CASE 6799: CAULKINS OIL COMPANY FOR A NON-STANDARD GAS PRORATION UNIT, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO.

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APPlication, Transcripts, Small Exhibits,

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

February 20, 1980

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Ar. Thomas Kellahin Kellahin & Kellahin Attorneys at Law Post Office Box 1769 Santa Fe, New Mexico	Re:	ORDER NO. R-6265
TO, NON HORZOS		Applicant: Caulkins Oil Company
Dear Sir:		
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 5799 Order No. R-6265

APPLICATION OF CAULKINS OIL COMPANY FOR A NON-STANDARD GAS PRORATION UNIT, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on January 30, 1980, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 13th day of February, 1980, the Division Director, 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 Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicant, Caulkins Oil Company, seeks approval of a 320-acre non-standard Blanco Mesaverde gas proration unit comprising the SE/4, S/2 NE/4 and S/2 SW/4 of Section 16, Township 26 North, Range 6 West, NMPM, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon.
- (3) That the entire non-standard proration unit may reasonably be presumed productive of gas from the Blanco Mesaverde Pool and that the entire non-standard gas proration unit can be efficiently and economically drained and developed by the aforesaid well.
- (4) That the aforesaid non-standard proration unit conforms to a previously approved non-standard proration unit dedicated to a producing well in the Basin-Dakota Pool and if

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approved, the proposed unit would allow the same lands to comprise two coinciding non-standard gas proration units.

(5) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce his just and equitable share of the gas in the Blanco Mesaverde Pool, will prevent the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, avoid the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, and will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That Caulkins Oil Company is hereby granted a 320-acre non-standard gas proration unit in the Blanco Mesaverde Pool comprising the SE/4, S/2 NE/4 and S/2 SW/4 of Section 16, Township 26 North, Range 6 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon.
- (2) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division 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 DIVISION

JOE D. RAMEY Director

Dockets Nos. 4-90 and 5-80 are tentatively set for February 13 and 27, 1980. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 30, 1980

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

The following cases will be heard before Richard i. Stamets, Examiner, or Daniel S. Nutter, Alternate Examiner:

CASE 6787: (Continued from January 16, 1980, Examiner Hearing)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to consider the approval of 12 non-standard proration units ranging in size from 261.51 acres to 334.24 acres for 320-acre spaced pools, and 19 non-standard proration units ranging in size from 162.65 acres to 207.57 acres for 160-acre spaced pools, all of the aforesaid units being in and resulting from the irregular size and shape of Sections 1 thru 7 and 18, 19, 30, and 31, along the North and West sides of Township 28 North, Range 3 West, Rio Arriba County.

- Application of Union Oil Company of California for compulsory pooling, Chaves County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the San Andres formation underlying the SW/4 SW/4 of Section 1, Township 8 South, Range 28 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the WolfcampPenn formations underlying the N/2 of Section 28, Township 18 South, Range 29 East, to be dedicated
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- Application of Estoril Producing Corporation for an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its Curry Federal Well No. 1, to be drilled 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 22, Township 23 South, Range 34 East, Antelope Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool, the S/2 of said Section 22 to be dedicated to the well.
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- CASE 6794: (Continued from January 16, 1980, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Caulkins Oil Company for downhole commingling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of Tocito Gallup and Dakota production in the wellbore of its Breech "D" Well No. 140 located in Unit A of Section 11, Township 26 North, Range 6 West.

- CASE 6800: Application of Caulkins Oil Company for dual completion and downhole commingling. Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dually complete its Breech "E" Wells Nos. 83-E located in Unit L of Section 5 and 54-E and 68-E located in Units P and L of Section 4; Breech "A" No. 268-E located in Unit P of Section 16; and Breech "D" No. 346 located in Unit D of Section 22, all in Township 26 North, Range 6 West, in such a manner as to produce gas from the Dakota formation and commingled Chacra and Mesaverde production through parallel strings of tubing.
- CASE 6801: Application of Caulkins Oil Company for a dual completion and downhole commingling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dually complete its Breech "C" Well No. 248-E located in Unit D of Section 13, Township 26 North, Range 6 West, in such a manner as to produce commingled Tapacito-Gallup and Dakota production and commingled Chacra and Mesaverde production through parallel strings of tubing.
- CASE 6790: (Continued from January 16, 1980, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Merrion & Payless for gas well commingling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks permission to temporarily commingle certain of its Pictured Cliffs gas wells in Sections 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, and 11, Township 26 North, Range 13 West, in a common gathering system and meter the entire lease output through the purchaser's sales meter located in Unit M of said Section 7.

