CASE 5605: SAGUARO OIL COMPANY FOR SPECIAL POOL RULES, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO.

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BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION Santa Fe, New Mexico January 7, 1976 3 EXAMINER HEARING IN THE MATTER OF: Application of Saguaro Oil Company for) special pool rules, San Juan County, 7 New Mexico. 8 sid morrish reporting service

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Phone (505) 982-9212 BEFORE: Richard L. Stamets, Examiner TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING APPEARANCES William F. Carr, Esq. For the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission: Legal Counsel for the Commission State Land Office Building Santa Fc, New Mexico 16 Jason W. Kellahin, Esq. For the Applicant: KELLAHIN & FOX 17 Attorneys at Law 500 Don Gaspar 18 Santa Fe, New Mexico 19 20 21 23 24

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MR. STAMETS: We will call the next Case, 5605.

MR. CARR: Case 5605, application of Saguaro Oil Company for special pool rules, San Juan County, New Mexico.

MR. KELLAHIN: Jason Kellahin of Kellahin and Fox, Santa Fe appearing for the applicant and I have one witness; I would like to have sworn.

(THEREUPON, the witness was duly sworn.)

ROBERT EVERETT LAUTH

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

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. KELLAHIN:

- Would you state your name, please? Q.
- My name is Robert Everett Lauth, I'm a consulting geologist residing in Durango, Colorado.
- Have you ever testified before the Oil Conservation Commission and made your qualifications a matter of record?
 - Yes, I have.

MR. KELLAHIN: Are the witness's qualifications acceptable?

MR. STAMETS: They are.

- (Mr. Kellahin continuing.) How did you spell your last name, please?
 - Lauth, L-a-u-t-h.

Q.	Mr.	Lauth,	are you	ı familiar	with the	application	οí
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Saguaro	Oil C	ompany	in Case	5605?			

- A. Yes, I am.
- Q Briefly, what does the apriicant propose in this case?
- A. The applicant proposes, briefly, to go ahead and be able to drill in the Table Mesa field, a very old field, in Northwestern New Mexico, in essence on two-and-a-half acre spacing and not hindered or hampered by State regulations as far as distances from internal subdivision boundaries.
- Q. Referring to what has been marked as Saguaro's
 Exhibit Number One, would you identify that exhibit, please?
- A. Exhibit Number One is a lease plat showing Sayuaro Oil Company's Table Mesa lease. In essence this is a thirty-two hundred acre lease in parts of Sections 33, 34 and 35, Township 28 North, Range 17 West and parts of Sections 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 and 16 in Township 27 North, Range 17 West.
- Q. Referring to what has been marked as Exhibit Number Two, is that a legal description of the lease you have just discussed?
- A Yes, a very, very old lease in there and it was done before a formal survey so it is changed a little bit, but that is correct, the lease description.
- Q. Referring briefly back to Exhibit Number One, does that show the wells that have been drilled on the lease?

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- And it appears that the wells that have been drillad in Section 3 or Section 10 are not spaced on fortyacre spacing, is that correct?
- Originally they were not spaced on forty-acre A. spacing.
 - How did that occur? Q.
- That was before a spacing came into being in New Mexico and well control was primarily based upon structural positions.
- Now, referring to what has been marked as Exhibit Number Three, would you identify that exhibit and briefly discuss the information it contains?
- Exhibit Number Three is a brief history of the inception of the Table Mesa field from its discovery in 1925 to the present time. It outlines primarily the factual data and the various phases of development that has happened in the Dakota sand during this fifty-year pericd.

The oil production from the first benches of the Dakota sandstone had an average depth of about thirteen to fourteen hundred feet. The gravity of the oil was very high, it was fifty-six gravity and presently it is producing water. The water is very fresh, just with a high sulphur content.

The field was discovered by Continental Oil Company.

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The first phase of production consisted primarily of drilling on structure and a few off-structure wells. And during that time, during the period of 1925 to 1927, it was found that the Dakota sandstone had a very active water drive and the up-dip, high structural wells, were completely water free at this point and the down-dip wells that were completed were making some water.

In the second stage of the development which lasted from the period of 1939 to 1948, they completed about five wells, all of which produced some water.

The third phase of production or development occurred during 1961 and '62 and at this time the field was making a considerable amount of water so Continental installed high-volume pumps to go ahead and produce the water and the oil which was contained with it. In 1963 they started a pressure-maintenance by drilling two wells on the north end and injecting the water back into the formation. I don't think they achieved very good results and at this point is when they sold the field and it was subsequently acquired by Saguaro.

In 1970 Eastern Petroleum and eventually Saguaro went in there and drilled three additional wells to go ahead and see what effects all these years of production and the pressure maintenance had on the field and they found some very interesting oil zones but a lot of the wells, three wells in there couldn't be produced because of the high excessive rate

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of water and at this time in there we thought about coming before the Commission to go ahead and allow them to be able to go ahead and drill wells on a spot in there which would be structurally favorable for structure and also for sand conditions and also stay away from the water. At this point in there, this is what we are requesting, is that we would like to drill additional wells on the structural axis and along the north plunge and these locations be not hindered by regulations on footage to internal subdivision boundaries, to recover any attic or any residual oil that is left in the ground.

