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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 ON ITS OWN MOTION FOR THE AMENDMENT OF RULE 104 C. I OF THE COMMISSION RULES AND REGULATIONS TO PERMIT THE DRILLING OF DEVELOPMENT OIL WELLS AS CLOSE AS 330 FEET TO ANOTHER WELL ON THE SAME UNIT DRILLING TO OR CAPABLE OF PRODUCING FROM THE SAME POOL.

CASE NO. 4807 Order No. R-4383

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on August 23, 1972, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 6th day of September, 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 Rule 104 C I of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission Rules and Regulations prohibits the drilling of a development well for a defined oil pool nearer than 660 feet to the nearest well drilling to or capable of producing from the same pool.
- (3) That said Rule 104 C I should be amended to permit development wells to be drilled as close as 330 feet to another well on the same unit drilling to or capable of producing from the same oil pool, provided, however, only tracts committed to active secondary recovery projects shall be permitted more than four wells.
- (4) That amendment of Rule 104 C I as described in Finding No. 3, above, will neither cause waste or violate correlative rights.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Rule 104 C I of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

I. Oil Wells, All Counties

Unless otherwise provided in special pool rules, each development well for a defined oil pool shall be located on a tract consisting of approximately 40 surface contiguous acres substantially in the form of a square which is a legal subdivision of the U. S. Public Land Surveys, or on a governmental quarter-quarter section or lot, and shall be located not closer than 330 feet to any boundary of such tract nor closer than 330 feet to the nearest well drilling to or capable of producing from the same pool, provided, however, only tracts committed to active secondary recovery projects shall be permitted more than four wells.

(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 herein-above designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

BRUCE KING, Chairman

ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member

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

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