

CASE 4453

PROPOSED ORDER TO PROHIBIT THE FLARING OR VENTING
OF CASINGHEAD GAS WHEN CERTAIN CONDITIONS EXIST

Except as provided in this order, no casinghead gas produced from any well located in a pool having a gas gathering facility shall be flared or vented on or after December 31, 1970, or 30 days from the date such well is completed, whichever is later.

Except as provided in this order, no casinghead gas produced from any well completed after December 31, 1970, shall be flared or vented after 30 days following completion of the well.

Any operator who desires to obtain an exception to the foregoing provisions shall file an application in triplicate with the appropriate district office of the Oil Conservation Commission upon a form designated by the Commission. The district supervisors are hereby authorized to grant such exceptions whenever the granting of the exception is reasonably necessary to protect correlative rights, prevent waste or prevent undue hardship on the applicant. The district supervisor shall either grant the exception within 10 days after receipt of the application or refer it to the Secretary-Director of the Commission who will advertise the matter for public hearing if a hearing is desired by the applicant.

The flaring or venting by an operator of gas from any well in violation of this paragraph will result in suspension of the allowable of the affected well or wells.

No extraction plant processing any gas in the state shall flare or vent such gas unless such flaring or venting is made necessary by mechanical difficulty of a temporary nature or unless the gas flared or vented is of no commercial value.

Exhibit # 4

BEFORE THE	
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION	
Santa Fe, New Mexico	
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