BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF GENERAL AMERICAN OIL COMPANY OF TEXAS FOR AN ORDER GRANTING PERMISSION TO DRILL SEVENTEEN UN-ORTHODOX "FIVE SPOT" LINE LOCATIONS ON IEAS-ES WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE GRAYBURG CO-OPERATIVE AND UNIT AREA IN TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGES 29 AND 30 EAST, N.M.P.M. IN THE GRAYBURG-JACKSON POOL OF EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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APPLICATION

GENERAL AMERICAN OIL COMPANY OF TEXAS, Applicant herein, is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal office at Dallas, Texas, and is duly licensed to transact business within the State of New Mexico, and in connection herewith respectfully shows to the Oil Conservation Commission:

- 1. On December 1, 1949, General American Oil Company of Texas, by purchase, acquired all of the oil and gas leases comprising what is known as the Grayburg Cooperative and Unit Area situated in Eddy County, State of New Mexico, formerly owned by Grayburg Oil Company of New Mexico and Western Production Company, Inc.
- 2. The following is a list of such leases so acquired by Applicant herein, the same being all of the leases committed to and within the boundaries of the Grayburg Cooperative and Unit Agreement:

BURCH "A" LEASE, Las Cruces Serial No. 028793, described as S/2 S/2 Section 18, N/2 and N/2 S/2 Section 19, Township 17 South, Range 30 East, N.M.P.M.

BURCH "B" LEASE, Las Cruces Serial No. 028793-84, described as NW/4, N/2 SW/4 Section 18, S/2 SW/4 Section 19, NW/4 Section 30, Township 17 South, Range 30 East; NE/4 and SW/4 Section 23, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, N.M.P.M.

BURCH "C" LEASE, Las Cruces Serial No. 028793, described as NE/4, N/2 SE/4 Section 18, S/2 SE/4 Section 19, NE/4 and S/2 Section 30, Township 17 South, Range 30 East, N.M.P.M.; NW/4 and SE/4 Section 23, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, N. M.P.M.

KEELY "A" LEASE, Las Cruces Serial No. 028784, described as NE/4 SE/4, S/2 S/2 Section 13, N/2 NW/4, SW/4 NW/4, N/2 SW/4, NE/4, N/2 SE/4 Section 24, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, N.M.P.M.

KEELY "B" LEASE, Las Cruces Serial No. 028784-93, described as S/2 SW/4 Section 24, N/2 NW/4 Section 25 and E/2 Section 26, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, N. M.P.M.

KEELY "C" LEASE, Las Cruces Serial No. 028784, described as N/2 SW/4, NW/4 SE/4 Section 13, S/2 SE/4 Section 24, S/2 NW/4, NE/4 and S/2 Section 25, W/2 Section 26, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, N.M.P.M.

DEXTER LEASE, Las Cruces Serial No. 054406, described as SE/4 NW/4 Section 24, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, N. M.P.M.

3. That from inception of production to the present time on leases within the boundaries of the Grayburg Cooperative and Unit Area there have been drilled a total of ninety-five producing oil wells; ninety-four of which are producing from the Grayburg-Jackson Pay of the Upper San Andres Formation, encountered at an

approximate depth of 2800 feet, and one well, Keely Well No. 27-C, located in the NW/4 of Section 26, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, N.M.P.M., is producing from the sub-Grayburg, or Keely Zone, encountered at an approximate depth of 3300 feet. In addition to these wells, there have been drilled five wells which are now being used as gas injection wells for the purpose of returning gas to the reservoir. In addition, two wells are drilling at the present time, namely; Keely Well No. 30-C in the NE/4 of Section 25, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, and Burch Well No. 22-A in the NE/4 of Section 19, Township 17 South, Range 30 East, N.M.P.M.

the former Operator of the Grayburg Cooperative and Unit
Area, upon the basis of geological and engineering information, was of the opinion and belief that one well in the center of each forty-acre legal subdivision was not sufficient to obtain all of the recoverable oil under any forty-acre tract, and that the drilling of "five spot" wells in the Grayburg Cooperative and Unit Area, at certain designated locations, would be in the interest of conservation, prevent waste and enable the Operator to obtain a greater ultimate recovery of oil, in that it was the belief of Grayburg Oil Company of New Mexico that it would be able to recover substantial quantities of oil which would otherwise not be produced if such

"five spot" locations were not drilled.

