

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. 472  
ORDER NO. R-279

THE APPLICATION OF RICHARDSON AND  
BASS FOR APPROVAL OF THE JAMES RANCH  
UNIT AREA EMBRACING 20,656.98 ACRES  
OF LAND IN EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO,  
WITHIN TOWNSHIPS 22 AND 23 S.,  
RANGES 30 AND 31 E., N.M.P.M.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on  
February 17, 1953, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil  
Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to  
as the "Commission".

NOW, on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1953, the  
Commission, a quorum being present, having considered said  
application and the evidence introduced in support thereof, 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 proposed unit plan will in principle tend  
to promote the conservation of oil and gas and the prevention of  
waste.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

SECTION 1. That this order shall be known as the

JAMES RANCH UNIT AGREEMENT ORDER

SECTION 2. (a) That the project herein referred to shall  
be known as the James Ranch Unit Agreement, and shall hereafter be  
referred to as the "Project".

(b) That the plan by which the Project shall  
be operated shall be embraced in the form of a unit agreement for  
the development and operation of the James Ranch Unit Area  
referred to in the Petitioner's petition and filed with said  
petition, and such plan shall be known as the James Ranch Unit  
Agreement Plan.

SECTION 3. That the James Ranch Unit Agreement Plan  
shall be, and hereby is, approved in principle as a proper con-  
servation measure; provided, however, that notwithstanding any  
of the provisions contained in said unit agreement this approval  
shall not be considered as waiving or relinquishing in any  
manner any right, duties or obligations which are now, or may  
hereafter, be vested in the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commis-  
sion by law relative to the supervision and control of operations  
for exploration and development of any lands committed to said

James Ranch Agreement, or relative to the production of oil or gas therefrom.

SECTION 4. (a) That the Unit Area shall be:

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Twp. 22 S., R. 30 E.  
Sec. 12:  $SE\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $S\frac{1}{2}SW\frac{1}{4}$   
Sec. 13: All  
Sec. 14: All  
Sec. 15: All  
Sec. 16: All  
Sec. 17:  $S\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $NE\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $E\frac{1}{2}NW\frac{1}{4}$   
Secs. 19--30 (incl.): All  
Sec. 33:  $E\frac{1}{2}$   
Sec. 34: All  
Sec. 35: All  
Sec. 36: All

Twp. 22 S., R. 31 E.  
Sec. 7:  $S\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $S\frac{1}{2}N\frac{1}{2}$   
Sec. 8:  $SW\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $S\frac{1}{2}NW\frac{1}{4}$   
Sec. 17:  $S\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $NW\frac{1}{4}$   
Sec. 18: All  
Sec. 19: All  
Sec. 20: All  
Sec. 29:  $W\frac{1}{2}W\frac{1}{2}$   
Sec. 30: All  
Sec. 31: All

Twp. 23 S., R. 30 E.  
Sec. 1:  $E\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $N\frac{1}{2}NW\frac{1}{4}$   
Sec. 2:  $N\frac{1}{2}N\frac{1}{2}$

Twp. 23 S., R. 31 E.  
Sec. 5:  $W\frac{1}{2}W\frac{1}{2}$   
Sec. 6: All  
Sec. 7: All  
Sec. 8:  $W\frac{1}{2}$   
Sec. 17:  $NW\frac{1}{4}$   
Sec. 18:  $N\frac{1}{2}$

Total unit area: 20,656.98 acres, more or less.

(b) The unit area may be enlarged or contracted as provided in said Plan.

SECTION 5. That the unit operator shall file with the Commission an executed original or executed counterpart of the James Ranch Unit Agreement within 30 days after the effective date thereof.

SECTION 6. That any party owning rights in the unitized substances who does not commit such rights to said unit agreement before the effective date thereof may thereafter become a party thereto by subscribing to such agreement or counterpart thereof, or by ratifying the same. The unit operator shall file with the Commission within 30 days an original of any such counterpart or ratification.

SECTION 7. That this order shall become effective upon approval of said unit agreement by the Commissioner of Public Lands of the State of New Mexico and the Director of the United States Geological Survey, and shall terminate ipso facto upon the

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termination of said unit agreement. The last unit operator shall immediately notify the Commissioner in writing of such termination.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

EDWIN L. MECHEM, Chairman

*E. S. Walker*  
E. S. WALKER, Member

*R. R. Spurrler*  
R. R. SPURRIER, Secretary

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