

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW
MEXICO FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CONSIDERING:

CASE No. 2179
Order No. R-1872

THE APPLICATION OF EL PASO NATURAL
GAS COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF THE
MESCALERO RIDGE UNIT AGREEMENT, WHICH
UNIT EMBRACES 7521 ACRES, MORE OR LESS,
LOCATED IN TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 34
EAST, NMPM, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on February 8, 1961, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner duly appointed by the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission," in accordance with Rule 1214 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

NOW, on this 15th day of February, 1961, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the application, the evidence adduced, and the recommendations of the Examiner, Daniel S. Nutter, 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:

- (1) That this order shall be known as the MESCALERO RIDGE UNIT AGREEMENT ORDER.
- (2) (a) That the project herein referred to shall be known as the Mescalero Ridge Unit Agreement and shall hereinafter 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 Mescalero Ridge Unit Area,

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referred to in the Petitioner's petition and filed with said petition, and such plan shall be known as the Mescalero Ridge Unit Agreement Plan.

(3) That the Mescalero Ridge Unit Agreement Plan shall be, and hereby is, approved in principle as a proper conservation 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 matter 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 Mescalero Ridge Unit Agreement, or relative to the production of oil and gas therefrom.

(4) (a) That the unit area shall be:

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TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST

Section 19: All
Section 20: All
Section 21: All
Section 22: S/2
Section 23: S/2
Section 26: All
Section 27: All
Section 28: All
Section 29: All
Section 30: All
Section 32: NE/4
Section 33: N/2
Section 34: All
Section 35: All

containing 7521 acres, more or less.

(b) The unit area may be enlarged or contracted as provided in said Plan, provided, however, that administrative approval for expansion or contraction of the unit area must also be obtained from the Secretary-Director of the Commission.

(5) That the unit operator shall file with the Commission an executed original or executed counterpart of the Mescalero Ridge Unit Agreement within 30 days after the effective date thereof.

(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

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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 or ratification.

(7) That this order shall become effective upon the approval of said unit agreement by the United States Geological Survey and by the Commissioner of Public Lands of the State of New Mexico, and shall terminate ipso facto upon the termination of said unit agreement. The last unit operator shall immediately notify the Commission in writing of such termination.

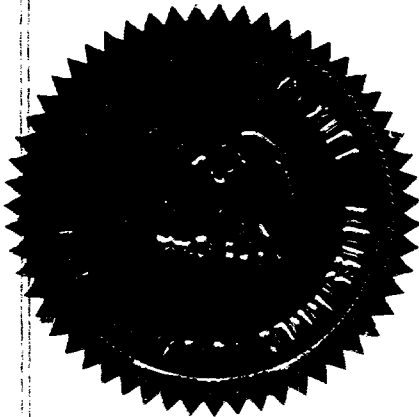
DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION


EDWIN L. MECHEM, Chairman


E. S. WALKER, Member


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



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