CASE 2703: Application of CONTINENTAL for a waterflood project and for a central tank battery, Eddy County.

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Dec. 22, 1965

To; F. H. Hennighausen & Jim Wright

Front : Frank E. Trby

Subject:

Continental Oil Company

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On December 16, 1905, Mr. Vic Lyons, Continental Oil Company, Hobbs, New Mexico called me with regard to their waterflood project in Cave Pool which operates under Orders R-2385 and RA-2831 which amends the earlier order. The Commission's Order R-2831 required that the casing through which injection is to be made into the wells be tested to a pressure of 2000psi successfully. In the event of a casing failure, it was ordered by the Commission in this same Order that "injection shall be permitted in said vells only through tubing and packer."

Mr. Lyons stated that it is now the intention of Continental to increase their injection pressures in order to properly handle, the flood operation and requested a statement as to the requirements of this office. I stated that if the casing would withstand a pressure test 300 pai in excess of the maximum anticipated injection pressure at the surface I would offer no objection to the continued injection down casing. I further told him that I wanted sufficient notice to either Mr. Fred Hennighausen or Mr. James I. Wright to enable them to have a witness present during the testing of the casing and that I would not approve his request unless the test was witnessed.

Mr. Lyons will probably contact you in the near future advising the date and time the test is to be performed. Please see that the operation is properly observed and report your observations to me as quickly as possible after the rest is completed.

FIE/ma co-Continental Oil Co. A. L. Porter, Jr.,

Yours truly,

Frank E. Irby

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

OF THE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL OIL COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF THE CAVE POOL UNIT AGREEMENT EMBRACING 1959.78 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED IN TOUNSHIPS 16 AND 17 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, N.M.P.M., EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, FOR PERMISSION TO INSTALL AND OPERATE A WATERFLOOD WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF SAID UNIT AREA: AND FURTHER, FOR PERMISSION TO PRODUCE THE UNIT WELLS INTO A CENTRAL TANK BATTERY

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APPLICATION

Comes now Applicant, Continental Oil Company, and respectfully requests approval of the Cave Pool Unit Agreement, permission to install and operate a waterflood within said Unit, and permission to produce the Unit wells into a central tank battery. The Cave Pool Unit Agreement embraces the following described acreage:

New Mexico Prime Meridian -

Township 16 South, Range 29 East -

Section 33: S/2 SE/4

Township 17 South, Range 29 East -

Section 3: SW/4 NW/4

Section 4: All

Section 5: E/2, E/2 S9/4 and SE/4 N8/4

Section 7: N/2 NE/4

Section 8: N/2, N/2 SH/4, SE/4 SW/4 and NW/4 SE/4 Section 9: NH/4 NN/4, N/2 NE/4, SE/4 NE/4 and

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containing 1959.78 acres, more or less, in Eddy County, New Mexico, and in support thereof Applicant would show:

- 1. That the Cave Pool Unit Agreement is attached hereto and marked Exhibit I.
- 2. That approval of the Cave Pool Unit Agreement has been received from the United States Geological Survey, and the State Land Office.

DOCKET MAILED

Date-

- 3. That the attached lease plat marked Exhibit II shows the Cave Pool Unit and surrounding area.
- 4. That production in the Cave Pool is at an advanced stage of depletion and that recovery by primary methods is at or near the economic limit.
- 5. That engineering investigations indicate that waterflooding the Cave Pool will be physically and economically feasible.
- 6. That all operators of producing properties in the Cave Pool have been given an opportunity to participate in the Cave Pool Unit.
- 7. That agreement between the operators in the Cave Pool has proceeded to the extent that a logical and systematic secondary recovery operation is assured.
- 8. That the formation to be unitized and waterflooded is the Premier sand section of the Grayburg formation which is specifically indicated on the Radioactivity logs of the Continental Oil Company State P-5 No. 1 and U-5 No. 1 wells attached hereto and marked Exhibit IIIa and IIIb, respectively.
- 9. That all proposed injection wells are or will be completed in such a manner that injected water will be confined to the Premier sand. The present status of all proposed injection wells is shown on the tabulation of injection well data attached hereto and marked Exhibit IV.
- 10. That Applicant proposes to inject a maximum of approximately 4,000 barrels of water per day into the 26 proposed injection wells on an 80 acre five-spot pattern. A maximum of approximately 3,000 barrels per day of said water will be purchased from an outside source. The remainder of water injected will be water produced from the Unit's producing wells.
- 11. That the producing operations can be carried on more efficiently if all Unit wells are produced into a central tank battery.
- 12. That the proposed unitization and secondary recovery will result in the recovery of hydrocarbons which would not be recovered by primary methods and is therefore in the interest of conservation and prevention of waste.

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Wherefore, Applicant respectfully requests that this matter be set for hearing before the Commission's duly qualified Examiner and that upon hearing an order be entered approving the Cave Pool Unit Agreement, granting permission to install and operate a waterflood within the Unit Area and permitting the production of the Unit wells into a central tank battery as described herein above.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. A. Mead Division Superintendent

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New Mexico Division

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STATE GEOLOGIST
A. L. PORTER, JR.
SECRETARY - DIRECTOR

P. O. BOX 571 Santa FK

December 5, 1962

Mr. Jason Kellahin Kellahin & Fox Attorneys at Law Box 1713 Santa Fe, Hew Mexico Re: Case Nc. 2702 and 2703
Order Nc. R-2384 and R-2385
Applicant:

CONTINENTAL OIL COMPANY

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced Commission order recently entered in the subject case.

