

CASE 4484: Motion of the OCC FOR
EXCEPTION TO 9TH PARAGRAPH OF
CHAPTER II, SECTION 2 of R-333-F.

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BEFORE THE
NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Santa Fe, New Mexico
January 5, 1971

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

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Commission upon its own motion for an)
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McKinley, and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico,)
subject to the testing requirements of Chapter)
II, of Order No. R-333-F.)
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BEFORE: Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

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Direct Examination by Mr. Hatch

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Cross Examination by Mr. Nutter

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MR. HATCH: This is Case No. 4484. It is Application of the Oil Conservation Commission upon its own motion for an order granting an exception to the ninth paragraph of Chapter II, Section 2 of Order No. R-333-F.

I am George Hatch, appearing on behalf of the Commission and Staff.

ELVIS UTZ

called as a witness, having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. HATCH:

Q Would you state your name?

A Elvis A. Utz.

Q What is your occupation?

A I am an engineer with the Oil Conservation Commission.

Q As an engineer for the Oil Conservation Commission, do you have occasion to make recommendations to the Commission concerning the testing of gas wells in New Mexico?

A Yes, I do.

Q Are you familiar with Case No. 4252, and what it proposes?

A Yes, I am.

Q Briefly, would you tell us what it does propose?

A Case No. 4252 results from an Order No. 3878, and preliminarily it is a deviation from Order R-333-F, and this deviation is mainly that the deliverability testing may be taken at any time during the testing year, which in this case, will be 1971, rather than immediately following the seven days of flow period. In this case, Order No. R-3878 did allow this for 1970. I would recommend that the exact Order No. R-3878 be continued for the year 1971.

Q Had that previously been done in 1969?

A Yes. I believe that in 1969 the order was virtually the same. I would say that they were exactly the same, and anyway I am recommending that the one that was used in 1970 is the one that should be used in 1971, 1970, Order R-3878.

MR. HATCH: If the Examiner please, I think this is the first time that this has come up that it was the same in the 1969 testing scene and then what was tested continued for the 1970 testing scene, and for the 1969, and that was Case No. 4039, and the order that issued from R-3673 for the 1970 scene was Order No. 3878, and I would like you to take notice of those

cases and the orders and make them a part of the record in this case.

MR. NUTTER: We will take administrative notice of the previous order in the subject cases.

BY MR. HATCH:

Q I believe you said that the deliverability testing may be taken at any time during the testing year, and you were recommending that they be allowed any time during the 1971-season, and I believe those orders were also extended to measure what was made on the 8th day, that is from the 8th to the 15th day?

A That is what I am recommending. I am recommending the exact order of No. 3878.

Q Do you recall from reviewing those other orders, why this was done in 1969 and 1970?

A It was mainly because there was enough testing in the San Juan Basin so that most of the testing had to be done during the high-demand period. Consequently, the wells would be shut down during the high-demand period and this would give the operators more latitude so they would run their 7-day shut-in pressure or shut the well in at a low demand.

Q They could still flow test during the high period and there would be no change in that?

A Right.

Q Unless they wished?

A Yes.

Q Do similar conditions exist at the present time as there were in 1969 and 1970?

A Yes, they are.

MR. HATCH: That is all the questions I have.

BY MR. NUTTER:

Q Do you think there could be any deviation in the quality of the testing; apparently there is?

A Well, as we well know, the shut-in pressure, the seven-day shut-in is not as accurate as we'd like, but, anyway, we feel that the test is just as accurate and in some cases it is probably more accurate.

MR. NUTTER: Thank you. Do you have any further questions?

MR. HATCH: No.

MR. NUTTER: Is there anyone else that would like to make a statement?

MR. MANNING: I am R. E. Manning of El Paso Natural Gas, and I would like to make a statement which would pretty well give El Paso's position in Case No. 4484, if I may, please, sir.

