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MR. STAMETS: Call next Case 6404.

MS. TESCHENDORF: Case 6404. Application of Sun Production Company for compulsory pooling, non-standard gas provation unit. and an unorthodox well location, Lea County, New Mexico.

MR. STAMETS: Call for appearances in this case.

MR. KELLAHIN: I'm Tom Kellahin of Kellahin and Fox, appearing on behalf of the applicant, and I have two witnesses to be sworn.

MR. STAMETS: I'd like to have the witnesses stand and be sworn at this time, please.

(Witnesses sworn.)

# JOHN P. HAWKES

being called as a witness and having been duly sworn upon his oath, testified as follows, to-wit:

# DIRECT EXAMINATION

# BY MR. KELLAHIN:

- Q Would you please state your name, by whom you are employed and in what capacity?
- A. I'm John P. Hawkes. I'm employed by Sun Preduction Company. I'm area land manager, Midland, Texas.
  - Q Mr. Hawkes, have you previously testified

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before the Oil Conservation Division?

- A I have not.
- Q. Would you describe briefly what has been your educational and employment experience in the field of petroleum land titles?
- A. I came out of Texas A & M, 1939, mechanical engineering. I've been employed by Sunray, superseded by a merger with Sun Oil Company for the past twenty-three years. I studied some law at St. Mary's University, San Antonio.
- A How long have you been employed by Sun Production Company?
- A Sun Production Company's land department came into existence in June of this year.
- As part of your employment have you made a study of and are you familiar with the land title situation with regards to the acreage in question?
  - A I have.

MR. KELLAEIN: We tender Mr. Hawkes as an expert in land title.

MR. STAMETS: He's considered qualified.

Would vou please refer to what I have marked as Applicant Exhibit Number One, identify it, and summarize briefly what Sun Production Company is seeking to accomplish by this application?

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A. It's a land plat consisting of Section 35, 19, 36. The proration unit which is outlined in red, the Sun acreage shaded in yellow, the Shell Oil Company acreage shaded in blue.

- On This will be a non-standard gas proration unit consisting of 160 acres, will it not?
  - A That's right.
- Q As of this date, as of the date of the hearing, has Sun Production Company obtained signatures from all the working interest owners within the 160-acre unit?

A All of the working interest owners have executed an agreement.

are down to in our forced pooling part of the application, to committing the overriding royalty interest to the well. The two leases involved, I believe neither one of them provide for pooling of acreage, and we need to have the Commission set the royalty for the override. We don't intend to present evidence as to a risk factor or anything else that would be attributable to working interest.

MR. STAMETS: Very good.

- c. Would you please identify Exhibit Number
  Two and explain what this is?
  - A It is a list of all of the royalty owners

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under that acreage shown shaded in yellow on the attached plat, and the percentages of royalty that each own as to the 120 acres of Sun contributed acreage in the proposed unit.

- At some point then the percentage interest is going to have to be recomputed based upon the 160-acre unit.
  - It would be so.
- All right, sir. Now, what of the entities or individuals listed on Exhibit Number Two have not agreed to participate in the well?
- Betty M. Dreisen of Los Altos, California, Betty M. Dreisen and Ingrid Powell, Trustees, of Los Altos, California, W. E. F. Holding, Inc., New York, New York, Rosalyn Redfern, Midland, Texas.
- With regards to the Dreisen/Powell interest there's an indication on the exhibit that a signed copy is floating loose somewhere. Have you received a signed copy?
  - We have not.
  - All right.
- We have since the date of the -- that Mrs. that Betty Dreisen indicated that a copy had been signed and mailed to Sun Production, we have furnished a second set of agreements to her. but on November 2nd.
  - As of this date have you received those?

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We have not received them.

Q Okay. What have been your efforts to contact W. E. F. Holding Company?

A. W. E. F. Holding Company is listed as an address of 531 - 5th Avenue. New York, New York. The instruments were mailed to that address and were returned to us as having never been there.

