Entered September 11, 1967

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. 3647 Order No. R-3313

APPLICATION OF TENNECO OIL COMPANY FOR TWO WATERFLOOD PROJECTS, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on September 6, 1967, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this <u>llth</u> day of September, 1967, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, 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 applicant, Tenneco Oil Company, seeks authority to institute two waterflood projects in the Paduca-Delaware Pool by the injection of water into the Delaware Sand through two wells on its State Monsanto Lease in Section 16, and through one well on its J. D. Sena, Jr., Lease in Section 28, both in Township 25 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the wells in each of the project areas are in an advanced state of depletion and should properly be classified as "stripper" wells.
- (4) That the proposed waterflood projects should result in the recovery of otherwise unrecoverable oil, thereby preventing waste.

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(5) That the subject application should be approved and the projects should be governed by the provisions of Rules 701, 702, and 703 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Tenneco Oil Company, is hereby authorized to institute two waterflood projects in the Paduca-Delaware Pool by the injection of water into the Delaware Sand through the following-described three wells in Township 25 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico:

Tenneco Paduca Monsanto Waterflood Project

Injection wells:

Monsanto-State Well No. 3 - 660' FSL & 1980' FEL, Section 16

Monsanto-State Well No. 7 - 330' FSL & 990' FWL, Section 16

Tenneco Paduca Sena Waterflood Project

Injection well:

- J. D. Sena, Jr., USA Well No. 1 2310' FSL & 1650' FWL, Section 28
- (2) That the subject waterflood projects shall be governed by the provisions of Rules 701, 702, and 703 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.
- (3) That monthly progress reports of the waterflood projects herein authorized shall be submitted to the Commission in accordance with Rules 704 and 1120 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.
- (4) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

DAVID F. CARGO, Chairman

GUNTON B. HAYS, Member

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

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