

GRAMA RIDGE-MORROW GAS POOL
(Redefined and Rules Rescinded)
Lea County, New Mexico

Order No. R-5995, Redefining Pool and Rescinding the Operating Rules Adopted for the Grama Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, May 2, 1979, as Amended by Order No. R-6050, July 17, 1979.

Application of Llano, Inc. for Rescission of Pool Rules, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE NO. 6496
Order No. R-5995

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION: This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on March 14, 1979, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 2nd day of May, 1979, 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, Llano Inc., is the owner of five wells in the Grama Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That said pool was created and defined by Division Order No. R-3006 on December 3, 1965, comprising all of Sections 3 and 4, Township 22 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, and made subject to the special pool rules promulgated by said order, which include a provision for 640-acre spacing and proration units, with well locations prescribed as being no closer than 1650 feet to the outer boundary of the unit and no closer than 330 feet to any quarter-quarter section line.

(4) That said pool was extended by Order No. R-3080, effective July 1, 1966, to include all of Section 34, Township 21 South, Range 34 East, NMPM; by Order No. R-3152, effective December 1, 1966, to include all of Section 10, Township 22 South, Range 34 East, NMPM; by Order No. R-3195, effective March 1, 1967, to include all of Section 33, Township 21 South, Range 34 East, NMPM; and by Order No. R-5729, effective June 1, 1978, to include all of Section 2, Township 22 South, Range 34 East, NMPM.

(5) That the applicant seeks the rescission of the Special Rules and Regulations for the Grama Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool to provide that said pool would be governed by the 320-acre spacing and acreage dedication requirements and well location requirements of Rule 104 of the Division Rules and Regulations.

(6) That the evidence in this case indicates that the five Morrow gas wells owned by the applicant, namely the Grama Ridge Unit Wells Nos. 2 and 3, located in Sections 34 and 33, respectively, of Township 21 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, and Grama Ridge Unit Wells Nos. 1 and 4, and Government "A" Well No. 1, located in Sections 3, 4, and 10, respectively, of Township 22 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, are all located within an upthrust fault block bounded on the west by a northeast-southwest trending fault and on the east by a north-south trending fault, and that they are not in communication with other wells recently drilled in the area, namely the POGO State L-922 Well No. 2 located in Section 28, or the Getty 35 State Well No. 1 located in Section 35, both in Township 21 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, or the Getty 2 State Well No. 1 located in Section 2, Township 22 South, Range 34 East, NMPM.

(7) That the evidence in this case indicates that the horizontal limits of the Grama Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool, as heretofore defined, are excessive and contain lands which are not producible by wells completed within said pool.

(8) That the horizontal limits of the pool should be contracted to approximately the known productive limits of the above-described fault block, and the pool should be redefined as comprising the following-described lands:

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM
Section 33: E/2
Section 34: W/2

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM
Section 3: W/2
Section 4: All
Section 10: W/2

(9) That the applicant has established that the drainage characteristics of the reservoir in the wells completed within the aforesaid fault block are not such as to support 640-acre spacing, and that 320-acre spacing is more appropriate for the Morrow wells completed therein.

(10) That the Special Rules and Regulations for the Grama Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool, as promulgated by Division Order No. R-3006, should be rescinded, and the pool, as hereinabove redefined, should be spaced, drilled, operated, and produced in accordance with Rule 104 of the Division Rules and Regulations and with such other Division rules and orders as may be applicable.

BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
Case No. 12622 Exhibit No. — 1
Submitted By:
Red Rock Operating
Hearing Date: June 28, 2001

(GRAMA RIDGE-MORROW GAS (REDEFINED AND RULES RESCINDED) POOL - Cont'd.)

(11) That the three recently completed wells described in Finding No. (6) above are not completed in the Grama Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool as redefined, and a separate new pool should be created and defined for the POGO well located in Section 28, and a separate new pool should be created for each or both of the Getty wells located in Sections 35 and 2.

(12) That the owner of the aforesaid wells in said Sections 35 and 2 should be given a reasonable period of time in which to apply to the Division for a hearing to consider the creation of a new pool for said wells, and the promulgation of special rules therefor, if said owner wishes to pursue spacing and proration units of other than 320 acres, and 30 days after the entry of this order is a reasonable period of time for such purpose.

