## STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

# IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

## CASE NO. 11350 ORDER NO. R-10435

# GAS ALLOWABLES FOR THE PRORATED GAS POOLS IN NEW MEXICO FOR OCTOBER, 1995 THROUGH MARCH, 1996.

#### **ORDER OF THE DIVISION**

#### **BY THE DIVISION:**

This cause came on for hearing at 9:00 a.m. on August 3, 1995, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this <u>22nd</u> day of August, 1995, the Commission, a quorum being present and having considered the testimony, the exhibits received at said hearing, and being fully advised in the premises,

### **FINDS THAT:**

(1) Due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) This hearing was called for the purpose of accepting nominations and other evidence and information to assist in determining October, 1995 through March, 1996 gas allowables for the prorated gas pools in New Mexico. Nine of the prorated gas pools are in Lea, Eddy, and Chaves Counties in Southeast New Mexico, and the other four prorated gas pools are in San Juan, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties in Northwest New Mexico.

(3) Amendments to the Gas Proration Rules approved by the Commission Order No. R-8170-H in December, 1990 provide for allowables to be established for six month allocation periods beginning in April and October of each year.

(4) Average monthly allowables for October, 1995 through March, 1996 for each pool should be based on the monthly average individual pool production for October, 1994 through March, 1995, with administrative adjustments where appropriate.

(5) Accurate pool production volumes for October, 1994 through March, 1995 were not available due to incomplete production data. Oil Conservation Division preliminary allowables were based on available production information with adjustments to make proposed allowables consistent with previous allowables.

(6) Meridian submitted testimony and exhibits to support their request for increased allowables in the Northwest New Mexico pools. They discussed "infrastructure factors" which will increase both producing and pipeline capacity. Meridian indicated that currently assigned allowables do not restrict production. Amoco submitted exhibits and testimony to support their request that current allowables (April through September, 1995) be continued in effect for October, 1995 through March, 1996.

(7) Oryx Energy Company submitted evidence to support Oil Conservation Division's proposed allowable for the Indian Basin Upper Penn Pool. Chevron voiced their support.

(8) Exxon requested that allowable for the Tubb Pool be increased to 16,750 MCF per month. Evidence was submitted to show that several wells are capable of producing at this rate.

(9) Exxon indicated their support for Oil Conservation Division proposed allowables in Blinebry and Eumont. Chevron supports the Eumont allowable.

(10) Testimony by Oil Conservation Division showed that 1994 gas production increased slightly compared to 1993. 1995 production is expected to be approximately the same as 1994. The Oil Conservation Division witness stated that Canadian competition is decreasing New Mexico's share of the California market.

(11) Allowable increases proposed for the Tubb Pool in the Southeast and for the four Northwest Pools should be approved.

# **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

(1) Exhibits "A" and "B" attached to and incorporated herein, are adopted for the purpose of making allowable assignments for the prorated gas pools in New Mexico for the

months of October, 1995 through March, 1996. Exhibit "A" includes the increase proposed for the Tubb Pool. Exhibit "B" is a modification of Exhibit "B" from Order No. R-10328. It will continue the allowables currently in effect for the pools in the Northwest.

(2) 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

JAMI BAILEY, Member

Bill Weiss WILLIAM W. WEISS, Member WILLIAM J. LE MAY, Chairman

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\*Factors from previous period.

Tapacito Pictured Cliffs	Blanco P.C. South	Blanco Mesaverde	Basin Dakota	POOL NAME
326,656	1,216,638	16,495,592	9,548,540	AVG MONTHLY POOL SALES APR93-SEP93
2,509	39,353	535,491	108,958	POOL ADJ
329,165	1,255,991	17,031,083	9,657,498	MONTHLY POOL ALLOWABLE OCT95-MAR96
314,232	1,106,658	14,049,750	9,377,498	MONTHLY MARGINAL POOL ALLOW- ABLE OCT95-MAR96
14,933	149,333	2,981,333	280,000	MONTHLY NON- MARGINAL POOL ALLOW- ABLE OCT95-MAR96
8.00	84.80	129.16	15.05	NUMBER OF NON- MARGINAL ACR. FACTORS
566	3,974	85,529	7,978	NUMBER OF NON-MARGINAL ACR.*DLV.
467	440	5,771	11,163	MONTHLY ACREAGE ALLOC. FACTOR
19.79	28.18	26.14	14.04	MONTHLY ACR.*DLV. FACTOR

\*\*All Gas Volumes Shown in MCF

EXHIBIT "B"

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# OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION MARKET DEMAND AND ALLOWABLE DETERMINATION SCHEDULE PRORATED GAS POOLS OF NORTHWEST NEW MEXICO FOR OCTOBER 1995 THROUGH MARCH 1996