

*Entered May 11, 1973  
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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. 4434  
Order No. R-4523

IN THE MATTER OF CASE 4434 BEING  
REOPENED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS  
OF ORDER NO. R-4058, WHICH ORDER  
ESTABLISHED SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS  
FOR THE LA RICA-MORROW GAS POOL, LEA  
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, INCLUDING A PROVISION  
FOR 640-ACRE PRORATION UNITS.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on April 11, 1973,  
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this 17th day of May, 1973, 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 by Order No. R-4058, dated November 10, 1970,  
temporary special rules and regulations were promulgated for  
the La Rica-Morrow Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, estab-  
lishing temporary 640-acre spacing units.

(3) That pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-4058,  
this case was reopened to allow the operators in the subject  
pool to appear and show cause why the La Rica-Morrow Gas Pool  
should not be developed on 320-acre spacing units.

(4) That the evidence establishes that one well in the  
La Rica-Morrow Gas Pool can efficiently and economically drain  
and develop 640 acres.

(5) That the Special Rules and Regulations promulgated by  
Order No. R-4058 have afforded and will afford to the owner of  
each property in the pool the opportunity to produce his just  
and equitable share of the gas in the pool.

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(6) That in order to prevent the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, to avoid the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, to prevent reduced recovery which might result from the drilling of too few wells, and to otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights, the Special Rules and Regulations promulgated by Order No. R-4058 should be continued in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the Special Rules and Regulations governing the La Rica-Morrow Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, promulgated by Order No. R-4058, are hereby continued in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.


(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

  
I. R. TRUJILLO, Chairman

  
ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member

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

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