

CASE 5011: Application of EL PASO
NATURAL FOR EXTENSION OF ORDER NO.
R-4342, SAN JUAN COUNTY, N.M.

CASE No.

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BEFORE THE
NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM
STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO
Wednesday, June 27, 1973

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of El Paso Natural Gas
Company for extension of Order No.
R-4342, San Juan County, New Mexico.

Case No. 5011

BEFORE: Elvis A. Utz,
Examiner

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

1 MR. UTZ: Call Case 5011.

2 MR. CARR: Case 5011, application of El Paso
3 Natural Gas Company for extension of Order Number R-4342,
4 San Juan County, New Mexico.

5 MR. MORRIS: Mr. Examiner, I am Dick Morris of
6 Montgomery, Federici, Andrews, Hannahs & Morris, Santa
7 Fe, appearing on behalf of the applicant El Paso
8 Natural Gas Company. With me is Mr. J. C. Considine of
9 El Paso, Texas, member of the Texas Bar, who will present
10 the case on behalf of El Paso Natural Gas Company. We
11 have one witness.

12 EUGENE R. MANNING,

13 a witness, having been first duly sworn according to law, upon
14 his oath, testified as follows:

15 MR. CONSIDINE: Mr. Examiner, at the outset, I
16 would like to request that the proceedings from the
17 original hearing of this case, Order Number 4342, be made
18 a part of the record of this hearing; and would like to
19 indicate that we have one exhibit, which is the same
20 exhibit that was introduced at that time, and is a part
21 of those original hearings. We have some other copies.

22 I had not proposed to officially introduce this
23 exhibit in this hearing, since it is a part of the other
24 record, although I do have copies for you to look at.

25 If you would like me to make this a part of this hearing,

1 I will be happy to do so. It is the same exhibit,
2 unchanged, from the original hearing.

3 MR. UTZ: I don't think it will be necessary to make
4 it a part of this hearing. We will just make a record of
5 the case which resulted in Order Number 4342 a part of
6 the record of this hearing.

7 DIRECT EXAMINATION

8 BY MR. CONSIDINE:

9 Q Mr. Manning, for the record, would you state your full
10 name?

11 A Eugene R. Manning.

12 Q By whom and in what capacity are you employed?

13 A I'm employed by El Paso Natural Gas as an administrator
14 in gas prorationing, Operation Department.

15 Q Have you testified on previous occasions before this
16 Commission?

17 A Yes, sir, I have.

18 Q Have your qualifications on those previous occasions been
19 accepted?

20 A Yes, sir, on those previous occasions my qualifications
21 have been accepted.

22 Q Would you please state what El Paso is seeking in this
23 case?

24 A El Paso is asking that the Commission continue Order
25 4342 for another 18 months. This order pertains to the

1 testing of certain wells in our 32-9 or San Juan 32-9
2 Units, which we commenced in January of 1972 and which
3 is due to expire July 1st of this year.

4 Q You do not propose to change or in any way modify the
5 terms of that order, other than to extend the term of
6 that order until January 1, 1975?

7 A No, sir, I do not propose to alter that.

8 Q Would you please describe the progress that the test
9 that El Paso is conducting on these wells has made from
10 its commencement to the present time?

11 A Yes, sir. I think one of the most significant tests or
12 some of the most significant information that we have
13 obtained from these tests is the fact that the wells'
14 production has held up better than we anticipated. We
15 had anticipated that when we reduced the line pressure on
16 these wells, that we would get an inflection of flush
17 production and would probably drop back to somewhere in
18 the neighborhood of what it was producing before we put
19 it on the test. This has not been the case; this
20 production has held up, we think, surprisingly well.
21 Although admittedly there is a decline in the production,
22 we feel we have at least arrested or have slowed down the
23 rate of decline in the production.

24 Now, there has been a deviation that by lowering the
25 line pressure that we are faced with additional liquid

1 problems. We are faced with parafin problems. We
2 were aware of some of these parafin problems up there,
3 but not to the extent that we have experienced on this
4 test, and we also are learning more on how to operate a
5 compressor tied to a lateral such as this in a more
6 efficient manner, and also we are learning to operate
7 it in colder weather; and so we have gained quite a bit
8 from the 18 months that we have tested this.

9 Q In addition to the liquid problems, and the parafin
10 problems which you have mentioned, have you encountered
11 other problems which make it necessary for you to ask
12 the Commission to extend the test period for another 18
13 months?

