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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. 5138 Order No. R-4717

APPLICATION OF SKELLY OIL COMPANY FOR A WATERFLOOD PROJECT AND FOUR DUAL COMPLETIONS, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on January 3, 1974, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this <u>25th</u> day of January, 1974, 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, Skelly Oil Company, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project by injection of water into the Seven Rivers formation, Fren Pool, through six injection wells in its Skelly Unit Area in Sections 21, 22, and 28, Township 17 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(3) That injection of water in the subject project is to take place through three singly completed wells converted to water injection, those being applicant's Skelly Unit Well No. 10, located in Unit "H" of Section 21; Skelly Unit Well No. 12, located in Unit "J" of Section 21; and Skelly Unit Well No. 16, located in Unit "N" of Section 21, all in Township 17 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, and through three wells to be recompleted as dual completions (conventional) to inject water into both the Seven Rivers and the San Andres formations, those being applicant's Skelly Unit Well No. 54, located in Unit "L" of Section 22; Skelly Unit Well No. 77, located in Unit "P" of Section 21; and Skelly Unit Well No. 89, located in Unit "B" of Section 28, all in Township 17 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(4) That the applicant further seeks authority to recomplete said Skelly Unit Wells Nos. 54, 77, and 89, which are presently completed as injection wells in the Skelly Unit Waterflood Project, Grayburg-Jackson Pool, as dual completions (conventional) to inject water into the Seven Rivers and the San Andres formation -2-CASE NO. 5138 Order No. R-4717

through a single string of tubing with separation of said formations achieved by means of a packer.

(5) That the applicant further seeks authority to recomplete its Skelly Unit Well No. 76, located in Unit "O" of Section 21, Township 17 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico as a dual completion (conventional) to produce oil from the Fren-Seven Rivers and the San Andres formations through parallel strings of tubing with separation of the zones by means of a packer set at approximately 3100 feet.

(6) That the wells in the proposed waterflood project area are in an advanced state of depletion and may properly be classified as "stripper" wells.

(7) That approval of the subject waterflood will result in the recovery of oil which would otherwise not be recovered, thereby preventing waste and protecting correlative rights.

(8) That the mechanics of the proposed dual completions are feasible and in accord with good conservation practices.

(9) That the operator should take all steps necessary to ensure that the injected water enters only the proposed injection zones and is not permitted to escape to other formations or onto the surface from injection, production, or plugged and abandoned wells.

(10) That the subject waterflood project should be approved and governed by rules 701, 702, and 703 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

(11) That the subject dual completion producer should be approved and governed by rule 112-A of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Skelly Oil Company, is hereby authorized to institute a waterflood project in its Skelly Unit Area by the injection of water into the Seven Rivers formation, Fren Pool through the following-described wells, all in Township 17 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico:

SKELLY UNIT WELL NO.	UNIT	SECTION
10	"H"	21
12	" J "	21
16	" N "	21
77	"P"	21
54	" L "	22
89	"B"	28

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(2) That the applicant is further authorized to recomplete its Skelly Unit Well No. 54, located in Unit "L" of Section 22, its Skelly Unit Well No. 77, located in Unit "P" of Section 21, and its Skelly Unit Well No. 89, located in Unit "B" of Section 28, all in Township 17 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, as dual completions (conventional) to inject water into the Seven-Rivers and the San Andres formations through a single string of tubing with separation of the zones achieved by means of a packer.

(3) That the applicant is further authorized to recomplete its Skelly Unit Well No. 76, located in Unit "O" of Section 21, Township 17 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico as a dual completion (conventional) to produce oil from the Seven Rivers and the San Andres formations through parallel strings of 2 3/8-inch tubing with separation of the zones achieved by means of a packer set at approximately 3,100 feet.

(4) That injection into each of the subject injection wells shall take place through 2 3/8-inch EUE internally coated tubing set in a packer located above and as near as practicable to the uppermost perforations and, in the case of the subject dually completed injection wells, an additional packer shall be located between the perforations for the respective zones; that the casing-tubing annulus of each injection well shall be loaded with an inert fluid and equipped with an approved pressure gauge or attention-attracting leak detection device.

(5) That the operator shall immediately notify the supervisor of the Commission's Artesia District Office of the failure of the tubing or packer in any of said injection wells, the leakage of water or oil from around any producing well, or the leakage of water or oil from any plugged or abandoned well within the project area and shall take such timely steps as may be necessary or required to correct such failure or leakage.

(6) That the above authorized waterflood project is hereby designated the Skelly Unit Fren-Seven Rivers Waterflood Project and shall be governed by the provisions of Rules 701, 702, and 703 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

(7) That monthly progress reports of the waterflood project herein authorized shall be submitted to the Commission in accordance with Rules 704 and 1120 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

(8) That the applicant shall complete and operate its Skelly Unit Well No. 76 as hereinabove described in accordance with Rule No. 112-A of the Commission Rules and Regulations insofar as said rule is not inconsistent with this order.

(9) That the applicant shall take packer-leakage tests on its Skelly Unit Well No. 76, as hereinabove described, upon its completion and annually thereafter during the Annual Shut-In Pressure Test Period for the Grayburg-Jackson Pool. -4-CASE NO. 5138 Order No. R-4717

(10) 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.



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STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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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:

5138 CASE NO. Order No. R- 4717

APPLICATION OF SKELLY OIL COMPANY FOR A WATERFLOOD PROJECT AND FOUR DUAL COMPLETIONS, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on <u>January 3</u>, 1974, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner <u>Daniel S. Nutter</u>.

NOW, on this <u>day of January</u>, 1974, 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, Skelly Oil Company seeks authority to institute a waterflood project by injection of water into the Seven Rivers formation, Fren Pool, through six injection wells in its Skelly Unit Area in Sections 21, 22, and 28, Township 17 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. -2-CASE NO. 5138 Order No. R-

(3) That injection of water in the subject project is to take place through three singly completed wells converted to water injection, those being applicant's Skelly Unit Well No. 10, located in Unit "H" of Section 21; Skelly Unit Well No. 12, located in Unit "J" of Section 21; and Skelly Unit Well No. 16, located in Unit "N" of Section 21; and Skelly Unit Well No. 16, located in Unit "N" of Section 21, all in Township 17 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, and through three wells to be recompleted as dual completions (conventional) to inject water into both the Seven Rivers and the San Andres formations, those being applicant's Skelly Unit Well No. 54, located in Unit """ of Section 22; Skelly Unit Well No. 77, located in Unit "B" of Section 21; and Skelly Unit Well No. 89, located in Unit "B" of Section 28, all in Township 17 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(4) That the applicant further seeks authority to recomplete which are presently completed as injection wells in the Skelly was said Skelly Unit Wells Nos. 54, 77, and 89 as a dual completions (conventional) to inject water into the Seven Rivers and the San Andres formation/through a single string of tubing with separation of said formations achieved by means of a packer.

(5) That the applicant further seeks authority to recomplete its Skelly Unit Well No. 76, located in Unit "O" of Section 21, Township 17 South, Rnage 31 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico if a dual conversion (conversione) to Production of oil from the Fren-Seven Rivers and the San Andres formations through parallel strings of tubing with Separation & the years by means of a packer shaft (6) That the wells in the proposed waterflood project area are in an advanced state of depletion and may properly be classified as "stripper" wells. -3-CASE NO. 5138 Order No. R-

(7) That approval of the subject waterflood will result in the recovery of oil which would otherwise not be recovered, thereby preventing waste and protecting correlative rights.

(8) That the mechanics of the proposed dual completions are feasible and in accord with good conservation practices.

(9) That the operator should take all steps necessary to ensure that the injected water enters only the proposed injection zones and is not permitted to escape to other formations or onto the surface from injection, production, or plugged and abandoned wells.

(1C) That the subject waterflood project should be approved and governed by rules 701, 702, and 703 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

(11) That the subject dual completion should be approved and governed by rule 112-A of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Skelly Oil Company, is hereby authorized to institute a waterflood project in its Skelly Unit Area by the injection of water into the Seven Rivers formation, Fren Pool through the following-described wells, all in Township 17 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico:

SKELLY UNIT WELL NO.	UNIT	SECTION
10	"н"	21
12	"ت"	21
16	"N "	21
77	"P"	21
54	"L"	22
89	"B"	28

(2) That the applicant is further authorized to recomplete its Skelly Unit Well No. 54, located in Unit "L" of Section 22, its Skelly Unit Well No. 77, located in Unit "P" of Section 21, and its Skelly Unit Well No. 89, located in Unit "B" of Section 28,

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all in Township 17 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, as dual completions(conventional) to inject water into the Seven-Rivers and the San Andres formations through a single string of tubing with separation of the zones achieved by means of a packer.

(3) That the applicant is further authorized to recomplete its Skelly Unit Well No. 76, located in Unit "O" of Section 21, Township 17 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico as a dual completion (conventional) to produce oil from the Seven Rivers and the San Andres formations through parallel strings of 2 3/8-inch tubing with separation of the zones achieved by means of a packer set at approximately 3,100 feet.

(4) That injection into each of the subject injection wells shall take place through 2 3/8-inch EUE internally coated tubing set in a packer located above and as near as practicable to the uppermost perforations and, in the case of the subject dually completed injection wells, an additional packer shall be located between the perforations for the respective zones; that the casing-tubing annulus of each injection well shall be loaded with an inert fluid and equipped with an approved pressure gauge or attention-attracting loak detection device.

(5) That the operator shall immediately notify the supervisor of the Commission's Artesia District Office of the failure of the tubing or packer in any of said injection wells, the leakage of water or oil from around any producing well, or the leakage of water or oil from any plugged or abandoned well within the project area and shall take such timely steps as may be necessary or required to correct such failure or leakage. -5-CASE NO. 5138 Order No. R-

(6) That the above authorized waterflood project is hereby Frendesignated the Skelly Unit-Seven Rivers Waterflood Project and shall be governed by the provisions of Rules 701, 702, and 703 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

(7) That monthly progress reports of the waterflood project herein authorized shall be submitted to the Commission in accordance with Rules 704 and 1120 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

(8) That the applicant shall complete and operate its Skelly Unit Well No. 76 as hereinabove described in accordance with Rule No. 112-A of the Commission Rules and Regulations insofar as said rule is not inconsistent with this order.

(9) That the applicant shall take packer-leakage tests on its Skelly Unit Well No. 76, as hereinabove described, upon its completion and annually thereafter during the Annual Shut-In Pressure Test Period for the Grayburg-Jackson Pool.

(10) 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.



SKELLY OIL COMPANY Gar 2138

P. O. BOX 1650

TULSA, OKLAHOMA 74102

November 8, 1973

LAW DEPARTMENT CHESTER E. BLD SENIOR ATTORNEY

CALL Re: Application of Skelly Oil Company for an Order Authorizing a Waterflood Project in the Fren Seven-Rivers Pool, Underlying the Skelly Unit Area, Eddy County, New Mexico.

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

We are enclosing herewith the original and two copies of the above-

We would appreciate your setting this matter down for hearing referenced application. on the next Examiner Docket, which we understand will be January 3, Yours very truly, 1974.

CEB:br Encl.

DOCKET MAILED

Date 12-18-73

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SKELLY OIL COMPANY FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING A WATERFLOOD PROJECT IN THE FREN SEVEN-RIVERS POOL, UNDERLYING THE SKELLY UNIT AREA COVER-) ING ALL OF SECTIONS 14, 15, 21, 22, 23, THE) NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (N/2) NW/4) OF SECTION 26, THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW/4), THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (W/2 NE/4), AND THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE/4 NE/4) OF SECTION 27, THE NORTH HALF (N/2), AND THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTH HALF (N/2 S/2) OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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Comes now Skelly Oil Company and alleges and states:

1. That it is a Delaware corporation authorized to do business in the state of New Mexico. That it operates the Skelly Unit Area covering the following described land:

APFLICATION

All of Sections 14, 15, 21, 22, 23, the North Half of the Northwest Quarter (N/2 NW/4) of Section 26, the Northwest Quarter (NW/4), the West Half of the Northeast Quarter (W/2 NE/4), and the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE/4 NE/4) of Section 27, the North Half (N/2), and the North Half of the South Half $(N/2 \ S/2)$ of Section 28, Township 17 South, Range 31 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.

