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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. 4461 Order No. R-4065

APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL OIL COMPANY FOR A NON-STANDARD GAS PRORATION UNIT, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9:30 a.m. on November 18, 1970, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this <u>23rd</u> day of November, 1970, 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, Continental Oil Company, is the co-owner and operator of the Hawk B-l Lease which, in addition to other lands, comprises the S/2 and E/2 NW/4 of Section 9, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That by Administrative Order NSP-718, the Commission approved a 120-acre non-standard gas proration unit in the Blinebry Gas Pool consisting of the S/2 SW/4 and NE/4 SW/4 of said Section 9 to be dedicated to the applicant's Hawk B-1 Well No. 6 located in Unit N of said Section 9 and authorized reduction to an 80-acre unit consisting of the E/2 SW/4 of said Section 9 upon the completion of an oil well in the SW/4 SW/4 of the section; and that by Administrative Order NSP-787, the

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Commission approved a 40-acre non-standard gas proration unit in the Blinebry Gas Pool consisting of the NW/4 SE/4 of said Section 9 to be dedicated to the applicant's Hawk B-1 Well No. 2 located in Unit J of said Section 9.

(4) That the applicant now seeks the consolidation of the two existing non-standard gas proration units to form one 120-acre non-standard gas proration unit in the Blinebry Gas Pool comprising the E/2 SW/4 and NW/4 SE/4 of said Section 9, to be simultaneously dedicated to the aforesaid Hawk B-1 Wells Nos. 2 and 6.

(5) That the applicant further seeks authority to produce the allowable assigned to the unit from either of the aforesaid wells in any proportion.

(6) That the proposed non-standard gas proration unit can be efficiently and economically drained and developed by the aforesaid Hawk B-1 Wells Nos. 2 and 6.

(7) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the gas in the Blinebry Gas Pool, will prevent the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, will avoid the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, and will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

(8) That Administrative Orders NSP-718 and NSP-787 should be superseded.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That, effective November 1, 1970, a 120-acre non-standard gas proration unit in the Blinebry Gas Pool comprising the E/2 SW/4 and NW/4 SE/4 of Section 9, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, is hereby established and simultaneously dedicated to the Continental Oil Company Hawk B-1 Wells Nos. 2 and 6, located in Units J and N, respectively, of said Section 9.

(2) That the allowable assigned to the above-described nonstandard gas proration unit shall be based upon the unit size of 120 acres; that the operator may produce the allowable assigned to the unit from the subject wells in any proportion; and that

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the status of said consolidated unit shall be the combined status as of October 31, 1970, of the two units being consolidated.

(3) That Administrative Orders NSP-718 and NSP-787 are hereby superseded.

(4) 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 a . CARGO, Chairma DAVID F. J. ARMIJO, Member ALEX/ A. L. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary

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