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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. 5833 Order No. R-5354

APPLICATION OF SOUTHERN UNION PRODUCTION COMPANY FOR DOWNHOLE COMMINGLING, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on January 5, 1977, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this day of January, 1977, 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, Southern Union Production Company, is the owner and operator of the following wells in Toursein 25 4614.

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Township 24 North Runge 5 West NMPM Jicarilla "L" Well No. 5, Unit N Section 33 Jicarilla "L" Well No. 6, Unit M Section 34

Towns hip 25 No. Th. Runge 5 Wost, NMP19

Jicarilla "L" Well No. 2, Unit G Section 10

Jicarilla "L" Well No. 3, Unit E Section 3

Jicarilla "L" Well No. 4, Unit G Section 9

Jicarilla "N" Well No. 1, Unit K Section 4 Jicarilla "N" Well No. 2, Unit N Section 3

(3) That the applicant seeks authority to commingle Gallup Basin and Dakota production within the wellbore of the above-described wells.

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- (4) That from the Gallup zone, the subject wells are capable of low marginal production only.
- (5) That from the Dakota zone, the subject wells are capable of low marginal production only.
- (6) That the proposed commingling may result in the recovery of additional hydrocarbons from each of the subject pools, thereby preventing waste, and will not violate correlative rights.
- (7) That the reservoir characteristics of each of the subject zones are such that underground waste would not be caused none of by the proposed commingling provided that the wells is not shut-in for an extended period.
- (8) That to afford the Commission the opportunity to assess the potential for waste and to expeditiously order appropriate remedial action, the operator should notify the Aztec district office of the Commission any time the subject wells is shut-in for 7 consecutive days.
- (9) That in order to allocate the commingled production each of to each of the commingled zones in the subject wells, applicant should consult with the Supervisor of the Aztec District Office of the Commission upon completion of the Commingling work-over operation on the well, and determine the allocation formula for that well.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Southern Union Production Company, is hereby authorized to commingle Gallup and Dakota production within the wellbores of the following wells in the back of the back of

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