

*Entered September 27, 1972*  
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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. 4821  
Order No. R-4406

APPLICATION OF GETTY OIL COMPANY  
FOR DOWNHOLE COMMINGLING, LEA  
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on September 13, 1972, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 27th day of September, 1972, 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, Getty Oil Company, is the owner and operator of the State "BA" Well No. 8, located in Unit B of Section 36, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That pursuant to authority granted by Administrative Order MC-1497, said Well No. 8 was completed by the applicant as a triple completion (conventional) to produce oil from the North Vacuum-Abo, Vacuum-Wolfcamp, and Vacuum-Upper Pennsylvanian Pools.

(4) That each of the three zones in the subject well is capable of only low marginal production.

(5) That the applicant now seeks authority to complete said Well No. 8 in such a manner as to produce oil from the subject well through one string of 2 7/8-inch tubing, commingling in the well-bore the production from the North Vacuum-Abo, Vacuum-Wolfcamp, and Vacuum-Upper Pennsylvanian Pools.

(6) That the proposed commingling in the subject well of the three zones may substantially extend the productive lives of said zones in the subject well.

(7) That the reservoir characteristics of each of the zones in the subject well are such that underground waste would not be caused by the proposed commingling in the well-bore.

(8) That the proposed commingling may result in the recovery of additional oil from each of the commingled zones in the subject well, thereby preventing waste, and will not violate correlative rights.

(9) That the mechanics of the proposed completion are feasible and in accord with good conservation practices.

(10) That to afford the Commission the opportunity to assess the potential for waste and to expeditiously order appropriate remedial action the operator should notify the Hobbs District Office of the Commission any time the subject well is shut-in for seven consecutive days.

(11) That the commingled production should be allocated upon the basis of updated production tests and decline curves submitted to the Santa Fe Office of the Commission at the time of conversion.

(12) That approval of the subject application will prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

(13) That Administrative Order MC-1497 should be superseded.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Getty Oil Company, is hereby authorized to complete its State "BA" Well No. 8, located in Unit B of Section 36, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, in such a manner as to produce oil from the North Vacuum-Abo, Vacuum-Wolfcamp, and Vacuum-Upper Pennsylvanian Pools through one string of 2 7/8-inch tubing, commingling in the well-bore the production from the pools.

(2) That immediately upon conversion of the above-described well to a single string of tubing the operator shall furnish the Santa Fe Office of the Commission updated production tests and decline curves for each of the zones, whereupon, the Commission shall establish a formula for allocating the commingled oil production and commingled gas production to the various zones.

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(3) That the commingling in the well-bore authorized by this order shall continue only so long as the commingled production of the two zones does not exceed 80 barrels of oil per day nor 80 barrels of water per day.

(4) That the maximum amount of gas which may be produced daily from the commingled zones in the subject well shall be determined by multiplying 2,000 by the top unit allowable for the Vacuum-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool.

(5) That the operator of the subject well shall immediately notify the Commission's Hobbs district office any time the well has been shut-in for seven consecutive days and shall concurrently present, to the Commission, a plan for remedial action.

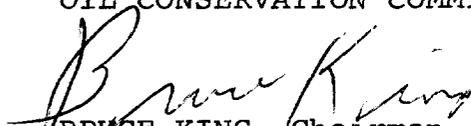
(6) That the applicant shall complete, operate, and produce said well in accordance with the provisions of Rule 112-A of the Commission Rules and Regulations insofar as said rule is not inconsistent with this order.

(7) That Administrative Order MC-1497 is hereby superseded.

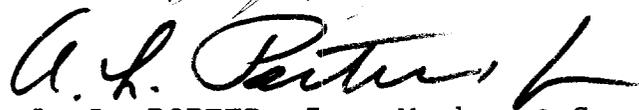
(8) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

  
BRUCE KING, Chairman

  
ALEX J. ARMIÑO, Member

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

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