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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. 2870
Order No. R-2540

APPLICATION OF J. GREGORY MERRION
& ASSOCIATES FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,
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 July 24, 1963, 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 7th day of August, 1963, 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 & Associates, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Basin-Dakota Gas Pool underlying the S/2 of Section 34, Township 25 North, Range 6 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

(3) That the applicant has the right to drill and proposes to drill a well in the Basin-Dakota Gas Pool 1850 feet from the South line and 1850 feet from the West line of Section 34, Township 25 North, Range 6 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

(4) That the applicant has attempted to identify and to locate all owners of interest in the proposed proration unit.

(5) That each non-consenting interest owner whose identity and address is known has been offered an opportunity to join with the applicant.

(6) That there remain non-consenting interest owners in the subject proration unit who have not pooled their interests.

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(7) 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.

(8) That the applicant proposes to dedicate the subject proration unit to a well to be drilled 1850 feet from the South line and 1850 feet from the West line of said Section 34.

(9) That the applicant should be allowed 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 25 percent thereof as a charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well.

(10) That \$75.00 per month should be fixed as the reasonable 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.

(11) 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.

(12) 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.

(13) 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 the drilling of the well.

(14) 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.

(15) That J. Gregory Merrion & Associates should be designated the operator of the subject well and unit until its completion; that thereafter Kay Kimbell should be designated the operator of said well and unit.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That all mineral interests, whatever they may be, in the Basin-Dakota Gas Pool underlying the S/2 of Section 34, Township 25 North, Range 6 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, are hereby pooled to form a 320-acre proration unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled 1850 feet from the South line and 1850 feet from the West line of said Section 34.

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

(3) That J. Gregory Merrion & Associates is hereby authorized to withhold 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 reasonable 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 & Associates within 30 days from the date the schedule of well costs is furnished him by J. Gregory Merrion & 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

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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 within 90 days from the date of this order.

(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



JACK M. CAMPBELL, Chairman



E. S. WALKER, Member



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

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