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. 3728 Order No. R-3127-A

APPLICATION OF TENNECO OIL COMPANY FOR AN AMENDMENT TO ORDER NO. R-3127, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on February 28, 1968, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 4th day of March, 1968, 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 by Order No. R-3127, dated October 4, 1966, the Commission approved the Grayburg-Jackson West Cooperative Unit Agreement covering 2000 acres, more or less, of State and fee lands described as follows:

> EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO TOMMSHIP 17 SOUTH. RANGE 29 EAST. NMPM Section 15: W/2 SW/4 Section 16: S/2 SW/4 and SE/4 Section 21: All Section 22: W/2 W/2, E/2 NW/4, NE/4 SW/4, and NW/4 NE/4 Section 27: W/2 SW/4 Section 28: All

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(3) That the applicant, Tenneco Oil Company, seeks the expansion of said Grayburg-Jackson West Cooperative Unit Area to include 400 additional acres of State land described as follows:

EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM Section 16: N/2 and N/2 SW/4

(4) That the proposed expansion of said Grayburg-Jackson West Cooperative Unit Agreement should promote the prevention of waste and protection of correlative rights within the unit area as expanded.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the Grayburg-Jackson West Cooperative Unit Agreement, as amended to include the acreage described in Finding (3) above, is hereby approved.

(2) That the unit operator shall file with the Commission an executed original or executed counterpart of the amendment to 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.

(3) That this order shall become effective upon the approval of the aforesaid amendment to the Grayburg-Jackson West Cooperative Unit Agreement by the Commissioner of Public Lands for the State of New Mexico; 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.

(4) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem neces-3-CASE No. 3728 Order No. R-3127-A

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

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO

DAVID F. CARGO, Chairman

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

BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC DANDS

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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APPLICATION FOR EXPANSION OF UNIT AREA

Comes now TENNECO OIL COMPANY, the Operator of the Grayburg-Jackson, West Cooperative Unit, Eddy County, New Mexico and hereby makes application to the Commissioner of Public Lands for expansion of the Unit Area to include:

Township 17 South, Range 29 East, N.M.P.M.

Section 16: N¹/₂, N¹/₂SW¹/₄

containing 400 acres, more or less, and for grounds thereof states:

(a) Such expansion will tend to promote the conservation of oil and gas and the better utilization of reservoir energy in the Unit Area, as expanded.

(b) That under the proposed expansion, the State of New Mexico will receive its fair share of recoverable oil or gas in place under its lands in the Unit Area, as expanded.

(c) That each beneficiary Institution of the State of New Mexico will receive its fair and equitable share of the recoverable oil and gas under its lands within the Unit Area, as expanded.

(d) That such expansion is in other respects for the best interests of the State of New Mexico, with respect to State lands.

Duplicate counterparts of an instrument entitled "Amendment to Grayburg-Jackson, West Cooperative Unit Agreement, Eddy County, New Mexico" to accomplish the above expansion is attached hereto. The undersigned does hereby request the Commissioner to consent to and approve said instrument, and to provide that all leases embracing lands of the State of New Mexico within the Unit Area, as expanded, shall be and the same are to be amended to conform with the terms of the Unit Agreement, and the attached instrument, and that such leases shall remain in full force and effect according to the terms and conditions of the Unit Agreement and the attached instruments.

Respectfully submitted,

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