

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. 4815 (Reopened)
Order No. R-4405-A

IN THE MATTER OF DIVISION CASE NO.
4815 BEING REOPENED PURSUANT TO THE
PROVISIONS OF DIVISION ORDER NO.
R-4405, WHICH ORDER CREATED AND
PROMULGATED TEMPORARY SPECIAL RULES
AND REGULATIONS FOR THE EAST CATCLAW
DRAW-STRAWN GAS POOL, EDDY COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8 a.m. on August 28, 1985, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Michael E. Stogner.

NOW, on this 27th day of September, 1985, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS THAT:

- (1) Due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) By Order No. R-4405, dated September 27, 1972, the Division created, defined, and classified the East Catclaw Draw-Strawn Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, and Temporary Special Rules and Regulations were promulgated therefor, including a provision for 640-acre spacing and proration units.
- (3) Pursuant to the provisions of said Order No. R-4405, this case was reopened to allow the operators in the subject pool to appear and show cause why the East Catclaw Draw-Strawn Gas Pool should not be developed on 320-acre spacing and proration units.

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(4) Since the inception of the East Catclaw Draw-Strawn Gas Pool only one well has produced from the pool, the Inexco Oil Company McMinn State Com Well No. 1 located 1980 feet from the South and West lines of Section 18, Township 21 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, which was also the discovery well for the subject pool.

(5) Said well produced from the Strawn formation between April, 1973 and November, 1975 and was plugged and abandoned in February, 1979.

(6) At the time of the hearing there were no appearances by interested or affected parties.

(7) It is not known at this time whether additional wells will be completed in the subject pool.

(8) In the absence of additional testimony showing why the East Catclaw Draw-Strawn Gas Pool should not be developed on 320-acre spacing and proration units, the Temporary Special Rules and Regulations promulgated by Division Order No. R-4405 should be rescinded and said pool should be governed by the Statewide Rules.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) The Temporary Special Rules and Regulations for the East Catclaw Draw-Strawn Gas Pool, promulgated by Division Order No. R-4405, dated September 27, 1972, are hereby rescinded and the pool is hereby placed under the Statewide Rules.

(2) 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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R. L. STAMETS
Director

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