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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 THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 1200 Order No. R-961

APPLICATION OF PACIFIC NORTHWEST PIPELINE CORPORATION FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING A NUMBER OF NON-STANDARD GAS PRORATION UNITS IN THE BLANCO-MESAVERDE GAS POOL IN RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on January 24, 1957, at Aztec, New Mexico, before Warren W. Mankin, Examiner duly appointed by the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission," in accordance with Rule 1214 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

NOW, on this g^{th} day of March, 1957, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the application, the evidence adduced and the recommendations of the Examiner, Warren W. Mankin, 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 case and the subject matter thereof.
- 2. That the applicant, Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corporation, submitted two plans for the division of the 5,065 acres, more or less, lying along the West side of Township 31 North, Range 5 West, NMPM, and along the East side of Township 31 North, Range 6 West, NMPM, Blanco Mesaverde Gas Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.
- 3. That Plan I proposed the establishment of thirteen non-standard gas proration units of an average size of 389.6 acres per unit.
- 4. That Plan II proposed the establishment of fourteen non-standard gas proration units of an average size of 361 acres per unit.
- 5. That neither of the aforementioned plans is satisfactory due to the fact that considerably more acreage would be dedicated to a single well than provided for in Commission Order R-110 under which the pool has been developed.

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6. That the subject area is one of relatively low permeability and that wide spacing could result in leaving unrecovered gas in the reservoir, thereby causing underground waste.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the application of Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corporation to divide the 5,065 acres, more or less, lying along the west side of Township 31 North, Range 5 West, NMPM, and along the east side of Township 31 North, Range 6 West, NMPM, Mesaverde Gas Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, into either thirteen or fourteen non-standard gas proration units be and the same is hereby denied.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

EDWIN L. MECHEM, Chairman

The state of

MURRAY E. MORGAN Member

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

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