Very truly yours,

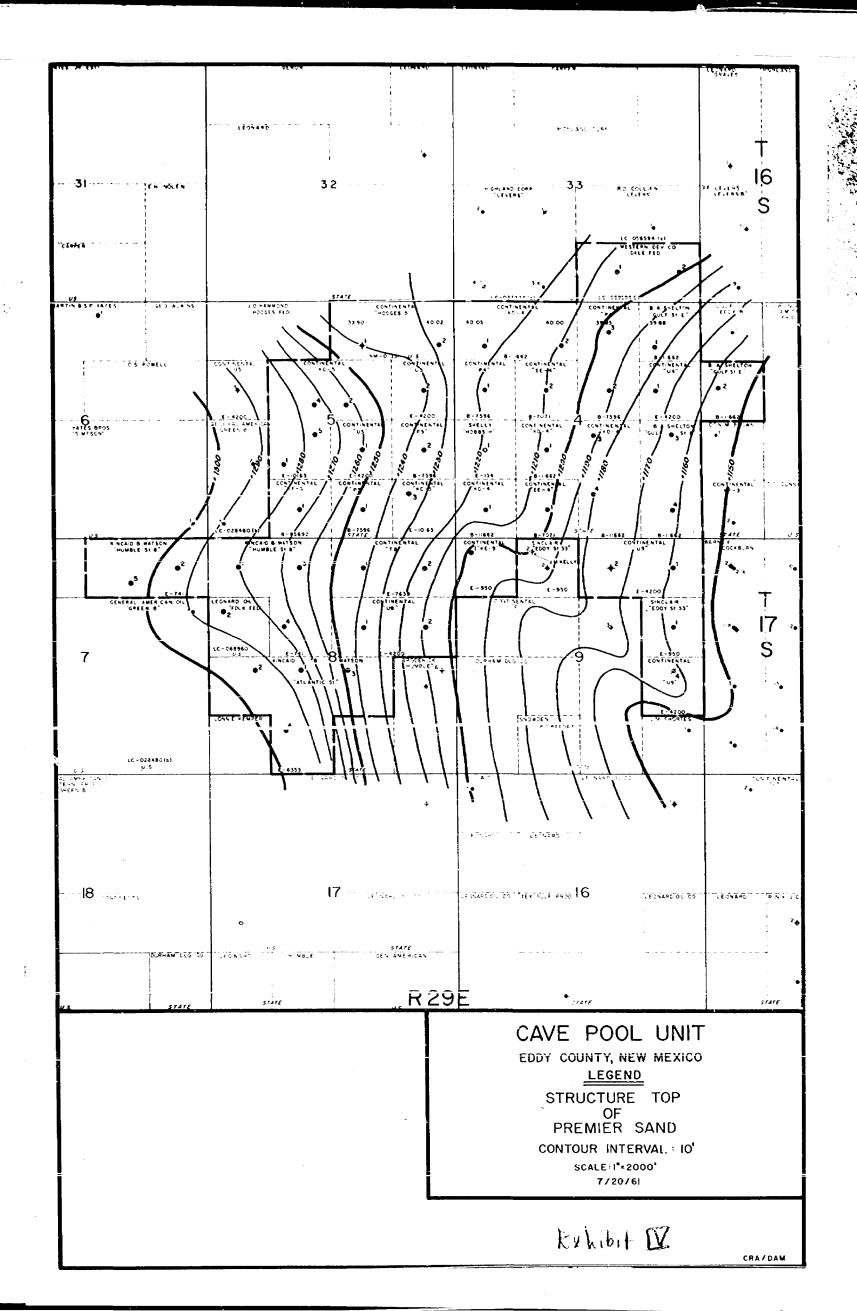
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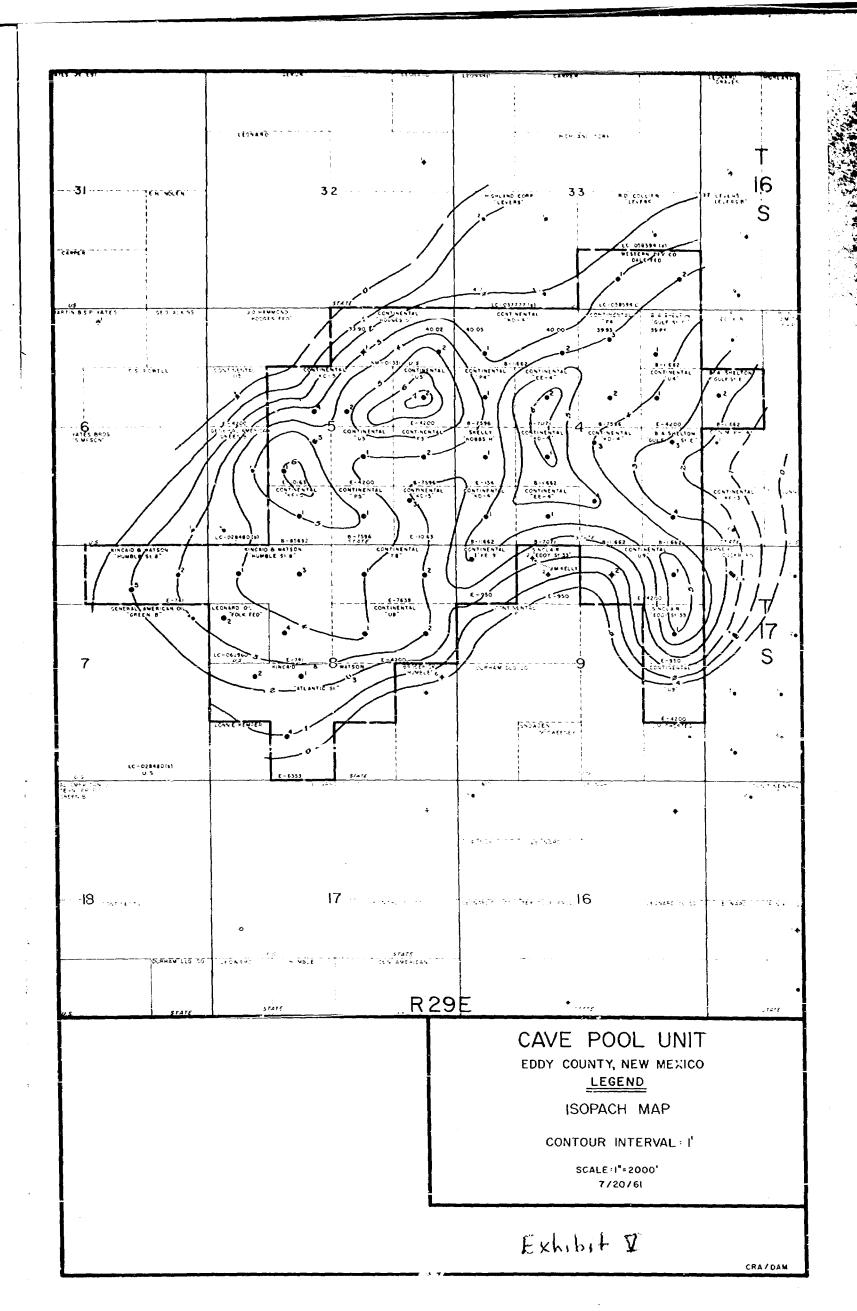
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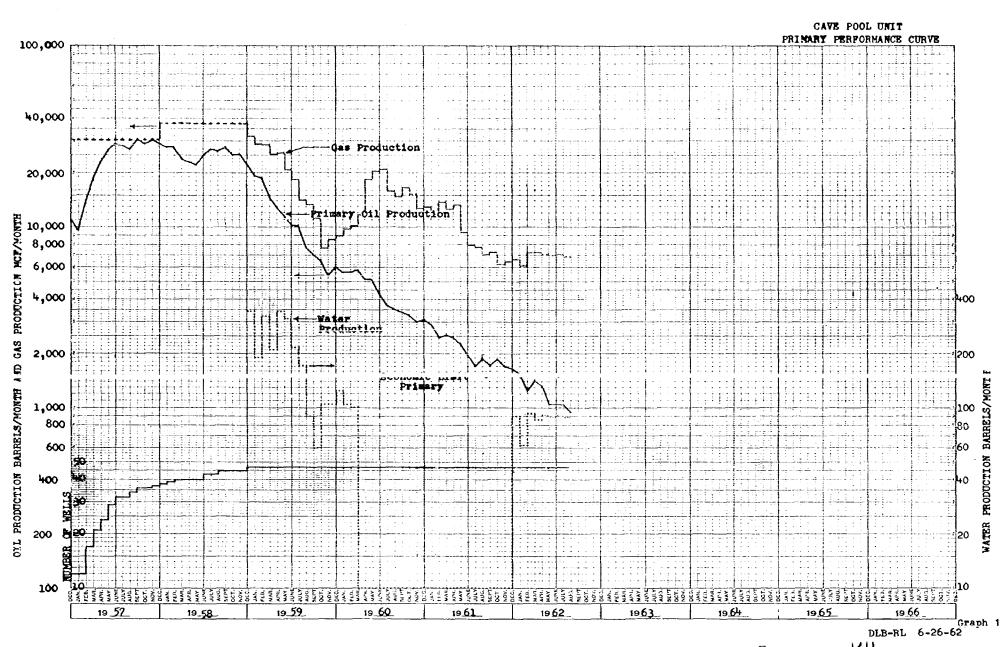
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Aztec OCC _____
OTHER____