The adoption of Order R-333-F would permit shutting the gas wells for the required shut-in test at some future period during the 1971-test season

other than immediately following the seven-day deliverability flow test, and would also permit having the pressure test in 8 to 15 days rather than precisely on the 8th day, as is presently required. This exception was granted for tests of wells in the San Juan Basin area for both the years 1969 and 1970.

El Paso considers the tests taken in these years in accordance with the given routing comparable in validity to those obtained for testing methods presently outlined in Order R-333-F, and the same factors necessitating except for the years 1969, 1970, namely: Lie in varying markets taken for gas from the San Juan Basin area, and that will also prevail during the year 1971, and continued modification of provisions of Order R-333-F are appropriate and necessary to the year 1971.

The best estimate of the picture of the market demand requirement for the San Juan Basin area indicates this same condition will probably exist for several years, up to the year 1971, and we would suggest that in order to prevent the necessity for additional hearings, that this same matter, paragraph B, be added as has been proposed in the Order to permit this same exception in subsequent years. If it is deemed appropriate even if the administrative position is not added to the Order, your Honor's approval of the proposal with the exception to the provisions of the Order R-333-F

would be in 1971.

MR. NUTTER: Thank you Mr. Manning.

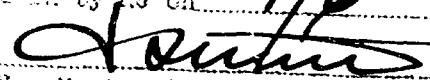
Does anyone else wish to say anything in regards
to Case No. 4484?

We will take the case under advisement.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
) SS.
 COUNTY OF SANTA FE)

I, RICHARD L. NYE, Court Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached Transcript of Hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission was reported by me, and the same is a true and correct record of the said proceedings, to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.


 RICHARD L. NYE, Court Reporter

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the proceedings in the regular hearing of Case No. 4484 as set by me on 1/6 19 72.

 Examiner
 New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission

El Paso Natural Gas Company supports the application of the Commission for an order granting an exception to the ninth paragraph of Chapter II, Section 2, of Order R-333-F. This would permit shutting in of gas wells for the required shut-in test at some period during the 1971 test season other than immediately following the seven day deliverability flow test and to permit measuring the shut-in pressure test during the eighth to the fifteenth day of shut-in of the well rather than precisely on the eighth day as presently required.

This exception was granted for the testing of wells in the San Juan Basin area for both the years 1969 and 1970. El Paso considers that the tests taken during these years, in accordance with the exception, have given results comparable in accuracy and validity to those obtained for the testing method presently outlined in Order R-333-F. The same factors necessitating the exception for the years 1969 and 1970; namely, high and varying market demand for gas from the San Juan Basin area, will also prevail during the year 1971 and the continued modification of the provisions of Order R-333-F is both appropriate and necessary for the year 1971. El Paso's present best estimate of the future market demand requirements from the San Juan Basin area indicate that this same condition will probably exist for some years subsequent to the year 1971 and would suggest that in order to prevent the necessity for additional hearings concerning this same matter, that a paragraph be added to the proposed order to permit the Secretary-Director of the Commission to administratively grant this same exception in subsequent years if it is deemed appropriate. Even if the administrative provision is not added to the order, El Paso urges the approval of the proposed exceptions to the provisions of Order R-333-F for the year 1971.



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January 18, 1971

Mr. Bob Manning
El Paso Natural Gas Company
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Re: Case No. 4484
Order No. R-4089
Applicant: _____

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced Commission order recently entered in the subject case.

Very truly yours,

A. L. PORTER, Jr.
Secretary-Director

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Copy of order also sent to:

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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. 4484
Order No. R-4089

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MEASURING THE SHUT-IN TEST PRESSURE DURING THE 8TH TO
15TH DAY OF SHUT-IN OF THE WELL RATHER THAN ON THE
8TH DAY AS PRESENTLY REQUIRED.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on January 6, 1971,
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 15th day of January, 1971, 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 by Order No. R-3878, dated November 24, 1969,
paragraph nine of Chapter II, Section 2 of Commission Order No.
R-333-F was suspended for the duration of the 1970 annual
deliverability and shut-in pressure test period, insofar and
only insofar as said paragraph directs that in order to obtain
the shut-in pressure of a well under test, the well shall be shut
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full period of seven consecutive days and that such shut-in pressure shall be measured within the next succeeding twenty-four hours following the 7-day shut-in period.

