

*Entered May 13, 1964  
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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. 3042  
Order No. R-2703

APPLICATION OF GULF OIL CORPORATION  
FOR APPROVAL OF THE NORTHWEST TATUM  
STATE UNIT AGREEMENT, LEA COUNTY,  
NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on May 7, 1964, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 13th day of May, 1964, 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, Gulf Oil Corporation, seeks approval of the Northwest Tatum State Unit Agreement covering 1,600 acres, more or less, of State land in Township 12 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (3) That approval of the proposed Northwest Tatum State Unit Agreement will in principle tend to promote the conservation of oil and gas and the prevention of waste.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That the Northwest Tatum State Unit Agreement is hereby approved.

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(2) That the plan under which the unit area shall be operated shall be embraced in the form of a unit agreement for the development and operation of the Northwest Tatum State Unit Area, and such plan shall be known as the Northwest Tatum State Unit Agreement Plan.

(3) That the Northwest Tatum State Unit Agreement Plan 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 shall not be considered as waiving or relinquishing, in any manner, any right, duty, or obligation which is now, or may hereafter be, vested in the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico by law relative to the supervision and control of operations for the exploration and development of any lands committed to the Northwest Tatum State Unit, or relative to the production of oil or gas therefrom.

(4) (a) That the unit area shall be:

NEW MEXICO PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN

LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO  
TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST

Section 10: All  
Section 11: W/2  
Section 14: NW/4  
Section 15: N/2 and SW/4

containing 1,600 acres, more or less.

(b) That the unit area may be enlarged or contracted as provided in said plan; provided, however, that administrative approval for expansion or contraction of the unit area must also be obtained from the Secretary-Director of the Commission.

(5) That the unit operator shall file with the Commission an executed original or executed counterpart of the Northwest Tatum State Unit Agreement within 30 days after the effective date thereof. In the event of subsequent joinder by any party or expansion or contraction of the unit area, the unit operator shall file with the Commission within 30 days thereafter counterparts of the unit agreement reflecting the subscription of those interests having joined or ratified.

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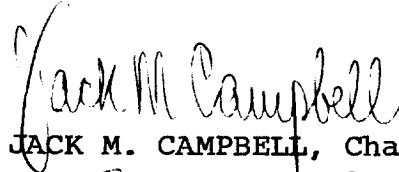
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(6) That this order shall become effective upon the approval of said unit agreement by the Commissioner of Public Lands for the State of New Mexico and shall terminate ipso facto upon the termination of said unit agreement. The last unit operator shall notify the Commission immediately in writing of such termination.

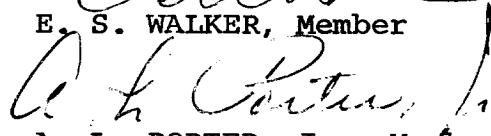
(7) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

  
JACK M. CAMPBELL, Chairman

  
E. S. WALKER, Member

  
A. L. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary

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