Entered June 5, 1967

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. 3577 Order No. R-3246

APPLICATION OF EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY FOR FOUR NON-STANDARD UNITS, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

# ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

## BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on May 24, 1967, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this <u>5th</u> day of June, 1967, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, 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, El Paso Natural Gas Company, seeks approval of the following four non-standard gas proration units within its San Juan 29-7 Unit Area in the Basin-Dakota Gas Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico:

#### TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST, NMPM

A 327.78-acre non-standard unit comprising the W/2 of Section 6 and the NW/4 of Section 7, to be dedicated to the applicant's San Juan 29-7 Unit Well No. 100 located 790 feet from the South line and 950 feet from the West line of said Section 6;

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A 345.19-acre non-standard unit comprising the SW/4 of Section 7 and the W/2 of Section 18, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled on the unit by the applicant at an as yet undetermined standard location;

A 361.64-acre non-standard unit comprising the W/2 of Section 19 and the NW/4 of Section 30, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled on the unit by the applicant at an as yet undetermined standard location; and

A 375.28-acre non-standard unit comprising the SW/4 of Section 30 and the W/2 of Section 31, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled on the unit by the applicant at an as yet undetermined standard location.

(3) That the non-standard units are necessary in the subject area due to variations in the legal subdivision of the United States Public Land Surveys.

(4) That each of the proposed non-standard gas proration units is productive of gas.

(5) That each of the proposed non-standard gas proration units can be efficiently and economically drained and developed by the well to which it is to be dedicated.

(6) That approval of the proposed non-standard gas proration units will ensure orderly development of the applicant's San Juan 29-7 Unit Area, will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the gas in the Basin-Dakota Gas Pool, and will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the following-described non-standard gas proration units in the San Juan 29-7 Unit Area, Township 29 North, Range 7 West, NMPM, Basin-Dakota Gas Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, are hereby created:

A 327.78-acre non-standard unit comprising the W/2 of Section 6 and the NW/4 of Section 7, to

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> be dedicated to the El Paso Natural Gas Company San Juan 29-7 Unit Well No. 100 located 790 feet from the South line and 950 feet from the West line of said Section 6;

> A 345.19-acre non-standard unit comprising the SW/4 of Section 7 and the W/2 of Section 18, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled on the unit by El Paso Natural Gas Company at an as yet undetermined standard location;

A 361.64-acre non-standard unit comprising the W/2 of Section 19 and the NW/4 of Section 30, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled on the unit by El Paso Natural Gas Company at an as yet undetermined standard location; and

A 375.28-acre non-standard unit comprising the SW/4 of Section 30 and the W/2 of Section 31, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled on the unit by El Paso Natural Gas Company at an as yet undetermined standard location.

(2) That the acreage factor for allowable purposes assigned to each of the above-described non-standard gas proration units shall bear the same ratio to the acreage factor for a standard gas proration unit as the acreage in said unit bears to the acreage in a standard gas proration unit in the Basin-Dakota Gas Pool.

(3) 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 DAVTD CARGO, Ch irman

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Member & Secretary

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