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 CON-SIDERING:

> CASE NO. 733 ORDER NO. R-496

THE APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL OIL COMPANY FOR AN ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF AN EXCEPTION PURSUANT TO RULE 7 (a) OF ORDER NO. R-370-A IN ESTABLISHMENT OF AN UNORTHODOX GAS PRORATION UNIT OF 80 CONTIGUOUS ACRES CONSISTING OF THE S/2 SE/4 OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, NMPM., LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, IN THE EUMONT GAS POOL.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a. m., on June 16, 1954, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission".

NOW, on this day of July, 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-370-A, 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, Continental 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 80 acres, more or less.

(4) That applicant, Continental Oil Company, has a producing well on the aforesaid lease known as Lockhart A-18, No. 1, located 330' from the South and East lines of Section 18, Township 21 South, Range 36 East.

(5) That the aforesaid well was completed and in production prior to January 1, 1954, the effective date of Order No. R-370-A, and is located within the limits of the pool heretofore delineated and designated as the Eumont Gas Pool. -2-Order No. R-496

(6) That it is impractical to pool applicant's said lease with adjoining acreage in the SE/4 of Section 18, Township 21 South, Range 36 East, NMPM.

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

(8) That creation of a proration unit consisting of the aforesaid acreage will not cause but will prevent waste and will protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

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

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

(2) That applicant's well, Lockhart A-18, No. 1, located in the SE/4 SE/4 of Section 18, Township 21 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, shall be granted an allowable from January 1, 1954 in the proportion that the above described 80 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.

R. R. SPURRLER

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

EDWIN L. MECHEM, Chairman

Secretary and Member

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