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Application, Transcript,
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CASE 837: Amendment of NSP-62 to reduce size of Jalmat gas proration unit, Western Natural Gas Company

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

March 11, 1955

Western Natural Gas Company National Standard Building Houston 2 - Texas

Attention: Mr. Paul C. Wright

We attach copies of Order R-601, R-602 and R-603 issued by this Commission under date of February 28, 1955, in Cases Gentlemen: 836, 837 and 838, respectively.

Very truly yours,

W. B. Macey Secretary - Director

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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 NG. 837 Order No. R-602

THE APPLICATION OF THE COMMISSION
UPON ITS OWN MOTION, DIRECTED TO
WESTERN NATURAL GAS COMPANY, FOR
THE RECONSIDERATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE
ORDER NSP-62 WHICH CREATED A NONSTANDARD GAS PRORATION UNIT IN THE JALMAT
GAS POOL CONSISTING OF THE N/2 OF SECTION
34, TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 36 LAST, NMPM,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on February 16, 1955, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Cil Conservation Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission".

NOW, on this Aday of February, 1955, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the records and testimony address, 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 5 (a) of the Special Rules and Regulations for the Jalmat Gas Fool of Order No. R-520, the Commission has power and authority to permit the formation of a gas proration unit consisting of other than a legal section after notice and hearing by the Conneission.
- (3) That applicant, Western Natural Gas Company, is the owner of an oil and gas lease in the County, New Mexico, the land consisting of other than a legal section, and described as follows, to-wit:

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containing 320 acres, more or less.

- (4) That applicant, Western Natural Gas Company, has a producing well on the aforesaid lease known as Jones Well No. 1, located 990 feet from the north and east lines of Section 34, Township 22 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (5) That the above-described 320-acre non-standard gas proration unit has been producing under the provisions of Administrative Order NSP-62, and that Western Natural Gas Company was required to, and did, show cause why this 320-acre proration unit should not be reduced in size.
- (6) That it is impractical to pool applicant's said lease with adjoining acreage in the Jalmat Gas Pool, and that the owners of adjoining acreage in said area have not objected to the formation of the proposed proration unit of 320 acres.
- (7) That unless a proration unit consisting of 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 Jalmat Gas Pool.
- (8) That creation of a proration unit consisting of the aforesaid acreage will not cause but will prevent waste, and will protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the application of Western Natural Gas Company for approval of an unorthodox promation unit consisting of the following described acreage:

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, NMPM N/2 Section 34

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

(2) That applicant's well, Jones Well #1, located in the NE/4 NE/4 of Section 34, Township 22 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, shall be granted an allowable in the proportion that the above described 320-acre unit bears to the standard or orthodox proration unit for said pool, all until further order of the Commission.