In our search we found that Petrust Corporation resided at 521 - 5th Avenue. Thinking that maybe we had a wrong address, we sent the W. E. F. Holding, Inc., to 521 - 5th Avenue, New York. It was returned to us as having never been there.

Last month I was in New York City on other business. I was in the vicinity of the area, so I went to 531 - 5th Avenue, 521 - 5th Avenue and talked to Petrust Corporation, and other people in the buildings. They could give me no idea of ever having known them. They are not listed in the phone book and I have — it has been impossible to find them.

- Q With regards to Rosalyn Redfern.
- A. Rosalyn Redfern refuses to sign the agreement for personal reasons.

MR. KRELAHIN: If the Examiner please, we move the introduction of Exhibits One and Two, and that concludes our examination of Mr. Hawkes.

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MR. STAMETS: They will be admitted. Any questions of the witness? He may be excused.

# JOSEPH MARTIN

being called as a witness and having been duly sworn upon his oath, testified as follows, to-wit:

# DIRECT EXAMINATION

# BY MR. KELLAHIN:

- Q Would you state your name, by whom you're employed, and in what capacity?
- A. My name is Joseph M. Martin. I'm employed by Sun Production Company. My capacity with Sun is area reservoir engineer.
- 0 Mr. Martin, have you ever testified before the Oil Conservation Division?
  - A No, I haven't.
- Q Would state briefly for the Examiner when and where you obtained your degree?
- A. Graduated from the University of Missouri at Rolla in December, 1972, with a Bachelor of Science degree in petroleum engineering.
- Q Subsequent to graduation where have you been employed and in what capacities?
  - A Since graduation I've been employed by Sun

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Production in Midland, Texas, first as an operations and production engineer and for the past six months as a reservoir engineer.

As a reservoir engineer have you made a study of and are you familiar with the facts surrounding this particular application?

A Yes, I am.

NR. KELLAHIN: We tender Mr. Martin as an expert reservoir engineer.

MR. STAMETS: As what kind of reservoir engineer?

MR. KELLAHIN: Expert.

MR. STAMETS: Okay, the witness is considered qualified.

Q (Mr. Kellahin continuing.) Refer to Exhibit
Number Three and identify that, please.

the proposed proration unit and also showing the proposed location inside the proration unit. It shows also the present producing and past producing Eumont-Queen gas wells in this area.

Q What is a standard proration unit in the Eumont Gas Pool?

A standard proration unit is 640 acres.

And you're requesting a non-standard proration

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unit of 160 acres?

- A Yes, sir.
- What, if any, other non-standard proration units exist in the immediate area?
- As you can see, the dotted lines outline the proration units in the area. As you can see, we're surrounded more or less by 160-acre units. ARCO's unit to the west is an 80-acre unit and there's a 320-acre unit to the southeast; a 440-acre unit to the south; and a 280-acre unit to the west. So there are quite a few non-standard.
  - Q What is the footage location for your well?
- A Footage location is \$10 feet from the south line and 2030 feet from the east line of Section 35, Township 19 South, Range 36 East.
  - Q What would be a standard location?
- A. A standard location as I know it would be 1320 feet from the section line.
- Q For what reasons do you seek this particular location?
- A. This particular location we are seeking, number one, due to the fact that a location in the, let's see, in the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter is condemned due to the fact that there is a chemical plant and its surrounding dumping grounds in this area, so the surface location is condemned there.

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- A It's a sulfuric acid plant.
- And who operates that?
- A I believe it's Climax, is the name of the company.
- So any location in the northeast quarter of
  this proration unit is unavailable?
  - A That's right.
- Q Would you describe the Shell well located in the southeast corner of this unit?
- A This Shell well was the gas well of the proration unit when it was in existence from 1954 through 1970. It was abandoned. The Eumont-Queen was abandoned in this well in 1970 due to mechanical problems and therefore the proration unit was dissolved at that time.
- Q Are there any other wells located within the proration unit that are not identified on the plat?
- A. There are some Eunice-Monument Grayburg-San Andres wells. There would be four of them, counting the Shell well, which was recompleted in the Grayburg-San Andres. One of the wells, our W. B. McBeatty No. 2 Well, is just offsetting our proposed location.
- O That is the nearest Emmont-Monument Grayburg-San Andres well?
  - A Yes, sir.

