

*Entered April 28, 1969*  
*A.L.P.*

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. 4109  
Order No. R-3740

APPLICATION OF HUMBLE OIL & REFINING  
COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF THE SOUTH LEA  
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 23, 1969,  
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this 28th day of April, 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 the applicant, Humble Oil & Refining Company, seeks  
approval of the South Lea Unit Agreement covering 8,324.16 acres,  
more or less, of State, Federal, and Fee Lands described as  
follows:

Lea County, New Mexico  
TOWNSHIP 26 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, NMPM  
Sections 5 through 9: All  
Sections 15 through 22: All

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

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the South Lea 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 ipso facto upon the termination of said unit agreement; and that the last unit 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 E. CARGO, Chairman

ALEX J. ARMILLO, Member

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

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