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New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission State of New Mexico Santa Fe, New Mexico

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Attention: Mr. W. B. Macey, Secretary-Director

Re: Application of Gulf Oil Corporation for an Exception to Rule 309 to Apply to their Chaves-State "BM" Lease, Caprock-Queen Pool, Chaves County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Gulf Oil Corporation herewith makes application for an exception to Rule 309 of the Rules and Regulations of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission requesting permission to produce more than eight wells into the existing tank battery on Gulf's Chaves-State "BM" Lease, Caprock-Queen Oil Pool, Chaves County, New Mexico. The portion of the Chaves-State "BM" Lease covered in this application is composed of the N/2 of the NW/4, the W/2 of the NE/4, the SE/4 of the NW/4, the SW/4, the SE/4 of the NE/4, all in Section 23; the NW/4 of the NE/4 of Section 26, all in T-13-S, R-31-E. In support of this request, Gulf Oil Corporation states the following:

- (1) That all of the Chaves-State "BM" Lease described above has the same royalty interest.
 - (2) That the existing battery, located in the SE/4 of the NW/4 of Section 23, now handles production for eight Caprock-Queen Pool wells. The ninth well was completed December 22, 1955. Two more wells are presently being drilled, making a maximum of eleven wells that will be handled by this battery.
 - (3) That the central tank battery will have adequate facilities to permit taking of all required tests.
 - (4) That the granting of this application will result in substantial savings in steel, reduce the costs of operation and maintenance, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights.

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Therefore, Gulf Oil Corporation respectfully requests that the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission set a certain day upon which this matter may be heard, and after said hearing grant permission for applicant to utilize the existing battery for storage of production from the ninth well, completed December 22, 1955, and wells that are presently being drilled, the maximum to be eleven wells.

Respectfully submitted,

GULF OIL CORPORATION

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