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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. 5462 Order No. R-5012

APPLICATION OF GENERAL AMERICAN OIL COMPANY FOR AN UNORTHODOX LOCATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on April 30, 1975, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this <u>6th</u> day of May, 1975, 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, General American Oil Company, seeks approval for an unorthodox oil well location 825 feet from the North line and 1295 feet from the West line of Section 13, Township 16 South, Range 29 East, East High Lonesome Penrose Unit, High Lonesome Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(3) Applicant further seeks the adoption of an administrative procedure whereby additional unorthodox producing and injection well locations could be approved for said unit area without hearing.

(4) That a well drilled at the proposed unorthodox location will better enable the applicant to recover oil which might not otherwise be recovered from the High Lonesome Pool, will prevent waste, and will not violate correlative rights.

(5) That an administrative procedure should be established whereby additional wells in unorthodox locations may be approved without the necessity of notice and hearing.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, General American Oil Company, is hereby authorized to drill an oil well 825 feet from the North line and 1295 feet from the West line of Section 13, Township 16 South, Range 29 East, East High Lonesome Penrose Unit, High Lonesome Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(2) The Secretary-Director of the Commission is hereby authorized to approve additional producing wells and injection wells at orthodox and unorthodox locations within the boundaries of applicant's East High Lonesome Penrose Unit Area as may be necessary to complete an efficient production and injection pattern, provided said wells are drilled no closer than 330 feet to the outer boundary of said unit nor closer than 10 feet to any quarter-quarter section or subdivision inner boundary. To obtain such approval, the project operator shall file proper application with the Commission, which application, if it seeks authorization to convert additional wells to injection or to drill additional production or injection wells shall include the following:

- (a) A plat showing the location of proposed well, all wells within the project area, and offset operators, locating wells which offset the project area.
- (b) A schematic drawing of any proposed injection well which fully describes the casing, tubing, perforated interval, and depth.
- (c) A letter stating that all offset operators to the proposed well have been furnished a complete copy of the application and the date of notification.

The Secretary-Director may approve the proposed well if, within 20 days after receiving the application, no objection to the proposal is received. The Secretary Director may grant immediate approval, provided waivers of objection are received from all offset operators.

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

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION .. 2 1 minut I. R. TRUJILLO, Chairman uceri $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$. . LUCERO, Member \mathbf{P} ΓR. A. L. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary

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