

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. 573
Order No. R-358

THE APPLICATION OF EL PASO NATURAL
GAS COMPANY FOR AN ORDER APPROVING
THE PROPOSED UNIT AGREEMENT FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF THE
LA VENTANA UNIT AREA, CONSISTING OF
20,657.76 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, SITUATED
IN TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, AND
TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGES 1 AND 2 WEST,
NMPM, SANDOVAL COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m., August 24, 1953, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission".

NOW, on this 28th day of August, 1953, the Commission having before it for consideration the testimony adduced at the hearing of said case 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 proposed unit plan will in principle tend to promote the conservation of oil and gas and the prevention of waste.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That the order herein shall be known as the:

"LA VENTANA UNIT AGREEMENT ORDER"

SECTION 1. (a) That the project herein shall be known as the La Ventana Unit Agreement and shall hereafter be referred to as the "Project".

(b) That the plan by which the Project shall be operated shall be embraced in the form of a unit agreement for the development and operation of the La Ventana Unit Area referred to in the Petitioner's petition and filed with said petition and such plan shall be known as the La Ventana Unit Agreement Plan.

SECTION 2. That the La Ventana Unit Agreement shall be, and is hereby approved in principle as a proper conservation measure; provided, however, that notwithstanding any of the provisions contained in said unit agreement, this approval of said agreement shall not be considered as waiving or relinquishing in any manner any rights, duties, or obligations which are now or may hereafter be vested in the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission by law relative to the supervision and control of operations for exploration and development of any lands committed to said La Ventana Unit Agreement or relative to the production of oil or gas therefrom.

SECTION 3. (a) That the Unit Area shall be:

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Section 4: NW/4, Lots 3 and 4, unsurveyed remainder of SW/4;

Section 5: All, including Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, N/2, unsurveyed remainder of S/2;

Section 6: All, including NE/4, E/2 NW/4, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, NE/4 SW/4, unsurveyed remainder of SE/4;

Section 7: All, including Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, unsurveyed remainder of sections;

Section 8: All (unsurveyed);

Section 9: W/2 (unsurveyed);

Township 19 North, Range 1 West, NMPM

Section 17: W/2;

Sections 18 and 19: All;

Section 20: W/2;

Section 28: W/2;

Sections 29 through 32; All

Section 33: W/2;

Township 19 North, Range 2 West, NMPM

Section 8: SE/4;

Section 9: S/2;

Section 10: S/2;

Section 11: S/2;

Section 12: S/2;
Sections 13 through 16: All;
Section 17: E/2;
Section 20: E/2;
Sections 21 through 28: All;
Section 29: E/2;
Section 33: E/2, NW/4;
Sections 34 through 36: All

containing 20,657.76 acres, more or less.

(b) The Unit Area may be enlarged or contracted as provided in said Plan.

SECTION 4. That the unit operator shall file with the Commission an executed original or executed counterpart thereof of the La Ventana Unit Agreement not later than 30 days after the effective date thereof.

SECTION 5. That any party owning rights in the unitized substances who does not commit such rights to said Unit Agreement before the effective date thereof may thereafter become a party thereto by subscribing to such agreement or a counterpart thereof. The Unit Operator shall file with the Commission within 30 days an original or any such counterpart.

SECTION 6. That this order shall become effective on the first day of the calendar month next following the approval of the Commissioner of Public Lands and the Director of the United States Geological Survey and shall terminate ipso facto on the termination of said Unit Agreement. The last Unit Operator shall immediately notify the Commission in writing of such termination.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on 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

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