

*El Paso Natural Gas Company*

*El Paso, Texas* 79978

May 25, 1973

Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr.  
Secretary-Director  
New Mexico Oil Conservation  
Commission  
P. O. Box 2088  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Mr. Porter:

Enclosed for your handling is the Application of El Paso Natural Gas Company, in triplicate, seeking certain changes in the General Rules and Regulations for the Prorated Gas Pools of Northwestern and Southeastern New Mexico.

Your assistance in the filing of this Application is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

  
James C. Considine  
Counsel

Enclosure

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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY FOR AN  
ORDER OF THIS COMMISSION AMENDING  
ORDER R-1670, AS AMENDED, TO CHANGE  
RULES 9(B), 13, AND 16(A) OF THE  
GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR  
THE PRORATED GAS POOLS OF NORTH-  
WESTERN NEW MEXICO AND RULES 10(A),  
13 AND 16(A) OF THE GENERAL RULES  
AND REGULATIONS FOR THE PRORATED  
GAS POOLS OF SOUTHEASTERN NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 4991  
ORDER NO. \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICATION

Comes now EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY, Applicant herein, a Delaware corporation authorized to do business in the State of New Mexico, and requests that it be granted a hearing before the Commission or an appointed Examiner on June 20, 1973. Applicant respectfully requests the amendment of Order R-1670, as amended, to change the following Rules of the General Rules and Regulations for the Prorated Gas Pools of Northwestern and Southeastern New Mexico:

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1. Rule 9(B) of the General Rules and Regulations for the Prorated Gas Pools of Northwestern New Mexico and Rule 10(A) of the General Rules and Regulations for the Prorated Gas Pools of Southeastern New Mexico should be amended to provide that the monthly allowable to be assigned to each marginal well shall be equal to its latest available monthly production.

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2. Rule 13 of the General Rules and Regulations for the Prorated Gas Pools of both Northwestern and Southeastern New Mexico should be amended to provide that the date 7:00 a.m., April 1 of each year shall be known as the balancing date, and the 12 months following this date shall be known as the gas proration period.

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Date 6-7-73

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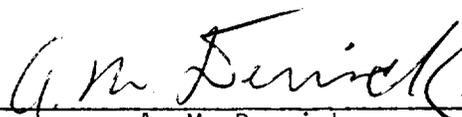
3. Rule 16(A) of the General Rules and Regulations for the Prorated Gas Pools of both Northwestern and Southeastern New Mexico should be amended to provide:

- (a) That a gas proration period shall consist of four (4) classification periods, each classification period being of 3 months duration; and providing further
- (b) That after the production data is available for the last month of each classification period, any well which had an underproduced status at the beginning of the ~~gas proration~~ period shall be classified marginal if its highest single month's production during the said classification period is less than its average monthly allowable for such classification period, unless within 15 days from the receipt of notice of the classification of a well as marginal, the operator of such well or other interested person presents satisfactory evidence to the Commission showing that the well is not of marginal character and should not be so classified.

Applicant, in addition to the above-requested specific Rule changes, further requests such additional word changes in other Orders and/or Rules as may be necessary to effectuate the substantive Rule changes proposed herein.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that this matter be set for hearing after due notice as prescribed by law, and after such notice and hearing, that the relief requested herein be granted.

EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY



A. M. Derrick  
Vice President