14 A Yes, sir, as you recall, we had a very severe winter up
15 there this past winter and we had some rather excessive
16 downtime on our compressor up there, which precluded us
17 from maintaining a low suction on our compressor. We
18 have also experienced some fluid problems with the gas,
19 fuel gas, to the compressor; and we have remedied that now
20 by taking dry gas and using it as fuel, and this has
21 helped us. We have been through one winter and we would
22 like to go through another winter on this testing
23 procedure.

24 Q If the Commission grants the extension of time to conduct
25 the test, will any new equipment be added to help you

1 conduct the test?

2 A Yes, sir. We plan on putting separators out by the
3 wells, should we be granted this application, in order
4 to help us control the liquid problems that we have and
5 remove the liquid from the gas train before it hits the
6 compressor; and also, hopefully, this will help us with
7 our parafin problems that we have had out there.

8 Q Do you feel that the test can be conducted for an
9 additional 18-month period without impairing correlative
10 rights or creating waste?

11 A Yes, sir, in my opinion, I believe under this present
12 order that we have, if we continued for another 18
13 months, this will not hinder the correlative rights of
14 others.

15 Q Do you anticipate that you can complete the test within
16 the next 18-month period?

17 A Yes, sir, I do. I anticipate that we can complete the
18 test within the next 18 months.

19 MR. CONSIDINE: Mr. Examiner, that's all the
20 questions I have.

21 CROSS-EXAMINATION

22 BY MR. UTZ:

23 Q Mr. Manning, do you have any explanation of why you
24 experienced more parafin problems under these conditions
25 than under ordinary conditions?

- 1 A Mr. Examiner, I think that that has to do with the
2 particular make-up of the type of gas and the fluid that
3 we have there, and, as you lower the pressure, the
4 parafin has a tendency to drop out. There is a possibility
5 that if we come on down with the pressure, that we will
6 not have any parafin problems; and there is also a
7 possibility that if we get up on the pressure on
8 particular troublesome wells, that the parafin, the
9 drop out of the parafin, may become less. So it has to
10 do with the ideal temperature pressure gradient in the
11 particular well that causes the parafin to drop out.
- 12 Q Mr. Manning, did all of the wells on this test system
13 react in a similar way?
- 14 A No, sir, I don't think so, but we didn't expect them to.
15 We tried to choose a lateral here that would be
16 representative of all the wells or of the wells that we
17 would expect in the San Juan area when we start our
18 pressure lowering plan. And to elaborate a little further
19 on that, one well, if you will notice, 29, at the
20 extremity of the lateral, is a very good well; whereas,
21 you will note on the Number 41, which is closer to the
22 compressor, is not quite as good a well as the 29. So
23 we have varying degrees of production from these wells,
24 so we did not expect it all to react the same. However,
25 we were interested in the reaction of any well on this

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1 lateral.

2 Q What did you lower the line pressure to at the beginning
3 of the test?

4 A Well, we started off, if you will refer to our map here,
5 where the little square is, it says "Test Compressor"
6 there, coming into trunk end, the line pressure was run
7 approximately 350 pounds at this point, before we
8 installed the compressor. Now, over the past 18 months,
9 we have lowered that to as low as 41 pounds -- well, no,
10 let me clarify that. The suction there on the compressor
11 to 41 pounds. Actually, we have to discharge into what
12 the trunk end is, so we have the pressure there as low as
13 41 pounds. Now, our problem is -- or one of our problems --
14 is to maintain it for a sustained period of time at this
15 41 pounds, to gather engineering data of what's
16 happening back on our --

17 Q That's because of the discharge pressures varying?

18 A No, sir, not particularly discharge pressures. It was
19 ironing the bugs out of the compressor. This is a
20 relatively new approach to this problem here, this is not
21 a union compressor on one well, this is a lateral, which
22 we are trying to lower the pressure on, and so our
23 compressor people had problems which they had to solve
24 on this thing.

25 Q When you lowered the pressure, did all of the wells

1 increase in production?

2 A Yes, sir, I think that is a fair statement for a
3 certain period of time.

4 Q And have they declined steadily or did they decline
5 rapidly or did they flatten out or what?

6 A I think I would describe the decline as more of a
7 flatter decline, a less decline. It wasn't a rapid drop
8 or decline.

9 Q I was going to ask you, Mr. Manning, I'm sure you have
10 kept detailed engineering data on this thing, do you
11 have well curves that you could submit to the Commission
12 showing the reaction of this test?

