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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. 5628
Order No. R-5170

APPLICATION OF TEXACO INC. FOR
DOWNHOLE COMMINGLING, LEA COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on February 18, 1976, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner, Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 24th day of February, 1976, 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, Texaco Inc., is the owner and operator of the A. H. Blinebry Federal (NCT-3) Well No. 3, located in Unit E of Section 31, Township 22 South, Range 38 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That the applicant seeks authority to commingle Blinebry, Drinkard, and Brunson-Ellenburger production within the wellbore of the above-described well.

(4) That from the Blinebry zone, the subject well is capable of low marginal production only.

(5) That from the Drinkard zone, the subject well is capable of low marginal production only.

(6) That from the Brunson-Ellenburger zone, the subject well is capable of low marginal production only.

(7) That the proposed commingling may result in the recovery of additional hydrocarbons from each of the subject pools, thereby preventing waste, and will not violate correlative rights.



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(8) That the reservoir characteristics of each of the subject zones are such that underground waste would not be caused by the proposed commingling provided that the well is not shut-in for an extended period.

(9) That to afford the Commission the opportunity to assess the potential for waste and to expeditiously order appropriate remedial action, the operator should notify the Hobbs district office of the Commission any time the subject well is shut-in for 7 consecutive days.

(10) That in order to allocate the commingled production to each of the commingled zones in the subject well, 50 percent of the commingled oil and gas production should be allocated to the Blinebry zone, 20 percent of the commingled oil and gas production to the Drinkard zone, and 30 percent of the commingled oil and gas production to the Brunson-Ellenburger zone.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Texaco Inc., is hereby authorized to commingle Blinebry, Drinkard and Brunson-Ellenburger production within the wellbore of the A. H. Blinebry Federal (NCT-3) Well No. 3, located in Unit E of Section 31, Township 22 South, Range 38 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

(2) That 50 percent of the commingled oil and gas production shall be allocated to the Blinebry zone, 20 percent of the commingled oil and gas production shall be allocated to the Drinkard zone, and 30 percent of the commingled oil and gas production shall be allocated to the Brunson-Ellenburger zone.

(3) That the operator of the subject well shall immediately notify the Commission's Hobbs district office any time the well has been shut-in for 7 consecutive days and shall concurrently present, to the Commission, a plan for remedial action.

(4) 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


PHIL R. LUCERO, Chairman


EMERY C. ARNOLD, Member


JOE B. RAMEY, Member & Secretary

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