As I said previously Saguaro has a thirty-two hundred acre block that covers the entire structure and no adjacent leaseholders' correlative rights will be violated.

- Q Well, actually the main portion of the development is in Section 3, is it not?
 - A. It would be in Section 3 and Section 34.
- Q. And the offsetting acreage, at least as to 3, is open, is not held by anyone?
 - A Correct.
- Q So in your opinion the correlative rights of any other operators will not be affected by your proposal?
 - A. None whatsoever.
- Referring to what has been marked as Exhibit Number Four, would you identify that exhibit, please?

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- Now, referring to what has been marked as Exhibit Number Five, would you identify that exhibit?
- Exhibit Number Five is production data from the period of 1955 through 1975, showing the amount of water that has been produced and the daily barrels of oil produced. The decline is readily apparent.
- At this time is this reservoir reaching its economic limit under present production methods?
 - Yes, it is.
 - And would be abandoned in the near future?
- Referring to Exhibit Number Six, would you identify that exhibit, please?
- Exhibit Number Six is the actual production data through the period 1969 through 1975.
- That is essentially the same information as shown on Five?
- The same information. The two wells producing now, 5 and 20, are producing an average of about fifteen and a half barrels per day, with about a hundred and fifty barrels of water. The water is being injected into two wells on the nort

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Q. In the application that was filed in this case, the request was for the adoption of rules which would include a provision for wells to be located on two-and-a-half acre tracts?

A. Correct. More important would be to allow them to be not hampered by the regulation of internal distance from internal subdivision lines.

Q. Would you agree to no nearer than twenty-five feet to the outer boundary of any quarter-quarties section?

A. Oh, yes.

Q And no nearer than a hundred and sixty-five feet from the boundary of acreage owned by any offset operator?

A. Oh, yes.

Q Otherwise you want freedom to locate the well wherever you see fit?

A. Yes, the production will be of a low order and we propose to still be bounded by the forty-acre top allowable.

0. In other words, you will not produce greater than the top allowable from the forty-acre tract, regardless of the number of wells?

A. No.

C. Do you request an administrative procedure for approval of unorthodox locations or exceptions to the require-

ments based on to	pographical	conditions?
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- A. Yes, sir, most of the topography out there is not --
- Q. You don't think that will pose a problem?
- A. No.
- Q. Are you familiar with the order entered by this Commission in the Rattle Snake-Dakota pool case?
 - A. Yes.

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- Q. That being Order Number R-3751?
- A Yes, in essence and I appeared before the Commission on that and requested about the same thing, identical.
 - Q. Essentially, you are asking for the same thing here?
 - A. Correct.
- Q. And something along the lines of Order R-3751 would be satisfactory with Saguaro?
 - A Yes, sir.
- Q Were Exhibits One through Six Prepared by you or under your supervision?
 - A Yes.

MR. KELLAHIN: At this time I would like to offer into evidence Exhibits One through Six, inclusive.

MR. STAMETS: These exhibits will be admitted.

(THEREUPON, Saguaro's Exhibits One through

Six were admitted into evidence.)

MR. STAMETS: Are there any questions of the

25 | witness?

BY MR. STAMETS:

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Mr. Lauth, how many wells do you anticipate will be drilled?

CROSS EXAMINATION

On, probably no more than ten. The sand is a good, generous sand and it is water bearing and in essence all we are doing is just skimming the oil off. It is generally productive in the upper three to five feet at best and so, one well, if we find variations and conditions and there is some minor faulting through there, one well can drain any little particular attic trap that we find.

All of the lease that you show on Exhibit One, bounded by the dashed line, that is a single lease with common ownership throughout?

Yes, sir.

And comparing that to your map, Exhibit Four, it would seem to indicate that the liklihood that most of your locations would be toward the inside of the lease, rather than toward the lease line?

Very definitely.

MR. STAMETS: Any other questions of the witness? He may be excused.

(THEREUPON, the witness was excused.)

MR. STAMETS: Is there anything further in this Case? We will take the case under advisement.

REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

I, SIDNEY F. MORRISH, a Certified Shorthand 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.

