

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

APPLICATION OF TIDE WATER ASSOCIATED OIL
COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN UNORTHODOX
GAS PRORATION UNIT CONSISTING OF THE N/2
OF THE N/2 OF SEC. 15, T 21 S, R 37 E,
N.M.P.M., LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO IN THE
TUBB GAS POOL.

A P P L I C A T I O N

COMES NOW, Tide Water Associated Oil Company, a Delaware Corporation, operating in New Mexico from a field office in Hobbs and respectfully represents to the Oil Conservation Commission of the State of New Mexico as follows:

1. That applicant is the present owner and holder of an oil and gas lease executed by the State of New Mexico as lessor covering and embracing among other lands, the N/2 of the N/2 of Sec. 15, T 21 S, R 37 E, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico, as depicted on the plat attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and containing 160 acres more or less.
2. That applicant drilled and completed on November 6, 1948, its State "S" #2 on the above described lands at a location 660' S of and 1980' E of the NW corner of Sec. 15, T 21 S, R 37 E, Lea County, New Mexico. This well was completed as an oil well producing from the Drinkard formation through casing perforations 6565'-6615' and open hole interval 6630'-6653' having drilled through the Blinebry gas formation of the Blinebry gas pool at an approximate depth of 5585'-5720' and the Tubb gas zone of the Tubb gas pool at an approximate depth of 6115'-6270'.
3. That applicant, due to the low productivity of 7 bbls. of oil per day made application to the Conservation Commission on March 17, 1953, to abandon the Drinkard formation and recomplete the well as a dual gas-gas well in the Tubb and Blinebry zones and that the Conservation Commission approved this application on the 31st day of March, 1953, by the issuance of order No. R-307.
4. That applicant subsequently on May 4, 1953, made a dual completion on this well by perforating the Blinebry Section 5620'-5700' and the Tubb Section 6180'-6280' with these zones separated by packer and other provisions of order No. R-307 complied with. Production commenced from these gas zones on August 7, 1953, after they were connected to the El Paso Natural Gas System.
5. That applicant has filed Forms C-104 and C-110 along with a plat showing well location and lease acreage to the Commission office at Hobbs as required by Conservation Order No. R-373-A and that an allowable applicable to an 80-acre proration unit has been assigned effective January 1, 1954.
6. That Cities Service Oil Company has made a gas completion from the Tubb gas formation through the annulus by means of dual completion with the Drinkard oil formation of their State "S" #2 located in the SE/4 of the NW/4 of Sec. 15, T 21 S, R 37 E, as depicted on Exhibit "A".

7. That Shell Oil Company has made a Tubb gas completion through the annulus by means of a dual completion with the Drinkard oil formation of their State #1 located in the SW/4 of the NE/4 of Sec. 15, T 21 S, R 37 E, as depicted on Exhibit "A".

8. That it is the applicant's belief that an unorthodox gas proration unit consisting of the N/2 of the N/2 of Sec. 15, T 21 S, R 37 E, Lea County, New Mexico, will not seriously affect or jeopardize the future formation of gas proration units in the area and that correlative rights will not be adversely affected.

9. That applicant has sent a copy of this application to all operators of properties adjoining the proposed unorthodox proration unit.

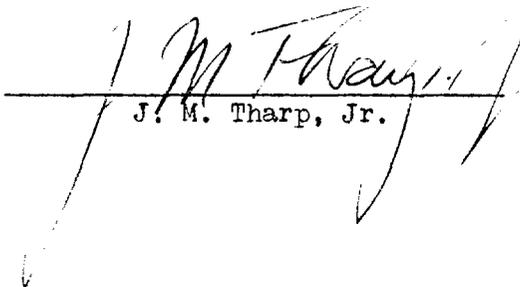
THEREFORE, applicant respectfully requests that this matter be set down for hearing before the Commission; that notice hereof be given as required by law in the regulations of the Commission; and that upon final hearing the Commission enter its order approving an unorthodox gas proration unit for the Tubb gas pool consisting of the N/2 of the N/2 of Sec. 15, T 21 S, R 37 E, Lea County, New Mexico and that the allowable for a full 160 acres gas proration unit be granted and made retroactive to January 1, 1954 as provided for in Conservation Commission Order No. R-373-A.

Done at Houston, Texas on this 30th day of December, 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

TIDE WATER ASSOCIATED OIL COMPANY

By:


J. M. Tharp, Jr.

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