

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. 4434
Order No. R-4523

IN THE MATTER OF CASE 4434 BEING
REOPENED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS
OF ORDER NO. R-4058, WHICH ORDER
ESTABLISHED SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS
FOR THE LA RICA-MORROW GAS POOL, LEA
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, INCLUDING A PROVISION
FOR 640-ACRE PRORATION UNITS.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on April 11, 1973, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this 17th day of May, 1973, 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 by Order No. R-4058, dated November 10, 1970, temporary special rules and regulations were promulgated for the La Rica-Morrow Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, establishing temporary 640-acre spacing units.

(3) That pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-4058, this case was reopened to allow the operators in the subject pool to appear and show cause why the La Rica-Morrow Gas Pool should not be developed on 320-acre spacing units.

(4) That the evidence establishes that one well in the La Rica-Morrow Gas Pool can efficiently and economically drain and develop 640 acres.

(5) That the Special Rules and Regulations promulgated by Order No. R-4058 have afforded and will afford to the owner of each property in the pool the opportunity to produce his just and equitable share of the gas in the pool.

(6) 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, the Special Rules and Regulations promulgated by Order No. R-4058 should be continued in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the Special Rules and Regulations governing the La Rica-Morrow Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, promulgated by Order No. R-4058, are hereby continued in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

(2) 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

I. R. TRUJILLO, Chairman

ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member

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

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