

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. 1636
Order No. R-1377

APPLICATION OF THE ATLANTIC REFINING
COMPANY FOR AN ORDER REVISING RULE
115 OF THE COMMISSION RULES AND
REGULATIONS.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on April 15, 1959, at Hobbs, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 27th day of April, 1959, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the application and the evidence adduced 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 the applicant, The Atlantic Refining Company, proposes that Rule 115 of the Commission Rules and Regulations be revised so as to reduce the required test pressure rating on oil and gas wells.
- (3) That in some instances, Rule 115 as presently written requires the installation of more expensive wellhead equipment than is actually necessary to safely control the well at all times.
- (4) That Rule 115 should be revised as proposed by the applicant.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That Rule 115 of the Commission Rules and Regulations be and the same is hereby revised to read in its entirety as follows:

'Christmas tree fittings or wellhead connections shall be installed and maintained in first class condition so that all necessary pressure tests may easily be made on flowing wells. On

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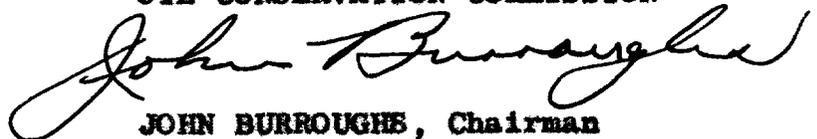
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oil wells the Christmas tree fittings shall have a test pressure rating at least equivalent to the calculated or known pressure in the reservoir from which production is expected. On gas wells the Christmas tree fittings shall have a test pressure equivalent to at least 150 percent of the calculated or known pressure in the reservoir from which production is expected.

Valves shall be installed and maintained in good working order to permit pressures to be obtained on both casing and tubing. Each flowing well shall be equipped to control properly the flowing of each well, and in the case of an oil well, shall be produced into an oil and gas separator of a type generally used in the industry."

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION


JOHN BURROUGHS, Chairman


MURRAY E. MORGAN, Member


A. L. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary

