BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

	ORDER OF THE COMMISSION	609174
	MARSHALL COUNTY, OKLAHOMA) ORDER NO.
	TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 4 EAST,) 201300772)
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:	SECTION 8,)
) CAUSE CD NO
RELIEF SOUGHT:	POOLING)).
APPLICANT:	XTO ENERGY INC.)

This Cause came on for hearing before Michael Norris, Administrative Law Judge for the Corporation Commission of Oklahoma, on the 25th day of February, 2013, and on the 11th day of March, 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, Woodford, Hunton, Sylvan and Viola common sources of supply underlying Section 8, Township 5 South, Range 4 East, Marshall County, Oklahoma, a drilling and spacing unit pursuant to Order No. 608733. At the time of the hearing, the Application was amended to dismiss the Springer, Sylvan, and Viola common sources of supply.
- 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 Respondents to this matter are shown on the Exhibit "A" attached hereto. At the time of the hearing, a waiver of notice was submitted on behalf of Jack K. Daniel, Trustee for the Daniel Drilling Service Pension Fund.

- 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.

Special Finding: The evidence showed that the parties have treated all of the common sources of supply covered hereby as a single unit, and that the parties intend to develop all of the common sources of supply as a single unit. The evidence also showed that the drilling of the initial well will develop information on all of the common sources of supply, which information will be used by the parties who take the initial risk of development to further develop each of the common sources of supply. The geologic and engineering evidence justifies the aggregation of all common sources of supply so as to pool all common sources of supply as single unit, thereby preventing waste.

ORDER

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

1. Applicant proposes to develop Section 8, Township 5 South, Range 4 East, Marshall County, Oklahoma, a drilling and spacing unit for the Caney, Sycamore, Woodford, and Hunton 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 estimated well costs are:

Completed for production - \$7,762,250.00 Completed as a dry hole - \$4,383,500.00

- 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. \$900.00 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. \$150.00 per acre cash, plus an overriding or excess royalty of 7.5% (for a total royalty of 1/5), 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).

e. \$100.00 per acre cash, plus an overriding or excess royalty of 12.5% (for a total royalty of 1/4), 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).

<u>PROVIDED</u>, 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, 2d, or 2e above.

<u>PROVIDED</u>, 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 paragraphs 2d or 2e 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 2d above, the owner of any such interest shall not be entitled to the option provided in paragraphs 2b, 2c, or 2d above, but shall be required to either participate or to accept the option provided in paragraph 2e 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, 3d or 3e herein such owner accepts.
 - To participate in the development of the unit and a. 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. 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 cash bonus plus overriding or excess royalty, as set out in paragraph 2d above, which cash bonus shall be paid or tendered by Applicant, if same can be paid or tendered, within <u>35 days</u> from the date of this Order; or,

e. To receive the cash bonus plus overriding or excess royalty, as set out in paragraph 2e 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.

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 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 operator must commence operations for the drilling or other operations with respect to the initial well covered hereby within 180 days from the date of this Order, or this Order shall be of no force and effect, except as to the payment of bonus.

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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, VICE CHAIRMAN Wana L. Murphy
Dana L. Murphy, COMMISSIONER $oldsymbol{ heta}$
DONE AND PERFORMED THIS $\frac{10}{100}$ DAY OF MARCH, 2013.
Peggy Mitchell, Secretary
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 Administrative Law Judge
Michael Forter 14 March 2013 Reviewer Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:

Richard K. Books

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EXHIBIT "A"

- Ann Elizabeth Dunlap, Trustee of the Ann Elizabeth Trust
 4628 Washburn Ave.
 Fort Worth, TX, 76107
 (CURATIVE)
- Bobby M. Shipley and Carol J. Shipley, Trustees, or their successors in trust, under the Shipley Trust dated April 28, 1999, an Oklahoma trust 2337 Rockwood Ln. Norman. OK 73071
- ECS Production, L.L.C. c/o Arbuckle Enterprises, Inc.
 P.O. Box 5250
 Edmond, OK 73083
- 4. Equitable Royalty Corporation 204 N. Robinson, Ste. 1900 Oklahoma City, OK 73102
- 5. G.W. Thomas III P.O. Box 1673 Chickasha, OK 73023
- Glebe Royalty, LLC
 6305 Waterford Blvd., Ste. 300
 Oklahoma City, OK 73118
- Jack K. Daniel, Trustee for the Daniel Drilling Service Pension Trust c/o Norma Robinson 7201 S. Westminster Rd. Oklahoma City, OK 73150
- 8. Marcia Jean Talley, Trustee of the Marcia Jean Talley Trust
 1132 Shady Oaks Ln
 Fort Worth, TX, 76107
 (CURATIVE)
- Steve A. George a/k/a Steve Allen George 6501 S. Kelly Ave. Guthrie, OK 73044 (CURATIVE)

The Hefner Company, Inc.
 P.O. Box 2177
 Oklahoma City, OK 73101

RESPONDENTS WITH UNKNOWN ADDRESSES:

- 11. Unknown heirs, successors and assigns of Charlene P. Parkinson, deceased (CURATIVE)
- Unknown heirs, successors and assigns of Doris Linton, deceased (CURATIVE)
- 13. Unknown heirs, successors and assigns of Elizabeth D. Ewell, deceased (CURATIVE)
- Unknown heirs, successors and assigns of Julia Daphne Davis, deceased (CURATIVE)
- Unknown heirs, successors and assigns of Michael Earl Ayres, deceased (CURATIVE)
- 16. Unknown heirs, successors and assigns of Renee L. Glamm, deceased (CURATIVE)
- 17. Unknown heirs, successors and assigns of Edwin Ewell, deceased (CURATIVE)
- Unknown heirs, successors and assigns of Earl
 A. Brown, deceased
 (CURATIVE)
- Unknown heirs, successors and assigns of Renee Pedro, deceased (CURATIVE)
- Unknown heirs, successors and assigns of Daniel S. Parkinson, deceased (CURATIVE)

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- 21. Unknown heirs, successors and assigns of Claire E. Hodge, deceased (CURATIVE)
- 22. Unknown heirs, successors and assigns of W. O. McManus, deceased (CURATIVE)
- 23. L'Wanda McManus