

Entered June 14, 1972
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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. 4717
Order No. R-4320

APPLICATION OF SOHIO PETROLEUM
COMPANY FOR A NON-STANDARD GAS
PRORATION UNIT, LEA COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on May 17, 1972, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 14th day of June, 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, Sohio Petroleum Company, seeks approval of a 160 acre non-standard gas spacing unit comprising the S/2 SE/4 of Section 7 and the W/2 SW/4 of Section 8, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, to be dedicated to the applicant's Alves "A" Lease Well No. 2, completed as a discovery well in the San Andres formation 660 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of said Section 8.

(3) That the applicant has made no attempt to communitize with the offset operator to form a standard gas spacing unit comprising the SW/4 of said Section 8.

(4) That said offset operator objects to the proposed non-standard spacing unit.

(5) That in order to avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells and to protect correlative rights, the application for a 160-acre non-standard gas spacing unit should be denied without prejudice to the right of either the applicant or any other owner of mineral interests in the SW/4 of said Section 8 to bring a case before the Commission for the compulsory pooling of all mineral interests in the undesignated San Andres gas pool underlying said quarter section.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the application of Sohio Petroleum Company for a 160 acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising the S/2 SE/4 of Section 7 and W/2 SW/4 of Section 8, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, to be dedicated to their Alves A Well No. 2, completed in an undesignated San Andres gas pool in unit M of said Section 8 is hereby denied without prejudice to the right of either the applicant or any other owner of mineral interests in the SW/4 of the above-described Section 8 to bring a case before the Commission for the compulsory pooling of all mineral interests in the undesignated San Andres gas pool underlying said quarter section.


(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


BRUCE KING, Chairman


ALEX J. ARMILLO, Member


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

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