2. That Applicant proposes to conduct a waterflood project in the Fren Seven-Rivers Pool underlying said Skelly Unit Area by initiating a pilot flood operation involving a double five-spot pattern. It is proposed to effect this pattern by: (1) converting three wells (Nos. 10, 12 and 16) to water injection in the Fren Seven-Rivers zone, (2) dual completing three existing Grayburg-Jackson wells (Nos. 54, 77 and 89) for injection in both the Fren Seven-Rivers zone and the <u>Grayburg-Jackson</u> zone, and (3) <u>dual</u> completing one existing Grayburg-Jackson producing well (No. 76) as a producer in both the Grayburg-Jackson and the Fren Seven-Rivers intervals.

3. That attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit 1 is a plat showing the location of the proposed injection wells.

4. That attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibits 2, 3 and 4 are the logs of the proposed injection wells, Nos. 54, 77 and 89. The logs are not available for Well Nos. 10, 12 and 16.

5. That attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibits 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 are well schematics of the proposed injection wells showing all casing strings, including diameter and setting depths, quantities used and tops of cement, perforated intervals, tubing strings, including diameter and setting depths, and type and location of packers.

6. That attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibits 11 and 12 are analyses of the water to be injected.

7. That Applicant anticipates that the initial volume of water to be injected will be at the rate of 200 to 400 barrels per well per day at 1,200 psi wellhead pressure.

8. That attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit 13 is

the log on Skelly Unit Well No. 76.

9. That attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit 14 is a well schematic depicting the proposed dual completion of Well No. 76 as a producer in both the Grayburg-Jackson and Fren Seven-Rivers intervals.

10. That attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit 15 is a plat including the subject area, together with the properties within a two-mile radius from same.

11. That the wells in the project area are in an advanced state of depletion and could possibly be classified as "stripper" wells.

12. That the proposed waterflood project should result in the recovery of otherwise unrecoverable oil, thereby preventing waste.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Applicant prays that this Commission set this matter down for hearing, that notice hereof be given as required by law, and that at the conclusion of said hearing based on the evidence adduced the Commission enter its order granting Skelly Oil Company permission to conduct a waterflood project in the Fren Seven-Rivers Pool underlying the Skelly Unit Area by converting the Skelly Unit Well Nos. 10, 12 and 16 to water injection, and by dually completing Skelly Unit Well Nos. 54, 77 and 89 for injection into both the Fren Seven-Rivers interval and the Grayburg-Jackson interval, and to dually complete Well No. 76 as a producer from both the Grayburg-Jackson and the Fren Seven-Rivers intervals, and to further provide for administrative expansion of the project and conversion of additional wells by administrative means without the necessity of separate hearings, and for such other orders, rules and regulations as may be necessary in the premises.

Respectfully submitted,

SKELLY OIL COMPANY

Chester E. Blodget, Attorney

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Of Counsel:

L. C. White, Attorney White, Koch, Kelly & McCarthy P. O. Box 787 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501



EXXON CHEMICAL COMPANY U.S.A. SPECIALTIES LABORATORY October 5, 1973 8230 Stedman, Houston, Texas 77029



WATER ANALYSIS

SAMPLE DESCRIPTION: Water sample from Skelly Unit WF #1 submitted for routine correlation. Sample taken 10-2-73.

COMPANY: Skelly Oil Company DATE RECEIVED: 10-3-73 STSR NUMBER: 107330 ANALYZED BY: Gene Keil REQUESTED BY: Harold Langen Mg/L Meq/L 2.4 55 pH 6.8 Sodium Specific Gravity at 60 °F. 3.7 1.0019 73 Calcium Resistivity ohms/m @77°F 10.00 û.3 4 Magnesium 34 1.0 Chloride Mg/L 3.0 142 **Oil Content** Sulfate 2,5 151 Organic Matter Bicarbonate 0.0 Û Hydrogen Sulfide 0.0 Carbonate 0.0 Hydroxide 0 459 TOTAL Dissolved Iron 0.0 **Total Iron** 0.59

WATER PATTERN (Stiff Method)

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EXXON CHEMICAL COMPANY U.S.A. SPECIALTIES LABORATORY October 5, 1973 8230 Stedman, Houston, Texas 77029



WATER ANALYSIS

SAMPLE DESCRIPTION: Water sample from Skelly Unit WF #2 submitted for routine correlation. Sample taken from 10-2-73.

COMPANY: Skelly 05 STSR NUMBER: 1073 REQUESTED BY: Har			DATE RECEIVED: 10-3-73 ANALYZED BY: Gene Keil	
	Mg/L	Meq/L		
Sodium	6,981	303.5	pH 7.7	
Calcium	774	38.7	Specific Gravity at <u>60</u> °F-	1,1072
Magnesium	259	21.3	Resistivity ohms/m@ 77 ⁰ F	0.310
Chloride	11,718	330.5		Mg/L
Sulfate	1,272	26,5	Oil Content	
Bicarbonate	403	6.6	Organic Matter	
Carbonate	0	0.0	Hydrogen Sulfide	35.0
Hydroxide	0	0.0		
TOTAL	21,407			
Dissolved Iron				
Total Iron	2.5	0.1		

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LAW DEPARTMENT CHESTER E. BLODGET SENIOR ATTORNEY P. O. BOX 1650 TULSA, OKLAHOMA 74102

January 15, 1974

Re: Case No. 5138 Application of Skelly Oil Company for an Order Authorizing Waterflood Project in the Fren Seven Rivers Pool Underlying the Skelly Unit Area, Eddy County, New Mexico

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Attention: Mr. D. S. Nutter

Gentlemen:

I enclose herewith in duplicate Unit Agreement dated December 17, 1937, executed by Skelly Oil Company and others covering the Skelly Unit Area, together with ratification by the then overriding royalty owners.

You will note that the Unit Agreement provides in Paragraph 3, "That all oil, gas, natural gasoline, and associated fluid hydrocarbons within the unit area in any and all sands or horizons, hereinafter called unitized substances, are unitized under the terms of this agreement."

I believe that this Unit Agreement was introduced as Exhibit No. 18 in the captioned Case No. 5138.

Yours very truly,

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CEB:br Encl. 2



UNIT AGRESSIENT

THIS AGREEMENT, dated the 17^{44} day of <u>Docember</u>, 1937, by and between SKELLY OIL COMPANY, a corporation, first party, and TRIMAN OIL COMPANY, W. G. SKELLY, C. C. HERHDON and W. P. Z. GERMAN, as second parties, and any other persons or componies consenting hereto.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, oil and gas prospecting permits and leases for lands owned by the United States have been issued pursuant to the Act of Congress approved February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 437), as emended, on the lands, comprising the Dow, Lea and Lynch permit areas shown on the map hereto attached and marked Exhibit A-1;

WHERBAS, the emendatory Act of Congress approved March 4, 1931 (45 Stat. 1523), authorizes permittees and lessees and their representatives to unite with each other or jointly or separately with others in collectively adopting and operating under a cooperative or unit plan of development or operation of any single oil or gas area, field or pool, for the purpose of more properly conserving the natural resources thereof whenever determined and certified by the Secretary of the Interior to be necessary or edvisable in the public interest;

WHEREAS, the emendatory Act of Congress approved August 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 674), provides that the Secretary of the Interior for the purpose of more properly conserving the oil or gas resources of any area, field or pool, may require that leases hereafter issued under any section of this Act be conditioned upon an agreement by the lessee to operate, under such responsible cooperative or unit plan for the development and operation of any such area, field or pool, as said Secretary < A

may determine to be practicable and necessary or advisable, which plan shall adequately protect the rights of all parties in interest, including the United States;

WHEREAS, the Shally unit area, as hereinefter defined, constitutes a single oil or gas area, field or poch within the musning of the Acts of March 4, 1981, and August 21, 1935, <u>supra</u>;

WHEREAS, the Government permittees and lesses, or their representatives, hold such a part of the said unit area as will give effective control thereof;

WHEREAS, for the purpose of more properly conserving the cil and gas resources of said area, field or pool, it is necessary, convenient, and advisable in the public interest, for the parties signatory hereto, with the consent of the Secretary of the Interior, to units in a unit plan of development and operation to promote economical and efficient development, the maximum recovery of oil, gas and associated fluid hydrocarbon substances that may be produced from said unit area without waste, and a fair apportionment of the costs and benefits involved among the parties entitled thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the promises hereinafter contained, the parties hereto agree severally among themselves, and with the Secretary of the Interior, as follows:

BNABLING ACT AND REGULATIONS That the said Act of Pebruary 25, 1920, as
amanded, and all pertinent regulations heretofore and all pertinent and reasonable re-

gulations hereafter issued thersunder, including operating regulations, are accepted and made a part of this agreement; Provided, that no such regulations hereby accepted shall be inconsistent with the specific terms of the leases or of this agreement, particularly in the matter of rates of royalty and rental, or in conflict with the laws of the State in which the unit area is situated. 1

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UNIT AREA

2. That the following described lands are here-

by designated and recognized as constituting

the unit area:

All Sections 14, 15, 21, 22 and 23, and the North Half of the Northwest Quarter (N/2 N/4) of Section 26, and the North Half (N/2) of Section 27, and the North Half (N/2) and the Southwest Quarter (SH/4), and the North Half of the Southeast Quarter (N/2 SN/4) of Section 28, all in Two. 175, Egg. 315, Eddy County, New Maxico.

UNITIZED 3. That all oil, gas, natural gasoline, and SUBSTANCES associated fluid hydrocarbons within the unit area in any and all sands or horizons, hereinafter called unitized substances, are unitized under the terms of this agreement.

OPERATOR

. That first party, Skelly Oil Company, is hereby designated as the unit operator to con-

duct and manage the operation of said unit area for the discovery and development of unitized substances, as hereinafter provided, and is hereinafter called "Operator." In case the Operator designated in this section shall hereafter cases, discontinue, or relinquish his rights as Operator under this agreement, first and second parties, according to their interests in the participating area, shall determine, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, who shall be the new unit operator hereunder, but the Operator designated herein, or its successors and assigns, shall continue as Operator for a period of three (3) months after notice of such relinquishment, unless the new unit operator shall have been so determined and shall have taken over and assumed the duties and obligations of Operator prior to the expiration of said period.

The right to relinquish all rights as unit operator, as hereinbefore provided, may be exercised whenever Operator is not in default under this agreement.

Relinquishment of Operator's rights, as unit operator, to less than the entire unit area subject to this agreement shall be made only on approval of the Secretary of the Interior, to be given whenever, in the judgment of said Coorstary. accomplianment of the purposes of this agreement will not be affected adversely thereby.

Assignment of any right or rights as unit operator shall be subject to approval by the Secretary of the Interiore

The costs and expenses of the development, equipment and operation of the premises for oil and gas purposes shall be borne by the first and second parties, respectively, in proportion to their respective interests in the participating area.

RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF OPERATOR

5. That the exclusive right and privilege, except as hereinafter specified, of exercising any and all rights of the non-operating

(the second) parties, necessary or convenient for prospecting for, producing, and disposing of the unitized substances, are hereby vested in Operator; but, subject to any provision hereof to the contrary, and subject to the prior rights of the United States with respect to royalties due to it in the event of default in their payment, each of the parties of the first and second parts shall be entitled to receive directly payment for his or its respective share, less amounts to be received by the Operator for payment as royalties to the United States and overriding royalties to the persons and companies consenting hereto, of the proceeds of the sale of the unitized substances produced, saved and sold from said premises, and all such sales shall be upon joint division orders or contracts of sale executed by the first and second parties hereto; and second parties shall each have the right of access to any of the premises covered heraby at all reasonable times to inspect the logs, samples and cuttings from any and all wells drilled hereander, and the right to inspect and audit at all reasonable times the Operator's books, records and invoices perteining to any matter of accounting arising hereunder. Evidence of title of non-operating parties to their rights shall be deposited with Operator and, together with this agreement, shall constitute and define Operator's rights, privileges and obligations in the gremises; provided

that nothing herein shall be construed to transfer title to any lands, permits, or leases.