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EXAMINER HEARING

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CASE 6799

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Direct Examination by Mr. Kellahin

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EXHIBITS

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Oil Company for a non-standard gas proration unit, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

MR. KELLAHIN: Tom Kellahin of Santa Fe, New Mexico, appearing on behalf of Caulkins Oil Company, and I have one witness.

(Witness sworn.)

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being called as a witness and having been duly sworn upon his oath, testified as follows, to-wit:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. KELLAHIN:

Would you please state your name, by whom you're employed, and in what capacity?

My name is Charles Verquer. I'm employed by Caulkins Oil Company, and their Field Superintendent in northwest New Mexico.

Mr. Verquer, have you previously testified before the Oil Conservation Division and had your qualifications as an expert witness accepted and made a matter of record?

A. I have.

What professional degree do you hold?

A. I don't. All my experience is in the field.

 $$\operatorname{MR.}$$ KELLAHIN: We tender Mr. Verquer as an expert witness.

MR. STAMETS: The witness is considered qualified.

Would you please refer to the plat that we've marked, I believe, as Exhibit Number Two, and in connection therewith would you refer also to the information you've outlined on Exhibit Number One? First of all, Mr. Verquer, would you identify the proposed proration unit involved in this case and identify to the Examiner what you're seeking to accomplish?

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That is correct.

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They are all common for the complete section. We are the owner and operator of the complete section.

What is the order number that approved the non-standard proration unit for the Dakota zone?

1845, R-1845.

Were Exhibits One and Two prepared by you, Mr. Verquer?

They were.

And in your opinion will approval of this application be in the best interests of conservation, the prevention of waste, and the protection of correlative rights?

> A. It will.

MR. KELLAHIN: If the Examiner please, we move the introduction of Exhibits One and Two.

MR. STAMETS: These exhibits will be admitted.

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MR. STAMETS: Any other questions of the witness? He may be excused.

Anything further in this case?

The case will be taken under advisement.

(Hearing concluded.)

REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

I, SALLY W. BOYD, C.S.R., DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the attached Transcript of Hearing before the Oil Conservation Division was reported by me; that the said transcript is a full, true, and correct record of the hearing, prepared by me to the best of my ability.

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Well No. 268 E

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Non Standard Proration Unit in Section 16 color coded red.

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FINDS:

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

- (3) That the entire non-standard proration unit may reasonably be presumed productive of gas from the Blanco Mesaverde

 Was Pool and that the entire non-standard gas proration unit can be efficiently and economically drained and developed by the aforesaid well.
- 14) That the aforesaid tank are sirred non mandard providing much contenues to a surviving well in the passe Dakata Poal and if aggroved, the proposed wind would allow the same with to comprise to coinciding won standard par moration in

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(6) (4) That approval of the subject application will afford
the applicant the opportunity to produce his just and equitable
share of the gas in the <u>Blanco Mesaverde</u>
xCass Pool, will prevent the economic loss caused by the drilling of
unnecessary wells, avoid the augmentation of risk arising from
the drilling of an excessive number of wells, and will otherwise
prevent waste and protect correlative rights.
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED: Caulking Oil Company is hereby
(1) That a 320 -acre non-standard gas proration unit
in the Blanco Mesaverde x Cas Pool comprising the
E/4, S/2 NE/4 and S/2 SW/4 of Section 16 , Township 26 North
Range 6 West , NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico,
is hereby established and dedicated to xxxx a well to be drilled
standard location thereon. រុះរដ្ឋសង្គង់នៅនេះសង្គង់នៅនេះនេះនេះនេះនេះនេះនេះនេះនេះនេះនេះនេះនេះន
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(2) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

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