BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 838 Order No. R-603

THE APPLICATION OF THE COMMISSION UPON ITS OWN MOTION, DIRECTED TO WESTERN NATURAL GAS COMPANY, FOR THE RECONSIDERATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NSP-60 WHICH CREATED A 320-ACRE NON-STANDARD GAS PRORATION UNIT IN THE JALMAT GAS POOL CONSISTING OF THE S/2 OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, NMPM, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on February 16, 1955, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission".

NOW, on this 25^{-1} day of February, 1955, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the records and testimony adduced, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

(1) That due notice of the time and place of hearing and the purpose thereof having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this case and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That pursuant to provisions of Rule 5 (a) of the Special Rules and Regulations for the Jalmat Gas Pool of Order No. R-520, the Commission has power and authority to permit the formation of a gas proration unit consisting of other than a legal section after notice and hearing by the Commission.

(3) That applicant, Western Natural Gas Company, is the owner of an oil and gas lease in Lea County, New Mexico the land consisting of other than a legal section, and described as follows, to-wit:

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containing 320 acres, more or less.

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(4) That applicant, Western Natural Gas Company, has a producing well on the aforesaid lease known as H. S. Record #1, located 990 feet from the south and east lines of Section 10, Township 22 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

(5) That the above-described 320-acre non-standard gas proration unit has been producing under the provisions of administrative order NSP-60, and that Western Natural Gas Company was required to, and did, show cause why this 320-acre proration unit should not be reduced in size.

(6) That it is impractical to pool applicant's said lease with adjoining acreage in the Jalmat Gas Pool, and that the owners of adjoining acreage in said area have not objected to the formation of the proposed proration unit of 320-acres.

(7) That unless a proration unit consisting of applicant's aforesaid acreage is permitted, applicant will be deprived of the opportunity to recover its just and equitable share of the natural gas in the Jalmat Gas Pool.

(8) That creation of a proration unit consisting of the aforesaid acreage will not cause but will prevent waste, and will protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the application of Western Natural Gas Company for approval of an unorthodox proration unit consisting of the following described acreage:

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be and the same is hereby approved, and a proration unit consisting of aforesaid acreage is hereby created.

(2) That applicant's well, H. S. Record Well No. 1, located in the SE/4 SE/4 of Section 10, Township 22 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, shall be granted an allowable in the proportion that the above described 320-acre unit bears to the standard or orthodox proration unit for said pool, all until further order of the Commission.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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