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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. 4787 Order No. R-4369

APPLICATION OF SUPERIOR OIL COMPANY FOR AN UNORTHODOX WELL LOCATION, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on August 9, 1972, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this <u>21st</u> day of August, 1972, 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, Superior Oil Company, seeks an exception to Rule 104 of the Commission Rules and Regulations for approval of an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the West line of Section 5, Township 23 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, to test the Strawn and Morrow formations within one mile of the South Carlsbad Field, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(3) That the N/2 of said Section 5 is to be dedicated to the well.

(4) That a well drilled at the proposed location should encounter the subject formations structurally higher than a well drilled at a standard location.

(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 subject South Carlsbad Field, 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 will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights. -2-CASE NO. 4787 Order No. R-4369

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That an unorthodox gas well location for the Strawn and Morrow formations is hereby approved for the Superior Oil Company's well within one mile of the South Carlsbad Field at a point 660 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the West line of said Section 5, Township 23 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, as an exception to Rule 104 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

(2) That the N/2 of said Section 5 is to be dedicated to the above-described well.

(3) 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 12 BRUCE KING, Chairman ARMITO, Member J⁄. ĄLĚX Member & Secretary PORTER, Jr.,

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