Operator shell pay and discharge all costs and expenses incurred in the conduct and menagement of the operation and development of said premises under this agreement from and after effective date hereof, and shall charge the second parties hereto with their respective proportionate shares thereof on the basis of the interest of each in the participating area, as set forth in Exhibit 4, attached hereto. Bach of the parties shall promptly pay and discharge its proportionate part of all such costs and expenses. Operator shall bill the second parties on or before the last day of each month for their proportionate shares of such costs and expenditures during the preceding calendar month. Itemized statements shall accompany such bills. Each party shall pay its proportion of all such bills within fifteen (15) days after receipt thereof. If payment is not made within such time, the unpaid belonce shall bear interest at the highest legal rate until paid. Payment of any such bill shell not prejudice the right of any party to protest or question the correctness thereof. The Operator shall have a lien on the interest of each of the other parties in the unitized area, and in the well or wells on the premises and in the oil, gas and casinghead gas produced therefrom and in the proceeds of the sale thereof and in the equipment and material on the premises, to secure the payment to the Operator of their proportionate shares of all such costs and expenses incurred or paid by Operator hereunder; and the written order of the Operator served on the purcheser or purchasers of their said respective chares in the oil, gas am casinghead gas shall outhorize such purchaser or purchasers to pay the proceeds thereof to the Operator until the Operator shall have been fully reimbursed to date for and on account of such parties' respective shares of such costs and expenses together with the interest thereon, but this ranedy shall not be exclusive, and said lien and remedy shall be subordinate to the rights of the United States in respect of its

claims for royalties. Operator, at its election, may require the parties hereto to edvance their respective proportions of development and operating costs. Adjustments between advances required and actual costs and expenses shall be made by the Operator at the close of each succeeding calendar month and the accounts of the parties shell be adjusted accordingly.

DRILLING AFD DISCOVERY

On the unitized area the following discoveries
have been made:

Lynch Well No. 1, located about the center of the Northeast Quarter of the Northsast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 22, Township 17 South, Range 31 East, was commenced June 27, 1925, and arilled to a total depth of 4260 feet and plugged back to a depth of 3811 feet and completed at that depth on October 30, 1927, as a well capable of producing approximately 50 barrels of oil per day, and it was put on the pump for production on or about November 3, 1927, and is now capable of producing approximately 45 barrels per day. Said well has been twice acidized since its completion.

Les Well No. 1, located about the center of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 23, Township 17 South, Range 31 East, was commenced on or about July 21, 1934, and was drilled to a total depth of 3829 feet and was plugged back to 3811 feet and completed at that depth on or about October 9, 1934, as a well capable of producing approximately 49 barrels of oil per day, and is now capable of producing approximately 27 barrels per day.

Dow Well No. 1, located about the center of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 15, Township 17 South. Range 31 East, was commenced on or about December 13, 1934, and was drilled to a total depth of 3788 feet and was completed at that depth on or about February 21, 1935, as a well capable of producing approximately 24 barrels of oil per day, and said well is now capable of producing approximately 15% barrels of oil per day.

Development

7. Prior to arilling any additional wells or within sixty (60) days after domand by the

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Secretary of the Interior, Operator shall submit for the approval of the Federal Oil and GES Supervisor a plan for the further development of the unit gros, which plan when so approved shall constitute the further drilling obligations of Operator and shell include an adequate am effective wellcasing and well-spacing program, shall provide for complete exploration of the unit area under agreement and for the determination of the commercially productive area thereof in each and every productive sand or horizon, shell afford protection to the interests of the parties hereto axi of the United States against operations not under this agreement, and shall specify the number of wells proposed to be drilled to production during each cslendar year; provided that, upon approval of said supervisor, said plan for further development may be modified from time to time to meet changed conditions and the further drilling obligations shall be conformed thereto. The parties hereto agree that no further wells, except such as may be necessary to afford protection against operations not under this agreement, shall be drilled until such plan of development shall have been approved in writing by the said supervisor, and that ell drilling requirements of permits, leases, operating agreements, or other contracts affecting the unit area subject to this agreement are hereby modified to conform to and be satisfied by the drilling requirements of this agreement.

PARTICIPATION 8. The parties herewith submit for approval by

the Secretary of the Interior a schedule of lands, Exhibit A, attached herete, based on aliquet parts of subdivisions of the public-land survey, which covers all lands within the unit area subject to this agreement which are now regarded as reasonably proved to be commercially productive of oil or gas; all lands in said schedule on approval by said Secretary to constitute a participating area, effective as of

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the date of approval hereof. (See Exhibits A and A-1). Seid schedule sets forth the ownership of operating rights to all lands included therein and the percentage interest of each owner in the total participating area subject to this agreement. Such percentage interest shall govern the participation of the owner in costs and benefits of operation from and after the date the participating area becomes effective. The participating area so established shall be revised from time to time, upon application by Operator or on the denand of the Secratary of the Interior, and subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, to include additional lands regarded as reasonably proved to have become commercially productive or to exclude lands regarded as reasonably proved not to be commercially produce tive; and a new achedule of percentage interests conformable thereto shall thereupon be fixed. No land shall be excluded from the participating area on account of depletion of the unitized substances.

It is the intent of this section that the participating area shall at all times represent the area known or reasonably estimated to be commercially productive but, regardless of any increase or decrease of the participating area, nothing herein contained shall be construed as requiring any retroactive apportionment of any sume accrued or paid for production obtained prior to the effective date of revision of the participating area; such date to be the first day of the month next following the date of first authentic knowledge of information on which such revision is predicated.

In the absence of agreement at any time between the Operator and the Secretary of the Interior as to the proper definition of the participating area, the portion of all payments affected by such absence of agreement shall be impounded in a mitually acceptable bank pending final action. ALLOCATION OF 9. That all unitized substances produced from PRODUCTION the participating area subject to this agree-

ment, except any part thereof used for production and develop-

ment purposes hereunder, or unavoidably lost, shall be apportioned among and allocated on an soreage basis to the several tracts of land comprising sold area; and each such tract shall have allocated to it such percentage of said production as its area bears to said participating area. DEVELOPIENT OR 10. That any party hereto evering or con-OPERATION BY SICOND PARTIES trolling a majority interest of the operating rights in any tract included

in the non-participating area having thereon a regular well location in accordance with the approved well spacing program may drill a well at such location at his cwn expense, unless operator elects and commences to drill such well within ninety (90) days of receipt of notice from said party of his idention to drill the well.

If such well, drilled at the expense of said party, results in production such that the land upon which it is situated may properly be included in the participating area, said party shall be reimburged one hundred per cent (100%) of the average cost of drilling similar producing wells in the participating area subject to this agreement and appropriate revision shall be made in the participating area.

If any well arilled on the non-participating area by Operator or by said party obtains production insufficient to justify inclusion in the participating area of the land on which said well is situated, said party at his election, within thirty (30) days after decommination of such insufficiency, shall be wholly responsible for and may operate and produce the well at his sole expense and for his sole benefit. If such well was drilled by Operator, sald party shall pay the Operator a fair salwage value price for the coming and other equipment left in the well.

Wells arilled at the sole expanse of any perty, or produced at his sole expanse and for his sole bonafit, shall be subject to the drilling and producing requirements of this

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agreement the same as though drilled or produced by Operator; and royalties in amount or value of production from any such well on land of the United States shall be paid as specified in the pormit or lease affected, unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Secretary of the Interior.

RENTAL AND ROYALTY PAYMENTS 11. That Operator, on behalf of the respective permittees and lesses, shall pay all rentals and royalties due the United States

on account of lands subject to this agreement and shall distribute the cost thereof to the parties conformably with their respective rental and royalty obligations. On request of any second party, Operator shell pay other royalties on his behalf in accordance with a schedule furnished by him and charge the cost thereof to his account; provided, that Operator shell incur thereby no responsibility to any royalty order, but such responsibility shall be and remain an obligation of the second parties. Payments to the parties hereto and the persons and companies consenting hereto shall be madines provided in existing contracts except that such payments shall be based on production allocated to land in which they hold an interest instead of on production obtained from such land. For a statement of a consolidation of the overriding royalty interests of the persons and companies consenting hereto are land. Be

GOVERNMENT ROYALTIES AND RENTALS 12.

That royalty to the United States shall be paid at the rates specified in the respective Federal permits or leases based on

the amount of production allocated to the tracts thereof; provided that, for leases in which the royalty rate on cil depends on the average daily oil production per well, the royalty rate for each such lease in each participating area shall be determined by the average daily production of the oil wells subject to this agreement producing from that participating area; and for leases in which the royalty rate on gas depends on the average daily ges production per well, the royalty rate for each such lease in

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each participating area shall be determined by the average daily production of gas per well from the wells subject to this agreement producing from that participating area.

Rental for lands of the United States subject to this agreement at the rates specified in the respective Federal leases shall be paid or suspended as determined by the Secretary of the Interior, pursuant to applicable law and regulations, anything in this agreement to the contrary notwithstanding.

CONSERVATION 13. That operations shall be conducted so as

to provide for the most economical and efficient recovery of unitized substances to the end that maximum ultimate field may be obtained without waste. For the purpose of more properly conserving the natural resources of the lamis embraced within this agreement, the production of unitized substances shall at all times be without waste as defined by State or Federal law; shall be limited to such production as can be put to beneficial use with adequate realization of fuel values; and in the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior shall be limited by the beneficial demand as determined by said Secretary for gas or for oil, whichever would tend to avoid excessive production of either oil or gas. DRAINAGE

14. That Operator shall take appropriate and adequate measures to prevent drainage of oil or gas from lands subject to this agreement by wells on lands not subject to this agreement, or, with approval of the Secretary of the Interior, pay a fair and reasonable compensatory rogalty as determined by the Federal oil and gas supervisor.

LEASES CONFORTED

TO AGREEMENT

15. The parties hereto holding leases or permits embracing lands of the United States subject

to this agreement, and the persons and companies consenting hereic, consent that the Secretary of the Interior shall, and said Secretary by his approval of this agreement does, establish, alter, change, or revoke the drilling, producing, and

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royalty requirements of such leases and permits and the regulations in respect thereof, to conform said requirements to the provisions of this agreement.

The Secretary of the Interior further agrees and consents that during the effective life of this agreement, the prospecting, drilling, and producing operations performed by the unit operator upon any lands subject hereto will be accepted and deemed to be operations under and for the benefit of all such leases; that suspension of operations or production on any such lease shall be deemed not to have occurred if there be operations or production on any part of the unit area subject to this agreement; that no such lease shall be deemed to expire by reason of failure to produce wells situated on land therein embraced; and that suspension of all operations and production on the unit area pursuant to direction or consent of said Secretary shall be deemed to constitute such suspension pursuant to such direction or consent with respect to each such lease.

All agreements emong the parties hereto and the persons and companies consenting hereto are hereby modified or amended to the extent they conflict with this agreement so that the terms of this agreement shall prevail.

EXTENSION OF 16. The Secretary of the Interior as evidenced PERMITS AND ISSUANCE OF by his approval of this agreement, consents LEASES and agrees that, as to the lands of the

United States within the unit area;

(1) Compliance with the terms of this agreement shall be deemed to be compliance with the applicable conditions of prior extensions of oil and gas prospecting permits subject hereto that were conditionally extended to December 31, 1937, by Act of Congress approved August 21, 1936, <u>augra</u>.

(2) Oil and gas prospecting permits subject
to this agreement and in good standing thereunder, expiring on
or before December 31, 1937, shall be sud they are hereby

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extended to said date subject to compliance with the terms of this agreement by and on behalf of the permittee.

