

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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

CASE NO. 8970
Order No. R-8330-A

IN THE MATTER OF CASE 8970 BEING
REOPENED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS
OF DIVISION ORDER NO. R-8330, WHICH
ORDER ESTABLISHED A LIMITING GAS-OIL
RATIO FOR THE SANMAL-QUEEN POOL IN
LEA COUNTY OF 5000 CUBIC FEET OF GAS
PER BARREL OF OIL FOR A TEMPORARY
PERIOD OF ONE YEAR.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on November 18, 1987, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner David R. Catanach.

NOW, on this 3rd day of December, 1987, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS THAT:

(1) Due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) By Order No. R-8277, dated August 14, 1986, the Division created and defined a pool for the production of oil from the Queen formation designated as the Sanmal-Queen Pool with horizontal limits consisting of the SE/4 of Section 1, Township 18 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) By Order No. R-8330, dated October 29, 1986, the Division, upon application of Yates Petroleum Corporation, adopted a limiting gas-oil ratio for the Sanmal-Queen Pool of 5000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil for a temporary period of one year.

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(4) Under the provisions of said Order No. R-8330, the applicant, who is currently the only operator in the subject pool, was required to appear in the current case and show cause why the subject pool should not be governed by a limiting gas-oil ratio of 2000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil.

(5) Although the applicant did not appear at the hearing, evidence in this case in the form of a letter was presented to the Division by the applicant prior to the hearing.

(6) The record in this case indicates that Yates Petroleum Corporation currently operates seven producing wells within the subject pool.

(7) The evidence presented by the applicant and information obtained from the Division's District I Oil Proration Schedule indicate that all of the producing wells in the subject pool are currently producing at or below a gas-oil ratio of 2000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil.

(8) The evidence in this case indicates that in the interest of conservation and the prevention of waste, the limiting gas-oil ratio for the Sanmal-Queen Pool should be reestablished at 2000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) The limiting gas-oil ratio for the Sanmal-Queen Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, is hereby reestablished at 2000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil.

(2) 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.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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WILLIAM J. LEMAY
Director

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