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SANTA FE, New Mexico.

September 8, 1959

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission P. O. Box 871 Santa Fe, New Mexico

Attention: Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr. Secretary Director

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith please find Application of Skelly Oil Company to amend Order No. R-1237, Otero Gallup Oil Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

It is requested that the hearing on this Application be held at the earliest convenient date in October and that it not be heard during the month of September.

Thanking you for your usual courtesies, I

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Enclosures: Original and 2 copies of Application

cc. Mr. George W. Selinger Skelly Oil Company Tulsa 2, Oklahoma

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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN RE THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SKELLY OIL COMPANY TO AMEND ORDER R-1237 OTERO GALLUP OIL POOL RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Case No.

APPLICATION

Comes now Skelly Oil Company and alleges and states: 1. That it is an operator of oil wells in the Otero Gallup Oil Pool of Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

2. That on August 13, 1958, this Commission issued Order No. R-1237 in Case No. 1440 providing that no casinghead gas be flared or vented in the Otero Gallup Oil Pool nor from any well within one mile therefrom after August 31, 1958.

3. That the area is in active development stage and the Commission is constantly extending the area covered by said order so that it is difficult for operators to know at the time of drilling or completing if said area is subsequently to be included in the monthly extensions.

4. That on development wells within the area it is necessary to await completions to determine if said area is feasible and economical for the facilities necessary to utilize such casinghead gas particularly in view of the varied small volumes involved.

5. That in the interest of orderly development and the determination of the necessary data to comply with the terms of the order, operators should be permitted to produce and operate their wells at least sixty days so that new wells should be permitted to produce sixty days after the completion date and wells drilled outside the existing area covered by the order should be permitted to be produced sixty days after the date of the order extending the limits of the field or within one mile thereof before being required to utilize said casinghead gas.

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WHEREFORE, premises considered, applicant prays that this matter be set for hearing after the giving of notice and in line with evidence presented, amend present Order in Gallup Oil Pool and for such other orders, rules and regulations as may be necessary in the premises. l SKELLY OIL COMPANY BY: GEORGE W. SELINGER; AND GILBERT, WHITE AND GILBERT っつ BY: C. WHITE -2-

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