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BEFORE THE
NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Santa Fe, New Mexico
November 18, 1970

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Southeastern New Mexico
nomenclature case calling for
the extension of certain pools
in Lea, Chaves and Roosevelt
Counties, New Mexico.

Case No. 4454

BEFORE: Elvis A. Utz, Examiner

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MR. HATCH: Case 4454. Southeastern New Mexico nomenclature case calling for the extension of certain pools in Lea, Chaves and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico. (Witness sworn.)

MR. UTZ: Case 4454.

(Whereupon, Southeast New Mexico Nomenclature Exhibit 1 was marked for identifica tion.)

### JOE D. RAMEY

having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

#### DIRECT EXAMINATION

## BY MR. HATCH:

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- State your name and position for the record.
- Joe D. Ramey, Supervisor, Commissions District One. 7
  - Are you prepared to make recommendations to the examiner concerning the extension of certain pools in Lea, Chaves and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico?
  - Yes, I am. A
  - Are your recommendations prepared in the form of an Q exhibit?
  - Yes. This is labeled Southeast New Mexico Nomenclature Exhibit 1, paragraphs A through E.
  - All right. Would you refer to paragraphs A through E of Exhibit 1 and the docket and point out any corrections that need to be made.
    - There are no corrections. I have some additions in paragraph D under section 27. In addition to the southeast quarter, section 15, these will both be under Township 17, south range 34 east, incidentally. Section 15, south half of the southeast quarter. In paragraph E, Township 8 south range 35 east, section 31 southwest quarter. The remainder is as advertised on the docket.

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Q	All right. Then do you recommend that the pools in
	paragraphs A through E be extended as shown on the docket
	and as including the additions you've made here today?
A	Yes, I do.

- Was Exhibit 1 prepared by you or someone under your supervision?
- Yes, it was.

The introduction of Exhibit 1. MR. HATCH:

MR. UTZ: No objection, Exhibit 1 will be entered in the record of this case. Are there questions of the witness? Statements in the case? Witness may be excused. The case will be taken under advisement.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO ) SS COUNTY OF BERNALILLO )

I, LINDA MALONE, Court Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached Transcript of Hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission was reported by me; and that the same is a true and correct record of the said proceedings to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

Linda Malone-Court Reporter



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## 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. 4454 Order No. R-4063

THE APPLICATION OF THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION UPON ITS OWN MOTION FOR AN ORDER EXTENDING CERTAIN POOLS IN CHAVES, LEA, AND ROOSEVELT COUPTIES, NEW MEXICO.

#### ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

#### BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9:30 a.m. on November 18, 1970, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this 19th day of November, 1970, 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 there is need for certain extensions to the Double L-Queen Pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, the Baum-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool, the Maljamar Grayburg-San Andres Pool, the North Vacuum-Abo Pool, all in Lea County, New Mexico, and the Vada-Pennsylvanian Pool in Roosevelt County, New Mexico.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(a) That the Baum-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, as heretofore classified, defined, and described, is hereby extended to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 14 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, NMPM Section 11: N/2 and SW/4

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(b) That the Double L-Queen Pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, as heretofore classified, defined, and described, is hereby extended to include therein:

## TOWNSHIP 14 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM Section 31: SE/4

(c) That the Maljamar Grayburg-San Andres Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, as heretofore classified, defined, and described, is hereby extended to include therein:

# TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM Section 27: SE/4

(d) That the North Vacuum-Abo Pool in Lea County, New Mexico as heretofore classified, defined, and described, is hereby extended to include therein:

## TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM

Section 14: NW/4

Section 15: S/2 SE/4

Section 27: E/2

(e) That the Vada-Pennsylvanian Pool in Roosevelt County, New Mexico, as heretofore classified, defined, and described, is hereby extended to include therein:

### TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, NMPM

Section 31: SW/4

Section 33: NB/4

### IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

(1) That, pursuant to Section 65-3-14.5, NMSA 1953, contained in Chapter 271, Laws of 1969, any well which, by virtue of any of the above pool extensions, is subject to pool rules providing for spacing or proration units larger than the one which is presently dedicated thereto, shall have 60 days from the effective date of this order in which to file new Forms C-102 dedicating a standard unit for the pool to said well, or to obtain a non-standard unit approved by the Commission. Pending such compliance, the well shall receive a maximum allowable in the same proportion to a standard allowable for the pool that the acreage dedicated to the well bears to a standard unit for the pool. Failure to file Forms C-102

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dedicating a standard unit to the well or to obtain a non-standard unit approved by the Commission within said 60-day period shall subject the well to cancellation of allowable.

(2) That the effective date of this order and all extensions included herein shall be December 1, 1970.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

DAVID F. CARGO, Chair

ALEX J. ARMIJØ, Member

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

NOVEMBER 18, 1970

LET THE RECORD SHOW -

The hearing was called to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Oil Conservation Commission Conference Room on the second floor of the State Land Office Building, on this date.

ELVIS A. UTZ - Examiner --

The hearing will come to order, please.

CASE 4454. Southeastern New Mexico nomenclature case calling for the extension of certain pools in Lea, Chaves, and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico.

Inasmuch as the Examiner for this docket and the Commission's Counsel must be present at the hearing of Case 4453 now in progress before the Commission in Morgan Hall, we will continue this Case 4454 to be reconvened at the conclusion of the hearing before the Commission.

This hearing is, therefore, hereby adjourned until the conclusion of the hearing in said Case 4453 at which time we will resume with Case 4454.

## DOCKET: REGILAR HEARING - WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 18, 1970

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION - 9 A.M. - MORGAN HALL, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

ALLOWABLE: Consideration of the allowable production of gas for December, 1970, from fifteen prorated pools in Lea, Eddy, Roosevelt and Chaves Counties, New Mexico, and also presentation of purchaser's nominations for said pools for the six-month period beginning January 1, 1971. Consideration of the allowable production of gas from nine prorated pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico, for December, 1970.

CASE 4453: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to consider the promulgation of an order prohibiting the flaring or venting of casinghead gas in the State of New Mexico on or after December 31, 1970, when certain conditions exist. Copies of the proposed order will be circulated by way of the Commission's general mailing list and will be available upon request made to the Commission at its Santa Fe office.

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THE FOLLOWING CASES WILL BE HEARD BEFORE DANIEL S. NUTTER, EXAMINER, OR ELVIS A. UTZ, ALTERNATE EXAMINER, IN THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF SAID BUILDING AT 9:30 A.M.

CASE 4454:

Southeastern New Mexico nomenclature case calling for the extension of certain pools in Lea, Chaves and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico.

(a) Extend the Baum-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 14 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, NMPM SECTION 11: N/2 and SW/4

(b) Extend the Double L-Queen Pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 14 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM SECTION 31: SE/4

(c) Extend the Maljamar Grayburg-San Andres Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM SECTION 27: SE/4

(d) Extend the North Vacuum-Abo Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM SECTION 14: NW/4 SECTION 27: NE/4

(e) Extend the Vada-Pennsylvanian Pool in Roosevelt County,

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(Case 4454 continued)

New Mexico, to include therein:

# TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, NMPM SECTION 33: NE/4

- CASE 4455: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission for the creation of a new oil pool and for the assignment of a discovery allowable, Sandoval County, New Mexico. The Commission, at the request of Refiners Petroleum Corporation, will consider the creation of a new oil pool for the production of oil from the Dakota formation comprising the NE/4 of Section 25, Township 22 North, Range 3 West, Sandoval County, New Mexico, said pool having been discovered by said corporation's Cuba Union Well No. 1 located in Unit A of said Section 25. Also to be considered will be the assignment of approximately 34,390 barrels of discovery allowable to said well.
- CASE 4456: Application of Pan American Petroleum Corporation for expansion of pressure maintenance project, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to expand its Cato Baskett Pressure Maintenance Project, Cato-San Andres Pool, by the conversion to water injection of its Baskett "D" Wells Nos. 1 and 2, located respectively, in Units G and A of Section 11, Township 8 South, Range 30 East, Chaves County, New Mexico.
- CASE 4457: Application of Tenneco Oil Company for the creation of a new pool, assignment of discovery allowable, and promulgation of special pool rules, McKinley County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the creation of a new pool for the production of oil from the "D" zone of the Dakota formation for its Don Ne Pah Well No. 1 located in Unit D of Section 18, Township 17 North, Range 8 West, McKinley County, New Mexico, and for the assignment of an oil discovery allowable to said well. Applicant further seeks the promulgation of special rules for said pool, including provisions for 80-acre spacing units with wells to be drilled in either the northwest or southeast quarter-quarter sections.
- CASE 4458: Application of Continental Oil Company for a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the South Eunice Unit Area comprising 2720 acres, more or less, of Federal and Fee lands in Sections 20, 21, 22, 28, 29, and 33, Township 22 South, Range 36 East, South Eunice Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.
- CASE 4459: Application of Continental Oil Company for a waterflood project, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project in its South Eunice Unit Area by the injection of water into the Seven Rivers and Queen formations through 30 wells located in Sections 20, 21, 22, 28, 29, and 33, Township 22 South, Range 36 East, South Eunice Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.
- CASE 4460: Application of Continental Oil Company for a non-standard gas proration unit, i.ea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause,

(Case 4460 continued)

seeks the consolidation of two existing non-standard gas proration units into one 480-acre non-standard unit comprising the N/2 and SE/4 of Section 23, Township 22 South, Range 36 East, Jalmat Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to its Meyer B-23 Wells Nos. 1, 2, and 3, located in Units C, 0, and E, respectively, of said Section 23. Applicant further seeks authority to produce the allowable from any of said wells in any proportion.

- CASE 4461: Application of Continental Oil Company for a non-standard gas proration unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the consolidation of two existing non-standard gas proration units into one 120-acre non-standard unit comprising the E/2 SW/4 and NW/4 SE/4 of Section 9, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, Blinebry Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to its Hawk B-1 Wells Nos. 2 and 6, located in Units J and N, respectively, of said Section 9. Applicant further seeks authority to produce the allowable assigned to said unit from either of said wells in any proportion.
- CASE 4462: Application of Continental Oil Company for downhole commingling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to commingle production from an undesignated Gallup oil pool and undesignated Dakota oil pool in the wellbores of four wells to be drilled in Township 25 North, Range 4 West, West Lindrith Field, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, as follows:

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CASE 4463: Application of Roger C. Hanks for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Pennsylvanian formation underlying the NE/4 of Section 18, Township 9 South, Range 36 East, Vada-Pennsylvanian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, said acreage to be dedicated to applicant's Ford Federal Well No. 1 located in the NW/4 NE/4 of said Section 18. Also to be considered will be the costs of drilling said well, a charge for the risk involved, a provision for the allocation of actual operating costs, and the establishment of charges for supervision of said well.

## CASE 4451: (Readvertised)

Application of Union Oil Company of California for a non-standard oil proration unit, Roosevelt County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an 80-acre non-standard oil proration unit comprising the SW/4 SE/4 of Section 17 and the NW/4 NE/4 of Section 20, Township 8 South, Range 38 East, Bluitt-San Andres Associated Pool, Roosevelt County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location in the NW/4 NE/4 of said Section 20.

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CASE 4464:

Application of Pan American Petroleum Corporation for authority to over-produce a gas well's allowable, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to over-produce the allowable of its Gallegos Canyon Unit Well No. 185, located in Unit D of Section 33, Township 28 North, Range 12 West, Basin-Dakota Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico, in the amount of 19,311 MCF. According to applicant, this amount of gas, produced by other wells in the Gallegos Canyon Unit and with royalty and taxes already paid, was injected into the subject well to create a reservoir back-pressure prior to fracturing on work-over. Applicant seeks authority to produce, without being subject to allowable, royalty, or taxes, the volume of gas injected into the well.