(13) That during such 30-day period, and during the time an application for other than 320-acre spacing has been filed, and a hearing, or an order following hearing, is pending, the following described lands should be placed on temporary 640-acre spacing for the Morrow formation, and no Morrow gas well drilling permits should be approved for said lands unless such permits are for wells to which 640-acres (being a single governmental section) is dedicated and which are located at least 1650 feet from the outer boundary of the unit and at least 330 feet from any quarter-quarter section line, or unless an exception to the provisions of this finding and the derivative order therefrom has been obtained after notice and hearing; the lands are:

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM
Section 26: All
Section 34: E/2
Sections 35 and 36: All

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM
Sections 1 and 2: All
Section 3: E/2
Section 10: E/2
Sections 11 and 12: All

(14) That in the event the owner of the wells in Sections 35, Township 21 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, and 2, Township 22 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, has not filed an application for creation of a new pool for said wells and the promulgation of special rules for said pool, including a provision for other than 320-acre spacing, within the above-described 30-day period, or in the event that spacing and proration units of other than 320 acres are denied, then all the lands described in Finding No. (13) above should be governed by the provisions of Rule 104 of the Division Rules and Regulations.

(15) That an order based on the above findings is in the interest of conservation and will prevent waste and protect correlative rights and should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the Grama Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, as heretofore classified and defined, is hereby redefined to include only the following described lands:

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM
Section 33: E/2
Section 34: W/2

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM
Section 3: W/2
Section 4: All
Section 10: W/2

(2) That the Special Rules and Regulations for the Grama Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool, as promulgated by Division Order No. R-3006, are hereby rescinded, and said pool shall hereafter be spaced, drilled, operated, and produced in accordance with Rule 104 of the Division Rules and Regulations and with such other Division rules and orders as may be applicable.

(3) (Rescinded by Order No. R-6050, July 17, 1979) That the Morrow formation underlying all of Section 26, the E/2 of Section 34, and all of Sections 35 and 36, Township 21 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, and all of Sections 1 and 2, the E/2 of Section 3, the E/2 of Section 10, and all of Sections 11 and 12, Township 22 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, are hereby placed on temporary 640-acre spacing, and no drilling permit shall be approved for any Morrow Gas well proposed to be drilled on said lands unless such permit is for a well to which 640 acres (being a single governmental section) is dedicated and which is located at least 1650 feet from the outer boundary of the unit and at least 330 feet from any quarter-quarter section line, or unless an exception to the provisions of this Order No. (3) has been obtained after notice and hearing.

(4) That the provisions of Order No. (3) above shall be in force for a period of 30 days after the date of entry of this order, or provided Getty Oil Company has filed an application for creation of a new gas pool within the lands described in Order No. (3) above and for the promulgation of special rules for such new pool, including a provision for other than 320-acre spacing, for so long thereafter as a hearing, or an order following a hearing, is pending.

(5) That upon expiration of the acreage dedication and well location requirements provisions of Order No. (3) above, and in the absence of special pool rules to the contrary, all Morrow gas wells completed on the lands described in Order No. (3) above shall be spaced, drilled, operated, and produced in accordance with the provisions of Rule 104 of the Division Rules and Regulations.

(6) 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.

EAST GRAMA RIDGE-MORROW GAS POOL
Lea County, New Mexico

Order No. R-6050, Creating and Adopting Operating Rules for the East Grama Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, July 17, 1979.

Application of Getty Oil Company for Pool Creation and Special Pool Rules, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE NO. 6557
Order No. R-6050

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION: This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on May 29, 1979, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 17th day of July, 1979, 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 the Division, by its Order No. R-5995 entered May 2, 1979, rescinded the Special Rules and Regulations for the Grama Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool, as promulgated by Division Order No. R-3006, and provided that said pool should henceforth be spaced, drilled, operated, and produced in accordance with Rule 104 of the Division Rules and Regulations and with such other Division rules and orders as may be applicable.

(3) That said Order No. R-5995 redefined the horizontal limits of the Grama Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool to include only the E/2 of Section 33 and the W/2 of Section 34, Township 21 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, and the W/2 of Section 3, all of Section 4, and the W/2 of Section 10, Township 22 South, Range 34 East, NMPM.

(4) That said Order No. R-5995 further defined a particular area, described as all of Section 26, the E/2 of Section 34, and all of Sections 35 and 36, Township 21 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, and all of Sections 1 and 2, the E/2 of Section 3, the E/2 of Section 10, and all of Sections 11 and 12, Township 22 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, and prescribed that the Morrow formation underlying said area would be placed on temporary 640-acre well spacing and location requirements for a period of 30 days after the date of entry of said Order No. R-5995, or, provided that if Getty Oil Company had filed an application for creation of a new gas pool within the hereinabove-described lands and the promulgation of special rules for such new pool, including a provision for other than 320-acre spacing, then such temporary rules should remain in effect for so long thereafter as a hearing, or an order following a hearing, is pending.

