

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO P. O. BOX 2088 - SANTA FE 87501

July 14, 1971

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LAND COMMISSIONER ALEX J. ARMIJO MEMBER

STATE GEOLOGIST A. L. PORTER, JR. SECRETARY – DIRECTOR

Mr. J. K. Letts Patterson Building 555 Seventeenth Street Denver, Colorado 80202 Re: Case No. 4568

Order No. R-4168

Applicant:

W. W. West

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced Commission order recently entered in the subject case.

Very truly yours,

A. L. PORTER, Jr. Secretary-Director

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Copy of order also sent to:

Hobbs OCC × Artesia OCC × Aztec OCC

Other_____Mr. Clarence Hinkle

and Unit Division - State Land Office

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. 4568 Order No. R-4168

APPLICATION OF W. W. WEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE WEST DOG CANYON UNIT AGREEMENT, OTERO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on July 14, 1971, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this <u>14th</u> day of July, 1971, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, 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, W. W. West, seeks approval of the West Dog Canyon Unit Agreement covering 37,781.88 acres, more or less, of State, Federal and Fee lands described as follows:

OTERO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Township	25	South,	Range	19	East,	NMPM
Sections	10	through	15:	A11		
Sections	22	through	27:	A11		
Sections	34	through	36 :	A11	•	

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> Township 25 South, Range 20 East, NMPM Sections 7 and 8: All Sections 17 through 20: All Section 21: W/2 Section 28: W/2 Sections 29 through 33: All Section 34: W/2

> Township 26 South, Range 19 East, NMPM Sections 1 through 3: All Sections 10 through 14: All Sections 23 and 24: All

> Township 26 South, Range 20 East, NMPM Sections 3 through 10: All Section 11: W/2 Sections 14 through 23: All Sections 26 through 28: All Sections 33 through 35: All

(3) That approval of the proposed unit agreement should promote the prevention of waste and the protection of correlative rights within the unit area.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the West Dog Canyon Unit Agreement is hereby approved.

(2) That the plan contained in said unit agreement for the development and operation of the Unit area is hereby approved in principle as a proper conservation measure; provided, however, that notwithstanding any of the provisions contained in said unit agreement, this approval shall not be considered as waiving or relinguishing, in any manner, any right, duty, or obligation which is now, or may hereafter be, vested in the Commission to supervise and control operations for the exploration and development of any lands committed to the unit and production of oil or gas therefrom.

(3) That the unit operator shall file with the Commission an executed original or executed counterpart of the unit agreement within 30 days after the effective date thereof; that in the event of subsequent joinder by any party or expansion or -3-CASE NO. 4568 Order No. R-4168

contraction of the unit area, the unit operator shall file with the Commission within 30 days thereafter counterparts of the unit agreement reflecting the subscription of those interests having joined or ratified.

(4) That this order shall become effective upon the approval of said unit agreement by the Commissioner of Public Lands for the State of New Mexico and the Director of the United States Geological Survey; that this order shall terminate ipso facto upon the termination of said unit agreement; and that the last unit operator shall notify the Commission immediately in writing of such termination.

(5) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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

> STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

BRUCE KING, Chairman

ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member

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



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