Entered march 23, 1971

# 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. 4300 Order No. R-3917-A

APPLICATION OF TEXAS AMERICAN OIL CORPORATION FOR THE CREATION OF A NEW GAS POOL AND FOR SPECIAL POOL RULES, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

## ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

### BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on March 17, 1971, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this <u>23rd</u> day of March, 1971, 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 by Order No. R-3917, dated February 3, 1970, temporary Special Rules and Regulations were promulgated for the Sand Dunes-Atoka Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, establishing 640-acre spacing units for a period of one year from the date that a pipeline connection is first obtained for a well in said pool.
- (3) That pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-3917, this case was reopened to allow the operators in the subject pool to appear and show cause why the Sand Dunes-Atoka Gas Pool should not be developed on 320-acre spacing units.
- (4) That the evidence establishes that one well in the Sand Dunes-Atoka Gas Pool can efficiently and economically drain and develop 640 acres.

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- (5) That the Special Rules and Regulations promulgated by Order No. R-3917 have afforded and will afford to the owner of each property in the pool the opportunity to produce his just and equitable share of the gas in the pool.
- (6) That in order to prevent the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, to avoid the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, to prevent reduced recovery which might result from the drilling of too few wells, and to otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights, the Special Rules and Regulations promulgated by Order No. R-3917 should be continued in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That the Special Rules and Regulations governing the Sand Dunes-Atoka Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, promulgated by Order No. R-3917, are hereby continued in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.
- (2) 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 hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

BRUCE KING, Chairman

ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member

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