(5) That Getty Oil Company did file an application with the Division on May 3, 1979, requesting such pool creation and special rules, and said application was docketed for hearing as the instant case.

(6) That as the applicant herein, Getty Oil Company seeks the creation of a new Morrow Gas Pool comprising all of Section 35, Township 21 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, and all of Section 2, Township 22 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, and the promulgation of special rules therefor, including a provision for 640-acre spacing and proration units, and well locations no closer than 1650 feet to the outer boundary of the unit and no closer than 330 feet to any quarter-quarter section line.

(7) That the applicant is the operator of its Getty "35" State Well No. 1 located in Unit K of the aforesaid Section 35, and its Getty "2" State Well No. 1 located in Unit F of aforesaid Section 2.

(8) That said wells are located approximately 4290 feet apart, or less than one mile, but the main producing zone in each of the two wells does not appear to be of major significance in the other well.

(9) That Getty presented evidence attempting to establish that the Morrow producing interval in both the Grama Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool and in the lands immediately East thereof, i.e., the lands under consideration in this case, is of deltaic marine nature, and therefore should extend laterally for considerable distance and exhibit good continuity of permeability throughout the reservoir, thus being conducive to 640-acre spacing; however, the preponderance of the evidence presented at the hearing establishes that said Morrow producing interval does not constitute a broad continuous producing body but instead is composed of numerous separate and isolated sand bodies.

(10) That from the evidence submitted at the hearing, there is no reason to believe that the drainage characteristics in the Morrow formation in the area under consideration (Section 35, Township 21 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, and Section 2, Township 22 South, Range 34 East, NMPM) are any different than the drainage characteristics of the Morrow formation in the Grama Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool immediately to the West.

(11) That the Division found, in Case No. 6496, from which Order No. R-5995 issued, that the drainage characteristics of the Morrow formation in the Grama Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool are not such as to support 640-acre spacing, and that 320-acre spacing was more appropriate for said pool.

(12) That the applicant has failed to establish that one well will effectively and efficiently drain 640 acres in the Morrow formation underlying Section 35, Township 21 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, and Section 2, Township 22 South, Range 34 East, NMPM.

(13) That after considering the evidence presented in this case and the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, the protection of correlative rights, including those of royalty owners, the prevention of waste, the avoidance of the augmentation of risks arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, and the prevention of reduced recovery which might result from the drilling of too few wells, the Commission can only conclude that the application for 640-acre spacing in the subject area should be denied, and that said lands should be developed on 320-acre spacing and proration units.

(14) That a new pool should be created and defined for applicant's wells in the subject area, and that said pool should be designated the East Grama Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool with vertical limits comprising the Morrow formation and horizontal limits comprising the S/2 of Section 35, Township 21 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, and the N/2 of Section 2, Township 22 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

(15) That said East Grama Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool should be spaced, drilled, operated and produced in accordance with Rule 104 of the Division Rules and Regulations and with such other Division rules and orders as may be applicable, including 320-acre spacing and proration units and well location requirements.

(16) That the provisions of Order No. (3) on Pages 4 and 5 of Division Order No. R-5995 should be rescinded.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the application of Getty Oil Company for the creation of a new gas pool in Lea County, New Mexico, for the production of gas from the Morrow formation is approved, and there is hereby created the East Grama Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool, with vertical limits comprising the Morrow formation and horizontal limits comprising the following described area:

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM
Section 35: S/2
TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM
Section 2: N/2

(2) That said East Grama Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool shall be spaced, drilled, operated, and produced in accordance with Rule 104 of the Division Rules and Regulations and with such other Division rules and orders as may be applicable to 320-acre spacing and proration units and well location requirements.

(3) That the application of Getty Oil Company for 640-acre spacing and well location requirements is hereby denied.

(4) That the provisions of Order No. (3) on Pages 4 and 5 of Division Order No. R-5995 are hereby rescinded.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

(1) That the locations of all wells presently drilling to or completed in, or for which drilling permits have been approved for, the East Grama Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool or the Morrow formation within one mile thereof, are hereby approved.

(EAST GRAMA RIDGE-MORROW GAS POOL - Cont'd.)

(2) That existing wells in the East Grama Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool shall have dedicated thereto 320 acres in accordance with the foregoing, and the operator thereof shall file Forms C-102 dedicating 320 acres to such wells within 60 days after entry of this order.

