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BEFORE THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

IN THE MATTER OF the Petition of
PACIFIC NORTHWEST PIPELINE CORPORATION
for an Order directing the pooling of
Tracts of land located within the
W½ Section 24, Township 33 North,
Range 9 West, NMPM, La Plata County,
Colorado, for the Development of the
Mesa Verde Formation in the Ignacio Field.

No. 3

PETITION

Petition is hereby made by Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corporation, a Delaware corporation authorized to do business in the State of Colorado, whose Post Office address is 720 Simms Building, Albuquerque, New Mexico, for the Order of the Commission requiring the pooling of tracts of land lying within the W½ Section 24, Township 33 North, Range 9 West, NMPM, La Plata County, Colorado, for the development of the Mesa Verde Formation lying beneath said lands and within the Ignacio Field as defined by the Commission.

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I

Petitioner herein is the owner of 100% of the working interest in oil and gas leases covering the lands within the area sought to be pooled except as hereinafter specifically noted.

II

That the tracts of land within the area sought to be pooled and the owners of mineral interests therein who have refused to voluntarily consent to the pooling of the various interests in said tracts are as follows:

TRACT I - E½SW¼, SW¼SW¼ Section 24:	Mineral Interest
John J. Martinez Box 424 Ignacio, Colorado	undivided 1/4

The owners of the remaining undivided 1/4 mineral interest have agreed to the pooling of their interest with other interests within the area sought to be pooled, and have executed lease amendments granting the lessee, the Petitioner herein, the right to pool said interests.

Petitioner is lessee under a valid existing oil and gas lease, dated March 20, 1946, and recorded in Book 257, page 184 of the records of La Plata County, Colorado, which lease covers the entire mineral interest in said tract of land.

TRACT II - S½NW¼, NW¼SW¼ Section 24:	Mineral Interest:
Perry M. Barnes Falfa, Colorado	undivided 3/4
Federal Land Bank of Wichita, Kansas	undivided 1/4

Petitioner is the owner of valid existing oil and gas leases dated November 1, 1946 and recorded in Book 259, page 223 of the records of La Plata County, Colorado, and dated November 1, 1946 and recorded in Book 259, page 219 of the records of La Plata County, Colorado, which said oil and gas leases cover the entire mineral interest under said tract.

TRACT III - NW¼NW¼ Section 24:

The mineral interest in this tract is owned by the Southern Ute Tribe of Indians and is subject to an oil and gas mining lease in good standing presently owned by United States Smelting, Refining and Mining Company, Colorado National Bank Building, Denver, Colorado, which lease will be voluntarily pooled, subject to the approval of the Southern Ute Tribal Council, with other leases and lands as described in this Petition. Although such approval has not yet been obtained, Petitioner has no reason to believe that said Tribal Council will refuse such approval, and believes that such approval will be obtained in due course.

TRACT IV - NE¼NW¼ Section 24:

Petitioner is the owner of a valid existing oil and gas lease, dated February 16, 1946, and recorded in Book 257, page 186 of the records of La Plata County, Colorado, which oil and gas lease covers the entire mineral interest under said tract of land. The respective owners of said mineral interests have executed and delivered lease amendments giving the lessee, Petitioner herein, the right to pool said land with other lands and leases in the immediate vicinity thereof into a unit not exceeding the minimum size tract on which a well may be drilled under laws, rules or regulations in force at the time of such pooling.

III

That this Commission, by its Order No. 3-14, has established drilling and spacing units for the Mesa Verde Formation of the Ignacio Field, within which the above described tracts of land are located, and prohibiting the drilling of wells to a density greater than one well for each 320 acres.

IV

That Petitioner, pursuant to its rights under the oil and gas leases hereinabove referred to, proposes to drill a well on the W½ Section 24 for the purpose of producing natural gas from the Mesa Verde Formation, but is presently prevented from drilling such well.

V

That reasonable effort has been made to obtain consent to the pooling of all interests within the W½ Section 24 but Petitioner has been unsuccessful in obtaining voluntary pooling agreements as to the interests hereinabove specifically set out.

VI

That the Order of this Commission requiring the pooling of the tracts within the W½ Section 24 is sought in order to prevent waste or confiscation of property and to conform with the currently applicable well spacing

regulations as issued by this Commission within the area wherein said tracts of land are located. That the pooling of the lands herein described is in all respects to the best interests of the owners of the mineral interest in said lands and the owners of the leasehold interests therein and will tend to promote the conservation of oil and/or gas and elimination of the waste of natural resources of the State of Colorado.

VII

That Petitioner requests that this Petition be set for hearing before the Commission on January _____, 1956, and that due notice thereof be given to the owners of interests who have refused to enter into a voluntary pooling agreement, all in accordance with the rules and regulations of this Commission.

VIII

That the Commission is requested, following said hearing, to issue its Order pooling said interests pursuant to the provisions of the Oil and Gas Conservation Act of the State of Colorado.

Respectfully submitted,

PACIFIC NORTHWEST PIPELINE CORPORATION

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By_____
Attorneys for Petitioner

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
) ss
COUNTY OF BERNALILLO)

J. M. CLARK, Vice-President of Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corporation, being first duly sworn upon his oath states that he has read the above and foregoing Petition and knows the contents thereof and that the matters

of fact therein set forth are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

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J. M. Clark

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this _____ day of December, 1955.

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Notary Public

My commission expires:

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