

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

**APPLICATION FOR SURFACE COMMINGLING
SUBMITTED BY HILCORP ENERGY COMPANY**

ORDER NO. PLC-461-B

ORDER

The Director of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (“OCD”), having considered the application and the recommendation of the OCD Engineering Bureau, issues the following Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Hilcorp Energy Company (“Applicant”) submitted a complete application to surface commingle the gas production from the pools, leases, and wells identified in Exhibit A (“Application”).
2. Applicant proposed a method to allocate the gas production to the pools, leases, and wells to be commingled.
3. To the extent that ownership is identical, Applicant submitted a certification by a licensed attorney or qualified petroleum landman that the ownership in the pools, leases, and wells to be commingled is identical as defined in 19.15.12.7(B) NMAC.
4. To the extent that ownership is diverse, Applicant provided notice of the Application to all persons owning an interest in the gas production to be commingled, including the owners of royalty and overriding royalty interests, regardless of whether they have a right or option to take their interests in kind, and those persons either submitted a written waiver or did not file an objection to the Application.
5. Applicant provided notice of the Application to the Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”) or New Mexico State Land Office (“NMSLO”), as applicable.
6. Applicant certified the commingling of gas production from the pools, leases, and wells will not in reasonable probability reduce the value of the gas production to less than if it had remained segregated.
7. Applicant stated that it sought authorization to surface commingle and off-lease measure, as applicable, gas production from wells which have not yet been approved to be drilled, but will produce from a pool and lease identified in Exhibit A.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

8. OCD has jurisdiction to issue this Order pursuant to the Oil and Gas Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 70-2-6, 70-2-11, 70-2-12, 70-2-16, and 70-2-17, 19.15.12 NMAC, and 19.15.23 NMAC.

9. Applicant satisfied the notice requirements for the Application in accordance with 19.15.12.10(A)(2), (C)(4)(c), and (C)(4)(e) NMAC, as applicable.
10. Applicant satisfied the notice requirements for the Application in accordance with 19.15.23.9(A)(5) and (6) NMAC, as applicable.
11. Applicant's proposed method of allocation, as modified herein, complies with 19.15.12.10(B)(1) or (C)(1) NMAC, as applicable.
12. Commingling of gas production from state, federal, or tribal leases shall not commence until approved by the BLM or NMSLO, as applicable, in accordance with 19.15.12.10(B)(3) and (C)(4)(h) NMAC.
13. By granting the Application with the conditions specified below, this Order prevents waste and protects correlative rights, public health, and the environment.

ORDER

1. Applicant is authorized to surface commingle gas production from the pools, leases, and wells identified in Exhibit A.

Applicant is authorized to store and measure gas production off-lease from the pools, leases, and wells identified in Exhibit A at a central tank battery described in Exhibit A.

Applicant is authorized to surface commingle gas production from wells not included in Exhibit A but that produce from a pool and lease identified in Exhibit A.

Applicant is authorized to store and measure gas production off-lease from wells not included in Exhibit A but that produce from a pool and lease identified in Exhibit A at a central tank battery described in Exhibit A.

2. This Order supersedes Order PLC-461-A.
3. The allocation of gas production to wells not included in Exhibit A but that produce from a pool and lease identified in Exhibit A shall be determined in the same manner as to wells identified in Exhibit A that produce from that pool and lease, provided that if more than one allocation method is being used or if there are no wells identified in Exhibit A that produce from the pool and lease, then allocation of gas production to each well not included in Exhibit A shall be determined by OCD prior to commingling production from it with the production from another well.
4. The gas production for each well identified in Exhibit A shall be separated and metered prior to commingling.
5. Applicant shall measure and market the commingled gas at a central delivery point, central tank battery, or gas title transfer meter described in Exhibit A in accordance with this Order and 19.15.19.9 NMAC, provided however that if the gas is vented or flared, and regardless of the reason or authorization pursuant to 19.15.28.8(B) NMAC for such venting or flaring, Applicant shall measure or estimate the gas in accordance with 19.15.28.8(E) NMAC.

6. Applicant shall calibrate the meters used to measure or allocate gas production in accordance with 19.15.12.10(C)(2) NMAC.
7. If the commingling of gas production from any pool, lease, or well reduces the value of the commingled gas production to less than if it had remained segregated, no later than sixty (60) days after the decrease in value has occurred Applicant shall submit a new surface commingling application to OCD to amend this Order to remove the pool, lease, or well whose gas production caused the decrease in value. If Applicant fails to submit a new application, this Order shall terminate on the following day, and if OCD denies the application, this Order shall terminate on the date of such action.
8. If a well is not included in Exhibit A but produces from a pool or lease identified in Exhibit A, then Applicant shall submit Forms C-102 and C-103 to the OCD Engineering Bureau after the well has been approved to be drilled and prior to off-lease measuring or commingling oil or gas production from it with the production from another well. The Form C-103 shall reference this Order and identify the well and proposed method to determine the allocation of gas production to it.
9. Applicant shall not commence commingling oil or gas production from state, federal, or tribal leases until approved by the BLM or NMSLO, as applicable.
10. If OCD determines that Applicant has failed to comply with any provision of this Order, OCD may take any action authorized by the Oil and Gas Act or the New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC).
11. OCD retains jurisdiction of this matter and reserves the right to modify or revoke this Order as it deems necessary.

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**ADRIENNE SANDOVAL
DIRECTOR**

DATE: 8/26/2021

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Exhibit A

Order: **PLC-461-B**

Operator: **Hilcorp Energy Company (372171)**

Central Tank Battery: **State Gas Com BI Battery**

Central Tank Battery Location: **Unit A, Section 16, Township 30 North, Range 13 West**

Gas Title Transfer Meter Location: **Unit A, Section 16, Township 30 North, Range 13 West**

Pools

Pool Name	Pool Code
BASIN DAKOTA (PRORATED GAS)	71599
BASIN FRUITLAND COAL (GAS)	71629

Leases as defined in 19.15.12.7(C) NMAC

Lease	UL or Q/Q	S-T-R
CA Fruitland NMSLO 1249114	N/2	16-30N-13W
CA Dakota NMSLO 1013745	N/2	16-30N-13W

Wells

Well API	Well Name	UL or Q/Q	S-T-R	Pool
30-045-32288	State Gas Com BI #3	N/2	16-30N-13W	71629
30-045-25252	State Gas Com BI #1E	N/2	16-30N-13W	71599