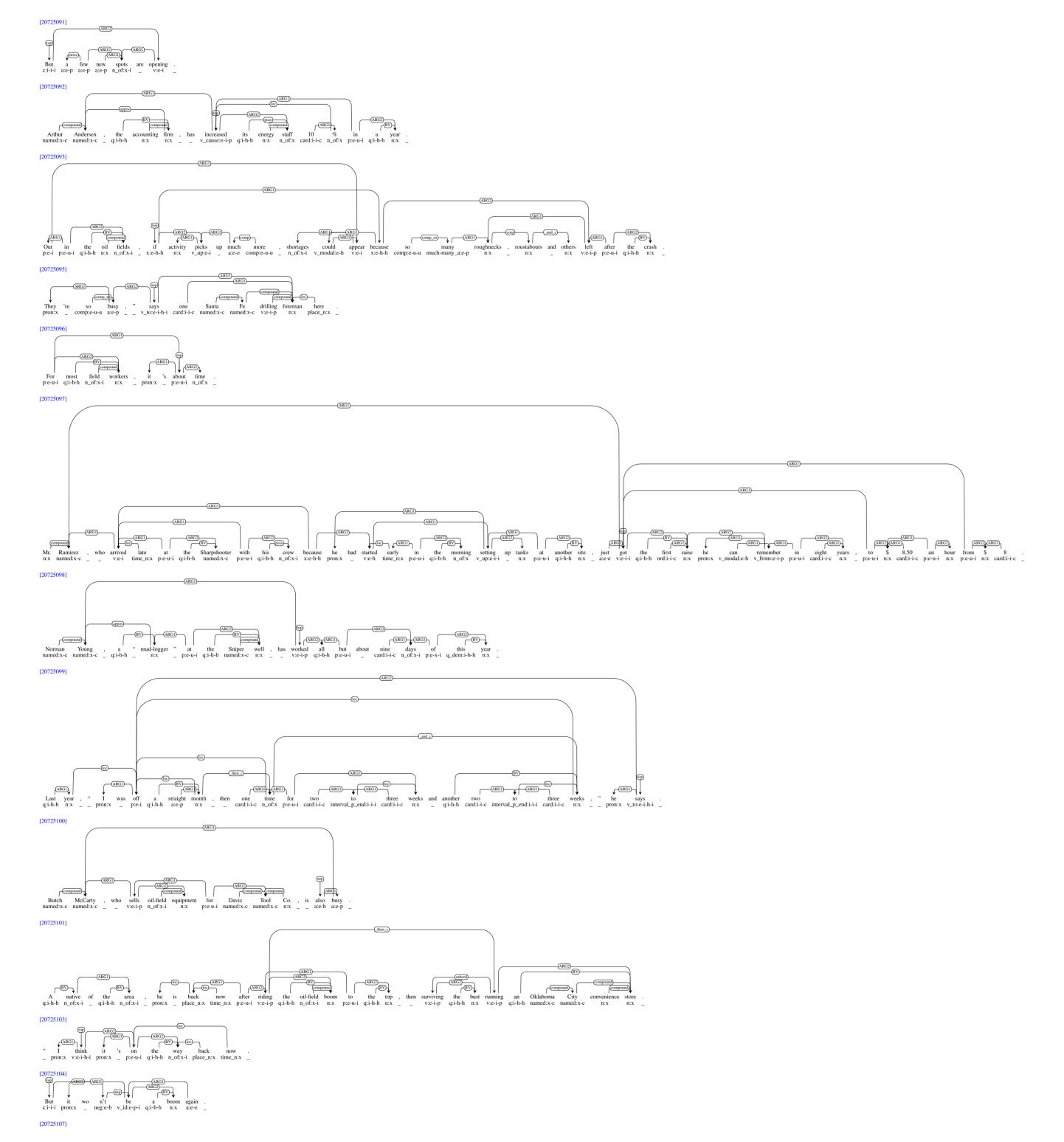












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The figures confirm that there certainly is n't any drilling boom q:i-h-h n:x v_as:e-i-h-i _ are-h v_there:e-i v_there:e-i q:i-h-h v:e-i-p n:x
 But that was off less than at midyear , when completions lagged by 27.1 % . c:i-i-i x:x _ p:e-u-i little-few_a:e-i _ p:e-u-i n:x _ _ n_of:x-i v:e-i-p p:e-u-i card:i-i-c n_of:x _
 And the number of rigs active in the U.S. is inching up c:i-i-i q:i-h-h n_of:x-i _ n:x a:e-p p:e-u-i q:i-h-h named_n:x-c _ v:e-i p:e-i
     ( In 1981 , before the bust , the rig count was above 4,000 . ) p:e-u-i yofc:x-c _ p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x _ q:i-h-h n:x n:x _ p:e-u-i card:i-i-c _ _
 Global offshore-rig use shows a similar upward trend a:e-p n:x n_of:x-i v:e-i-p q:i-h-h a_to:e-i a:e-p n:x
The rig was built around 1980 , but has drilled only two wells , the last in 1982 q:i-h-h n:x _ v:e-i-p p:e-u-i yofc:x-c _ _ _ v:e-i-p x:e-u card:i-i-c n:x _ q:i-h-h n:x p:e-u-i yofc:x-c
Until now it had sat idle .
p:e-u-i time_n:x pron:x _ v:e-i a:e-p _
 [20725120]

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   [20725121]
  Mike Huber , a roustabout , is even making it in his new career as an entrepreneur . named:x-c named:x-c _q:i-h-h _n:x _ _ a:e-e _v:e-i-p-u _pron:x _p:e-u-i _q:i-h-h _a:e-p _n:x _p:e-u-i _q:i-h-h _n:x _ _
   [20725123]
He got three trucks and a backhoe cheap pron:x v_state:e-i-i-h card:i-i-c n:x q:i-h-h n:x a:e-p
   [20725124]
     " I want to add one more truck , " Mr. Huber says

pron:x v:e-i-h _ v_to:e-i-p much-many_a:e-i n:x _ n:x named:x-c v_to:e-i-h-i
I sense that it 's going to continue to grow . pron:x v:e-i-h-i _ pron:x _ v_qmodal:e-h _ v:e-h _ v:e-i _
That 's the word .
x:x v_id:e-p-i q:i-h-h n_of:x-i _
 The word is out q:i-h-h n_of:x-i _ p:e-i _
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