13 A Yes, sir, we can provide you with well curves.

14 Q Would you do that?

15 MR. UTZ: Are there other questions of the witness?

16 MR. MORRIS: Mr. Examiner, for clarification, did
17 you want those well curves now or at the conclusion of
18 the test?

19 MR. UTZ: Of course, this is a request for an
20 extension of the previous order. I think it would be in
21 order to present them now and again at the end of the
22 test.

23 THE WITNESS: Excuse me just a minute, Mr. Examiner.
24 I may be able to furnish you with something now.

25 MR. UTZ: Mr. Manning, if you can, you can do that

at any time after we close the case or any time you want to in the next day or two.

MR. UTZ: Are there any further questions of the witness?

(No response.)

MR. UTZ: He may be excused. Are there statements in this case?

(No response.)

MR. UTZ: The case will be taken under advisement. Let's take about a ten-minute break.

(Whereupon, the hearing was recessed for 15 minutes.)

R E P O R T E R ' S C E R T I F I C A T E

I, JOHN DE LA ROSA, a 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 that the same is a true and correct record of the said proceedings to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a complete record of the proceedings in the hearing of Case No. 56-11-101 on June 2, 1973.

John De La Rosa
COURT REPORTER

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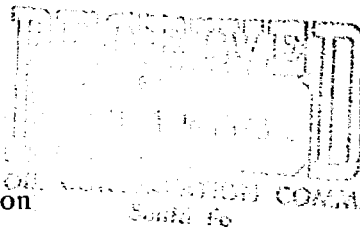
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El Paso Natural Gas Company

El Paso, Texas 79978

July 10, 1973



New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission

P. O. Box 2088

Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Attention: Mr. E. A. Utz

Re: Case No. 5011, Application of El Paso Natural
Gas Company for Extension of Order R-4580

Dear Elvis:

During the course of the hearing on June 27, 1973 in Santa Fe in the above case, you requested that El Paso furnish you with certain data which we obtained while testing the 7 test wells in our San Juan Unit 32-9 pursuant to Order R-4580.

Enclosed are two copies of each of the following:

1. Graph of compressor suction pressure and discharge pressure versus time from January 2, 1972 through June 27, 1973.
2. Graph of volume of gas versus time for San Juan Unit well Nos. NP 2, 29, 30, 37, 40, 41 and 51. Casing pressures and tubing pressures are also plotted on this graph. The time interval on these graphs is from July 6, 1971 through June 25, 1973.

If you have any further questions concerning these graphs, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Yours very truly,

E. R. Manning

E. R. Manning
Gas Proration Operations

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Enc.



OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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Re: Case No. 5011

Order No. R-4580

Applicant:

El Paso Natural Gas Co.

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

ALP/ir

Copy of order also sent to:

Hobbs OCC x

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Aztec OCC x

Other _____

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. 5011
Order No. R-4580

APPLICATION OF EL PASO NATURAL
GAS COMPANY FOR EXTENSION OF
ORDER NO. R-4342.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on June 27, 1973, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this 28th day of June, 1973, 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 the applicant, El Paso Natural Gas Company, pursuant to Order No. R-4342, has produced certain wells in the Blanco-Mesaverde Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico, at full capacity since February 1, 1972, in order to conduct a series of tests to determine efficient operating pipeline pressure.

(3) That applicant will need an 18-month extension of time to complete these tests.

(4) That Order No. R-4342 should be continued in effect until December 31, 1974.

(5) That granting applicant's request for an extension of Order No. R-4342 will afford the applicant an opportunity to gather additional valuable information concerning reservoir characteristics of the Blanco-Mesaverde Pool, will be in the interest of conservation and will neither cause waste nor impair correlative rights.

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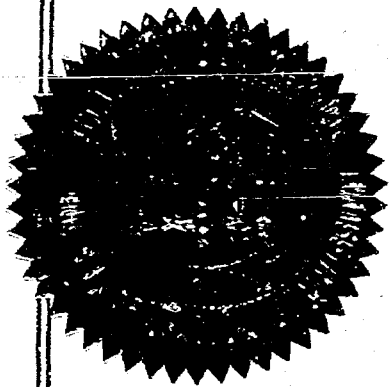
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Order No. R-4342 is hereby extended in full force and effect until December 31, 1974.

