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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

ORDER NO. A-251

STATEWIDE OIL PRORATION ORDER FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, 1971

The Oil Conservation Commission held public hearing at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on December 16, 1970, at 9 a.m., pursuant to legal notice for the purpose of setting the allowable production of oil within the State of New Mexico for the months of January and February, 1971.

NOW, on this 17th day of December, 1970, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony adduced as to probable market demand, the nominations of purchasers, the capacities of producing wells, together with the anticipated newly completed or recompleted wells, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

(1) That the reasonable market demand for oil produced in the State of New Mexico during the months of January and February, 1971, is approximately 445,872 barrels per day, which total includes a demand for approximately 426,358 barrels of oil per day from the counties of Lea, Eddy, Chaves, and Roosevelt, and a demand for approximately 19,514 barrels of oil per day from the counties of San Juan, McKinley, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval.

(2) That the potential producing capacity of all oil wells in the State is in excess of such reasonable market demand, and in order to prevent waste the production of oil should be limited, allocated, and distributed for the months of January and February, 1971.

(3) That all the producing oil wells, together with the expected completed or recompleted wells in the State within the proration period, can produce a total of approximately 445,872 barrels per day without causing waste, and an allocation based upon such production would be reasonable and would protect correlative rights.

(4) That the demand for oil from each of the above-described areas is separate and distinct and cannot be reasonably met by the production of oil from the other area, and that the production allowable for each of the said areas should be based upon the demand for oil from that area.

(5) That a total Southeast New Mexico production allowable of 426,358 barrels per day, which includes 5,000 barrels per day supplemental allowable for new production, can be produced without waste by a distribution and allocation of such production among the oil wells in Lea, Eddy, Chaves, and Roosevelt Counties by the establishment of a normal unit allowable for those counties of 80 barrels per unit per day.

(6) That a total Northwest New Mexico production allowable of 19,514 barrels per day, which includes 500 barrels per day supplemental allowable for new production, can be produced without waste by a distribution and allocation of such production among the oil wells in San Juan, McKinley, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties by the establishment of a normal unit allowable for those counties of 100 barrels per unit per day.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) For the months of January and February, 1971, a normal unit allowable for production of oil in the allocated pools within Lea, Eddy, Chaves, and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico, is hereby set at 80 barrels per unit per day; provided that each well in the Knowles Pool in Lea County under 80-acre spacing Order No. R-40 (except as amended by Order No. R-52) is allocated 160 barrels per 80 acres, with deep-pool adaptation. Provided further that the top unit allowable for the North Mason-Delaware Pool in Lea and Eddy Counties is hereby set at 80 barrels per unit per day in accordance with the provisions of Order No. R-944. Provided further that the top unit allowable for the South Carter-San Andres Pool in Lea County is hereby set at 44 barrels per unit per day in accordance with the provisions of Order No. R-1012. The allocation hereby set for said months in the allocated pools of Lea, Eddy, Chaves, and Roosevelt Counties shall be in accordance with Rules 502, 505, and 506 of the Commission Rules and Regulations, and subject to and as modified by any valid orders of the Commission relating directly to any well, areas, or pools, and the assignment of allowable thereto.

(2) A Southeast New Mexico proration schedule duly prepared by the Commission and thereafter adopted for the months of January and February, 1971, is hereto attached and made a part hereof. Said proration schedule distributes and allocates the allowable production among the oil wells in Lea, Eddy, Chaves, and Roosevelt Counties for the period stated. The sale, purchase, or acquisition, or the transporting, refining, processing, or handling in any other way of oil produced in excess thereof is hereby prohibited, and such oil is thereafter contraband.

(3) For the months of January and February, 1971, a normal unit allowable for production of oil in the allocated pools within San Juan, McKinley, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico, is hereby set at 100 barrels per unit per day; provided that each well in the Bisti-Lower Gallup Oil Pool in San Juan County, to which has been dedicated 80 acres, is allocated 200 barrels per 80 acres in accordance with the provisions of Order No. R-1069-B. The allocation hereby set for said months in the allocated pools of San Juan, McKinley, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties shall be in accordance with Rules 502, 505, and 506 of the Commission Rules and Regulations, and subject to and as modified by any valid orders of the Commission relating directly to any well, areas, or pools, and the assignment of allowable thereto.

(4) A Northwest New Mexico proration schedule duly prepared by the Commission and thereafter adopted for the months of January and February, 1971, is hereto attached and made a part hereof. Said proration schedule distributes and allocates the allowable production among the oil wells in San Juan, McKinley, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties for the period stated. The sale, purchase, or acquisition, or the transporting, refining, processing, or handling in any other way of oil produced in excess thereof is hereby prohibited, and such oil is thereafter contraband.

(5) For the months of January and February, 1971, the basic 40-acre Area Allowable Factors for waterfloods in Southeast New Mexico and Northwest New Mexico shall be 80 and 100, respectively, in accordance with Rule 701 E 4 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

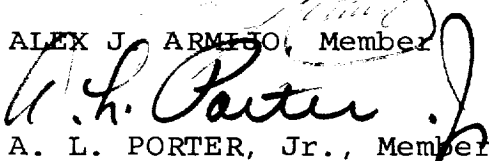
The foregoing order shall remain effective until further order of the Commission.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION


DAVID F. CARGO, Chairman


ALEX J. ARMILLO, Member


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

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