

**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. 3123
Order No. R-2800

**APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL OIL
COMPANY FOR SPECIAL POOL RULES,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on October 13, 1964, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this 10th day of November, 1964, 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, Continental Oil Company, seeks the promulgation of special rules and regulations for the Monument-Tubb Pool in Township 20 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, including a provision for 80-acre spacing units and a gas-oil ratio of 6000 to 1.

(3) That one well in the Monument-Tubb Pool can efficiently and economically drain and develop 80 acres.

(4) That in order to prevent the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, to avoid the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells to prevent reduced recovery which might result from the drilling of too few wells, and to otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights, special rules and regulations providing

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for 80-acre spacing units should be promulgated for the Monument-Tubb Pool.

(5) That a limiting gas-oil ratio of 6000 to 1 would be excessive for this pool and might result in waste.

(6) That the special rules and regulations should provide for a limiting gas-oil ratio of 4000 to 1 in order to allow each operator in the pool the opportunity to use his just and equitable share of the reservoir energy.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That Special Rules and Regulations for the Monument-Tubb Pool are hereby promulgated as follows, effective December 1, 1964:

**SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS
FOR THE
MONUMENT-TUBB POOL**

RULE 1. Each well completed or recompleted in the Monument-Tubb Pool or in the Tubb formation within one mile thereof, and not nearer to or within the limits of another designated Tubb oil pool, shall be spaced, drilled, operated, and produced in accordance with the Special Rules and Regulations hereinafter set forth.

RULE 2. Each well shall be located on a standard unit containing 80 acres, more or less, consisting of the N/2, S/2, E/2, or W/2 of a governmental quarter section; provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall be construed as prohibiting the drilling of a well on each of the quarter-quarter sections in the unit.

RULE 3. The Secretary-Director of the Commission may grant an exception to the requirements of Rule 2 without notice and hearing when an application has been filed for a non-standard unit comprising a governmental quarter-quarter section or lot. All operators offsetting the proposed non-standard unit shall be notified of the application by registered or certified mail, and the application shall state that such notice has been furnished. The Secretary-Director may approve the application upon receipt of written waivers from all offset operators or if no offset operator has entered an objection to the formation of the

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non-standard unit within 30 days after the Secretary-Director has received the application.

RULE 4. Each well shall be located no nearer than 330 feet to any governmental quarter-quarter section or lot line.

RULE 5. The Secretary-Director may grant an exception to the requirements of Rule 4 without notice and hearing when an application has been filed for an unorthodox location necessitated by topographical conditions. All operators offsetting the proposed unorthodox location shall be notified of the application by registered or certified mail, and the application shall state that such notice has been furnished. The Secretary-Director may approve the application upon receipt of written waivers from all offset operators or if no offset operator has entered an objection to the unorthodox location within 20 days after the Secretary-Director has received the application.

RULE 6. A standard proration unit (79 through 81 acres) shall be assigned an 80-acre proportional factor of 2.77 for allowable purposes, and in the event there is more than one well on an 80-acre proration unit, the operator may produce the allowable assigned to the unit from the wells on the unit in any proportion.

The allowable assigned to a non-standard proration unit shall bear the same ratio to a standard allowable as the acreage in such non-standard unit bears to 80 acres.

RULE 7. The limiting gas-oil ratio shall be 4000 cubic feet of gas for each barrel of oil produced.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

(1) That any well presently drilling to or completed in the Monument-Tubb Pool or in the Tubb formation within one mile thereof that will not comply with the well location requirements of Rule 4 is hereby granted an exception to the requirements of said rule. The operator shall notify the Hobbs District Office of the Commission in writing of the name and location of the well on or before December 1, 1964.

(2) That each well presently drilling to or completed in the Monument-Tubb Pool or in the Tubb formation within one mile thereof shall receive a 40-acre allowable until a Form C-128

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dedicating 80 acres to the well has been filed with the Commission.

(3) 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



JACK M. CAMPBELL, Chairman


E. S. WALKER, Member

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