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- A Footage location for that well is 660 feet from the south line and 1980 feet from the east line in Section 35.
- Q You're asking for this location, the proposed location, to be completed in what formation?
- A This is to be completed in the Eumont-Queen formation.
  - Q At a total depth of what?
  - A Total depth of approximately 3700 feet.
- Q Is not the immediate offset Eumont-Monument Grayburg-San Andres well available for completion in the same zone?
- A. As far as completing or dualing a well in this present Grayburg well, we would not wish to dual it due to mechanical problems often encountered with producing both zones in the same wellbore. As I mentioned, the Shell State A Well was abandoned in the Rumont-Queen due to such mechanical problems.
- Q So it's your preference simply to drill a new wellbore?
  - A Yes, sir.
- Q. Have all of the offset operators been notified of the proposed application, Mr. Martin?

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- And what, if any, responses have you received from ARCO?
- A. We have received an approved waiver of the objection.
- I show you what has been marked Applicant Exhibit Number Five, I believe it is. Would you identify that and explain what information it contains?
- A This is an AFE and authority for expendituration for this particular well. It shows the estimated cost to drill, complete, and equip the well.
- In your opinion, Mr. Martin, are the proposed costs of this well consistent with similar wells drilled in the area?
  - A Yes, sir, they are.
- In your opinion will approval of this application be in the best interests of conservation, the prevention of waste and the protection of correlative rights?
  - A Yes, sir.
- And were Exhibits Three, Four, and Five prepared by you or compiled under your direction and supervision?
- Yes, sir, Exhibit Number Five was not compiled by me or under my supervision, but I reviewed it and it represents —

Q It's true and accurate to the bast of your knowledge?

A Yes, sir.

MR. KELLAHIN: We tender the balance of our exhibits, Mr. Examiner, and that concludes our direct examination.

MR. STAMETS: The exhibits will be admitted.

Are there any questions of the witness? He may be excused.

Anything further in this case? The case

will be taken under advisement.

(Hearing concluded.)

# REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

I, SALLY WALTON BOYD, a Court Reporter, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached Transcript of Hearing before the Oil Conservation Division was reported by me; that said transcript is a full, true, and correct record of the hearing, prepared by me to the best of my ability, knowledge, and skill, from my notes taken at the time of the hearing.

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I do hereby cartify that the foregoing is a comple a record of the proceedings in the Examiner hearing of case to.

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# STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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January 2, 1979

Mr. Tem Kellahin Kellahin & Fox Attorneys at Law Post Office Box 1769 Santa Fe, New Mexico CASE NO. 6404 ORDER NO. R-5896

Applicant:

Sun Production Company

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced Division order recently entered in the subject case.

JOE D. RAMEY
Director

JDR/fd

Copy of order also sent to:

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# STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

> CASE NO. 6404 Order No. R-5896

APPLICATION OF SUN PRODUCTION
COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,
NON-STANDARD GAS PROPATION UNIT, AND
AN UNORTHODOX WELL LOCATION, LEA COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO.

# ORDER OF THE DIVISION

# BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on December 7, 1978, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 29th day of December, 1978, the Division Director, 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 Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicant, Sun Production Company, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Eumont Gas Pool underlying the SE/4 of Section 35, Township 19 South, Range 36 East, NHPM, Lea County, New Mexico, to form a 160-acre non-standard provation unit, approval of which is also requested.
- (3) That the applicant has the right to drill and proposes to drill a well at an unorthodox location 810 feet from the South line and 2030 feet from the East line of said section.
- (4) That there are royalty interest owners in the proposed promation unit who have not agreed to pool their interests.