(3) When any oil and gas prospecting parmit has been determined by said Secretary to have been, on or before its date of expiration, wholly or in part within the limits of any producing oil or gas field to which this agreement shall partain, which parmit hus been included in this agreement, on prompt and proper application therefor a lease of leases in conformity with Section 14 of the Act of February 25, 1920, no emended, <u>supra</u>, will be issued for the area of the permit included in this agreement without further proof of Sincovery.

COVENENTS RON 17. That the covenants herein run with the land WITH LAND until this agreement terminates, and any grant, transfer, or leese of interest in lands, permits, or lesses subject beveto shall be conditioned on the assumption of all privileges and obligations hereander by the grantee, transferio, lessee, or other successor in interest and as to Federal land shall be subject to approval by the Secretary of the Interior.

SFFECTIVE DATE 18. That this unit plan a all become effective AND TERM on the first of the calendar month next

following approval by the Secretary of the Interior and shall remain in effect so long thereafter as oil or gas can be produced in paying quantities or until it is proved that the unit area is no longer capable of commercial production of oil or gas and, with approval of the Secretary of the Interior, notice of termination for non-productivity is given by Operator to all parties in interest; provided, that this agreement may be terminated at any time by unanimous consent of the first and second parties hereto with approval of the Secretary of the Interior. RATE OF PROSPENTING

DEVILOPMENT 19. That all production and the disposal thereof AND PRODUCTION shall be in conformity with allocations.

allotments, and quotas made or fixed by any duly authorized

person or regulatory body under any Federal or State statute; provided, that the Secretary of the Interior is vested with authority, pursuant to the smendatory Acts of Earch 4, 1931, and of August 21, 1935, to alter or modify from time to time in his discretion, the rate of prospecting and development and the quantity and rate of production under this agreement, such authority being hershy limited to alteration or modification in the public interest, the purpose thereof and the public interest to be served thereby to be stated in the order of alteration or modifications.

DETRRMINATIONS BY OPERATOR AND REVIEW THEREOF

20. That Operator shall determine the date of first authentic knowledge of information on which revision of any partici-

pating prea shall be predicated; shall determine whether sny well, horizon, land, or area subject to this agreement is proved or regarded as reasonably proved to be or to have been commercially productive or not commercially productive, it being understood and agreed that commercial productivity shall be the productive capacity estimated to be sufficient to return normal drilling and production costs under wise and skillful management; and shall determine other metters involved in this agreement for which a different method of determination is not herein established: Provided, that Operator shall give timely notice of all such determinations to all interested parties, including the Secretary of the Interior; Provided, further, that all such determinations may be reviewed by the Secretary of the Interior on his own initiative or on written request of any interacted party, notice of any such review to be given to all interested parties, including Operator, within sixty (50) days after receipt of notice of Operator's determination; and Provided, further, that any matters so reviewed, on request or consent of Operator. may be submitted to a committee of three competent persons appointed by said Secretary, one on nomination of Operator, one on nomination of the second purties (Szelly Oil Company to become a second party for this purpose if it should cease to be

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the Operator), and the third on nomination of the first two. the cost of such committee to be a cost of operation and its report (which shall be binding on the committee when concurred in by any two of its members) to be submitted to said Secretary and copies thereof by him to Operator and other interested parties; and Provided, further, that opportunity shall be given in said review for all first and second parties to present their contentions and supporting evidence by written or oral communication to said committee or said Secretary, and that after consideration of all credible evidence said Secretary shall render a reasonable decision based thereon and in conformity therewith, which decision, so made and rendered, shall be final and binding on all parties hereto and those consenting hereto. COUNTERPARTS 21. That this agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts with the same force

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and froct as if all parties had signed the same document.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this agreement to be executed and have set opposite their respective names the date of execution and a list of the lands made subject to this agreement.

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CONSENT TO AGREEMENT BY OVERRIDING ROYALTY OWNERS

The undersigned owners of royalty in the participating Acroage covered by the above and foregoing unit egreement hereby consent to and agree to be tound by the terms of said agreement as and when some is approved by the Secretary of the Interior in so far as their respective royalty interests are concerned.

Witness:

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		(S. S. Sherman)
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		(Oil Royalties Corporation).
		(E. C. Higgins)
		(F. A. Andrews)
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Schedule of Lands Included Within Participating Area and Percentage Acreage Interest of Bach Owner

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(See Exhibit A-1 attached)

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PROPORTIONATE OVERRIDING ROYALTY OWNERSHIP UNDER PROPOSED PARTICIPATING AREA OF SKELLY UNIT AREA.

BEULAH V. LYNCH LEASE #3622, J. S. LEA PERMIT #029418, and HIRAM M. DON PERMIT #029420, EDDY COUNTY, NEM MEXICO

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Hiran N. Dow	204/585 of 7=7	Roswell, New Mexico
Marshall & Winston, Inc.	72/585 of 71%	480 I. W. Hellman Bldg. Los Angeles, Calif.
S. S. Sherwan	12/585 of 71%	1401 R. 12th Avenue Denver, Colorado
Pen1 McCune	2/585 of 712	Fort Worth, Texas (Burkburnett Bldg.)
Charles 4. Rath	2/585 of 72%	1254 Čock St., Denver, Colorado
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E. C. Higgins	30/585 of 72%	Artesia, New Mexico
F. A. Andrews	$72/585$ of $7\frac{1}{2}$ %	233 S. Van Ness Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

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SKELLY OIL COMPANY

Tulsa, Oklahoma

April 24, 1939

Mr. E. C. Higgins Box 596 Artesia, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

We wish to call your attention to a matter affecting the Dow, Lea and Lynch area of Eddy County, New Mexico, now known as the Skelly Unit Area by virtue of unit agreement approved by the Secretary of the Interior December 17, 1937.

We have at last been successful in securing oil and gas leases, applied for and dated April 30, 1938, from the United States of America, covering the lands embraced in the Dow Permit #029420 and the Lea Permit #029418. The "A" lease on the Dow area covers all of Section 15, Township 17 South, Range 31 East. The "A" lease on the Lea area covers the S/2 of Section 14 and the N/2 of Section 23, Township 17 South, Range 31 East. We are, therefore, quite anxious to complete our records in connection with each of the above permits in order that the payments of overriding royalty in keeping with the terms of the operating agreements affecting said permits, may be made.

You will no doubt recall that in December of 1937 our representative approached you to secure your consent to said unit agreement. At that time you declined to signify your consent, as did Mr. Hiram M. Dow and Mrs. Beulah V. Lynch. All other overriding royalty interest owners signified their consent to such unit operation of all three of the properties named. The unit agreement mentioned was subsequently submitted to the Secretary of the Interior in keeping with the expressed desire of the Department of the Interior that federal leases and permits be unitized. The Secretary of the Interior approved the said agreement, and by such approval, made the leases issued under the two permits mentioned, as well as the Lynch lease, subject to the terms of such unit agreement. The "A" lease on the Lynch area covers, as you recall, all of Section 22, Township 17 South, Range 31 East. Mr. E. C. Higgins April 24, 1939 Page Two

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The failure of yourself, Mr. Dow and Mrs. Lynch to consent to the unit agreement will work considerable hardship upon us by reason of a complicated accounting procedure, which now exists because of the willingness of all other overriding royalty owners to have the three leases operated as a unit, while you have not consented to such unit operations. Such involved accounting could be avoided, and the payment to overriding royalty interest owners greatly facilitated, if you, Mr. Dow, and Mrs. Lynch would now join with the remaining overriding royalty interest owners in consenting to the unit operation of the three properties mentioned.

We could go into a lengthy discussion of unit operations in general. But we assume that your knowledge of the industry is such that you are aware of the many advantages to be gained from such unit operations. This fact is further evidenced by the fact that the Secretary of the Interior, by various recent regulations, has indicated that, in so far as federal oil and gas leases are concerned, unitization is to be accomplished wherever possible.

According to the various operating agreements affecting the permits in question, and the subsequent assignment of portions of the overriding royalties therein reserved, you are entitled to receive an overriding royalty interest of 1% under and by virtue of the 640 acre "A" lease secured under the Dow Permit #029420; an overriding royalty interest of 1/4 of 1% under and by virtue of the 640 acre "A" lease secured under the Lea Permit #029418; and an overriding royalty interest of 1/4 of 1% under and by virtue of the 640 acre "A" lease secured under the Lynch Permit #029419. However, under the terms of the unit agreement in question, all three properties are unitized and operated as a single lease. Under the combined three "A" leases, your net interest would be 1/2 of 1%.

Before releasing payment of overriding royalty, it will be necessary for us to circulate division orders for execution by all of the overriding royalty interest owners. But, before we will be able to circulate such division orders, it will be necessary, if we are to avoid complications in accounting, that we secure your consent to such unit operations and your approval of the above computation of your net interest in the unitized "A" leases.

While not intending to anticipate your desire to signify your consent, we nevertheless feel confident of your willingness to cooperate, and we, therefore, forward to you the second se

Nr. S. C. Miggins April 24, 1939 Page Three

a copy of this letter with space provided for you to indicate your consent and acceptance. If you desire to so indicate your consent, we request that you do so on the copy of this letter, and that it be returned to this office in the enclosed stamped addressed envelope at your earliest opportunity, in order to enable us to bring the entire matter to a conslusion at an early date.

Yours very truly,

HWE:W Encl.

The unit operation of the properties above referred to is consented to. My present net overriding royalty interest is as stated above. Effective as of April 30, 1938.

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SKELLY OIL COMPANY

Tulsa, Oklahoma

April 19, 1959

Mr. Paul McCune Burkburnett Bldg. Ft. North, Texas

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you, an owner of an interest in the overriding royalty reserved in the operating contract relating to the Dow Permit in Eddy County, New Mexico, that we have at last been successful in securing oil and gas lease from the United States of America, covering the lands embraced in said permit. We are, therefore, anxious to complete our records in connection with this permit and release payment to you for your proportionate part of the overriding royalty which has accrued since the date of said lease.

You will doubtless recall that the permit named, together with the Lynch lease and Lea Permit, have been unitized under the terms of a unit agreement as prescribed by the Department of the Interior. You signified your consent to such unit operations by signing a counterpart of the unit agreement mentioned. This unit agreement contained a schedule designated as "Exhibit B" which set out the proportionate ownership of said overriding royalty. We wish to advise that the fractional interest, designated as your proportionate ownership, in said "Exhibit B" was in error. Through an erroneous calculation, your fractional interest was designated as 2/585 of $7\frac{1}{2}$, which is less than the proportion to which you are actually entitled.

Before releasing payment of the amounts which have accrued to the overriding royalty interest owners, we desire to correct the error made in said exhibit in order that you may be properly credited with the amount of overriding royalty to which you are entitled.

According to the various operating agreements affecting the leases in question, and subsequent assignments of portions of the overriding royalty therein reserved, you are entitled to receive an overriding royalty interest of 1/8 of 1% under and by Nr. Paul McCune April 19, 1939 Paga Two

virtue of the 640 acre "A" lease secured under the Dow Permit 7029420, which "A" lease is described as all of Section 15, Township 17 South, Range 31 East, Eddy County, New Mexico. You own no interest in the overriding royalty under and by virtue of the 640 acre "A" lease secured under the Lea Permit 7029418, which "A" lease is described as the 5/2 of Section 14 and the N/2 of Section 23, Township 17 South, Range 31 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, and no interest in the overriding royalty under and by virtue of the 640 acre "A" lease secured under the Lynch Permit #029419, which "A" lease is described as all of Section 22, Township 17 South, Range 31 East, Eddy County, New Mexico. Under the terms of the unit agreement in question, all three properties are unitized and operated as a single lease. Therefore, under the three "A" leases, as combined and unitized, your net interest is 1/24 of 1%.

Before releasing payment of accrued sums, it will be necessary to circulate division orders for execution by all of the overriding royalty interest owners. But, before we will be able to circulate such division orders, it will be necessary that we have your approval of and consent to the distribution of such royalties on the revised basis as described above.

A letter similar to this is being addressed to all remaining owners of fractions of overriding royalty, and immediately upon receipt of approval from all, division orders will be prepared and circulated.

