

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	*	ORDER
LOMAX EXPLORATION COMPANY FOR AN	*	
ORDER EXTENDING THE 320-ACRE	*	CAUSE NO. 179-4
DRILLING AND SPACING UNITS ADOPTED	*	
IN CAUSE NO. 179-1 TO INCLUDE	*	
CERTAIN LANDS IN UINTAH COUNTY,	*	
UTAH		

Pursuant to the Application of Lomax Exploration Company, said Cause came on for hearing on Friday, April 29, 1983, in Room 320, State Capitol Building, Salt Lake City, Utah.

The following members of the Board were present:

Charles R. Henderson, Chairman
Herm Olsen, Presiding
E. Steele McIntyre
Edward T. Beck
Robert R. Norman
Margaret R. Bird

Also present were:

Dr. G. A. (Jim) Shirazi, Director, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
Ronald W. Daniels, Deputy Director, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
Ronald J. Firth, Chief Petroleum Engineer, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
Paula J. Frank, Secretary, Board of Oil, Gas and Mining
Barbara Roberts, Assistant Attorney General, State of Utah
Cleon B. Feight, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

Appearances were made as follows:

Gerald Pruitt, Lomax Exploraton Company

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:

FINDINGS

1. Due and regular notice of the time, place and purpose of the hearing was given to all interested parties as required by law and the rules and regulations of the Board.

2. The Board has jurisdiction over the matters covered by said Notice and over all parties interested therein and has jurisdiction to make and promulgate any Orders hereinafter set forth.

3. The Board has previously entered its Order in Cause No. 179-1, October 24, 1978, establishing 320-acre drilling and spacing units for lands in Sections 1 thru 18, Township 10 South, Range 23 East, S1M, Uintah County, Utah.

4. All available geologic data concerning the area indicates that the Mesaverde Formation is a common source of supply of gas underlying the following described land:

Township 10 South, Range 23 East, S1C

Section 14: SW1/4
Section 23: NW1/4

5. In the interests of conservation and the prevention of waste, and for the protection of the correlative rights of the various operators and owners of oil and gas interests within the above described area, and to prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, the Board should enter an Order establishing a 320-acre drilling and spacing unit consisting of the SW1/4 of Section 14 and the NW1/4 of Section 23, for the development of the Mesaverde Formation for the production of gas underlying the above described area, and providing that no more than one gas well shall be drilled and produced from the said Mesaverde Formation on this unit.

6. Because of a stipulation under Federal Oil and Gas Lease U 38429 which limits surface occupancy for the NW1/4 of Section 23, the Board should establish a well location for the proposed drilling unit in the NE1/4 SW1/4 of Section 14.

7. The Board should have the right administratively to make exceptions to the well location as established in Paragraph 6 above when it appears that there are adequate reasons because of topographical and other structure problems in the area.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

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 of uniform size and shape for the promotion of orderly development of the lands described in Paragraph 4 above, the following Orders are hereby promulgated to govern operations in said area effective as of April 29, 1983:

A. That upon the effective date any and all Orders of the Board heretofore promulgated which are inconsistent with the Orders herein set forth shall be and are hereby vacated.

B. That the drilling unit as set forth in Paragraph 5 above is hereby established for the development and production of gas from the Mesaverde Formation underlying the lands described in Paragraph 4 above.

C. That the Board may, by administration, make exceptions to the well locations described in Paragraph 6 above in the event that topographical and other structural variations so require.

D. That the Board retains exclusive continuing jurisdiction of all matters covered by this Order and of all parties affected thereby and particularly that the Board retains and reserves exclusive and continuing jurisdiction to make further Orders as appropriate as authorized by statute and applicable regulations.

ENTERED THIS 29th day of April, 1983.

STATE OF UTAH
BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING


John M. Garry


Charles R. Henderson


Richard B. Larsen


Constance K. Lundberg