

Case No.

625

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BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
at
Santa Fe, New Mexico
December 17, 1953

In the Matter of:

Application of E. B. Clark and C. B. Christie
for approval of an unorthodox gas proration
unit in exception to Rule 7(a) of Order No.
R-370-A, said unit to consist of W/2 NE/4 and
E/2 NW/4 (a total of 160 acres, more or less)
in Section 3, Township 20 South, Range 37 East,
NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, in the Eumont Gas
Pool.

Case No. 625

(Notice of Publication read by Mr. Graham).

MR. WELLS: My name is J. C. Wells. I am representing
E. B. Clark and C. B. Christie in Case No. 625, application for an
unorthodox gas proration unit covering 160 acres which is jointly
owned by Clark and Christie, covering the west half of the northeast
quarter, the east half of the northwest quarter of Section 320 South,
37 East, in the Eumont Gas Pool. This 160 acres constitutes the entire
holdings of Mr. Clark and Mr. Christie in Lea County, and we are
unable to form an orthodox gas unit due to the fact that El Paso
Natural Gas Company has a producing gas well on the northeast quarter
of Section 3. Consequently it is necessary that we make this request
for an unorthodox gas unit.

MR. GRAHAM: What is the situation in the northwest quarter?

MR. WELLS: I believe Mr. Nolan, B. H. Nolan of Hobbs owns
that northwest quarter.

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MR. GRAHAM: The west half?

MR. WELLS: Yes, the west half of the northwest quarter.

I might add that this producing, we have one producing gas well on this 160 acres at the present time, and it is in the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter.

MR. SPURRIER: Is Mr. Nolan represented here?

MR. STANLEY: Have you ever attempted to unitize with Mr. Nolan?

MR. WELLS: No, sir, we have not.

MR. GRAHAM: Or with El Paso?

MR. WELLS: Well, El Paso has a producing gas well adjoining our 160 acres.

MR. GRAHAM: That is over on the east side, standard unit?

MR. DAVIS: Southern Union is buying the gas from the Clark and Christie 2C Well. I might point out that it seemed to me that the difficulty here is that the Clark and Christie Well was drilled in the northwest of the northeast quarter and there is an El Paso gas well in the northeast northeast quarter. Therefore, the normal orthodox proration unit north, the Clark-Christie 2C Well should be the northeast quarter, but they would be unable to get an 80 acre allowable. Therefore, it seemed reasonable that since they owned the adjoining 80 acres that that be considered an unorthodox gas proration unit.

MR. GRAHAM: That would leave two unorthodox, one on each --

MR. DAVIS: You have one on El Paso's part?

MR. GRAHAM: One on Mr. Nolan's.

MR. DAVIS: You would still be penalizing Clark and Christie

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if you give him a half of one and then he has to stand the cost of the second well to get half allowable from over in the northwest quarter. He has spent his money.

MR. GRAHAM: That situation was before the Commission several years ago.

MR. WHITE: Didn't the applicant get the consent of the Southern Union Gas Company on the El Paso?

MR. DAVIS: You mean El Paso. Well, I don't know, El Paso, I think has one on their 80. I have no idea what their thoughts on it are.

MR. SPURRIER: Mr. Woodruff, what about El Paso?

MR. WOODRUFF: I have no information concerning El Paso's views on that particular matter.

MR. MACY: Is the No. 20 Well a pretty good well?

MR. WELLS: Just a fair well.

MR. WIEDERKEHR: It can make its 160 allowable.

MR. SPURRIER: I think before the Commission can decide this it will be necessary to get waivers from Mr. Nolan and El Paso also.

MR. MACY: Does El Paso own the southeast or southeast quarter also?

MR. DAVIS: They own the 80. In any event you are going to have two unorthodox units in that north half. You can't get away from it, the two wells being in the northeast quarter, unless you force those people to take a half allowable, which certainly is not equitable.

MR. SPURRIER: We will take the case under advisement and move on to Case 626.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
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COUNTY OF BERNALILLO)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached transcript of hearing on Case No. 625 before the Oil Conservation Commission, State of New Mexico, at Santa Fe, on December 17, 1953, is a true and correct record of the same to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

DATED at Albuquerque, New Mexico, this 26th day of December, 1953.

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
P. O. BOX 871
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

April 27, 1954

E. B. CLARK & C. B. CHRISTIE
Oil Operators
Wichita Falls, Texas

Attention: Mr. J. C. Wells

Gentlemen:

We enclose Oil Conservation Commission Order No. R-426
issued in Case No. 625, which was heard upon your appli-
cation.

