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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. 6182  
Order No. R-5684

APPLICATION OF UNION OIL COMPANY FOR  
APPROVAL OF THE LAGUNA DEEP UNIT  
AGREEMENT, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on March 22, 1978,  
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 4th day of April, 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, Union Oil Company, seeks approval  
of the Laguna Deep Unit Agreement covering 2,558.04 acres, more  
or less, of State, Federal and Fee lands described as follows:

LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO  
TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM  
Section 25: W/2  
Section 26: All  
Section 34: E/2  
Section 35: All  
Section 36: W/2  
  
TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM  
Section 2: N/2

(3) That all plans of development and operation and creations,  
expansions, or contractions of participating areas should be  
submitted to the Director of the Oil Conservation Division of  
the New Mexico Energy and Minerals Department for approval.

(4) That approval of the proposed unit agreement should  
promote the prevention of waste and the protection of correlative  
rights within the unit area.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That the Laguna Deep 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 Division 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 Division 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 Division within 30 days thereafter counterparts of the unit agreement reflecting the subscription of those interests having joined or ratified.
- (4) That all plans of development and operation and all unit participating areas and expansions and contractions thereof shall be submitted to the Director of the Oil Conservation Division for approval.
- (5) That this order shall become effective upon the approval of said unit agreement by the Commissioner of Public Lands for the State of New Mexico and the Director of the United States Geological Survey; that this order shall terminate ipso facto upon the termination of said unit agreement; and that the last unit operator shall notify the Division immediately in writing of such termination.
- (6) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division 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 D. RAMEY, Member &  
Division Director

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