BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THREE STATES NATURAL GAS COMPANY, A DELAWARE CORPORATION, FOR APPROVAL OF THE CHACO UNIT AGREEMENT EMBRACING 45,998.49 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, IN TOWNSHIP 23 NORTH, RANGES 8 AND 9 WEST, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

NO. 444

APPLICATION

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Comes now THREE STATES NATURAL GAS COMPANY, a Delaware corporation, and would respectfully show the Commission as follows:

Ι.

That the Oil Conservation Commission of the State of New Mexico is authorized by an act of Legislature of the State of New Mexico (Chapter 72, Laws of 1935, as amended) to approve the operation and development of lands lying within the State of New Mexico in accordance with a unit plan of development and operation.

II.

That the unit area, approval of which is here sought, comprises the following lands situated in San Juan County, New Mexico, to→wit:

> Township 23 North, Range 8 West, N.M.P.M. Sections 1 through 36: All Township 23 North, Range 9 West, N.M.P.M. Sections 1 through 36: All containing 45,998.49 acres, more or less. III.

That preliminary approval of the proposed Unit Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this Application for all purposes, is now pending before the U.S. Geological Survey of the United States Department of the Interior and before the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the United States

Department of the Interior, and that such preliminary approval is contemplated in the near future.

IV.

That Applicant is the owner and holder of a substantial portion of the working interest in and under the land sought to be embraced by the proposed Unit Agreement.

v.

That the proposed unit plan will in principle tend to promote the conservation of oil and gas and the prevention of waste.

VI.

Premises considered, Applicant earnestly prays that the requisite notice issue and that the petition be set down for hearing and approval at an early date at the convenience of the Commission.

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