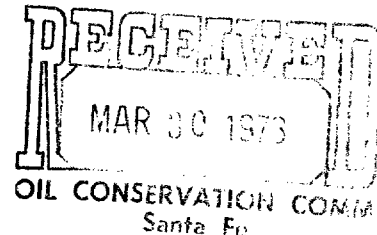


BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

Unit

Case 4952

APPLICATION OF ATLANTIC RICHFIELD
COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF THE EMPIRE
ABO UNIT AGREEMENT EMBRACING 11,339.15
ACRES IN TOWNSHIPS 17 AND 18 SOUTH,
RANGES 27, 28 AND 29 EAST, EDDY COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO FORMED FOR ADDED RECOVERY
BY PRESSURE MAINTENANCE FOR THE EMPIRE
ABO POOL.



Oil Conservation Commission
Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Comes Atlantic Richfield Company, acting by and through the undersigned attorneys, and files herewith in triplicate copies of proposed Unit Agreement for the Development and Operation of the Empire Abo Unit Area, Eddy County, New Mexico, and hereby makes application for approval of said unit agreement, and in support thereof respectfully shows:

1. That the proposed unit area consists of 4,184.86 acres of federal land and 7,154.29 acres of state land. There is attached hereto, made a part hereof and for purposes of identification marked Exhibit "A", a plat showing the outlines of the proposed unit area, the ownership of the leasehold interests and the character of the land.
2. That the proposed unit area has heretofore been designated by the Acting Director of the United States Geological Survey as an area logically subject to operation under the unitization provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act, as amended.
3. That the proposed unit agreement, copies of which are filed herewith, is substantially the same form as has heretofore been approved by the Commission and the United States Geological Survey where state and federal lands are involved and said form has been approved by the United States Geological Survey and the Commissioner of Public Lands.
4. That Atlantic Richfield Company is designated as the unit operator in the proposed unit agreement and the principal reason for unitization is to carry on a pressure maintenance project covering

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the Empire Abo Pool which is within the proposed unit area. That a separate application is being filed for specific approval of the pressure maintenance project by the Commission.

5. That the proposed unit covers the subsurface portion of the unit area commonly known as the Abo Reef formation.

6. That in the opinion of applicant, the formation of the proposed unit will be in the interest of conservation and the prevention of waste and will protect correlative rights and tend to promote the greatest ultimate recovery of unitized substances.

7. Applicant requests that this matter be set down for hearing at the examiner's hearing to be held on April 25, 1973.

Respectfully submitted,

ATLANTIC RICHFIELD COMPANY

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