## BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

> CASE NO. 1234 Order No. R-993

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APPLICATION OF CARPER DRILLING COMPANY, INCORPORATED, FOR APPROVAL OF AN OIL WELL DRILLING LOCATION IN THE POTASH-OIL AREA OF EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS DEFINED BY COMMISSION ORDER R-111-A.

#### ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

## BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on April 17, 1957, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 3 day of May, 1957, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the application and the testimony adduced and being fully advised in the premises,

### FINDS:

(1) That due notice of the time and place of hearing and the purpose thereof having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this case and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That the applicant proposes to drill an oil well in the center of the SE/4 SW/4 of Section 4, Township 19 South, Range 30 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, which location is in the "Potash Area" as defined by Commission Order R-111-A.

(3) That the proposed well location is within the area that would be affected by subsidence resulting from normal potash mining operations within the limits of the five-year development plan as indicated by the latest plats filed with the Commission by Southwest Potash Corporation, in compliance with the provisions of Order No. R-111-A.

(4) That the applicant has failed to show that the proposed well could be cased in such a manner as to withstand the subsidence experienced in normal potash mining operations.

(5) That the drilling of the proposed well would constitute a hazard to human life and an undue interference with the orderly development of potash deposits in the area, contrary to the provisions of Order R-lll-A.

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# IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That the application of Carper Drilling Company Inc., for permission to drill an oil well in the center of the SE/4 SW/4 of Section 4, Township 19 South, Range 30 East, NMPM, in the Potash-Oil Area of Eddy County, New Mexico, be and the same is hereby <u>denied</u>, all until further order of the Commission

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

> STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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EDWIN L. MECHEM, Chairman

MURRAY E. MORGAN, Member

A. L. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary

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