

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. 563

ORDER NO. R-355

THE APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL  
OIL COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF THE  
BELL LAKE UNIT AGREEMENT EMBRAC-  
ING 37,177.86 ACRES OF LAND,  
MORE OR LESS, IN LEA COUNTY, NEW  
MEXICO, WITHIN TOWNSHIPS 22, 23  
AND 24 S., Ranges 33 AND 34E.,  
N.M.P.M.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock A.M. on  
August 20, 1953, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conser-  
vation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as  
the "Commission".

NOW, on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of AUGUST, 1953, the  
Commission, a quorum being present, having considered said  
application and the evidence introduced in support thereof,  
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 proposed unit plan will in principle tend  
to promote the conservation of oil and gas and the prevention  
of waste.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

SECTION 1. That this order shall be known as the

BELL LAKE UNIT AGREEMENT ORDER

SECTION 2. (a) That the project herein referred to shall  
be known as the Bell Lake Unit Agreement, and shall hereafter  
be referred to as the "Project".

(b) That the plan by which the Project shall  
be operated shall be embraced in the form of a unit agreement for  
the development and operation of the Bell Lake Unit Area referred  
to in the Petitioner's petition and filed with said petition, and  
such plan shall be known as the Bell Lake Unit Agreement Plan.

SECTION 3. That the Bell Lake Unit Agreement Plan shall  
be, and hereby is, approved in principle as a proper conserva-  
tion measure; provided, however, that notwithstanding any of  
the provisions contained in said unit agreement this approval  
shall not be considered as waiving or relinquishing in any manner

any right, duties or obligations which are now, or may hereafter, be vested in the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission by law relative to the supervision and control of operations for exploration and development of any lands committed to said Bell Lake Unit Agreement, or relative to the production of oil or gas therefrom.

SECTION 4. (a) That the Unit Area shall be:

NEW MEXICO PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN

T. 22 S., R. 34 E.

Sec. 7: All  
Secs. 18, 19, 20: All  
Secs. 29 to 32, incl.: All

T. 22 S., R. 33 E.

Secs. 10 to 15, incl.: All  
Secs. 22 to 27, incl.: All  
Secs. 35 and 36: All

T. 23 S., R. 33 E.

Secs. 1 and 2: All  
Secs. 11 to 13 incl.: All  
Secs. 24 and 25: All  
Sec. 36: All

T. 23 S., R. 34 E.

Secs. 5 to 8 incl.: All  
Secs. 17 to 20 incl.: All  
Secs. 29 to 32 incl.: All

T. 24 S., R. 34 E.

Secs. 5 to 8 incl.: All  
Sec. 16:  $W\frac{1}{2}$   
Secs. 17 to 20 incl.: All  
Sec. 21:  $W\frac{1}{2}$

T. 24 S., R. 33 E.

Sec. 1: All  
Sec. 2:  $SE\frac{1}{4}$   
Secs. 11 to 14 incl.: All  
Secs. 23 and 24: All

Situated in Lea County, New Mexico,  
containing 37,177.86 acres, more or less.

(b) The unit area may be enlarged or contracted as provided in said Plan.

SECTION 5. That the unit operator shall file with the Commission an executed original or executed counterpart of the Bell Lake Unit Agreement within 30 days after the effective date thereof.

SECTION 6. That any party owning rights in the unitized substances who does not commit such rights to said unit agreement before the effective date thereof may thereafter become a party thereto by subscribing to such agreement or counterpart thereof, or by ratifying the same. The unit operator shall file with the Commission within 30 days an original of any such counterpart of ratification.

SECTION 7. That this order shall become effective upon

approval of said unit agreement by the Commissioner of Public Lands of the State of New Mexico and the Director of the United States Geological Survey, and shall terminate ipso facto upon the termination of said unit agreement. The last unit operator shall immediately notify the Commissioner in writing of such termination.

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

  
R. R. Spurrier, Secretary

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