

THE STATE OIL AND GAS BOARD OF MISSISSIPPI

DOCKET NO. 202-60-153

ORDER NO. 291-60

O R D E R

This day this cause coming on to be heard by the Mississippi State Oil and Gas Board at its regular December, 1960 Meeting, held on December 21, 1960, on the matter of the adoption and promulgation by the Board of Special Field Rules for the McElveen Field in Amite County, Mississippi, on the application of D. C. Latimer, a resident citizen of Hinds County, State of Mississippi, Justiss-Mears Oil Company, Inc. and Barnwell Drilling Company, Inc., duly authorized to do business in the State of Mississippi; and

The Board finding and hereby adjudicating that due, proper and legal notice of the meeting of the Board for the purpose of considering and taking action with respect to said matter has been given in the manner and way as provided by law and the rules and regulations of the Board and that due, legal and sufficient proofs of publication are on file with the Board and that the Board has full jurisdiction of the subject matter to hear and determine same; and

Pursuant to said notice so given, said matter came before said Board on November 16, 1960, but by order duly and legally entered by this Board at that time, said hearing was continued from said date for a public hearing before said Board in the Second Floor Auditorium of the Woolfolk State Office Building, Jackson, Mississippi, on December 21, 1960, at 9:30 o'clock, A. M., on said application for proposed Special Field Rules for said field; and

Pursuant to said order of continuance of said Board, a public hearing was held by said Board in said Second Floor Auditorium of the Woolfolk State Office Building at 9:30 o'clock, A.M., on December 21, 1960, at which time and place all persons present who desired to be heard on said matter were heard and all proposed Special Field Rules were fully discussed and duly considered by those present at said meeting; and

The Board having fully considered said matter and the evidence and recommendations made in said hearing is of the opinion that the following Special Field Rules should be adopted for the prevention of waste and the protection of the correlative rights of all owners in said field;

IT IS, THEREFORE, HEREBY ORDERED by the State Oil and Gas Board that the following Special Field Rules be and the same are hereby adopted by the State Oil and Gas Board for the McElveen Field located in Amite County, Mississippi, to take effect on and after January 1, 1961, to-wit:

**SPECIAL FIELD RULES
FOR THE McELVEEN FIELD
AMITE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

The McElveen Field, as used herein, is that area consisting of Section 23, Township 3 North, Range 6 East, Amite County, Mississippi, underlain by the Lower Tuscaloosa Oil Pool, as hereinafter defined, and all productive extensions thereof.

I. The Lower Tuscaloosa Oil Pool, as used herein, shall be construed to mean those strata of the Tuscaloosa Formation productive of hydrocarbons from the Electric Log depth of 11,092 feet to 11,197 feet in the Barnwell Drilling Company, Inc. - A. Nunnery, et al Well No. 1 (formerly Justiss-Mears Oil Company, Inc. - D. C. Latimer - A. Nunnery,

et al Well No. 1), located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 23, Township 3 North, Range 6 East, Amite County, Mississippi, and including those strata productive of oil which can be correlated therewith.

II. The characteristics of said Lower Tuscaloosa Oil Pool in said field are such that a well located as hereinafter prescribed and drilled upon a drilling unit containing approximately 80 contiguous surface acres conforming to the requirements of the rules herein contained will efficiently drain and produce the recoverable oil from such unit in said pool without avoidable waste.

RULE 1 - SPACING OF OIL WELLS

Every well drilled as an oil well:

- (a) shall be located on a drilling unit consisting of a governmental half-quarter section containing not less than 72 acres or on a drilling unit consisting of not more than 80 surface contiguous acres, upon which no other drilling or producible well is located;
- (b) shall be located at least 880 feet from every other drilling or producible well located in the McElveen Field;
- (c) shall be located at least 440 feet from every exterior boundary of the drilling unit; and
- (d) The distance between any two points farthest apart on the drilling unit upon which the well is located shall not exceed 3150 feet.

RULE 2 - RATABLE TAKE

- (a) Each person now or hereafter engaged in the business of purchasing oil or gas from owners, operators or producers in this field shall purchase the same without discrimination in favor

of one owner, operator or producer as against another in the same common source of supply; and

- (b) No owner, operator or producer of oil or gas shall abuse correlative rights of any other owner, producer or operator in a common source of supply of oil or gas by causing disproportionate or unratable withdrawals therefrom or by causing undue drainage between tracts or units, resulting in one or more owners, producers or operators producing or withdrawing more than his just and equitable share from said common source of supply, allowance to be made for deficient wells.

RULE 3 - APPLICABILITY OF STATE-WIDE RULES

- (a) All rules and regulations contained in State-Wide Order No. 201-51, and any amendments thereto, not specifically covered in the foregoing Special Field Rules are hereby adopted and shall apply to said field; and
- (b) The Board expressly reserves the right, after notice and hearing, to alter, amend or repeal any and all of the foregoing rules and regulations.

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED this, the 21st day of December, 1960.

STATE OIL AND GAS BOARD OF MISSISSIPPI

By James McChes
CHAIRMAN.