

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. 2102
Order No. R-1808

APPLICATION OF AMERADA PETROLEUM
CORPORATION FOR PERMISSION TO
COMMINGLE THE PRODUCTION FROM
SEVERAL SEPARATE POOLS AND FOR
AN AUTOMATIC CUSTODY TRANSFER
SYSTEM, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on October 19, 1960, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner duly appointed by the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission," in accordance with Rule 1214 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

NOW, on this 24th day of October, 1960, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the application, the evidence adduced, and the recommendations of the Examiner, Daniel S. Nutter, 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, Amerada Petroleum Corporation, is the owner and operator of the Ida Wimberley Lease comprising the W/2 SW/4 of Section 24, the NW/4 and the SW/4 NE/4 of Section 25, and the NE/4 NE/4 of Section 26, all in Township 25 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That the applicant proposes to commingle the Blinebry, Drinkard, and Fusselman production from all wells on the above-described lease, after separately metering the production from each of said pools.

(4) That the applicant further proposes to install an automatic custody transfer system to handle said commingled production.

(5) That the ownership of the Ida Wimberley Lease is common at all depths.

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(6) That the previous use of automatic custody transfer equipment, similar to that proposed by the applicant, has shown that such equipment is a reliable and economic means of transferring the custody of oil, and that the use of such equipment should be permitted, provided adequate safety features are incorporated therein.

(7) That approval of the subject application will neither cause waste nor impair correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Amerada Petroleum Corporation, be and the same is hereby authorized to commingle the Blinsbry, Drinkard, and Fusselman production from all wells on its Ida Wimberley Lease comprising the W/2 SW/4 of Section 24, the NW/4 and the SW/4 SE/4 of Section 25, and the NE/4 NE/4 of Section 26, all in Township 25 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, after separately metering the production from each of said pools.

(2) That the applicant be and the same is hereby authorized to install an automatic custody transfer system to handle the said commingled production.

PROVIDED HOWEVER, That the applicant shall install adequate facilities to permit the testing of all wells located on the above-described Ida Wimberley Lease at least once each month to determine the individual production from each well.

PROVIDED FURTHER, That in order to prevent the overflow and waste of oil in the event the automatic custody transfer system fails to transfer oil to the pipeline, the applicant shall add additional storage facilities from time to time, as it becomes necessary, to store the production which will accrue during the hours that said lease is unattended, or in the alternative, shall so equip the existing facilities as to automatically shut-in the lease production at the wellhead in the event the storage facilities become full.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

That all meters used in the above-described automatic custody transfer system shall be operated and maintained in such a manner as to ensure an accurate measurement of the liquid hydrocarbon production at all times.

That meters shall be checked for accuracy at least once each month until further direction by the Secretary-Director.

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That meters shall be calibrated against a master meter or against a test tank of measured volume and the results of such calibration filed with the Commission on the Commission form entitled 'Meter Test Report.'

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



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