

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)
NORTHWEST EXPLORATION COMPANY FOR AN)
ORDER EXTENDING THE 320 ACRE DRILLING) ORDER
AND SPACING UNITS ADOPTED IN CAUSE NO.)
149-1 TO INCLUDE CERTAIN LANDS IN) CAUSE NO. 149-5
SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE)
25 EAST, SLBM, GRAND COUNTY, UTAH.)

Pursuant to the application of Northwest Exploration Company, this cause came on for hearing before the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining, Department of Natural Resources, State of Utah, on Wednesday, May 28, 1980, at 10:00 a.m., in the Wildlife Resources Auditorium, 1596 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah.

The following Board Members were present:

C. Ray Juvelin

E. Steele McIntyre

Edward T. Beck

Appointed by the Board as Hearing Examiner and sitting with the Board in this matter was Cleon B. Feight.

The following staff members of the Board were present:

Michael Minder, Geological Engineer

Denise Dragoo, Special Assistant Attorney General

Appearances were made as follows:

For the Applicant: Larry Wagner, Esq. and Herbert Dewey,
Salt Lake City, Utah 84133.

FINDINGS

NOW THEREFORE, the Board having considered the testimony adduced and the exhibits reviewed in said hearing and being fully advised in the premises, now makes and enters the following:

1. In pursuance of the Application of G. W. Anderson this Board issued its Order in Cause No. 149-1 under the date of March 14, 1973 establishing drilling units of uniform size and shape with respect to certain lands therein more particularly described as being situate in Townships 15 1/2 and 16 South, Ranges 24 and 25 East, S.L.M.

2. Said Order provided for drilling units of between 280 and 320 surface acres, according to the government survey for said lands, and included in said lands the Dakota, Morrison, Cedar Mountain, Entrada, Buckhorn formations and the Castlegate member of the Mesa Verde group.

3. The applicant has applied for an Order extending drilling and spacing units as established under the Board's Order in said Cause No. 149-1 for said formations underlying Section 32, Township 16 South, Range 25 East, S.L.M., Grand County, Utah.

4. Sufficient evidence now being available on which to reach a decision, the Board issues the following:

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THIS BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

To prevent waste of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons, to avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, to protect correlative rights and to establish drilling units/zones of uniform size and shape, the Board hereby extends its Orders heretofore entered in Cause No. 149-1 and Orders and Decrees as follows:

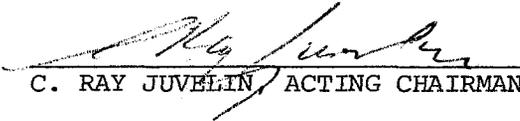
With respect to Section 32, Township 16 South, Range 25 East, S.L.M., the N1/2 of said section the S1/2 of said Section 32 is hereby designated a drilling and spacing unit for the Mesaverde, Dakota, Cedar Mountain, Entrada and Morrison formations underlying the same.

A well shall be permitted on each of said units/zones (as to which there is not presently a well drilled) to be located not nearer than 1,000 feet from the spacing unit boundary with a 500 foot tolerance, to be granted administratively, for geological and/or topographical exceptions; and no closer than 2,500 feet from a producing well in the adjacent area, and that a 500 foot tolerance is hereby permitted in the footage between wells in the event surface obstructions or undue hazards are encountered.

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DATED this 22nd day of July, 1980.

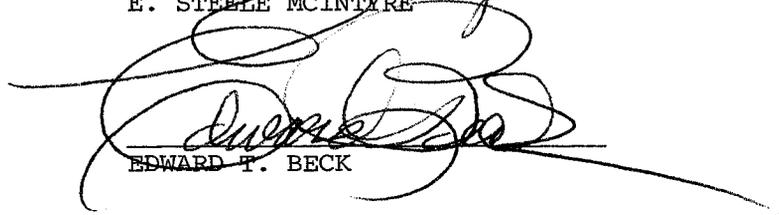
STATE OF UTAH
BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING


C. RAY JUVELIN, ACTING CHAIRMAN

APPROVED:


CLEON B. FEIGHT
HEARING EXAMINER


E. STEELE MCINTYRE


EDWARD T. BECK

Charles R. Henderson, Chairman of the Board, reviewed the transcripts and exhibits of the proceeding and being fully advised in the premises, is in accord with the action herein taken.


CHARLES R. HENDERSON, CHAIRMAN