

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

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CASE NO. 5461 Order No. R-5011 NOMENCLATURE

APPLICATION OF GENERAL AMERICAN OIL COMPANY FOR POOL EXTENSION, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

## ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

## BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on April 30, 1975, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this <u>6th</u> day of May, 1975, 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, General American Oil Company, seeks the extension of the vertical limits of the Grayburg Jackson (Queen-Grayburg-San Andres) Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, to include the Seven Rivers formation excepting that area of said Grayburg Jackson Pool overlain by the Fren-Seven Rivers Pool.

(3) That the Seven Rivers formation overlying the Grayburg Jackson Pool in the horizontal area of the proposed extension consists of thin porosity and permeability zones often holding marginally economic reserves of hydrocarbons.

(4) That the evidence presented shows that it is uneconomical to attempt to drill to, complete, and produce the subject Seven Rivers formation as a single completion.

(5) That the evidence presented shows that it is uneconomical to attempt to complete the subject Seven Rivers formation dually with the Grayburg Jackson zones. -2-Case No. 5461 Order No. R-5011

(6) That the evidence presented shows that the subject Seven Rivers formation can be completed and efficiently and economically produced by extending the vertical limits of the Grayburg Jackson Pool as proposed.

(7) That the nature and conditions of the Seven Rivers and Grayburg Jackson reservoirs and fluids are such that the vertical limits of the Grayburg Jackson Pool may be extended as proposed without causing waste.

(8) That the Fren-Seven Rivers Pool is an old established pool with very low marginal production.

(9) That to avoid problems associated with diverse ownership between existing completions in the Fren-Seven Rivers Pool and the Grayburg Jackson Pool and to maintain historical production statistics, the vertical limits of the Grayburg Jackson Pool should not be extended to include the Seven Rivers formation in that area of said pool overlain by the Fren-Seven Rivers Pool.

(10) That the North Fren Yates-Seven Rivers Associated Pool consisting of the SE/4 and E/2 SW/4 of Section 9, Township 17 South, Range 30 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, should be abolished.

(11) That approval of the subject application will result in the recovery of hydrocarbons which would not otherwise be produced, will prevent waste and will not violate correlative rights.

(12) That the application to extend the vertical limits of the Grayburg Jackson Pool as proposed should be approved.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the vertical limits of the Grayburg Jackson (Queen-Grayburg-San Andres) Pool, as previously established and defined by Commission order, are hereby extended to include the Seven Rivers formation excepting in that area where said pool is overlain by the Fren-Seven Rivers Pool.

(2) That the North Fren Yates-Seven Rivers Associated Pool is hereby abolished.

(3) 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 - $\langle C \rangle$ 7 my ching I. R. TRUJILLO, Chairman L R. LUCERO, Member PHJ Ma A. L. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary

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