Exmed No VII

CORE LABORATORIES, INC.

] Petroleum Reservoir Engineering

COMPANY CONTINENTAL OIL COMPANY STATE P-5 NO, 1 WELL

DATE ON 2-15-57 FILE NO. WP-3-710 PC

DATE OFF. 2-16-57 ENGRS. BOONE

CAVE FIELD....

FORMATION AS NOTED ... ELEV.

KODY

COUNTY.

STATE NEW MEXICORLE. FLD. WATER BASE MUD CORES

LOCATION 660 PS & 1980 FBL SEC 5-T17S-R29E REMARKS SAMPLED AS DIRECTED BY CLIENT

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LIMESTONE CONGLOMERATE

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COMPLETION COREGRAPH

SCALE: 1 INCH 20 FEET

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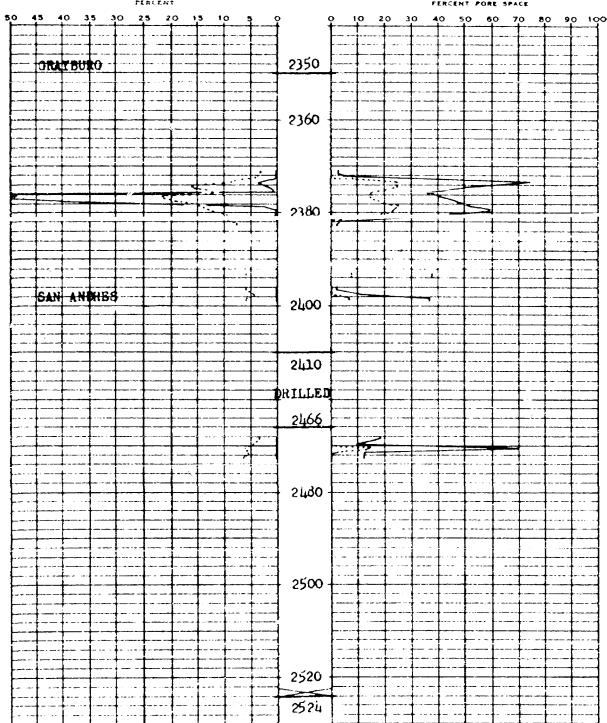


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Exhibit IV

CAVE POOL UNIT

	COMPANY, LEASE AND WELL NO.	TOTAL DEPTH AND/OR PBD	SURFACE CAS	SING Cement	PRODUCTION CA	ASING Cement	PRODUCING INTERVAL (OH)-Open Hole:(P)-Perfs.
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	State "EE" 4 No. 1 N- Acc 4	2,407,PBD 2,390	8-5/8''@ 385'	200 sx	5-1/2"@ 2,407"	100 sx	(P) 2379'-84'
	State "EE" 4 No. 2	2,410,PBD 2,403	8-5/8"8 250"	50 sx	5-1/2"@ 2,410	100 sx	(P) 2376.5'-84'
	State P-4 No. 3	2,440'	7~5/8"0 718"	350 sx	4-1/2"@ 2,439!	75 sx	(P) 23891-24011
	State U-4 No. 1 H-Dec.4	2,430'	7-5/8"0 7261	350 JX	4-1/2"@ 2,429*	90 sx	(P) 2407*-2415*
	State Ur5 No. 1	2,450'	7-5/8''@ 7 02'	350 sx	4-1/2"0 2,4491	70 sx	(P) 2358'-2382'
	State U-5 No. 2 H Des	2,490'	7-5/8"0 7291	350 sx	4-1/2"@ 2,489"	177 sx	(P) 2362 ¹ -2382 ¹
	State U-8 No. 2 H Bc 8	2,4501	7-5/8"0 715	350 sx	4-1/2"@ 2,449"	75 sx	(P) 2401'-2411'
	State U-9 No. 2	2,4901	7-5/8"@ 683"	350 sx	4-1/2"@ 2,489"	75 sx	(P) 2408'-2424'
	State U-9 No. 4 Z 2c9	2,466'	7-5/8"@ 701'	350 sx	4-1/2"@ 2,465"	100 sx	(P) 2430'-42'
	State T-8 No. 1	2,4501	8-5/8"0 4351	350 sx	5-1/2"@ 2,440"	540 sx	(P) 2382'-2392'
	State KE-9 No. 1 Dec 9	2,417'	8-5/8"@ 256"	100 s x	7" 0 2,370'	200 sx	(01) 2370'-2417'
	State KD-4 No. 1 D Dec 4	2,4351	8-5/8"@ 2981	100 sx	5-1/2" @ 2,427	200 sx	(P) 2368'-2376'
	State KD-4 No. 3 JAc 4	2,435†	8-5/8"0 303"	100 sx	4-1/2"@ 2,434"	200 sx	(P) 23791-23851
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Cave Pool Unit Injection Well Data Page 2