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- (5) That to avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, to protect correlative rights, and to afford to the owner of each interest in said unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense his just and fair share of the gas in said pool, the subject application should be approved by pooling all mineral interests, whatever they may be, within said unit, granting the non-standard proration unit, and approving the unorthodox location.
- (6) That the applicant should be designated the operator of the subject well and unit.
- (7) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason should be placed in escrow to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership.
- (8) That upon the failure of the operator of said pooled unit to commence drilling of the well to which said unit is dedicated on or before March 15, 1979, the order pooling said unit should become null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

# IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That all mineral interests, whatever they may be, in the Eumont Gas Pool underlying the SE/4 of Section 35, Township 19 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, are hereby pooled to form a non-standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 810 feet from the South line and 2030 feet from the East line of said section.

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the operator of said unit shall commence the drilling of said well on or before the 15th day of March, 1979, and shall thereafter continue the drilling of said well with due diligence to a depth sufficient to test the Queen formation;

PROVIDED FURTHER, that in the event said operator does not commence the drilling of said well on or before the 15th day of March, 1979, Order (1) of this order shall be null and void and of no effect whatsoever, unless said operator obtains a time extension from the Division for good cause shown.

PROVIDED FURTHER, that should said well not be drilled to completion, or abandonment, within 120 days after commencement thereof, said operator shall appear before the Division Director and show cause why Order (1) of this order should not be rescinded.

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- (2) That Sun Production Company is hereby designated the operator of the subject well and unit.
- (3) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason shall immediately be placed in escrow in Lea County, New Mexico, to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership; that the operator shall notify the Division of the name and address of said escrow agent within 30 days from the date of first deposit with said escrow agent.
- (4) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem

DONE at Santa Pe, New Mexico, on the day and year herein-

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JOE D. RAMEY Director

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Betty M. Dreessen P.O. Box 817 Los Altos, California 94022

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Have not received signed instrument. They signed & mailed but we did not receive. Mailed additional copies to them on 11/1/78.
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Betty M. Dreessen and Ingrid Powell, Trustees of the Mariee I. Kyte Revocable Living Trust P.O. Box 817 Los Altos, California 94022

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# SUN OIL COMPANY

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MAVEETY-STATE GAS COM. NO. 8
EUMONT GAS POOL
LEA COUNTY NEW MEXICO

DECEMBER 7, 1978 CASE NO. 6404

EXHIBIT NO. 2

PDI, Inc.
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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102

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Midland, Texas 79702

Sabine Royalty
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Mrs. June D. Speight
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Lovington, New Mexico

# WAIVER

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division P.O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Attention: Mr. Joe D. Ramey

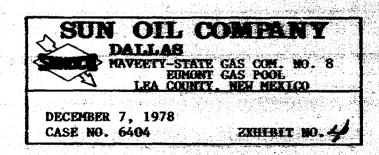
re: Pooling, Non-Standard Gas Proration Unit and Unorthodox Well Location Maveety-State Gas Com. Well No. 8 Eumont Gas Pool Lea County, New Mexico

# Gentlemen:

The undersigned has been furnished a copy of Sun Oil Company's application for pooling, non-Standard Gas Proration Unit and unorthodox well location for the subject well. Please be informed that we, as an offset operator to the Maveety-State Gas Com. Unit, have no objection to the Commission approving Sun's request as outlined in their application dated November 14, 1978.