Very truly yours,

W. H. Macey
Chief Engineer

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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. 625
Order No. R-426

THE APPLICATION OF E. B. CLARK AND
C. B. CHRISTIE FOR AN ORDER GRANTING
APPROVAL OF AN EXCEPTION TO RULE 7 (a)
OF ORDER NO. R-370-A IN ESTABLISHMENT
OF AN UNORTHODOX GAS PRORATION UNIT
OF 160 CONTIGUOUS ACRES CONSISTING OF
WEST HALF NORTHEAST QUARTER AND EAST
HALF NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 3,
TOWNSHIP 20 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 ¹⁸/₁₆ day of April, 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.

(2) That pursuant to provisions of Rule 7 (a) of Order No. R-370-A, the Commission has power and authority to permit the formation of a gas proration unit consisting of other than a legal quarter section after notice and hearing by the Commission.

(3) That applicants E. B. Clark and C. B. Christie, are the owners 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 20 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM
W/2 NE/4, and E/2 NW/4 of Section 3

containing 160 acres, more or less.

(4) That applicants E. B. Clark and C. B. Christie, have a producing well on the aforesaid lease known as J. W. Cooper, No. 2, located 660' from the north line and 1650' from the east line of Section 3, Township 20 South, Range 37 East, NMPM.

Order No. R-426

(5) That the aforesaid well was completed and in production prior to January 1, 1954, the effective date of Order No. R-370-A, and is located within the limits of the pool heretofore delineated and designated as the Eumont Gas Pool.

(6) That it is not practicable to pool applicants' said lease with adjoining acreage in the north half of Section 3, Township 20 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, and that the owners of adjoining acreage in said half section have not objected to the formation of the proposed proration unit of 160 acres.

(7) That unless a proration unit consisting of applicants' aforesaid acreage is permitted, applicants will be deprived of the opportunity to recover their just and equitable share of the natural gas in the Eumont Gas Pool.

(8) That creation of a proration unit consisting of the aforesaid acreage will not cause but will prevent waste, will protect correlative rights, and is necessary to prevent confiscation of applicants' property.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the application of E. B. Clark and C. B. Christie for approval of an unorthodox proration unit consisting of the following described acreage:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM
W/2 NE/4, E/2 NW/4 of Section 3.

be and the same is hereby approved, and a proration unit consisting of aforesaid acreage is hereby created.

(2) That applicants' well, J. W. Cooper, No. 2, located in the NW/4 NE/4 of Section 3, Township 20 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, shall be granted an allowable from January 1, 1954, in the proportion that the above described 160 acre unit bears to the standard or orthodox proration unit for said pool, all until further order of the Commission.

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

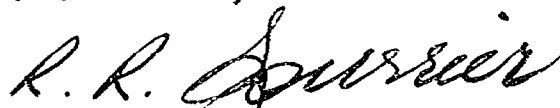
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION



EDWIN L. MECHEM, Chairman



E. S. WALKER, Member



R. R. SPURRIER, Secretary and Member

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Dec 17 1953 Hearing - GROSS FILE: RE CASES 613 - 626, incl.

In File Case 613, note Shell Oil Company statement which was to be applied
to Cases 613 - 626, incl.

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
E. B. CLARK AND C. E. CHRISTIE FOR)
APPROVAL OF AN UNORTHODOX GAS PRO-)
RATION UNIT IN THE MONUMENT POOL,)
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO)

CASE NO. 625

APPLICATION

The undersigned Applicants, E. B. Clark and C. E. Christie, individuals of Wichita Falls, Texas, respectively petition the Commission for the issuance of an order approving an unorthodox gas proration unit in the Monument Gas Pool comprising the $W\frac{1}{2}$ of the $NE\frac{1}{4}$ and $E\frac{1}{2}$ $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 3, Township 20 South, Range 37 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico, as shown on the plat attached hereto as Exhibit "A", and containing 160 acres, more or less.

In support of this application, Applicants allege and state:

1. That Applicants address is City National Building, Wichita Falls, Texas.
2. That Applicants are the present owners and holders of oil and gas leases covering and embracing the above described lands.
3. That Applicants drilled and completed their No. 2-C gas well on the above described lands at a location 660' South of the North line, and 1650' West of the East line of Section 3, Township 20 South, Range 37 East, N.M.P.M., which well is presently connected to the gathering system of Southern Union Gas Company.
4. That Applicants do not own or hold any other oil and gas leases or lands in said Section 3.
5. That Applicants cannot form an orthodox gas proration unit ($NE\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 3) due to the fact that El Paso Natural Gas Company has a producing gas well in the $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of the $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 3.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request 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 Applicants in this application.

Respectfully Submitted,

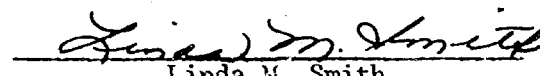
E. B. CLARK AND C. B. CHRISTIE

By 
Their Agent

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF WICHITA

Subscribed and sworn to before me by J. C. Wells, Agent for E. B. Clark and C. B. Christie, the above Applicants, this the 13th day of November, 1953.