Failure to file new Forms C-102 with the Division dedicating 320 acres to a well within 60 days from the date of this order shall subject the well to cancellation of allowable.

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

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

NORTH TOCITO DOME-PENNSYLVANIAN ASSOCIATED POOL

(Formerly North Tocito Dome-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool)
San Juan County, New Mexico

Order No. R-5353-E, Reclassifying as an Associated Pool and Adopting Temporary Operating Rules for the North Tocito Dome-Pennsylvanian Associated Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico, January 1, 1979.

Order No. R-5353-E-1, March 11, 1980, continues in effect the temporary rules adopted in Order No. R-5353-E (continued for 18 months).

Application of R B Petroleum Company for Pool Reclassification, San Juan County, New Mexico.

CASE NO. 6387
Order No. R-5353-E

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION: This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on November 21, 1978, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

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 by Order No. R-4260, effective March 1, 1972, the North Tocito Dome-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool was created and defined subject to the general rules for gas pools in Northwest New Mexico.

(3) That the applicant, R B Petroleum Company, seeks the reclassification of said pool as an associated pool, and the adoption of special rules and regulations for said pool to provide for the classification of oil wells and gas wells therein, and the adoption of 160-acre and 320-acre spacing and proration units, respectively, therefor.

(4) That the evidence available at the time of the hearing indicates that said North Tocito Dome-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool should be reclassified as an associated pool.

(5) That the evidence available at the time of the hearing indicates that said North Tocito Dome-Pennsylvanian Pool may be efficiently and economically developed by oil wells on 160-acre spacing and proration units and by gas wells on 320-acre spacing and proration units.

(6) That the application for special rules and regulations should be approved for a temporary period of one year to permit operators in the subject pool to gather additional reservoir information.

(7) That this case should be reopened at an examiner hearing in January 1, 1980, at which time the operators in the subject pool should be prepared to appear and show cause why said pool should not be reclassified as a gas pool to be governed by statewide rules.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That effective January 1, 1979, the North Tocito Dome-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool in San Juan County, New Mexico, is hereby reclassified as an associated pool and redesignated the North Tocito Dome-Pennsylvanian Associated Pool.

(2) That said North Tocito Dome-Pennsylvanian Associated Pool shall be governed by the General Rules and Regulations for the Associated Oil and Gas Pools of Northwest and Southeast New Mexico, promulgated by Order No. R-5353, insofar as said General Rules and Regulations are not inconsistent with the Special Rules and Regulations for the subject pool as hereinafter set forth, in which event the Special Rules shall apply.

**SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS
FOR THE
NORTH TOCITO DOME-PENNSYLVANIAN ASSOCIATED POOL**

Rule 2. (a) A standard oil proration unit shall be 160 acres. A standard gas proration unit shall be 320 acres.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

(1) That the locations of all wells presently drilling to or completed in the North Tocito Dome-Pennsylvania Associated Pool or in the Pennsylvanian formation within one mile thereof are hereby approved; that the operator of any well having an unorthodox location shall notify the Aztec District Office of the Division in writing of the name and location of the well on or before February 1, 1979.

(2) That, pursuant to Paragraph A. of Section 65-3-14.5, N.M.S.A. 1953 Comp., contained in Laws 1969, Chapter 271, existing oil wells in the North Tocito Dome-Pennsylvanian Associated Pool shall have dedicated thereto 160 acres and existing gas wells shall have dedicated thereto 320 acres in accordance with the foregoing pool rules; or, pursuant to Paragraph C. of said Section 65-3-14.5, existing wells may have non-standard spacing or proration units established by the Division and dedicated thereto.

Failure to file new Forms C-102 with the Division dedicating the appropriate acreage to a well or to obtain a non-standard unit approved by the Division within 60 days from the date of this order shall subject the well to cancellation of allowable. Until said Form C-102 has been filed or until a non-standard unit has been approved, and subject to said 60-day limitation, each well presently drilling to or completed in the North Tocito Dome-Pennsylvanian Associated Pool or in the Pennsylvanian formation within one mile thereof shall receive no more than an 40-acre allowable for the pool.

(3) That this case shall be reopened at an examiner hearing in January 1, 1980, at which time the operators in the subject pool should be prepared to appear and show cause why the North Tocito Dome-Pennsylvanian Associated Pool should not be reclassified as a gas pool to be governed by statewide rules.

(4) 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.

