BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MEW MEXICO

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

> CASE NO. 1550 Order No. R-1297

APPLICATION OF TIDEWATER OIL COMPANY FOR PERMISSION TO COMMINGLE THE PRODUCTION FROM SEVERAL OIL POOLS IN LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AND FOR PERMISSION TO PRODUCE MORE THAN SIXTEEN WELLS INTO A COMMON TANK BATTERY.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on November 19, 1958, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Elvis A. Utz, Examiner duly appointed by the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission," in accordance with Rule 1214 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

NOW, on this 26 day of Movember, 1958, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the application, the evidence adduced and the recommendations of the Examiner, Elvis A. Utz, 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, Tidewater Oil Company, is the owner and operator of the Coates "C" lease comprising the E/2, the SE/4 NW/4 and the NE/4 SW/4 of Section 24, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the applicant proposes to commingle the Ellenburger, McKee, Fusselman and Montoya production, as well as Blinebry production if it proves to be intermediate grade crude, from all wells presently completed or hereafter drilled on the said Coates "C" lease.
- (4) That the applicant also proposes to commingle the Drinkard and Langlie-Mattix production, as well as Blinebry production if it proves to be sour crude, from all wells presently completed or hereafter drilled on the said Coates "C" lease.

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- (5) That the applicant further proposes to separately meter the production from each pool prior to commingling.
- (6) That the applicant also seeks permission to produce more than sixteen wells on the said Coates "C" lease into a common tank battery.
- (7) That approval of the subject application will not cause waste nor impair correlative rights provided that the production from each pool is separately metered prior to commingling and provided further that adequate testing equipment and storage facilities are installed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That the applicant, Tidewater Oil Company be and the same is hereby authorized to commingle the Ellenburger, McKee, Fusselman and Montoya production, as well as Blinebry production if it proves to be intermediate crude, from all wells presently completed or hereafter drilled on the Coates "C" lease comprising the E/2, the SE/4 NW/4 and the NE/4 SW/4 of Section 24, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (2) That the applicant be and the same is hereby authorized to commingle the Drinkard and Langlie-Mattix production, as well as Blinebry production if it proves to be sour crude, from all wells presently completed or hereafter drilled on the said Coates "C" lease.

PROVIDED HOWEVER, That the production from each of said pools shall be separately metered prior to commingling and such meters shall be checked for accuracy at intervals and in a manner satisfactory to the Commission.

PROVIDED FURTHER, That the applicant shall install adequate testing facilities to permit the testing of all wells located on the said Coates "C" lease at least once a month to determine the individual production from each zone of each of said wells.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year herein-above designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

EDWIN L. MECHEM. Chairman

MURRAY E MORGAN Member

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

