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. 2956
Order No. R-2632

APPLICATION OF UNITED STATES SMELTING
REFINING AND MINING COMPANY FOR AN
UNORTHODOX LOCATION, LEA COUNTY, NEW
MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on December 13, 1963, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Elvis A. Utz, 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>27th</u> day of **D**ecember, 1963, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the application, the evidence adduced, and the recommendations of the Examiner, Elvis A. Utz, 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, United States Smelting Refining and Mining Company, seeks an exception to the Special Rules and Regulations governing the Scharb-Bone Springs Oil Pool to drill its State "B" Well No. 1 at an unorthodox location 660 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 18, Township 19 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (3) That although the proposed location is within one mile of the Scharb-Bone Springs Oil Pool the evidence presently available indicates that the Bone Springs formation underlying the proposed location may constitute a separate common source of supply.
- (4) That approval of the subject application should result in greater ultimate recovery of oil, thereby preventing waste.
- (5) That no offset operator has entered an objection to approval of the subject application.

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## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That the applicant, United States Smelting Refining and Mining Company, is hereby granted an exception to the Special Rules and Regulations governing the Scharb-Bone Springs Oil Pool and is hereby authorized to drill its State "B" Well No. 1 at an unorthodox location 660 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 18, Township 19 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (2) 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

JACK M. CAMPBELL, Chairman

S. WALKER, Member

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

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