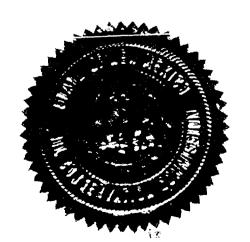
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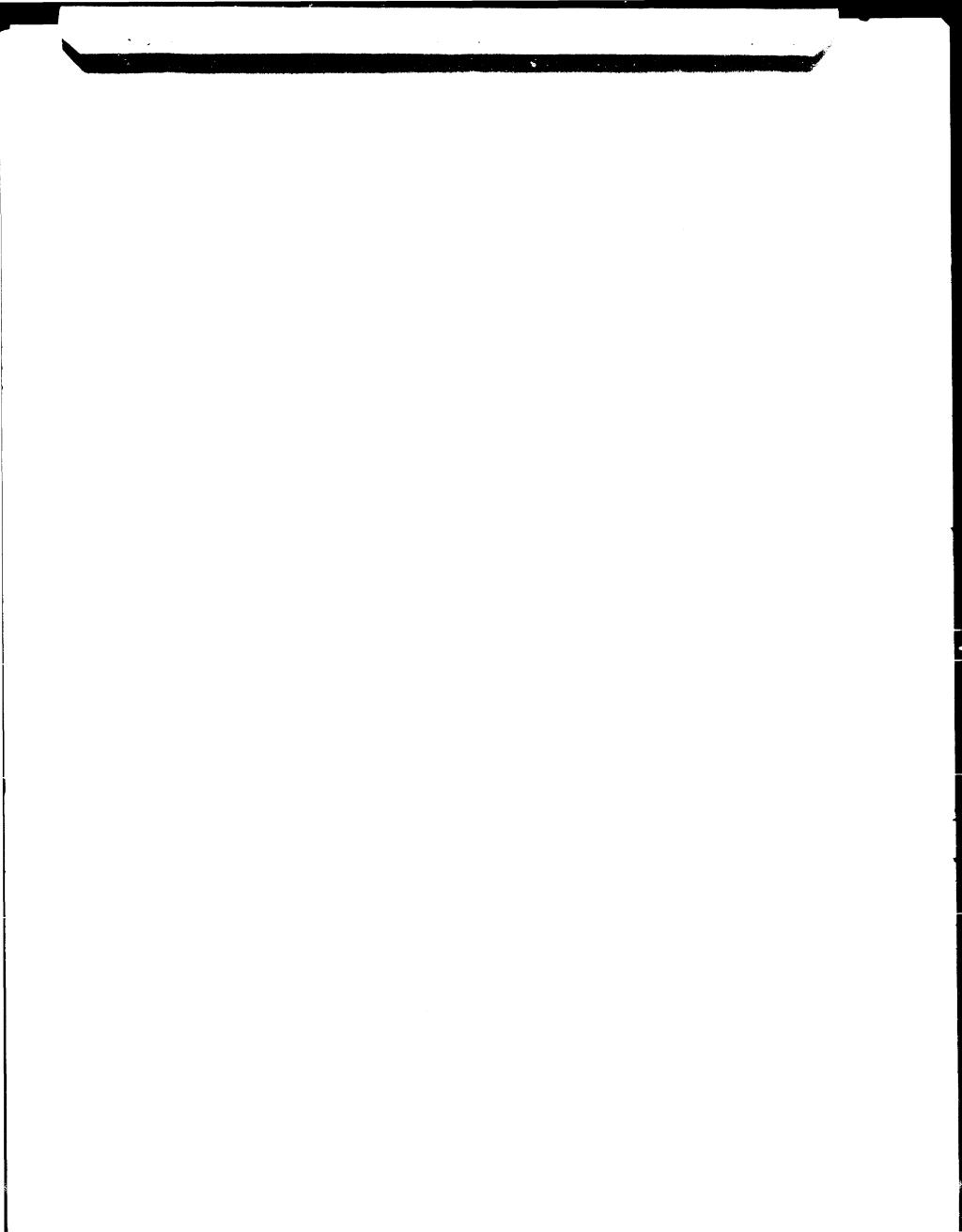
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W. B. MCLY, Member and Secretary





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

January 21, 1955

Western Natural Gas Company 1006 Main Street Houston 2, Texas

Re: Administrative Order NSP-62

Attention: Mr. Paul Wright

Gentlemen:

On December 27, 1954, by virtue of the provisions of Administrative Order NSP-62, I approved the formation of a non-standard gas proration unit consisting of the following described acreage in the Jalmat Gas Pool:

Section 34, Township 22 South, Range 36 East N/2

Information available to me at this time indicates that I exceeded the authority granted to me by the provisions of Rule 5-b of Order R-520, (Jalmat Pool Rules) due to the fact that the third paragraph of Rule 5-a specifically limits the maximum amount of acreage that may be assigned to a gas well, the amount being governed by the well location.

The formation of a 320-acre non-standard provation unit with your Jones Lease, Well No. 1, located 990 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the East line is contrary to the provisions of this rule.

On February 16, 1955, this Commission will hold hearings directed to you as operator for you to show cause why the acreage assigned your Jones Well No. 1, NE/4 NE/4 Section 34, Township 22 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, Jalmat Gas Pool, should not be reduced to 160 acres in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 3 of Rule 5-a of Order R-520. The description of this 160 acre unit is as follows:

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Section 34, Township 22 South, Range 36 East NE/4

This proposed reduction would be effective March 1, 1955. You will of course be afforded the opportunity to present any testimony or evidence to support the formation of the proration unit as it now exists.

This letter is being directed to you so that you can prepare your case, if you so desire. A copy of the advertisement will be mailed to you when available.

