

BEFORE THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

CASE NO. 1266
ORDER NO. 1365

IN THE MATTER OF A HEARING CALLED ON A
MOTION OF THE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER THE
APPLICATION OF BAUER AND LAND FOR AN
ORDER SUSPENDING A PERMIT TO DRILL ISSUED
TO CONTINENTAL OIL COMPANY FOR A WELL
LOCATED IN THE NW NW OF SECTION 33,
TOWNSHIP 140 NORTH, RANGE 97 WEST, STARK
COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA, AND TO REVIEW AND
CONSIDER AMENDING THE SPACING
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SOUTH HEART AND
DICKINSON FIELDS, STARK COUNTY, NORTH
DAKOTA.

EMERGENCY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

An application having been presented to the Industrial Commission of North Dakota, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission," for an emergency order under Rule No. 3 of the General Rules and Regulations.

NOW, on this 18th day of July, 1975, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony adduced and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

(1) That the Commission has jurisdiction of this application and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That on the 14th of July, 1975, the North Dakota Geological Survey issued Permit No. 5678 to Continental Oil Company for a well to be drilled 500 feet from the north line and 500 feet from the west line of Section 33, Township 140 North, Range 97 West, Stark County, North Dakota, and that said location is within the outline of the Dickinson Heath Unit, as defined by Commission Order No. 1186.

(3) That Commission Order No. 1202 dated March 13, 1973, authorized the drilling of wells at any location within the Dickinson Heath Unit area and further provided that no well be located closer than 500 feet from the Unit boundary.

(4) That during the period since Commission Order No. 1202 was approved, the South Heart Field has been established adjacent to the Dickinson Heath Unit boundary.

(5) That information gained from the drilling of wells in the South Heart Field indicates that allowing the Unit Operator of the Dickinson Heath Unit to drill a well in the NW NW of Section 33, Township 140 North, Range 97 West, Stark County, North Dakota, might not be in the interest of conservation, could constitute waste by the drilling of unnecessary wells, and might not protect correlative rights of all interested parties.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Permit No. 5678 issued to Continental Oil Company for a well

located in the NW NW of Section 33, Township 140 North, Range 97 West, Stark County, North Dakota, be and the same, is hereby suspended.

(2) That Bauer and Land, the applicant, appear before the Commission at 4:00 p.m. on July 31, 1975, in Bismarck, North Dakota, and present evidence in support of their application.

(3) That this order shall continue in force for a period not to exceed 15 days from the date of this order.

DONE, at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 18th day of July, 1975.

THE NORTH DAKOTA
INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

Arthur A. Link, Governor

/s/ Allen I. Olson
Allen I. Olson, Attorney General

/s/ Myron Just
Myron Just, Commissioner of Agriculture