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. 4896
Order No. R-4491

APPLICATION OF LLANO, INC.,
FOR GAS INJECTION, LEA
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on January 17, 1973, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this 16th day of March, 1973, 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 the applicant, Llano, Inc., is the operator of the Grama Ridge Morrow Unit Area comprising some 1280 acres, more or less, of lands in Section 34, Township 21 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, and Section 3, Township 22 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That the applicant proposes to inject purchased gas for storage purposes into its State GRA Well No. 1 located in Unit E of the aforesaid Section 3 and its State GRB Well No. 1 located in Unit L of the aforesaid Section 34, injection to be into the perforated intervals from 12,827 to 12,847 feet, 12,984 to 12,985 feet, and 13,010 to 13,021 feet in said State GRA Well No. 1, and the perforated intervals from 12,921 to 12,934 feet, 13,020 to 13,022 feet, and 13,051 to 13,073 feet in said State GRB Well No. 1, all of said perforations being into irregular and non-continuous sands embedded in the shale matrix of the Morrow formation, Grama Ridge Morrow Gas Pool.

(4) That while there are other wells than the aforesaid State GRA Well No. 1 and State GRB Well No. 1 producing from the Morrow formation of said Grama Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool, the evidence indicates that said other wells are producing from separate sand stringers not in communication with the proposed injection zones.

(5) That the applicant proposes to initiate and conduct its gas storage operations in the subject wells in accordance with a 3-phase plan as follows:

Phase I - General conditioning of downhole well equipment and installation of surface, testing and metering facilities. Pilot test in order to determine by pressure analysis the limits of the Morrow reservoir and the compatability for gas storage.

Phase II - First installation of permanent compression equipment to expedite fill-up operation after soundness of underground Morrow reservoir is established.

Phase III - Installation of additional compression after evaluation of Phase II has corroborated the reservoir limits as determined in the Phase I evaluation and final fill-up to 2500 psig surface pressure.

(6) That the injection of gas into the subject wells for gas storage purposes, and the subsequent withdrawal of such gas for transportation to market, will not cause waste nor violate correlative rights, and should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Llano, Inc., is hereby authorized to inject gas for storage purposes, and to subsequently withdraw such gas, in the perforated intervals from 12,827 to 12,847 feet, 12,984 to 12,985 feet, and 13,010 to 13,021 feet in its State GRA Well No. 1 located in Unit E of Section 3, Township 22 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, and in the perforated intervals from 12,921 to 12,934 feet, 13,020 to 13,022 feet, and 13,051 to 13,073 feet in its State GRB Well No. 1 located in Unit L of Section 34, Township 21 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Grama Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(2) That the applicant shall notify the Santa Fe and Hobbs offices of the Commission and the Commissioner of Public Lands for the State of New Mexico upon commencement of each phase of operations as outlined in Finding No. (5) above. Further, that the applicant shall file monthly reports of gas injected and gas withdrawn as required by Rule 405 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

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

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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BRUCE KING, Chairman

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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. 6496
Order No. R-5995

APPLICATION OF LLANO, INC. FOR
RESCISSION OF POOL RULES, LEA
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on March 14, 1979, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 2nd day of May, 1979, 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, Llano Inc., is the owner of five wells in the Grama Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (3) That said pool was created and defined by Division Order No. R-3006 on December 3, 1965, comprising all of Sections 3 and 4, Township 22 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, and made subject to the special pool rules promulgated by said order, which include a provision for 640-acre spacing and proration units, with well locations prescribed as being no closer than 1650 feet to the outer boundary of the unit and no closer than 330 feet to any quarter-quarter section line.
- (4) That said pool was extended by Order No. R-3080, effective July 1, 1966, to include all of Section 34, Township 21 South, Range 34 East, NMPM; by Order No. R-3152, effective December 1, 1966, to include all of Section 10, Township 22 South, Range 34 East, NMPM; by Order No. R-3195, effective

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March 1, 1967, to include all of Section 33, Township 21 South, Range 34 East, NMPM; and by Order No. R-5729, effective June 1, 1978, to include all of Section 2, Township 22 South, Range 34 East, NMPM.

(5) That the applicant seeks the rescission of the Special Rules and Regulations for the Grama Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool to provide that said pool would be governed by the 320-acre spacing and acreage dedication requirements and well location requirements of Rule 104 of the Division Rules and Regulations.

