

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 8770
Order No. R-8116

APPLICATION OF DOYLE HARTMAN FOR
A NON-STANDARD PRORATION UNIT, TWO
UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATIONS, AND
SIMULTANEOUS DEDICATION, LEA COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8 a.m. on November 21, 1985, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Michael E. Stogner.

Now, on the 6th day of January, 1986, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS THAT:

(1) Due notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) The applicant, Doyle Hartman, is the owner and operator of the NE/4 of Section 20 and the NW/4 of Section 21, both in Township 22 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, Jalmat Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) The applicant seeks the creation of a 320-acre non-standard gas proration unit in the Jalmat Gas Pool, said unit to comprise the above-described two quarter sections.

(4) Applicant further seeks approval of the drilling of two wells to be located at the following unorthodox gas well locations: one well to be located at a point 2310 feet from the North line and 100 feet from the East line of said Section 20, and the other to be located at a point 2145 feet from the North line and 1600 feet from the West line of said Section 21, both wells to be simultaneously dedicated to his existing Boren and

Greer Gas Com. Wells Nos. 1, 2, and 3 located in Units D and C of said Section 21 and Unit A of said Section 20, respectively.

(5) The aforesaid two quarter sections were previously communitized and approved by Division Order No. R-5688, dated April 4, 1978, as a 320-acre non-standard Jalmat gas proration unit; and at the request of applicant's predecessor owner of these lands, Sun Exploration and Production Company, the Division rescinded the 320-acre unit and created two 160-acre Jalmat gas proration units by Division Order No. R-6984, dated May 24, 1982.

(6) The entire 320-acre non-standard proration unit may reasonably be presumed productive of gas from the Jalmat Gas Pool and can be efficiently and effectively drained and developed by all of the aforesaid wells.

(7) No operator appeared at the hearing and objected to the proposed unorthodox locations.

(8) The operator should be permitted to amend either or both of the above-described locations if necessary without notice and hearing, provided that any such amended location should not be more unorthodox than the original unorthodox location described herein.

(9) Approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce his just and equitable share of the gas in the Jalmat Gas Pool, will prevent the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, avoid the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, and will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) The applicant, Doyle Hartman, is hereby authorized to drill two wells in the Jalmat Gas Pool at the following unorthodox gas well locations in Township 22 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico: one well to be located at a point 2310 feet from the North line and 100 feet from the East line of Section 20 and the other well to be located at a point 2145 feet from the North line and 1600 feet from the West line of Section 21.

(2) Either or both of the above-described locations may be amended without notice and hearing, provided that any such amended location shall remain in the same 40-acre tract as the original unorthodox location and shall not be closer to the outer boundary of the 320-acre proration unit than the original

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location authorized herein, and provided further, that the applicant shall note on the C-101 that said location has been amended from the location authorized by this order, and shall notify the Division Director in writing of such amended location.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT:


(3) A 320-acre non-standard gas spacing and proration unit for the Jalmat Gas Pool comprising the NE/4 of said Section 20 and the NW/4 of said Section 21, is hereby approved, to be simultaneously dedicated to the above-described wells and to the applicant's existing Boren and Greer Gas Com. Wells Nos. 1, 2, and 3 located in Units D and C of said Section 21 and Unit A, of said Section 20, respectively.

(5) Division Order No. R-6984, dated May 24, 1982, is hereby rescinded.

(6) Jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

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

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R. L. STAMETS
Director

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