(2) 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



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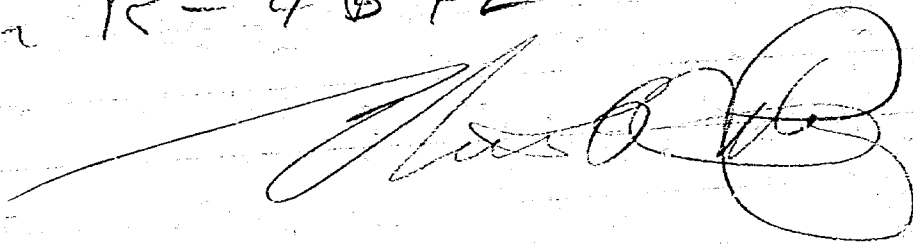
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Grant. Exp. an extension
of time to Dec. 31, 1974 for
order R-4842

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Docket No. 17-73

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - JUNE 27, 1973

9 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM,
STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING - SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

The following cases will be heard before Elvis A. Utz, Examiner, or Daniel S. Nutter, Alternate Examiner:

CASE 4983: (Continued from the June 6, 1973, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Gulf Oil Corporation for simultaneous well dedication and non-standard locations, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the simultaneous dedication of two wells to a standard 640-acre gas proration unit comprising all of Section 35, Township 21 South, Range 36 East, Eumont Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, said wells being the W. A. Ramsay (NCT-A) Wells Nos. 20 and 7 at non-standard locations in the center of Units E and N, respectively, of said Section 35.

CASE 4966: (Continued from the June 6, 1973, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Read & Stevens, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests underlying the N/2 of Section 36, Township 12 South, Range 30 East, Chaves County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled to the Queen formation in Unit B of said Section 36, in the Southeast Chaves Queen Gas Area. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of such costs as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered is the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a 200 percent charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 5008: Application of Hondo Drilling Company for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Delaware formation in the perforated interval from 5034 feet to 5038 feet, or in the alternative, from 5128 feet to 5134 feet in its Gulf "NW" State Well No. 2 located in Lot 6 of Section 6, Township 24 South, Range 33 East, Triple "X" Delaware Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 5009: Application of Wendell C. Welch for an oil treating plant permit, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority for the construction and operation of an oil treating plant for the purpose of treating and reclaiming sediment oil at a site in the SE/4 of Section 35, Township 17 South, Range 27 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.

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CASE 5010: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests down to and including the Pennsylvanian formation underlying the N/2 of Section 18, Township 18 South, Range 26 East adjacent to the West Atoka Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled 1650 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line of said Section 18, the unorthodox location of which was previously approved by Commission Order No. R-4508. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of such costs as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered is the designation of applicant as operator of the well and up to 200 percent charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 5011: Application of El Paso Natural Gas Company for extension of Order No. R-4342, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the extension of the provisions of Order No. R-4342, which order authorized the applicant to produce certain non-marginal wells in the San Juan 32-9 Unit Area, Blanco Mesaverde Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico, at full capacity while conducting tests, making up said overproduction by underproducing other non-marginal wells within the participating area.

CASE 5012: Application of Gandy Construction for an oil treating plant permit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority for the construction and operation of an oil treating plant for the purpose of treating and reclaiming sediment oil at a site in the SE/4 of Section 11, or the SW/4 of Section 12, Township 10 South, Range 35 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 5013: Application of Phillips Petroleum Company for a waterflood project, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project by the injection of water into the Grayburg-San Andres formation through its Lea Wells Nos. 4 and 6 located in Units I and O, respectively, of Section 29, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Vacuum Grayburg-San Andres Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

Applicant further seeks an administrative procedure for the drilling of additional injection and producing wells at orthodox and unorthodox locations without further notice and hearing.

CASE 5014: Application of Cities Service Oil Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests underlying the W/2 of Section 26, Township 25 South, Range 24 East, adjacent to the Washington Ranch-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an orthodox location for said unit.

