

*Entered July 22, 1973*  
*R.L.P.*

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. 5020  
Order No. R-4600

APPLICATION OF BELCO PETROLEUM  
CORPORATION FOR THE ADOPTION OF  
POOL RULES, LEA COUNTY, NEW  
MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on July 11, 1973, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 23rd day of July, 1973, 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, Belco Petroleum Corporation, is the owner and operator of certain gas wells in the South Salt Lake-Morrow Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That said South Salt Lake-Morrow Gas Pool was created and designated by the Commission by Order No. R-2101, effective November 1, 1961.

(4) That by Commission Order No. R-2707, dated May 25, 1964, Rule 104 of the Commission Rules and Regulations was amended to provide that all gas pools of Pennsylvanian age or older in Southeast New Mexico which were created and defined June 1, 1964, or later shall have 320-acre spacing and proration units, inasmuch as it was found that in Southeast New Mexico, "...a gas well completed in the Pennsylvanian formation or a deeper formation will efficiently and economically drain and develop a 320-acre tract."

(5) That the applicant in the instant case seeks the promulgation of rules including a provision for 320-acre spacing for the South Salt Lake-Morrow Gas Pool in Lea County, New Mexico,

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inasmuch as that pool was excluded from the provisions of Order No. R-2707, because it was created and defined prior to the cut-off date of June 1, 1964.

(6) That no appearances were made at the hearing of the instant case and no objection was received to the inclusion of the South Salt Lake-Morrow Gas Pool under the provisions of Rule 104 of the Commission Rules and Regulations for gas pools of Pennsylvanian age or older.

(7) That one well in the South Salt Lake-Morrow Gas Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, will efficiently and economically drain and develop 320 acres, and the inclusion of said pool under the 320-acre provisions of Rule 104 for pools of Pennsylvanian age or older will not cause waste nor violate correlative rights, and should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That effective August 1, 1973, each well completed or recompleted in the South Salt Lake-Morrow Gas Pool or in the Morrow formation within one mile thereof shall be subject to the provisions of Rule 104 of the Commission Rules and Regulations notwithstanding the fact said pool was created and defined prior to June 1, 1964.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

(1) That the locations of all wells presently drilling to or completed in the South Salt Lake-Morrow Gas Pool or in the Morrow formation within one mile thereof are hereby approved; that the operator of any well having an unorthodox location shall notify the Hobbs District Office of the Commission in writing of the name and location of the well by August 15, 1973.

(2) That pursuant to Paragraph A. of Section 65-3-14.5, NMSA 1953, contained in Chapter 271, Laws of 1969, existing wells in the South Salt Lake-Morrow Gas Pool shall have dedicated thereto 320 acres in accordance with Rule 104 of the Commission Rules and Regulations; or pursuant to Paragraph C. of said Section 65-3-14.5, existing wells may have non-standard units dedicated thereto.

Failure to file new Forms C-102 with the Commission dedicating 320 acres to a well or to obtain a non-standard unit approved by the Commission within 60 days from the effective date of this order shall subject the well to cancellation of allowable.

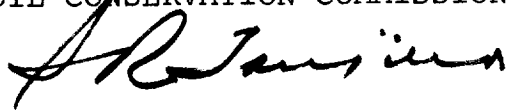
(3) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year herein-  
above designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION



I. R. TRUJILLO, Chairman



ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member



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

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