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BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
IN AND FOR THE STATE OF UTAH

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)  
OF THE ANSCHUTZ CORPORATION FOR )  
AN ORDER VACATING CAUSES NOS. 4 )  
AND 10 AS TO THE BAR CREEK UNIT,) )  
IN GRAND COUNTY, UTAH. )

ORDER

Cause No. 165-1

This Cause, pursuant to Application by The Anschutz Corporation and to notice duly and regularly given by the Board, came on for hearing before the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining of the State of Utah at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 26, 1977, in the Wildlife Resources Auditorium, 1596 West North Temple, at Salt Lake City, Utah.

Present and representing the Board were the following members:

Guy N. Cardon, Chairman, presiding

Robert R. Norman

Hyrum Lee

Present also were Cleon B. Feight, Director of the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, and Patrick Driscoll, petroleum engineer for the Division. Robert G. Pruitt, Jr., represented The Anschutz Corporation and Robert P. Hill represented Mrs. A. Lansdale. C. T. Richman made a statement for UV Industries, Inc., and a written comment supporting the application was received from Jack Curtsinger on behalf of Willard Pease Oil & Gas Company.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board finds in this matter, as follows:

1. Due and regular notice of the time, place and purpose of the hearing was given to all interested parties in the form and manner and within the time required by law.

2. The Board has jurisdiction over the matter covered by said application and over all parties interested therein, and has jurisdiction to make and promulgate the Order hereinafter set forth.

3. The Spacing Zones Nos. 4, 5 and 6 and the drilling units therein established in 1957 by Orders of the Board in Causes Nos. 4 and 10 overlap the boundaries of the Bar Creek Unit Agreement as approved by U.S. Geological Survey effective December 21, 1976.

4. The initial well drilled in the Bar Creek Unit, situated in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 19, Township 17 South, Range 26 East, SLM, was recently completed as a producing gas well in the discontinuous sand lenses of the Morrison formation. Said initial well is astride the boundary of Zones Nos. 5 and 6 established in 1957 by the Order in Causes Nos. 4 and 10, and future planned wells will probably be situated incompatibly with respect to boundaries of the old spacing orders. The Plan of Development for future wells must be developed in accordance with the Bar Creek Unit Agreement, under direction of the U.S. Geological Survey, and the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining.

5. The boundaries of the Bar Creek Unit do not include the S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Sections 17 and 18, Township 17 South, Range 26 East, thus leaving a narrow gap between the north boundary of the Bar Creek Unit and the southern boundary of the Bar-X Unit to the north. Also, the Bar Creek Unit does not include Lot 4 of Section 16, Lots 1-4 of Section 21 and Lots 1-4 of Section 28, Township 17 South, Range 26 East, thus leaving a narrow gap between the east boundary of the Bar Creek Unit and the Utah-Colorado state line. The Board concludes that the Bar Creek Unit should be expanded to include the omitted lands described above, to prevent creation of isolated non-unitized tracts too small by themselves to be drilled.

6. The boundaries of existing Spacing Zones Nos. 4, 5 and 6, and the drilling units therein are incompatible with the orderly drilling of wells within the Bar Creek Unit as presently established or as it may be enlarged as recommended by the Board.

ORDER

THEREFORE, it is unanimously ordered by the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining that:

1. The Order in Causes Nos. 4 and 10 be vacated as to Zone No. 4, drilling units 1 and 2; Zone No. 5, drilling units 1 and 2; and Zone No. 6, drilling units 1, 2 and 3 within the Bar Creek Unit, as the same may be enlarged with the consent of the U.S. Geological Survey.

2. This Order is contingent upon applicant receiving approval from the U.S. Geological Survey to enlarge the Bar Creek Unit to include the following additional lands:

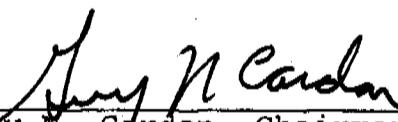
Township 17 South, Range 26 East, SLM

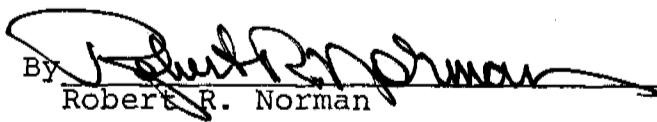
Section 16: Lot 4 (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ )  
Section 17: S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$   
Section 18: S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$   
Section 21: Lots 1-4 (all)  
Section 28: Lots 1-4 (all)

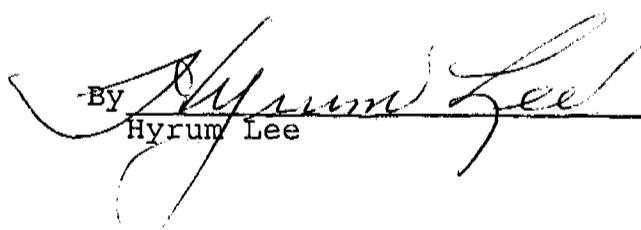
3. Applicant is ordered to report to the Board by the third Wednesday in February, 1977, whether the U.S. Geological Survey has approved an amendment to the Bar Creek Unit authorizing enlargement of the unit to include the additional lands listed above.

DATED this 26th day of January, 1977.

BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

By   
Gay N. Cardon, Chairman

By   
Robert R. Norman

By   
Hyrum Lee