

*Entered January 2, 1964
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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
ON ITS OWN MOTION TO PERMIT ALL
INTERESTED PARTIES TO APPEAR AND
SHOW CAUSE WHY AN ORDER SHOULD NOT
BE ENTERED PROHIBITING THE FLARING
OR VENTING OF CASINGHEAD GAS, VACUUM
FIELD, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE No. 2938
Order No. R-2605

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on November 13, 1963, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 18th day of November, 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 a substantial quantity of casinghead gas produced from oil wells in the Vacuum Field, Lea County, New Mexico, is being vented or flared.

(3) That casinghead gas transportation facilities are presently available in the subject area; that additional casinghead gas transportation facilities are being constructed in the subject area; and that the operators in the Vacuum Field should be able to complete connections to said casinghead gas transportation facilities by February 1, 1964.

(4) That the flaring or venting of casinghead gas when casinghead gas transportation facilities are available constitutes unnecessary or excessive surface loss or destruction of natural gas without beneficial use and results in surface waste.

(5) That the venting or flaring of casinghead gas in the Vacuum Field should be prohibited in order to prevent waste.

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(6) That the order prohibiting the venting or flaring of said gas should be effective February 1, 1964, in order to allow the operators in the Vacuum Field sufficient time to complete connections to casinghead gas transportation facilities.

(7) That a 90-day exception to the no-flare order should be allowed for each new well following its date of completion in order to allow the operator sufficient time to connect the well to a casinghead gas transportation facility.

(8) That the Secretary-Director of the Commission should be authorized to grant exceptions to the no-flare order when such exceptions are necessary in order to prevent waste or undue hardship.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That no casinghead gas shall be flared or vented from wells in the Vacuum Field, Lea County, New Mexico.

PROVIDED HOWEVER, That each new well completed in said field subsequent to the effective date of this order is hereby granted an exception to this order for a period of 90 days following completion of the well.

(2) That the Secretary-Director of the Commission is hereby authorized to grant an exception to this order upon application filed therefor if, in his judgment, such exception is necessary in order to prevent waste or undue hardship.

(3) That the provisions of this order prohibiting the flaring or venting of casinghead gas produced from wells in the Vacuum Field shall be effective February 1, 1964.

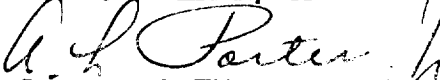
(4) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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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