

**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. 3640
Order No. R-3302**

**APPLICATION OF MONSANTO COMPANY
FOR APPROVAL OF THE ROCK TANK UNIT
AGREEMENT, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on August 23, 1967, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this 29th day of August, 1967, 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, Monsanto Company, seeks approval of the Rock Tank Unit Agreement covering 6238.55 acres, more or less, of State, Federal, and Fee lands described as follows:

EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, NMPM
Section 1: All
Section 12: E/2

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, NMPM
Sections 31 and 32: All

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, NMPM
Sections 5 through 8: All
Section 17: All
Section 18: N/2 and SE/4
Section 20: N/2

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(3) That approval of the proposed unit agreement should promote the prevention of waste and the protection of correlative rights within the unit area.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the Rock Tank Unit Agreement is hereby approved.

(2) That the plan contained in said unit agreement for the development and operation of the unit area is hereby 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 manner, any right, duty, or obligation which is now, or may hereafter be, vested in the Commission to supervise and control operations for the exploration and development of any lands committed to the unit and production of oil or gas therefrom.

(3) That the unit operator shall file with the Commission an executed original or executed counterpart of the unit agreement within 30 days after the effective date thereof; that in the event of subsequent joinder by any party or expansion or contraction of the unit area, the unit operator shall file with the Commission within 30 days thereafter counterparts of the unit agreement reflecting the subscription of those interests having joined or ratified.

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

(5) 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

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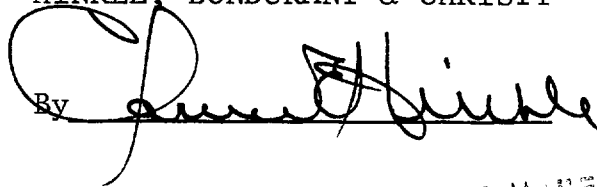
Attention: Ida Rodriquez

Gentlemen:

We enclose herewith in triplicate application of Monsanto Company for approval of the Rock Tank Unit embracing lands in Eddy County, New Mexico. You will also find enclosed 3 copies of the proposed unit agreement. We would like to have this matter set down for the examiner's hearing of August 23.

Yours very truly,

HINKLE, BONDURANT & CHRISTY

By 

CEH:cs
Enc.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO

APPLICATION OF MONSANTO COMPANY)
FOR APPROVAL OF THE ROCK TANK)
UNIT AGREEMENT EMBRACING 6,238.55)
ACRES SITUATED IN TOWNSHIPS 22 AND)
23 SOUTH, RANGES 24 and 25 EAST,)
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.)

No.

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Oil Conservation Commission
State of New Mexico
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Comes Monsanto Company, with offices at Midland, Texas, acting by and through the undersigned attorneys, and hereby makes application for approval of the Rock Tank Unit Agreement embracing 6,238.55 acres, Eddy County, New Mexico and in support thereof respectfully shows:

1. That there is filed herewith in triplicate the proposed unit agreement for the development and operation of the Rock Tank Unit Area, which is in substantially the same form as has heretofore been approved by the Commission, the Commissioner of Public Lands and the United States Geological Survey where fee, State and Federal lands are involved.

2. The proposed unit agreement consists of the following described lands situated in Eddy County, New Mexico, to-wit:

Township 22 South, Range 25 East

Section 31 - All ✓ Section 32 - All ✓

Township 23 South, Range 25 East

Section 5 - All ✓ Section 17 - All ✓
Section 6 - All ✓ Section 18 - N $\frac{1}{2}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ✓
Section 7 - All ✓ Section 20 - N $\frac{1}{2}$ ✓
Section 8 - All ✓

Township 23 South, Range 24 East

Section 1 - All ✓ Section 12 - E $\frac{1}{2}$ ✓
containing 6,238.55 acres, more or less

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5,074.83 acres or 81.3463% of the above described lands are Federal lands; 961.72 acres or 15.4158% are lands of the State of New Mexico and 202 or 3.2379% are fee or privately owned lands.

3. That applicant is designated as unit operator in said unit agreement and all oil, gas and associated hydrocarbon substances in all formations are unitized under the terms of the agreement. Exhibit "B" attached to the unit agreement gives a description of all the leasehold interests embracing lands within the proposed unit area and the ownership thereof.

4. That in the opinion of applicant the proposed unit area covers all, or substantially all, of the geological structure or anomaly involved and in the event said unit agreement is approved and production of unitized substances is obtained it is believed that said unit agreement will be in the interests of conservation and the prevention of waste and will protect the correlative rights of all parties concerned.

Applicant requests that this matter be set down for hearing before an examiner at the earliest possible time.

Respectfully submitted,

MONSANTO COMPANY

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