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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. 6117 Order No. R-5618

APPLICATION OF AMOCO PRODUCTION COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF THE SOUTH CULEBRA BLUFF UNIT AGREEMENT, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

## ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

## BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on January 4, 1978, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 6th day of January, 1978, 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, Amoco Production Company, seeks approval of the South Culebra Bluff Unit Agreement covering 1,280 acres, more or less, of Federal and Fee lands described as follows

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- (3) That Delta Drilling Company should be named unit operator.
- (4) That all plans of development and operation should be submitted to the Secretary-Director of the Oil Conservation Commission for approval, as well as to the Oil and Gas Supervisor of the United States Geological Survey.
- (5) That approval of the proposed unit agreement should promote the prevention of waste and the protection of correlative rights within the unit area.

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#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That the South Culebra Bluff Unit Agreement is hereby approved.
- (2) That the plan contained in said unit agreement for the development and operation of the unit area is hereby approved in principle as a proper conservation measure; provided, however, that notwithstanding any of the provisions contained in said unit agreement, this approval shall not be considered as waiving or relinquishing, in any manner, any right, duty, or obligation which is now, or may hereafter be, vested in the Commission to supervise and control operations for the exploration and development of any lands committed to the unit and production of oil or gas therefrom.
- (3) That the unit operator shall file with the Commission an executed original or executed counterpart of the unit agreement within 30 days after the effective date thereof; that in the event of subsequent joinder by any party or expansion or contraction of the unit area, the unit operator shall file with the Commission within 30 days thereafter counterparts of the unit agreement reflecting the subscription of those interests having joined or ratified.
- (4) That Delta Drilling Company is hereby designated unit operator.
- (5) That all plans of development and operation shall be submitted to the Secretary-Director of the Oil Conservation Commission for approval.
- (6) That this order shall become effective upon the approval of said unit agreement by the Director of the United States Geological Survey; that this order shall terminate <u>ipso facto</u> upon the termination of said unit agreement; and that the last unit operator shall notify the Commission immediately in writing of such termination.
- (7) 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

PHIL R. LUCERO, Chairman

EMERY O. ARNOLD, Member

JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Secretary

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