Very truly yours,

W. B. MACEY, Secretary-Director

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BEFORE THE

Oil Conservation Commission SANTA FE. New MEXICO February 17, 1955

IN THE MATTER OF:

case No. 837 - Regular Hearing

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

ADA DEARNLEY AND ASSOCIATES

COURT REPORTERS

ROOMS 105, 106, 107 EL CORTEZ BUILDING
TELEPHONE 7-9546
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION Santa Fe, New Mexico

IN THE MATTER OF:

The application of the Oil Conservation Commission for revision of an administrative order in creation of a non-standard gas proration unit.

Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order amending Administrative Order NSP-62 and directing Western Natural Gas Company to reduce the) size of the non-standard gas proration unit permitted therein to conform to provisions of Paragraph 3 of Rule 5(a) of the Special Rules and Reguelations for the Jalmat Gas Pool, as set forth in Order R-520; the resulting proration unit to consist of NE/4 of Section 34, Township 22 South, Range 36 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

Case No. 837

BEFORE:

Honorable John Simms, Jr. Mr. E. S. (Johnny) Walker Mr. William B. Macey

TRANSCRIFT OF HEARING

MR. MACEY: The next case on the docket is Case 837.

(Statement of Policy on the Formation of Non-Standard Gas Proration (Presented at February Ló Hearing by W. F. Kitts, Attorney).

ing the formation of non-standard gas provided units in the County gas pools, and the following statement is presented in an effort to eliminate this confusion and to startly the requirements in filing applications for approval of constanting gas provided in the Southeast gas pools.

The basic considerations for approval of all applications

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will be that the formation of such unit will:

- 1. Prevent Waste
- 2. Protect Correlative Rights
- 3. Serve the Best Interests of Conservation.

For an application to receive consideration for administrative approval, the unit for which the exception is requested must in all respects meet the requirements of Rule 5(a) paragraph 3 and Rule 5(b) of the various pool rules contained in Order R-520. Any application which does not meet these requirements for administrative approval must be heard after notice at a hearing of the Commission at which time the merits of the application can be considered.

Further, the Commission Staff feels that Order R-520 clearly implies the radius of influence for one well in the various Southeast gas pools covered by Order R-520, to be 3735' -- that is, the radius of a circle which will totally enclose a 640-acre section.

And that such radius should be applied to all applications for exception to the provisions of Order R-520. Quite naturally, this radius of influence cannot be the only consideration and factors of economics, offset counter-drainage, and good operating practice must be considered. The Commission Staff is aware that each request for approval of a non-standard gas provation unit must stand on its own merits, and be treated individually - and we take note of this fact.

We have briefly outlined our position in an effort to assist the operators is making application for an securing non-standard promation units, and with the cope when we are assist the Commission Swaff by keeping their units within the limits as set out in this statement, in so far as geonomics and good operating practice will permit.

We are certain that we can count on the full support of all of the operators.)

MR. VICARY: This is a similar case, involving Western Natural's Jones No. 1 Well, I believe. No need to qualify the witness again.

MR. MACEY: No, sir.

PAUL C. WRIGHT,

called as a witness, having been previously duly sworn, testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

By MR. VICARY:

- Q Mr. Wright, do you know when the Jones No. 1 was completed?
- A The Jones No. 1 was completed July 14, 1947.
- Q Was it drilled in accordance with the regulations of the Commission, then existing?
 - A Yes.
 - Q Was Western Natural Gas Company the operator?
 - A Yes, sir.
 - Q Is this entire area neld under one lease?
 - A Yes, sir.
 - Q It has a common ownership of the working and royalty interests?
 - A Yes, sir.

(Harked Western Natural Gas Company's Exhibit No. 1, For Identification.)

- g You harded me exhibit No. 1. Hoes the area that you have marked in yellow outline the proposed non-standard proration unit?
 - A Yes, sin.
 - Q And that represents the unit that you are now requesting?
 - A That is right.