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1 do hereby certify that the foregoing 18 a complete record of the proceedings in

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STATE GEOLOGIST EMERY C. ARNOLD

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Re: CASE NO. 5605 ORDER NO. R-5147

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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. 5605 Order No. R-5147

APPLICATION OF SAGUARO OIL COMPANY FOR SPECIAL POOL RULES, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on January 7, 1976, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 14th day of January, 1976, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations I 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, Saguaro Oil Company, seeks the establishment of special rules and regulations for the Table Mesa-Dakota Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico, to permit the drilling of wells on 2 1/2-acre spacing, provided that no well be located nearer than 25 feet to the outer boundary of the quarter-quarter section and no nearer than 165 feet to the boundary of acreage owned by an offset operator, and provided further, that a 40-acre proration unit would be subject to a 40-acre allowable regardless of the number of wells on the unit.
- (3) That the evidence presented indicates that the application of the proposed special pool rules may result in production of oil from the Table Mesa-Dakota Pool which would not otherwise be recovered, thereby preventing waste.
- (4) That in order to afford operators in the subject pool the opportunity to produce their just and equitable share of the oil in the pool, and to otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights, special rules and regulations providing for 2 1/2-acre spacing units should be promulgated for the Table Mesa-Dakota Pool.

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(5) That a 40-acre proration unit in the subject pool should not receive more than a 40-acre top unit allowable regardless of the number of wells on the 40-acre unit.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Special Rules and Regulations for the Table Mesa-Dakota Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico, are hereby promulgated as follows:

SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE TABLE MESA-DAKOTA POOL

- RULE 1. Each well completed or recompleted in the Table Mesa-Dakota Pool or in the Dakota formation within one mile thereof, and not nearer to or within the limits of another designated Dakota oil pool, shall be spaced, drilled, operated, and produced in accordance with the Special Rules and Regulations hereinafter set forth.
- RULE 2. Each well shall be located on a 2 1/2-acre tract and shall be located no nearer than 25 feet to the outer boundary of the quarter-quarter section on which it is located; provided however, that in no event shall said well or wells be completed or recompleted nearer than 165 feet to the boundary of acreage owned by an offset operator.

That nothing contained herein shall be construed as prohibiting the location of a well because of its nearness to a previously drilled well.

RULE 3. The Secretary-Director of the Commission shall have authority to grant exceptions to Rule 2 without notice and hearing where an application therefor has been filed in due form and the necessity for the exception is based on topographical conditions.

All operators owning acreage within 165 feet of the proposed location shall be notified of the application by registered or certified mail, and the application shall state that such notice has been furnished. The Secretary-Director may approve the application upon receipt of written waivers from all operators owning acreage within 165 feet of the proposed location or if no such operator has entered an objection to the unorthodox location within 20 days after the Secretary-Director has received the application.

RULE 4. A 40-acre proration unit shall not produce in excess of the 40-acre top unit allowable regardless of the number of wells on the unit.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

(1) That the locations of all wells presently drilling to or completed in the Table Mesa-Dakota Pool or in the Dakota formation within one mile thereof are hereby approved; that

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the operator of any well having an unorthodox location shall notify the Aztec District Office of the Commission in writing of the name and location of the well on or before February 15, 1976.

(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 herein-above designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PHIL R. LUCERO, Chairman

EMERY C. ARNOLD, Member

JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Secretary

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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. 41 Urder No. R-

APPLICATION OF BASTERN PETROLEUM COMPANY FOR SPECIAL POOL RULES, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Hivis

NOW, on this 14th day of May, 1969, 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.
- Saguaro Oil (2) That the applicant, Editor Petroleum Company, seeks the establishment of special rules and regulations for the Rattlesnake-Dakota Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico, to permit the drilling of wells on 2 1/2-acre spacing, provided that no well be located nearer than 25 feet to the outer boundary of the quarter-quarter section and no nearer than 165 feet to another well producing from the same pool, and provided further, that a 40-acre proration unit would be subject to a 40-acre allowable regardless of the number of wells on the unit.
- (3) That the evidence presented indicates that wells may to be drilled nearer than 50 feet to the outer boundary of the quarter quarter section and/or nearer than 165 feet another well producing from the same pool in order to efficiently esult in production of oil from the Table Mesa-red, Thereby preventing waste. and economically drain the subject reservoir-

-2-CASE NO. 4117 Order No. R-3751

- (4) That in order to afford operators in the subject pool the opportunity to produce their just and equitable share of the oil in the pool, and to otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights, special rules and regulations providing for 2 1/2-acre spacing inits should be promulgated for the Rattlesnake Table Dakota Pool.
- (5) That a 40-acre proration unit in the subject pool should not receive more than a 40-acre top unit allowable for wells in the 0-4999 foot depth range in Northwest New Mexico, regardless of the number of wells on the 40-acre unit.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

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- RULE 2. Each well shall be located on a 2 1/2-acre tract and shall be located no nearer than 25 feet to the outer boundary of the quarter-quarter section on which it is located; provided however, that in no event shall said well or wells be completed or recompleted nearer than 165 feet to the boundary of acreage owned by an offset operator.

That nothing contained herein shall be construed as prohibiting the location of a well because of its nearness to a previously drilled well.

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RULE 4. A 40-acre proration unit shall not produce in excess of the 40-acre top unit allowable for wells in the 0 4999 foot depth range in Northwest New Mexico, regardless of the number of wells on the unit.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

(1) That the locations of all wells presently drilling to or completed in the Rattlechake-Dakota Pool or in the Dakota formation within one mile thereof are hereby approved; that the operator of any well having an unorthodox location shall notify the Aztec District Office of the Commission in writing of the name and location of the well on or before June 1, 1969.

