STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS, AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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

> CASE NO. 11216 Order No. R-10417

APPLICATION OF OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR AN ORDER ELIMINATING RULE 312 OF THE GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION, IN THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on May 11, 1995, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 10th day of July, 1995, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the record and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS THAT:

- (1) Due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) This case first came before the Commission as a result of rule changes being proposed for Rule 711.
- (3) Where rules can be eliminated without causing damage to groundwater, public health or the environment and where such rule elimination will allow for increased cost savings and efficiency, this should be done.
- (4) Rule 312 pertains to rules and regulations which govern treating plants and treating plants are surface waste management facilities that can be included under Rule 711.
- (5) Since treating plants will be incorporated under Rule 711, there is no need for a separate Rule 312 to address treating plants and therefore Rule 312 should be eliminated.

(6) Said Rule 312 elimination will not cause waste or adversely affect groundwater, public health or the environment.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- (1) Division Rule 312 shall be eliminated as of the date of this order.
- (2) 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 hereinafter designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

JAMI BAILEY, Member

Bill Weisa

WILLIAM W. WEISS Member

WILLIAM J. LEMAY, Chairman

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