

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. 5542  
Order No. R-5083

APPLICATION OF MESA PETROLEUM CO.  
FOR APPROVAL OF THE MERRITT UNIT  
AGREEMENT, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on August 27, 1975,  
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 9th day of September, 1975, the Commission,  
a quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the  
record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, 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, Mesa Petroleum Co., seeks approval  
of the Merritt Unit Agreement covering 2545.88 acres, more or  
less, of State and Fee lands described as follows:

LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO  
TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM  
Section 13: All  
Section 24: All

TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, NMPM  
Section 18: All  
Section 19: All

(3) That approval of the proposed unit agreement should  
promote the prevention of waste and the protection of correlative  
rights within the unit area.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the Merritt Unit Agreement is hereby approved.

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(2) That the plan contained in said unit agreement for the development and operation of the unit area is hereby approved in principle as a proper conservation 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, duty, or obligation which is now, or may hereafter be, vested in the Commission to supervise and control operations for the exploration and development of any lands committed to the unit and production of oil or gas therefrom.

(3) That the unit operator shall file with the Commission an executed original or executed counterpart of the unit agreement within 30 days after the effective date thereof; that in the event of subsequent joinder by any party or expansion or contraction of the unit area, the unit operator shall file with the Commission within 30 days thereafter counterparts of the unit agreement reflecting the subscription of those interests having joined or ratified.

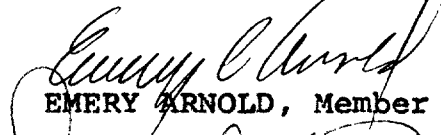
(4) That this order shall become effective upon the approval of said unit agreement by the Commissioner of Public Lands for the State of New Mexico; that this order shall terminate ipso facto upon the termination of said unit agreement; and that the last unit operator shall notify the Commission immediately in writing of such termination.

(5) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year herein-  
above designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

  
PHIL R. LUCERO, Chairman

  
EMERY ARNOLD, Member

  
JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Secretary



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