

BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

<u>APPLICANT:</u>	XTO ENERGY INC.)	
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<u>RELIEF SOUGHT:</u>	POOLING)	
)	CAUSE CD NO.
<u>LEGAL DESCRIPTION:</u>	N/2 AND SE/4 AND N/2 SW/4 AND)	
	EAST 35.82 ACRES OF THE)	201207970
	SE/4 SW/4 OF SECTION 7,)	
	TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH,)	ORDER NO.
	RANGE 7 EAST,)	
	MARSHALL COUNTY, OKLAHOMA)	606915

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

This Cause came on for hearing before Michael Norris, Administrative Law Judge for the Corporation Commission of Oklahoma, on the 11th day of January, 2013, at 8:30 a.m., in the Commission Courtroom, Jim Thorpe Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, for the purpose of hearing, taking testimony and reporting his findings and recommendations to the Commission. The appearances included **Richard K. Books**, attorney for Applicant.

The Administrative Law Judge heard the Cause and filed his report with the Commission, which report has been considered and the Commission therefore finds as follows:

FINDINGS

1. This is an Application for an Order pooling the interests, designating an Operator, providing for the development of the unit and adjudicating the rights and equities of oil and gas owners in the Springer, Caney, Sycamore, and Woodford common sources of supply underlying the N/2 and SE/4 and N/2 SW/4 and East 35.82 acres of the SE/4 SW/4 of Section 7, Township 6 South, Range 7 East, Marshall County, Oklahoma, a drilling and spacing unit pursuant to Order No. 591957.

2. Notice has been given by publication as required by Commission Rules and Affidavits of Publication have been filed. Those owners whose names and addresses were attainable have been given actual notice by mail. An adjudicative inquiry was conducted by the Administrative Law Judge into the sufficiency of the search to ascertain the names and addresses of all owners and if a diligent effort had been made to locate all affected interest owners. Applicant has made a meaningful and diligent search of all reasonably available sources at hand to ascertain those parties that are entitled to notice and the whereabouts of those entitled to notice but who were served only by publication. The Commission finds the process to be proper and has jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties. The Respondent to this matter is as follows:

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O'Connor Royalty LLC
C/O David O'Connor
P.O. Box 721405
Norman, OK 73070

3. The Applicant is the owner of an interest in the area covered by the Application and Applicant/Operator has furnished the Oklahoma Corporation Commission with a plugging agreement and surety or a financial statement, as required by law and by the Rules of the Commission.

4. The Applicant, an owner of the right to drill a well on said drilling and spacing unit and to develop and produce said common sources of supply, has not agreed with all of the other such owners in such drilling and spacing unit to pool their interests and to develop the drilling and spacing unit and common sources of supply as a unit, and the Commission should issue an Order requiring such owners to pool and develop the drilling and spacing unit and common sources of supply covered hereby on a unit basis.

5. The Applicant proposes to develop said unit and the common sources of supply therefore as a unit by the recompletion of and/or the drilling of a well or wells thereon and, to avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells and to protect correlative rights, all owners should be required to pool and develop the unit and common sources of supply covered hereby as a unit, upon the terms and conditions set out in "Order" below, all of which are found hereby, after a consideration of the substantial evidence in this Cause, to be just and reasonable and will afford each owner in the unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense his just and fair share of the production from the unit.

6. In the interest of the prevention of waste and the protection of correlative rights, this Application should be granted, and the rights of all owners pooled and adjudicated.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Corporation Commission of Oklahoma as follows:

1. Applicant proposes to develop the N/2 and SE/4 and N/2 SW/4 and East 35.82 acres of the SE/4 SW/4 of Section 7, Township 6 South, Range 7 East, Marshall County, Oklahoma, a drilling and spacing unit for the Springer, Caney, Sycamore, and Woodford common sources of supply, and the rights and equities of all oil and gas owners covered hereby are pooled, adjudicated and determined as set forth herein.

2. a. The evidence showed that the initial well has been commenced. Well costs are:

Completed for production - \$6,788,591.00

- b. **\$950.00 per acre cash (for a total royalty of 1/8)**, is a fair, reasonable and equitable bonus to be paid unto each owner who elects not to participate in said development by paying such owner's proportionate part of the cost thereof. Such cash bonus plus overriding or excess royalty, when paid as set out in this Order, is satisfaction in full for all rights and interests of such owner in the drilling and spacing unit covered hereby, except for any normal 1/8 royalty interest, as defined in 52 O.S., Section 87.1(e) (1971).
- c. **\$925.00 per acre cash, plus an overriding or excess royalty of 1/16 (for a total royalty of 3/16)**, is a fair, reasonable and equitable bonus to be paid unto each owner who elects not to participate in said development by paying such owner's proportionate part of the cost thereof. Such cash bonus plus overriding or excess royalty, when paid as set out in this Order, is satisfaction in full for all rights and interests of such owner in the drilling and spacing unit covered hereby, except for any normal 1/8 royalty interest, as defined in 52 O.S., Section 87.1(e) (1971).
- d. **An overriding or excess royalty of 1/8 (for a total royalty of 1/4)** is also a fair, reasonable and equitable consideration to be tendered unto each owner who elects not to participate in said development by paying such owner's proportionate part of the cost thereof. Such overriding or excess royalty is satisfaction in full for all rights and interests of such owner in the drilling and spacing unit covered hereby, except for any normal 1/8 royalty interest, as defined in 52 O.S., Section 87.1(e) (1971).