- 5. That pursuant to this information and belief, the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico heretofore, by Order No. 791 in Case No. 152, to which Order reference is hereby made for the full particulars thereof, granted to Grayburg Oil Company of New Mexico and Western Production Company, Inc. permission to drill twenty-eight unorthodox "five spot" locations at the locations designated in said Order.
- 6. That since the entry of the Commission of said Order, and prior to the acquisition of said properties by Applicant herein, Grayburg Oil Company of New Mexico drilled and completed as producing wells fifteen of such twenty-eight unorthodox "five spot" locations and, as hereinabove stated, Applicant herein, at the present time, is drilling two additional such "five spot" locations for which permission to drill was granted in the above mentioned Order of the Oil Conservation Commission No. 791.
- obtained in the drilling of these unorthodox "five spot" inside locations have been more than satisfactory in that most of these wells have been completed as good wells and the drilling of these wells has definitely established the fact that this drilling program, within the boundaries of the Grayburg Cooperative and Unit Agreement, is economically sound and that by the drilling of such "five

spot" locations a much greater ultimate recovery of oil will be obtained in that substantial quantities of oil will be recovered that would not otherwise be obtained if these "five spot" locations were not drilled.

- 8. That it is the desire and intention of General American Oil Company of Texas, Applicant herein, to continue the development program started by Grayburg Oil Company of New Mexico, and General American Oil Company of Texas desires and proposes to make seventeen locations for "five spot" staggered line wells to be located not nearer than twenty-five feet to the outermost lease boundary lines; that these proposed "five spot" staggered line wells are shown on the map attached hereto, marked Exhibit "A", in circles that have been colored in blue, and Applicant proposes to drill and complete each of said wells in the Grayburg-Jackson Pay of the Upper San Andres Formation.
- 9. The leases, well numbers and locations of the seventeen proposed "five spot" staggered line locations which Applicant desires permission to drill are as follows:
- Burch No. 17-B: Section 23, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, N.M.P.M., SE/4 SW/4, 1295 feet from South Line, 2615 feet from West Line;
- Burch No. 18-B: Section 30, Township 17 South, Range 30 East, N.M.P.M., SW/4 NW/4, (Lot 2) 1345 feet from the North Line, 25 feet from the West Line;
- Burch No. 13-C: Section 23, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, N.M.P.M., NW/4 SE/4, 2615 feet from South Line, 1345 feet from East Line;

- Burch No. 14-C: Section 23, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, N.M.P.M., SW/4 SE/4, 25 feet from South Line, 1345 feet from East Line;
- Burch No. 15-C: Section 30, Township 17 South, Range 30 East, N.M.P.M., NW/4 NE/4, 25 feet from North Line, 2615 feet from East Line;
- Keely No. 17-B: Section 26, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, N.M.P.M., NW/4 NE/4, 25 feet from North Line, 2615 feet from East Line;
- Keely No. 18-B: Section 25, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, N.M.P.M., NW/4 NW/4, 25 feet from North and West Lines;
- Keely No. 19-B: Section 26, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, N.M.P.M., SE/4 NE/4, 1345 feet from North Line, 25 feet from East Line;
- Keely No. 20-B: Section 25, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, N.M.P.M., NE/4 NW/4, 1295 feet from North Line, 2615 feet from West Line;
- Keely No. 21-B: Section 26, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, N.M.P.M., NW/4 SE/4, 2615 feet from South and East Lines;
- Keely No. 22-B: Section 26, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, N.M.P.M., SE/4 SE/4, 1295 feet from South Line, 25 feet from East Line;
- Keely No. 39-C: Section 25, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, N.M.P.M., NW/4 NE/4, 25 feet from North Line, 2615 feet from East Line;
- Keely No. 40-C: Section 25, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, N.M.P.M., NE/4 NE/4, 25 feet from North Line and 25 feet from East Line;
- Keely No. 41-C: Section 26, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, N.M.P.M., SE/4 NW/4, 1345 feet from North Line, 2615 feet from West Line;
- Keely No. 42-C: Section 25, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, N.M.P.M., SE/4 NW/4, 1345 feet from North and West Lines;
- Keely No. 43-C: Section 25, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, N.M.P.M., NW/4 SW/4, 2615 feet from South Line, 25 feet from West Line;
- Keely No. 44-C: Section 26, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, N.M.P.M., SE/4 SW/4, 1295 feet from South Line, 2615 feet from West Line,

