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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 8268
Order No. R-7612

APPLICATION OF RANDOLPH M. RICHARDSON
FOR A UNIT AGREEMENT, DONA ANA COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8 a.m. on July 25, 1984, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Michael E. Stogner.

NOW, on this 27th day of July, 1984, the Division Director, 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 Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That the applicant, Randolph M. Richardson, seeks approval of the Sunland Park Unit Agreement covering approximately 22,291.55 acres, more or less, of State, Federal, and Fee lands described as follows:

DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

TOWNSHIP 26 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, NMPM

Section 13: E/2
Sections 24 and 25: All
Section 35: E/2
Section 36: All

TOWNSHIP 26 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST, NMPM

Section 7: All
Sections 18 through 20: All
Section 21: S/2
Sections 27 through 36: All

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TOWNSHIP 27 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, NMPM
Section 1: N/2

TOWNSHIP 27 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST, NMPM
Sections 1 through 15: All

(3) That at the time of the hearing the applicant requested and received approval to have Phillips Petroleum Company designated as the operator of the proposed Sunland Park Unit Area, as described above.

(4) That all plans of development and operation and creations, expansions, or contractions of participating areas or expansions or contractions of the unit area, should be submitted to the Director of the Division for approval.

(5) That approval of the proposed unit agreement should promote the prevention of waste and the protection of correlative rights within the unit area.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the Sunland Park Unit Agreement, as described below, is hereby approved.

DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

TOWNSHIP 26 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, NMPM
Section 13: E/2
Sections 24 and 25: All
Section 35: E/2
Section 36: All

TOWNSHIP 26 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST, NMPM
Section 7: All
Sections 18 through 20: All
Section 21: S/2
Sections 27 through 36: All

TOWNSHIP 27 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, NMPM
Section 1: N/2

TOWNSHIP 27 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST, NMPM
Sections 1 through 16: All

Comprised of approximately 22,291.55 acres, more or less, of State, Federal, and Fee lands.

(2) That the plan contained in said unit agreement for the development and operation of the unit area is hereby approved in principle as a proper conservation measure; provided, however, that notwithstanding any of the provisions contained in said unit agreement, this approval shall not be considered as waiving or relinquishing, in any manner, any right, duty, or obligation which is now, or may hereafter be, vested in the Division to supervise and control operations for the exploration and development of any lands committed to the unit and production of oil or gas therefrom.

(3) That the unit operator shall file with the Division an executed original or executed counterpart of the unit agreement within 30 days after the effective date thereof; that in the event of subsequent joinder by any party or expansion or contraction of the unit area, the unit operator shall file with the Division within 30 days thereafter counterparts of the unit agreement reflecting the subscription of those interests having joined or ratified.

(4) That all plans of development and operation, all unit participating areas and expansions and contractions thereof, and all expansions or contractions of the unit area, shall be submitted to the Director of the Oil Conservation Division for approval.

(5) That this order shall become effective upon the approval of said unit agreement by the Commissioner of Public Lands for the State of New Mexico and the Director of the appropriate agency of the United States Department of the Interior; that this order shall terminate ipso facto upon the termination of said unit agreement; and that the last unit operator shall notify the Division immediately in writing of such termination.

(6) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION


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Director

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