<u>CASE 3325:</u> Appli. of CONTINENTAL for a non-standard gas proration unit - VAUGHAN B-1 Well No. 1.

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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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

CASE No. 3325 Order No. R- 29

APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL OIL COMPANY FOR A NON-STANDARD GAS PRORATION UNIT, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

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This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on October 19__, 196<u>5</u>, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter___.

NOW, on this <u>day of October</u>, 1965, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

(1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That the applicant, Continental Oil Company, seeks approval of a 320-acre non-standard gas proration unit in the Jalmat Gas Pool comprising the N/2 of Section 1, Township 24 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to its Vaughan B-1 Well No. 1, located in Unit H of said Section 1.

(3) That the proposed non-standard proration unit can be efficiently and economically drained and developed by the subject well.

(4) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable

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share of the gas in the pool, and will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That a 320-acre non-standard gas proration unit in the Jalmat Gas Pool comprising the N/2 of Section 1, Township 24 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, is hereby established and dedicated to the Continental Oil Company Vaughan B-1 Well No.
1, located in Unit H of said Section 1.

(2) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem neces-

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





CONTINENTAL OIL COMPANY

P. O. BOX 460 HOBBS; NEW MEXICO

PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT HOBDS DISTRICT L. P. THOMPSON DISTRICT MANAGER G. C. JAMIESON ABSISTANT DISTRICT MANAGER

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New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission Post Office Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico

Attention of Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr., Secretary-Director

Re:

Gentlemen:

Application of Continental Oil Company for an Exception to Rule 5(B) of the Special Rules and Regulations for the Jalmat Gas Pool Contained in Order No. R-1670 in Establishment of a Non-Standard Gas Provation Unit of 320 Acres Consisting of the N/2 Section 1, T-24S, R-36E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, to be Allocated to its Vaughan B-1 Well No. 1

Please find attached three copies of Continental Oil Company's application for an exception to Rule 5(B) of the Special Rules and Regulations for the Jalmat Gas Pool contained in Order No. R-1670 for the enlargement of the 160-acre nonstandard gas proration unit consisting of the NE/4 Section 1, T-24S, R-36E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, to a 320-acre nonstandard gas proration unit to consist of the N/2 Section 1, T-24S, R-36E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. The acreage is to be allocated to Vaughan B-1 Well No. 1.

We respectfully request that this matter be set for hearing at the earliest convenient date.

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Yours very truly,

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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL OIL COMPANY FOR AN EXCEPTION TO RULE 5(B) OF THE SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE JALMAT GAS POOL CONTAINED IN ORDER NO. R-1670 IN ESTABLISHMENT OF A NON-STANDARD GAS PRORATION UNIT CONSISTING OF THE N/2 SECTION 1, T-24S, R-36E, NMPM, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, TO BE ALLOCATED TO ITS VAUGHAN B-1 WELL NO. 1

APPLICATION

Comes now applicant, Continental Oil Company, and petitions the Commission for an order approving the enlargement of the gas proration unit allocated to its Vaughan B-1 Well No. 1 to a 320-acre non-standard gas provation unit consisting of the N/2 of Section 1, T-24S, R-36E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, and in support thereof would show:

1. That applicant is co-owner and operator of the Vaughan B-1 Lease containing the N/2 Section 1, T-24S, R-36E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

2. That applicant drilled the Vaughan B-1 Well No. 1 at a location 1650' from the north line and 900' from the east line of said Section 1 and completed it October 20, 1947, as a gas well in what is now designated as the Jalmat Gas Pool.

3. That a 160-acre standard gas proration unit in the Jalco Pool consisting of the NE/4 of Section 1 was approved upon commencement of gas proration January 1, 1954; however, by virtue of subsequent orders of the Commission, the well is currently classified as a Jalmat gas well.

4. That the NW/4 Section 1, T-24S, R-36E, has been allocated for Jalmat gas production to applicant's Vaughan B-1 Well No. 2 until August 25, 1965, when said well No. 2 was deepened and recompleted as a Langlie-Mattix oil well. 5. That the NW/4 of said Section 1 is not now allocated for Jalmat gas production to any well, that all the acreage therein is reasonably presumed productive of gas and should be allocated to a gas well in the interests of the prevention of waste and protection of correlative rights.

6. That the most practical and economical method of allocating said acreage for Jalmat gas production is to establish a 320-acre non-standard gas provation unit, as described above, for assignment to the Vaughan B-1 Well No. 1.

WHEREFORE, applicant prays that this application be set for hearing before the Commission's duly appointed examiner, that appropriate notice thereof be given, and that upon hearing an order be entered granting applicant exception to Rule 5(B) of the Special Rules and Regulations for the Jalmat Gas Pool contained in Order No. R-1670 for the non-standard gas provation unit described above.

