

El Paso Natural Gas Company

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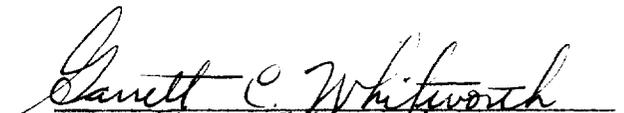
Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find El Paso Natural Gas Company's Application for an Order extending the time of making annual deliverability and shut-in pressure tests and requesting allowables until such tests are completed for wells involved in certain prorated, non-prorated, and undesignated pools in San Juan and Rio Arriba Counties, New Mexico. This Application is herewith submitted in quadruplicate.

It is respectfully requested that hearing be had on this matter before an Examiner at the soonest possible date convenient to the Commission.

Yours very truly,

EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY


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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY FOR AN ORDER EXTENDING THE TIME OF MAKING ANNUAL DELIVERABILITY AND SHUT-IN PRESSURE TESTS AND REQUESTING ALLOWABLES UNTIL SUCH TESTS ARE COMPLETED FOR WELLS INVOLVED IN CERTAIN PRORATED, NON-PRORATED, AND UNDESIGNATED POOLS IN SAN JUAN AND RIO ARRIBA COUNTIES, NEW MEXICO.

Case No. _____

A P P L I C A T I O N

TO THE HONORABLE COMMISSION:

COMES NOW El Paso Natural Gas Company, hereinafter referred to as "Applicant", and alleges and represents:

I

That it is a Delaware Corporation with a permit to do business in the State of New Mexico;

II

That Applicant is the operator of certain gas wells in San Juan and Rio Arriba Counties, New Mexico and is the agent for Pacific Northwest Pipeline Company in operating the pipeline facilities of that company to which gas wells are connected in the same area and Applicant controls the takes from such wells and operates pipeline facilities to which the wells of other operators are connected in such pools, all of such wells being in the following prorated, non-prorated, and undesignated pools in said counties:

<u>Prorated Pools:</u>	<u>Non-Prorated Pools:</u>	<u>Undesignated Pools:</u>
Blanco Mesaverde	Otero	Fruitland
Fulcher Kutz Pictured Cliffs	Canyon Largo	Pictured Cliffs
West Kutz Pictured Cliffs	East Companero Dakota	La Ventana
Aztec Pictured Cliffs	Tapacito	
South Blanco Pictured Cliffs	West Kutz Fruitland	
Ballard Pictured Cliffs	North Los Pinos Fruitland	
	South Los Pinos Fruitland	

III

Approximately two hundred and thirty-seven (237) wells in the above described pools are involved in this Application. The descriptions of specific wells involved will be furnished to the Commission at the time of the hearing of this matter;

IV

That, pursuant to Order of this Commission, said wells should be tested annually for deliverability and shut-in pressure;

V

The testing of the above mentioned wells has been hampered by increased market demands occasioned by cold weather. Testing of these wells has been further hampered and delayed because the allowables granted to Applicant from prorated pools in Lea County, New Mexico have been less than the market requirements, which has thrown additional demands upon the San Juan Basin wells. In order to meet this demand, deliveries were needed from wells scheduled to be shut-in for testing and the tests have been necessarily postponed and delayed;

VI

That Applicant expects to be able to conduct the necessary tests for these wells on or before January 23, 1958, and that until such tests are made, allowables for said wells should be calculated on the basis of ~~1957~~ 1956 deliverability tests and adjusted at such time as the new tests are received by the Commission;

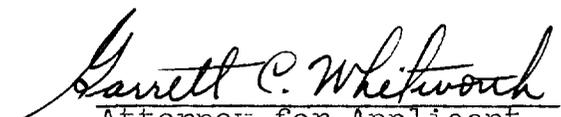
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That the granting of the relief sought in this Application will not result in overproduction which cannot be balanced and will permit the San Juan Area to market its full share of the market demand and the granting of such relief will not result in waste, but will protect correlative rights and prevent undue hardship;

VIII

That the Commission has jurisdiction to hear and determine this cause and that such proposed extension of time and granting of interim allowables should be authorized.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests this matter to be set for hearing before an examiner or, if an examiner hearing is not approved, then before this Commission as prescribed by law, and that upon notice and hearing, the Commission issue its Order authorizing and granting an exception to the rules pursuant to Rule 1(B), granting an extension of time to Applicant for conducting annual deliverability and shut-in pressure tests for said wells until such tests can be conducted and granting to Applicant allowables for said wells calculated on the basis of ~~1957~~ 1956 deliverability tests to be adjusted when such new tests are received by the Commission and such other relief that the Commission deems advisable and appropriate in the premises.


Attorney for Applicant