# 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. 3851 Order No. R-3496

APPLICATION OF MOBIL OIL CORPORATION FOR A WATERFLOOD EXPANSION, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

## ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

## BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on September 4, 1968, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this 12th day of September, 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 the applicant, Mobil Oil Corporation, seeks permission to expand its Bridges State Waterflood Project in the Vacuum Pool by the injection of water into the San Andres formation through its Bridges State Well No. 127 located 660 feet from the South line and 560 feet from the West line of Section 24, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the wells in the project area are in an advanced state of depletion and should properly be classified as "stripper" wells.
- (4) That the proposed expansion of the Bridges State Water-flood Project should result in the recovery of otherwise unrecoverable oil, thereby preventing waste.

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(5) That the subject application should be approved and the expanded project should be governed by the provisions of Rules 701, 702, and 703 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That the applicant, Mobil Oil Corporation, is hereby authorized to expand its Bridges State Waterflood Project in the Vacuum Pool by the injection of water into the San Andres formation through its Bridges State Well No. 127 recently completed at a location 660 feet from the South line and 560 feet from the West line of Section 24, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (2) That the expanded waterflood project shall be governed by the provisions of Rules 701, 702, and 703 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.
- (3) That monthly progress reports of the expanded waterflood project herein authorized shall be submitted to the Commission in accordance with Rules 704 and 1120 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.
- (4) 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

DAVID F. CARGO, Chairman

SUXTON B. HAYS, Member

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