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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. 5281 Order No. R-4772-A

APPLICATION OF MORRIS R. ANTWEIL FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME, ORDER NO. R-4772, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on July 24, 1974, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this <u>13th</u> day of August, 1974, 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, Morris R. Antweil, seeks a 90-day extension of the July 15, 1974, deadline for commencement of drilling operations contained in Order No. R-4772, which order pooled all mineral interests in the S/2 of Section 17, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, South Carlsbad Field, Eddy County, New Mexico, to form a standard 320-acre spacing and proration unit and designated the application as operator of the unit.

(3) That the applicant has been unable to obtain the services of a drilling contractor to commence the well within the time limit set out in the order.

(4) That the applicant has made a good faith effort to obtain such services in time to comply with the deadline.

(5) That no interest owner objected to the proposed extension of time.

(6) That Order No. R-4772 should be amended to provide that the deadline for commencing drilling operations is October 15, 1974

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Finding No. (13) of Commission Order No. R-4772 is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

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> "(13) That upon the failure of the operator of said pooled unit to commence drilling of the well to which said unit is dedicated on or before October 15, 1974, the order pooling said unit should become null and void and of no effect whatsoever."

(2) That Order No. (1) of Commission Order No. R-4772 is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"(1) That all mineral interests, whatever they may be, in the Pennsylvanian formation underlying the S/2 of Section 17, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, South Carlsbad Field, Eddy County, New Mexico, are hereby pooled to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location in Unit J of said Section 17.

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the operator of said unit shall commence the drilling of said well on or before the 15th day of October, 1974, and shall thereafter continue the drilling of said well with due diligence to a depth sufficient to test the Pennsylvanian formation;

PROVIDED FURTHER, that in the event said operator does not commence the drilling of said well on or before the 15th day of October, 1974, Order (1) of this order shall be null and void and of no effect whatsoever;

PROVIDED FURTHER, that should said well not be drilled to completion, or abandonment, within 120 days after commencement thereof, said operator shall appear before the Commission and show cause why Order (1) of this order should not be rescinded."

(3) 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 I. R. TRUJILLO, Chairman

ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member . H.C. Kitu A. L. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary

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