COMPANY, LEASE AND WELL NO.	TOTAL DEPTH AND/OR PBD	SURFACE Depth	CASING Cement	PRODUCTION O	CASING Cement	PRODUCING INTERVAL (OH)-Open Hole: (P)-Perfs.	
State KC-5 No. 3	2,3911	8-5/8"@ 26	100 sx	5-1/2"@ 2,346"	200 sx	(Oil) 2346'-2391'	
State KC-5 No. 4	2,3901	8-5/8"0 25	3° 100 sx	5-1/2"@ 2,345"	200 sx	(OH) 2345 ¹ -2390 ¹	
State KF-5 No. 1	2,395†	8-5/8"@ 33	100 sx	7" @ 2,345	200 sx	(Oil) 2345'-2395'	
Hodges 5 No. 1	2,5001	8-5/8"@ 21	2' 100 sx	P & A - No Show	vs ·		
Hodges 5 No. 1 2,500' 8-5/8''@ 212' 100 sx P & A - No Shows KINCAID & WATSON DRILLING COMPANY -							
Humble State No. 1	2,412'	8-5/8"0 31	l' Gel	5-1/2"0 2,425	150 sx	(P) 23531-23831	
Humble State No. 4	2,3901	8-5/8"0 33	51 50 sx	5-1/2"0-2,356*	100 sx	(On) 23621-23901	
Humble State No. 5	2,522;	8-5/8''0 32	5' 50 sx	5-1/2"@ 2,522	100 sx	(P) 2466'-77'	
Atlantic State No.2	2,3831	8-5/8''@ 35	0' 50 sx	5-1/2"@ 2,348"	100 sx	2395'-2405' (09) 2348'-83'	
Atlantic State No.3		8-5/8''0 33	7' 50 sx	5-1/2"@ 2,420"	100 sx	(P) 2384'-90'	
Atlantic State No.4 N Sec 8	3	8-5/8"@ 36	6' Gel	5-1/2"@ 2,249'	100 sx	(P) 2223'-2231'	
BILL A. SHELTON OIL							
Gulf State "E" No.4	<i>/ '</i>	7~5/8''9 35	2* 85 sx	4-1/2"@ 2,451	125 sx	(P) 2420'-2425'	
SKELLY OIL COMPANY -							
Hobbs "H" No. 1		9-5/8"@ 32	8' 300 sx	7" @ 2,354'	290 sx	(OH) 2362'-2387'	
WESTERN DEVELOPMENT Dale Fed. No. 2	COMPANY = 2,460,PBD 2,455'	0 5/9HA 75	31 75 0	t.1/200 2 4551	175 sx	(P) 2403'-16', 2421'- 25', 2428'-34'	
	3 165 291		3' 75 sx	5-1/2"@ 2,455"	175 SX	23 , 2420 ~34	

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

> CASE No. 2703 Order No. R-2385

APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL OIL COMPANY FOR A WATERFLOOD PROJECT AND A CENTRAL TANK BATTERY, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on November 20, 1962, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Elvis A. Utz, Examiner duly appointed by the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission," in accordance with Rule 1214 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

NOW, on this 5th day of December, 1962, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the application, the evidence adduced, and the recommendations of the Examiner, Elvis A. Utz, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

- (1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the Cave Pool Unit Agreement has been approved by the Commission by Order No. R-2384; that the Cave Fool Unit Area comprises 1,960 acres, more or less, of State and Federal lands in Townships 16 and 17 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Cave Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, as more fully described in said order.
- (3) That the applicant, Continental Oil Company, seeks permission to institute a waterflood project in the Cave Pool Unit Area by the injection of water into the Premier Sand of the Grayburg formation through 26 injection wells located within said unit area.
- (4) That the applicant further seeks authority to commingle all production in the Cave Pool Unit Area into a central tank battery to be located in the southeast corner of the NW/4 SE/4 of Section 5, Township 17 South, Range 29 East.

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- (5) That the wells in the project area are in an advanced stage of depletion and should properly be classified as "stripper" wells.
- (6) That approval of the waterflood project will not cause damage to producing formations in the area or otherwise cause waste if the well casing on all injection wells is tested to withstand 2000 pounds psi prior to injection.
- (7) That approval of the waterflood project will not cause damage to producing formations in the area or otherwise cause waste if injection into all wells that will not withstand 2000 pounds psi casing pressure is accomplished through tubing installed in a packer with injection below the packer.
- (8) That the waterflood project should be approved and should be governed by the provisions of Rule 701.
- (9) That the applicant should be granted authority to commingle all production from the waterflood project into a central tank battery as all production will be within the Cave Pool Unit Area.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Continental Oil Company, is hereby authorized to institute a waterflood project in the Premier Sand of the Grayburg formation in the Cave Pool Unit Area by the injection or water through the following-described 26 Wells:

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CONTINENTAL OIL COMPANY

State "EE" 4 Well No. 1, Unit N, Section 4
State "RE" 4 Well No. 2, Unit F, Section 4
State P-4 Well No. 3, Unit B, Section 4
State U-4 Well No. 1, Unit H, Section 4
State U-5 Well No. 1, Unit J, Section 5
State U-8 Well No. 2, Unit H, Section 8
State U-9 Well No. 2, Unit B, Section 9
State U-9 Well No. 4, Unit I, Section 9
State T-8 Well No. 1, Unit B, Section 8
State KE-9 Well No. 1, Unit B, Section 9
State KC-4 Well No. 1, Unit D, Section 4
State KC-5 Well No. 3, Unit J, Section 5
State KC-5 Well No. 4, Unit F, Section 5
State KC-5 Well No. 4, Unit F, Section 5
State KC-5 Well No. 1, Unit B, Section 5
State KC-5 Well No. 1, Unit B, Section 5
State KC-5 Well No. 1, Unit B, Section 5

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RUNCAID & WATSON DRILLING COMPANY

Runble State Well No. 1, Unit D, Section 6

Runble State Well No. 4, Unit F, Section 8

Runble State Well No. 5, Unit B, Section 7

Atlantic State Well No. 2, Unit L, Section 8

Atlantic State Well No. 3, Unit J, Section 8

Atlantic State Well No. 4, Unit N, Section 8

BILL A. SHELTON OIL PROPERTIES
Gulf State "E" Well No. 4, Unit P, Section 4

SKELLY OIL COMPANY
Hobbs "H" Well No. 1, Unit L, Section 4

TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 29 BAST, NMPM, EDDY COUNTY, MEW MEXICO

WESTERN DEVELOPMENT COMPANY
Dale Federal Well No. 2, Unit P, Section 33

- (2) That the casing in all injection wells shall be tested to withstand 2000 pounds psi casing pressure prior to injection.
- (3) That injection into all wells that will not withstand casing pressure of 2000 pounds psi shall be accomplished through tubing installed in a packer with injection below the packer.
- (4) That the applicant, Continental Gil Company, is hereby authorized to commingle all production from the aforesaid water-flood project in the Cave Pool Unit Area into a central tank battery to be located in the southeast corner of the NW/4 SE/4 of Section 5, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, NHPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (5) That the subject waterflood project shall be governed by the provisions of Rule 701, including the allowable provisions thereof, and including the provisions with respect to expansion of the waterflood project.
- (6) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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DOWE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year herein-

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL COMSERVATION COMMISSION

TOM BOLACK, Chairman

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E. S. WALKER, Member

A. L. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary

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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION Santa Fe, New Mexico November 20, 1962

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF: (Consolidated)

> Application of Continental Oil Company for a unit agreement, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Cave Pool Unit Agreement covering 1960 acres. more or less, of State and Federal lands in Townships 16 and 17 South. Range 29 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Application of Continental Oil Company for a waterflood project and a central tank battery, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of a waterflood project on its proposed Cave Pool Unit, Cave Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, by the injection of water into the Premier sand of the Crayburg formation through 26 walls located in said unit area. Applicant further seeks permission to produce all Unit wells into a

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central tank battery.

BEFORE: Elvis A. Utz, Examiner.

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

MR. UTZ: Case 2702.

