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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. 5620
Order No. R-5166

APPLICATION OF CHAMPLIN PETROLEUM
COMPANY FOR A WATERFLOOD PROJECT,
ROOSEVELT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on February 4, 1976, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 24th day of February, 1976, 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, Champlin Petroleum Company, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project on its Farrell Federal Lease, Chaveroo-San Andres Pool, by the injection of water into the San Andres formation through its Farrell Federal Well No. 4, located in Unit P of Section 30, Township 7 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, Roosevelt County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the wells in the project area are in an advanced state of depletion and should properly be classified as "stripper" wells.
- (4) That the proposed waterflood project should result in the recovery of otherwise unrecoverable oil, thereby preventing waste.
- (5) That the operator should take all steps necessary, including limitation of well head pressure, to ensure that the injected water enters only the proposed injection interval and is not permitted to escape to other formations or onto the surface from injection, production, or plugged and abandoned wells.

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(6) That the subject application should be approved and the project should be governed by the provisions of Rules 701, 702, and 703 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Champlin Petroleum Company, is hereby authorized to institute a waterflood project on its Farrell Federal Lease, Chaveroo-San Andres Pool, by the injection of water into the San Andres formation through its Farrell Federal Well No. 4, located in Unit P of Section 30 in Township 7 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, Roosevelt County, New Mexico.

(2) That injection into said well shall be at pressures no greater than 2,200 psi at the wellhead; that injection shall be through internally coated tubing, set in a packer which shall be located as near as practicable to the uppermost perforation; and that the casing-tubing annulus of the injection well shall be loaded with an inert fluid and equipped with an approved pressure gauge or attention-attracting leak detection device.

(3) That the operator shall immediately notify the supervisor of the Commission's Hobbs district office of the failure of the tubing or packer in any of said injection wells, the leakage of water or oil from around any producing well, or the leakage of water or oil from any plugged and abandoned well within the project area and shall take such timely steps as may be necessary or required to correct such failure or leakage.

(4) That the subject waterflood project is hereby designated the Champlin Chaveroo Farrell Waterflood Project and shall be governed by the provisions of Rules 701, 702, and 703 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

(5) That monthly progress reports of the waterflood project herein authorized shall be submitted to the Commission in accordance with Rules 704 and 1120 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

(6) 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 herein-
above designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION


PHIL R. LUCERO, Chairman


EMERY C. ARNOLD, Member


JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Secretary

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