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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. 5621  
Order No. R-5174

APPLICATION OF EL PASO NATURAL GAS  
COMPANY, AS AGENT FOR NORTHWEST PRODUCTION  
CORPORATION, FOR DOWNHOLE COMMINGLING,  
RIO ARriba COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on March 3, 1976,  
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 10th day of March, 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.

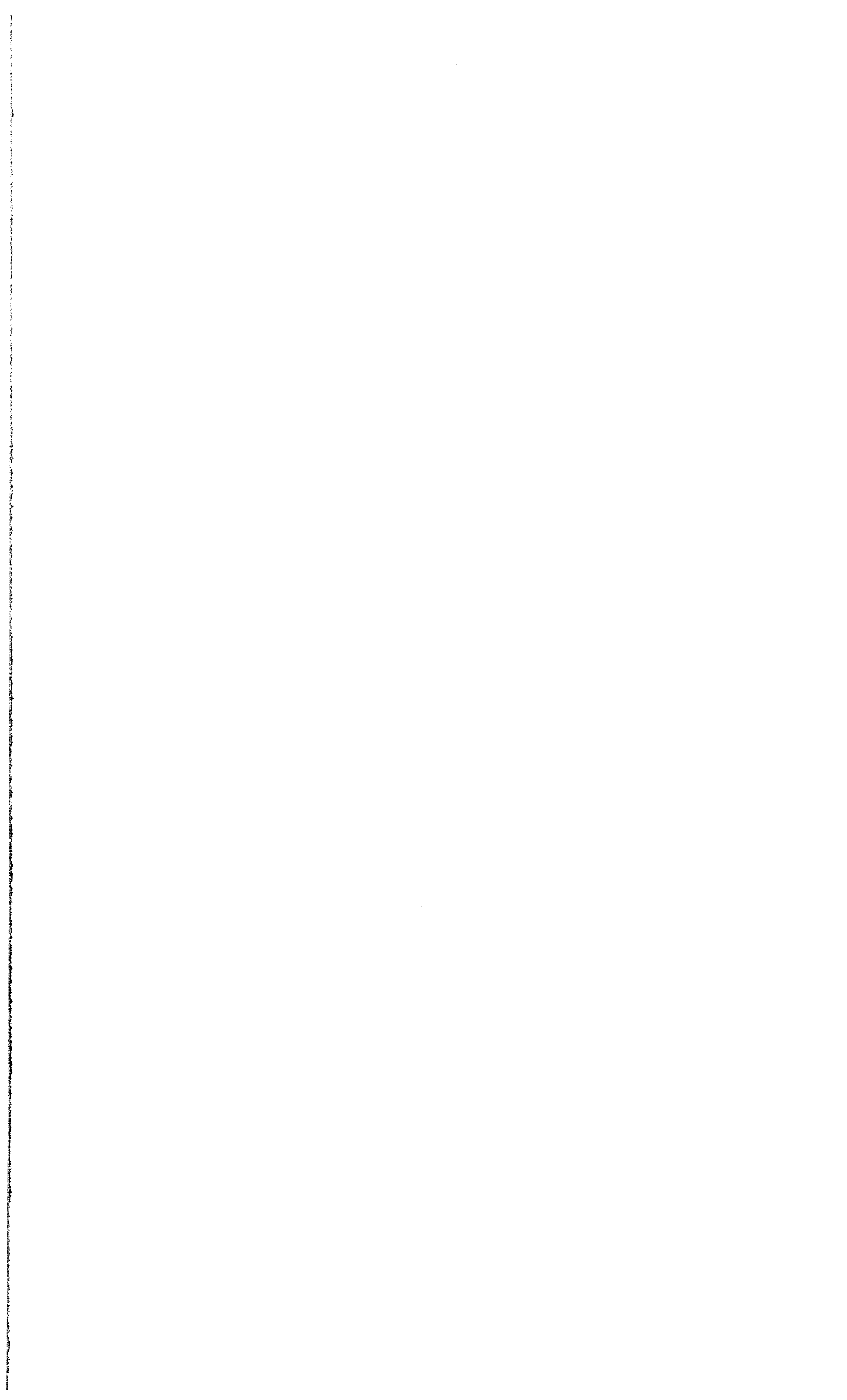
(2) That the applicant, El Paso Natural Gas Company, as  
agent for Northwest Production Corporation, is the operator  
of the Jicarilla 119N Well No. 4, located in Unit H of Section  
6, Township 26 North, Range 4 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County,  
New Mexico.

(3) That the applicant seeks authority to commingle Basin-  
Dakota and Blanco-Mesaverde production within the wellbore of  
the above-described well.

(4) That from the Basin-Dakota zone, the subject well  
is capable of low rates of production only.

(5) That from the Blanco-Mesaverde zone, the subject well  
is capable of low rates of production only.

(6) That the proposed commingling may result in the  
recovery of additional hydrocarbons from each of the subject  
pools, thereby preventing waste, and will not violate correla-  
tive rights.



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(7) That the reservoir characteristics of each of the subject zones are such that underground waste would not be caused by the proposed commingling provided that the well is not shut-in for an extended period.

(8) That to afford the Commission the opportunity to assess the potential for waste and to expeditiously order appropriate remedial action, the operator should notify the Aztec district office of the Commission any time the subject well is shut-in for 7 consecutive days.

(9) That in order to allocate the commingled production to each of the commingled zones in the subject well, 82 and 100 percent of the commingled gas and oil production, respectively, should be allocated to the Basin-Dakota zone, and 18 percent of the commingled gas production to the Blanco-Mesaverde zone.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, El Paso Natural Gas Company, as agent for Northwest Production Corporation, is hereby authorized to commingle Basin-Dakota and Blanco-Mesaverde production within the wellbore of the Jicarilla 119N Well No. 4, located in Unit H of Section 6, Township 26 North, Range 4 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

(2) That 82 and 100 percent of the commingled gas and oil production, respectively, shall be allocated to the Basin-Dakota zone and 18 percent of the commingled gas production shall be allocated to the Blanco-Mesaverde zone.

(3) That the operator of the subject well shall immediately notify the Commission's Aztec district office any time the well has been shut-in for 7 consecutive days and shall concurrently present, to the Commission, a plan for remedial action.

(4) 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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