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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. 4619
Order No. R-4266

APPLICATION OF CORINNE GRACE
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on March 1, 1972,
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 7th day of March, 1972, 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, Corinne Grace, seeks an order
pooling all mineral interests from the surface of the ground
down to and including the Morrow formation underlying the N/2
of Section 25, Township 22 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, South
Carlsbad Field, Eddy County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to
the Corinne Grace Gopogo Well No. 1 located 1980 feet from
the North line and 1980 feet from the East line of said
Section 25.

(3) That the applicant has the right to drill and has
drilled the above-described Gopogo Well No. 1 to the South
Carlsbad-Morrow Gas Pool in the N/2 of said Section 25.

(4) That there are interest owners in the proposed spacing
and proration unit who have not agreed to pool their interests.

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(5) That to avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, to protect correlative rights, and to afford to the owner of each interest in said unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense his just and fair share of the gas in said pool, the subject application should be approved by pooling all mineral interests, whatever they may be, within said unit.

(6) That the applicant should be designated the operator of the subject well and unit.

(7) That any non-consenting working interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to pay his share of actual well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production.

(8) That any non-consenting working interest owner that does not pay his share of actual well costs should have withheld from production his share of the reasonable well costs.

(9) That any non-consenting interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to object to the actual well costs but that said actual well costs should be adopted as the reasonable well costs in the absence of such objection.

(10) That the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating the subject well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.

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

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That all mineral interests, whatever they may be, from the surface of the ground down to and including the Morrow formation underlying the N/2 of Section 25, Township 22 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, South Carlsbad Field, Eddy County, New Mexico, are hereby pooled to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit to be dedicated to the Corinne Grace

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Gopogo Well No. 1 located 1980 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line of said Section 25.

(2) That Corinne Grace is hereby designated the operator of the subject well and unit.

(3) That the operator shall furnish the Commission and each known working interest owner an itemized schedule of actual well costs within 60 days following the date of this order; that if no objection to the actual well costs is received by the Commission and the Commission has not objected within 60 days following receipt of said schedule, the actual well costs shall be the reasonable well costs; provided however, that if there is an objection to actual well costs within said 60-day period, the Commission will determine reasonable well costs after public notice and hearing.

(4) That within 60 days from the date the schedule of said actual well costs is furnished to him, any non-consenting working interest owner shall have the right to pay his share of said actual well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production, and that any such owner who pays his share of said actual well costs as herein provided shall remain liable for operating costs.

(5) That the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of actual well costs within 60 days from the date the schedule of actual well costs is furnished to him.

(6) That the operator shall distribute said costs and charges withheld from production to the parties who advanced the well costs.

(7) That the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating the subject well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.

(8) 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.

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(9) 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.

(10) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason shall be placed in escrow in Eddy County, New Mexico, to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership; that the operator shall notify the Commission of the name and address of said escrow agent within 90 days from the date of this order.


(11) 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


BRUCE KING, Chairman


ALEX J. ARMILLO, Member


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

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