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. 4260 Order No. R-3888

APPLICATION OF TAMARACK PETROLEUM COMPANY, INC., FOR A WATERFLOOD EXPANSION, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on November 25, 1969, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this 2nd day of December, 1969, 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, Tamarack Petroleum Company, Inc., seeks permission to expand its Northeast Pearl Queen Unit Water-flood Project in the Pearl-Queen Pool by the conversion to water injection of one additional injection well, its Unit Well No. 18, located in Unit L of Section 23, Township 19 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the wells in the project area are in an advanced state of depletion and should properly be classified as "stripper" wells.
- (4) That the proposed expansion of the Northeast Pearl Queen Unit Waterflood Project should result in the recovery of otherwise unrecoverable oil, thereby preventing waste.

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(5) That the subject application should be approved and the expanded project should be governed by the provisions of Rules 701, 702, and 703 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That the applicant, Tamarack Petroleum Company, Inc., is hereby authorized to expand its Northeast Pearl Queen Unit Waterflood Project in the Pearl-Queen Pool by the injection of water into the Queen formation through its Unit Well No. 18, located in Unit L of Section 23, Township 19 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (2) That the expanded waterflood project shall be governed by the provisions of Rules 701, 702, and 703 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.
- (3) That monthly progress reports of the expanded waterflood project herein authorized shall be submitted to the Commission in accordance with Rules 704 and 1120 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.
- (4) 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

OTA CONSERVATION COMMISSION

DAVID F. CARGO, Chairman

ALEX J ARMIJO, Member

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