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. 2694 Order No. R-2404

APPLICATION OF SOUTHERN UNION PRODUCTION COMPANY FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE NORTHWEST NEW MEXICO GAS PROPATION RULES AND REGULA-TIONS.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on November 8, 1962, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Daniel S. Hutter, 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>31st</u> day of December, 1962, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the application, the evidence adduced, and the recommendations of the Examiner, Daniel S. Hutter, and being fully advised in the premises,

PINDS:

(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 under the provisions of Order No. R-1670 as amended by Order No. R-2086, the Commission has ordered overproduced wells shut-in for extended periods of time in order to effect a balancing of accumulated overproduction in excess of previously assigned allowables.

(3) That the applicant, Southern Union Production Company, proposes that the Commission should allow wells shut-in for overproduction to produce up to 500 MCF of gas each month during such shut-in periods in order to prevent lessors from terminating oil and gas lesses because of non-production.

(4) That under the provisions of Order Ho. R-1670 as amended by Order Ho. R-2086, wells are shut-in because of overproduction in order to protect correlative rights.

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(5) That the applicant has failed to establish that approval of the subject application would either prevent waste or protect correlative rights.

(6) That the applicant has failed to establish that approval of the subject application would be in the interest of conservation of oil or gas.

(7) That the subject application should be denied.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the subject application is hereby denied.

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

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

> STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

TOM BOLACK, Chairman

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