Yours very truly,

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  South, Range 39 East, and the creation of a new gas pool for Lower Drinkard production in the NE/4
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- CASE 6462: Application of Southland Royalty Company for downhole commingling, Rio Arribe County, New Mexico.
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  12, Townskip 26 North, Range 4 West, Rio Arribe County, New Mexico.
- CASE 6483: Application of Consolidated Oil & Gas. Inc. for downhole commingling. San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the show-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of Busin Dukota and Klenco Messaverde production within the wellbore of its O'Shea Well No. 1 located in Unit K of Section 3, Township 31 North, Range 13 West, San Juan County, New Mexico.
- Application of San Production Company for compalsory pooling, non-standard gas provation unit, and an unorthodox well location, Lem County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Eumont Gas Pool underlying the SE/4 of Section 35, Township 19 South, Range 36 East, Lee County, New Mexico, to form a non-standard 160-acre provation unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 810 feet from the South line and 2030 feet from the East line of said section. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- CASE 6405: Application of LaRue and Hency for exception to Order No. R-111-A, Eddy County, New Herico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an exception to the casing/cementing rules for the Oil-Potach Area as promulgated by Order No. R-111-A to permit its Federal FR Well No. 1 located in Unit I of Section 15, Tourship 18 South, Range 30 East, Eddy County, New Herico, to be completed in the following memor: set curface casing and circulate cement; eliminate salt protection string; and do not circulate cement on production casing.

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KELLAHIN and FOX ATTORNEYS AT LAW
P. O. BOX 1789
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87801

November 13, 1978

Mr. Joe Ramey Oil Conservation Division P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re: Application of Sun Production Company

Dear Joe:

Please amend our application for Sun Production Company for forced pooling mailed to you on November 7th to include the following additional non-consenting owners:

Betty M. Dreessen Box 817 Los Altos, California 94022 .016667% interest

Betty M. Dreessen and Ingrid Powell, Trustees of Marie I. Kyte, revocable living trust Box 817 Los Altos, California 94022

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CC: J. T. Powers

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November 7, 1978

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Mr. Joe Ramey Oil Conservation Division P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re: Sum Production Company

Dear Joe:

Please set the enclosed application for hearing on December 6, 1978.

W. Thomas Wellahin

CC: Mr. J. T. Powers

WTK:kfm

Enclosure

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Santa Fe

# BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND MINERALS

OIL AND GAS DIVISION

case 6404

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SUN PRODUCTION COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, NONSTANDARD GAS PRORATION UNIT, AND UNORTHODOX WELL LOCATION, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

# APPLICATION

COMES NOW SUN PRODUCTION COMPANY and as provided by Section 65-3-14, New Mexico Statutes 1953, as amended, applies to the Oil Conservation Division for an order pooling all the mineral interests in and under SE/4 of Section 35, T195, R36E, Lea County, New Mexico, for a nonstandard gas proration unit consisting of 160 acres and for an unorthodox well location 1030

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1980 feet from the East line and 760 feet from the South line of said section, and in support thereof would show:

- 1. Applicant is the owner of the right to drill and develop the SE/4 of Section 35, T19S, R36E, NMPM.
- 2. Applicant has obtained voluntary agreement for pooling from all but the following:

W. E. F. Holding, Inc. 531 5th Avenue New York, New York 10017

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Rosalind Redfern P. O. Box 1747 Midland, Texas 79702

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- 3. As required by the provisions of Division Rule 104 applicant proposes to dedicate the SE/4 of said section to the well which constitutes a nonstandard gas provation unit.
- 4. Applicant requests to be designated operator of the pooled unit.

- 5. Applicant proposes to drill a well to test the Eumont gas pool at an unorthodox gas well location 760 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the East line of said section.
- 6. Applicant has been unable to obtain voluntary agreement for the pooling of the unpooled interests indicated above and in order to avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, to protect correlative rights, and to prevent waste, the Division should pool all interests in the spacing or proration unit as a unit.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that the Division set this matter for hearing before the Division's duly appointed examiner, and that after notice and hearing as required by law the Division enter its order pooling all interest underlying the SE/4 of Section 35, T19S, R36E, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico, and designating applicant operator of the pooled unit, together with provisions for applicant to recover its costs out of production including a risk factor to be determined by the Division and with provisions for the payment of operating costs and costs of supervision out of production to be allocated among the owners as their interest may appear, for a nonstandard gas proration unit consisting of SE/4 of said section and for an unorthodox location as requested and for such other and further orders as may be proper.

