

BEFORE THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

CASE NO. 298
ORDER NO. 326

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED ON A
MOTION OF THE COMMISSION TO REDEFINE THE
FIELD LIMITS OF THE COLUMBUS-MADISON,
RIVAL-MADISON, SHORT CREEK, AND PORTAL-
MADISON FIELDS IN BURKE COUNTY, NORTH
DAKOTA.

TEMPORARY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

Pursuant to legal notice this cause came on for hearing at 9:30 a.m. on June 23, 1959, at Bismarck, North Dakota, before the Industrial Commission of North Dakota, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 30th day of June, 1959, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony adduced and the exhibits received at said hearing, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

(1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That geological and engineering evidence bearing on the matter of pool limits indicates that the boundaries of the Columbus-Madison, Rival-Madison, Portal-Madison, and Short Creek-Madison Pools, as previously defined by orders of this Commission, should be redefined.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the Columbus-Madison Pool is hereby reclassified and redefined as that common source of supply of oil and gas found in the Madison formation in and under the following tracts of land in Burke County, North Dakota, to wit:

TOWNSHIP 163 NORTH, RANGE 93 WEST, 5TH PM
ALL OF SECTION 22, THE N/2 OF SECTION 27, THE W/2 OF SECTION
23, AND THE NW/4 OF SECTION 26,

together with those additional quarter-quarter sections or governmental lots corresponding thereto, as may be proven productive by wells drilled as direct offsets to wells included in the limits as set forth above, provided further, that such extensions of the pool boundaries shall include only sufficient acreage to form a spacing unit for such offset wells.

(2) That the Rival Field is hereby reclassified and redefined as that common source of supply of crude oil and natural gas found in and under the following described tracts of land in Burke County, North Dakota, to wit:

TOWNSHIP 163 NORTH, RANGE 92 WEST, 5TH PM
ALL OF SECTIONS 15, 16, 17, 20 AND 21, THE S/2 OF SECTIONS 8, 9
AND 10, THE N/2 OF SECTIONS 28 AND 29, THE E/2 OF SECTION 19,
THE W/2 OF SECTION 22, THE NE/4 OF SECTION 30, AND THE NW/4
OF SECTION 27,

together with those additional quarter-quarter sections or governmental lots

corresponding thereto, as may be proven productive by wells drilled as direct offsets to wells included in the limits as set forth above, provided further, that such extensions of the field boundaries shall include only sufficient acreage to form a spacing unit for such wells.

(3) That the Portal Field is hereby reclassified and redefined as that common source of supply of crude oil and natural gas found in and under the following described tracts of land in Burke County, North Dakota, to wit:

TOWNSHIP 163 NORTH, RANGE 91 WEST, 5TH PM
ALL OF SECTIONS 5, 6, 7, 8, 17 AND 18,

TOWNSHIP 164 NORTH, RANGE 91 WEST, 5TH PM
THE S/2 OF THE S/2 OF SECTIONS 29 AND 30, AND ALL OF
SECTIONS 31 AND 32,

TOWNSHIP 163 NORTH, RANGE 92 WEST, 5TH PM
THE N/2 OF SECTIONS 8, 9, 10, AND ALL OF SECTIONS 1, 2, 3, 4,
5, 11 AND 12,

TOWNSHIP 164 NORTH, RANGE 92 WEST, 5TH PM
THE S/2 OF THE S/2 OF SECTIONS 25, 26, 27, 28 AND 29, AND ALL
OF SECTIONS 32, 33, 34, 35 AND 36,

together with those additional quarter-quarter sections or governmental lots corresponding thereto, as may be proven productive by wells drilled as direct offsets to wells included in the limits as set forth above, provided further, that such extensions of the field boundaries shall include only sufficient acreage to form a spacing unit for such wells.

(4) That the Short Creek-Madison Pool is hereby classified and defined as that common source of supply of crude oil and natural gas found in the Madison formation in and under the following described tracts of land in Burke County, North Dakota, to wit:

TOWNSHIP 164 NORTH, RANGE 93 WEST, 5TH PM
THE S/2 OF THE S/2 OF SECTION 25, ALL OF SECTION 36, THE E/2
OF SECTION 35, AND THE S/2 OF THE SE/4 OF SECTION 26,

TOWNSHIP 163 NORTH, RANGE 93 WEST, 5TH PM
ALL OF SECTIONS 1, 12 AND 13, AND THE E/2 OF SECTIONS 2, 11
AND 14,

TOWNSHIP 164 NORTH, RANGE 92 WEST, 5TH PM
THE S/2 OF THE S/2 OF SECTION 30, AND ALL OF SECTION 31,

TOWNSHIP 163 NORTH, RANGE 92 WEST, 5TH PM
ALL OF SECTIONS 6, 7 AND 18,

together with those additional quarter sections or governmental lots corresponding thereto, as may be proven productive by wells drilled as direct offsets to wells included in the limits as set forth above, provided further, that such extensions of the field boundaries shall include only sufficient acreage to form a spacing unit for such wells.

(5) That this order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

DONE, at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 30th day of June, 1959.

THE NORTH DAKOTA
INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

/s/ C. P. Dahl
C. P. Dahl, Acting Governor

/s/ Leslie R. Burgum
Leslie R. Burgum, Attorney General

/s/ Math Dahl
Math Dahl, Commissioner of Agriculture & Labor