

**BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

CASE No. 2215
Order No. R-2103

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
COMMISSION ON ITS OWN MOTION TO
CONSIDER THE PROMULGATION OF AN
ORDER PROHIBITING THE FLARING OF
CASINGHEAD GAS FROM OIL WELLS IN
THE CHA CHA-GALLUP AND TOTAH-GALLUP
OIL POOLS, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW
MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on March 15, 1961, May 17, 1961, July 13, 1961, August 16, 1961, and September 13, 1961, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, and on October 12, 1961, at Roswell, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 24th day of October, 1961, 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 a very substantial quantity of casinghead gas produced from oil wells in the Cha Cha-Gallup and Totah-Gallup Oil Pools, San Juan County, New Mexico, is presently being flared or vented.

(3) That a facility to gather said gas is presently under construction and should be completed by December 1, 1961.

(4) That there is a definite need for the promulgation of an order prohibiting the flaring or venting of said casinghead gas.

(5) That said no-flare order should be made effective December 1, 1961.

(6) That a ninety-day exception to said no-flare order should be allowed for each well following its date of completion.

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(7) That further exception to said no-flare order should be allowed only upon a showing that waste or undue hardship would otherwise be caused.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That no casinghead gas shall be flared or vented from any well in the Cha Cha-Gallup Oil Pool or in the Totah-Gallup Oil Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico, after November 30, 1961.

PROVIDED HOWEVER, That each well completed in said pools is hereby granted a ninety-day exception to this order, dating from the well's date of completion.

PROVIDED FURTHER, That any operator who desires to obtain an exception to this order shall submit to the Secretary-Director an application for such exception showing justification therefor. The Secretary-Director is hereby authorized to grant such an exception if he determines that it is reasonably necessary to prevent waste or to prevent undue hardship on the applicant.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

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



EDWIN L. MECHEM, Chairman



E. S. WALKER, Member



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

