

THE STATE OIL AND GAS BOARD OF MISSISSIPPI

DOCKET NO. 12-76-355

ORDER NO. 27-76

ORDER

This day this cause came on to be heard on the petition of Mitchell Energy Corporation, of Houston, Texas, requesting that the Temporary Special Field Rules for the Cobb Branch Field in Amite County, Mississippi, be made permanent spacing rules, and the Board finds that due and legal notice of the meeting of the Board for the purpose of considering said petition has been given in the manner and time provided by the rules and regulations of this Board and that due and proper proofs of publication are on file with this Board and that the Board has full jurisdiction of the parties and the subject matter, and having heard the evidence introduced at the hearing hereof, is of the opinion that said petition should be granted.

The Board further finds that by Order No. 49-73 dated February 21, 1973, entered in Docket No. 29-73-355, Temporary Special Field Rules were adopted for the Cobb Branch Field in Amite County, Mississippi, establishing drilling units of eighty contiguous surface acres or two governmental quarter-quarter sections containing not less than seventy-two acres or more than eighty-eight acres for the Lower Tuscaloosa Oil Pool; that by Order No. 28-74 dated February 20, 1974, entered in Docket No. 19-74-355, said Temporary Special Field Rules for the Cobb Branch Field were extended for a period of one year, and that by Order No. 30-75 dated February 19, 1975, entered in Docket No. 12-75-355, said rules were further extended for a period of one year.

The Board further finds that since the adoption of said Temporary Special Field Rules, and extensions thereof, extensive testing procedures have been conducted so as to make a further and more complete determination of the area of the Lower Tuscaloosa

Oil Pool in said field that can be drained by one well. The Board further finds that one well producing from said pool in the Cobb Branch Field would drain a minimum of eighty acres.

The Board further finds that the Temporary Special Field Rules heretofore adopted are reasonable and fair and are in the interest of conservation of the hydrocarbons underlying the Cobb Branch Field in the Lower Tuscaloosa Oil Pool and that said Temporary Special Field Rules should now be made permanent for the location and spacing of wells for production of oil from said pool.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Special Field Rules for the Cobb Branch Field, Amite County, Mississippi, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", should be and same are hereby made permanent Special Field Rules for said field for production from the Lower Tuscaloosa Oil Pool in said field.

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED this 18th day of February, 1976.

STATE OIL AND GAS BOARD OF MISSISSIPPI  
By W. Scott Thompson  
CHAIRMAN

SPECIAL FIELD RULES  
FOR THE COBB BRANCH FIELD  
AMITE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

The Cobb Branch Field, as used herein, is that area consisting of Section 35, the W $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 6 East; Sections 1 and 2; the N $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 12; and the E $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 11, Township 3 North, Range 6 East, Amite County, Mississippi, underlain by the Lower Tuscaloosa Oil Pool, as hereinafter defined, and all productive extensions thereof.

I. The Lower Tuscaloosa Oil Pool in the Cobb Branch Field shall be construed to mean those strata of the Tuscaloosa Formation productive of oil in the interval between the electric log depths of 11,000 feet to 11,100 feet in the Mitchell Energy & Development Corp. - Prestridge No. 1 Well, and all sands correlative of these strata productive of oil, said well being located 2500 feet from the North line and 2500 feet from the West line of Section 35, Township 4 North, Range 6 East, Amite County, Mississippi..

II. The characteristics of said Lower Tuscaloosa Oil Pool in said field are such that a well located as hereinafter prescribed and drilled upon a drilling unit containing approximately 80 contiguous surface acres conforming to the requirements of the rules herein contained will efficiently drain and produce the recoverable oil from such units in said pool without avoidable waste.

RULE 1 - SPACING OF OIL WELLS:

Every well drilled as an oil well:

- (a) shall be located on a drilling unit consisting of eighty (80) contiguous surface acres, or two governmental quarter-quarter sections containing not less than seventy-two (72) acres or more than eighty-eight (88) acres, upon which no other drilling or producible well is located;

- (b) any drilling unit not composed of two governmental quarter-quarter sections must be completely encompassed by the perimeter of a rectangle 1600 feet by 2725 feet. Provided, however, no unit shall be permitted which will create island acreage;
- (c) the well shall be located at least 660 feet from every other drilling or producible well located in conformity with this rule; and
- (d) the well shall be located at least 330 feet from every exterior boundary of the drilling unit.

RULE 2 - APPLICABILITY OF STATEWIDE RULES:

- A. All rules and regulations contained in Statewide Order No. 201-51, and any amendment thereto, not specifically covered by the foregoing Special Field Rules are hereby adopted and shall apply to said field.
- B. The Board expressly reserves the right, after notice and hearing, to alter, amend or repeal any and all of the foregoing rules and regulations.