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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 COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 7979 Order No. R-7406

APPLICATION OF NORTHWEST PIPELINE CORPORATION FOR THE CONTRACTION OF THE BASIN-DAKOTA POOL, CREATION OF A NEW OIL POOL, AND SPECIAL POOL RULES, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

## ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

## BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on November 16, 1983, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 20th day of December, 1983, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony presented and the exhibits received at said hearing, 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, Northwest Pipeline Corporation, seeks an order deleting certain lands from the Basin-Dakota Pool, the creation of a new oil pool with vertical limits defined as being from the base of the Mesaverde formation to the base of the Dakota formation (the Mancos and Dakota formations), and the promulgation of special pool rules including a provision for 160-acre spacing, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.
- (3) That in companion Case No. 7980, Jerome P. McHugh seeks an order creating a new oil pool, vertical limits to be the Niobrara member of the Mancos formation, with special pool rules including a provision for 320-acre spacing, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.
- (4) That Cases 7979 and 7980 were consolidated for the purpose of obtaining testimony.

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- (5) That the Commission, by Order No. R-7407, did grant the application of Jerome P. McHugh in Case No. 7980.
  - (6) That the application in Case 7979 should be denied.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That the application in Case 7979 is hereby denied.
- (2) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

 ${\tt DONE}$  at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

JIM BACA, Member

ED KELLEY, Member

OE D. RAMEY, Chairman and Secretary

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