all such locations being shown on map attached hereto, marked Exhibit "A".

- 10. All of the leases within the boundaries of the Grayburg Cooperative and Unit Area are Federal leases and all leases on which "five spot" line locations are proposed are either (b) or (c) leases providing for the payment of royalty to the United States Government of not less than 12-1/2 per cent, and that the royalty due the United States Government is uniform under each proposed location, thereby eliminating any question of drainage. That in the case of each location there is at least a forty-acre legal subdivision between the proposed location and any (a) lease upon which the royalty to be paid to the United States Government is five per cent, thereby making each proposed "five spot" staggered line location at least a legal 40-acre subdivision away from any lease upon which the royalty payable to the United States Government is less than 12-1/2 per cent.
- 11. That C. J. Dexter and J. W. Berry, as the owners of overriding royalty interests affected by the drilling of such "five spot" staggered line locations, have agreed to and approved, in writing, the proposed "five spot" staggered line locations spacing pattern herein set forth, thereby eliminating any question of overriding royalty owners being adversely affected by the proposed "five spot" staggered line well spacing pattern.

Heretofore, on November 19, 1948, the Oil 12. Conservation Commission of the State of New Mexico entered Order No. 802 in Case No. 164, wherein certain specific tracts, more fully described in said Order, and to which Order reference is hereby made for the full particulars thereof, were unitized for proration purposes, and wherein Grayburg Oil Company of New Mexico and Western Production Company, Inc., the former owners of all of the leases comprising the Grayburg Cooperative and Unit Area, were authorized to produce from each such unitized tract described in said Order No. 802, the total allowable production as fixed by the Oil Conservation Commission for the total number of developed forty-acre units comprising such unitized tract, and were authorized to produce the total allowable so fixed by the Commission for each such unitized tract from all of the wells that were located upon, or that may hereafter be drilled upon, such unitized tract, producing from the Grayburg-Jackson Pay, and said Order further provided that no well located upon any unitized tract should be permitted to produce at a rate in excess of the top allowable, as fixed by the Oil Conservation Commission.

13. That it is not the intention, nor does Applicant herein ask for any additional allowable by reason of the drilling and completing of any of the hereinabove described "five spot" staggered line locations as producing wells, but that it is Applicant's desire and intention

to produce all such tracts unitized for proration purposes in accordance with the terms and provisions of Order No. 802 entered by the Oil Conservation Commission in Case No. 164; that is, that Applicant be authorized to produce from each tract described in Order No. 802, unitized for proration purposes, the total allowable production as fixed by the Commission for the total number of developed forty-acre proration units comprising such unitized tract, and that Applicant be authorized to produce the total allowable so fixed by the Commission for each unitized tract from all of the wells located upon, or that may be hereafter drilled upon such unitized tract producing from the Grayburg-Jackson Pay, and that no well located upon any such unitized tract will be permitted to produce at a rate in excess of the top allowable, as fixed by the Oil Conservation Commission.