(6) That the evidence in this case indicates that the five Morrow gas wells owned by the applicant, namely the Grama Ridge Unit Wells Nos. 2 and 3, located in Sections 34 and 33, respectively, of Township 21 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, and Grama Ridge Unit Wells Nos. 1 and 4, and Government "A" Well No. 1, located in Sections 3, 4, and 10, respectively, of Township 22 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, are all located within an upthrust fault block bounded on the west by a northeast-southwest trending fault and on the east by a north-south trending fault, and that they are not in communication with other wells recently drilled in the area, namely the POGO State L-922 Well No. 2 located in Section 28, or the Getty 35 State Well No. 1 located in Section 35, both in Township 21 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, or the Getty 2 State Well No. 1 located in Section 2, Township 22 South, Range 34 East, NMPM.

(7) That the evidence in this case indicates that the horizontal limits of the Grama Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool, as heretofore defined, are excessive and contain lands which are not producible by wells completed within said pool.

(8) That the horizontal limits of the pool should be contracted to approximately the known productive limits of the above-described fault block, and the pool should be redefined as comprising the following-described lands:

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM

Section 33: E/2

Section 34: W/2

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM

Section 3: W/2

Section 4: All

Section 10: W/2

(9) That the applicant has established that the drainage characteristics of the reservoir in the wells completed within the aforesaid fault block are not such as to support 640-acre spacing, and that 320-acre spacing is more appropriate for the Morrow wells completed therein.

(10) That the Special Rules and Regulations for the Grama Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool, as promulgated by Division Order No. R-3006, should be rescinded, and the pool, as hereinabove redefined, should be spaced, drilled, operated, and produced in accordance with Rule 104 of the Division Rules and Regulations and with such other Division rules and orders as may be applicable.

(11) That the three recently completed wells described in Finding No. (6) above are not completed in the Grama Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool as redefined, and a separate new pool should be created and defined for the POGO well located in Section 28, and a separate new pool should be created for each or both of the Getty wells located in Sections 35 and 2.

(12) That the owner of the aforesaid wells in said Sections 35 and 2 should be given a reasonable period of time in which to apply to the Division for a hearing to consider the creation of a new pool for said wells, and the promulgation of special rules therefor, if said owner wishes to pursue spacing and proration units of other than 320 acres, and 30 days after the entry of this order is a reasonable period of time for such purpose.

(13) That during such 30-day period, and during the time an application for other than 320-acre spacing has been filed, and a hearing, or an order following hearing, is pending, the following described lands should be placed on temporary 640-acre spacing for the Morrow formation, and no Morrow gas well drilling permits should be approved for said lands unless such permits are for wells to which 640-acres (being a single governmental section) is dedicated and which are located at least 1650 feet from the outer boundary of the unit and at least 330 feet from any quarter-quarter section line, or unless an exception to the provisions of this finding and the derivative order therefrom has been obtained after notice and hearing; the lands are:

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM
Section 26: All
Section 34: E/2
Sections 35 and 36: All

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TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM
Sections 1 and 2: All
Section 3: E/2
Section 10: E/2
Sections 11 and 12: All

(14) That in the event the owner of the wells in Sections 35, Township 21 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, and 2, Township 22 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, has not filed an application for creation of a new pool for said wells and the promulgation of special rules for said pool, including a provision for other than 320-acre spacing, within the above-described 30-day period, or in the event that spacing and proration units of other than 320 acres are denied, then all the lands described in Finding No. (13) above should be governed by the provisions of Rule 104 of the Division Rules and Regulations.

(15) That an order based on the above findings is in the interest of conservation and will prevent waste and protect correlative rights and should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the Grama Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, as heretofore classified and defined, is hereby redefined to include only the following described lands:

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM
Section 33: E/2
Section 34: W/2

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM
Section 3: W/2
Section 4: All
Section 10: W/2

(2) That the Special Rules and Regulations for the Grama Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool, as promulgated by Division Order No. R-3006, are hereby rescinded, and said pool shall hereafter be spaced, drilled, operated, and produced in accordance with Rule 104 of the Division Rules and Regulations and with such other Division rules and orders as may be applicable.

(3) That the Morrow formation underlying all of Section 26, the E/2 of Section 34, and all of Sections 35 and 36, Township 21 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, and all of Sections 1 and 2, the E/2 of Section 3, the E/2 of Section 10, and all of

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Sections 11 and 12, Township 22 South, Range 34 East, NMMPM, are hereby placed on temporary 640-acre spacing, and no drilling permit shall be approved for any Morrow gas well proposed to be drilled on said lands unless such permit is for a well to which 640 acres (being a single governmental section) is dedicated and which is located at least 1650 feet from the outer boundary of the unit and at least 330 feet from any quarter-quarter section line, or unless an exception to the provisions of this Order No. (3) has been obtained after notice and hearing.

