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. 3493 Order No. R-3157

APPLICATION OF H. N. SWEENEY FOR APPROVAL OF THE HALE UNIT AGREEMENT, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 3 a.m. on November 30, 1966 at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 6th day of December, 1966, 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, H. N. Sweeney, seeks approval of the Hale Unit Agreement covering 1920 acres, more or less, of State, Federal, and Fee lands described as follows:

EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM

Section 1: All

Section 2: S/2

Section 11: All

Section 12: N/2

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

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That the Hale 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 relinquishing, 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 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 <u>ipso facto</u> 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
QL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

K M. CAMPBELL, Chairman

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Case No.

APPLICATION

Comes now H. N. Sweeney, by his attorneys, and applies to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission for approval of the Hale Unit Agreement, Eddy County, New Mexico, and in support of his application states:

1. Applicant proposes to form the Hale Unit comprising
1920 acres of Federal, State and fee lands in Township 20 South,
Range 30 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico, as follows:

Section 1: All.

Section 2: $S^{\frac{1}{2}}$.

Section 11: All.

Section 12: $N^{\frac{1}{2}}$.

- 2. The Hale Unit is proposed as an exploratory unit, and the initial well, scheduled to test the Strawn formation, will be the Hale Unit Well No. 1, located 1650 feet from the South line and 2310 feet from the East line of said Section 1.
 - 3. The applicant has received preliminary approval of the proposed Hale Unit from the United States Geological Survey and the Commissioner of Public Lands for the State of New Mexico.
 - 4. Approval of the Hale Unit will be in the best interests of conservation, will prevent waste and will protect correlative rights.

DOCKET MAILED

Date 11-18-6

WHEREFORE applicant requests that this application be set for hearing before the Commission or one of its examiners at an early date and that the Commission enter its order approving the Hale Unit Agreement.

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