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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. 4252 Order No. R-3878

THE APPLICATION OF THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION UPON ITS OWN MOTION FOR AN ORDER GRANTING AN EXCEPTION TO THE NINTH PARAGRAPH OF CHAPTER II, SECTION 2 OF ORDER NO. R-333-F TO PERMIT SHUTTING IN GAS WELLS FOR THE REQUIRED SHUT-IN TEST AT SOME PERIOD DURING THE 1970 TEST SEASON OTHER THAN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 7-DAY DELIVERABILITY FLOW TEST; FURTHER TO PERMIT MEASURING THE SHUT-IN TEST PRESSURE DURING THE 8TH TO 15TH DAY OF SHUT-IN OF THE WELL RATHER THAN ON THE 8TH DAY AS PRESENTLY REQUIRED.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on November 19, 1969, at Roswell, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 24th day of November, 1969, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony presented and the exhibits received at said hearing, 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 by Order No. R-3673, dated February 11, 1969, paragraph nine of Chapter II, Section 2 of Commission Order No. R-333-F was suspended for the duration of the 1969 annual deliverability and shut-in pressure test period, insofar and only insofar as said paragraph directs that in order to obtain the shut-in pressure of a well under test, the well shall be shut in immediately after the 7-day deliverability flow test for the

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full period of seven consecutive days and that such shut-in pressure shall be measured within the next succeeding twenty-four hours following the 7-day shut-in period.

- (3) That said Order No. R-3673 also makes provisions for obtaining the shut-in pressures of wells, subject to the testing requirements of Order No. R-333-F, for the duration of the annual deliverability and shut-in test period for 1969, and for scheduling of shut-in pressure tests.
- (4) That the aforesaid suspension and special provisions were made necessary in order to avoid shutting in gas wells that were subject to the testing requirements of Order No. R-333-F during a period of heavy demand for gas.
- (5) That the conditions that brought about the issuance of said Order No. R-3673 are expected to be substantially the same in 1970 as in 1969.
- (6) That in order to prevent waste and promote conservation, the provisions of Order No. R-3673 should be made to apply during the 1970 annual deliverability and shut-in pressure test period.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That, effective January 1, 1970, paragraph nine of Chapter II, Section 2 of Order No. R-333-F is hereby suspended for the duration of the 1970 annual deliverability and shut-in pressure test period, insofar and only insofar as said paragraph directs that in order to obtain the shut-in pressure of a well under test, the well shall be shut in immediately after the 7-day deliverability flow test for the full period of seven consecutive days and that such shut-in pressure shall be measured within the next succeeding twenty-four hours following the 7-day shut-in period.
- (2) That to obtain the shut-in pressure of a well, subject to the testing requirements of said Order No. R-333-F, under test during the duration of the annual deliverability and shut-in test period for 1970, the well shall be shut in at some time during the year of 1970 for a period of seven to fourteen consecutive days. Such shut-in pressure shall be measured during the eighth to fifteenth day following shutting in of the well.
- (3) That each gas transportation facility shall, in cooperation with the operators involved, prepare and submit a schedule

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of shut-in pressure tests in accordance with Chapter I, Section 3, provided, however, that said schedule need only be submitted prior to the shutting in of the well or wells involved.

- (4) That the Aztec District Office of the Commission shall be notified of the date the shut-in pressure of a well is to be measured in order that said measurement may be witnessed.
- (5) 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

ALEX J. ARMZJO, Member

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

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