BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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

> CASE NO. 2482 Order No. R-2183

APPLICATION OF EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY FOR AN EXCEPTION TO ORDER NO. R-333-E.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on January 24, 1962, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Elvis A. Utz, Examiner duly appointed by the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission," in accordance with Rule 1214 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

NOW, on this <u>12th.</u>, day of February, 1962, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the application, the evidence adduced, and the recommendations of the Examiner, Elvis A. Utz, 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 for many causes, including unusual severity of weather, deliverability tests required by Order No. R-333-E have not been timely conducted on numerous gas wells in the San Juan Basin.

(3) That in order to protect correlative rights an administrative procedure should be established whereby all operators, for good cause shown, may obtain an exception to Order No. R-333-E to permit the extension of the terminal date for the 1961 deliverability test period from December 15, 1961, to March 1, 1962.

(4) That the calculation and assignment of allowables, based on the new deliverability tests, should be made retroactive to February 1, 1962, provided the new tests are filed by April 1, 1962. Case No. 2482 Order No. R-2183

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That for good cause shown, the Secretary-Director of the Commission may grant an exception to Order No. R-333-E to permit the extension of the terminal date for the 1961 deliverability test period from December 15, 1961, to March 1, 1962.

Upon an exception being granted by the Secretary-Director, the calculation and assignment of allowables, based on the new deliverability tests, shall be made retroactive to February 1, 1962, provided the new tests are filed by April 1, 1962.

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

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

> STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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EDWIN L. MECHEM, Chairman

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