Entered October 31, 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. 3669 Order No. R-3335

APPLICATION OF AMERADA PETROLEUM CORPORATION FOR A WATERFLOOD PROJECT, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on October 25, 1967, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this <u>31st</u> day of October, 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, Amerada Petroleum Corporation, seeks permission to institute a waterflood project on its State "VA" Lease, Vacuum Pool, by the injection of water into the Grayburg-San Andres formations through two injection wells in Units K and M of Section 23, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the wells in the project area are in an advanced state of depletion and should properly be classified as "stripper" wells.
- (4) That the proposed waterflood project should result in the recovery of otherwise unrecoverable oil, thereby preventing waste.

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

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That the applicant, Amerada Petroleum Corporation, is hereby authorized to institute a waterflood project on its State "VA" Lease, Vacuum Pool, by the injection of water into the Grayburg-San Andres formations through the following-described wells in Section 23, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico:

OPERATOR	LEASE	WELL No.	UNIT
Amerada	State "VA"	3	K
Amerada	State "VA"	6	M

- (2) That the subject waterflood project is hereby designated the Amerada VA Vacuum Waterflood Project and 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 project herein authorized shall be submitted to the Commission in accordance with Rules 704 and 1120 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.
- That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

DAVID F. CARGO Chairman

GUYTON B. HAYS, Member

PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary

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