

*Entered June 13, 1973*  
*A. V. B.*

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. 4985  
Order No. R-4552

APPLICATION OF UNION OIL COMPANY OF  
CALIFORNIA FOR APPROVAL OF THE PIPELINE  
DEEP UNIT AGREEMENT, 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 15th 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, Union Oil Company of California,  
seeks approval of the Pipeline Deep Unit Agreement covering  
3861.98 acres, more or less, of Federal lands described as  
follows:

LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO  
TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM  
Sections 5 through 8: All  
Sections 17 and 18: All

(3) That approval of the proposed unit agreement should  
promote the prevention of waste and the protection of correlative  
rights within the unit area.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the Pipeline Deep Unit Agreement is hereby  
approved.

(2) That the plan contained in said unit agreement for the  
development and operation of the unit area is hereby approved  
in principle as a proper conservation measure; provided, however,  
that notwithstanding any of the provisions contained in said  
unit agreement, this approval shall not be considered as waiving

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or relinquishing, in any manner, any right duty, or obligation which is now, or may hereafter be, vested in the Commission to supervise and control operations for the exploration and development of any lands committed to the unit and production of oil or gas therefrom.

(3) That the unit operator shall file with the Commission an executed original or executed counterpart of the unit agreement within 30 days after the effective date thereof; that in the event of subsequent joinder by any party or expansion or contraction of the unit area, the unit operator shall file with the Commission within 30 days thereafter counterparts of the unit agreement reflecting the subscription of those interests having joined or ratified.

(4) That this order shall become effective upon the approval of said unit agreement by the Director of the United State Geological Survey; that this order shall terminate ipso facto upon the termination of said unit agreement; and that the last unit operator shall notify the Commission immediately in writing of such termination.

(5) 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 herein-above designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION



I. R. TRUJILLO, Chairman



ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member



A. L. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary

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