BEFORE THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

CASE NO. 1059 ORDER NO. 1137

IN THE MATTER OF A HEARING CALLED ON A MOTION OF THE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION OF CARDINAL PETROLEUM COMPANY FOR PERMISSION TO DRILL A WELL IN THE CENTER OF THE SW/4 OF SECTION 15, T.140N., R.96W, STARK COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA, AS AN EXCEPTION TO THE SPACING PATTERN FOR THE DICKINSON-HEATH POOL.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

Pursuant to legal notice this cause came on for hearing at 9:30 a.m. on the 9th day of September, 1971, at Bismarck, North Dakota, before the State Industrial Commission of North Dakota, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 8th day of October, 1971, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony adduced and the exhibits received at said hearing, 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 evidence presented to the Commission bearing on the matter of well location indicates that a dry hole has been drilled in the SW NW of Section 15, Township 140 North, Range 96 West, and that there is recoverable crude oil in the Heath Reservoir underlying the spacing unit described as the W/2 of Section 15, Township 140 North, Range 96 West.
- (3) That the prevention of waste and protection of correlative rights requires that another well be drilled on said spacing unit.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That Cardinal Petroleum Company be and the same is hereby granted, an exception to the spacing pattern in the Dickinson-Heath Field, allowing it to drill a well in the approximate center of the SW/4 of Section 15, Township 140 North, Range 96 West, Stark County, North Dakota.
- (2) That Cardinal Petroleum Company make application to the office of the State Geologist for permit to drill said well.

DONE, at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 8th day of October, 1971.

THE NORTH DAKOTA INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

/s/ William L. Guy William L. Guy, Governor

/s/ Helgi Johanneson Helgi Johanneson, Attorney General

/s/ Arne Dahl Arne Dahl, Commissioner of Agriculture