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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. 4552 Order No. R-4159

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION UPON ITS OWN MOTION TO CONSIDER THE AMENDMENT OF RULE 506 OF THE COMMISSION RULES AND REGULATIONS BY DELETING THEREFROM THE PROVI-SION THAT ALL GAS PRODUCED WITH THE CURRENT OIL ALLOWABLE DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 506 SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN LAWFULLY PRODUCED.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on June 16, 1971, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this <u>25th</u> day of June, 1971, 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 subparagraph (2) of Rule 506 of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission Rules and Regulations provides that any unit containing a well or wells producing from a reservoir which contains both oil and gas shall be permitted to produce only that volume of gas equivalent to the applicable limiting gas-oil ratio multiplied by the top unit allowable currently assigned to the pool.

(3) That subparagraph (4) of Rule 506 of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission Rules and Regulations provides that -2-CASE NO. 4552 Order No. R-4159

all gas produced with the current oil allowable determined in accordance with Rule 506 shall be deemed to have been lawfully produced.

(4) That as a result of the provision of the abovedescribed subparagraph (4) many wells producing from reservoirs which contain both oil and gas are producing volumes of gas greatly in excess of the volumes of gas authorized by the above-described subparagraph (2).

(5) That the production of gas, from a unit containing a well or wells producing from a reservoir which contains both oil and gas, in excess of that volume of gas equivalent to the applicable limiting gas-oil ratio multiplied by the top unit allowable currently assigned to the pool causes waste and a violation of correlative rights.

That in order to prevent waste and protect correlative rights Rule 506 of the Commission Rules and Regulations should be amended by deleting therefrom subparagraph (4) which reads as follows:

"(4) All gas produced with the current oil allowable determined in accordance with this rule shall be deemed to have been lawfully produced."

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That effective July 1 , 1971, Rule 506 of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission Rules and Regulations is hereby amended by deleting therefrom subparagraph (4) which reads as follows:

"(4) All gas produced with the current oil allowable determined in accordance with this rule shall be deemed to have been lawfully produced."

(2) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary. -3-CASE NO. 4552 Order No. R-4159

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

> STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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