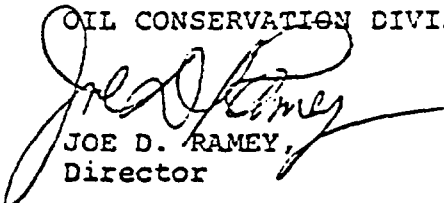
(4) That the provisions of Order No. (3) above shall be in force for a period of 30 days after the date of entry of this order, or provided Getty Oil Company has filed an application for creation of a new gas pool within the lands described in Order No. (3) above and for the promulgation of special rules for such new pool, including a provision for other than 320-acre spacing, for so long thereafter as a hearing, or an order following a hearing, is pending.

(5) That upon expiration of the acreage dedication and well location requirements provisions of Order No. (3) above, and in the absence of special pool rules to the contrary, all Morrow gas wells completed on the lands described in Order No. (3) above shall be spaced, drilled, operated, and produced in accordance with the provisions of Rule 104 of the Division Rules and Regulations.

(6) 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.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION


JOE D. RAMEY,
Director

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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
COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR
THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 6557
Order No. R-6050

APPLICATION OF GETTY OIL COMPANY
FOR POOL CREATION AND SPECIAL POOL
RULES, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on May 29, 1979, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 17th day of July, 1979, 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 the Division, by its Order No. R-5995 entered May 2, 1979, rescinded the Special Rules and Regulations for the Grama Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool, as promulgated by Division Order No. R-3006, and provided that said pool should henceforth be spaced, drilled, operated, and produced in accordance with Rule 104 of the Division Rules and Regulations and with such other Division rules and orders as may be applicable.

(3) That said Order No. R-5995 redefined the horizontal limits of the Grama Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool to include only the E/2 of Section 33 and the W/2 of Section 34, Township 21 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, and the W/2 of Section 3, all of Section 4, and the W/2 of Section 10, Township 22 South, Range 34 East, NMPM.

(4) That said Order No. R-5995 further defined a particular area, described as all of Section 26, the E/2 of Section 34, and all of Sections 35 and 36, Township 21 South,

Range 34 East, NMPM, and all of Sections 1 and 2, the E/2 of Section 3, the E/2 of Section 10, and all of Sections 11 and 12, Township 22 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, and prescribed that the Morrow formation underlying said area would be placed on temporary 640-acre well spacing and location requirements for a period of 30 days after the date of entry of said Order No. R-5995, or, provided that if Getty Oil Company had filed an application for creation of a new gas pool within the hereinabove-described lands and the promulgation of special rules for such new pool, including a provision for other than 320-acre spacing, then such temporary rules should remain in effect for so long thereafter as a hearing, or an order following a hearing, is pending.

(5) That Getty Oil Company did file an application with the Division on May 3, 1979, requesting such pool creation and special rules, and said application was docketed for hearing as the instant case.

(6) That as the applicant herein, Getty Oil Company seeks the creation of a new Morrow Gas Pool comprising all of Section 35, Township 21 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, and all of Section 2, Township 22 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, and the promulgation of special rules therefor, including a provision for 640-acre spacing and proration units, and well locations, no closer than 1650 feet to the outer boundary of the unit and no closer than 330 feet to any quarter-quarter section line.

(7) That the applicant is the operator of its Getty "35" State Well No. 1 located in Unit K of the aforesaid Section 35, and its Getty "2" State Well No. 1 located in Unit F of the aforesaid Section 2.

(8) That said wells are located approximately 4290 feet apart, or less than one mile, but the main producing zone in each of the two wells does not appear to be of major significance in the other well.

(9) That Getty presented evidence attempting to establish that the Morrow producing interval in both the Grama Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool and in the lands immediately East thereof, i.e., the lands under consideration in this case, is of deltaic marine nature, and therefore should extend laterally for considerable distance and exhibit good continuity of permeability throughout the reservoir, thus being conducive to 640-acre spacing; however, the preponderance of the evidence presented at the hearing establishes that said Morrow producing interval does not constitute a broad continuous producing body but instead is composed of numerous separate and isolated sand bodies.

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(10) That from the evidence submitted at the hearing, there is no reason to believe that the drainage characteristics in the Morrow formation in the area under consideration (Section 35, Township 21 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, and Section 2, Township 22 South, Range 34 East, NMPM) are any different than the drainage characteristics of the Morrow formation in the Grama Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool immediately to the West.

