

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
CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 977
Order No. R-794-C

APPLICATION OF SOUTHERN UNION GAS
COMPANY FOR AN ORDER CREATING THE
TAPACITO-PICTURED CLIFFS POOL IN
RIO ARriba COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AND
FOR THE TEMPORARY ESTABLISHMENT OF
320-ACRE DRILLING UNITS WITHIN SAID
POOL.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on November 16, 1955, January 16, 1957, March 14, 1957, August 15, 1957, and again on February 13, 1958, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 19th day of March, 1958, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony and the evidence adduced at said hearings 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 Tapacito-Pictured Cliffs Pool in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, was created by Order No. R-794 dated April 18, 1956, and that, upon application of Southern Union Gas Company, temporary 320-acre spacing was established in said pool.

(3) That paragraph (10) of Order No. R-794 ordered Southern Union Gas Company to appear and show cause why temporary 320-acre spacing should be continued in the Tapacito-Pictured Cliffs Gas Pool beyond April 1, 1957, and that the Commission by Order No. 794-A dated April 5, 1957, and R-794-B dated September 9, 1957, extended the duration of Order No. R-794 until April 1, 1958, in order to allow Southern Union Gas Company more time in which to compile additional information concerning the Tapacito-Pictured Cliffs Gas Pool.

(4) That Southern Union Gas Company has failed to prove that the Tapacito-Pictured Cliffs Gas Pool can be efficiently drained on a 320-acre spacing pattern.

(5) That the Tapacito-Pictured Cliffs Gas Pool can be efficiently and economically drained on a 160-acre spacing pattern.

(6) That the drilling and spacing of wells in the Tapacito-Pictured Cliffs Gas Pool should be governed by Rule 104 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That paragraph (1) of Order No. R-794 which created the Tapacito-Pictured Cliffs Gas Pool shall remain in full force and effect and that paragraphs (2) through (11) inclusive be and the same are hereby superseded.

2. That all wells hereafter projected to or completed in the Tapacito-Pictured Cliffs Gas Pool shall be drilled, spaced, and operated in conformance with Rule 104 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

3. That this order shall become effective on April 1, 1958.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

EDWIN L. MECHEM, Chairman

MURRAY E. MORGAN, Member

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

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