

THE STATE OIL AND GAS BOARD OF MISSISSIPPI

DOCKET NO. 302-67-260

ORDER NO. 30-68

ORDER

This day this cause coming on to be heard on the petition of Miss-Tex Oil Producers, a partnership composed of L. H. Moon, R. M. Moon and E. R. Hines, Jr., requesting the State Oil and Gas Board to amend the Special Field Rules for the Tom Branch Field in Franklin County, Mississippi, so as to identify and define the First Wilcox Sand Oil Pool in said field, and the Board finding that due and legal notice of the meeting of the Board for the purpose of considering the above petition has been given in the manner and form provided by the rules and regulations of this Board, and that due and proper proofs of all legal and required notices are on file with This Board in said cause; that the Board has full jurisdiction of the parties and the subject matter in this cause, and having heard the evidence of witnesses and arguments of counsel and being advised in the premises, is of the opinion that the relief sought in said petition should be granted in the manner and form hereinafter set out.

The Board further finds that petitioner and its associates are the owners of certain operating rights under the drilling unit described as the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 19, Township 7 North, Range 3 East, Franklin County, Mississippi. That petitioner has drilled a well on said drilling unit which is known as the Miss-Tex Oil Producers, et al - Brookhaven Bank & Trust Company-J. J. Newman No. A-1 Well, which well encountered the First Wilcox Sand Oil Pool which is capable of producing oil, and which pool has not been heretofore defined by this Board.

The Board further finds that by Order No. 331-67 entered October 18, 1967, this Board adopted Special Field Rules for the Tom Branch Field

in Franklin County, Mississippi, and that the Special Field Rules for the Tom Branch Field should be amended so as to identify and define the First Wilcox Sand Oil Pool as a separate and distinct oil pool in said field.

The Board further finds that pursuant to Order No. 387-67 entered by this Board on November 16, 1967, petitioner was authorized to drill said well at a location 500 feet East of the West line and 90 feet South of the North line of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 19, Township 7 North, Range 3 East, Franklin County.

The Board further finds that it is necessary to produce said well from the First Wilcox Sand Oil Pool at the location hereinabove shown in order to prevent the confiscation of the property of petitioner; that no waste will be occasioned thereby, and that such well will not drain more than its fair and equitable share of oil from the Tom Branch Field, and that same will result in the protection and enforcement of the correlative rights of the owners of the oil therein and will insure to each lease owner and royalty owner of such oil the opportunity to henceforth recover his fair share thereof; that a well drilled at a regular location in said unit would not be productive of oil in commercial quantities and that more than five acres within said proposed drilling unit are underlain with hydrocarbons in the First Wilcox Sand Oil Pool.

The Board further finds that the aforementioned well located on said regular drilling unit is an exception to the rules in that it is located 90 feet South of the North line of said drilling unit, being less than the required distance for regularly spaced wells; that in all other respects, said unit and the location of such well thereon comply with the applicable rules of the State Oil and Gas Board.

The Board further finds that said well drilled at the hereinabove described location and producing from the First Wilcox Sand Oil Pool will both properly and effeciently recover the oil from said First Wilcox Sand Oil Pool, and that a well so drilled and located and producing from the aforementioned

formation will prevent waste, protect the co-equal and correlative rights of all parties and owners in interest under the unit and all adjacent units and will not cause any drainage from offset properties which is not compensated for by counterdrainage and will result in the recovery of more oil from the First Wilcox Sand Oil Pool in the Tom Branch Field.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Special Field Rules for the Tom Branch Field in Franklin County, Mississippi, be and they are hereby amended so as to identify and define the First Wilcox Sand Oil Pool in the Tom Branch Field as follows:

"V. The First Wilcox Sand Oil Pool, as used herein, shall be construed to mean those strata of the Wilcox Formation productive of hydrocarbons from the Schlumberger Induction-Electrical Log depth of 4153 feet to 4254 feet in the Miss-Tex Oil Producers, et al - Brookhaven Bank & Trust Company-J. J. Newman No. A-1 Well located 500 feet East of the West line and 90 feet South of the North line of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 19, Township 7 North, Range 3 East, Franklin County, Mississippi, and including those strata productive of oil which are correlatable therewith."

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that petitioner, Miss-Tex Oil Producers, be and it is hereby authorized to produce the Miss-Tex Oil Producers, et al - Brookhaven Bank & Trust Company-J. J. Newman No. A-1 Well at the location herein shown from the First Wilcox Sand Oil Pool with full allowable on production.

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED this 21st day of February, 1968.

STATE OIL AND GAS BOARD OF MISSISSIPPI

By Robert M. Farland  
CHAIRMAN