Linda M. Smith
Notary Public in and for
Wichita County, Texas

My Commission Expires:

June 1, 1955

EXHIBIT A

E. B. Clark and C. B. Christie

J. W. Cooper Leases: Section 3, Township 20, South, Range 37 East:

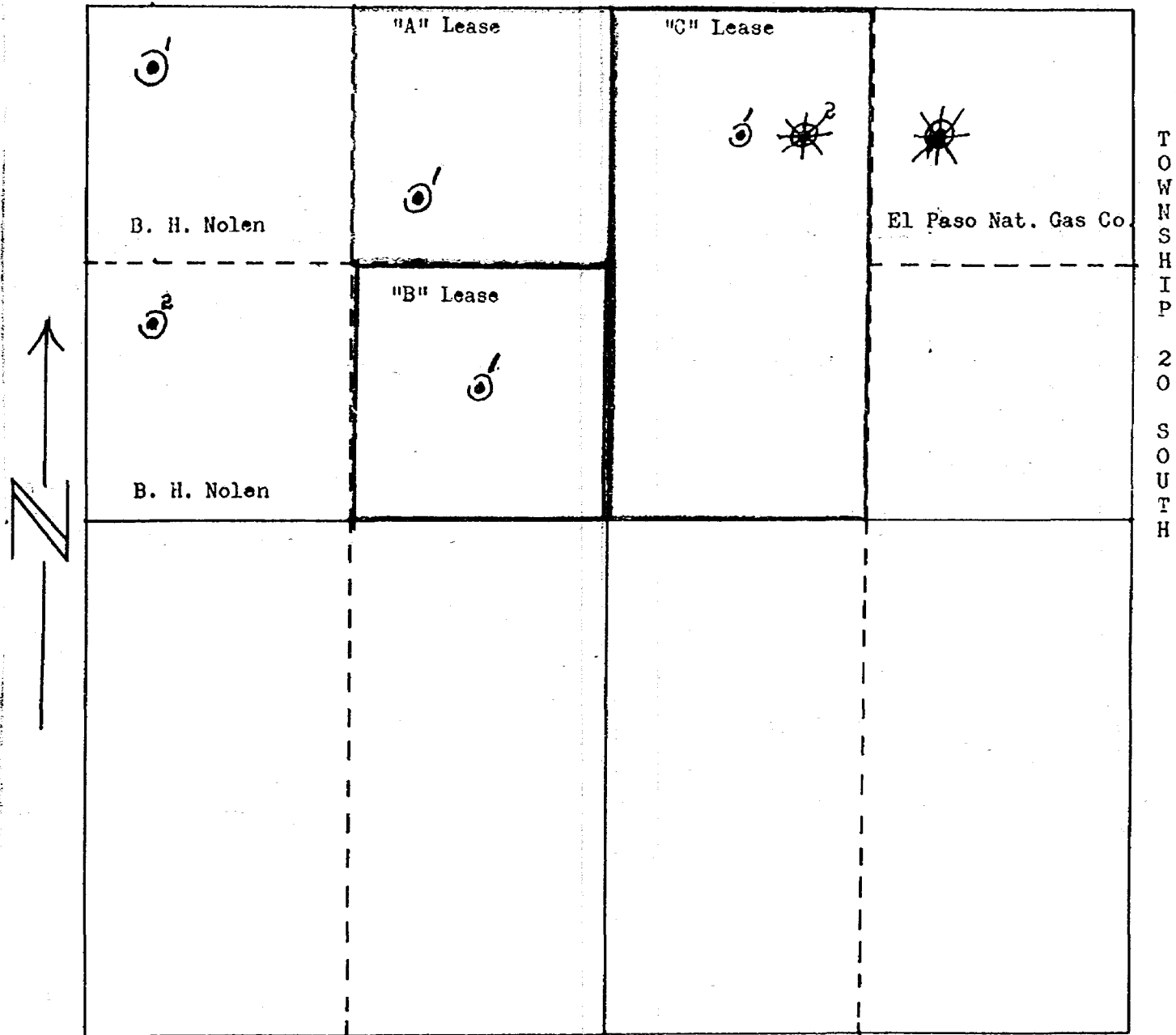
• J. W. Cooper "A" Lease - NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ - 40 acres

• J. W. Cooper "B" Lease - SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ - 40 acres

• J. W. Cooper "C" Lease - W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ - 80 acres

160 acres Total

SECTION NO. 3



RANGE 37, EAST

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*See - note
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R. R. SPURRIER, Secretary and Member

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