BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

Entered February 14, 1964

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

> CASE No. 2963 Order No. R-2634

APPLICATION OF TOM BROWN DRILLING COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF THE WEST ANTELOPE SINK UNIT AGREEMENT, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on January 8, 1964, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Daniel S. Nutter, 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>9th</u> day of January, 1964, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the application, the evidence adduced, and the recommendations of the Examiner, Daniel S. Nutter, 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, Tom Brown Drilling Company, seeks approval of the West Antelope Sink Unit Agreement covering 3,680 acres, more or less, of State land in Township 19 South, Range 23 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(3) That approval of the proposed West Antelope Sink Unit Agreement will in principle tend to promote the conservation of oil and gas and the prevention of waste.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the West Antelope Sink Unit Agreement is hereby approved.

(2) That the plan under which the unit area shall be operated shall be embraced in the form of a unit agreement for the -2-CASE No. 2963 Order No. R-2634

development and operation of the West Antelope Sink Unit Area, and such plan shall be known as the West Antelope Sink Unit Agreement Plan.

(3) That the West Antelope Sink Unit Agreement Plan is hereby approved in principle as a proper conservation measure; provided, however, that notwithstanding any of the provisions contained in said unit agreement, this approval shall not be considered as waiving or relinquishing, in any manner, any right, duty, or obligation which is now, or may hereafter be, vested in the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico by law relative to the supervision and control of operations for the exploration and development of any lands committed to the West Antelope Sink Unit, or relative to the production of oil or gas therefrom.

(4) (a) That the unit area shall be:

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EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST Section 23: E/2, S/2 NW/4, SW/4 Section 24: All Section 25: All Section 26: E/2, E/2 NW/4, SW/4 Section 35: All Section 36: All

containing 3,680 acres, more or less.

(b) That the unit area may be enlarged or contracted as provided in said plan; provided, however, that administrative approval for expansion or contraction of the unit area must also be obtained from the Secretary-Director of the Commission.

(5) That the unit operator shall file with the Commission an executed original or executed counterpart of the West Antelope Sink Unit Agreement within 30 days after the effective date thereof. In the event of subsequent joinder by any party or expansion or contraction of the unit area, the unit operator shall file with the Commission within 30 days thereafter counterparts of the unit agreement reflecting the subscription of those interests having joined or ratified.

(6) That this order shall become effective upon the approval of said unit agreement by the Commissioner of Public Lands for the State of New Mexico, and shall terminate <u>ipso facto</u> upon the termination of said unit agreement. The last unit operator shall notify the Commission immediately in writing of such termination. -3-CASE No. 2963 Order No. R-2634

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

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

> STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

JACK M. CAMPBELL, Chairman

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E. S. WALKER, Member

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