WHEREFORE, Applicant prays that this Commission set a date for hearing this Application and give notice thereof in accordance with its rules and regulations and that upon presentation of this Application an Order be entered granting Applicant permission to drill the seventeen unorthodox "five spot" staggered line locations hereinabove described and shown on map attached hereto, marked Exhibit "A", and that the Commission further enter its order authorizing such wells, upon completion as producing wells, to be produced in accordance with the terms

and provisions of Order No. 802 entered by the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico in Case No. 164.

John E. Cochran, Jr.
Attorney for Applicant
General American Oil Company

of Texas

STATE OF NEW MEXICO : 35. COUNTY OF EDDY

R. J. HEARD, being first duly sworn upon his oath deposes and states: That he is Field Superintendent for Applicant in the above and foregoing Application and that he has read the same and from personal knowledge knows that the matters therein contained are true and correct, except such statements as are alleged upon information and belief, and as to those, he verily believes them to be true.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 12th day of January, 1950.

My commission expires:

April 15,1950



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

P. O. Box 997
Roswell, New Mexico
January 31, 1950

Mr. John E. Cochran, Jr. Carper Building Artesia, New Mexico

Subject: "Five Spot" Line Locations, Grayburg Cooperative and Unit Area

Dear Mr. Cochran:

Reference is made to your letter of January 12 transmitting a copy of an application executed by you as attorney for applicant, General American Oil Company of Texas, which has been filed with the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, for permission to drill 17 unorthodox "five spot" line locations on leases within the boundaries of the Grayburg Cooperative and Unit Area in T. 17 S., Rs. 29 and 30 E., N.M.P.M., in the Grayburg-Jackson pool, Eddy County, New Mexico. Your application has been set for hearing by the Oil Conservation Commission on February 7, 1950, at Santa Fe as Case No. 210.

The unorthodox well locations set forth in the application are for "five spot" wells to be located as near as practicable equidistant between wells now producing from the San Andres pay zone of the Grayburg-Jackson pool. In general, the proposed well locations are 25 feet from the outer boundaries of Federal oil and gas leases within the Grayburg Cooperative and Unit Agreement except that no "five spots" will be located closer than 1295 feet to the outer boundary of such leases where they offset property of other operators or the outer boundary of the Grayburg Cooperative and Unit Area. We have received concurrence from the Washington office of the Geological Survey for the proposed drilling of the 17 line "five spot" wells set forth in your application in order to fill in the gaps of the spacing pattern under the development program in progress.

It is noted in your application that you request that the order issued by the Commission approving the proposed additional drilling provide that no well located upon any unitized tract shall be permitted to produce at a rate in excess of the top allowable as fixed by the Oil Conservation Commission. This office endorses this provision and feels that it should be incorporated in the Commission order.

No objection is offered by this office to the well spacing plan providing for the drilling of additional wells at the unorthodox locations specified in the subject application. The proposed additional drilling should afford opportunity to increase the ultimate recovery of oil and gas and to produce otherwise unrecoverable oil from the presently producing reservoir of the Grayburg-Jackson pool.

Approval to drill the additional wells at the unorthodox locations will be contingent upon prior approval of such locations by the Oil Conservation Commission of the State of New Mexico for proration purposes.

Very truly yours,

Foster Morrell

Oil and Gas Supervisor Southwestern Region

cc: Mr. Cochran

LAW OFFICES

JOHN E. COCHRAN, JR. CARPER BUILDING

ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO

January 12, 1950

case 210

Oil Conservation Commission of the State of New Mexico State Capitol Building Santa Fe, New Mexico

Attention: Mr. R. R. Spurrier, Secretary

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith for filing is Application of General American Oil Company of Texas, for an Order granting permission to drill seventeen unorthodox "five spot" line locations on leases within the boundaries of the Grayburg Cooperative and Unit Area, in Township 17 South, Ranges 29 and 30 East, N.M.P.M., in the Grayburg Jackson Pool of Eddy County, New Mexico, in triplicate.

At your earliest convenience, will you please publish the proper notice of this case, as required by your rules and regulations, and set the matter down for hearing at an early date.

Very truly yours

John E. Cochran, Jr.