MR. KELLAHIN: Jason Kellahin, Kellahin and Fox, Santa Fe, representing the applicant. I believe that this case could well be consolidated with Case 2703 for the purposes

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of making the record, since our exhibits and testimony will actually pertain to both cases.

MR. UTZ: Cases 2702 and 2703 will be consolidated for the purposes of testimony only.

MR. KELLAHIN: Of course, separate orders will be entered, as I understand.

MR. UTZ: Yes, sir.

MR. KELLAHIN: We have three witnesses. I would like to have them sworn.

MR. UTZ: Are there any other appearances in this case? You may proceed to swear the witnesses.

(Witnesses sworn.)

MR. KELLAHIN: I would like to call as the first witness Mr. Conrad R. Appledorn.

CONRAD R. APPLEDORN

called as a witness, having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. KELLAHIN:

- Would you state your name, please?
- Conrad R. Appledorn.
- By whom are you employed and in what position?
- I am employed as Senior Production Engineer with A

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Continental Oil Company in Roswell, New Mexico.

- Have you ever testified before the Oil Conservation Commission or any of its Examiners?
 - No, I have not.
- For the benefit of the Examiner, would you give a summary of your education and experience as a petroleum engineer?

I received a degree of Bachelor mining engineering from the University of Minnesota in 1949 and followed that with a Master of Science in geology, 1954. I worked as a geologist with the United States Geological Survey and also as a teaching assistant at the University.

- At the University of Minnesota?
- Yes, sir. In 1956 I joined Continental Oil Company and have been employed as a petroleum engineer in West Texas and New Mexico since that time. I'm also a registered profession al engineer in New Mexico.
- Are you familiar with the application of Continental Oil Company in Case 2702, which is the case pertaining to the Cave Pool Unit Agreement?
 - Yes, sir.
 - Do you have a copy of that agreement?
 - Yes, sir.

MR. KELLAHIN: These are all the exhibits for both

cases, three sets of them.

(Whereupon, Applicant's Exhibit No. I was marked for identification.)

- Referring to what has been marked Exhibit No. I, would Q you state what that is?
 - That is the Unit Agreement for the Cave Pool Unit. A
 - Are you familiar with the contents of that agreement? Q
 - Yes, I am.
 - Would you describe the unit area, please? Q
- The unit area includes 1959.78 acres in Township 16 and 17 South, Range 29 East, Eddy County, New Mexico. It's described in Section 2 (a) on page 3 of the Unit Agreement and is further shown in the Exhibit "A" of the agreement.
- Have we also submitted a plat of the agreement as Q Exhibit II, a plat of the area involved in the agreement?
- Yes, sir. Exhibit II shows the unit area outlined by A heavy line, all tracts and leases.

(Whereupon, Applicant's Exhibit No. II was marked for identification.)

- Does the unit area include the entire Cave Pool? Q
- It includes all but three of the presently producing wells in the Cave Pool. All of the remaining wells are shut in or have been previously.
 - What vertical interval will be united by this agreement

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Unitized formations will be the Premier sand of the A Grayburg formation. It's defined in Section 2 (h) on page 3 of the agreement as being found between the depth of 2,374 feet and 2,405 feet in Continental's State P-4 No. 1 well. This is the equivalent interval that are shown in Exhibits III A and III B that have been handed to you, which are the logs of the State P-5 and the State U-5.

Does this interval embrace one common source of supply which has been designated as the Cave Pool?

Yes, sir.

What is the purpose of this unitization?

This unit is being formed to conduct waterflooding operations in the Cave Pool.

Who is designated as the unit operator?

Continental Oil Company has been elected and designated as the unit operator. This is given in Section 6 on page 7 of the Unit Agreement.

Is there a provision for alternate operators? Q

Yes, Sections 7 and 3 on pages 7 to 9 of the agreement provide for the election of a successor if that's necessary.

Have all the owners of producing property in the Cave Pool been given an opportunity to join this unit?

Yes, we have contacted all owners of producing wells Α

in the area. Highland Oil Corporation and General American Oil Company have declined to join. We've got copies of letters from these companies, if the Commission cares to examine them. General American has indicated they may consider lease line agreements jointly waterflooding the property.

Does the Unit Agreement provide for expansion of the unit area in case they elect to join?

Yes. Section 4 on pages 5 and 6 sets out requirements for the expansion of the unit area. Section 30, pages 25 and 26 provide for subsequent joinder of working interest and royalty owners.

Q Now, on what basis do the various tracts participate in the unit?

The participation formula is given in Section 13, pages 11 and 12. That is calculated according to ultimate primary recovery which has been determined from decline curves as 60% of the formula, net effective pay volume is 30%, and current production from October 1st, 1959 through March 31, 1960 is 10% of the formula. Section 13 on pages 12 and 13 sets out the requirements by which tracts can qualify.

Does the Unit Agreement create a participating area which is different from the area unitized?

No, sir. The entire unit area will be participating



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in the unit.

At what date does the unit become effective?

The effective date of the unit will be 7:00 A.M. on the first day of the month following ratification of the agreement by 90% of the working interest owners' approval of the agreement by the State Land Commissioner, the Secretary of the Interior and the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission. This is given in Section 22, pages 21 and 22. It's further provided in Section 22 (c) that this must be accomplished by July 1st, 1963.

What portions of the lands in the unit are federal, Q state and fee lands?

Thirteen of the total of sixteen tracts are State of A New Mexico lands. This is 89.8% of the unit area. Three tracts, or 10.2% of the area are federal lands, and there are no fee lands.

Has approval been given by the basic royalty owners, the United States Geological Survey and the State Land Commissioner?

Yes, sir, the United States Geological Survey approved the unit area and the agreement on May 8, 1962. The State Land Commissioner approved the form and content of the agreement on October 31, and they have indicated that they will approve the agreement when submitted.

Q Has approval of the Unit Agreement been obtained from all the working interest owners?

Yes, sir, 100% of the working interest owners have A signed.

Are there any overriding royalties which have not Q signed?

A As of yesterday we have two of thirteen individuals have ratified the agreement, and none of the four major companies that own overrides have signed yet. However, we anticipate no difficulty in that regard.

Then have all of the royalty owners signed up?

Yes, sir.

Is the Unit Agreement substantially the same as Unit Agreements that have heretofore been approved by this Commission?

Yes, sir. The agreement is substantially the same as agreements that have been previously approved by the Commission for units with federal and state lands, and it's modeled after the Rock Queen Unit Agreement which was approved sometime ago by the Commission.

Did you participate in the preparation of the Unit Agreement yourself?

Yes. A

You are familiar with its contents throughout?



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Yes, sir. A

Was Exhibit No. II prepared by you or under your super-Q vision?

Yes, sir, it was. Α

MR. KELLAHIN: At this time I would like to offer in evidence Ethibits I and II.

MR. UTZ: Without objection, Exhibits I and II will be entered into the record of this case.

> (Whereupon, Applicant's Exhibits I and II were admitted in evidence.)

MR. KELLAHIN: That's all the questions I have of this witness.