(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

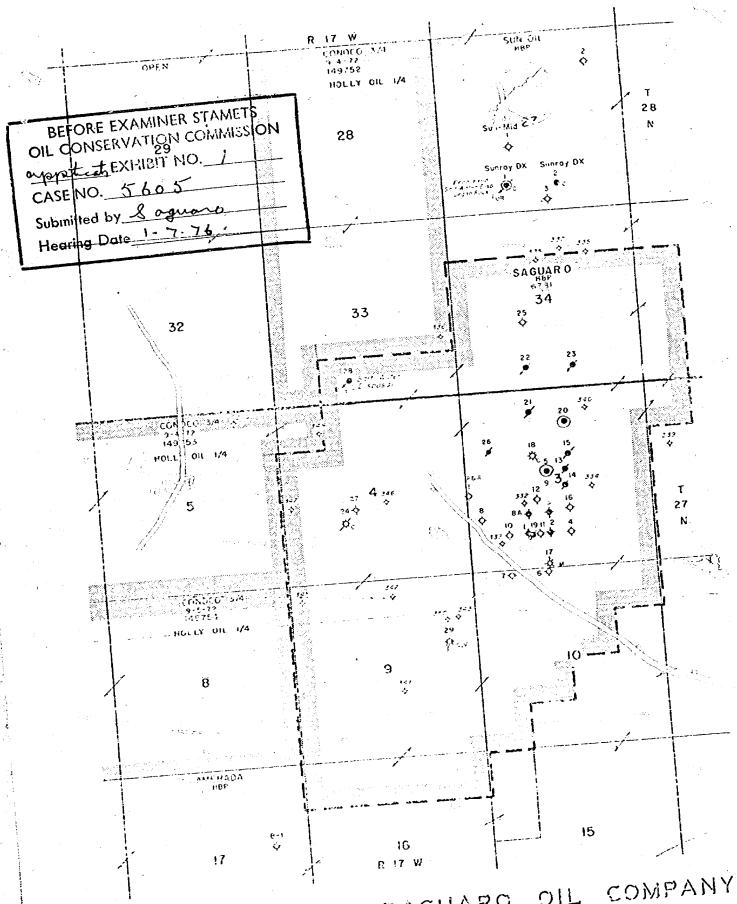
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SAGUARO OIL COMPANY LEASE PLAT

EXHIBIT

TABLE MESA

1. I-89-IND-57 dated November 30, 1923, by and between H. J. Hagerman, acting for and in behalf of the Navajo Tribe of Indians and J. C. Bailey:

Beginning at a point 44 miles South and 1 mile East of the Southwest corner of Township 29 North, Range 17 West, N.M.P.H., San Juan County, New Mexico (as place of beginning), thence South two miles, thence East one mile, thence North one quarter mile, thence East one quarter mile, thence North one quarter mile, thence East one quarter mile, thence North one quarter mile, thence East one quarter mile, thence North one quarter mile, thence East one quarter mile, thence North one mile, thence East one quarter mile, thence North one mile, thence West one and one quarter miles, pothence South one half mile, thence West three quarters file, thence South one half mile, thence West one quarter mile to the place of beginning, containing 3200 acres more or less, which when surveyed will contain the following approximate subdivisions:

TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 17 WEST, N.M.P.M. (Unsurveyed)

Section 33: ShSE4, SEASWA Section 34: ShN4, Sh Section 35: WhSWA, SWANWA

TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 17 WEST, N.M.P.M. (Unsurveyed)

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BEFORE EXAMINER STAMETS OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION exphain EXHIBIT NO. 2 CASE NO. 5605 40 Submitted by Saguaro
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SAGUARO DIL COMPANY

