

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. 4952  
Order No. R-4548

APPLICATION OF ATLANTIC RICHFIELD COMPANY  
FOR APPROVAL OF THE EMPIRE ABO UNIT  
AGREEMENT, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on April 25, 1973, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 15th day of June, 1973, 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, Atlantic Richfield Company, seeks approval of the Empire Abo Unit Agreement covering 11,339.15 acres, more or less, of State and Federal lands described as follows:

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TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM

Section 34: S/2 SE/4  
Section 35: S/2 S/2  
Section 36: S/2

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TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NMPM

Section 25: S/2 and S/2 N/2  
Section 26: S/2, S/2 NE/4 and SE/4 NW/4  
Section 27: S/2  
Section 28: SE/4 SE/4  
Section 31: S/2 and S/2 N/2  
Section 32: S/2, NE/4, E/2 NW/4, and  
SW/4 NW/4  
Section 33: All  
Section 34: All  
Section 35: N/2 and N/2 S/2  
Section 36: N/2 NW/4 and SW/4 NW/4

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Section 29: N/2 SW/4 and S/2 NW/4  
Section 30: S/2 N/2, SW/4, and N/2 SE/4

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Section 1 through 3: All  
Section 4: SE/4, S/2 NE/4, E/2 SW/4,  
and SW/4 SW/4  
Section 8: E/2 SE/4 and SE/4 NE/4  
Section 9: All  
Section 10: N/2 and SW/4  
Section 11: NW/4, W/2 NE/4, and NE/4 NE/4  
Section 12: N/2 NW/4  
Section 15: N/2 NW/4 and SW/4 NW/4  
Section 16: N/2, SW/4, N/2 SE/4, and  
SW/4 SE/4  
Section 17: E/2 NE/4, SW/4 NE/4,  
SE/4 NW/4, NE/4 SW/4, and  
N/2 SE/4

TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NMPM

Section 4: N/2 N/2 and SW/4 NW/4  
Section 5: N/2  
Section 6: N/2, SW/4, N/2 SE/4 and  
SW/4 SE/4

(3) That approval of the proposed unit agreement should promote the prevention of waste and the protection of correlative rights within the unit area.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the Empire Aco Unit Agreement is hereby approved.

(2) That the plan contained in said unit agreement 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, 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 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 reflecting the subscription of those interests having joined or ratified.

(4) 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 the Director of the United States Geological Survey; that this order shall terminate ipso facto upon the termination of said unit agreement; 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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I. R. TRUJILLO, Chairman

*Alex J. Armijo*  
ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member

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

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