Entered July 12, 1963

# 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. 2554 Order No. R-2253-A

APPLICATION OF T. F. HODGE FOR THE CREATION OF A NEW OIL POOL AND FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TEMPORARY RULES, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

### ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

## BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on June 5, 1963, 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>17th</u> day of June, 1963, 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 by Order No. R-2253 entered in this case on June 7, 1962, temporary special rules and regulations were promulgated for the South Lane-Pennsylvanian Pool.

(3) That pursuant to Order No. R-2253, this case was reopened to allow the operators in the subject pool to appear and show cause why the South Lane-Pennsylvanian Pool should not be developed on 40-acre proration units.

(4) That the evidence presented at this hearing concerning the reservoir characteristics of the South Lane-Pennsylvanian Pool establishes that one well in said pool can efficiently and economically drain and develop 80 acres.

(5) That to prevent the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, to avoid the augmentation of risk -2-CASE No. 2554 Order No. R-2253-A

arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, to prevent reduced recovery which might result from the drilling of too few wells, and to otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights, the special rules and regulations promulgated by Order No. R-2253 should be continued in effect until further order of the Commission.

(6) That the special rules and regulations promulgated by Order No. R-2253 have afforded and will afford to the owner of each property in the pool the opportunity to produce his just and equitable share of the oil in the pool.

# IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the temporary special rules and regulations promulgated for the South Lane-Pennsylvanian Pool by Order No. R-2253 entered in this case on June 7, 1962, are hereby continued in effect until further order of the Commission.

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

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

> STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

JACK M. CAMPBELL, Chairman

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