PROVIDED, however, that any excess royalty, overriding royalty or other payments out of production shall be charged against the overriding or excess royalty, or overriding royalty, as herein above set forth, and same shall be reduced by the amount of any such excess.

PROVIDED, further, in the event the oil and gas interest of any owner is subject to any royalty, overriding royalty, or other payments out of production which create a burden on such interest in excess of the burdens set out in paragraph 2b above, the owner of any such interest shall not be entitled to the option provided in paragraph 2b above, but shall be required to either participate or to accept the option provided in paragraphs 2c or 2d above.

PROVIDED, further, in the event the oil and gas interest of any owner is subject to any royalty, overriding royalty, or other payments out of production which create a burden on such interest in excess of the burdens set out in paragraph 2c above, the owner of any such interest shall not be entitled to the option provided in paragraphs 2b or 2c above, but shall be required to either participate or to accept the option provided in paragraph 2d above.

3. Each owner, subject hereto, may make any of the elections as to all or any part of the interest of such owner in the unit and must give notice as to which of the elections stated in paragraphs 3a, 3b, 3c or 3d herein such owner accepts.

- a. To participate in the development of the unit and common sources of supply by agreeing to pay such owner's proportionate part of the actual cost of such development and by paying, as set out herein, to Applicant such owner's proportionate part of the estimated completed for production cost of the proposed well, as set out in paragraph 2a above, or by furnishing security for such payment satisfactory to the Applicant. In all events, such owner's cost in said well shall not exceed its proportionate part of the actual or the reasonable cost thereof which shall be determined by the Commission in the event there is a dispute as to such costs. The payment of such owner's proportionate part of the estimated completed for production cost of said well, or the furnishing of security therefor, shall be accomplished within 25 days from the

date of this Order, such owner's proportionate part of the costs of, and of the production from, such well and unit, to be in proportion to the number of acres such owner has in the unit; or,

- b. To receive the cash bonus as set out in paragraph 2b above, which cash bonus shall be paid or tendered by Applicant, if same can be paid or tendered, within 35 days from the date of this Order; or,
- c. To receive the cash bonus plus overriding or excess royalty, as set out in paragraph 2c above, which cash bonus shall be paid or tendered by Applicant, if same can be paid or tendered, within 35 days from the date of this Order; or,
- d. To receive the overriding or excess royalty only as set out in paragraph 2d above.

IF ANY PAYMENT OF BONUS DUE AND OWING UNDER THIS ORDER CANNOT BE MADE because the person entitled thereto cannot be located or is unknown, then said bonus shall be paid into an escrow account within 90 days after this Order and shall not be commingled with any funds of the Applicant or Operator. Any royalty payments or other payments due to such person shall be paid into an interest bearing escrow account by the holder of such funds. Responsibility for filing reports with the Commission as required by law and Commission Rules as to bonus, royalty or other payments deposited into escrow accounts shall be with the applicable holder. Such funds deposited in said escrow accounts shall be held for the exclusive use of, and sole benefit of, the person entitled thereto.

4. Each owner of the right to drill in said drilling and spacing unit to said common sources of supply covered hereby, who has not agreed to develop said unit as a unit, other than Applicant, may elect any of the alternatives set out in paragraph 3 above as to all or any part of the interest which such party owns, said election to be made to Applicant, in writing, within 20 days from the date of this Order. In the event any owner fails to elect within the time and in the manner as set out above which of the alternatives set forth in paragraph 3 above, any such owner accepts, then such owner shall be deemed to have elected to receive the highest cash bonus and lowest royalty for which said interest qualifies. An interest qualifies for a particular royalty in question when the sum of the owner's net revenue interest, together with all overriding royalties and other burdens on such interest, and the royalty in question, do not exceed 1.00. In the event any owner elects to do other than participate in said well by paying his pro rata share of the costs thereof, or fails to make any election provided above, or, having elected to participate, fails to timely furnish payment of costs or security therefor, such owner shall be deemed to have

relinquished unto Applicant all of such owner's right, title, interest or claim in and to the drilling and spacing unit, except for any normal 1/8 royalty interest, defined above, or other share in production to which such owner may be entitled by reason of an election hereunder.