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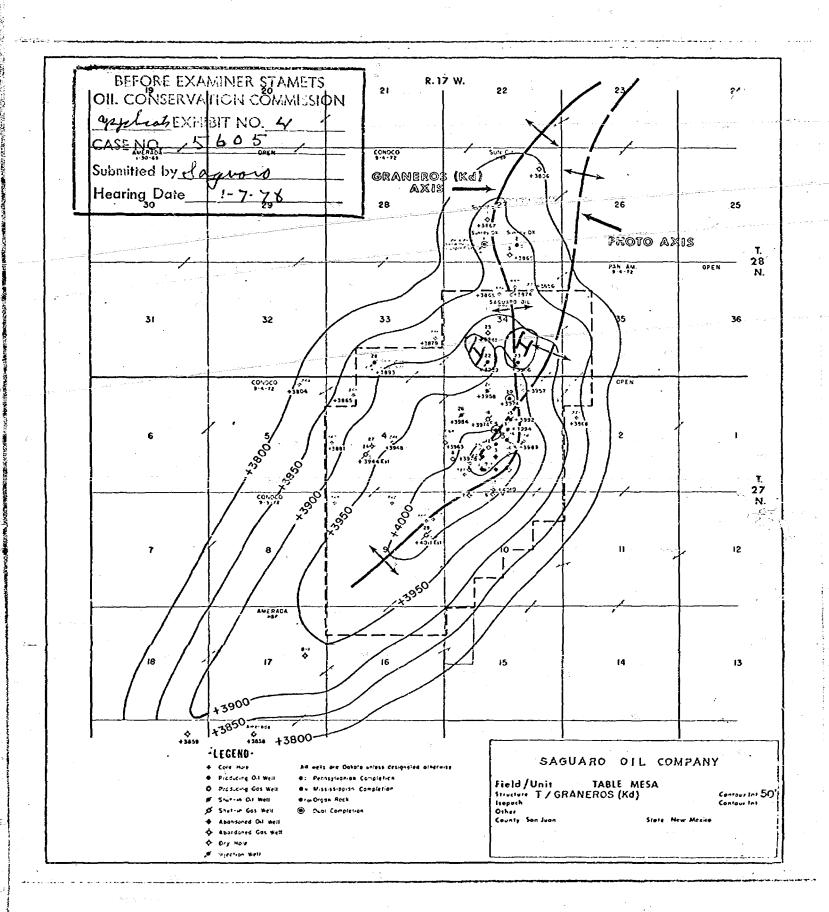
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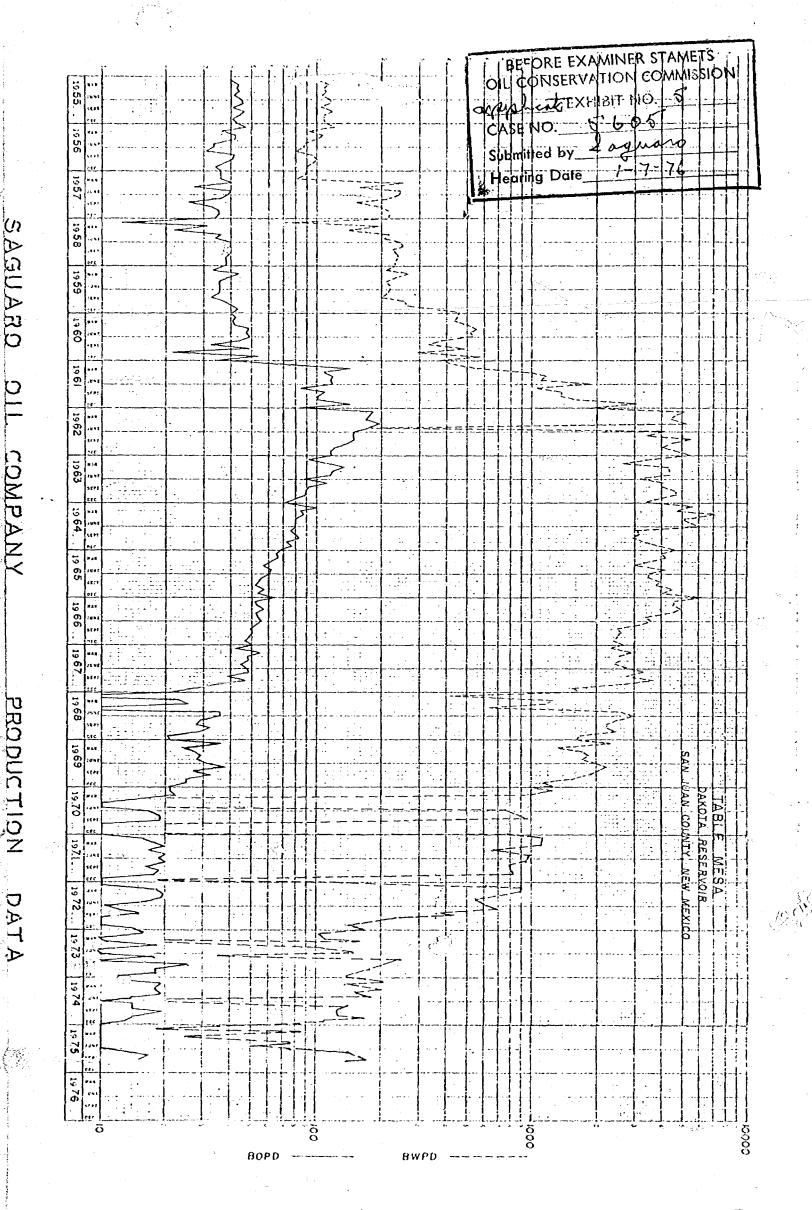


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SECTION II

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RATTLESNAKE-DAKOTA POOL San Juan County, New Mexico

Order No. R-3751, Adopting Operating Rules for the Rattle-snake-Dakota P(ol, San Juan County, New Mexico, May 14, 1969,

Application of Eastern Petroleum Company for Special Pool Rules, San Juan County, New

