

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

January 24, 1996

Amoco Production Company
P. O. Box 4891
Houston, Texas 77210-4891

Attention: Jerry D. West

RE: Administrative application for a 160-acre non-standard gas spacing and proration unit ("GPU") in the SE/4 of Section 33, Township 20 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Eumont Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. West:

I am in receipt of your application dated January 11, 1996, it however appears to be incomplete. Please review those portions of the applicable rules and regulations pertaining to such filings and submit proper proof of notice and the required supporting data.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, or if I can offer any contacts within Amoco of persons that are familiar with this process, please contact me in Santa Fe at (505) 827-8185. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Michael E. Stogner
Chief Hearing Officer/Engineer

cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Hobbs
U. S. Bureau of Land Management - Carlsbad
William F. Carr - Santa Fe
William J. LeMay, Director - OCD, Santa Fe
Steve Cobb - Mewbourne Oil Company, Midland, Texas

allowable not produced on a GPU. Underproduction accumulates month to month during the proration period.

A. WELL ACREAGE AND LOCATION REQUIREMENTS

RULE 2 STANDARD GAS PRORATION UNIT SIZE AND WELL SPACING

(a) Unless otherwise provided for in applicable special pool rules gas wells in prorated gas pools shall be drilled in accordance with the well spacing and acreage requirements contained in the Rules and Regulations of the Oil Conservation Division, provided that wells drilled in pools with 640 acre spacing, a government section shall comprise the proration unit.

(b) Any GPU drilled in accordance with paragraph (a) and which contains acreage within the tolerances below shall be considered a standard GPU for the purpose of calculating allowables:

<u>STANDARD PRORATION UNIT</u>	<u>ACREAGE TOLERANCE</u>
160 acres	158-162 acres
320 acres	316-324 acres
640 acres	632-648 acres

(c) The District Supervisor of the appropriate district office of the Division has the authority to approve a non-standard GPU without notice and hearing when the unorthodox size and shape of the GPU is necessitated by a variation in the legal subdivision of the U.S. Public Land Surveys and the non-standard GPU is not less than 75% nor more than 125% of a standard GPU by accepting a form C-102 land plat showing the proposed non-standard GPU with the number of acres contained therein, and shall assign an allowable to the non-standard GPU based upon the acreage factor for that acreage.

(d) Non-standard proration units and unorthodox locations may be approved by the Division in accordance with applicable special pool rules or Rules and Regulations of the Division.

RULE 3(a) GAS PURCHASERS OR GAS TRANSPORTERS SHALL NOMINATE: Each gas purchaser or each gas transporter as herein provided shall file with the Division its nomination for the amount of gas which it in good faith desires to purchase and/or expects to transport

104.D. ACREAGE ASSIGNMENT

- (1) Well Tests and Classification. It shall be the responsibility of the operator of any wildcat gas well or development gas well to which more than 40 acres has been dedicated to conduct a potential test within 30 days following completion of the well and to file the same with the Division within 10 days following completion of the tests. (See Rule 401.)
 - (a) Date of completion for a gas well shall be the date a wellhead is installed or 30 days following conclusion of active completion work on the well, whichever date comes first.
 - (b) Upon making a determination that the well should not properly be classified as a gas well, the Division will reduce the acreage dedicated to the well.
 - (c) Failure of the operator to file the aforesaid tests within the specified time will also subject the well to such acreage reduction.

- (2) Non-Standard Spacing Units. Any well which does not have the required amount of acreage dedicated to it for the pool or formation in which it is completed may not be produced until a standard spacing unit for the well has been formed and dedicated or until a non-standard spacing unit has been approved.
 - (a) The supervisor of the appropriate District Office of the Division shall have the authority to approve non-standard spacing units without notice when the unorthodox size and shape is necessitated by a variation in the legal subdivision of the United States Public Land Surveys and/or consists of an entire governmental section and the non-standard spacing unit is not less than 70% nor more than 130% of a standard spacing unit. Such approval shall consist of acceptance of Division Form C-102 showing the proposed non-standard spacing unit and the acreage contained therein.

- (b) The Division Director may grant administrative approval to non-standard spacing units without notice and hearing when an application has been filed for a non-standard spacing unit and the unorthodox size or shape of the dedicated tract is necessitated by a variation in the legal subdivision of the U.S. Public Land Surveys, or the following facts exist and the following provisions are complied with:
- (i) The non-standard spacing unit consists of a single quarter-quarter section or lot or the non-standard spacing unit consists of quarter-quarter sections or lots that are contiguous by a common bordering side; and
 - (ii) The non-standard spacing unit lies wholly within a single governmental quarter section if the well is completed in a pool or formation for which 40, 80, or 160 acres is the standard spacing unit size, wholly within a single governmental half section if the well is completed in a pool or formation for which 320 acres is the standard spacing unit size, or wholly within a single governmental section if the well is completed in a pool or formation for which 640 acres is the standard spacing unit size.
- (c) Applications for administrative approval of non-standard spacing units, pursuant to Section D(2) above, shall be accompanied by a plat showing the subject spacing unit and an applicable standard spacing unit for the applicable pool or formation, its proposed well dedications, all adjoining spacing units and/or leases (whichever is applicable), and a list of affected parties. Also to be included is a statement that discusses the necessity for the formation of the subject non-standard spacing unit and the reasons why a standard sized spacing unit is not feasible.
- (i) Affected parties in this instance shall be defined as those parties who own interests in the applicable half quarter section (80-acre spacing), quarter section (160-acre spacing), half section (320-acre spacing), or section (640-acre spacing) in which the non-standard spacing unit is situated and which acreage is not included in said non-standard spacing unit;

- (ii) the designated operator of any adjoining or diagonal spacing unit producing from the same pool(s) as the proposed non-standard spacing unit;
 - (iii) in the absence of an operator, all lessees of record of any diagonal or adjoining lease owning interests in the same pool(s) as the proposed non-standard spacing unit; and
 - (iv) in the absence of an operator or lessee, then to all owners of record of unleased mineral interests.
- (d) The applicant shall submit a statement attesting that applicant, on or before the same date the application was submitted to the Division, has sent notification to the affected parties by submitting a copy of the application, including a copy of the plat described in Subpart (c) above by certified or registered mail-return receipt in accordance with Rule 1207(6)(a) advising them that if they have an objection it must be filed in writing within twenty days from the date notice was sent. The Division Director may approve the non-standard spacing unit upon receipt of waivers from all said parties or if no said party has entered an objection to the non-standard spacing unit within 20 days after the Director has received the application.
- (e) The Division Director may set any application for administrative approval for a non-standard spacing unit for public hearing.
- (3) Number of Wells Per Spacing Unit in Non-Prorated Gas Pools: Unless otherwise permitted by special pool rules or authorized after notice and hearing, only one (1) well per spacing unit is permitted in non-prorated pools.

104.E. Form C-102, "Well Location and Acreage Dedication Plat", for any well shall designate the exact legal subdivision allotted to the well and Form C-101, "Application for Permit to Drill, Deepen, or Plug Back", will not be approved by the Division without such proper designation of acreage.