

CASE 6743: EXXON CORPORATION FOR AN  
EXCEPTION TO ORDER NO. R-3221, EDDY  
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

DISMISS

Case No.

6743

Application

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING  
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION  
DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 6743  
Order No. R-6215

APPLICATION OF EXXON CORPORATION  
FOR AN EXCEPTION TO ORDER NO. R-3221,  
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on November 28, 1979, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 9th day of January, 1980, the Division Director, having considered the record and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

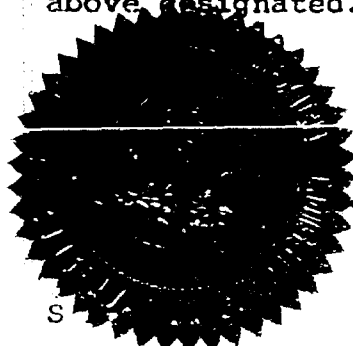
FINDS:

That the applicant's request for dismissal should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That Case No. 6743 is hereby dismissed.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year herein-  
above designated.



STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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JOE D. RAMEY  
Director

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STATE LAND OFFICE BLDG.  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO  
28 November 1979

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

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exception to Order No. R-3221, Eddy ) 6743  
County, New Mexico. )

BEFORE: Richard L. Stamets

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MR. PADILLA: Application of Exxon Corporation for an exception to Order No. R-3221, Eddy County, New Mexico.

MR. STAMETS: The Division has received a request from the applicant that this case be dismissed, and it shall be.

(Hearing concluded.)

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## REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

I, SALLY W. BOYD, a Certified Shorthand Reporter,  
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I do hereby certify that the foregoing is  
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Richard A. Hunt, Examiner  
Oil Conservation Division

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- CASE 6736: Application of Doyle Hartman for compulsory pooling and a non-standard gas proration unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Jalmat Gas Pool to form a 360-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising the S/2 SE/4 of Section 36, Township 24 South, Range 36 East; SW/4 of Section 31, Township 24 South, Range 37 East; and the N/2 NW/4 and NW/4 NE/4 of Section 6, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled 660 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the West line of said Section 31. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- CASE 6707: (Continued from November 14, 1979, Examiner Hearing)
- Application of Gulf Oil Corporation for a unit agreement, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the Southeast Bisti Unit Area, comprising 7,048 acres, more or less, of State and Federal lands in Townships 24 and 25 North, Range 10 West.
- CASE 6737: Application of Gulf Oil Corporation for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Pennsylvanian formation underlying the W/2 of Section 4, Township 19 South, Range 32 East, North Lusk-Morrow Gas Pool, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- CASE 6739: Application of Mobil Oil Corporation for downhole commingling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of Gavilan-Pictured Cliffs and Blanco Mesaverde production in the wellbore of its Jicarilla D Well No. 1 located in Unit N of Section 24, Township 26 North, Range 3 West. Applicant further seeks the establishment of an administrative procedure for approval of downhole commingling of the aforesaid pools in others of its wells in Sections 7, 8, 17, 18, and 19, Township 26 North, Range 2 West, Sections 1, 2, 11 thru 14, 23, and 24, Township 26 North, Range 3 West, and Sections 11 thru 15, 22 thru 27, 35, and 36, Township 27 North, Range 3 West.
- CASE 6740: Application of Mondo Oil and Gas Company for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of a Pennsylvanian test well to be drilled 1550 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 10, Township 18 South, Range 28 East, the N/2 of said Section 10 to be dedicated to the well.
- CASE 6741: Application of ARCO Oil and Gas Company for an amendment to Order No. R-6054, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the amendment of Order No. R-6054 to amend the findings in said order to make said findings more specific as to the necessity for the drilling of infill wells in the Empire Abo Unit in order to recover additional gas pursuant to the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978; further to amend said order to make such findings applicable to present and future drilling operations including the drilling of horizontal drainholes.
- CASE 6720: (Continued from November 14, 1979, Examiner Hearing)
- Application of ARCO Oil and Gas Company to drill a horizontal drainhole, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval to drill and complete its Empire Abo Unit Well No. J-213, located in Unit E of Section 6, Township 18 South, Range 28 East, Empire-Abo Pool, with a single horizontal drainhole of about 200 feet in length in the Abo formation.
- CASE 6742: Application of ARCO Oil and Gas Company for an administrative procedure, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the establishment of an administrative procedure for approval of the drilling of horizontal drainholes in the Empire Abo Unit, Empire-Abo Pool.
- CASE 6743: (This case will be dismissed.)
- Application of Exxon Corporation for an exception to Order No. R-3221, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an exception to Order No. R-3221 to permit disposal of produced brine in several unlined surface pits located on its Laguna Grande Unit Area in Sections 16, 21, 28, 29, 32, and 33, Township 23 South, Range 29 East.
- CASE 6744: Application of Texas Oil & Gas Corporation for special pool rules, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the promulgation of special pool rules for the Riverside-Morrow Gas Pool to provide for 320-acre spacing rather than 160 acres. In the absence of objection, this pool will be placed on the standard 320-acre spacing for Pennsylvanian gas pools rather than the present 160-acre spacing.

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November 12, 1979

*Dismiss  
Case 6743*

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Oil Conservation Division  
Post Office Box 2088  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re: Exxon Corporation -  
Application for Exception  
to Order No. R-3221

Dear Dan:

On October 19, 1979, I transmitted to you Exxon's application in connection with the request for an exception to ODC Order No. R-3221, as to Sections 16, 21, 28, 29, 32 and 33, Township 23 South, Range 29 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico. At that time we requested that the matter to be considered to be heard at the November 28, 1979 examiner's hearing.

I have now been advised by Mr. Jack Lytle with Exxon that due to certain matters which have developed relative to Exxon's Laguna Grande No. 1 Well located in Section 28, Township 23 South, Range 29 East, it will no longer be necessary for Exxon to deal with the problem of the disposal of salt water which was being produced along with gas from the Strawn formation from that well. Accordingly, it will therefore not be necessary to pursue the matter of an exception to Order R-3221 at this time. Please consider this letter as a request that the case involved in this application be dismissed. When and if further salt water disposal problems arise in connection with the Laguna Grande No. 1 Well or other wells in the area, Exxon may then want to file a new application for the division to consider authorizing an exception to Order R-3221.

If anything further is needed in order for you to note your records as to the request for dismissal in this case, please let me know.

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Mr. Dan Nutter

With best regards.

Very truly yours,

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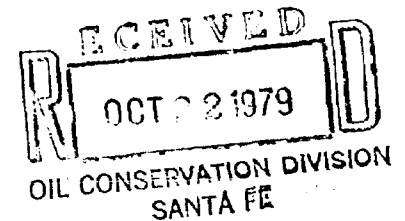
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Re: Exxon Corporation  
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Dear Dan:

Transmitted herewith you will find triplicate executed copies of an Application for Exxon Corporation for exception to Oil Conservation Division Order No. R-3221 as to Sections 16, 21, 28, 29, 32 and 33, Township 23 South, Range 29 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico.

We would appreciate having this matter set on the docket for the November 28, 1979 Examiner's hearing.

I trust that the enclosed copies of the Application are all that is needed in order for this to be set for the November 28 hearing. However, if anything is needed in addition, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

HINKLE, COX, EATON,  
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