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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
N½ Section 7, 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 N½ Section 7, 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.

approved 1-13-56

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 - NW¼NW¼ Section 7, Except that portion within the Right of Way for the main track of the Farmington Branch of The Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad Company:

	Mineral Interest:
Robert R. McCulloch and Mary B. McCulloch Route 2 Durango, Colorado	undivided 8/8

which interest is subject to a valid, existing oil and gas lease owned by the Petitioner, dated March 20, 1946, and recorded in Book 257, page 190 of the records of La Plata County, Colorado.

TRACT II - That portion of the NW¼NW¼ Section 7 lying within the Right of Way of The Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad Company:

The Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad Company, under date of July 15, 1953, executed an oil and gas lease covering said lands and other lands, the lessee's interest in which is now held by W. P. Carr, 6700 Forest Lane, Dallas, Texas. This lease permits the pooling thereof with other lands and leases in drilling units not exceeding 320 acres for gas production from the Mesa Verde Formation and the present lessee thereunder is agreeable to the pooling of said lease with other lands and leases within the N½ Section 7.

TRACT III - SE¼NE¼ and that part of the NW¼NE¼ Section 7 lying West of Colorado Highway U. S. 550, Except 5.492 acres conveyed by deed recorded in Volume 249, page 307 of the records of La Plata County, Colorado, and a tract of land in the SW¼NE¼ Section 7, 380 feet by 135 feet:

	Mineral Interest:
Alva Short, Jr., and Kathaleen Short Route 2 Durango, Colorado	Undivided 6/8

Petitioner is the owner of valid, existing oil and gas leases dated February 9, 1946, recorded in Book 257 at page 200 of the records of La Plata County, Colorado, and dated February 6, 1946, recorded in Book 257 at page 197 of the records of La Plata County, Colorado, which said leases cover the entire mineral interest in said tract.

TRACT IV - S½NW¼, NE¼NW¼ Section 7, Except that portion of the Right of Way of The Denver and Rio Grande Railroad Company lying within the SE¼NW¼ Section 7:

Mineral Interest:

Lester A. Short and
Kathryn Short
Route 2
Durango, Colorado

undivided 8/8

Petitioner is the owner of a valid, existing oil and gas lease dated February 7, 1946 recorded in Book 257 at page 317 of the records of La Plata County, Colorado, to which the entire mineral interest in the above described lands is subject.

TRACT V - That portion of the SE¼NW¼ Section 7 lying within the Right of Way of The Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad Company:

which said tract was the subject of lease from the mineral interest owner therein by lease dated July 15, 1953, the lessee's interest in which is presently owned by W. P. Carr, 6700 Forest Lane, Dallas, Texas, said lease giving permission to the lessee to pool the lands covered by said lease with adjacent lands into drilling units not exceeding 320 acres for production of gas from the Mesa Verde Formation. W. P. Carr has given his consent to the pooling of the leasehold interest and the lands covered thereby into a drilling unit formed by the lands described in this petition.

TRACT VI - NE¼NE¼ Section 7:

Mineral Interest:

Charles E. Clovis, Sr.,
and Eva M. Clovis
Route 2
Durango, Colorado

undivided 8/8

Petitioner is the owner of a valid, existing oil and gas lease dated March 1, 1946, recorded in Book 257 at page 243 of the records of La Plata County, Colorado, to which lease the entire mineral interest in said tract is subject.

TRACT VII - SW¼NE¼ Section 7, Except a tract 380 feet by 135 feet (which is the same tract referred to and described under Tract III above):

Mineral Interest:

W. Alva Short, also
known as William Alva Short
Route 2
Durango, Colorado

8/8

Petitioner is the owner of a valid, existing oil and gas lease dated February 6, 1946, recorded in Book 257 at page 197 of the records of La Plata County, Colorado, to which lease the entire mineral interest in said tract is subject.

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 N½ Section 7 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 N½ Section 7 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 N½ Section 7 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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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.

_____
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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