(3) That said Order No. R-3878 also makes provisions for obtaining the shut-in pressures of wells, subject to the testing requirements of Order No. R-333-F, for the duration of the annual deliverability and shut-in test period for 1970, and for scheduling of shut-in pressure tests.

(4) That the aforesaid suspension and special provisions were made necessary in order to avoid shutting in gas wells that were subject to the testing requirements of Order No. R-333-F during a period of heavy demand for gas.

(5) That the conditions that brought about the issuance of said Order No. R-3878 are expected to be substantially the same in 1971 as in 1970.

(6) That in order to prevent waste and promote conservation, the provisions of Order No. R-3878 should be made to apply during the 1971 annual deliverability and shut-in pressure test period.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That, effective January 1, 1971, paragraph nine of Chapter II, Section 2 of Order No. R-333-F is hereby suspended for the duration of the 1971 annual deliverability and shut-in pressure test period, insofar and only insofar as said paragraph directs that in order to obtain the shut-in pressure of a well under test, the well shall be shut in immediately after the 7-day deliverability flow test for the full period of seven consecutive days and that such shut-in pressure shall be measured within the next succeeding twenty-four hours following the 7-day shut-in period.

(2) That to obtain the shut-in pressure of a well, subject to the testing requirements of said Order No. R-333-F, under test during the duration of the annual deliverability and shut-in test period for 1971, the well shall be shut in at some time during the year of 1971 for a period of seven to fourteen consecutive days. Such shut-in pressure shall be measured during the eighth to fifteenth day following shutting in of the well.

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(3) That each gas transportation facility shall, in cooperation with the operators involved, prepare and submit a schedule of shut-in pressure tests in accordance with Chapter I, Section 3, provided, however, that said schedule need only be submitted prior to the shutting in of the well or wells involved.

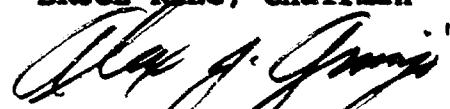
(4) That the Astec District Office of the Commission shall be notified of the date the shut-in pressure of a well is to be measured in order that said measurement may be witnessed.


(5) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

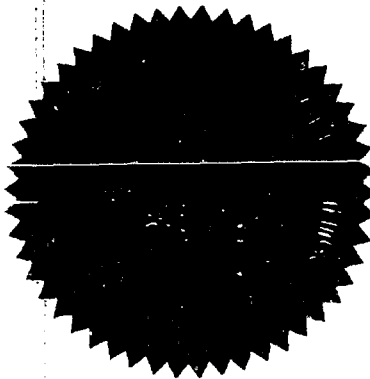
DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION


