

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
EARL A. BENSON and WILLIAM V. MONTIN
FOR THE APPROVAL OF GALLEGOS CANYON
UNIT AGREEMENT EMBRACING 39,324.51
ACRES OF LAND IN TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH,
RANGES 11, 12 and 13 WEST and T. 29
NORTH, RANGES 12 and 13 WEST,
N.M.P.M SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. _____

APPLICATION

Application is hereby made by EARL A. BENSON and WILLIAM V. MONTIN for the approval by the Commission of the Unit Agreement for the development and operation of the Gallegos Canyon unit area in the County of San Juan, State of New Mexico, and entered into between the applicants herein as unit operators and certain working interest owners and certain royalty owners and such other working interest owners and royalty owners as may hereafter subscribe or consent to the agreement.

1. The Gallegos Canyon area embraces the following described lands all located in San Juan County, New Mexico, to-wit:

NEW MEXICO PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN

Township 28 North, Range 11 West

Sec. 7-All
Sec. 18-All
Sec. 19-All

Township 28 North, Range 12 West

Secs. 7 to 34, incl.

Township 28 North, Range 13 West

Secs. 11 to 14, incl.
Secs. 23 to 26, incl.
Secs. 35 and 36

Township 29 North, Range 12 West

Sec. 16-SW/4
Secs. 17 to 21, incl.
Sec. 22-W/2, SE/4
Sec. 25-W/2, SE/4
Secs. 26 to 36, incl.

Township 29 North, Range 13 West

Sec. 13-All
Secs. 23 to 26, incl.
Secs. 34 to 36, incl.

Said area embraces a total of 39,324.51 acres of land.

2. At the hearing hereinafter requested the requisite number of signed copies of the unit agreement will be submitted for approval and it is requested that the same be returned to your applicant to the end that said applicant may file the necessary counterparts with the Department of Interior of the United States for the purpose of obtaining the final approval of the agreement by the Secretary of the Interior. After approval of the agreement by the Secretary of the Interior a complete and signed copy of the Unit Agreement will be filed in the office of the Commissioner of Public Lands. An unsigned copy of the Unit Agreement is filed herewith for temporary record pending the receipt of the completely signed copy.

3. The form of the Unit Agreement has previously been considered by the Commissioner of Public Lands. Geological evidence concerning the structure affected by this unitization will be submitted to the Commissioner of Public Lands and at the hearing hereinafter requested.

4. With reference to the lands embraced in this unit, there is attached to this application as Exhibit "A" a map of the unit area on which is shown the ownership of the various lands embraced in said unit and there is also attached hereto Exhibit "B" on which is shown the ownership of the oil and gas interest in all lands embraced in said unit. The Applicant is continuing efforts to obtain commitments to the Unit Agreement from those owners of interest who have not yet jointed in this unitization, and a full showing as to such commitments will be made at the time of the hearing hereinafter requested.

5. Within six months after the unit is made effective, the unit operator is obligated to commence drilling operations on a test well. Should commercial production be discovered, unitized operations will assure an orderly development program based on structural position and will enable production operations to be conducted in accordance with best over-all reservoir practice. Development and operation will be conducted in accordance with the plans having the joint approval of State and Federal authorities. Under this agreement the State of New Mexico will receive its fair share of the oil and gas which will be allocated to it on an acreage basis in any and all participating areas which may be established. This Unit Agreement is in all respects to the best interests of the State and tends to promote the conservation of oil and gas and to eliminate waste.

6. The Unit Agreement makes provision for additional parties to join and subject their interest thereto after final approval.

The Oil Conservation Commission is hereby requested to set this application down for hearing and after hearing to give its approval to this Unit Agreement.

Respectfully submitted this 2 day of December, 1950.

EARL A. BENSON

WILLIAM V. MONTIN

By 
Their Agent and Attorney

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
COUNTY OF SANTA FE) ss

J. O. SETH, being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and says that he is the Agent and Attorney for the Applicants in the foregoing Application, that he has read the foregoing application and knows the contents thereof and states that the matters and things therein set forth are true to the best of his information and belief.

J. O. Seth

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of December, 1950.

Catherine Beers
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

May 27th. 1954