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. 5652 Order No. R-5205

APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL OIL COMPANY FOR DOWNHOLE COMMINGLING, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on April 14, 1976 at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner, Daniel S. Nutter.

Now, on this $27 \pm h$ day of April, 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, Continental Oil Company, is the owner and operator of the following wells on its Northeast Haynes Lease in Township 24 North, Range 5 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico:
- No. 1 in Unit L of Section 9
 No. 2 in Unit D of Section 16 (No. 3 in Unit P of Section 21
 No. 4 in Unit E of Section 21
 No. 5 in Unit E of Section 22
 No. 6 in Unit D of Section 15
 No. 7 in Unit L of Section 10
 No. 8 in Unit P of Section 15
- (3) That the applicant seeks authority to commingle Basin-Dakota gas and Otero-Gallup oil production within the wellbore of the above-described wells.
- (4) That from the Basin-Dakota zone, the subject wells are capable of low marginal production only.
- (5) That from the Otero-Gallup zone, the subject wells are capable of low marginal production only.

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- (6) That the proposed commingling may result in the recovery of additional hydrocarbons from each of the subject pools, thereby preventing waste, and will not violate correlative rights.
- (7) That the reservoir characteristics of each of the subject zones are such that underground waste would not be caused by the proposed commingling provided that the wells are not shutin for an extended period.
- (8) That to afford the Commission the opportunity to assess the potential for waste and to expeditiously order appropriate remedial action, the operator should notify the Aztec district office of the Commission any time the subject wells are shut-in for 7 consecutive days.
- (9) That in order to allocate the commingled production to each of the commingled zones in each of the subject wells, 75 percent of the commingled oil production and 15 percent of the commingled gas production should be allocated to the Gallup zone, and 25 percent of the commingled oil production and 85 percent of the commingled oil production and 85 percent of the commingled gas production to the Dakota zone.

IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Continental Oil Company, is hereby authorized to commingle Basin-Dakota gas and Otero-Gallup oil production within the wellbore of the following wells on its Northeast Haynes Lease in Township 24 North, Range 5 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico:

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- (2) That in each of the aforesaid wells, 75 percent of the commingled oil production and 15 percent of the commingled gas production shall be allocated to the Gallup zone and 25 percent of the commingled oil production and 85 percent of the commingled gas production shall be allocated to the Dakota zone.
- (3) That the operator of the subject wells shall immediately notify the Commission's Aztec district office any time the wells have been shut-in for 7 consecutive days and shall concurrently present, to the Commission a plan for remedial action.
- (4) 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

EMPRY C. ARNOLD TERBER