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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. 3680 Order No. R-3331

APPLICATION OF TEXACO INC. FOR AN UNORTHODOX LOCATION, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on October 25, 1967, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this <u>31st</u> day of October, 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, Texaco Inc., seeks an exception to the Special Rules and Regulations governing the Todd-Upper San Andres Pool to recomplete its State "CT" Well No. 4 at an unorthodox location 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line of Section 35, Township 7 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Roosevelt County, New Mexico.

(3) That said well is off-pattern with respect to the well location requirements of the Special Rules and Regulations for the Todd-Upper San Andres Pool which require wells to be located in the NE/4 or the SW/4 of the section and no nearer than 990 feet to the outer boundary of the quarter section.

(4) That the subject well was drilled at a standard location for the production of oil from the Todd-Lower San Andres Pool but

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is no longer a commercial well in the Todd-Lower San Andres Pool.

(5) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the gas in the Todd-Upper San Andres Pool, will prevent the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, avoid the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, and otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Texaco Inc., is hereby granted an exception to the well location requirements of the Special Rules and Regulations governing the Todd-Upper San Andres Pool and is hereby authorized to recomplete its State "CT" Well No. 4 at an unorthodox location 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line of Section 35, Township 7 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Roosevelt 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 DAVID F. CARGO, Chairman Ð B. HAYS, YTON Member en in Ľ. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary

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