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The State of New Mexico by its Oil Conservation Commission hereby gives notice, pursuant to law and the Rules of said Commission promulgated thereunder, of the following public hearing to be held February 7, 1950, beginning at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on that day in the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico, in the Capitol Building (Hall of Representatives)

STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO:

All named parties in the following cases, and notice to the public:

Case 210

In the matter of the application of General American Oil Company of Texas for an order granting permission to drill seventeen unorthodox "five spot" line locations on leases within the boundaries of the Grayburg Cooperative and Unit Area in Township 17 South, Ranges 29 and 30 East, N.M.P.M. in the Grayburg-Jackson Pool of Eddy County, New Mexico.

Case 211

In the matter of the application of Worth Drilling Company, Inc. for permission to drill three unorthodox locations: No. 8-A, 1345 feet north of the south line and 1295 feet east of the west line (SW/4) section 12; No. 9-A, 1345 north of the south line and 2615 feet east of the west line (SW/4) section 12; and No. 10-A, 25 feet north of the south line and 2615 feet east of the west line (SW/4) section 12, all in Township 18 South, Range 31 East, N.M.P.M., upon the A. C. Taylor "A" lease in the North Shugart pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Given under the seal of the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on January 20, 1950.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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R. R. SPURPAER, SECRETARY

January 20, 1950

CARLSBAD CUFRENT ARGUS Carlsbad, New Mexico

RE: Cases 210 and 211
Notice of Publication

Gentlemen:

Please publish the enclosed notice once, immediately. Please proof read the notice carefully and send a copy of the paper carrying such notice to this office.

UPON COMPLETION OF THE PUBLICATION SEND PUBLISHER'S AFFIDAVIT IN DUPLICATE.

For payment, please submit statement in duplicate and sign and return the enclosed voucher.

Very trul yours,

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January 20, 1950

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Secretary and Director

January 20, 1950

REGISTERED MAIL

Mr. Glenn Staley Lea County Operators Committee Hobbs, New Mexico

Dear I'r. Staley:

We are enclosing herewith copy of Notice of Publication for the hearing to be held on February 7, 1950, at 10:00 a.m., in Santa Fe at the Hall of Representatives. Two cases, Nos. 210 and 211, are to be heard.

Very truly yours,

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Secretary and Director

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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Affidavit of Publication

State of New Mexico SS. County of Santa Fe I, Will Harrison being first duly sworn, declare and say that I am the (Business Manager) (Editor) of the Santa Fe New Mexican , a daily newspaper, published in the English Language, and having a general circulation in the City and County of Santa Fe, State of New Mexico, and being a newspaper duly qualified to publish legal notices and advertisements under the provisions of Chapter 167 of the Session Laws of 1937; that the publication, a copy which is hereto attached, was published in said paper cases archivect generative weeks and on the same day of each week in the regular issue of the paper during the time of publication, and that the notice was published in the newspaper proper, and not in any supplement, open-each week for variation being on the 24th day of January , 19 50 and the last publicaman man; that payment for said advertisement has been (duly made), or (assessed as court costs); that the undersigned has personal knowledge of the matters and things set forth in this affidavit. Cell Gerresa ditor Marcon

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My Commission expires

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State of New Mexico, County of Eddy, ss.

Jack Sitton KXXXXXXXX, being first duly sworn, on oath says:

Editor That he is xomblisher of the Daily Current-Argus, a newspaper published daily at the City of Carlsbad, in said county of Eddy, State of New Mexico and of general paid circulation in said county; that the same is a duly qualified newspaper under the laws of this state wherein legal notices and advertisements may be published; that the printed notice attached hereto was published in the regular and entire edition of said newspaper and not in a supplement thereof on the dates as follows, to-wit:

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that the cost of publication is \$5.40. and that payment therefor has been made and will be assessed as court costs.

Jack Sitton

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

3 day of Feb., 1950

Jay B. King Notary Public.

My commission expires July 1, 1950

(Published Jan. 1950)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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