BRUCE KING, Chairman


ALEX J. ARMIGO, Member


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



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- CASE 4483: Application of Pubco Petroleum Corporation for a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Kemnitz-Lower Wolfcamp East Unit Area comprising the SW/4 and W/2 SE/4 of Section 22, the E/2 NW/4 of Section 27, and the E/2 NE/4 of Section 28, Township 16 South, Range 34 East, Kemnitz-Lower Wolfcamp Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.
- CASE 4484: The application of the Oil Conservation Commission upon its own motion for an order granting an exception to the ninth paragraph of Chapter II, Section 2 of Order No. R-333-F to permit shutting in gas wells for the required shut-in test at some period during the 1971 test season other than immediately following the 7-day deliverability flow test; further to permit measuring the shut-in test pressure during the 8th to 15th day of shut-in of the well rather than on the 8th day as presently required. The above exceptions would be for the 1971 annual deliverability test season only and would be applicable to all wells in San Juan, Rio Arriba, McKinley, and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico, subject to the testing requirements of Chapter II of Order No. R-333-F.
- CASE 4485: Application of Continental Oil Company for a non-standard gas proration unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the establishment of a 240-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising the NW/4 NW/4, S/2 NW/4, NE/4 SW/4, and S/2 SW/4 of Section 1, Township 25 South, Range 36 East, Jalmat Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to its Wells "A" Wells Nos. 2 and 7, located, respectively, in Units E and F of said Section 1. Applicant further seeks authority to produce the allowable assigned to said unit from either of said wells in any proportion.
- CASE 4486: Application of Continental Oil Company for a waterflood expansion, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to expand its Langlie-Mattix Jack A-29 waterflood project, Langlie-Mattix Pool, by the drilling of an additional injection well at an orthodox location in the SW/4 NW/4 of Section 29, Township 24 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico.
- CASE 4487: Application of Pennzoil United, Inc., for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Strawn formation underlying the W/2 of Section 6, Township 23 South, Range 27 East, South Carlsbad Strawn Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, said acreage to be dedicated to a well in the W/2 of said Section 6. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling said well, a charge for the risk involved, a provision for the allocation of actual operating costs, and the establishment of charges for supervision of said well.
- CASE 4488: Application of Resler and Sheldon for downhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicants, in the above-styled cause, seek approval for the downhole commingling of gas and liquids produced from the Jalmat Gas Pool and oil and gas produced from the Langlie-Mattix Oil Pool through a common string of tubing in their Steeler Well No. 1 located in Unit L of Section 20, Township 23 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
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15TH DAY OF SHUT-IN OF THE WELL RATHER THAN ON THE
8TH DAY AS PRESENTLY REQUIRED.



ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on November 19, 1969, at Roswell, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 24th day of November, 1969, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony presented and the exhibits received at said hearing, 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 by Order No. R-3673, dated February 11, 1969, paragraph nine of Chapter II, Section 2 of Commission Order No. R-333-F was suspended for the duration of the 1969 annual deliverability and shut-in pressure test period, insofar and only insofar as said paragraph directs that in order to obtain the shut-in pressure of a well under test, the well shall be shut in immediately after the 7-day deliverability flow test for the

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full period of seven consecutive days and that such shut-in pressure shall be measured within the next succeeding twenty-four hours following the 7-day shut-in period.

(3) That said Order No. R-3673 also makes provisions for obtaining the shut-in pressures of wells, subject to the testing requirements of Order No. R-333-F, for the duration of the annual deliverability and shut-in test period for 1969, and for scheduling of shut-in pressure tests.

(4) That the aforesaid suspension and special provisions were made necessary in order to avoid shutting in gas wells that were subject to the testing requirements of Order No. R-333-F during a period of heavy demand for gas.

(5) That the conditions that brought about the issuance of said Order No. R-3673 are expected to be substantially the same in 1970 as in 1969.

(6) That in order to prevent waste and promote conservation, the provisions of Order No. R-3673 should be made to apply during the 1970 annual deliverability and shut-in pressure test period.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That, effective January 1, 1970, paragraph nine of Chapter II, Section 2 of Order No. R-333-F is hereby suspended for the duration of the 1970 annual deliverability and shut-in pressure test period, insofar and only insofar as said paragraph directs that in order to obtain the shut-in pressure of a well under test, the well shall be shut in immediately after the 7-day deliverability flow test for the full period of seven consecutive days and that such shut-in pressure shall be measured within the next succeeding twenty-four hours following the 7-day shut-in period.

(2) That to obtain the shut-in pressure of a well, subject to the testing requirements of said Order No. R-333-F, under test during the duration of the annual deliverability and shut-in test period for 1970, the well shall be shut in at some time during the year of 1970 for a period of seven to fourteen consecutive days. Such shut-in pressure shall be measured during the eighth to fifteenth day following shutting in of the well.

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of shut-in pressure tests in accordance with Chapter I, Section 3, provided, however, that said schedule need only be submitted prior to the shutting in of the well or wells involved.

(4) That the Aztec District Office of the Commission shall be notified of the date the shut-in pressure of a well is to be measured in order that said measurement may be witnessed.

(5) 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

DAVID F. CARGO, Chairman

ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member

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

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