(Case 5014 continued from page 2)

Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of such costs as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered is the designation of applicant as operator of the well and up to 200 percent charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 5015: Application of Michael P. Grace II and Corinne Grace for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicants, in the above-styled cause, seek an order pooling all mineral interests down to and including the Morrow formation underlying the S/2 of Section 16, Township 24 South, Range 26 East, adjacent to the White City-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an orthodox location for said unit. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of such costs as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered is the designation of applicant as operator of the well and up to 200 percent charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 4988: (Continued and Readvertised)

Application of Texaco Inc. for down-hole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to commingle production from the Blinebry, Tubb, and Drinkard Oil Pools in the wellbore of its A. H. Blinebry Well No. 28 located in Unit A of Section 29, Township 22 South, Range 38 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 5016: Application of Atlantic Richfield Company for a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Seven Rivers-Queen Unit Area comprising 2262 acres, more or less, of State and Fee lands in Townships 22 and 23 South, Range 36 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 5017: Application of Atlantic Richfield Company for a waterflood project, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project in its Seven Rivers-Queen Unit Area by the injection of water into the Seven Rivers and Queen formations through 28 wells located in Sections 27, 34, and 35, Township 22 South, Range 36 East, and Sections 2 and 3, Township 23 South, Range 36 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 5018: Southeastern nomenclature case calling for an order for the creation, extension and contraction of certain pools, and the assignment of an oil discovery allowable, Lea and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico.

(a) Create a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for Wolfcamp production and designated as the Humble City-Wolfcamp Pool. The discovery well is the Pubco Petroleum Corporation

(Case 5018 continued from page 3)

Shipp No. 4 located in Unit I of Section 11, Township 17 South, Range 37 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM
Section 11: SW/4

Also the assignment of an oil discovery allowable of approximately 47,970 barrels of oil to the aforesaid Shipp Well No. 4.

(b) Create a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for Queen production and designated as the Shinnery-Queen Pool. The discovery well is the Burleson & Huff Cinco de Mayo Federal No. 1 located in Unit C of Section 24, Township 18 South, Range 32 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, NMPM
Section 24: NW/4

(c) Contract the Bagley-Pennsylvanian Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, by the deletion of the following described area:

TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM
Section 34: S/2 NE/4

(d) Extend the North Bagley-Pennsylvanian Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM
Section 34: S/2 NE/4

(e) Contract the South Prairie-Cisco Pool in Roosevelt County, New Mexico, by the deletion of the following described area:

TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, NMPM
Section 28: NW/4

(f) Extend the East Brunson-Granite Wash Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM
Section 13: NW/4

(g) Extend the Drinkard Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, NMPM
Section 1: NE/4

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM
Section 6: N/2

(h) Extend the Flying "M"-San Andres Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM
Section 7: NE/4

(i) Extend the Justis Tubb-Drinkard Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 25 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM
Section 12: NW/4

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY
FOR AN ORDER OF THIS COMMISSION
AMENDING ORDER R-4342 TO EXTEND
THE TERMINATION DATE OF THE TEST
PERIOD PRESCRIBED BY SUCH ORDER
FROM JULY 1, 1973 UNTIL JANUARY 1,
1975.

CAUSE NO. 5011
ORDER NO. _____

APPLICATION

Comes now EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY, Applicant herein, a Delaware corporation authorized to do business in the State of New Mexico, and requests that it be granted a hearing before a Commission appointed Examiner on June 27, 1973. Applicant respectfully alleges and states as follows:

- (1) Applicant, pursuant to Order R-4342, has conducted a series of tests to determine the performance characteristics of seven wells in the San Juan 32-9 Operating Unit of the Blanco Mesaverde Gas Pool when such wells are produced at various pressures below the normal Blanco Mesaverde gathering system pressure.
- (2) Applicant desires to continue such tests under the same terms and conditions set forth in Order R-4342 for the additional eighteen month period beginning July 1, 1973 and ending January 1, 1975.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that this matter be set for hearing after due notice as prescribed by law, and, after such notice and hearing, that the test period prescribed by Order R-4342 be extended until January 1, 1975.

EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY

A. M. Derrick
A. M. Derrick
Vice President

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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
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at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this day of June, 1973, 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 the applicant, El Paso Natural Gas Company,
pursuant to Order No. R-4342, has produced certain wells in
the Blanco-Mesaverde Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico, at
full capacity since February 1, 1972, in order to conduct a
series of tests to determine efficient operating pipeline
pressure.

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(3) That applicant will need an 18-month extension of time to complete these tests.

(4) That Order No. R-4342 should be continued in effect until ~~January 1, 1975~~ ^{December 31, 1974}.

(5) That granting applicant's request for an extension of Order No. R-4342 will afford the applicant an opportunity to gather additional valuable information concerning reservoir characteristics of the Blanco Mesaverde Pool, will be in the interest of conservation and will neither cause wate^s nor impair correlative rights.¹

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Order No. R-4342 is hereby extended in full force and effect until ~~January 1, 1975~~ ^{December 31, 1974}.

(2) 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.