STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS, AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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

CASE NO. 12117 Order No. R-11137

APPLICATION OF OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR AN ORDER AMENDING RULE 107 OF ITS RULES PERTAINING TO TUBINGLESS COMPLETIONS

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This case came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on February 11, 1999, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 11th day of February, 1999, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the record,

FINDS THAT:

(1) Due public notice has been given and the Commission has jurisdiction of this case and its subject matter.

(2) The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Rule 107.J and K requires that certain wells be equipped with tubing.

(3) Testimony indicated that Rule 107.J should be amended and 107.K should be repealed to allow more wells to be exempt from tubing requirements.

(4) It is necessary to repeal 107.K and to amend Rule 107.J in the manner as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

(5) There were no objections to the proposed rule changes.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) Division Rule 107.K should be repealed and 107.J is hereby amended and adopted as shown on the attached Exhibit "A".

(2) The amended Rule 107.J shall be effective as of the date of its publication in the New Mexico Register.

(3) Jurisdiction of this case 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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JAMI BAILEY, Member

WILLIAM J EMAY, Member

LORI WROTENBERY, Chairman

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EXHIBIT "A" CASE NO. 12117 ORDER NO. R-11137

107.J. Well Tubing Requirements

(1) All flowing oil wells equipped with casing larger in size than 2 7/8-inch OD shall be tubed.

(2) All gas wells equipped with casing larger in size than 3-1/2 inch OD shall be tubed.

(3) Tubing shall be set as near the bottom as practical and tubing perforations shall not be more than 250 feet above top of pay zone.

(4) The supervisor of the appropriate Division district office, upon application, may grant exceptions to these requirements, provided waste will not be caused.

(5) The supervisor or an operator may request that an application be reviewed by the Director. The operator shall submit information and give notice as requested by the Director. Unprotested applications may be approved after 20 days of receipt of the application and supporting information. If the application is protested, or the Director so decides, the application shall be set for hearing.