

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY FOR
THE NON-CANCELLATION OF UNDERPRO-
DUCTION OF CERTAIN WELLS IN THE
BASIN DAKOTA GAS POOL, SAN JUAN
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. 2481
ORDER NO. _____

A P P L I C A T I O N

Comes now El Paso Natural Gas Company, a Delaware corporation, hereinafter called "Applicant" with license to do business in the State of New Mexico and respectfully alleges and states:

I.

Applicant is the purchaser of gas from certain wells in the Basin Dakota Gas Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico, that were connected to the same low pressure pipe line facilities as wells in the same area producing from Pictured Cliffs Gas Pools. In order to produce the Pictured Cliffs wells connected to this system, it was necessary to curtail production from these Basin Dakota wells. This resulted in considerable accumulated underproduction for some of these wells.

II.

Applicant expected that a high pressure gathering system to service Dakota wells in the area would be constructed and completed by October 1, 1961. There was unforeseen difficulty and delay in the completion of the system causing said Basin Dakota wells a greater amount of underproduction than was anticipated. Some of said wells will not be able to make up all underproduction subject to cancellation on February 1, 1962.

III.

Under existing circumstances, applicant believes that a substantial part of the underproduction subject to cancellation on February 1, 1962 can be made up if an additional proration period from the end of the present proration period is granted.

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IV.

Applicant requests that an exception to Rule 14 (a) of order R-1670 "The General Rules and Regulations for the Prorated Gas Pools of Northwestern New Mexico" be granted to allow for an additional period from 7:00 a.m., February 1, 1962 until August 1, 1962 within which to produce said underproduction in addition to assigned allowables.

WHEREFORE, premises considered, Applicant requests that this matter be set for hearing in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Commission and that on final hearing an exception to Rule 14 (a) of The General Rules and Regulations for the Prorated Gas Pools of Northwestern New Mexico be granted to allow an additional period in which to produce said underproduction in addition to assigned allowables on said gas wells.


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