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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. 2574
Order No. R-2264

APPLICATION OF J. GREGORY MERRION
AND ASSOCIATES FOR COMPULSORY POOL-
ING, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on June 7, 1962, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner duly appointed by the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission," in accordance with Rule 1214 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

NOW, on this 14th day of June, 1962, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the application, the evidence adduced, and the recommendations of the Examiner, Daniel S. Nutter, 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, J. Gregory Merrion and Associates, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Basin-Dakota Gas Pool in the W/2 of Section 35, Township 25 North, Range 6 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.
- (3) That although the applicant has been diligent in its efforts to form the proposed proration unit, there remain non-consenting interest owners in the subject proration unit who have not agreed to the pooling of their interests.
- (4) That to avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, to protect correlative rights, and to afford to the owner of each interest in said proration unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense his just and fair share of the gas in the Basin-Dakota Gas Pool, the subject application should be approved by pooling all mineral interests, whatever they may be, within said unit.
- (5) That the applicant proposes to dedicate the subject proration unit to a well to be located in the SW/4 SW/4 of said Section 35.

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(6) That the applicant seeks permission to withhold the proceeds from production attributable to each non-consenting working interest until such time as each interest's share of the costs of said well has been recovered, plus 50 percent thereof as a charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well.

(7) That \$75.00 per month should be fixed as the cost of operating the subject well and each non-consenting working interest owner should be assessed with his share of such cost, to be paid out of production.

(8) That the applicant should furnish the Commission and each known non-consenting working interest owner in the subject unit an itemized schedule of well costs within 30 days following the date of completion of the subject well.

(9) That any non-consenting working interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to pay his share of well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of well costs is furnished him by the applicant in lieu of paying his share of costs out of production.

(10) That any non-consenting working interest owner not electing to pay his share of well costs within 30 days from the date said schedule is furnished him should have his share of the well costs withheld from production, plus 25 percent thereof as a reasonable charge for the risk involved in drilling the well.

(11) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason should be placed in escrow in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership.

(12) That J. Gregory Merrion and Associates should be designated the operator of the subject well until its date of completion; that Kay Kimbell should be designated the operator of the well and the proration unit prospectively from the date the well is completed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That all mineral interests, whatever they may be, in the Basin-Dakota Gas Pool in the W/2 of Section 35, Township 25 North, Range 6 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, are hereby pooled to form a 320-acre gas proration unit. Said unit shall be dedicated to a well to be located in the SW/4 SW/4 of said Section 35.

(2) That J. Gregory Merrion and Associates is hereby designated the operator of said well until its date of completion; thereafter Kay Kimbell shall be designated the operator of said well and proration unit.

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(3) That J. Gregory Merrion and Associates is hereby authorized to collect the proceeds from production attributable to each non-consenting working interest until such time as each interest's share of well costs has been recovered, plus 25 percent thereof as a charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well.

(4) That \$75.00 per month is fixed as the cost of operating the subject well, and Kay Kimbell is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such cost attributable to each non-consenting working interest.

(5) That any unsevered mineral interest shall be considered a seven-eighths (7/8) working interest and a one-eighth (1/8) royalty interest for the purpose of allocating costs and charges under the terms of this order.

(6) That any well costs or charges which are to be paid out of production shall be withheld only from the working interests' share of production, and no costs or charges shall be withheld from production attributable to royalty interests.

(7) That the applicant shall furnish the Commission and each known non-consenting working interest owner in the subject unit an itemized schedule of well costs within 30 days following the date of completion of the subject well.

(8) That any non-consenting working interest owner shall have the right to pay his share of well costs to J. Gregory Merrion and Associates within 30 days from the date the schedule of well costs is furnished him by J. Gregory Merrion and Associates, in lieu of paying his share of well costs out of production. In the event any such owner elects to pay his share of well costs as provided for in this paragraph, he shall remain liable for operating costs but shall not be liable for risk charges.

(9) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason shall be placed in escrow in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership. The Commission shall be notified as to the name and address of said escrow agent.

(10) 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



EDWIN L. MECHEM, Chairman



E. S. WALKER, Member



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

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