

BEFORE THE
NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM
STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO
Wednesday, October 31, 1973

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of Cities Service Oil
Company for a unit agreement, Eddy
County, New Mexico. Azotea Mesa
Unit of Township 23 South, Range
24 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Case No. 5094

BEFORE: RICHARD L. STAMETS,
Examiner

TRANSCRIPT OF EXAMINER HEARING

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6 a plat of the unit area, the Azotea Mesa Unit area.
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19 A Exhibit B to the Unit Agreement lists all of the tracts,
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