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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. 4967 Order No. R-4550

APPLICATION OF JOHN M. ETCHEVERRY FOR DISSOLUTION OF A STANDARD PRORATION UNIT AND THE CREATION OF TWO NON-STANDARD PRORATION UNITS, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on June 6, 1973, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this <u>18th</u> day of June, 1973, 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, John M. Etcheverry, seeks the dissolution of the standard 160-acre proration unit comprising the SW/4 of Section 29, Township 14 South, Range 34 East, West Tres Papalotes-Pennsylvanian Pool, dedicated to the Mark Production Company Etcheverry Well No. 1 located in Unit L of said Section 29, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That the applicant further seeks approval of the creation of two non-standard 80-acre proration units, one comprising the N/2 SW/4 of said Section 29 and dedicated to the aforesaid Etcheverry Well No. 1 and the other the S/2 SW/4 of said Section 29 and dedicated to a well proposed to be drilled in Unit M of said Section 29.

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(4) That the operator of said existing 160-acre proration unit, Mark Production Company, objects to the dissolution of the proration unit and the creation of said two 80-acre non-standard proration units.

(5) That the evidence presented does not show that waste will occur or that the applicant's correlative rights will be violated if the application is denied.

(6) That the evidence presented shows that economic waste resulting from the drilling of an excessive number of wells will occur if the application is approved.

(7) That to prevent said economic waste, the application should be <u>denied</u>.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the application of John M. Etcheverry for the dissolution of the standard 160-acre proration unit comprising the SW/4 of Section 29, Township 14 South, Range 34 East, West Tres Papalotes-Pennsylvanian Pool dedicated to the Mark Production Company Etcheverry Well No. 1 located in Unit L of said Section 29, Lea County, New Mexico, and the creation of two non-standard 80-acre proration units, one comprising the N/2 SW/4 of said Section 29 and dedicated to the aforesaid Etcheverry Well No. 1 and the other the S/2 SW/4 of said Section 29 and dedicated to a well proposed to be drilled in Unit M of said Section 29 is hereby denied.

(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 R. Chairman TRUJILLO, Com X A AMIJO Member A. L. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary

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