5. Only those owners electing to participate in the initial well will be allowed to participate in subsequent wells drilled on the drilling and spacing unit covered hereby. Owners electing or deemed to have elected any option other than participation in the initial well shall receive no cash consideration for subsequent wells but shall receive the excess royalty, if any, provided for herein. In the event any participating owner proposes the drilling of a subsequent well, it shall notify those owners who participated in the prior well of its intent to drill a subsequent well. Such notice shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, and shall be accompanied by an AFE which sets forth the anticipated cost of the well and the well location. Each owner who participated in the prior well shall have 20 days from the receipt of said notice to elect, to the Applicant (with a copy to the proposing party), in writing, whether said owner elects to participate in said subsequent well, or, if not, which of the alternatives set forth in paragraph 3 above such owner elects. Owners electing to participate must pay to Applicant their proportionate share of said costs, or furnish security satisfactory to Applicant therefore, within 25 days from the receipt of said notice. Those owners failing to elect to the Applicant within the period provided, or those owners electing to participate but failing to pay or secure costs within the period provided, shall be deemed to have elected not to participate in subsequent wells. Said owner's right to participate in the proposed well and all future wells shall be immediately and by operation of law, transferred to the operator and said owner shall receive the greatest bonus and lowest royalty for which such interest qualifies herein. An interest qualifies for a particular royalty in question when the sum of the owner's net revenue interest, together with all overriding royalties and other burdens on such interest, and the royalty in question, do not exceed 1.00. At such time that an owner elects or is deemed to have elected not to participate in a subsequent well, then that owner shall not be allowed to participate in future wells drilled on the drilling and spacing unit covered hereby. The Oklahoma Corporation Commission shall retain jurisdiction to determine the reasonableness of actual drilling and completion costs of subsequent wells. In the event operations for the proposed well are not commenced within 180 days after the date of the notice, then the proposal shall terminate and new notice must be resubmitted to those parties that elected to participate in the proposed well.

6. The Applicant, in addition to any other rights provided herein, shall have a lien, as set out in 52 O.S., Section 87.1(e) (1971), on the interest of any owner, subject to this Order, who has elected to participate in the well covered hereby by paying such owner's proportionate part of the costs thereof; provided, however, that in the event an owner elects to participate in said well by paying his proportionate part of the costs thereof and fails or refuses to pay or to secure the payment of such owner's proportionate part of the completed for production cost as set out in paragraph 2a above, or fails or refuses to pay or make an arrangement with the Applicant for the payment thereof, all within the periods of time as prescribed in this Order, then such owner shall be deemed to have

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elected to receive the highest cash bonus for which such interest qualifies and such owner shall be deemed to have relinquished unto Applicant all of such owner's right, title, interest or claim in and to the drilling and spacing unit, except for any normal 1/8 royalty interest, defined above, or other share in production to which such owner may be entitled by reason of an election hereunder. Thereupon, the payment of such cash bonus shall be made by Applicant within 35 days after the last day on which such defaulting owner, under this Order, should have paid his proportionate part of such costs or should have made satisfactory arrangements for the payment thereof.

7. **XTO ENERGY INC., 810 HOUSTON STREET, FT. WORTH, TX 76102, telephone (817) 870-2800**, is designated operator of the drilling and spacing unit and common sources of supply covered hereby. All elections must be communicated to said operator at the address above as required in this Order.

8. The evidence showed that the initial well has been commenced. Operator shall pursue diligent operations to completion.

9. The Applicant or its attorney shall file with the Secretary of the Commission, within 10 days from the date of this Order, an affidavit stating that a copy of said Order was mailed within 3 days from the date of this Order to all parties pooled by this Order, whose addresses are known.

CORPORATION COMMISSION OF OKLAHOMA

Patrice Douglas

Patrice Douglas, CHAIRMAN

Bob Anthony

Bob Anthony, VICE CHAIRMAN

Dana L. Murphy

Dana L. Murphy, COMMISSIONER

DONE AND PERFORMED THIS 24 DAY OF JANUARY, 2013.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Peggy Mitchell

Peggy Mitchell, Secretary

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REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

The foregoing findings and order are the report and recommendations of the Administrative Law Judge.

APPROVED:



Michael Norris
Administrative Law Judge

1-22-13

Date

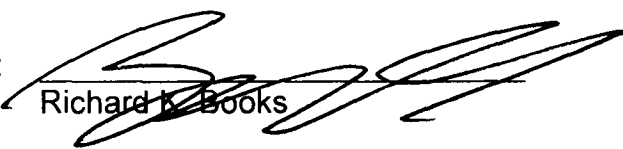


Susan R. Osburn
Reviewer

01-22-13

Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:



Richard K. Books