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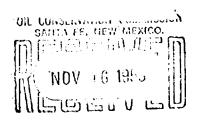
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CASE NO. 623

APPLICATION

The undersigned Applicant, Southern Union Gas Company, respectfully petitions the Commission for the issuance of an order approving an unorthodox gas proration unit in the Eumont Gas Pool comprising the W_2^1 of the NE_4^1 and the SE_4^1 of the NE_4^1 of Section 33, Township 19 South, Range 37 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico, as depicted on the plat attached hereto as Exhibit "A", and containing 120 acres, more or less.

In support of this application, Applicant alleges and states:

- 1. That Applicant is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware and is qualified to transact business in the State of New Mexico. Its principal place of business is located at Dallas, Texas, where it maintains its principal business office at 1104 Burt Building, Dallas 1, Texas.
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- 5. That Applicant's well is a marginal well and approval of the proposed unorthodox gas proration unit will not seriously affect future drilling, if any, in the area.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that this matter be set down for hearing before the Commission; that notice thereof be given as required

by law and the regulations of the Commission; and that upon final hearing the Commission enter its order approving the unorthodox gas proration unit as requested by Applicant in this application.

> Respectfully submitted, SOUTHERN UNION GAS COMPANY

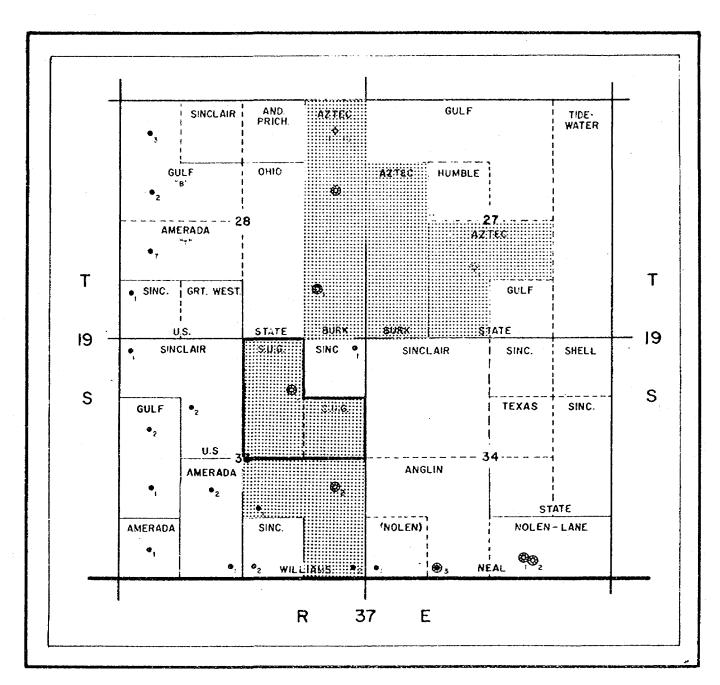
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Subscribed and sworn to before me by Quilman B. Davis, Attorney of Southern Union Gas Company, the above named Applicant, this 10th day of November, 1953.

Notary Public in and Dallas County, Texas

My Commission Expires:

June 1, 1955



Scuthern Union Gas Company
Exhibit "A"

SOUTHERN UNION GAS COMPANY BURT BUILDING DALLAS 1, TEXAS

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

WILLIS L. LEA, JR.

November 12, 1953

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Oil Conservation Commission of the State of New Mexico Santa Fe, New Mexico

Attention: Mr. William Macey

Gentlemen:

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I am contacting Sinclair Oil and Gas Company to determine whether or not it is possible to pool their lands in the $E^{\frac{1}{2}}$ of Section 33 so as to form orthodox gas proration units and will advise you of their answer as soon as we hear from them.

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Santa Fe, New Mexico December 17, 1953

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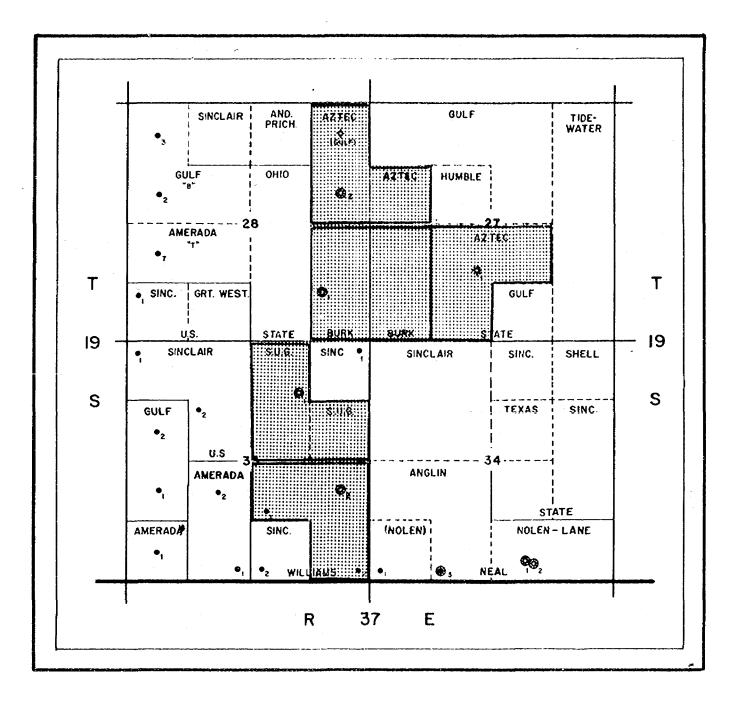
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December 11, 1953

Oil Conservation Commission State of New Mexico Santa Pe, New Mexico

> Re: Southern Union Gas Company's Exception to Rule 7(a) Commission Order No. R-370-A Eumont Gas Pool Lea County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

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Hours very truly,

CEW/MB

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION P. O. BOX 871

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

June 29, 1954

Southern Union Cas Company Burt Building Dallas, Texas

Attention: Legal Department - Mr. Grenier

Gentlemen:

RE: Orders R-481 and R-482

We attach copies of Oil Conservation Commission orders issued in Cases 623 and 624 which were heard at the December 17, 1953, hearing upon application of Southern Union Gas Company.

Very truly yours,

W. B. Macey Chief Engineer

WBM;nr



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. 623 Order No. R-481

THE APPLICATION OF SOUTHERN UNION GAS COMPANY FOR AN ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF AN EXCEPTION PURSUANT TO RULE 7 (a) OF ORDER NO. R-370-A IN ESTABLISHMENT OF AN UNORTHODOX GAS PRORATION UNIT OF 120 CONTIGUOUS ACRES CONSISTING OF WEST HALF NORTHEAST QUARTER AND SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, IN THE EUMONT GAS POOL.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on December 17, 1953 at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission".

NOW, on this _____ day of June, 1954, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the records and testimony adduced, and being fully advised in the premises;

FINDS:

- (1) That due notice of the time and place of hearing and the purpose thereof having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this case and the subject matter thereof.
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- (3) That applicant, Southern Union Gas Company, is the owner of an oil and gas lease in Lea County, New Mexico the land consisting of other than a legal quarter section, and described as follows, to-wit:

TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM W/2 NE/4 and SE/4 NE/4 of Section 33

containing 120 acres, more or less.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

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TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM W/2 NE/4 and SE/4 NE/4 of Section 33

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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