We, therefore, request that you indicate your approval and consent to the revised interest by signing the copy of this letter enclosed, returning same to this office in the enclosed stamped addressed envelope. If you will give this your immediate attention, it will enable us to release payment to you at an early date.

Yours very truly,

HWH:W Encl.

Consented to and accepted this

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SKELLY OIL COMPANY

Tulsa, Oklahoma

Apr11 19, 1939

Oil Royalties Corporation 825 I. N. Van Nuys Building Los Angeles, California

Gentlemen:

This is to advise you, an owner of an interest in the overriding royalty reserved in the operating contracts relating to the Lea and Dow Permits in Eddy County, New Mexico, that we have at last been successful in securing oil and gas leases from the United States of America, covering the lands embraced in said permits. We are, therefore, anxious to complete our records in connection with these permits and release payment to you for your proportionate part of the overriding royalty which has accrued since the date of said leases.

You will doubtless recall that the two permits named, together withthe Lynch lease, have been unitized under the terms of a unit agreement as prescribed by the Department of the Interior. You signified your consent to such unit operations by signing a counterpart of the unit agreement mentioned. This unit agreement contained a schedule designated as "Exhibit B", which set out the proportionate ownership of said overriding royalty. We wish to advise that the fractional interest, designated as your proportionate ownership, in said "Exhibit B" was in error. Through an erroneous calculation, your fractional interest was designated as 22/565 of 71%, which is less than the proportion to which you are entitled.

Before releasing payment of the amounts which have accrued to the overriding royalty interest owners, we desire to correct the error made in said exhibit in order that you may be properly credited with the amount of overriding royalty to which you are entitled.

According to the various operating agreements affecting the leases in question and subsequent assignments of portions of the overriding royalty therein reserved, you are entitled to receive an overriding royalty interest of 1/2 of 1% under and Oil Royalties Corporation April 19, 1939 Page Two

by virtue of the 640 acre "A" lease secured under the Dow Permit (029420, which "A" lease is described as all of Section 15, Township 17 South, Range 31 East, Eddy County, New Mexico; an overriding royalty interest of 1/4 of 1% under and by virtue of the 640 acre "A" lease secured under the Lea Permit %029418, which "A" lease is described as the S/2 of Section 14 and the N/2 of Section 23, Township 17 South, Range 31 East, Eddy County, New Mexico; and an overriding royalty interest of 1/4 of 1% under and by virtue of the 640 acre "A" lease secured under the Lynch Permit #029419, which "A" lease is described as all of Section 22, Township 17 South, Range 31 East, Eddy County, New Mexico. Under the terms of the unit agreement in question, all three properties are unitized and operated as a single lease. Therefore, under the three "A" leases as combined and unitized, your net interest is 1/3 of 1%.

Before releasing payment of accrued sums, it will be necessary to circulate division orders for execution by all of the overriding regalty interest owners. But, before we will be able to circulate such division orders, it will be necessary that we have your approval of and consent to the distribution of such royalties on the revised basis as described above.

A letter similar to this is being addressed to all remaining owners of fractions of overriding royalty, and immediately upon receipt of approval from all, division orders will be prepared and circulated.

We, therefore, request that you indicate your approval and consent to the revised interest by signing the copy of this letter enclosed herewith, returning same to this office in the enclosed stamped addressed envelope. If you will give this your immediate attention, it will enable us to release payment to you at an early date.

Yours very truly, Huthel

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SKELLY OIL COMPANY

Tulsa, Oklahoma

April 19, 1939

Mr. F. A. Andrews 233 S. Van Ness Avenue Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you, an owner of an interest in the overriding royalty reserved in the Operating Contracts relating to the Lea and Dow Permits in Eddy County, New Mexico, that we have at last been successful in securing oil and gas leases from the United States of America, covering the lands embraced in said permits. We are, therefore, anxious to complete our records in connection with these permits and release payment to you for your proportionate part of the overriding royalty which has accrued since the date of said leases.

You will doubtless recall that the two permits named, together with the Lynch lease, have been unitized under the terms of a unit agreement as prescribed by the Department of the Interior. You signified your consent to such unit operations by signing a counterpart of the unit agreement mentioned. This unit agreement contained a schedule designated as "Exhibit B" which set out the proportionate ownership of said overriding royalty. We wish to advise that the fractional interest, designated as your proportionate ownership, in said "Exhibit B" was in error. Through an erroneous calculation, your fractional interest was designated as 72/585 of 72%, which is less than the proportion to which you are actually entitled.

Before releasing payment of the amounts which have accrued to the overriding royalty interest owners, we desire to correct the error made in said exhibit in order that you may be properly credited with the amount of overriding royalty to which you are entitled.

According to the various operating agreements affecting the leases in question and subsequent assignments of portions of the overriding royalty therein reserved, you are entitled to receive an overriding royalty interest of 1% under and by virtue of the 640 acre *A* lease secured under the Dow Permit #029420, which "A" lease is described as all of Section 15, Township Mr. A. Andrews April 19, 1939 Page Two

17 South, Range 31 East, Eddy County, New Mexico; an overriding royalty interest of 1% under and by virtue of the 640 acre "A" lease secured under the Lea Permit #029418, which "A" lease is described as the 3/2 of Section 14 and the N/2 of Section 23, Township 17 Bouth, Range 31 East, Eddy County, New Mexico; and an overriding royalty interest of 1% under and by virtue of the 640 acre "A" lease secured under the Lynch Permit #029419, which "A" lease is described as all of Section 22, Township 17 Bouth, Range 31 East, Eddy County, New Mexico. Under the terms of the unit agreement in question, all three properties are unitized and operated as a single lease. Therefore, under the three "A" leases as combined and unitized, your net interest is 1%. Before releasing payment of accrued sums, it will be necessary to circulate division orders for execution by all of the overriding royalty interest owners. But, before we will be able to circulate such division orders, it will be necessary that we have your approval of and consent to the distribution of such royalties on the revised basis as described above.

A letter similar to this is being addressed to all remaining owners of fractions of overriding royalty, and immediately upon receipt of approval from all, division orders will be prepared and circulated.

We, therefore, request that you indicate your approval and consent to the revised interest by signing the copy of this letter enclosed herewith, returning same to this office in the enclosed stamped addressed envelope. If you will give this your immediate attention, it will enable us to release payment to you at an early date.

Yours very truly,

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SKELLY OIL COMPANY

Tulsa, Oklahoma

April 19, 1939

Marshall & Winston, Inc. 480 I. W. Hellman Building Los Angeles, California

Attention: Mr. Sam Marshall

Gentlemen:

This is to advise you, an owner of an interest in the overriding royalty reserved in the Operating Contracts relating to the Lea and Dow Permits in Eddy County, New Mexico, that we have at last been successful in securing oil and gas leases from the United States of America, covering the lands embraced in said permits. We are, therefore, anxious to complete our records in connection with these permits and release payment to you for your proportionate part of the overriding royalty which has accrued since the date of said leases.

You will doubtless recall that the two permits named, together with the Lynch lease, have been unitized under the terms of a unit agreement as prescribed by the Department of the Interior. You signified your consent to such unit operations by signing a counterpart of the unit agreement mentioned. This unit agreement contained a schedule designated as "Exhibit B* which set out the proportionate ownership of said overriding royalty. We wish to advise that the fractional interest, designated as your proportionate ownership, in said "Exhibit B* was in error. Through an erroneous calculation, your fractional interest was designated as 72/555 of 74%, which is less than the proportion to which you are actually entitled.

Before releasing payment of the amounts which have accrued to the overriding royalty interest owners, we desire to correct the error made in said exhibit in order that you may be properly credited with the amount of overriding royalty to which you are entitled.

According to the various operating agreements affecting the leases in question and subsequent assignments of portions of the overriding royalty therein reserved, you are entitled to receive an overriding royalty interest of 1% under and by virtue of the 540 acre "A" lease secured under the Dow Permit #029420, which "A" lease is described as all of Section 15, Township Marshall & Winston, Inc. April 19, 1939 Page Two

17 South, Bange 31 East, Eddy County, New Mexico; an overmiding royalty interest of 1,5 under and by virtue of the 640 acre "A" lease secured under the Lea Permit /029418, which "A" lease is described as the 3/2 of Section 14 and the N/2 of Section 23, Township 17 South, Bange 31 East, Eddy County, New Mexico; and an overriding royalty interest of 1,5 under and by virtue of the 640 acre "A" lease secured under the Lynch Permit /029419, which "A" lease is described as all of Section 22, Township 17 South, Bange 31 East, Eddy County, New Mexico. Under the terms of the unit agreement in question, all three properties are unitized and operated as a single lease. Therefore, under the three "A" leases as combined and unitized, your net interest is 15. Before releasing payment of accrued sume, it will be necessary to circulate division orders for execution by all of the overriding royalty interest owners. But, before we will be able to circulate such digision orders, it will be necessary that we have your approval of and consent to the distribution of such royalties on the revised basis as described above.

A letter similar to this is being addressed to all remaining owners of fractions of overriding royalty, and immediately upon receipt of approval from all, division orders will be prepared and circulated.

We, therefore, request that you indicate your approval and consent to the revised interest by signing the copy of this letter enclosed herewith, returning same to this office in the enclosed stamped addressed envelope. If you will give this your immediate attention, it will enable us to release payment to you at an early date.

Yours very truly,

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(Signed) Marshalla Winston Inc Jamit H. Marchailig



SKELLY OIL COMPANY

Tulsa, Oklahoma

April 19, 1939

Mr. Chas. M. Rath 1254 Coox Street Denver, Colorado

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you, an owner of an interest in the overriding royalty reserved in the operating contract, relating to the Dow Permit in Eddy County, New Mexico, that we have at last been successful in securing oil and gas lease from the United States of America, covering the lands embraced in said permit. We are, therefore, anxious to complete our records in connection with this permit and release payment to you for your proportionate part of the overriding royalty which has accrued since the date of said lease.

You will doubtless recall that the permit named, together with the Lea Permit and the Lynch lease, have been unitized under the terms of a unit agreement as prescribed by the Department of the Interior. You signified your consent to such unit operations by signing a counterpart of the unit agreement mentioned. This unit agreement contained a schedule designated as "Exhibit B", which set out the proportionate ownership of said overriding royalty. We wish to advise that the fractional interest, designated as your proportionate ownership, in said "Exhibit B" was in error. Through an erroneous calculation, your fractional interest was designated as 2/585 of $7\frac{1}{2}$, which is less than the proportion to which you are entitled.

Before releasing payment of the amounts which have accrued to the overriding royalty interest owners, we desire to correct the error made in said exhibit in order that you may be properly credited with the amount of overriding royalty to which you are entitled.

According to the various operating agreements affecting the leases in question, and subsequent assignments of portions of the overriding royalty therein reserved, you are entitled to receive an overriding royalty interest of 1/8 of 1% under and Mr. Chas. M. Bath April 19, 1939 Dage Two

by virtue of the 640 acre "A" lease secured under the Dow Permit #029420, which "A" lease is described as all of Section 15, Township 17 South, Range 31 East, Eddy County, New Mexico. You own no interest in the overriding royalty under and by virtue of the 640 acre "A" lease secured under the Lea Permit #029418, which "A" lease is described as the 5/2 of Section 14 and the N/2 of Section 23, Township 17 South, Range 31 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, and no interest in the overriding royalty under and by virtue of the 640 acre "A" lease secured under the Lynch Permit #029419, which "A" lease is described as all of Section 22, Township 17 South, Range 31 East, Eddy County, New Mexico. However, under the terms of the unit agreement in question, all three properties are unitized and operated as a single lease. Therefore, under the three "A" leases, as combined and unitized, your net interest is 1/24 of 1%.

Before releasing payment of accrued sums, it will be necessary to circulate division orders for execution by all of the overriding royalty interest owners. But, before we will be able to circulate such division orders, it will be necessary that we have your approval of and consent to the distribution of such royalties on the revised basis as described above.

A letter similar to this is being addressed to all remaining owners of fractions of overriding royalty, and immediately upon receipt of approval from all, division orders will be prepared and circulated.

