Entered November 10,

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. 4449 Order No. R-4061

APPLICATION OF PETRO-THERMO CORPORATION FOR AUTHORITY TO OPERATE AN OIL TREATING PLANT, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on October 28, 1970, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this <u>10th</u> day of November, 1970, 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, Petro-Thermo Corporation, seeks authority to install and operate a water-bath and heat-treatment type oil treating plant in the SW/4 NW/4 of Section 31, Township 18 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, for the reclamation of sediment oil.

(3) That the proposed plant and method of processing will efficiently process, treat, and reclaim the aforementioned waste oil, thereby salvaging oil which would otherwise be wasted.

(4) That the subject application should be approved as being in the best interest of conservation.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Petro-Thermo Corporation, is hereby authorized to install and operate a water-bath and heat-treatment type oil treating plant in the SW/4 NW/4 of Section 31, Township 18 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, for the reclamation of sediment oil;

<u>PROVIDED HOWEVER</u>, that the continuation of the authorization granted by this order shall be conditioned upon compliance with the laws of the State of New Mexico and the rules and regulations of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission;

PROVIDED FURTHER, that prior to commencing operation of said plant, the applicant shall file with the Commission a performance bond in the amount of \$10,000.00 conditioned upon substantial compliance with applicable statutes of the State of New Mexico and all rules, regulations, and orders of the Oil Conservation Commission.

(2) That the operators of the above-described oil treating plant shall clear and maintain in a condition clear of all debris and vegetation a fireline at least 15 feet in width and encircling the 1.8-acre tract upon which the plant is located.

(3) 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 Mar ARMIJO, Member ALAX J.

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

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