

Entered August 16, 1963

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

CASE No. 2811
Order No. R-2517

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED
BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
ON ITS OWN MOTION TO CONSIDER THE
REVISION OF RULE 402 OF THE COMMISSION RULES AND REGULATIONS.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on June 19, 1963, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 15th day of July, 1963, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony presented and the exhibits received at said hearing, 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 there is need for a revision of Rule 402 of the Commission Rules and Regulations to eliminate the necessity of conducting shut-in pressure tests on natural gas wells semi-annually, inasmuch as annual shut-in pressure tests will normally provide adequate data relative to gas pool pressures.

(3) That shut-in pressures should be taken with a dead weight gauge after a minimum shut-in period of 24 hours, provided however, that when the shut-in period exceeds 24 hours, the length of time the well was shut in should be reported to the Commission.

(4) That in order to provide for those cases where special shut-in pressure test periods and procedures are advisable, the Secretary-Director should have authority to prescribe such special schedules and procedures.

(5) That approval of the proposed rule change will enable the Oil Conservation Commission to more efficiently administer the laws of the State of New Mexico as they relate to conservation of oil and gas.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Rule 402 of the Commission Rules and Regulations be and the same is hereby revised to read in its entirety as follows:

RULE 402. METHOD AND TIME OF SHUT-IN PRESSURE TESTS

(a) Shut-in pressure tests shall be taken on all natural gas wells annually. Such tests shall be taken by the operator of the well during the month of July, August, or September unless otherwise specified by special pool rules or special directive. Tests shall be reported to the appropriate District Office of the Commission on Form C-125 not later than October 15 of the same year.

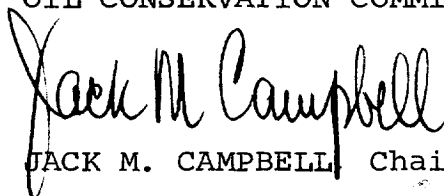
(b) Shut-in pressures shall be taken with a dead weight gauge after a minimum shut-in period of 24 hours. When the shut-in period exceeds 24 hours, the length of time the well was shut in shall be reported to the Commission.

(c) The Secretary-Director of the Commission may prescribe special shut-in pressure test periods and procedures for pools when he deems the same necessary in order to obtain more accurate pressure data.

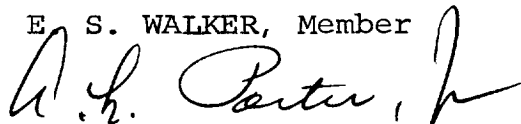
(2) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION


JACK M. CAMPBELL, Chairman


E. S. WALKER, Member


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

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