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IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

> CASE No. 2576 Order No. R-2268

APPLICATION OF SINCLAIR OIL & GAS COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A WATER-FLOOD PROJECT, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on June 7, 1962, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner duly appointed by the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission," in accordance with Rule 1214 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

NOW, on this <u>21st</u> day of June, 1962, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the application, the evidence adduced, and the recommendations of the Examiner, Daniel S. Nutter, 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, Sinclair Oil & Gas Company, seeks approval of a waterflood project in the Grayburg-Jackson Pool with the injection of water to be through seven wells located in Sections 3 and 4, Township 17 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(3) That the wells in the proposed project area are in an advanced stage of depletion and should be classified as "stripper" wells.

(4) That approval of the subject application will neither cause waste nor impair correlative rights; provided, however, that unless agreed to by all parties, the transfer of allowables across lease lines where royalty ownership is diverse should not be authorized.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Sinclair Oil & Gas Company, is hereby authorized to institute a waterflood project in the Grayburg-Jackson Pool with the injection of water through the followingdescribed wells in Township 17 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico:

> West "A" Well No. 8, Unit E, Section 3; West "A" Well No. 4, Unit G, Section 4; West "A" Well No. 7, Unit A, Section 4; West "A" Well No. 9, Unit I, Section 4; West "B" Well No. 3, Unit C, Section 4; West "B" Well No. 6, Unit E, Section 4; and West "B" Well No. 11, Unit K, Section 4.

(2) That the waterflood project shall be governed by Rule 701, including the allowable provisions thereof.

PROVIDED HOWEVER, That unless otherwise agreed to by all parties and evidence thereof furnished the Commission, the transfer of allowables within the project area of this waterflood shall be authorized only insofar as the transfer is made between wells having common royalty ownership.

(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

EDWIN L. MECHEM, Chairman

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

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