

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. 4075  
Order No. R-3610-A

APPLICATION OF BENSON-MONTIN-GREER  
DRILLING CORPORATION FOR AMENDMENT  
OF THE LA PLATA MANCOS UNIT AGREE-  
MENT, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on March 5, 1969,  
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 1st day of April, 1969, 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 by Order No. R-3610, dated November 27, 1968, the  
Commission approved the La Plata Mancos Unit Agreement comprising  
12,517.27 acres, more or less, of State, Federal, Indian, and Fee  
lands in San Juan County, New Mexico.

(3) That the applicant, Benson-Montin-Greer Drilling Corp-  
oration, seeks to amend the form of said unit agreement to permit  
inclusion in the participating area of any and all lands necessary  
for unit operations.

(4) That approval of the amended unit agreement as proposed  
should promote the prevention of waste and the protection of cor-  
relative rights within the unit area.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the La Plata Mancos Unit Agreement, as amended, is hereby approved.

(2) That the plan contained in said unit agreement, as amended, for the development and operation of the unit area is hereby approved in principle as a proper conservation measure; provided, however, that notwithstanding any of the provisions contained in said unit agreement, as amended, 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 Commission to supervise and control operations for the exploration and development of any lands committed to the unit and production of oil or gas therefrom.

(3) That the unit operator shall file with the Commission an executed original or executed counterpart of the unit agreement, as amended, within 30 days after the effective date thereof; that 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, as amended, reflecting the subscription of those interests having joined or ratified.

(4) That this order shall become effective upon the approval of said unit agreement, as amended, by the Commissioner of Public Lands for the State of New Mexico and the Director of the United States Geological Survey; that this order shall terminate ipso facto upon the termination of said unit agreement, as amended, and that the last unit operator shall notify the Commission immediately in writing of such termination.

(5) 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

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DAVID F. CARGO, Chairman

*Alex J. Armljo*  
ALEX J. ARMLJO, Member

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