CASE NO. 4117 Order No. R-3751

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION: This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on May 7, 1969, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this 14th day of May, 1969, 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,

- (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, Eastern Petroleum Company, seeks the establishment of special rules and regulations for the Rattlesnake-Dakota Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico, to permit the drilling of wells on 2-1/2-acre spacing, provided that no well be located nearer than 50 feet to the outer boundary of the quarter-quarter section and no nearer than 165 feet to another well producing from the same pool, and provided further, that a 40-acre proration unit would be subject to a 40-acre allowable regardless of the number of wells on the unit.
- (3) That the evidence presented indicates that wells may need to be drilled nearer than 50 feet to the outer boundary of the quarter-quarter section and/or nearer than 165 feet to another well producing from the same pool in order to efficiently and economically drain the subject reservoir.
- (4) That in order to afford operators in the subject pool the opportunity to produce their just and coultable share of the oil in the pool, and to otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights, special rules and regulations providing for 2-1/2-acre spacing units should be promulgated for the Rattlesnake-Dakota Pool.
- (5) That a 40-acre poraton unit in the subject pool should not receive more than a 40-acre top unit allowable for wells in the 0-4999 foot depth range in Northwest New Mexico, regardless of the number of wells on the 40-acre unit.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That Special Rules and Regulations for the Rattlesnake-Dakota Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico, are hereby promulgated as follows:

SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE RATTLESNAKE-DAKOTA POOL

- RULE 1. Each well completed or recompleted in the Rattle-snake-Dakota Pool or in the Dakota formation within one mile thereof, and not nearer to or within the limits of another designated Dakota oil pool, shall be spaced, drilled, operated, and produced in accordance with the Special Rules and Regulations benefits set forth hereinafter set forth.
- RULE 2. Each well shall be located on a 2-1/2-acre tract and shall be located no nearer than 25 feet to the outer boundary of the quarter-quarter section on which it is located; provided however, that in no event shall said well or wells be completed or recompleted nearer than 165 feet to the boundary of acreage owned by an offset operator.

That nothing contained herein shall be construed as pro-hibiting the location of a well because of its nearness to a previously drilled well.

- RULE 3. The Secretary-Director of the Commission shall have authority to grant exceptions to Rule 2 without notice and hearing where an application therefor has been filed in due form and the necessity for the exception is based on topographical conditions.
- All operators owning acreage within 165 feet of the proposed location shall be notified of the application by registered or certified mail, and the application shall state that such notice has been furnished. The Secretary-Director may approve the application upon receipt of written waivers from all operators owning acreage within 165 feet of the proposed location or if no such operator has entered an objection to the unorthodox location within 20 days after the Secretary-Director has received the application.
- RULE 4. A 40-acre proration unit shall not produce in excess of the 40-acre top unit allowable for wells in the 0-4999 foot depth range in Northwest New Mexico, regardless of the number of wells on the unit.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

- (1) That the locations of all wells presently drilling to or completed in the Rattlesnake-Dakota Pool or in the Dakota formation within one mile thereof are hereby approved; that the operator of any well having an unorthodox location shall notify the Aziec District Office of the Commission in writing of the name and location of the well on or before June 1, 1969,
- (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 herein-

Docket No. 1-76

Dockets Nos. 2-76 and 3-76 are centatively set for hearing on January 14 and January 21, 1976. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER PLARING - WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 7, 1976

9 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM,
STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO
The following cases will be heard before Richard L. Stamets, Examiner or Daniel
S. Notter, Alternate Examiner:

- CASE 5600: Case of Charplin Petroleum Company for special pool rules, Eddy County, Ne. Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the promulation of special pool rules for the East Carlebad-Wolfcamp Gas Pool Eddy County, New Mexico, including a provision for 320-acre spacing.
- CASE 5601: Application of Consolidated Oil & Gas, Inc. for downhole corningling, Rio Arriba County, New Yexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval to commingle apacito-Pictured Cliffs and Basin-Dakota gas production in the wellbore of its Tribal "C" Well No. 10-7, located y Unit J of Section 7, Township 26 North, Range 3 West, Rio Arrara County, New Mexico.
- CASE 5602: Application of Consolidated Oil & Gas, Inc. for downhole commingling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to commingle Fulcher Kutz-Pictured Citifs and Aztec-Fruitisma Gas production in the wellbore of its Collins Well No. 1, Manley Well No. 1, and Walz Well No. 1, located, respectively, in Units E, P, and L of Section 31, Township 29 North, Range 10 West, San Juan County, New Mexico.
- CASE 5603: Application of Burleson and Huff for compulsory pooling; a nonstandard gas proration unit, aid an unorthodox location, hea County,
 New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order
 pooling all mineral interests/in the Jaimat Cas Pool underlying
 the Nu/4 of Section 35, Tounsing 25 South, Range 37 East, hea County,
 New Mexico, to form a non-standard 160-acre proration unit; applicant further seeks the pooling of all mineral interests in the
 Linglie-12-tit Pool underlying each of the following tracts in said
 Section 35 to form three standard 40-acre proration units: the NE/4
 NN/4, to be dedicated to applicant's Dabbs Well No. 1, located 330
 feet from the North line and 2310 feet from the West line of said
 Section 35; the SE/4 NN/4, to be dedicated to applicant's Dabbs
 Well No. 3, located 1980 feet from the North and West lines of said
 Section 35; and the SW/4 NW/4, to be dedicated to a well to be
 drilled on said tract at a standard Langlie Mattur Pool location.
 In the event re-entry into either the Dabbs Well No. 1 or No. 3
 is unsuccessful, applicant proposes to drill a replacement well
 at a standard lecation on fits tract. Applicant further proposes
 to didicate the 160-acre Jelmat prorution unit to one of the three
 above-described wells, and in the event it should be the Dabbs
 Well No. 1, applicant seeks approval for the unorthodox Jalmat
 location for said well. Also to be considered will be the cost
 of re-entering, drilling, and completing said wells and the allocation of such costs as well as actual operating costs and charges
 for supervision. Also to be considered will be the designation of
 the applicant as operator of the wells and a charge for the risk
 involved in re-entering, drilling, and completing said wells.