> Respectfully Submitted, CONTINENTAL OIL COMPANY

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9 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

The following cases will be heard before Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner, or Elvis A. Utz, Alternate Examiner:

CASE 3321: In the matter of the hearing called by the Gil Conservation Commission or its own motion to permit Willard C. Franks and all other interested parties to show cause why the LaRoe Well No. 1 located in the SE/4 NW/4 of Section 19, Township 27 North, Range 22 East, Colfax County, New Mexico, should not be plugged in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.

CASE 3322:

: Application of Ann Burnett Windfohr, George R. Brown, and Allied Chemical Corporation for a waterflood project, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicants, in the above-styled cause, seek authority to institute a waterflood project in the Grayburg Jackson Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, by the injection of water into the Grayburg formation through three wells in Section 25, Township 17 South, Range 30 East.

CASE 3323:

Application of David Fasken for a dual completion, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the dual completion (conventional) of his Felmont-Collier Well No. 1 located in Unit H of Section 9, Township 11 South, Range 33 East, Lea County, New Mexico, to produce oil from the North Bagley Upper and Lower Pennsylvanian Pools through parallel strings of tubing.

CASE 3324:

Application of Newmont Oil Company for an unorthodox location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to drill a producing oil well at an unorthodox location 990 feet from the South line and 1310 feet from the West line of Section 2, Township 18 South, Range 29 East, Loco Hills Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

<u>CASE 3325:</u>

Application of Continental Oil Company for a non-standard gas proration unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of a 320-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising the N/2 of Section 1, Township 24 South, Range 36 East, Jalmat Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to its Vaughan B-1 Well No. 1, located in Unit H of said Section 1.

CASE 3326:

Application of Continental Oil Company for a non-standard gas proration unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of a 560-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising the E/2 SE/4 of Section 22, the W/2 of Section 26, and the E/2 E/2 of Section 27, Township 20 South, Range 37 East, Eumont Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to its SEMU Well No. 65, located 2363 feet from the South line and 0 feet from the West line of said Section 26.

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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

> CASE No. 3325 Order No. R-2988

APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL OIL COMPANY FOR A NON-STANDARD GAS PRORATION UNIT, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on October 19, 1965, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NON, on this 27th day of October, 1965, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

(1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That the applicant, Continental Oil Company, seeks approval of a 320-acre non-standard gas provation unit in the Jalmat Gas Pool comprising the N/2 of Section 1, Township 24 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to its Vaughan B-1 Well No. 1, located in Unit H of said Section 1.

(3) That the proposed non-standard proration unit can be efficiently and economically drained and developed by the subject well.

(4) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable -2-CASE No. 3325 Order No. R-2988

share of the gas in the pool, and will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That a 320-acre non-standard gas proration unit in the Jalmat Gas Pool comprising the N/2 of Section 1. Township 24 South Range 36 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, is hereby established and dedicated to the Continental Oil Company Vaughan B-1 Well No. 1 located in Unit H of said Section 1.

(2) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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



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STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PABELL Chairman

PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary

GOVERNOR JACK M. CAMPBELL CHAIRMAN

State of New Mexico Bil Conservation Commission



LAND COMMISSIONER GUYTON B. HAYS MEMBER

P.O. BOX 2088 SANTA FE

October 27, 1965

STATÉ GEOLOGIST A. L. PORTER, JR. SECRETARY - DIRECTOR

Mr. Jason Kellahin Kellahin & Fox Attorneys at Law Post Office Box 1769 Santa Fe, New Mexico Order No. <u>R-2988 a</u>nd R-2989 Applicant:

(3325) and 3326

Continental Oil Company

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced Commission order recently entered in the subject case.

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Very truly yours,

E. L. Parter

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A. L. PORTER, Jr. Secretary-Director

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MR. NUTTER: Call Case 3325.

MR. DURRETT: Application of Continental Oil Company for a non-standard gas proration unit, Lea County, New Mexico.

MR. KELLAHIN: Jason Kellahin, Kellahin and Fox, Santa Fe, appearing for the Applicant. We will have one witness I would like to have sworn, please.

(Witness sworn.)

L. E. KOPCHEK

called as a witness, having been first duly sworn on oath, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. KELLAHIN:

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Q Would you state your name, please?

Larry Kopchek.

Q Would you spell that?

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Q Have you ever testified before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico?

A No.

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Q For the benefit of the Examiner, Mr. Kopchek, would you briefly state your qualifications as a Petroleum Engineer? A I received a B. S. Degree in Petroleum Science from

Marietta College in January of 1962, and since that time have



been employed by Continental Oil Company in the Hobbs, New CONVENTIONS Mexico area. AENTS, EXPERT TESTIMONY, DAILY COPY Are you presently employed by Continental Oil Company? 0 -MEXICO Α Yes, sir, I am. What is your position? Q 🥹 I am Petroleum Engineer. A Do your duties as Petroleum Engineer involve the 0 area covered by the application in Case No. 3325? 256-256-HEARINGS Yes, it does. Ά 8. DEPOSITIONS, Are you familiar with the application in Case 3325? Q BOX EASI Α Yes. SPECIALIZING IN $\langle \cdot \rangle$ Q Would you state briefly what's proposed in this SIMMS FIRST N application? 1120 This is the application of Continental Oil Company A

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for the enlargement of the presently approved 160-acre unit to a non-standard gas proration unit of 320 acres, consisting of the North Half of Section 1, Township 24 South, Range 36 East, Lea County, New Mexico, in the Jalmat Gas Pool, for its Vaughan Brl No. 1 Well.