MR. UTZ: Are there any questions of the witness? If there are no questions of the witness, you may proceed to the next witness and this witness may be excused.

(Witness excused.)

MR. KELLAHIM: I would like to call as a witness Nance G. Creager.

NANCE G. CREAGER

called as a witness, having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

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BY MR. KELLAHIN:



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A Nance G. Creager. I'm employed by Continental Oil Company as District Geologist in the Hobbs District.

Would you state your name, please?

Q Have you ever testified before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission?

A No, sir, I have not.

Q For the benefit of the Examiner, will you give a brief summary of your educational qualification and professional experience?

A I received a BS Degree in Geological Engineering from the University of Oklahoma in 1950. I have worked since that time as an Exploration and Production Geologist in West Texas, and New Mexico.

Q By whom were you employed during this period from 1950?

A Continental Oil.

Q Through the entire period?

A Yes.

Q Have you made a study of the formations which are involved in the Unit Agreement which was testified to by the previous witness?

A Yes, sir.

Q What is the geological age and position of the unitized formation?



The unitized formation is the Premier sand, it is a basal sand of the Grayburg formation in the Guadalupian Series of the Permian. The Premier sand is found between the base of the thick Grayburg dolomites and the top of the massive San Andres dolomite. The Premier sand appears on the Lane-Wells radioactivity log of the Continental Oil Company State P-5 No. 1 well at a subsurface interval of 2,373 feet to 2,393 feet, measured from the Kelly bushing. Exhibit No. III-A, a large scale copy of this well log, is submitted with the Premier sand zone marked on it as it is defined. We also offer Exhibit III-B, a log of the Continental Oil Company State U-5 No. 1 with Premier sand marked on it.

> (Whereupon, Applicant's Exhibits III-A and III-B were marked for identification.)

What is the lithologic description of this formation? Q

The Premier sand is a gray to brown, fine grained, well sorted sand with dolomitic cementation. The tighter sections are a pink to red dolomitic siltstone.

> (Whereupon, Applicant's Exhibit IV was marked for identification.)

Referring to what has been marked as Exhibit No. IV, Mr. Creager, would you identify that exhibit and discuss it, please?

A This is a structure map of the Cave Pool Unit, Eddy

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sand with a contour interval of ten feet. It shows the structure in the unit to be a homocline dipping east at the rate of 75 feet per mile. There's a slight northeast dipping nose along the north side of the unit and another southeast dipping nose in the southeast part of the unit. In my opinion these structures are not responsible for the accumulation of oil in this pool. The pool is a stratigraphic type of accumulation.

County, New Mexico. It is contoured on the top of the Premier

Q In your opinion the structural configuration has nothing to do with the oil accumulation?

A That is correct.

Q Would you explain the isopach map which has been marked as Exhibit No. V?

(Whereupon, Applicant's Exhibit No. V was marked for identi-fication.)

A This is an isopach map of the Cave Pool, Eddy County,
New Mexico. It has been drawn on one-foot contour interval.
This map shows the thickness of the net effective pay in the
Premier zone. The thicknesses used are based on core analyses,
where available, and electric or radioactivity logs. The maximum
thickness is seven feet, thinning to zero around the edges of the
pool. Although the gross Premier interval is fairly constant over
the whole unit, the net effective pay thins due to the loss of

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porosity and permeability.

Would you describe the beds which lie above and below this Premier formation?

The Grayburg dolomite immediately above the Premier is a light gray, pink and white, very finely crystalline changing to sandy, gray brown, finely crystalline a few feet above the Premier. The few feet of Grayburg dolomite analyzed has no measurable permability.

The San Andres dolomite below the Premier is cream, light gray and pink, very finely to finely crystalline. As indicated on Exhibits III-A and III-B, the San Andres immediately below the Premier sand is dense.

- These two formations, in your opinion, form an effective barrier to communication above and below the Premier?
 - In my opinion the Premier is segregated.
 - Are there any productive zones above the Premier?
- The Penrose sand and the Yates-Seven Rivers section are productive in nearby fields, at distances of one to two miles.
- Is there considerable separation between the Penrose and Yates and Seven Rivers formation in the Premier sand?
 - Yes, sir, it's a matter of several hundred feet.
 - Are there any potable water zones in the unitized area? Q



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A Ground-Water Report No. 3, titled Geology and Ground-Water Resources of Eddy County, New Mexico, published by the State Bureau of Mines and Mineral Resources, reports that in this area water for stock and domestic use can be obtained from the Triassic redbeds at depths down to 300 feet. It is very erratic in occurrence. The water is of generally fair quality but may be impotable in various areas. The unitized area is not in any presently designated water basin.

Q Have you examined Exhibits III-A and III-B and the other exhibits which have been offered in connection with your testimony, IV and V?

A Yes, sir.

Q In your opinion do they correctly reflect the matters they purport to show?

A They do so.

MR. KELLAHIN: At this time I would like to offer in evidence Exhibits III-A, III-B and IV and V.

MR. UTZ: Without objection Exhibits III-A, III-B, IV and V will be entered into this case.

(Whereupon, Applicant's Exhibits III-A, III-B, IV and V were admitted in evidence.)

MR. KELLAHIN: That's all the questions I have on the record.



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MR. UTZ: Are there questions of the witness? witness may be excused.

(Witness excused.)

MR. KELLAHIN: Our next witness will be Dane Coltnarp.

E. D. COLTHARP

called as a witness, having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. KELLAHIN:

Will you state your name, please? Q

E. D. Coltharp.

By whom are you employed and in what position?

Employed by Continental Oil Company as District Engineer in the Hobbs Production District, Hobbs, New Mexico.

In connection with your duties as District Engineer at Hobbs, Mr. Coltharp, have you become familiar with the Cave Pool area?

Yes, sir, on the basis of approximately four years of experience of being District Engineer over this area.

Does the Cave Pool lie within the area of which you are District Engineer?

A Yes, sir.

(Whereupon, Applicant's Exhibit No. VI was marked for identification.)

Q Referring to what has been marked as Exhibit No. VI, will you identify that exhibit and discuss the information shown on it?

Exhibit No. VI is the same as Exhibit No. II showing the Cave Pool Unit Area except that the outlines of the Cave Pool and other pools in the area are shown. It also shows, by appropriate colors, circles around each well, the formation from which the well produces. The color key for the producing wells is shown in the lower right-hand corner.

Q The same color key was used in outlining the pool boundaries too, was it not?

Α The pool boundaries and the pool names are in a color which corresponds to each other.

Q Would you give us a brief history of the Cave Pool, Mr. Coltharp?

Referring to the area map marked Exhibit VI here, the Α Kincaid and Watson Humble State 1-D, located 660 from the North line and West line of Section 8, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, was completed on April the 13th, 1956 as the discovery well in the Cave Pool. This well was drilled to a total depth of 2,427 feet and completed for an initial potential of 70 barrels of oil per day, flowing through perforations in the Premier sand at 2,268 through 2,279.



