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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. 5211
Order No. R-4768

APPLICATION OF CITIES SERVICE
OIL COMPANY 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 April 10, 1974, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 16th day of April, 1974, 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, Cities Service Oil Company, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Pennsylvanian formation underlying the W/2 of Section 8, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, South Carlsbad Field, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(3) That the applicant has drilled a well at a standard location for said unit.

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

(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 that has not paid his share of reasonable well costs should have withheld from production his share of the reasonable well costs.

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

(9) That \$205.00 per month should be fixed as a reasonable charge for supervision (combined fixed rates); that this charge should be adjusted annually based upon the percentage increase or decrease in the average weekly earnings of crude petroleum and gas production workers; that the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charge attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, 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.

(10) 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, in the Pennsylvanian formation underlying the W/2 of Section 8, Township 22 South, Range 27 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 applicant's Paslay Well No. 1, located in Unit K of said Section 8.

(2) That Cities Service Oil Company is hereby designated the operator of the subject well and unit.

(3) That the operator shall furnish each known working interest owner an itemized schedule of actual well costs within 30 days following the entry of this order; that if no objection to the actual well costs is received by the Commission, the actual well costs shall be the reasonable well costs; provided however, that if there is an objection to actual well costs within said 45-day period the Commission will determine reasonable well costs after public notice and hearing.

(4) 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 reasonable well costs.

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

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(6) That \$205.00 per month is hereby fixed as a reasonable charge for supervision (combined fixed rates), provided that this rate shall be adjusted on the first day of April of each year following the effective date of this order; that the adjustment shall be computed by multiplying the rate currently in use by the percentage increase or decrease in the average weekly earnings of Crude Petroleum and Gas Production Workers for the last calendar year compared to the preceding calendar year as shown by "The Index of Average Weekly Earnings of Crude Petroleum and Gas Production Workers" as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the adjusted rate shall be the rates currently in use, plus or minus the computed adjustment; that the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charge attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating such well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.

(7) 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.

(8) 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.

(9) 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.

(10) 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. ARMSTRONG, Member

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

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