

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. 350
ORDER NO. R-140

THE APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL
OIL COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO
DUALY COMPLETE AND PRODUCE ITS
H. M. BRITT B-10 NO. 1 WELL, SW SW
SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE
37 EAST, NMPM, LEA COUNTY, NEW
MEXICO, IN SUCH MANNER AS TO PERMIT
PRODUCTION OF OIL FROM THE GRAYBURG
FORMATION AND GAS FROM THE QUEEN
FORMATION.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9:00 a. m. on March 20, 1952, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 15th day of April, 1952, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the records and the testimony adduced, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

(1) That due notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of the case and the persons and subject matter thereof.

(2) That applicant's H. M. Britt B-10 No. 1 Well, SW/4 SW/4 section 10, Township 20 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, was completed in November 1937 as an oil well in the Grayburg pay, bottomed at 3,921 feet and produced from the open-hole interval 3,679 to 3,921 feet, having drilled through the Queen gas zone (3,400 to 3,550 feet).

(3) That although recent experiments tend to show that mechanical packers and other devices are ordinarily available for successful dual/multiple completions of oil - gas wells, the Commission is unconvinced of the soundness, as a waste-prevention practice, of such dual/multiple completions as a general practice in New Mexico without specific controls over each such project.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That the applicant, herein, Continental Oil Company, be, and it hereby is authorized to dually complete and produce H. M. Britt B-10 well No. 1 located 330 feet from the west line and 660 feet from the south line of section 10, Township 20 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, (in the Eunice-Monument pool) in such a manner that gas from the Queen formation may be produced through the annular space between the casing and tubing, and oil from the Grayburg formation through the tubing, by the use of proper perforations and the installation of proper packer or packers;

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That subject well shall be completed, and thereafter produced, in such a manner that there will be no commingling within the well bore, either within or outside the casing, of gas, oil and gas, or oil produced from either or both the separate strata, and,

PROVIDED FURTHER, That said subject well for dual completion and production shall be equipped in such a way that reservoir pressures may be determined separately for each of the two specified strata, and further, be equipped with all necessary connections required to permit recording meters to be installed and used, at any time, as may be required by the Commission or its representatives in order that natural gas, oil, or oil and gas from each separate stratum may be accurately measured and the gas-oil ratio thereof determined, and,

PROVIDED FURTHER, That the operator-applicant shall make any and all tests, including segregation tests, but not excluding other tests and/or determinations at any convenient time, and in such manner as deemed necessary by the Commission; the original and all subsequent tests shall be witnessed by representatives of the Commission and by representatives of offset operators, if any there be, at their election, and the results of each test properly attested to by the applicant herein and all witnesses, and shall be filed with the Commission within ten (10) days after the completion of such test, and,

PROVIDED FURTHER, That upon the actual dual completion of such subject well, applicant shall submit to the Commission a diagrammatic sketch of the mechanical installation which was actually used to complete and produce the seal between the strata, and a special report of production, gas-oil ratio and reservoir pressure determination of each producing zone ~~or stratum~~ immediately following completion.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That jurisdiction of this cause is hereby retained by the Commission for such further order or orders as may seem necessary or convenient for the prevention of waste and/or protection of correlative rights; upon failure of applicant to comply with any requirement of this order after proper notice and hearing, the Commission may terminate the authority hereby granted and require applicant or its successor and assigns to limit its activities to regular single-zone production in the interests of conservation.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

EDWIN L. MECHEM, Chairman

GUY SHEPARD, Member

R. R. SPURRIER, SECRETARY