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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. 6694
Order No. R-6167

APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLEUM
CORPORATION FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on October 17, 1979, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 2nd day of November, 1979, 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, Yates Petroleum Corporation, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp and Pennsylvanian formations underlying the S/2 of Section 35, Township 18 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(3) That the applicant has heretofore drilled and completed as a producing gas well its Rio Penasco "JX" Well No. 1, located 660 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line of said Section 35, and has dedicated the aforesaid S/2 of said Section 35 to the well.

(4) That there are interest owners in the aforesaid proration unit who have not agreed to pool their interests.

(5) That to avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, to protect correlative rights, and to afford to the owner of each interest in said unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense his just and fair share of the gas

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in said pool, the subject application should be approved by pooling all mineral interests, whatever they may be, within said unit.

(6) That the applicant should be designated the operator of the subject well and unit.

(7) That any non-consenting working interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to pay his share of well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of well costs out of production.

(8) That any non-consenting working interest owner that does not pay his share of well costs should have withheld from production his share of well costs plus an additional 60 percent thereof as a reasonable charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well.

(9) That any non-consenting interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to object to the well costs but that actual well costs should be adopted as reasonable well costs in the absence of such objection.

(10) That \$2000.00 per month while drilling and \$278.00 per month while producing should be fixed as reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates); that the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charges attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating the subject well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.

(11) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason should be placed in escrow to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That all mineral interests, whatever they may be, in the Wolfcamp and Pennsylvanian formations underlying the S/2 of Section 35, Township 18 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, are hereby pooled to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit to be dedicated to the Yates Petroleum Corporation Rio Penasco "JX" Well No. 1 located 660 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line of said Section 35.

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(2) That Yates Petroleum Corporation is hereby designated the operator of the subject well and unit.

(3) That within 30 days after entry of this order, the operator shall furnish the Division and each known working interest owner in the subject unit an itemized schedule of actual well costs.

(4) That if no objection to the actual well costs is received by the Division and the Division has not objected within 45 days following receipt of said schedule, the actual well costs shall be the reasonable well costs; provided however, that if there is an objection to actual well costs within said 45-day period the Division will determine reasonable well costs after public notice and hearing.

(5) That within 90 days from the date the schedule of actual well costs is furnished to him, any non-consenting working interest owner shall have the right to pay his share of reasonable well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of such well costs out of production, and that any such owner who pays his share of reasonable well costs as provided above shall remain liable for operating costs but shall not be liable for risk charges.

(6) That the operator is hereby authorized to withhold the following costs and charges from production:

(A) The pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of reasonable well costs within 90 days from the date the schedule of actual well costs is furnished to him.

(B) As a charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well, 60 percent of the pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of such well costs within 90 days from the date the schedule of actual well costs is furnished to him.

(7) That the operator shall distribute said costs and charges withheld from production to the parties who advanced the well costs.

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(8) That \$2000.00 per month while drilling and \$278.00 per month while producing are hereby fixed as reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates); that the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charges attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating such well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.

(9) That any unsevered mineral interest shall be considered a seven-eighths (7/8) working interest and a one-eighth (1/8) royalty interest for the purpose of allocating costs and charges under the terms of this order.

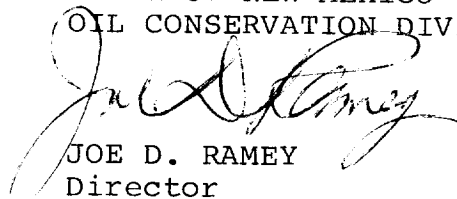
(10) That any well costs or charges which are to be paid out of production shall be withheld only from the working interests share of production, and no costs or charges shall be withheld from production attributable to royalty interests.

(11) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason shall immediately be placed in escrow in Eddy County, New Mexico, to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership; that the operator shall notify the Division of the name and address of said escrow agent within 30 days from the date of first deposit with said escrow agent.

(12) 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.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION


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Director

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