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. 4818 Order No. R-4408

APPLICATION OF TIPPERARY LAND AND EXPLORATION CORPORATION FOR A PRESSURE MAINTENANCE PROJECT, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on September 13, 1972, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 27th 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 the applicant, Tipperary Land and Exploration Corporation, seeks authority to institute a pilot pressure maintenance project in the North Bagley-Pennsylvanian Pool, by the injection of water into the "F" zone of the Strawn and possibly other zones of the Strawn formation through its Bess Well No. 1, located 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line of Section 20, Township 11 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the wells in the area of the project are classified as "marginal" wells.
- (4) That the subject pilot pressure maintenance project is in the interest of conservation and may result in the recovery of otherwise unrecoverable oil, thereby preventing waste.
- (5) That the subject application should be approved and the project should be governed by the provisions of Rules 701, 702, and 703 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That the applicant, Tipperary Land and Exploration Corporation, is hereby authorized to institute a pilot pressure maintenance project in the North Bagley-Pennsylvanian Pool, by the injection of water into the "F" zone of the Strawn formation through the Bess Well No. 1, located 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line of Section 20, Township 11 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (2) That the subject project is hereby designated the Tipperary North Bagley Bess Pressure Maintenance Project and shall be governed by the provisions of Rules 701, 702, and 703 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.
- (3) That monthly progress reports of the project herein authorized shall be submitted to the Commission in accordance with Rules 704 and 1120 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.
- (4) The Secretary-Director is hereby authorized to approve injection through the subject well into additional zones in the Strawn formation without notice and hearing. To obtain such approval, the applicant shall file proper application with the Commission, which application shall include the following:
 - (a) A plat showing the location of the subject well and all operators and wells completed in the Strawn formation within two miles of the subject well.
 - (b) A schematic drawing of the well which fully describes the casing-tubing, perforated intervals and depth showing that the injection of water will be confined to the Strawn formation.
 - (c) A statement that all of the above-described operators have been furnished a complete copy of the application and the date of notification.

The Secretary-Director may approve the application if, within 20 days after receiving the application, no objection is received. The Secretary-Director may grant immediate approval, provided waivers of objection are received from said operators.

(5) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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