We, therefore, request that you indicate your approval and consent to the revised interest by signing the copy of this letter enclosed herewith, returning same to this office in the enclosed stamped addressed envelope. If you will give this your immediate attention, it will enable us to release payment to you at an early date.

Yours very truly,

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SKELLY OIL COMPANY

Tulsa, Oklahoma

April 19, 1939

The Intermountain Royalty Company 520 Equitable Building Denver, Colorado

Gentlemen:

This is to advise you, an owner of an interest in the overriding royalty reserved in the operating contract relating to the Dow Permit in Eddy County, New Mexico, that we have at last been successful in securing oil and gas lease from the United States of America, covering the lands embraced in said permit. We, therefore, are anxious to complete our records in connection with this permit and release payment to you for your proportionate part of the overriding royalty which has accrued since the date of said lease.

You will doubtless recall that the permit named, together with the Lea Permit and Lynch lease, had been unitized under the terms of a unit agreement as prescribed by the Department of the Interior. You signified your consent to such unit operations by signing a counterpart of the unit agreement mentioned. This unit agreement contained a schedule designated as "Exhibit B" which set out the proportionate ownership of said overriding royalty. We wish to advise that the fractional interest, designated as your proportionate ownership, in said "Exhibit B" was in error. Through an erroneous calculation, your fractional interest was designated as 12/585 of $7\frac{1}{2}$, which is less than the proportion to which you are actually entitled.

Before releasing payment of the amounts which have accrued to the overriding royalty interest owners, we desire to correct the error made in said exhibit in order that you may be properly credited with the amount of overriding royalty to which you are entitled.

According to the various operating agreements affecting the leases in question, and subsequent assignments of portions of the overriding royalty therein reserved, you are entitled to receive an overriding royalty interest of 3/4 of 1,4 under and by The Intermountain Royalty Company April 19, 1939 2873 270

virtue of the 540 acre "A" lease secured under the Dow Permit 7029420, which "A" lease is described as all of Section 15, Township 17 South, Range 31 East, Eddy County, New Lexico. You own no overriding royalty interest under and by virtue of the 640 acre "A" lease secured under the Lea Permit #029418, which "A" lease is described as the 5/2 of Section 14 and the N/2 of Section 23, Township 17 South, Range 31 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, or under and by virtue of the 640 acre "A" lease secured under the Lynch Permit #029419, which "A" lease is described as all of Sec-tion 22, Township 17 South, Range 31 East, Eddy County, New Mexico. Under the terms of this unit agreement in question, all three properties are unitized and operated as a single lease. Therefore, under the three "A" leases, as combined and unitized, your net interest is 1/4 of 1%.

Before releasing payment of accrued sums, it will be necessary to circulate division orders for execution by all of the overriding royalty interest owners. But, before we will be able to circulate such division orders, it will be necessary that we have your approval of and consent to the distribution of such royalties on the revised basis as described above.

A letter similar to this is being addressed to all remaining owners of fractions of overriding royalty, and immediately upon receipt of approval from all, division orders will be prepared and circulated.

We, therefore, request that you indicate your approval and consent to the revised interest by signing the copy of this letter enclosed herewith, returning same to this office in the enclosed stamped addressed envelope. If you will give this your immediate attention, it will enable us to release payment to you at an early date.

Yours very truly,

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Consented to and accepted this

5th day of Theay, 1939. (Blond) The Intermountaine Royalty Company By: Samuel & Sherman J Secretary



SKELLY OIL COMPANY

Tulsa, Oklahoma

April 24, 1939

Mrs. Beulah V. Lynch 100 N. Richardson Roswell, New Mexico

Dear Madam:

We wish to call your attention to a matter affecting the Dow, Lea and Lynch area of Eddy County, New Mexico, now known as the Skelly Unit Area by virtue of unit agreement approved by the Secretary of the Interior December 17, 1937.

We have at last been successful in securing oil and gas leases, applied for and dated April 30, 1938, from the United States of America, covering the lands embraced in the Dow Permit #029420 and the Lea Permit #029418. The "A" lease on the Dow area covers all of Section 15, Township 17 South, Range 31 East. The "A" lease on the Lea area covers the 5/2 of Section 14 and the N/2 of Section 23, Township 17 South, Range 31 East. We are, therefore, quite anxious to complete our records in connection with each of the above permits in order that the payments of overriding royalty, in keeping with the terms of the operating agreements affecting said permits, may be made.

You will no doubt recall that in December of 1937 our representative approached you to secure your consent to said unit agreement. At that time you declined to signify your consent, as did Mr. Hiram M. Dow and Mr. E. C. Higgins. All other overriding royalty interest owners signified their consent to such unit operation of all three of the properties named. The unit agreement mentioned was subsequently submitted to the Secretary of the Interior in keeping with the expressed desire of the Department of the Interior that federal leases and permits be unitized. The Secretary of the Interior approved the said agreement, and by such approval, made the leases issued under the two permits mentioned, as well as the Lynch lease, subject to the terms of such unit agreement. The "A" lease on the Lynch area covers, as you recall, all of Section 22, Township 17 South, Range 31 East. Hrs. Beulah V. Lynch April 24, 1939 Page 170

The failure of yourself, Mr. Dow and Mr. Higgins to consent to the unit agreement will work considerable hardship upon us by reason of a complicated accounting procedure, which now exists because of the willingness of all other overriding royalty owners to have the three leases operated as a unit, while you have not consented to such unit operations. Such involved accounting could be avoided, and the payment to overriding royalty interest owners greatly facilitated, if you, Mr. Dow, and Mr. Higgins would now join with the remaining overriding royalty interest owners in consenting to the unit operation of the three properties mentioned.

The recent exchange of fractional interests between yourself and Mr. Dow appears to us to indicate an intention upon the part of each of you to approximate the same condition as would be accomplished by consenting to such unit operations. In other words, the exchange of interests indicates to us that you may feel there are advantages in such unit operation of the group of leases, and that now you would take a different view of the matter from that previously held by you.

According to the various operating agreements affecting the permits in question, and the subsequent assignment of portions of the overriding royalties therein reserved, you are entitled to receive an overriding royalty interest of 1-1/3% under and by virtue of the 640 acre "A" lease secured under the Dow Permit #029420; an overriding royalty interest of 1-5/6% under and by virtue of the 640 acre "A" lease secured under the Dow virtue of the 640 acre "A" lease secured under the Lea Permit #029418; and an overriding royalty interest of 1-5/6% under and by virtue of the 640 acre "A" lease secured under the Lynch Permit #029419. However, under the terms of the unit agreement in question, all three properties are unitized and operated as a single lease. Uner the combined three "A" leases, your net interest would be 1-2/3%.

Before releasing payment of overriding royalty, it will be necessary for us to circulate division orders for execution by all of the overriding royalty interest owners. But, before we will be able to circulate such division orders, it will be necessary, if we are to avoid complications in accounting, that we secure your consent to such unit operations and your approval of the above computation of your net interest in the unitized "A" leases.

While not intending to anticipate your desire to signify your consent, we nevertheless feel confident of your willingness to cooperate, and we, therefore, forward to you Mrs. Beulah V. Lynch April 24, 1939 Page Three

a copy of this letter with space provided for you to indicate your consent and acceptance. If you desire to so indicate your consent, we request that you do so on the copy of this letter, and that it be returned to this office in the enclosed stamped addressed envelope at your earliest opportunity, in order to enable us to bring the entire matter to a conclusion at an early date.

Yours very truly,

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The unit operation of the properties above referred to is consented to. My present net overriding royalty interest is as stated above. Effective as of April 30, 1938.

Dated:

Beulah V. Lynch

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SKELLY OIL COMPANY

Tulsa, Oklahoma

April 22, 1939

Honorable Hiram M. Dow Roswell, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

At the suggestion of Mr. German, the writer is addressing you concerning a matter affecting the Dow, Lea and Lynch area of Eddy County, New Mexico, now known as the Skelly Unit Area by virtue of unit agreement approved by the Sacretary of the Interior December 17, 1937.

We have at last been successful in securing oil and gas leases, applied for and dated April 30, 1938, from the United States of America, covering the lands embraced in the Dow Permit #029420 and the Lea Permit #029418. The "A" lease on the Dow area covers all of Section 15, Township 17 South, Range 31 East. The "A" lease on the Lea area covers the S/2 of Section 14 and the N/2 of Section 23, Township 17 South, Range 31 East. We are, therefore, quite anxious to complete our records in connection with each of the above permits in order that the payments of overriding royalty, in keeping with the terms of the operating agreements affecting said permits, may be made.

You will no doubt recall that in December of 1937 our representative approached you to secure your consent to said unit agreement. At that time you declined to signify your consent, as did Mrs. Beulah V. Lynch and Mr. E. C. Higgins. All other overriding royalty interest owners signified their consent to such unit operation of all three of the properties named. The unit agreement mentioned was subsequently submitted to the Secretary of the Interior in keeping with the expressed desire of the Department of the Interior that federal leases and permits be unitized. The Secretary of the Interior approved the said agreement, and by such approval, made the leases issued under the two permits mentioned, as well as the Lynch lease, subject to the terms of such unit agreement. The "A" lease on the Lynch area covers, as you recall, all of Section 22, Township 17 South, Bange 31 East. Honorable Hiram M. Dow April 22, 1939 Page Two

The failure of yourself, Mrs. Lynch and Mr. Higgins to consent to the unit agreement will work considerable hardship upon us by reason of a complicated accounting procedure, which now exists because of the willingness of all other overriding royalty owners to have the three leases operated as a unit, while you have not consented to such unit operations. Such involved accounting could be avoided, and the payment to overriding royalty interest owners greatly facilitated, if you, Mrs. Lynch and Mr. Higgins would now join with the remaining overriding royalty interest owners in consenting to the unit operation of the three properties mentioned.

The recent exchange of fractional interests between yourself and Mrs. Lynch appears to us to indicate an intention upon the part of each of you to approximate the same condition as would be accomplished by consenting to such unit operations. In other words, the exchange of interests indicates to us that you may feel there are advantages in such unit operation of the group of leases, and that now you would take a different view of the matter from that previously held by you.

According to the various operating agreements affecting the permits in question, and the subsequent assignment of portions of the overriding royalties therein reserved, you are entitled to receive an overriding royalty interest of 1-2/3% under and by virtue of the 640 acre "A" lease secured under the Dow Permit #029420; an overriding royalty interest of 3-1/6% under and by virtue of the 640 acre "A" lease secured under the Lea Permit #029418; and an overriding royalty interest of 3-1/6" under and by virtue of the 640 acre "A" lease secured under the Lea Permit #029418; and an overriding royalty interest of 3-1/6" under and by virtue of the 640 acre "A" lease secured under the Lynch Permit #029419. However, under the terms of the unit agreement in question, all three properties are unitized and operated as a single lease. Under the combined three "A" leases, your net interest would be 2-2/3%.

Before releasing payment of overriding royalty, it will be necessary for us to circulate division orders for execution by all of the overriding royalty interest owners. But, before we will be able to circulate such division orders, it will be necessary, if we are to avoid complications in accounting, that we secure your consent to such unit operations and your approval of the above computation of your net interest in the unitized "A" leases.

Mr. German also suggests that, while not intending to anticipate your desire to signify your consent, he nevertheless feels confident of your willingness to cooperate, especially Honorable Hiram M. Dow April 22, 1939 Page Three

since the recent compromise settlement of our differences of opinion, and that we, therefore, might forward to you a copy of this letter with space provided for you to indicate your consent and acceptance, and this we are doing. If you desire to so indicate your consent, we request that you do so on the copy of this letter, and that it be returned to this office in the enclosed stamped addressed envelope at your earliest opportunity, in order to enable us to bring the entire matter to a conclusion at an early date.

In event you decide to cooperate with us to the extent indicated above, we would greatly appreciate your further cooperation to the extent of advising Mrs. Beulah V. Lynch thereof, as we are this day addressing a letter similar to this to Mrs. Lynch and to Mr. Higgins requesting their like consent.

