

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW
MEXICO FOR THE PURPOSE OF CON-
SIDERING:

CASE NO. 657
Order No. R-449

THE APPLICATION OF TIDE WATER
ASSOCIATED OIL COMPANY FOR AN
ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF AN
EXCEPTION PURSUANT TO RULE 7 (a)
OF ORDER NO. R-372-A IN ESTABLISH-
MENT OF AN UNORTHODOX GAS PRO-
DUCTION UNIT OF 160 CONTIGUOUS
ACRES CONSISTING OF NORTH HALF
OF THE NORTH HALF OF SECTION
15, TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE
37 EAST, NMPM., LEA COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO, IN THE BLINEBRY GAS
POOL.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a. m., on February 17, 1954, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission".

NOW, on this 16 day of April, 1954, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the records and testimony adduced, and being fully advised in the premises;

FINDS:

(1) That due notice of the time and place of hearing and the purpose thereof having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this case and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That pursuant to provisions of Rule 7 (a) of Order No. R-372-A, the Commission has power and authority to permit the formation of a gas production unit consisting of other than a legal quarter section after notice and hearing by the Commission.

(3) That applicant, Tide Water Associated Oil Company, is the owner of an oil and gas lease in Lea County, New Mexico the land consisting of other than a legal quarter section, and described as follows, to-wit:

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containing 160 acres, more or less.

(4) That applicant, Tide Water Associated Oil Company, has a producing well on the aforesaid lease known as State "S", No. 2 located 660' from the North line and 1980' from the West line of Section 15, Township 21 South, Range 37 East.

(5) That the aforesaid well was completed and in production prior to

January 1, 1954, the effective date of Order No. R-372-A, and is located within the limits of the pool heretofore delineated and designated as the Blinebry Gas Pool.

(6) That it is impractical to pool applicant's said lease with adjoining acreage in the North half of Section 15, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, NMPM., and that the owners of adjoining acreage in said half section have not objected to the formation of the proposed proration unit of 160 acres.

(7) That unless a proration unit consisting of applicant's aforesaid acreage is permitted, applicant will be deprived of the opportunity to recover its just and equitable share of the natural gas in the Blinebry Gas Pool.

(8) That creation of a proration unit consisting of the aforesaid acreage will not cause but will prevent waste, will protect correlative rights, and is necessary to prevent confiscation of applicant's property.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the application of Tide Water Associated Oil Company for approval of an unorthodox proration unit consisting of the following described acreage

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be and the same is hereby approved, and a proration unit consisting of aforesaid acreage is hereby created.


(2) That applicant's well, State "S", No. 2, located in the NE/4 NW/4 of Section 15, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, NMPM., shall be granted an allowable from January 1, 1954 in the proportion that the above described 160-acre unit bears to the standard or orthodox proration unit for said pool, all until further order of the Commission.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION


EDWIN L. MECHEM, Chairman


E. S. WALKER, Member


R. R. SPURRIER, Secretary & Member

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