MR. KELLAHIN: Are the witness' qualifications acceptable?

MR. NUTTER: Yes, they are.

(Whereupon, Applicant's Exhibits Nos 1 and 2 marked for identification.)

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Q (By Mr. Kellahin) Now referring to what has been marked as Exhibit No. 1, would you identify that exhibit and discuss the information shown on it, please?

A Exhibit No. 1 is a location plat showing the Vaughan B-1 lease and the surrounding area. The lease and also the proposed unit is shown outlined in red. The Vaughan B-1 No. 1 Well, shown circled in red, is located 1650 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the East line of Section 1. Surrounding Jalmat gas wells are shown circled in green, and the acreage allocated to them is shown outlined in green.

Q Other than the well location, would this application have been eligible for administrative approval under the present rules?

A Yes, it would.

Q The only reason we have to have a hearing is on account of the location of the well?

A That's right.

Q Referring to what has been marked as Exhibit No. 2, would you identify that exhibit and discuss it, please?



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A Exhibit No. 2 is a copy of a deliverability test which indicates that this well has a capacity which is capable of producing the allowable for the enlarged unit.

Q Is the Northwest Quarter of Section 1 presently allocated to any well for Jalmat production?

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PAGE 5 CONVENTIONS Α No, it's not. It had been allocated to the Vaughan B-1 No. 2, which was deepened and recompleted as a Langley-STATE MENTS, EXPERT TESTIMONY, DAILY COPY, Mattix oil well effective August 25, 1965. NEW MEXICO dearniey-meier reporting service, inc In your opinion, is the Vaughan B-1 No. 1 Well ΄Q ALBUQUERQUE, h
 ALBUQUERQUE, NEW capable of producing the allowable that would be assigned to it? Yes, it is. A 13-6 The proposed unit is comprised of contiguous quarter Q PHONE 254-1 HEARINGS, quarter sections, is that correct? • 33 DEPOSITIONS, That's right. A EAST EAST P.O. 8 Q And it's within a single governmental section? SPECIALIZING IN BLDG. Yes. A I MAS Q The length and width of the unit do not exceed 5,280 1120 feet, is that correct? A That's correct. Q Mr. Kopchek, in your opinion is the entire unit reasonably presumed to be productive of gas from the Jalmat Poo1? A Yes. Q Will the approval of this application result in the prevention of waste? Α Yes, it will. Q Will correlative rights be protected, in your opinion? Α They will.

PAGE 6 MR. KELLAHIN: At this time I offer in evidence CONVENTIONS Exhibits 1 and 2. COPY, MR. NUTTER: Applicant's Exhibits 1 and 2 will be NEW MEXICO W MEXICO STATE MENTS. EXPERT TESTIMONY, DAILY admitted in evidence. ALBUQUERQUE, N
 ALBUQUERQUE, N (Whereupon, Applicant's Exhibits Nos. dearnley-meier reporting service, 1 and 2 offered and admitted in evidence.) MR. KELLAHIN: That's all I have on direct examination. 243-6691 MR. NUTTER: Are there any questions of Mr. Kopchek? • PHONE 2 PHONE 256-1 HEARINGS, Mr. Durrett. • DEPOSITIONS CROSS EXAMINATION P.O. BOX 10 BY MR. DURRETT: IS BLDG. SPECIALIZING IN. Mr. Kopchek, am I correct that there presently is Q SIMMS FIRST N 160 acres dedicated to this well? 1120 That's correct. A And it's receiving 160-acre allowable in the Jalmat 0 Pool? That's correct. A And you are not seeking any back allowable now? 0 A No, sir. MR. DURRETT: Thank you. MR. PORTER: But your deliverability test indicates it will produce 320-acre allowable? À That's right. MR. NUTTER: If there are no further questions of

Mr. Kopchek, he may be excused.

(Witness excused.)

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MR. NUTTER: Do you have anything further, Mr.

Kellahin?

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MR. KELLAHIN: That's all in this case.

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MR. NUTTER: Does anyone have anything further to offer in Case 3325? We will take the case under advisement.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO) COUNTY OF BERNALILLO)

I, ADA DEARNLEY, Court Reporter - Notary Public, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached Transcript of Hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission was reported by me, and that the same is a true and correct record of the said proceedings, to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability. WITNESS my Hand and Seal this 9th day of November, 1965.

Ida Dearnley Court Reporter & Notary Public



My Commission Expires:

June 19, 1967.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing in a complete record of the proceedings in the Examiner Learing of Case No. 19

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