Yours very truly,

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The unit operation of the properties above referred to is consented to. My present net overriding royalty interest is as stated above. Effective as of April 30, 1938.

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Docket No. 1-74

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - THURSDAY - JANUARY 3, 1974

9 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING - SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

The following cases will be heard before Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner, or Richard L. Stamets, Alternate Examiner:

CASE 5000: (Continued from the June 20. 1973, Regular Hearing)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Aztec Oil and Gas Company and United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Aztec Totah Unit Wells Nos. 17 and 18, located in Unit E of Section 20, and Unit H of Section 19, respectively, Township 29 North, Range 13 West, San Juan County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.

CASE 5006: (Continued from the June 20, 1973, Regular Hearing)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Aztec Oil and Gas Company and United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Southeast Cha Cha Unit Well No. 1 located in Unit M of Section 32, Township 29 North, Range 13 West, San Juan County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.

- CASE 5128: Application of Gulf Oil Corporation for a non-standard gas proration unit and simultaneous dedication, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for a 160-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising the NE/4 SW/4 and W/2 SE/4 of Section 28 and the NW/4 NE/4 of Section 33, both in Township 21 South, Range 37 East, Blinebry Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to be simultaneously dedicated to its J. N. Carson Wells Nos. 4 and 9 located in Units 0 and K, respectively, of Section 28.
- <u>CASE 5129</u>: Application of Dorchester Exploration Company for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order force pooling all mineral interests in the Wilson-Pennsylvanian Pool underlying the E/2 of Section 13, Township 21 Scuth, Range 34 East, Lea County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location in Unit I of said Section 13. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of such costs, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered is the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

<u>CASE 5130</u>:

Application of Mesa Petroleum Company for the amendment of Order No. R-4658, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the amendment of Order No. R-4658, which order promulgated special Examiner Hearing - Thursday - January 3, 1974

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pool rules for the North Shoe Bar-Strawn Pool, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks the amendment of said rules to provide for a special gas-oil ratio limitation of 4000 to one.

Application of Jake Hamon for salt water disposal, Lea County, New CASE 5131: Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Devonian formation through the perforated interval from 12,935 feet to 12,946 feet and the open-hole interval from 12,960 feet to 13,023 feet in his Getty State L-736 Well No. 1 located in Unit D of Section 32, Township 16 South, Range 36 East, East Shoe Bar-Devonian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 5132:

Application of American Quasar Petroleum Company of New Mexico for a unit agreement, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the abovestyled cause, seeks approval of the White City Unit Area comprising 5,120 acres, more or less, of Federal, State and fee lands in Township 25 South, Ranges 25 and 26 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.

CASE 5133: Application of Atlantic Richfield Company for four non-standard gas proration units and simultaneous dedication, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the following 320-acre non-standard gas proration units in Township 22 South, Range 36 East, Jalmat Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico:

> The N/2 of Section 34 to be dedicated to its Curran Jones Wells Nos. 1 and 10 located in Units A and C, respectively, of Section 34;

McDonald State Lease:

The N/2 of Section 14 to be dedicated to Wells Nos. 11 and 25 both located in Unit D of Section 14;

The E/2 of Section 26 to be dedicated to Wells Nos. 22, 9, and 8 located in Units A, G, and P, respectively, of Section 26;

The W/2 of Section 24 to be dedicated to Wells Nos. 26 and 12 located in Units D and M, respectively, of Section 24.

- Application of Atlantic Richfield Company for simultaneous dedication, CASE 5134: Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the simultaneous dedication of four wells to a standard 640-acre unit comprising all of Section 15, Township 22 South, Range 36 East, Jalmat Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, said wells being applicant's McDonald State WN Wells Nos. 23, 14, 15, and 13, located in Units C, G, L, and P, respectively, of Section 15.
- CASE 5135: Application of Atlantic Richfield Company for the amendment of Order No. R-4549, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the amendment of Rule 1 of the Special Rules for the Empire-Abo Pressure Maintenance Project as promulgated by Order No. R-4549 to expand the project area as defined therein to include the

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SW/4 SE/4 of Section 27 and the S/2 SE/4 of Section 34, both in Township 17 South, Range 28 East, and the NW/4 NE/4 and the SE/4 SW/4 of Section 6, Township 18 South, Range 28 East, Empire-Abo Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Applicant further seeks the amendment of Rules 3 and 4 of said special rules to provide that effective January 1, 1974, the maximum allowable for the project area be 33,000 barrels per day rather than 30,000 as presently provided.

CASE 5136: Application of Coastal States Gas Producing Company for an unorthodox oil well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the abovestyled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox oil well location of its McGuffin Well No. 2 at a point 1980 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 29, Township 9 South, Range 33 East, Flying "M"-San Andres Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 5137: Application of Skelly Oil Company for two unorthodox locations, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to drill two producing wells at two unorthodox locations, one 2630 feet from the North line and 1330 feet from the West line and the other 1330 feet from the South line and 10 feet from the West line, both in Section 22, Township 17 South, Range 31 East, Grayburg-Jackson Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

<u>CASE 5138</u>:

Application of Skelly Oil Company for a waterflood project and four dual completions, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the abovestyled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project by the injection of water into the Seven Rivers formation, Fren Pool, through six injection wells in its Skelly Unit Area in Sections 21, 22 and 28, Township 17 South, Range 31 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, three of which wells would be dually completed for injection into the Seven Rivers formation and the existing Grayburg-Jackson waterflood project. Applicant further seeks authority to dually complete its Skelly Unit Well No. 76 Located in Unit O of said Section 21 as a dual completion to produce from the Fren Seven Rivers Pool and the Grayburg-Jackson Pool through parallel strings of tubing.

CASE 5139: Application of Skelly Oil Company for a waterflood project, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project by the injection of water into the Grayburg-San Andres formation through three wells on its Lea "C" Lease in Section 11, Township 17 South, Range 31 East, Grayburg-Jackson Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

CASE 5141: Application of David Fasken for directional drilling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to re-enter an existing well, the unorthodox surface location of which is 660 feet from the South and West lines of Section 7, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, West Atoka-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, Examiner Hearing - Thursday - January 3, 1974

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and to directionally drill said well in such a manner as to bottom the well in the Morrow formation at a point 915 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of said Section 7.

CASE 5142: Application of Amoco Production Company for special pool rules, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the promulgation of special pool rules for the Black River-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, including a provision for 320-acre drilling and proration units. In the absence of objection, this pool will be placed on the standard 320-acre spacing for Pennsylvanian gas pools rather than the present 160-acre spacing.

CASE 5140: (This case will be continued to January 16, 1974, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Pierce & Dehlinger for compulsory pooling, Vada-Pennsylvanian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the abovestyled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Vada-Pennsylvanian Pool underlying the NW/4 of Section 24, Township 9 South, Range 33 East, Lea County, New Mexico, to be dedicatel to the King Resources Sheridan Well No. 1-A located in Unit C of said Section 24; Also to be considered is designation of the applicant as operator of the NW/4 of said Section 24 and the well located thereon, provision for allocation of actual operating costs and charges for supervision, and allocation of costs for reworking said well including a 200% charge attributable to any non-consenting working interest owner's pro rata share of said workover costs, for the risk involved in said workover.

CASE 4956: (Reopened) (This case will be continued to January 16, 1974, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Pierce & Dehlinger for a determination of well costs, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, as operator of the Sheridan Well No. 1 located in Unit M of Section 13, Township 9 South, Range 33 East, Lea County, New Mexico, to which well is dedicated the SW/4 of said Section 13, all mineral interests in the Vada-Pennsylvanian Pool thereunder having been pooled by Commission Order No. R-4560, seeks the determination of reasonable well costs attributable to applicant and to King Resources, including, but not limited to, the costs of reworking and placing said Sheridan Well No. 1 back on production and attcrneys fees in connection therewith. Applicant further seeks an order assessing, as a charge for the risk involved in the reworking of the well, 120% of the pro rata share of the reasonable well costs attributable to the working interest of King Resources.



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BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION CONSERVATION

APPLICATION OF SKELLY OIL COMPANY FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING A WATER-FLOOD PROBJECT IN THE FREN SEVEN-RIVERS POOL, UNDERLYING THE SKELLY UNIT AREA, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Comes now L. C. White, of White, Koch, Kelly & McCarthy, P. O. Box 787, Santa Fe, New Mexico, and herewith enters their appearance as local counsel for and on behalf of the applicant Skelly Oil Company in the above entitled matter.

WHITE, KOCH, KELLY & MCCARTHY

By J.C. White

DOCKET MALLED

Date 12-18-73



OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO P. O. BOX 2088 - SANTA FE 87501

January 25, 1974

I. R. TRUJILLO CHAIRMAN

LAND COMMISSIONER ALEX J. ARMIJO MEMBER STATE GEOLOGIST

A. L. PORTER, JR. SECRETARY - DIRECTOR



Applicant:

SKELLY OIL COMPANY

Mr. Chester E. Blodget Skelly Oil Company Post Office Box 1650 Tulsa, Oklahoma 74102

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced Commission order recently entered in the subject case.

Very truly yours,

A. L. Porter, J.

A. L. PORTER, Jr. Secretary-Director

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Copy of order also sent to:

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Drawer 1857 Roswell, New Mexico 88201

November 26, 1973

Skelly Oil Company Attention: Mr. C. J. Love P.O. Box 1351 Midland, Texas 79701

Gentionen: One copy of your 1973 supplemental plan of development and operation for the Skeliy unit area, Eddy County, New Mexico, approved on this date, is enclosed. Such plan proposes to initiate pilot waterflood operations in the Seven-Rivers employing eight wells is a conventional 5-spot in the drilling of two infill producing wells for additional pattern and the drilling of two infill producing wells for additional reservoir data and evaluation of current waterflood operation in the

Grayburg-San Andres.

Sincerely yours,

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CARL C. TRAYNICK Acting Area Oil & Gas Supervisor

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cc: / NMOCC, Santa Fe (ltr only) Artesia (w/cy of plan)

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Skelly Oil Company Attention: Mr. C. J. Love P.O. Box 1351 Midland, Texas 79701

Gentlemen:

Four approved copies of your 1974 plan of development and operation for the Skelly unit area, Eddy County, New Mexico, are enclosed. Such plan proposes to continue operation and expansion of the present San Andres waterflood pattern and to initiate operation of a pilot waterflood in the Seven Rivers.

Sincerely yours,

(ORIG. SGD.) J. A. GILLHAM

J. A. GILLHAM Acting Area Oil & Gas Supervisor

cc: V NMOCC, Santa Fe (ltr only) Com. Pub. Lands, Santa Fe (ltr only) Artesia (w/cy plan

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BEFORE THE MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION Santa Fe, New Mexico January 3, 1974

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of Skelly Oil Company for a waterflood project and four dual completions, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Case No. 5138

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BEFORE: Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

<u>A P P E A R A N C E S</u>

For New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission:

For the Applicant:

Thomas Derryberry, Esq. Legal Counsel for the Commission State Land Office Bldg. Santa Fe, New Mexico

Chester E. Blodget, Esq. SKELLY OIL COMPANY P. O. Box 1650 Tulsa, Oklahoma 74102

and

L. C. White, Esq. 220 Otero Santa Fe, New Mexico

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BERT BROWN

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MR. NUTTER: Call Case No. 5138.

MR. DERRYBERRY: Case No. 5138. Application of Skelly Oil Company for a waterflood project and four dual completions, Eddy County, New Mexico.

MR. BLODGETT: Mr. Examiner, I'm Chester Blodget, representing Skelly Oil Company. Mr. L. C. White of Santa Fe has entered his appearance as local counsel in this matter. We have one witness in this matter, Mr. Bert Brown, who has just been sworn in the previous case.

(Whereupon, a discussion was

held off the record.)

