

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. 1981
Order No. R-1670-A

APPLICATION OF EL PASO NATURAL GAS
COMPANY FOR AN AMENDMENT OF THE
SPECIAL POOL RULES FOR THE BLANCO-
MESAVERDE GAS POOL, RIO ARriba AND
SAN JUAN COUNTIES, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on June 1, 1960, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Elvis A. Utz, Examiner duly appointed by the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission," in accordance with Rule 1214 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

NOW, on this 10th day of June, 1960, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the application, the evidence adduced, and the recommendations of the Examiner, Elvis A. Utz, 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, El Paso Natural Gas Company, seeks an order amending the Special Pool Rules for the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool as set forth in Order R-1670 to provide that District Supervisors of the Oil Conservation Commission may approve "slim-hole" completions in the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool, regardless of depth.
- (3) That the evidence presented establishes that no particular problems should be encountered in the Mesaverde formation which would make the "slim-hole" method of completion undesirable; therefore, the applicant's proposed amendment to the Special Pool Rules for the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool should be adopted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That Order No. R-1670, which sets forth the Special Rules and Regulations governing the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool, Rio Arriba and San Juan Counties, New Mexico, be and the same is

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hereby amended by the inclusion of Rule 34 which reads in its entirety as follows:

The Oil Conservation Commission's District Supervisors or their representatives shall have authority to approve "slim-hole" completions without the necessity for administrative approval or notice and hearing when the following conditions exist:

- (1) The well is to be completed with a total depth which shall not exceed the base of the Mesaverde formation,
- (2) The well is not a wildcat (it is not more than one mile from an existing well producing from the same common source of supply to which it is projected),
- (3) No known corrosive or pressure problems exist which might make the "slim-hole" method of completion undesirable,
- (4) The well will not be a dual completion,
- (5) The tubing used as a substitute for casing will be either 2-3/8 inch OD or 2-7/8 inch OD.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION


JOHN BURROUGHS, Chairman


MURRAY E. MORGAN, Member


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

