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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. 4568 Order No. R-4168

APPLICATION OF W. W. WEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE WEST DOG CANYON UNIT AGREEMENT, OTERO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

#### ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

#### BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on July 14, 1971, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 14th day of July, 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 the applicant, W. W. West, seeks approval of the West Dog Canyon Unit Agreement covering 37,781.88 acres, more or less, of State, Federal and Fee lands described as follows:

#### OTERO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Township 25 South, Range 19 East, NMPM Sections 10 through 15: All Sections 22 through 27: All Sections 34 through 36: All

# Township 25 South, Range 20 East, NMPM Sections 7 and 8: All

Sections 17 through 20: All

Section 21: W/2

Section 28: W/2

Sections 29 through 33: All

Section 34: W/2

#### Township 26 South, Range 19 East, NMPM

Sections 1 through 3: All

Sections 10 through 14: All

Sections 23 and 24: A11

#### Township 26 South, Range 20 East, NMPM

Sections 3 through 10: All

Section 11: W/2

Sections 14 through 23: All

Sections 26 through 28: All

Sections 33 through 35: 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.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- That the West Dog Canyon Unit Agreement is hereby (1)approved.
- 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 relinguishing, 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.
- 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

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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

PRICE KING Chairman

ALEX J ARMIJO Member

A. L. PORTER, Jr. Member & Secretary

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