BERT BROWN

called as a witness, having been previously affirmed, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. BLODGET:

Q Mr. Brown, are you familiar with the Application of Skelly Oil Company Order authorizing waterflood project in the Fren Rivers Pool underlying Skelly Unit area covering all section 14, 15, 21, 22, 23 in the North half of the Northwest quarter, Section 26 of the Northwest quarter of the West half of the Northeast quarter and the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 27, and the North

half and the North half of the South half of Section 28, Township 17 South, Range 31 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.

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A Yes, sir.

Q I'll call your attention to Skelly's Exhibit No. 1. Would you identify that, please?

A Skelly's Exhibit No. 1 is a plat of a pilot, proposed pilot waterflood project in the Seven Rivers formation within the confines of the Grayburg-Jackson Pool in the aforementioned Section in Eddy County, New Mexico.

Q Skelly proposed to conduct a pilot flood operation involving the W-5 spot pattern?

A Yes, we propose to inject water into the wells No. 10, 12, 16, 54, 77 and 89 and to monitor and produce Wells Nos. 11 and 76.

Q Do you have anything else you want to explain about that particular Exhibit?

A I might. Let's see, I might add that Skelly operate 16 Fren Seven Rivers wells in the Fren Seven Rivers Pool here and 15 of them are in this area here and one is about a mile north of here and in order to accomplish this waterflood pilot installation, we propose to dual -- let's see -- three Seven Rivers Grayburg-Jackson injectors and the equip three single-completion Seven Rivers injectors and dual --

yes, it would be two dual Seven Rivers Grayburg-Jackson producers and No. 11 and 76.

Q I call your attention to Skelly's Exhibit No. 2. Would you identify that, please?

A Skelly Exhibit No. 2 is a log, gamma rays neutron log, on Skelly's Unit No. 10.

Q Skelly's Exhibit No. 3?

A Exhibit No. 3 is a gamma rays neutron log on Skelly Unit No. 77.

Q Would you identify Skelly Exhibit No. 4?

A Skelly Exhibit No. 4 is gamma rays neutron log on Skelly Unit No. 89.

Q Well No. 89?

A Yes, Well No. 89.

Q I call your attention to Skelly Exhibit No. 5. Would you identify that, please?

A Skelly Exhibit No. 5 is a schematic of a proposed injection Well No. 10.

Q Would you identify Skelly Exhibit No. 6?

A Skelly Exhibit No. 6 is a schematic diagram of an injection well, proposed injection Well No. 12.

Q Identify Skelly Exhibit No. 7.

A Skelly Exhibit No. 7 is a schematic diagram of a

Seven Rivers injection well No. 16.

Q Would you identify Skelly Exhibit No. 8?

A Skelly Exhibit No. 8 is diagramatic diagram of a proposed dual Skelly Injection Well No. 54.

Q Identify Skelly Exhibit No. 9.

A Skelly Exhibit No. 9 is a down-hole schematic of Skelly Unit Well No. 77, a dual Seven Rivers unit at Jackson-Grayburg.

Q Identify Exhibit No. 10.

A Exhibit No. 10 is a down-hole schematic of Skelly Unit Well No. 89 proposed Seven Rivers Grayburg-Jackson injection well.

I might mention at this point, Well No. 11, we don't have a diagram on it for the reason that it is equipped now as it would be after the pilot is installed. It's a dual producing well.

Q Would you then identify Skelly Exhibit No. 11? A Skelly Exhibit No. 11 is an analysis of the water that would be injected into this reservoir through wells 10, 12, 16, 77 and 89.

Q Would you identify Skelly Exhibit No. 12?

A I beg your pardon. I have to make a correction here. Skelly Exhibit No. 11 is the water that would be

injected in the Well No. 54. It comes from Skelly Unit Grayburg-Jackson Plant 1.

Exhibit No. 12 is an analysis of the water that will be injected in the well in 12, 16, 77 and 89.

Q In other words, Mr. Brown, it looks like you're putting fresh water in No. 54 and this would be produced water into the other wells?

A That's right, sir.

Q Would you identify Exhibit No. 13, please?

A Exhibit No. 13 is a gamma rays neutron log of Skelly Well No. 76.

Q Would you identify Exhibit No. 14?

A Exhibit No. 14 is a down-hole schematic of producing Well No. 76 proposed after it's at full completion and a producer in the Fren Seven Rivers Grayburg-Jackson Pool.

Q Would you identify Skelly Exhibit No. 15, please?

A Skelly Exhibit No. 15 is a two-mile radius map around the proposed project showing all wells in the zones from which they produce, operators, lease names.

Q I call your attention to Skelly Exhibit No. 16. Would you explain and identify that, please?

A Exhibit No. 16 is a letter from the United States Department of Interior indicating their approval of this

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pilot Seven Rivers Project.

Q I call your attention to Skelly Exhibit No. 17.

A Skelly Exhibit No. 17, it's C-115, filed with the Oil Conservation Commission in the State of New Mexico for October '73 which shows the production for that month on the Fren Seven Rivers wells and shows the state of depletion of the wells indicating there are in advance stage of completion.

Q What initial volume of water do you plan to inject into these wells?

A We plan to inject from two to 400 barrels of water per day per well, about 1850 pounds would be our maximum pressure.

Q In your opinion, would this proposed waterflood result in recovery of otherwise unrecoverable oil and thereby prevent waste?

A Yes, sir.

Q Skelly is also asking in this Application that any Order issued hereunder would if favorable in granting the Application provide for administration expansion of -- administrative expansion of the project and conversion of additional wells by administrative means?

A Yes.

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Were the Skelly Exhibits 1 through 17 prepared by

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you or under your supervision and request?

A Yes, sir.

MR. BLODGET: Mr. Examiner, we move the admission of Skelly Exhibits 1 through 17.

MR. NUTTER: Applicant's Exhibits Nos. 1 through 17 will be admitted in evidence.

(Whereupon, Applicant's Exhibits

Nos. 1 through 17 for identifi

cation were admitted in evidence.)

MR. BLODGET: We have no further questions.

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. NUTTER:

Q Mr. Brown, this unit was originally formed for waterflooding in the Grayburg-Jackson Pool. Now, this proposed pilot here is in the Fren. Is the Fren formation unitized also?

A No, sir. It is not.

Q So, actually, this project then is in two separate leases, is it not?

A No, sir.

Q It's on the Dow Lease and also on the Lynch Lease? A Let me see. I'd have to restate that. It is my -to the best of my knowledge, it is unitized in the same

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respect as the Grayburg-Jackson.

Q Suppose what we'd really have to do is refer to the Unit Agreement and see what the unitized formations are unless you really know. Of course, the Grayburg-Jackson Pool, I believe, is the San Andres formation?

A Right.

- Q And the Fren Pool is the Seven Rivers formation?
- A Right.

Q Only.

A However, all that is a royalty unit. It is not an operator's unit.

Q I realize that. Skelly is the sole working interest owner on the Dow and the Lynch State and those leases that you've got in there.

A You brought up a question there I really can't answer right now. It is my opinion, that it would be on the same -- see, we keep separate -- we keep the leases separate on the Grayburg-Jackson and sell the oil separately It's not all one big unit. It's cut up into two parts, two different royalty interests. We have Lack 1 and Lack 2 and we'd have to do, this is already commingled. It is a commingled lease already and with that in mind, I don't really see where that would come into it right now. If we commingle

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now, putting the oil in the proper place, we'll continue to put it in the same place.

Q Yes, but your injections are wrong. You've got an injection well on the Lynch lease with no producing well there and you'll be moving oil off of the Lynch lease onto the Dow lease for production and if it's not unitized, how do you handle two leases that way?

You may be commingling on the surface now, but the oil is attributed to the lease from which it came based on some kind of test or measurement or something.

MR. BLODGET: I think what we'll probably have to do is just check the agreements and see.

MR. NUTTER: I think we better have something a little more concrete on this, Mr. Blodget.

MR. BLODGET: Okay.

BY MR. NUTTER:

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Q Now, another point, Mr. Brown, referring to Exhibits 5 through 10, I notice that each one of these injection wells is equipped with a factor. What means would you have to determine whether there was leakage in the tubing, casing or packer? Would you load this annulus with some kind of inert fluid?

Yes, sir, water.

And equip it at the surface with a pressure gauge? Yes, sir.

Q Okay. That would be the same in each well's case? A Yes.

MR. NUTTER: Okay. Thank you. Are there any further questions of the witness?

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(Whereupon, a discussion was held off the record.)

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MR. BLODGET: Mr. Examiner, we offer into evidence, Exhibit to be designated Skelly Exhibit No. 18, the unit agreement pertaining to the property involved.

MR. NUTTER: All right, sir. Exhibit 18 will be the unit agreement covering the acreage involved in this Hearing for this pilot waterflood project and it will be admitted into the evidence. That Exhibit is on record with the Commission, I think.

(Whereupon, Applicant's Exhibit

No. 18 was admitted in elidence.

MR. NUTTER: Does anyone else have any questions of the witness? He may be excused.

(Witness is excused.) MR. NUTTER: Do you have anything further, Mr. Blodget?

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MR. BLODGET: Nothing further.

MR. NUTTER: Does anyone have anything they wish to offer in Case 5138?

We will take the case under advisement.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO) } ss. COUNTY OF SANTA FE)

I, RICHARD L. NYE, Gourt Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached Transcript of Hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission was reported by me, and the same is a true and correct record of the said proceedings, to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

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Drawer 1857 Roswell, New Mexico 88201

November 26, 1973

Skelly Oil Company Attention: Mr. C. J. Love P.O. Box 1351 Midland, Texas 79701



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Sincerely yours,

Carl. C. Traymer

CAPL C. TRAYWICK Acting Area Oil & Gas Supervisor

BEFORE EXAMINER NUTTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEXHIBIT NO. CASE NO.

SKELLY OIL COMPANY SKELLY UNIT WELL NO. 76 720' FSL & 1,980' FEL, SECTION 21, T-17-S, R-31-E DUAL FREN SEVEN-RIVERS & GRAYBURG-SAN ANDRES PRODUCER



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EXXON CHEMICAL COMPANY U.S.A. SPECIALTIES LABORATORY October 5, 1973 8230 Stedman, Houston, Texas 77029



WATER ANALYSIS

SAMPLE DESCRIPTION	: Water sample fr Sample taken fr	com 10-2-73.	WF #2 submitted for routin	e correlation
COMPANY: Skelly 0 STSR NUMBER: 107 REQUESTED BY: Ha		[<i>M</i>]	DATE RÉCEIVED: 10-3-73 ANALYZED BY: Gene Kei	.1 29
	Mg/I.	Meq/L		
Sodium	6,981	303.5	pH 7.7	
Calcium	774	38.7	Specific Gravity at <u>60</u> °F.	1.1072
Magnesium	259	21.3	Resistivity ohms/m @ 77 ^C	F 0.310
Chloride	11,718 V	330.5		Mg/L
Sulfate	1,272	26.5	Oil Content	
Bicarbonate	403	6.6	Organic Matter	
Carbonate	0	0.0	Hydrogen Sulfide	35.0
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TOTAL	21,407			
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BEFORE EXAMINER NUTTER
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EXHIBIT NO.

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CASE NO.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

WATER ANALYSIS

SAMPLE DESCRIPTION: Water sample from Skelly Unit WF #1 submitted for routine correlation. Sample taken 10-2-73. 11 54 meg 1. 2

COMPANY: Skelly Oil Company **STSR** NUMBER: 107330 **REQUESTED BY: Harold Langen**

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DATE RECEIVED: 10-3-73 Gene Keil ANALYZED BY:

	Mg/L	Meq/L		
Sodium	55	2.4	pH 6.8	
Calcium	73	3.7	Specific Gravity at <u>60</u> °F. Resistivity ohms/m @77 ⁰ F	1.0019
Magnesium	4	0.3	Resistivity ohms/m @77 ⁰ F	10.00
Chloride	34 🗸	1.0		Mg/L
Sulfate	142	3.0	Oil Content	
Bicarbonate	151	2.5	Organic Matter	
Carbonate	0	0.0	Hydrogen Sulfide	0.0
Hydroxide	0	0.0		
TOTAL	459			
Dissolved Iron				
Total Iron	0,59	0.0		

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