- Q Where is it located?
- A The unit is located in the north half of Section 34, Township 22 South, Range 36 East, Lea County, New Mexico.
- Q Is the entire unit within the Jalmat Gas Pool as defined by the Commission?
 - A Yes, sir.
- Q Is the Jones No. 1 producing from within the vertical limits of the Jalmat Gas Pool?
 - A Yes, sir.
- Q Where is the well located with reference to the boundary lines of it?
- A It is located 990 feet from the north and east lines of Section 34.
- Q Does the unit lie wholly within a single governmental section?
 - A Yes, sir.
 - Q What is the length of this proposed unit?
 - A 5,280 feet.
 - Q What is the width?
 - A 2,640 feet.
 - Q Have you obtained waivers from the offset owners?
 - A Yes, sir.
 - Q Do you have Shope?
- A I have. The original waivers are fited with the lossission and I have belograms reconfirming those weivers.
- MR. VEDARY: could we have the original record or the MSP proceedings brought forward into these proceedings?
 - Mat. MaCSY: Yes, sir.

(Marked Western Natural's Exhibits 3-A, 3-1

- Q Exhibits 3-A, 3-B and 3-C? for identification.)
- A Yes, Sinclair, Gulf and Dalport.
- Q These constitute all of the offset operators?
- A Yes, sir.

MR. VICARY: We offer Exhibits 1, 3-A, B and C.

MR. MACEY: Is there any objection to the introduction of these exhibits? If not they will be received.

- Q Have any dry holes ever been drilled within this unit, Mr. Wright?
 - A No, sir.
 - Q Have any dry holes been drilled in the immediate vicinity?
 - A No, sir.
 - Q Is there production on all four sides of the unit?
 - A All four sides.
- Q Based on your experience in this field, are you of the opinion that the entire unit is reasonably productive?
 - A Yes, sir.
- Q Are you of the opinion that the Jones No. 1 will effectively drain the proposed unit?
 - A Yes, sir.
 - Q Would the granting of this proposed unit result in any waste?
 - A No, sir.
- Q Would the granting of the unit be in the best interest of conservation?
 - A Yes, sir.
 - Q Are there offset wells on the four sides of this area?
 - A There are direct offsets on four sides of this area.

- Q Then, the correlative rights have been fully protected by offset wells?
 - A Yes, sir.
- Q Have you made any calculation as to the deliverability of the Jones No. 1 Well, into the pipeline?
- A The Jones No. 1 Well is capable of producing approximately 4.100,000 cubic feet per day at current pipeline pressure.
 - Q Are those deliverabilities being made to El Paso?
 - A Yes, sir.
- Q Are you of the opinion that the well is capable of making the allowable for 320-acre non-standard proration units?
 - A Yes, sir.
 - Q Has this well ever had any allowable cancelled?
 - A No. sir.
- Q Do you have any further statement you would like to make to the Commission in connection with this case?
 - A No, sir.
 - MR. VICARY: That is all.
 - MR. MACEY: Any questions of the witness? In. Rhodes?

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By MR. HMODAS:

- Q You stated that in your opinion this 320 acres was reasonably productive?
 - A That is rishs.
- notice that this Gackels Esmand No. 1, which is over here in the northeast quarter of Section 33 is carried on our provation schedule as an oil well. Is is granted as allowable of five barrels a day.

Mr. Montgomery, our geologist, tells me that that is a Yates oil well. I am wondering if mahaps your Western Natural Gas Company's No. 1 Jones might not be making a spray of oil?

A It is not making any oil to my knowledge. We don't have any separator set there, and El Paso is very careful about not getting any oil in their line.

- Q There is no separator set?
- A As far as I know.
- Q You feel that that entire 320 acre area is productive of gas?
- A Yes, sir.
- Q In the Yates?
- Yes.... May I ask you a question?
- Q Yes.
- A What about the No. 2 of Gackels?
- Q Gackels No. 2 Esmund has a pretty substantial underage of the proration schedule.
 - A It is productive of gas?
- Q I think maybe the underage might be occasioned by taking up with oil.
- A It does indicate that our acreage is productive of gas right across the line from the woll.
- Q Yes, yes, that it does. However, I wonder if it is anticely productive of gas and gas only?
- A I would have to make a statement that there is oil production under our acreage officesular time places the east. The only way we would find out is to drill a well, of course.
 - MR. RMODES: That is all.
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO) : ss.
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I, <u>ADA DEARNLEY</u>, Court Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached transcript of proceedings before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission at Santa Fe, New Mexico, is a true and correct record to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have affixed my hand and notarial seal this 26th day of February, 1955.

