

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE SPACING FOR GAS  
WELLS IN THE FULCHER BASIN FIELD,  
WHICH SPACING IS DEFINED TO CONSIST  
OF THE FOLLOWING LANDS: SECTIONS  
34 and 35, TOWNSHIP 30 NORTH, RANGE 12  
WEST, N.M.P.M., SECTIONS 1, 2, 3,  
E $\frac{1}{2}$  10, 11, 12 & 13, TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH,  
RANGE 12 WEST, N.M.P.M., SECTIONS 7,  
17, 18, 19, 20 and 21, TOWNSHIP 29  
NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST, N.M.P.M.

Case No.

APPLICATION OF SOUTHERN UNION PRODUCTION COMPANY

Comes now Southern Union Production Company and makes application for an order of the Oil Conservation Commission providing for 160 acre spacing for gas wells in the Fulcher Basin Field, said basin to consist of the following lands, to-wit: Sections 34 and 35, Township 30 North, Range 12 West, N.M.P.M., Sections 1, 2, 3, E $\frac{1}{2}$  10, 11, 12 and 13, Township 29 North, Range 12 West, N.M.P.M., Sections 7, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21, Township 29 North, Range 11 West, N.M.P.M., and in support of said application states:

1. That until on or about the 8th day of May, 1946, under orders of the Oil Conservation Commission, units in the above field for spacing of wells consisted of 160 acres in an approximate square as defined by United States Public Land Surveys. One gas well permitted to each of said units and no well to be located closer than 330 ft to the exterior boundary of any such unit.
2. That on or about the 8th day of May, 1946, the Oil Conservation Commission rescinded the order providing for spacing as in the preceding paragraph stated.
3. That upon rescission of said order, the spacing of wells in said field consists of units of 40 acres each.
4. That during the time that the 160 acre unit spacing was in effect from the 22nd day of June, 1943, to the 8th day of May, 1946, this applicant and many others drilled their wells on a 160 acre pattern, and that new drilling on the 40 acre pattern will interfere with the planned development of said basin, is not in the best interests of conservation, is not economical and imposes unnecessary and inequitable hardship upon this applicant and other parties who have operated on the 160 acre well spacing.

5. That much of the acreage of said basin comprises Federal lands and that the agencies of the Federal Government interested therein are, as this applicant is advised, in favor of the 160 acre well spacing.

WHEREFORE, this applicant requests that a hearing on this application be had, and that all parties in interest be advised thereof, and that upon hearing the Commission order well spacing on a basis of 160 acre units.

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11, 12 & 13, TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE  
12 WEST, N.M.P.M., SECTIONS 7, 17, 18,  
19, 20 and 21, TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH,  
RANGE 11 WEST, N.M.P.M.

Case No. 79.

AMENDED APPLICATION OF SOUTHERN UNION PRODUCTION COMPANY

Comes now Southern Union Production Company and hereby makes amended application for an order of the Oil Conservation Commission providing for 160 acre spacing for gas wells in the Fulcher Basin Field, and in support of said amended application, states:

1. That the Fulcher Basin Field has been considered as containing the area in the caption above described; that said field in fact comprises also the following lands: All of Sections 19, 20, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, Twp. 30 N., R. 12 W., and E $\frac{1}{2}$  Section 4, Twp. 29 N., R. 12 W.

2. That until on or about the 8th day of May, 1946, under orders of the Oil Conservation Commission, units in the above field in the caption herein described for spacing of wells consisted of 160 acres in an approximate square as defined by United States Public Land Surveys. One gas well permitted to each of said units and no well to be located closer than 330 ft to the exterior boundary of any such unit.

3. That on or about the 8th day of May, 1946, the Oil Conservation Commission rescinded the order providing for spacing as in the preceding paragraph stated.

4. That upon rescission of said order, the spacing of wells in said field as in the caption described consists of units of 40 acres.

5. That during the time that the 160 acre unit spacing was in effect from the 22nd day of June, 1943, to the 8th day of May, 1946, this applicant and many others drilled their wells on a 160 acre pattern, and that new drilling on the 40 acre pattern will interfere with the planned development of said basin, is not in the best interests of conservation, is not economical and imposes unnecessary and inequitable hardship upon this applicant and other parties who have operated on the 160 acre well spacing.

6. That much of the acreage of said basin comprises Federal Lands and that the agencies of the Federal Government interested therein are, as this applicant is advised, in favor of the 160 acre well spacing.

WHEREFORE, this applicant requests that a hearing on this application be had; that all parties in interest be advised thereof, and that upon hearing, the Commission order said Fulcher Basin increased to include the lands in paragraph 1 hereof described, and that upon hearing the Commission order well spacing on a basis of 160 acre units.

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