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. 4856 Order No. R-4438

APPLICATION OF GULF OIL CORPORATION FOR A WATERFLOOD PROJECT, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on November 14, 1972, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 16th day of November, 1972, 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, Gulf Oil Corporation, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project on its Littlefield "AB" Federal Lease, Shugart Yates-Seven Rivers, Queen-Grayburg Pool, by the injection of water into the Queen formation through three injection wells in Section 22, Township 18 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, Eddy 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 waterflood project should result in the recovery of otherwise unrecoverable oil, thereby preventing waste.
- (5) That the subject application should be approved and the project should be governed by the provisions of Rules 701, 702, and 703 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Gulf Oil Corporation, is hereby authorized to institute a waterflood project in the Shugart Yates-Seven Rivers, Queen-Grayburg Pool by the injection of water into the Queen formation through the following-described wells in Section 22, Township 18 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico:

Federal "AB" Littlefield Well No. 9, Unit H Federal "AB" Littlefield Well No. 10, Unit B Federal "AB" Littlefield Well No. 14, Unit O

- (2) That injection in each of the aforesaid wells shall be through internally plastic-coated tubing set in a packer located as near as is practicable to the uppermost perforation; that the casing-tubing annulus of each injection well shall be loaded with an inert fluid and equipped with a pressure gauge at the surface.
- (3) That the subject waterflood project is hereby designated the Gulf Littlefield Shugart Waterflood Project and shall be governed by the provisions of Rules 701, 702, and 703 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.
- (4) That monthly progress reports of the waterflood project herein authorized shall be submitted to the Commission in accordance with Rules 704 and 1120 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.
- (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

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

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