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STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

> CASE NO. 7081 Order No. R-6532

APPLICATION OF BELCO PETROLEUM CORPORATION FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on November 12, 1980, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this <u>llth</u> day of December, 1980, the Division Director, 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 Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That the applicant, Belco Petroleum Corporation, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Pennsylvanian formation underlying the E/2 of Section 19, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(3) That the applicant has the right to drill and has drilled its Guitar Estate Com Well No. 1 at a standard location thereon.

(4) That there are interest owners in the proposed proration unit who have not agreed to pool their interests.

(5) That to avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, to protect correlative rights, and to afford to the owner of each interest in said unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense his just and fair share of the gas in said pool, the subject application should be approved by -2-Case No. 7081 Order No. R-6532

pooling all mineral interests, whatever they may be, within said unit.

(6) That the applicant should be designated the operator of the subject well and unit.

(7) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason should be placed in escrow to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That all mineral interests, whatever they may be, in the Pennsylvanian formation underlying the E/2 of Section 19, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, are hereby pooled to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit to be dedicated to the Guitar Estate Com Well No. 1 located 2100 feet from the North line and 710 feet from the East line of said Section 19.

(2) That Belco Petroleum Corporation is hereby designated the operator of the subject well and unit.

(3) That any unsevered mineral interest shall be considered a seven-eighths (7/8) working interest and a one-eighth (1/8)royalty interest for the purpose of allocating costs and charges under the terms of this order.

(4) That any well costs or charges which are to be paid out of production shall be withheld only from the working interests share of production, and no costs or charges shall be withheld from production attributable to royalty interests.

(5) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason shall immediately be placed in escrow in Eddy County, New Mexico, to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership; that the operator shall notify the Division of the name and address of said escrow agent within 30 days from the date of first deposit with said escrow agent.

(6) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

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DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

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