

CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL BY COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS,  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO, OF UNIT AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT  
AND OPERATION OF SAN JUAN 29-4 UNIT AREA, RIO ARRIBA  
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO


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There having been presented to the undersigned Commissioner of Public Lands in the State of New Mexico, for examination, the attached Agreement for the Development and Operation of the San Juan 29-4 Unit Area, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, in which El Paso Natural Gas Company is designated as Unit Operator and which has been executed by various parties owning and holding oil and gas leases embracing lands within the Unit Area, and upon examination of said agreement the Commissioner finds:

- (a) That such agreement will tend to promote the conservation of oil and gas and the better utilization of reservoir energy in said area;
- (b) That under the operations proposed the State will receive its fair share of the recoverable oil or gas in place under its lands in the area affected, if and when State lands may be included in the unit by enlargement of the unit area;
- (c) That the agreement is, in other respects, for the best interests of the State;
- (d) That the agreement provides for the unit operation of the area, for the allocation of production and the sharing of proceeds from a part of the area covered by the agreement on an acreage basis as specified in the agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority conferred upon me by Chapter 88 of the Laws of the State of New Mexico, 1943, as amended by Chapter 162 of the Laws of the State of New Mexico, 1951, I, the undersigned Commissioner of Public Lands for the State of New Mexico, for the purpose of more properly conserving the oil and gas resources of the State, do hereby consent to and approve the said agreement and do hereby amend all leases embracing lands of the State of New Mexico committed to said unit agreement, to conform and extend said leases as provided in said agreement so that the provisions of each such lease, so far as they apply to lands within such area, will conform to the provisions of such agreement and so that the length of the secondary term as to lands within such area will be extended to coincide with the terms of such agreement. This approval is subject to all of the provisions of the aforesaid Chapter 88 of the Laws of the State of New Mexico, 1943, as amended by Chapter 162 of the Laws of the State of New Mexico, 1951.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Certificate of Approval is executed, with seal affixed, this 2nd day of July, 1953.

  
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Commissioner of Public Lands  
of the State of New Mexico

Seal

June 30, 1953

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El Paso Natural Gas Company  
Tenth Floor Bassett Tower  
El Paso, Texas

Attention: Mr. Foster Merrell

Re: San Juan 29-4 Unit Agreement  
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Acknowledgement is made of your proposed San Juan 29-4 Unit Agreement. We have examined your plan and find that it is similar to Unit Agreements heretofore approved by this office.

I approve the application as to form but will withhold formal approval until after a hearing before the Oil Conservation Commission of which I am an ex-officio member. Should the testimony offered in support of the Unit warrant its approval and the Oil Conservation Commission so decides I will immediately thereafter issue a formal Certificate of Approval.

Very truly yours,

E. S. VALERIE  
Commissioner of Public Lands

cc: U. S. Geological Survey  
Newell, New Mexico (3)  
Oil Conservation Commission  
Santa Fe, New Mexico (1)

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