

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 9908
ORDER NO. R-9159

APPLICATION OF BHP PETROLEUM
COMPANY, INC. FOR A UNIT
AGREEMENT, CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on April 18, 1990, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Michael E. Stogner.

NOW, on this 23rd day of April, 1990, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS THAT:

- (1) Due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) The applicant, BHP Petroleum Company, Inc., seeks approval of the Sunfish State Unit Area and Agreement for all oil and gas in any and all formations underlying those lands described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.
- (3) No interested party appeared and objected to the proposed unit area.
- (4) All plans of development and operation, and creations, expansions or contractions of participating areas, or expansions or contractions of the unit area should be submitted to the Director of the Division for approval.
- (5) Approval of the proposed unit agreement should promote the prevention of waste and protection of correlative rights within the unit area.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) The Sunfish State Unit Agreement is hereby approved for all oil and gas in any and all formations underlying those lands described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

(2) 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, notwithstanding any of the provisions contained in said unit agreement, this approval shall not be considered as waiving or relinquishing, in any manner, any right, duty or obligation which is now, or may hereafter be, vested in the Division to supervise and control operations for the unit and production of oil and gas therefrom.

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

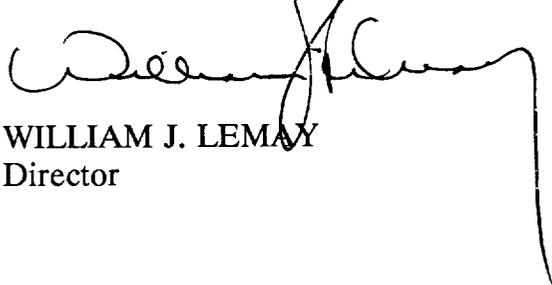
(4) All plans of development and operation, all unit participating areas and expansions or contractions of the unit area, shall be submitted to the Director of the Oil Conservation Division for approval.

(5) This order shall become effective upon the approval of said unit agreement by the Commissioner of Public Lands for the State of New Mexico; this order shall terminate ipso facto upon the termination of said unit agreement; and the last unit operator shall notify the Division immediately in writing of such termination.

(6) Jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

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

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WILLIAM J. LEMAY
 Director

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EXHIBIT "A"
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SUNFISH STATE UNIT AREA
CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM

Section 32: E/2

TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM

Section 5: All

Sections 7 and 8: All

Comprising 2235.08 acres, more or less, of state and fee lands in Chaves County, New Mexico.