 CASE 5504: Application of surapon & Huff for a waterflood project, Lea County,
- CASE 5503: Application of Jurison & Huff for a waterflood project, Lea County, New Maxico Applicate, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project in the Quercho Plains-Queen Pool by the injection of water into the Queen formation through its Analarko Federal Well No. 6 to be drilled at an unorthodox location in the approximate tenter of the SW/4 of Section 27, Township 18 Seeth, Range 32 East, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant further stakes an addinistrative projecture for approval of additional wells at standard and non-standard locations within the project area.

CASE 5605: Application of Gaguaro Oil Company for special pool rules, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the promulgation of special pool rules for the Table Mesa-Dakota Oil Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico, including a provision for 2 1/2-acre spacing.

- CASE 5606: Application of Cities Service 011 Company for downhole commingling, lea County, New Mexico. Apriliant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval to commingle Tubb and Drinkard production in the wellbore of its Brunson B Well No. 3, located in Unit M of Section 3, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, Lea County, New Mexico.
- CASE 5607: Application of Black River Corporation for an unorthodox oil well location, Eddy County, New Vexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to drill an undesignated Canyon formation well at all unorthodox location 280 feet from the South line and 150 feet from the West line of Section 33, Township 25 South, Range 24 East, Eddy County, New Yerico.
- CASE 5608: Application of Northern Natural Gas Company for a unit agreement, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the Magruder Hill Unit Area comprising 2,255 acres, more or less, of Federal, State, and fee lands in Township 22 South, Range 25 and 26 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- CASE 5609: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its Nellor "EO" Well to be drilled at a point 1980 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line or in the alternative, 660 feet from the North and West lines of Section 30, Township 17 South, Range 26 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, the N/2 of said Section 30 to be dedicated to the well.
- CASE 5610: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its Caskey "EV" Well to be drilled at a point 660 feet from the South line and 1400 feet from the West line of Section 30, Township 17 South, Range 26 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, the S/2 of said Section 30 to be dedicated to the well.
- CASE 5611: Application of David C. Collier for an unorthodox oil well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-ctyled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of his Welch State No. 7 Well located 1330 feet from the South and West lines of Section 17, Township 18 South, Pange 28 East, Artesia Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, said well having forcerly been a water injection well.
- CASE 5612: Application of Dalport Oil Corporation for exception to the provisions of Order No. R-3221, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant; in the above-styled cause, seeks as an exception to the provisions of Commission Order No. R-3221 permission to dispose of produced salt water from its State C Wells Nos. 1, 2, and 3, located in Units D. F., and L., respectively, of Section 16, Tornship 15 South, Range 30 East, Double L Queen Associated Pool, Chaves County, New Mexico, in an unlined surface pit located in Unit E of said Section 16.

CASE 5596: (Reopened & Readvertised)

Application of Burk Royalty Company for statutory unitization, Chares County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order unitizing, for the purpose of secondary recovery, all mineral interests in the Queen formation underlying the following-described lands, Double L-Queen Pool, Chaves County, New Mexico:

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TOWNSHIP 14 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NAPM Section 23: E/2 SE/4

Section 23: 6/2 35/4
Section 24: W/2 SW/4
Section 25: NV4/2 SW/4 NE/4, N/2 SW/4, SE/4 SW/4, W/2 SE/4,
Section 25: NV4/2 SW/4 NE/4, N/2 SW/4, SE/4 SW/4, W/2 SE/4,
Section 25: NV4/2 NW/4, NV2/3 SE/4, & SE/4 SE/4

TOWNSHIP 14 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPH Section 31: W/2, W/2 SE/4, & SE/4 SE/4

TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, MMPM Section 1: E/2 E/2
Section 12: NE/4.6 E/2 SE/4
Section 13: NE/4 NE/4

TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NORM Section 6: N/2, SW/4, 6 NW/4 SE/4 Section 7: W/2 W/2 6 NE/4 NW/4 Section 18: NW/4

Among the matters to be considered at the hearing will be the necessity of unit operations and the feasibility of the proposed secondary recovery program; the designation of a unit operator; the determination of the horizontal and vertical limits of the unit area; the determination of a fair, reasonable, and equitable allocation of production and costs of production, including capital investment, to each of the various cracts in the unit area; the determination of credits and charges to be made among the various owners in the unit area for their investment in wells and equipment; and such other matters as may be necessary and appropriate for carrying on efficient unit operations, including, but not necessarily limited to, unit voting procedures, selection, removal, or substitution of unit operator, and time of commencement and termination of unit operations. ocerations.

CASE 5613:

Southeaster New Mexico nomenclature case calling for an order for the creation and extension of certain pools in Lea, Eddy, and Chaves Counties. New Mexico.

(a) Create a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for Bone Springs production and designated as the West Grama Ridge-Bone Springs Pool. The discovery well is Southern Union Production Company Barbara Federal Well No. 1 located in Unit I of Section 6, Township 22 South, Range 34 East, MAPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NYPH Section 6: SE/4

(b) Create a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Strawn production and designated as the Hay Hollow-Strawn Gas Pool. The discovery well is Great Western Brilling Company Hay Hollow Unit Well No. 1 located in Unit J of Section 11, Township 26 South, Range 27 East, NORM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 26 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NNPM Section 11: E/2

(c) Create a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Delaware production and designated as the Ross-Draw-Delaware Gas Pool. The discovery well is J. C. Williamson Ross Draw Unit Well No. 1 located in Unit N of Section 27, Township 26 South, Range 30 East, NMPM. Said gool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 26 SOUTH, RANGE 30 FAST, NAPM Section 27: W/2 Section 34: NW/4

(d) Create a new pool in Chayes County, New Mexico, classified as an eil pool for San Andres production and designated as the Sulimar-San

Andres Pool: The discovery well is McClellan Gil Corporation Lisa A Federal Well No. 1Y located in Unit X of Section 13, Iownship 15 South, Range 29 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH, RANCE 29 EAST, NORM Section 13: SW/4

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therein:

(e) Extend the vertical limits of the Legg-Norrow Gas Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include the Atoka formation; and redesignate the pool as the Legg Atoka-Morrow Gas Pool.

(f) Extend the Antelope Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NNPM Section 26: S/2 Section 35: N/2

(g) Extend the Bar-U-Pennsylvanian Pool in Chaves County, New Mexico,

TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMFM Section 31: S/2

(h) Extend the North Burton Flats-Wolfcamp Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NEEM Section 19: S/2 Section 30: W/2

(1) Extend the Chaveroo-San Andres Pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANCE 33 EAST, NMPM Section 17: NW/4 Section 18: NE/4

(j) Extend the East Chisun-San Andres Pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NYPM Section 9: E/2 SE/4 and S/2 SW/4

(k) Extend the High Plains-Pennsylvanian Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 14 SOUTH, RANGE 34 FAST, NMPM Section 26: SW/4

(1) Extend the Jaluat Gas Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include

TOWNSHIP 26 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, MMPM Section 2: NW/4

(m) Extend the South Lucky Lake-Queen Pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM Section 22: W/2 NW/4

(n) Extend the Pecos-Delaware Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP Z6 SOUTH; RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM Section 27: SW/4 NE/4 and W/2 SE/4

(o) Extend the North Vacuum-Abo Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, NATH Section 6: SW/4

(p) Extend the Vacuum-Queen Cas Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, PANGE 24 EAST, NMPM Section 11: NV/4

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> Mr. Joe D. Ramey, Secretary-Director New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Mr. Ramey:

Enclosed, in triplicate, is the application of Saguaro Oil Company for the adoption of special pool rules for the Table Mesa-Dakota Oil Pool, similar to the rules adopted by the Commission for the Rattlesnake-Dakota pool.

It is requested that this application be set for hearing at the January 7, 1976 examiner hearing.

Yours very truly,

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APPLICATION

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- 1. Applicant is the sole operator in the Table Mesa-Dakota Oil Pool.
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- b. Adoption of an administrative procedure for approval of an exception to the well spacing requirements based on topographical conditions.
- c. A provision that a 40 acre proration unit hall not produce in excess of the 40-acre top unit allowable for wells completed in the Table Mesa-Dakota Oil Pool, régardless of the number of wells on the unit.
- 5. Approval of the proposed spacing regulations is in the interests of conservation, will prevent waste, result in the greatest ultimate recovery of oil from the Table Mesa-Dakota Oil Pool, and fully protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE applicant prays that this application be set for hearing before the Commission or the Commission's duly appointed examiner, and that after notice and hearing as required by law, the Commission enter its order adopting the special pool rules as proposed.

Respectfully submitted, SAGUARO OIL COMPANY

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