

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING  
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW  
MEXICO FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 614  
Order No. R-424

THE APPLICATION OF SKELLY OIL  
COMPANY FOR AN ORDER GRANTING  
APPROVAL OF AN EXCEPTION TO RULE  
7 (a) OF ORDER NO. R-369-A IN ESTABLISH-  
MENT OF AN UNORTHODOX GAS PRORATION  
UNIT OF 160 CONTIGUOUS ACRES CONSISTING  
OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SE/4 AND SOUTH  
HALF OF THE SW/4 OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP  
23 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, NMPM, LEA COUNTY,  
NEW MEXICO, IN THE LANGMAT GAS POOL.

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, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission".

NOW, on this <sup>th</sup> 16 day of April, 1954, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the records and testimony adduced, and being fully advised in the premises;

FINDS:

(1) That due notice of the time and place of hearing and the purpose thereof having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this case and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That pursuant to provisions of Rule 7 (a) of Order No. R-369A the Commission has power and authority to permit the formation of a gas proration unit consisting of other than a legal quarter section after notice and hearing by the Commission.

(3) That applicant, Skelly Oil Company, is the owner of an oil and gas lease in Lea County, New Mexico, the land consisting of other than a legal quarter section, and described as follows, to-wit:

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containing 160 acres, more or less.

(4) That applicant, Skelly Oil Company, has a producing well on the aforesaid lease known as Mexico E, Well No. 1, located 660' from the South line and 1320' from the East line of Section 2, Township 23 South, Range 36 East, NMPM.

(5) That the aforesaid well was completed and in production prior to January 1, 1954, the effective date of Order No. R-369-A, and is located within the limits of the pool heretofore delineated and designated as the Langmat Gas Pool.

(6) That it is impractical to pool applicant's said lease with adjoining acreage in the south half of Section 2, Township 23 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, and that the owners of adjoining acreage in said half section have not objected to the formation of the proposed proration unit of 160 acres,

(7) That unless a proration unit consisting of applicant's aforesaid acreage is permitted, applicant will be deprived of the opportunity to recover his just and equitable share of the natural gas in the Langmat Gas Pool.

(8) That creation of a proration unit consisting of the aforesaid acreage will not cause but will prevent waste, will protect correlative rights, and is necessary to prevent confiscation of applicant's property.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the application of Skelly Oil Company for approval of an unorthodox proration unit consisting of the following described acreage:

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S/2 S/2 Section 2

be, and the same is hereby approved, and a proration unit consisting of aforesaid acreage is hereby created.

(2) That applicant's well, Mexico E, Well No. 1, located in the S/2 SE/4 of Section 2, Township 23 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, shall be granted an allowable from January 1, 1954 in the proportion that the above described 160 acre unit bears to the standard or orthodox proration unit for said pool, all until further order of the Commission.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

*E. L. Mechem*

EDWIN L. MECHEM, Chairman

*E. S. Walker*

E. S. WALKER, Member

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