

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
in and for the STATE OF UTAH

IN THE MATTER OF VACATING THE ORDERS ISSUED)	
IN CAUSE NO. 9, DATED DECEMBER 9, 1957; CAUSE)	FINDINGS OF FACT
NO. 17, DATED FEBRUARY 24, 1960; AND CAUSE)	AND ORDERS
NO. 54, DATED MAY 9, 1961, INSOFAR AS THEY)	CAUSE NO. 15201
APPLY TO LANDS CONTAINED WITHIN SPECIFIED)	
UNITS, SAN JUAN COUNTY, UTAH.)	

This cause came on for hearing before the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation, Department of Natural Resources, State of Utah, at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, May 15, 1974, in the auditorium of the Wildlife Resources' Division, 1596 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. The following Board Members were present:

Guy N. Cardon, Chairman, Presiding

Charles R. Henderson

James P. Cowley

Hyrum L. Lee

Also present and representing the Board:

Cleon B. Feight, Director
Division of Oil and Gas Conservation

Paul W. Burchell, Chief Petroleum Engineer
Division of Oil and Gas Conservation

Appearances were made as follows:

For Texaco Inc.

Mr. Henry Mattson, Denver, Colorado

Mr. James W. Campbell, Esq., Denver, Colorado

NOW THEREFORE, the Board, having heard the testimony of the witness and having considered the evidence and being advised in the premises, now makes and enters the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT:

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 and the rules and regulations of the Board.

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. That the 80-acre drilling and spacing units were established for the Greater Aneth Area as a result of the Orders issued in Cause No. 9. dated December 9, 1957, Cause No. 17, dated February 24, 1960. and Cause No. 54, dated May 9, 1961.

4. That Section 40-6-11, USA 1953, among other things, provides that the conversation statute shall apply to any and all lands committed to a Unit Agreement approved by the Secretary of the Interior, except that the Board may with respect to any unit agreement, suspend the application of the Rules and Regulations

Under Rule A-3, the Board has suspended the application of most of the General Rules and Regulations insofar as unit agreement are concerned.

5. That the Board, after notice and hearing, may vacate any prior Orders applicable to a Unitized area which does not affect vested rights and will allow the operator more flexibility or mobility in the operation of said unit.

6. That Continental Oil Company, operator of the White Mesa Unit, Phillips Petroleum Company, operator of the Rutherford Unit, and Superior Oil Company, operator of the McElmo Creek Unit, have specifically requested that the Orders which established 80-acre drilling and spacing units for the above mentioned units, not be vacated with respect to said units.

7. That Texaco Inc. the unit operator, Shell Oil Company and Tenneco Oil Company, working interest owners, in the Aneth and Ismay Flodine Park Units have recommended to the Board that the Orders establishing 80-acre drilling and spacing units be vacated as to these two units.

8. That the staff is in agreement with the Unit Operators and is of the opinion that Texaco needs flexibility in the placement of wells, especially with respect to the Aneth Unit, in order to improve the sweep efficiency now taking place as a result of the waterflood project operating therein.

ORDER:

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE BOARD that:

1. That Orders issued in Cause No. 9, dated December 9, 1957, Cause No. 17, dated February 24, 1960, and Cause NO. 54, dated May 9, 1961, are hereby vacated insofar as they apply to the following described lands in the Aneth Unit agreement Area, San Juan County, Utah, consisting of the following acreage:

Township 40 South, Range 23 East SLBM

Sec. 1:	E 1/2 SW 1/4
Sec. 11:	SE 1/4
Sec. 12:	S 1/2, NE 1/4
Sec. 13:	ALL
Sec. 14:	ALL
Sec. 23:	NE 1/4, E 1/2 NW 1/4
Sec. 24:	W 1/2 NE 1/4, W 1/2 NW 1/4, E 1/2 NE 1/4

Township 40 South, Range 24 East

Sec. 7:	All
Sec. 8:	All
Sec. 9:	W 1/2 Nw 1/4, S 1/2
Sec. 10:	E 1/2 SE 1/4
Sec. 11:	S 1/2
Sec. 13:	W 1/2 W 1/2

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(all)

Sec. 14:	All
Sec. 15:	All
Sec. 16:	All
Sec. 18:	All
Sec. 19:	All
Sec. 20:	All
Sec. 21 thru' 26:	All
Sec. 27:	N 1/2, SE 1/4
Sec. 28:	N 1/2
Sec. 29:	N 1/2, W 1/2 SE 1/4
Sec. 33:	E 1/2 SE 1/4
Sec. 34:	E 1/2, E 1/2 SW 1/4
Sec. 35:	All
Sec. 36:	N 1/2

Township 40 South, Range 25 East

Sec. 19:	S 1/2
Sec. 29:	NW 1/4
Sec. 30:	All
Sec. 31:	NW 1/4

and the Ismay Flodine Park Unit Agreement area, San Juan County, Utah, consisting of the following acreage:

Township 40 South, Range 25 East

Sec. 12:	SE 1/4
Sec. 13:	N 1/2 NE 1/4, SE 1/4 NE 1/4
	SE 1/4
Sec. 24:	N 1/2 NE 1/4, SE 1/4 NE 1/4

Township 40 South, Range 26 East

Sec. 7:	W 1/2 SW 1/4, SE 1/4 SW 1/4
Sec. 15:	Lot 4, S 1/2 SW 1/4, NW 1/4 SW 1/4
Sec. 16:	W 1/2 NE 1/4, SE 1/4 Ne 1/4, NW 1/4, S 1/2
Sec. 17:	All
Sec. 18:	All
Sec. 19:	N 1/2
Sec. 20:	N 1/2, N 1/2 SE 1/4, SE 1/4 SE 1/4
Sec. 21:	All
Sec. 22:	Lots 1,2,3,4, W 1/2
Sec. 27:	Lots 1,2,3,4, W 1/2
Sec. 28:	E 1/2 E 1/2
Sec. 34:	Lots 1,2,3,4, ^{NW} 1/4, NE 1/4 SW 1/4

2. That no well may be drilled to the unitized formations (Ismay & Desert creek zones of the Paradox Formation of the Hermosa Group) any closer than 500 feet from the above referred to unit boundaries.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT THE BOARD retains continuing jurisdiction over all matters herein covered by this Order and all parties affected thereby.

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