

THE STATE OIL AND GAS BOARD OF MISSISSIPPI

DOCKET NO. 58-76-402

ORDER NO. 94-76

ORDER

This day this cause came on to be heard on the petition of Tideway Oil Programs, Inc., of Jackson, Mississippi, requesting the Board to adopt temporary Special Field Rules for the South Smithdale Field, Amite County, Mississippi, 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 law and the rules and regulations of this Board and that due and proper proofs of publication are on file with this Board; that the Board has full jurisdiction of the parties and the subject matter, and having heard the evidence presented at the hearing hereon, and being fully advised in the premises, this Board is of the opinion that said temporary Special Field Rules for the South Smithdale Field should be adopted.

The Board further finds that petitioner, Tideway Oil Programs, Inc. is the operator of a well located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33, Township 4 North, Range 6 East, Amite County, Mississippi, known as the H. D. Baker & Tideway Oil Programs, Inc. - #1 Barksdale Well, in the South Smithdale Field. The Board further finds that the South Smithdale Field is located within an area comprised of regular governmental sections containing approximately 640 acres each; that the presently known characteristics of the 11,060-Foot Lower Tuscaloosa Oil Pool underlying the South Smithdale Field indicate that one well properly located on a drilling unit comprised of two governmental quarter-quarter sections of not less than 72 acres or more than 88 acres or on a drilling unit of not more than 80 contiguous surface acres formed in the manner prescribed in Exhibit "A" hereto will adequately drain and produce the hydrocarbons in the 11,060-Foot Lower Tuscaloosa Oil Pool underneath such unit efficiently and without avoidable waste.

The Board further finds that for the prevention of physical and economic waste and the drilling of unnecessary wells and in order to protect the co-equal and correlative rights of the owners in interest, it is essential that temporary Special Field Rules for the South Smithdale Field in Amite County, Mississippi be adopted properly defining said producing pool and the area of said field and providing for rules and regulations which are necessary for the proper and orderly development of said field.

IT IS, THEREFORE, HEREBY ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that temporary Special Field Rules for the South Smithdale Field, Amite County, Mississippi, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", should be and the same are hereby adopted for said field, subject to a review and redetermination by this Board at the April, 1977 meeting of this Board.

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED this ^{22nd} 21st day of April, 1976.

STATE OIL AND GAS BOARD OF MISSISSIPPI

By Scott Thompson
CHAIRMAN

SPECIAL FIELD RULES
FOR THE SOUTH SMITHDALE FIELD
AMITE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

The South Smithdale Field, as used herein, is that area consisting of the following described land, to-wit:

S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 33, W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 34, Township 4 North, Range 6 East; and the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 3, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 4, Township 3 North, Range 6 East, Amite County, Mississippi, underlain by the 11,060-Foot Lower Tuscaloosa Oil Pool, as hereinafter, defined, and all productive extensions thereof.

I. The 11,060-Foot Lower Tuscaloosa Oil Pool in the South Smithdale Field, Amite County, Mississippi, shall be construed to mean those strata of the Tuscaloosa Formation productive of oil in the interval between the electric log depths of 11,061 feet to 11,066 feet in the H. D. Baker & Tideway Oil Programs, Inc. - No. 1 Barksdale Well, as indicated on the electric log of said well, and all sands correlative of these strata productive of oil, said well being located 330 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 33, Township 4 North, Range 6 East, Amite County, Mississippi.

II. The characteristics of said 11,060-Foot Lower Tuscaloosa Oil Pool in said field are such that a well located as hereinafter prescribed and drilled upon a drilling unit containing approximately eighty (80) contiguous surface acres conforming to the requirements of the rules herein contained will adequately and efficiently drain and produce the recoverable oil from such unit 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) 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 1000 feet from every other drilling or producible well located in conformity with this rule; and
- (d) the well shall be located at least 500 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 amendments thereto, not specifically covered by the foregoing Special Field Rules are hereby adopted and shall apply to said field.

STATE OIL AND GAS BOARD

By

W. Scott Thompson
Chairman