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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 NEW MEXICO FOR  
THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 5605  
Order No. R-5147

APPLICATION OF SAGUARO OIL COMPANY  
FOR SPECIAL POOL RULES, SAN JUAN  
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on January 7, 1976, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 14th day of January, 1976, 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, Saguaro Oil Company, seeks the establishment of special rules and regulations for the Table Mesa-Dakota Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico, to permit the drilling of wells on 2 1/2-acre spacing, provided that no well be located nearer than 25 feet to the outer boundary of the quarter-quarter section and no nearer than 165 feet to the boundary of acreage owned by an offset operator, and provided further, that a 40-acre proration unit would be subject to a 40-acre allowable regardless of the number of wells on the unit.

(3) That the evidence presented indicates that the application of the proposed special pool rules may result in production of oil from the Table Mesa-Dakota Pool which would not otherwise be recovered, thereby preventing waste.

(4) That in order to afford operators in the subject pool the opportunity to produce their just and equitable share of the oil in the pool, and to otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights, special rules and regulations providing for 2 1/2-acre spacing units should be promulgated for the Table Mesa-Dakota Pool.



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(5) That a 40-acre proration unit in the subject pool should not receive more than a 40-acre top unit allowable regardless of the number of wells on the 40-acre unit.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Special Rules and Regulations for the Table Mesa-Dakota Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico, are hereby promulgated as follows:

SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS  
FOR THE  
TABLE MESA-DAKOTA POOL

RULE 1. Each well completed or recompleted in the Table Mesa-Dakota Pool or in the Dakota formation within one mile thereof, and not nearer to or within the limits of another designated Dakota oil pool, shall be spaced, drilled, operated, and produced in accordance with the Special Rules and Regulations hereinafter set forth.

RULE 2. Each well shall be located on a 2 1/2-acre tract and shall be located no nearer than 25 feet to the outer boundary of the quarter-quarter section on which it is located; provided however, that in no event shall said well or wells be completed or recompleted nearer than 165 feet to the boundary of acreage owned by an offset operator.

That nothing contained herein shall be construed as prohibiting the location of a well because of its nearness to a previously drilled well.

RULE 3. The Secretary-Director of the Commission shall have authority to grant exceptions to Rule 2 without notice and hearing where an application therefor has been filed in due form and the necessity for the exception is based on topographical conditions.

All operators owning acreage within 165 feet of the proposed location shall be notified of the application by registered or certified mail, and the application shall state that such notice has been furnished. The Secretary-Director may approve the application upon receipt of written waivers from all operators owning acreage within 165 feet of the proposed location or if no such operator has entered an objection to the unorthodox location within 20 days after the Secretary-Director has received the application.

RULE 4. A 40-acre proration unit shall not produce in excess of the 40-acre top unit allowable regardless of the number of wells on the unit.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

(1) That the locations of all wells presently drilling to or completed in the Table Mesa-Dakota Pool or in the Dakota formation within one mile thereof are hereby approved; that



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the operator of any well having an unorthodox location shall notify the Aztec District Office of the Commission in writing of the name and location of the well on or before February 15, 1976.

(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.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PHIL R. LUCERO, Chairman



EMERY C. ARNOLD, Member



JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Secretary

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