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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. 5858
Order No. R-5378

APPLICATION OF UNION OIL COMPANY
OF CALIFORNIA FOR 320-ACRE SPACING,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on February 16, 1977, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 22nd day of February, 1977, 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, Union Oil Company of California, is the owner and operator of one gas well in the North Quail Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That said North Quail Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool was created and designated by the Commission by Order No. R-2241 effective June 1, 1962.

(4) That by Commission Order No. R-2707, dated May 25, 1964, Rule 104 of the Commission Rules and Regulations was amended to provide that all gas pools of Pennsylvanian age or older in Southeast New Mexico which were created and defined June 1, 1964, or later shall have 320-acre spacing and proration units, inasmuch as it was found that in Southeast New Mexico, "... a gas well completed in the Pennsylvanian formation or a deeper formation will efficiently and economically drain and develop a 320-acre tract."

(5) That the applicant in the instant case seeks the promulgation of rules including a provision for 320-acre spacing

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for the North Quail Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool, in Lea County, New Mexico, inasmuch as that pool was excluded from the provisions of Order No. R-2707, because it was created and defined as the North Quail Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool prior to the cut-off date of June 1, 1964.

(6) That no appearances were made at the hearing of the instant case and no objection was received to the inclusion of the North Quail Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool under the provisions of Rule 104 of the Commission Rules and Regulations for gas pools of Pennsylvanian age or older.

(7) That one well in the North Quail Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, will efficiently and economically drain and develop 320 acres, and the inclusion of said pool under the 320-acre provisions of Rule 104 for pools of Pennsylvanian age or older will not cause waste or violate correlative rights, and should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That effective March 1, 1977, each well completed or recompleted in the North Quail Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool or in the Morrow formation within one mile thereof shall be subject to the provisions of Rule 104 of the Commission Rules and Regulations notwithstanding the fact said pool was created and defined prior to June 1, 1964.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

(1) That the locations of all wells presently drilling to or completed in the North Quail Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool or in the Morrow formation within one mile thereof are hereby approved; that the operator of any well having an unorthodox location shall notify the Hobbs District Office of the Commission in writing of the name and location of the well by May 1, 1977.

(2) That pursuant to Paragraph A. of Section 65-3-14.5, NMSA 1953, contained in Chapter 271, Laws of 1969, existing wells in the North Quail Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool shall have dedicated thereto 320 acres in accordance with Rule 104 of the Commission Rules and Regulations; or pursuant to Paragraph C. of said Section 65-3-14.5, existing wells may have non-standard units dedicated thereto.

Failure to file new Forms C-102 with the Commission dedicating 320 acres to a well or to obtain a non-standard unit approved by the Commission within 60 days from the effective date of this order shall subject the well to cancellation of allowable.

(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

PHIL R. LUCERO, Chairman



EMERY C. ARNOLD, Member



JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Secretary

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