# BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 1246 Order No. R-1003

APPLICATION OF CLAUDE E. AIKMAN FOR A 160-ACRE NON-STANDARD DRILLING AND PRORATION UNIT OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE FOR A 120-ACRE NON-STANDARD DRILLING AND PRORATION UNIT IN THE FULCHER KUTZ-PICTURED CLIFFS GAS POOL, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

## ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

#### BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on April 23, 1957, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner duly appointed by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission," in accordance with Rule 1214 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

NOW, on this 29th day of May, 1957, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the application, the evidence adduced, and the recommendations of the Examiner, Daniel S. Nutter, and being fully advised in the premises,

#### FINDS:

- (1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the conmission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicant, Claude E. Aikman, is the owner of a federal oil and gas lease, a portion of which consists of the N/2 NE/4, SE/4 NE/4, and NE/4 SE/4 of Section 24, Township 29 North, Range 12 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the SW/4 NE/4 of said Section 24 is owned by the United States of America and is not now available for oil and gas leasing.
- (4) That the applicant proposes to establish a non-standard gas proration unit in the Fulcher Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool consisting of the  $\mathbb{H}/2$  NE/4, SE/4 NE/4, and NE/4 SE/4 of said Section 24.
- (5) That the applicant proposes to dedicate the above-described non-standard gas proration unit to a well to be drilled at a point 990 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the East line of said Section 24.

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- (6) That approval of the subject application will not cause waste nor impair correlative rights.
- (7) That unless a proration unit consisting of the applicant's aforesaid acreage is permitted, applicant will be deprived of the opportunity to recover its just and equitable share of the natural gas in the Fulcher Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool.

### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That the application of Claude E. Aikman for the establishment of a 160-acre non-standard gas proration unit for the Fulcher Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool consisting of the N/2 NE/4, SE/4 NE/4, and NE/4 SE/4 of Section 24, Township 29 North, Range 12 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico, be and the same is hereby approved.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

EDWIN L. MECHEM, Chairman

MURRAY E. MORGAN, Member

A. L. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary

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