

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. 611  
ORDER NO. R-401

THE APPLICATION OF EL PASO NATURAL GAS  
COMPANY FOR AN ORDER PERMITTING THE UN-  
ORTHODOX SPACING OF WELLS IN SECTIONS 7  
THROUGH 12, INCL., OF TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH,  
RANGE 8 WEST, NMPM, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW  
MEXICO, THIS BEING AN INCOMPLETE TOWNSHIP  
IN WHICH REGULAR SPACING CANNOT BE MAINTAINED.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on December 17, 1953, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1954, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the application and the testimony adduced at the hearing, 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 Sections 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 in Township 28 North, Range 8 West, NMPM, are less than normal in size, containing acreage as follows:

Section 7: 298.76 acres  
Section 8: 302.00 acres  
Section 9: 297.80 acres  
Section 10: 293.84 acres  
Section 11: 291.96 acres  
Section 12: 294.72 acres

(3) That in order to provide a uniform drilling pattern in line with the 320-acre pattern previously established by the Commission and by operators in the area, special drilling units should be established in said sections as to all wells now drilling or hereafter drilled to the Mesaverde gas horizon.

(4) That in order to prevent waste and protect correlative rights, it is necessary that each of the irregular sections considered herein be classified as a drilling unit, and that all lands within each unit be pooled as to production of Mesaverde gas.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the following lands shall constitute drilling units for the production of gas from the Mesaverde horizon:

Township 28 North, Range 8 West, NMPM

All of Section 7, containing 298.76 acres  
All of Section 8, containing 302.00 acres  
All of Section 9, containing 297.80 acres  
All of Section 10, containing 293.84 acres  
All of Section 11, containing 291.96 acres  
All of Section 12, containing 294.72 acres

(2) That all lands within each of the above drilling units shall be pooled as to production of gas from the Mesaverde horizon, and only one well shall be drilled on each drilling unit.

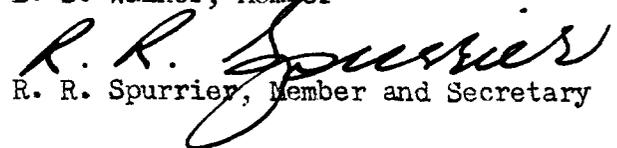
(3) That wells shall be located not closer than 660 feet from the outer boundary of any of the above-designated drilling units.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

  
Edwin L. Mechem, Chairman

  
E. S. Walker, Member

  
R. R. Spurrier, Member and Secretary

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