

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. 12020
ORDER NO. R-11072

**APPLICATION OF OXY USA, INC. FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This case came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on October 8, 1998, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Michael E. Stogner.

NOW, on this 21st day of October, 1998, the Division Director, having considered the record and the recommendations of the Examiner,

FINDS THAT:

(1) Due public notice has been given and the Division has jurisdiction of this case and its subject matter.

(2) The applicant, OXY USA, Inc. ("OXY"), seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from a depth of 3,000 feet below the surface to the base of the Morrow formation underlying the N/2 of Section 24, Township 17 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, thereby forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for any and all formations and/or pools developed on 320-acre spacing within this vertical extent, which presently include but are not necessarily limited to the Undesignated Empire-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool and the Undesignated Logan Draw-Morrow Gas Pool.

(3) This unit is to be dedicated to OXY's proposed Chopsticks Federal Well No. 1 to be drilled at a standard gas well location in the SW/4 NE/4 (Unit G) of Section 24.

(4) Prior to the hearing, the applicant requested this matter be dismissed.

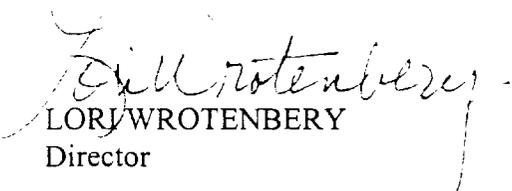
(5) Dismissal of this case should therefore be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

Case No. 12020 is hereby dismissed.

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

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LORI WROTTENBERY
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October 2, 1998

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*** BY FAX ***

Re: **NMOCD Case # 12020, Application of OXY USA Inc. for Compulsory Pooling for the Chopsticks Federal Well No. 1, N/2 Section 4, Township 17 South, Range 27 East, Eddy County, New Mexico**

Dear Mike:

OXY USA Inc. respectfully requests that the subject application be dismissed. It is currently scheduled to be heard on the October 8th Examiner's docket. If you have any questions, please call me at 713-215-7317.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rick".

Richard E. Foppiano, P.E.
Senior Advisor

REF: ref

Cc: Tom Kellahin
William F. Carr, Esq. (Attorney for Altura)
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