Respectfully submitted,

SUN PRODUCTION COMPANY

Kellahin & Fox

P. O. Box 1769 Santa Fe, New Mexico

ATTORNEYS FOR APPLICANT

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# STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:



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CASE NO. 6404

Order No. R- 5896

APPLICATION OF SUN PRODUCTION
COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,
NON-STANDARD GAS PRORATION UNIT, AND
AN UNORTHODOX WELL LOCATION, LEA COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO.

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# ORDER OF THE DIVISION

# BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on <u>December 7</u>

19 78, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner <u>Richard L. Stamets</u>

NOW, on this <u>day of December</u>, 19 78, the Division

Director, 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 Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicant, Sun Production Company
  seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Eumont
  Gas Pool underlying the SE/4
  of Section 35 , Township 19 South , Range 36 East
  NMPM, Lea County, New

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  (4) That there are interest owners in the proposed proration

  unit who have not agreed to pool their interests.
- protect correlative rights, and to afford to the owner of each interest in said unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense his just and fair share of the gas in said pool, the subject application should be approved by pooling all mineral interests, whatever the may be, within said unit, granting the sen-standard protection and, and approved the teneral to the subject application to the may be approved by pooling all mineral interests, whatever they may be, within said unit, granting the sen-standard protection and approximation.
- (6) That the applicant should be designated the operator of the subject well and unit.

That any non-consenting working interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production.

- (8) That any non-consenting working interest owner that does not pay his share of estimated well costs should have withheld from production his share of the reasonable well costs plus an additional \_\_\_\_\_ thereof as a reasonable charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well.
- (9) That any non-consenting interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to object to the actual well costs but that actual well costs should be adopted as the reasonable well costs in the absence of such objection.
- (10) That following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner that has paid his share of estimated costs should pay to the operator any amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and should receive from the operator any amount that paid estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.

able charge for supervision (combined fixed rates); that the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charge attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating the subject well not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.

(12) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason should be placed in secret to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and at ownership.

That upon the failure of the operator of said pooled unit to commence drilling of the well to which said unit is dedicated on or before March 15, 1979, the order pooling said unit should become null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

# IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

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provided Purther, that in the event said operator does not commence the drilling of said well on or before the standay of ware 1979, Order (1) of this order shall be null and void and of no effect whatsoever, unless said operator obtains a time extension from the Division for good cause shown.

PROVIDED FURTHER, that should said well not be drilled to completion, or abandonment, within 120 days after commencement thereof, said operator shall appear before the Division Director and show cause why Order (1) of this order should not be rescinded.

- (2) That <u>Sun Production Company</u> is hereby designated the operator of the subject well and unit.
- (3) That after the effective date of this order and within 30 days prior to commencing said well, the operator shall furnish the Division and each known working interest owner in the subject unit an itemized schedule of estimated well costs.
- estimated well costs is furnished to him, any non-consenting working interest owner shall have the right to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of responsible well costs out of production, and that any such owner who pays his share of estimated well costs as provided above shall remain liable for operating costs but shall not be liable for risk charges.
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- (7) That the operator is hereby authorized to withhold the following costs and charges from production:
  - A) The pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.
  - (B) As a charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well, \_\_\_\_\_ of the pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.
- (8) That the operator shall distribute said costs and charges withheld from production to the parties who advanced the well costs.
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- a seven-eighths (7/8) working interest and a one-eighth (1/8) royalty interest for the purpose of allocating costs and charges under the terms of this order.
- (11) That any well costs or charges which are to be paid out of production shall be withheld only from the working interests share of production, and no costs or charges shall be withheld from production attributable to royalty interests.
- (3) ( That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason shall immediately be placed in escrow in \_\_\_\_\_\_ County, New Mexico, to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownerships that the operator shall notify the Division of the name and address of said escrow agent within 30 days from the date of first deposit with said escrow agent.
- That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

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

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