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# NOMENCLATURE ADVERTISEMENT FOR NOVEMBER, 1970 CASE +454

In the matter of the application of the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico upon its own motion for an order for the extension of certain existing pools in Chaves, Lea, and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico, and giving notice to all persons and parties interested in the subject matter thereof to appear and show cause why such extensions should not be made.

a) EXTEND the Baum-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 14 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, NMPM SECTION 11: N/2 and SW/4

b) EXTEND the Double L-Queen Pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 14 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM SECTION 31: SE/4

c) EXTEND the Maljamar Grayburg-San Andres Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM SECTION 27: SE/4

d) EXTEND the North Vacuum-Abo Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM SECTION 14: NW/4
SECTION 27: NE/4, SE/4

e) EXTEND the Vada-Pennsylvanian Pool in Roosevelt County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, NMPM SECTION 33: NE/4

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## 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:

(P)

CASE NO. 4454 ORDER NO. R- 4063

THE APPLICATION OF THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION UPON ITS OWN MOTION FOR AN ORDER EXTENDING CERTAIN POOLS IN CHAVES, LEA, AND ROOSEVELT COUNTIES, NEW MEXICO.

### ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

#### BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9:00 a.m. on November 18, 1970, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission".

NOW, on this day of November, 1970, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony presented and the exhibits received at said hearing, 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 there is need for certain extensions to the Double L-Queen Pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, the Baum-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool, the Maljamar Grayburg-San Andres Pool, and the North Vacuum-Abo Pool, all in Lea County, New Mexico, and the Vada-Pennsylvanian Pool in Roosevelt County, New Mexico.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(a) That the Baum-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, as heretoforc classified, defined, and described, is hereby extended to include therein:

## TOWNSHIP 14 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, NMPM SECTION 11: N/2 and SW/4

(b) That the Double L-Queen Pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, as here-tofore classified, defined, and described, is hereby extended to include therein:

## TOWNSHIP 14 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM SECTION 31: SE/4

(c) The the Maljamar Grayburg-San Andres Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, as heretofore classified, defined, and described, is hereby extended to include therein:

## TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM SECTION 27: SE/4

(d) That the North Vacuum-Abo Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, as heretofore classified, defined, and described, is hereby extended to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM SECTION 14: NW/4

SECTION 15: S/2 SE/4

SECTION 27: E/2

(e) That the Vada-Pennsylvanian Pool in Roosevelt County, New Mexico, as heretofore classified, defined, and described, is hereby extended to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, NMPM SECTION 31: SW/4

SECTION 31: SW/4 SECTION 33: NE/4

### IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

- (1) That, pursuant to Section 65-3-14.5, NMSA 1953, contained in Chapter 271, Laws of 1969, any well which, by virtue of any of the above pool extensions, is subject to pool rules providing for spacing or proration units larger than the one which is presently dedicated thereto, shall have 60 days from the effective date of this order in which to file new Forms C-102 dedicating a standard unit for the pool to said well, or to obtain a non-standard unit approved by the Commission. Pending such compliance, the well shall receive a maximum allowable in the same proportion to a standard allowable for the pool that the acreage dedicated to the well bears to a standard unit for the pool. Failure to file Forms C-102 dedicating a standard unit to the well or to obtain a non-standard unit approved by the Commission within said 60-day period shall subject the well to cancellation of allowable.
- /(2) That the effective date of this order and all extensions included herein shall be December 1, 1970.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

DAVID F. CARGO, Chairman

ALEX ARMIJO, Member

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

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CASE 4455: MOTION OF OCC AT REQUEST OF REFINERS PET. FOR NEW OIL POOL AND FOR DISCOVERY ALLOW.