

Entered October 22, 1974
A.S.R.

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. 5311
Order No. R-4887

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED
BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION ON
ITS OWN MOTION TO CONSIDER EXTENSION
OF THE CATCLAW DRAW-MORROW GAS POOL,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on September 4, 1974, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 22nd day of October, 1974, 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 this cause was called by the Commission on its own motion to consider whether the Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool in Township 21 South, Ranges 25 and 26 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, should be extended Eastward, farther into Township 21 South, Range 26 East, and if so, to what extent.
- (3) That the question of where the proper boundary on the East side of the Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool should be located is of unique importance inasmuch as said pool has been and is being developed on 640-acre spacing pursuant to the provisions of Orders Nos. R-4157, R-4157-A, and R-1670-O, whereas certain other lands East of the pool are being developed on the standard 320-acre spacing pattern for Pennsylvanian gas wells in Southeast New Mexico.
- (4) That the limits of the Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool as presently defined include the following-described lands:

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, NMPM

Section 1: All
Sections 11 through 14: All
Sections 23 through 26: All
Sections 35 and 36: All

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TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, NMPM
Sections 18, 19, and 20: All
Section 30: All

(5) That by Order No. R-4861, dated October 9, 1974, the Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool as described above, was extended to include, effective November 1, 1974, the following-described lands:

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, NMPM
Section 27: All
Section 34: All

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, NMPM
Section 3: All

(6) That the testimony and the evidence adduced in the instant case indicates that the Morrow gas well in Section 17, Township 21 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, is productive of gas from the same common source of supply as the Morrow gas wells in the Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool, and that the boundaries of said pool should be extended to include said Section 17.

(7) That the testimony and the evidence adduced in the instant case further indicates that the Morrow gas wells in Township 21 South, Range 26 East, other than those in Sections 17, 18, 19, 20, and 30, are producing from some other common source or sources of supply than the Morrow gas wells in the Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool, and should not be included within the boundaries of said pool.

(8) That in order to prevent waste and to protect correlative rights, the boundary of the Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool should be extended eastward to include Section 17, Township 21 South, Range 26 East, NMPM.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, as heretofore classified, defined, and described is hereby extended, effective November 1, 1974, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, NMPM
Section 17: All

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

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

I. R. TRUJILLO, Chairman


ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member


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

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