A total of 50 wells have been drilled within the Unit Area. of which three were dry holes. The development of the Cave Pool was completed by 1959.

Of the 47 producing wells in the Unit Area, 37 wells were cased through the pay and perforated. The remaining 10 wells were completed open hole by setting the production casing above the Premier sand. Completion practices include crude oil and sand treatments and we will have 5,000 to 20,000-gallon treatments, and the reported initial potentials vary from 30 barrels to 784 barrels per day.

What is the current daily average production for the Unit Area?

During the month of August, 1962, the Unit Area averaged A 30.6 barrels of oil per day with three barrels of water per day, 226 MCF of gas per day, for an average GOR of approximately 7400 cubic feet per barrel. This is also an average of 0.65 barrels of oil per day. The maximum daily oil production from any one well during August, 1962 was 3.1 barrels per day.

Well, now, in your opinion does this indicate that the reservoir is substantially depleted?

A Yes, sir, it does.

Q On primary recovery?

Yes, it does.

What is the cumulative production within the Unit Area? Q

Production as of September 1st, 1962 from the Unit Α Area totaled 797,331 barrels of oil, approximately 2,000 MMCF of gas and approximately 10,000 barrels of water.

> (Whereupon, Applicant's Exhibit No. VII was marked for identification.)

Now, referring to what has been marked as Exhibit No. VII, will you identify the exhibit and discuss the information shown on it?

Exhibit No. VII is the primary performance of the Cave Pool Unit Area. The rate of decline of approximately 56% per year and the low water production indicates that the Cave Pool is producing primarily by means of solution gas drive.

Do you find any indication whatever of any effective contribution to this drive with water?

No, sir, I do not.

What is the API gravity of the oil produced in the Q Cave Pool?

The gravity ranges from 34° to 36° API. The gravity is reported by other companies to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission ranges from 31° to 40° API.

Do you have an opinion as to what is probably the Q correct range?

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Yes, sir. A

Would you state that, please? Q

Between 34° and 36° .

What is the volume of the Premier sand reservoir under-Q lying the Unit Area?

By planimetering the isopach map marked Exhibit No. V, it was calculated at 6,771.7 acre-feet of pay, are underlying the Unit Area.

What is the average net reservoir thickness in the Q Unit Area?

Α It is 3.39 feet, and this is a range from zero up to 7.2 feet of pay.

What's the estimated volume of stock tank oil originally in place in the Unit Area?

There's 5,424,000 barrels of oil.

Now, on what do you base that estimate, Mr. Coltharp?

The volumetric calculation, using the following data: first, the acre feet of pay, as mentioned before, of 6,771.7 from the isopach; the average porosity of 15.7, taken from the average of core analysis; the water saturation of 27% determined from electric log calculations; the initial formation volume factor of 1.11, calculated using an API 350 gravity crude.

Q Now, of that original oil in place, as you previously



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testified, 797,331 barrels have been produced, is that correct?

- Α Yes.
- From primary production?
- Yes.
- What percent of the original oil in place has been produced?

As of September 1st, 1962, approximately 14.7% of the Α oil in place has been produced.

What's the average permeability of the Premier pay, Mr. Coltharp?

A The average permeability of the Premier reservoir sand is 25.5 millidarcies. This average was obtained from core analyses of six wells and includes only that portion of the sand with 4% or more porosity and 0.5 millidarcies or more permeability.

> (Whereupon, Applicant's Exhibit No. VIII was marked for identification.)

Now, referring to what has been marked as Exhibit No. VIII, would you identify that exhibit and explain what it is?

Exhibit No. VIII is a core-graph of the State P-5 No. This is the same well shown on the log, Exhibit No. 1 well. III-A. The core-graph shows the porosity, permeability, oil and water saturations as measured in the laboratory on the core

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- In your opinion is this core typical of the reservoir extracted from this well. conditions as indicated on all core analyses available?
 - Yes, sir, it is.
 - What's the present reservoir oil saturation?
 - The oil saturation is presently calculated to be Q approximately 57% of the pore volume. A
 - In your opinion is waterflooding feasible in the Q
 - Yes, sir. Such factors as the present oil saturation, Cave Pool? permeability, porcsity, primary performance, water saturation and depth are generally favorable for waterflooding. The Premier sand and similar sands are presently being waterflooded in other areas with very good success. In view of these factors, waterflooding in the Cave Pool should be feasible.
 - In your opinion will waterflooding tend to prevent waste and conserve natural resources?
 - Yes, significant quantities of oil will be recovered by waterflooding that could not be produced economically or otherwise by primary methods.
 - Do you have any estimate as to how much oil will be Q recovered by flooding the Cave Pool?
 - Secondary water reserves in the Unit Area are estimated A



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at approximately 1,000,000 barrels of oil.

Q You say "water reserves", you mean secondary waterflood reserve?

A Yes. This is approximately 1.25 times the anticipated recovery by primary means.

- Q You said 1,000,000 barrels of oil?
- A Yes, sir.
- Q What is the predicted life of this waterflood?
- A It is estimated at the present time at approximately five and one-half years.
- Q What type of injection pattern do you propose to utilize?

A A modified 80-acre five spot pattern will be utilized. This is shown on Exhibit No. II with 23 producing wells, three abandoned wells, will be converted into water injection.

- Q Are the wells on Exhibit II marked with a triangle to show that they are injection wells?
 - A Yes, sir, they are.
- Q Will there be adequate protection of all ground water sources from contamination by the injection wells?

A Yes, sir. Exhibit No. IX is a tabulation of the casing program of all proposed injection wells with the exception of the Hodges No. 1 in Tract No. 5, all have both surface and production



(Whereupon, Applicant's Exhibit No. IX was marked for identification.)

casing which should provide adequate protection.

What do you propose to do with the Hodges No. 1?

Prior to using the Hodges No. 1, a string of production casing will be set and cemented at approximately 2500 feet.

What facilities will be provided for quantity and Q pressure measurements on the injection wells?

Meters are to be used to measure the quantity of water A injected into each well, and pressure gauges will measure the injected pressure of each well.

What anticipated water injection rate will you have?

Water injection rate of approximately 124,000 barrels per month, or 160 barrels of water per day per injection well is planned.

What pressures do you anticipate will be encountered in getting this water into the formation?

We're currently estimating a maximum of 1500 pounds Α pressure.

Will the wells you propose to use handle this kind of Q pressure, Mr. Coltharp?

Yes, sir, they will. A

What's the source of your injection water?



A The unit will purchase water from a commercial source. Also, produced water will be gathered and reinjected.

As I understand it, produced water will be used to supplement the purchased water for injection in the reservoir once the flood gets into operation?

Yes, sir, it will.

This water will then just be recircled, isn't that correct?

Yes, sir. A

Because you don't produce any great volumes of water from the reservoir now?

That is correct.

What is the total water injection requirement for this flood?

An extimated 2,800,000 barrels of make-up water, or purchased water, will be injected, and an additional 4,700,000 barrels of produced water will also be injected.

This is over the life of the project?

Yes, sir.

