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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. 6046 Order No. R-5598

APPLICATION OF BELCO PETROLEUM CORPORATION FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on September 28, 1977, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this <u>27th</u> day of December, 1977, 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, Belco Petroleum Corporation, seeks an order from the Commission pooling all mineral interests in the Morrow formation underlying all of Section 3, Township 22 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(3) That by Order No. R-5599, entered by the Commission in Case No. 6067 on this date, the Commission contracted the Catclaw-Draw Morrow Gas Pool by the deletion therefrom of all of Section 3 Township 22 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(4) That although the aforesaid Section 3 is within one mile of the horizontal boundaries of the Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool as contracted, the special pool rules for said pool, including the provision for 640-acre spacing and proration units, do not apply outside the boundaries of said pool.

(5) That inasmuch as the aforesaid pool rules, including the provision for 640-acre spacing and proration units, no longer apply to the aforesaid Section 3, the question of pooling all mineral interests in the Morrow formation underlying said Section 3 become moot, and the instant case should be dismissed.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Case No. 6046 is hereby dismissed.

(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

PHIL R. LUCERO, Chairman C. Um any EMERY Ø ARNOLD Member Enor JOE D. RAMEY Member & Secretary

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