

March 16, 1957
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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

ORDER NO. A-88

STATEWIDE OIL PRORATION ORDER FOR MARCH, 1957

The Oil Conservation Commission held public hearing at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on February 14, 1957, 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 month of March, 1957, and now on this day 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. The reasonable market demand for oil produced in the State of New Mexico for the month of March, 1957, is approximately 328,663 barrels per day, which total includes 12,000 barrels as supplemental allowable for new production during the proration period, and 274 barrels per day for allowable to be assigned to those wells which are eligible for back allowable, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 503, Paragraph (f) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations.
2. 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 month of March, 1957.
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 328,663 barrels per day without causing waste, and an allocation based upon such production would be reasonable and protect correlative rights.
4. Of the total production of oil for the month of March, 1957, approximately 10,221 barrels per day can and will be produced from the oil pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba, McKinley, and Sandoval Counties.
5. That the balance of the total oil production for the state in March, 1957, in the amount of approximately 318,442 barrels per day can be produced without waste by a distribution and allocation for such production among the oil wells in Lea, Eddy, Chaves, and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico, by the establishment of a normal unit allowable of 43 barrels per unit per day.
6. That applications for back allowable in the amount of 16,723 barrels of oil have been received by the Commission, said back allowable being applied for in accordance with Rule 503 (f) as a result of 16,723 barrels of underproduction incurred during the month of November, 1956, due to pipeline prorationing in the Bronco Siluro-Devonian Pool by Phillips Pipe Line Company.

7. That of the aforesaid applied-for back allowable in the amount of 16,723 barrels, 31/61 of 16,723, or 8499 barrels should be authorized for production by the operators in the Bronco Siluro-Devonian Pool during March, 1957, in the proportion that their applications bear to 16,723. And further that consideration of the applications for the remaining 8224 barrels of back allowable should be deferred until a later date.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. For the month of March, 1957, a normal unit allowable for production of oil in the allocated pools within Lea, Eddy, Chaves, and Roosevelt Counties, be, and the same hereby is set at 43 barrels per unit per day; provided that each well in the Knowles Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, under 80-acre spacing Order R-40 (except as amended by Order R-52) is allocated 86 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, New Mexico, be and the same is hereby set at 45 barrels per unit per day, in accordance with the provisions of Order R-944. The allocation hereby set for said month in the allocated pools of Lea, Eddy, and Chaves Counties, New Mexico, shall be in accordance with Rules 502, 505, and 506 of the Commission's 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 proration schedule duly prepared by the Commission and thereafter adopted for the month of March, 1957, 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, New Mexico, 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.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:


A supplemental proration schedule duly prepared by the Commission and thereafter adopted for the month of March, 1957, is hereto attached and made a part hereof. It distributes and allocates a total of 274 barrels of oil per day among certain oil wells in Lea County, New Mexico, for the period stated. The oil wells listed in this supplemental proration schedule are those wells which incurred underproduction as a result of pipeline prorationing during the month of November, 1956.

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

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 12th day of February, 1957.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Edwin L. Mechem, Chairman


Murray E. Morgan, Member


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