(11) That the Division found, in Case No. 6496, from which Order No. R-5995 issued, that the drainage characteristics of the Morrow formation in the Grama Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool are not such as to support 640-acre spacing, and that 320-acre spacing was more appropriate for said pool.

(12) That the applicant has failed to establish that one well will effectively and efficiently drain 640 acres in the Morrow formation underlying Section 35, Township 21 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, and Section 2, Township 22 South, Range 34 East, NMPM.

(13) That after considering the evidence presented in this case and the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, the protection of correlative rights, including those of royalty owners, the prevention of waste, the avoidance of the augmentation of risks arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, and the prevention of reduced recovery which might result from the drilling of too few wells, the Commission can only conclude that the application for 640-acre spacing in the subject area should be denied, and that said lands should be developed on 320-acre spacing and proration units.

(14) That a new pool should be created and defined for applicant's wells in the subject area, and that said pool should be designated the East Grama Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool with vertical limits comprising the Morrow formation and horizontal limits comprising the S/2 of Section 35, Township 21 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, and the N/2 of Section 2, Township 22 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

(15) That said East Grama Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool should be spaced, drilled, operated and produced in accordance with Rule 104 of the Division Rules and Regulations and with such other Division rules and orders as may be applicable, including 320-acre spacing and proration units and well location requirements.

(16) That the provisions of Order No. (3) on Pages 4 and 5 of Division Order No. R-5995 should be rescinded.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the application of Getty Oil Company for the creation of a new gas pool in Lea County, New Mexico, for the production of gas from the Morrow formation is approved, and there is hereby created the East Grama Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool, with vertical limits comprising the Morrow formation and horizontal limits comprising the following described area:

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM
Section 35: S/2

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM
Section 2: N/2

(2) That said East Grama Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool shall be spaced, drilled, operated, and produced in accordance with Rule 104 of the Division Rules and Regulations and with such other Division rules and orders as may be applicable to 320-acre spacing and proration units and well location requirements.

(3) That the application of Getty Oil Company for 640-acre spacing and well location requirements is hereby denied.

(4) That the provisions of Order No. (3) on Pages 4 and 5 of Division Order No. R-5995 are hereby rescinded.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

(1) That the locations of all wells presently drilling (to or completed in, or for which drilling permits have been approved for, the East Grama Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool or the Morrow formation within one mile thereof, are hereby approved.

(2) That existing wells in the East Grama Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool shall have dedicated thereto 320 acres in accordance with the foregoing, and the operator thereof shall file Forms C-102 dedicating 320 acres to such wells within 60 days after entry of this order.

Failure to file new Forms C-102 with the Division dedicating 320 acres to a well within 60 days from the date of this order shall subject the well to cancellation of allowable.

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

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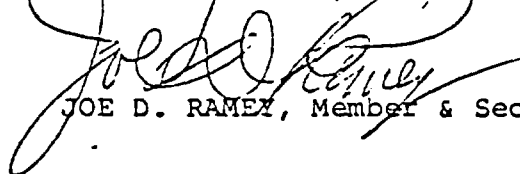
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DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year herein-
above designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION


ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member


EMERY C. ARNOLD, Member


JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Secretary

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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
COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR
THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 6558
Order No. R-6051

APPLICATION OF LLANO, INC. FOR
A NON-STANDARD GAS PRORATION UNIT,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on May 29, 1979, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 17th day of July, 1979, 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 the application of Llano, Inc., for a 320-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising the E/2 of Section 34, Township 21 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, was predicated on the temporary 640-acre spacing and proration units and well location requirements promulgated by Order No. (3) on Pages 4 and 5 of Division Order No. R-5995.

(3) That the Division, by its Order No. R-6050 rescinded said Order No. (3) of Division Order No. R-5995, and the Morrow formation underlying the aforesaid E/2 of Section 34 is now subject to 320-acre well spacing and location requirements, thereby rendering this case moot.

(4) That Case No. 6558 should be dismissed.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

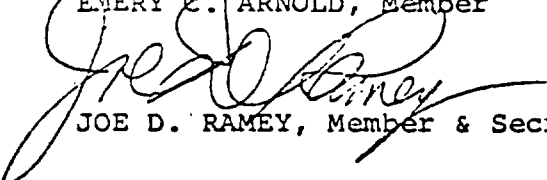
(1) That Case No. 6558 is hereby dismissed.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION


ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member


EMERY C. ARNOLD, Member


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