How many tank batteries are presently in use in the Cave Pool?

A Seventeen tank batteries.

Is this a necessary operation:

A No. One central battery for the entire unit would be more efficient. A total of 24 producing wells, 23 proration units will be producing into one central tank battery.

Q Continental Oil Company has in this case asked for permission to produce more than 16 wells in the one tank battery, have they not?

A Yes, sir.

Q That is what you recommend?

A Yes, sir.

Q Would any inequities arise from the installation and use of a central tank battery?

A No, since each lease within the unit shares in the total unit production on the basis of the set participating percentages of the Unit Agreement none would arise.

Q Are you familiar with the requirements of the Oil Conservation Commission in regard to testing facilities for a central tank battery installation?

A Yes. Facilities to periodically test individual wells will be provided for.

Q And they will be in accordance with the Commission's rules, is that correct?

A Yes.

Q Incidentally, do you propose to operate this waterflood



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A Yes, sir.

Q Under that rule what would the maximum daily allowable be for the unit?

A There are 49 proration units within the Unit Area.

48 of these proration units have one well on each, one has two
wells. This would calculate to be a 2,072 barrel of oil per day
as a maximum allowable.

Q Were Exhibits VI through IX prepared by you or under your supervision?

A Yes, sir, they were.

MR. KELLAHIN: I would like to offer in evidence Exhibits VI through IX.

MR. UTZ: Exhibits VI through IX will be entered into the record in this case.

(Whereupon, Applicant's Exhibits VI through IX were admitted in evidence.)

MR. KELLAHIN: That completes the examination of this witness. If the Commission please, I do have a statement to make which I probably should make before cross examination, because it might raise some questions in that connection. We have discussed this installation with Mr. Frank Irby of the State Engineer's Office and I think Mr. Irby is present. Do you want to make your

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own statement?

MR. IRBY: Go ahead.

MR. KELLAHIN: I have the opportunity of representing Mr. Irby.

MR. UTZ: That's unique, but go ahead.

MR. KELLAHIN: We have agreed that the Hodges No. 5 well will have tubing installed which will be cemented into the surface casing, and all of the casing in all of the wells to be used for injection will be pressure tested before utilized for that purpose, and if necessary, will be squeezed and cemented, or tubing will be installed, or both, if it appears necessary.

As to the Humble State No. 1 well and the Atlantic State No. 4 well, both of these wells on the list show an 8-5/8" surface string set at 311 feet and 366 feet respectively, and set with jell. On those wells which will be used for injection, tubing will be installed and a packer installed in the well. On that basis it's my understanding that Mr. Irby has no other objection to the proposed waterflood project.

MR. UTZ: Well, that's going to be a point of questioning. I believe you got ahead of me.

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BY MR. UTZ:

What wells was it you were going to set liners in? Q



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The Hodges 5 No. 1 well. It's listed at the bottom of Α Continental Oil Company's listing of wells there.

- That's Pan American well? Q
- Yes, sir.
- You want to set a liner through the Premier?
- To approximately 2500 feet, yes, sir.
- Was that one of the open holes that you were going to set a liner in?
- A That did not have production casing set in that well at all. We will set a full set of pipe.
 - Q. You have seven other open hole completions here?
 - Yes, sir. A
 - Is your injection program for this? Q
- It would be to go ahead and test the injectivity of the A wells prior to setting any liners, or anything like that. "
- Q If the test is all right, will you inject through the tubing?
- A Inject through the casing if met with the requirement as set forth, otherwise we will set tubing and packer.
 - Q The packer above the formation?
 - A Yes, sir.
- It's your intention to test all injection wells, is that Q correct?



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Yes.

Q You are going to test at 2,000 pounds?

2,000 pounds would probably, it would be at least 500 pounds above the injection pressure we anticipate in that area.

The injection pressure was 1500 pounds maximum? Q

That's our maximum anticipated, yes, sir.

Q All these wells that don't meet the pressure test, you intend to inject through the tubing?

A Yes, sir.

I don't know whether you gave the range of GOR's in the pool or not. If you did I missed it. Do you have that figure?

A The range is from almost too small to measure in some wells up to approximately 15,000 to 1 GOR. However, that is not very much gas considering they're only making .8 of a barrel, or one barrel or two barrels of oil per day.

The average would be around 6,500 to 1? Q

Approximately 7,400 to 1.

Seventy-four? Q

Yes, sir.

On your Exhibit No. VII you show water production going Q down to 10 barrels from about March of '60 to December of 1961.



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Does that mean that the water production was something below 10 barrels during those months?

A Sir, that is the reported production, and it was from one well that was shut in at the time and then they started producing the well again and the water production primarily there is from one well.

- What well is that? Do you have that down?
- No, sir, I do not.
- How much additional recovery do you estimate that this waterflood will give?
 - One million additional barrels.
 - One million barrels?
 - Yes, sir.
 - In addition to the 797,331 that you now have?
 - Yes, sir.

MR. UTZ: Are there other questions of the witness? MR. DURRETT: Yes, sir, I have a question or two.

BY MR. DURRETT:

Mr. Coltharp, which well did you say was the discovery well in this pool?

It's the Kincaid and Watson Humble State 1-D. well is located in the Northwest of the Northwest of Section 8. The map in here says Kincaid and Watson A Humble.



Where would you propose to locate your central tank Q battery, did you state that?

No, sir, I did not. The central tank battery is proposed to be located in the Southeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter.

MR. UTZ: What section?

- Of Section 5.
- What section?
- Township 17 South, Range 9 East.
- Would that be in the Southeast, Southeast, of the Northwest?

Let's go Southeast corner of the Northwest of the Southeast. Approximately thirteen, fourteen hundred feet from the South and East lines of Section 5.

MR. UTZ: That would be on the E-4200 lease?

Yes, sir.

MR. DURRETT: That's all I have. Thank you.

MR. KELLAHIN: If the Commission please, we have a plat showing the location of the tank battery which I would like to have marked as Exhibit X and offer as an exhibit at this time. I think it might be helpful to the Commission.

(Whereupon, Applicant's Exhibit No. X was marked for identification.)

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MR. UTZ: What type of testing facilities is it your intention to install?

A Currently we're planning to install three sleeve manifolds out in the field, one would be located at the central battery, two satellite manifolds. At those satellites we would have metering heater treaters so that the production from the individual wells could be periodically tested. This is shown on Exhibit X.

 \texttt{MR}_{\bullet} UTZ: Exhibit X will be entered into the record of this case.

(Whoroupon, Applicant's Exhibit No. X was admitted in evidence.)

MR. UTZ: Are there other questions of the witness?
The witness may be excused.

(Witness excused.)

MR. UTZ: Is there anything further in either of these two cases? The case will be taken under advisement. We'll take a ten-minute break.

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I, ADA DEARNLEY, Court Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached transcript of proceedings before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission at Santa Fe, New Mexico, is a true and correct record to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have affixed my hand and notarial seal this 17th day of December, 1962.

My commission expires: June 19, 1963.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is

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