BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDED APPLICATION OF TIDE WATER ASSOCIATED OIL COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER ALLOWABLE PRODUCTION OF ITS STATE "S" NO. 5 WELL TO STATE "S" NO. 4 FOR ELLENBURGER PRODUCTION AND THE ALLOWABLE FOR A MCKEE SAND COMPLETION IN ITS STATE "S" NO. 4 TO STATE "S" NO. 5 FOR MCKEE SAND PRODUCTION, BOTH WELLS BEING REGULARLY LOCATED IN N/2 NW/4 SEC. 15 TWP. 21 S, R. 37 E, NMPM, IN BRUNSON-HARE POOL, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO; OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, FOR AN ORDER TO DUALLY COMPLETE EACH SUCH WELL IN THE MCKEE AND ELLENBURGER FORMATIONS.

CASE NO. 275 ORDER NO. R-79

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This matter came on for hearing upon amended application, at 10 o'clock A. M. on May 22, 1951, pursuant to legal notice, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

The Commission having heard the testimony adduced at the 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 the subject matter and interested parties thereto.
- (2) That transfer of allowables between producing horizons under the New Mexico practice would be conducive to waste and adversely affect correlative rights.
- (3) That continued experimentation with dual completions tends to show that mechanical packers and other devices are now available for engineeringly successful dual completions; however, this Commission is yet to be convinced of the overall soundness of oil-oil dual or multiple completions in New Mexico.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That Tide Water Associated Oil Company's application for transfer of allowable Ellenburger production from its State "S" No. 5 to its State "S" No. 4 and McKee production from its State "S" No. 4 to its State "S" No. 5, be, and the same hereby is denied.
- 2. That Tide Water Associated Oil Company's application for dual completion of its State "S" No. 5 and State "S" No. 4 located in Section 15, Township 21 S, R. 37 E, NMPM Lea County, New Mexico be and the same is hereby denied.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

/s/ EDWIN L. MECHEM, Chairman

GUY SHEPARD, Member

R. R. SPURRIER, Secretary