

Continental Oil Company
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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. 3096
Order No. R-2766

APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL OIL
COMPANY FOR SPECIAL POOL RULES,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on August 26, 1964, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this 8th day of September, 1964, 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, Continental Oil Company, seeks the promulgation of special rules and regulations for the Maljamar-Abo Pool in Township 17 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, including a provision for 80-acre spacing units and a gas-oil ratio of 6000 to 1.

(3) That one well in the Maljamar-Abo Pool can efficiently and economically drain and develop 80 acres.

(4) That in order to prevent the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, to avoid the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, to prevent reduced recovery which might result from the drilling of too few wells, and to otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights, special rules and regulations providing

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for 80-acre spacing units should be promulgated for the Maljamar-Abo Pool.

(5) That the special rules and regulations should provide for limited well locations in order to assure orderly development of the pool and protect correlative rights.

(6) That the special rules and regulations should provide for a limiting gas-oil ratio of 4000 to 1 in order to allow each operator in the pool the opportunity to use his just and equitable share of the reservoir energy.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That Special Rules and Regulations for the Maljamar-Abo Pool are hereby promulgated as follows:

SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS
FOR THE
MALJAMAR-ABO POOL

RULE 1. Each well completed or recompleted in the Maljamar-Abo Pool or in the Abo formation within one mile thereof, and not nearer to or within the limits of another designated Abo 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 standard unit containing 80-acres, more or less, consisting of the N/2, S/2, E/2, or W/2 of a governmental quarter section; provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall be construed as prohibiting the drilling of a well on each of the quarter-quarter sections in the unit.

RULE 3. The Secretary-Director of the Commission may grant an exception to the requirements of Rule 2 without notice and hearing when an application has been filed for a non-standard unit comprising a single quarter-quarter section or lot. All operators offsetting the proposed non-standard unit 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 offset operators or if no offset operator has entered an objection to the formation of the non-standard unit

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within 30 days after the Secretary-Director has received the application.

RULE 4. The first well drilled on every standard or non-standard unit shall be located in the NE/4 or SW/4 of a governmental quarter section. All wells shall be located within 150 feet of the center of a governmental quarter-quarter section.

RULE 5. The Secretary-Director may grant an exception to the footage requirements of Rule 4 without notice and hearing when an application has been filed for an unorthodox location necessitated by topographical conditions or the recompletion of a well previously drilled to another horizon, provided the well will be located no nearer than 330 feet to the outer boundary of the unit. All operators offsetting the proposed unorthodox 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 offset operators or if no offset operator has entered an objection to the unorthodox location within 20 days after the Secretary-Director has received the application.

RULE 6. A standard proration unit (79 through 81 acres) shall be assigned an 80-acre proportional factor of 4.00 for allowable purposes, and in the event there is more than one well on an 80-acre proration unit, the operator may produce the allowable assigned to the unit from the wells on the unit in any proportion.

The allowable assigned to a non-standard proration unit shall bear the same ratio to a standard allowable as the acreage in such non-standard unit bears to 80 acres.

RULE 7. The limiting gas-oil ratio shall be 4000 cubic feet of gas for each barrel of oil produced.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

(1) That any operator desiring to dedicate 80 acres to a well presently drilling to or completed in the Maljamar-Abo Pool shall file a new Form C-128 with the Commission on or before September 15, 1964.

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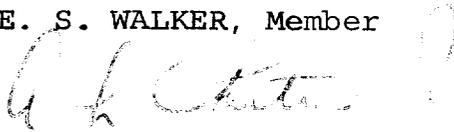
(2) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION


JACK M. CAMPBELL, Chairman


E. S. WALKER, Member


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

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