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My Commission Expires:

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THIS IS TO RE-CONFIRM LETTERS OF WAIVER OF NOTICE OF HEARING DIRECTE. TO THE NEW MEXICO CONSERVATION COMMISSION BY SINCLAIR OIL & GAS COMPANY EACH DATED NOVEMBER 22. 1954=

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION P. O. BOX 871

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

December 27, 1954

Western Natural Gas Company 1006 Main Street Houston 2, Texas

Attention: Mr. Paul C. Wright

Administrative Order NSP-62

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your application for approval of a 320-acre non-standard gas proration unit in the Jalmat Gas Pool consisting of the following acreage:

Twp. 22 South, Rge. 36 East, NMPM N/2 of Section 34

It is understood that this unit is to be ascribed to your Jones Well No. 1, located 990' from the North and East lines of Section 34, Township 22 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mickico.

inasmuch as you enclosed waivers from the offset operators agreeing to the formation of the proposed unit, it is possible for immediate approval to be granted. Therefore, by authority granted me under provisions of Rule 5. Section (b)-5 of the Special Rules and Regulations of the Jaimat Gas Pool, as set forth in Order R-520, you are hereby authorized to operate the above described acreage as a non-standard gas proration unit, with allowable to be assigned thereto in accordance with pool rules, based upon the unit size of 320 acres.

Very truly yours,

W. B. Macey Secretary - Director

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cc: Oil Conservation Commission, Hobbs

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Very truly yours,

W. B. Macey Secretary - Director

Western Natural Gas Company

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Kouston 2, Texas

December 3, 1954

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission P.O. Box 871 Santa Fe, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

We herewith make application for a 320 acre unorthodox gas proration unit for our Jones No. 1 well, located 990' from the north and east lines of Section 34, T22S, R36E, Jalmat Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico. Attached is a plat of this unit and a waiver from Gulf Oil Corporation, Sinclair Oil and Gas Company, and Dalport Oil Corporation to support this application. We request that these be considered as a fulfillment of the conditions outlined in Rule 5 (b) Order R-520, and that this proration unit be approved without a hearing.

Yours truly

Paul C. Wright

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INSTRUCTIONS

1.	Is this gas well a dual completion? Yes No. X
2.	If the answer to Question 1 is Yes, are there any other dually completed wells within the dedicated acreage?
	Yes

A separate plat must be filed for each gas well, outlining the area dedicated to such well and showing the location of all other wells (oil and gas) within the outlined area.

Mail in duplicate to the district office for the district in which the well is located.

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wery truly yours,

Dalport Oil Company



GULF OIL CORPORATION

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GORDON H. FISHER
DIVISION PRODUCTION MANAGER

November 30, 1954

FORT WORTH PRODUCTION DIVISION

New Mexico Gil Conservation Commission Santa Fe, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

This is to advise that Gulf Oil Corporation has been given due notice that Western Natural Gas Company has made application for a 320-acre non-standard gas proration unit. We hereby waive notice of hearing, and advise that we have no objection to the granting of said unit as described below:

Consisting of the N/2 of Section 34, T-22-S, R-36-E, Jalmat Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to be assigned to Western Natural Gas Company's Jones No. 1 Well, located 990 feet from the north and east lines of said Section 34.

Executed this 30th day of November, 1954.

Yours very truly,

GULF CIL CORPORATION

Title: Attorney-in-Fact

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SINGLAIR OIL & GAS COMPANY

FAIR BUILDING

FORTWORTH, TEXAS

November 22, 1954

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission, Box 871, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

> Re: Western Natural Gas Company #1 Jones Lea County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

We are advised that the Western Natural Gas Company has requested approval of a 320 acre non-standard gas proration unit under the provisions of Rule 5. This unit described as the N/2 of Section 34-22S-36E is to be assigned their #1 Jones well located as follows:

990' from the North line and 990' from the East line of Section 34-225-36E, Lea County, New Mexico.

Sinclair Oil & Gas Company, as an offset operator, waives any objections to the designation of this non-standard gas proration unit above described and to the usual waiting period after filing of application.

Yours truly,

P. C. Brooke Vice-President

MOE: PM

cc: Western Natural Gas Company 1006 Main Street, Houston 2, Texas

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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