BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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

> CASE No. 2017 Order No. R-1736

APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL OIL COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN AUTO-MATIC CUSTODY TRANSFER SYSTEM IN THE MALJAMAR POOL, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on July 27, 1960, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Daniel S. Nutter, 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 4th day of August, 1960, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the application, the evidence adduced, and the recommendations of the Examiner, Daniel S. Nutter, 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, Continental Oil Company, is the owner and operator of the Miller "BX" lease comprising in pertinent part the E/2 of Section 14, Township 17 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the applicant proposes to install an automatic custody transfer system to handle the Maljamar Pool production from all wells presently completed or hereafter drilled on the above-described portion of the said Miller "BX" lease.
- (4) That the previous use of automatic custody transfer equipment, similar to that proposed by the applicant, has shown that such equipment is a reliable and economic means of transferring the custody of oil, and that the use of such equipment should be permitted, provided adequate safety features are incorporated therein.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That the applicant, Continental Oil Company, be and the same is hereby authorized to install an automatic custody transfer system to handle the Maljamar Pool production from all wells presently completed or hereafter drilled on that portion of its Miller "BX" lease comprising the E/2 of Section 14, Township 17 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

PROVIDED HOWEVER, That the applicant shall install adequate facilities to permit the testing of all wells located on the above-described portion of the said Miller "BX" lease at least once each month to determine the individual production from each well.

PROVIDED FURTHER, That the applicant shall install storage facilities capable of handling the lease production during the maximum unattended hours of operation.

PROVIDED FURTHER, That the applicant shall install a high level safety shut-in switch in the storage tank which will shut-in the wells at the header thus preventing the overflow of oil in the event of malfunction of the equipment.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

That all meters used in the above-described automatic custody transfer system shall be operated and maintained in such a manner as to ensure an accurate measurement of the liquid hydrocarbon production at all times.

That meters shall be checked for accuracy at least once each month until further direction by the Secretary-Director.

That meters shall be calibrated against a master meter or against a test tank of measured volume and the results of such calibration filed with the Commission on the Commission form entitled "Meter Test Report."

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

JOHN BURROUGHS, Chairman

MURRAY E. MORGAN, Member

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