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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. 4273
Order No. R-2807-B

APPLICATION OF TESORO PETROLEUM CORPORATION
FOR AN UNORTHODOX OIL WELL LOCATION AND AMEND-
MENT OF ORDER NO. R-2807-A, McKINLEY 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 3rd 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 by Order No. R-2807-A, dated September 8, 1969,
the applicant, Tesoro Petroleum Corporation, was authorized to
drill its Well No. 59, among other wells, as a water injection
well in its waterflood project in the Hospah Unit Area, Hospah
Upper Sand Oil Pool, at an unorthodox location 1430 feet from
the South line and 2625 feet from the East line of Section 36,
Township 18 North, Range 9 West, NMPM, McKinley County, New
Mexico.

(3) That the applicant now seeks approval for the unorthodox
location of the aforesaid Well No. 59 as an oil producing well in
its waterflood project in the Hospah Unit Area.

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(4) That approval of the unorthodox location of the aforesaid Well No. 59 as an oil producing well in the waterflood project in the Hospah Unit Area should increase the efficiency of the subject waterflood project and result in greater ultimate recovery of oil, thereby preventing waste.

(5) That the applicant further seeks amendment of said Order No. R-2807-A to provide for the establishment of an administrative procedure whereby the Secretary-Director of the Commission may authorize additional producing wells within its Hospah Unit Area as may be necessary to complete an efficient producing pattern.

(6) That approval of the aforesaid amendment will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the oil in the Hospah Upper Sand Oil Pool, and will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights, provided said producing wells are drilled no closer than 330 feet to the outer boundary of said Hospah Unit nor closer than 10 feet to any quarter-quarter section or subdivision inner boundary.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Tesoro Petroleum Corporation, is hereby authorized to complete its Well No. 59 as an oil producing well in its waterflood project in the Hospah Unit Area, Hospah Upper Sand Oil Pool, McKinley County, New Mexico, approved by Commission Order No. R-2807, as amended by Order No. R-2807-A, at an unorthodox location 1430 feet from the South line and 2625 feet from the East line of Section 36, Township 18 North, Range 9 West, NMPM, McKinley County, New Mexico.

(2) That Order (2) of Commission Order No. R-2807-A, dated September 8, 1969, is hereby further amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"(2) That the subject waterflood project shall be governed by the provisions of Rules 701, 702, and 703 of the Commission Rules and Regulations;

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the Secretary-Director of the Commission may approve such additional producing wells and injection wells at orthodox and unorthodox locations within the Hospah Unit Area as may be necessary to complete an efficient production and

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injection pattern; provided said wells are drilled no closer than 330 feet to the outer boundary of said Hospah Unit nor closer than 10 feet to any quarter-quarter section or subdivision inner boundary, and provided that the application therefor has been filed in accordance with Rule 701 B of the Commission Rules and Regulations. The showing of well response as required by Rule 701 E-5 shall not be necessary before obtaining administrative approval for the conversion of additional wells to water injection."

(3) That that portion of Order No. R-2807-A which authorizes the drilling of Well No. 59 as a water injection well is hereby superseded.

(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
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

DAVID F. CARGO, Chairman

ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member

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

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