Entered May 3, 1967

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. 3560 Order No. R-3224

APPLICATION OF PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF THE HAT MESA UNIT AGREEMENT, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

## ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

## BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on April 26, 1967, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this <u>3rd</u> day of May, 1967, 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, Phillips Petroleum Company, seeks approval of the Hat Mesa Unit Agreement covering 7874.03 acres, more or less, of State and Federal lands described as follows:

LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, NMPM Section 1: Lots 11, 12, 13, 14, and S/2 Section 2: Lots 9 through 16 and S/2 Section 3: SE/4 Section 10: E/2 Sections 11, 12, and 13: All Section 14: N/2 and SE/4 Section 24: N/2 -2-CASE No. 3560 Order No. R-3224

> TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM Section 6: Lot 18 and SE/4 SW/4 Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, E/2 W/2, Section 7: and E/2Section 8: A11 W/2Section 9: W/2Section 16: Section 17: A11 Section 18: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, E/2 W/2, and E/2Lots 1, 2, E/2 NW/4, and Section 19: NE/4

(3) That approval of the proposed unit agreement should promote the prevention of waste and the protection of correlative rights within the unit area.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the Hat Mesa Unit Agreement is hereby approved.

(2) That the plan contained in said unit agreement for the development and operation of the unit area 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 Commission to supervise and control operations for the exploration and development of any lands committed to the unit and production of oil or gas therefrom.

(3) That the unit operator shall file with the Commission an executed original or executed counterpart of the unit agreement within 30 days after the effective date thereof; that 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.

(4) 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 the Director of the United States Geological Survey; that this order shall terminate <u>ipso facto</u> upon the termination of said unit agreement; and that the last unit

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operator shall notify the Commission immediately in writing of such termination.

(5) 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 13. GUYTON B. HAYS, Member 1 PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary L. Α.

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