

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. 4002
Order No. R-3640

APPLICATION OF MARATHON OIL COMPANY
FOR APPROVAL OF THE DALLAS RANCH UNIT
AGREEMENT, CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on December 19, 1968, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 23rd day of December, 1968, 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, Marathon Oil Company, seeks approval of the Dallas Ranch Unit Agreement covering 8848.60 acres, more or less, of State lands described as follows:

CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, NMPM

Section 13: All
Section 14: S/2
Section 21: All
Section 22: N/2, SE/4, and N/2 SW/4
Sections 23 through 28: All
Sections 33 and 34: All
Section 35: N/2

TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM

Section 18: All
Section 19: N/2, SW/4, W/2 SE/4, and
NE/4 SE/4

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(3) That approval of the proposed unit agreement should promote the prevention of waste and the protection of correlative rights within the unit area.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the Dallas Ranch Unit Agreement is hereby approved.

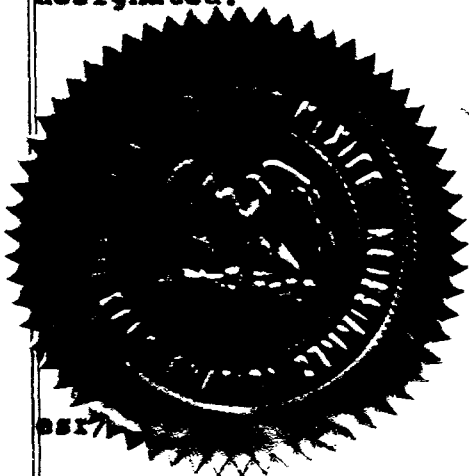
(2) That the plan contained in said unit agreement for the development and operation of the unit area is hereby approved in principle as a proper conservation measure; provided, however, that notwithstanding any of the provisions contained in said unit agreement, this approval shall not be considered as waiving or relinquishing, in any manner, any right, duty, or obligation which is now, or may hereafter be, vested in the Commission to supervise and control operations for the exploration and development of any lands committed to the unit and production of oil or gas therefrom.

(3) That the unit operator shall file with the Commission an executed original or executed counterpart of the unit agreement within 30 days after the effective date thereof; that in the event of subsequent joinder by any party or expansion or contraction of the unit area, the unit operator shall file with the Commission within 30 days thereafter counterparts of the unit agreement reflecting the subscription of those interests having joined or ratified.

(4) That this order shall become effective upon the approval of said unit agreement by the Commissioner of Public Lands for the State of New Mexico; that this order shall terminate ipso facto upon the termination of said unit agreement; and that the last unit operator shall notify the Commission immediately in writing of such termination.

(5) 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

DAVID F. CARGO, Chairman

GUYTON H. HAYS, Member

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