CASE 5623: AMOCO PRODUCTION CO. FOR SALT WATER DISPOSAL, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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- Mr. Hunter, you have testified at previous Commission hearings and your qualifications are a matter of public record are they not?
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- A. No, sir, I wouldn't think so. This well, this
 Number 4 Well is out in the center of our Unit and is a pretty
 good distance from these dry holes.
 - Q It looks like at least a mile across there?
 - A. A good mile from the closest.
- Q Did you check the plugging program on any of those wells?
 - A. No, sir, I haven't.
- Q Will your injection well be equipped with a pressure gauge or some sort of a leakage detection device at the surface?
- A. Yes, sir, we will be monitoring the pressure in the casing tubing annulus with a pressure gauge.
 - And will the annulus be loaded with an inhibited fluid?

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- And you will have a man in the field who will Q. report any problems with the well, any leakage, any failures?
 - Yes, sir, it will be checked daily. A. MR. STAMETS: Any other questions of the witness? MR. BUELL: I have one, Mr. Examiner.

REDIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. BUELL:

Mr. Hunter, are not the wells, the dry holes to the immediate west of our Unit boundary, aren't they all fairly recently drilled wells?

- Yes, sir. A.
- And all plugged and abandoned under the modern Q. plugging and abandoning rules of this Commission?
 - They should be.

MR. BUELL: That's all, Mr. Examiner.

MR. STAMETS: One additional question. If Amoco were limited to a surface pressure of no more than a half a pound per foot of depth, do you think that would give you any trouble on this well?

THE WITNESS: That might not be sufficient. MR. BUELL: We really wouldn't know until we tried it, Mr. Examiner.

MR. STAMETS: Any other questions of the witness?

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He may be excused. (THEREUPON, the witness was excused.)

MR. STAMETS: Anything further in this case? case will be taken under advisement.

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- Q. Did you check the plugging program on any of those wells?
 - A. No, sir, I haven't.
- Q. Will your injection well be equipped with a pressure gauge or some sort of a leakage detection device at the surface?
- A. Yes, sir, we will be monitoring the pressure in the casing tubing annulus with a pressure gauge.
 - Q. And will the annulus be loaded with an inhibited fluid?

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- And you will have a man in the field who will report any problems with the well, any leakage, any failures?
 - Yes, sir, it will be checked daily. MR. STAMETS: Any other questions of the witness? MR. BUELL: I have one, Mr. Examiner.

REDIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. BUELL:

- Mr. Hunter, are not the wells, the dry holes to the immediate west of our Unit boundary, aren't they all Q. fairly recently drilled wells?
 - Yes, sir. A.
- And all plugged and abandoned under the modern Q. plugging and abandoning rules of this Commission?
 - They should be. ß.

MR. BUELL: That's all, Mr. Examiner.

If Amoco MR. STAMETS: One additional question. were limited to a surface pressure of no more than a half a pound per foot of depth, do you think that would give you any trouble on this well?

THE WITNESS: That might not be sufficient.

MR. BUELL: We really wouldn't know until we tried it, Mr. Examiner.

MR. STAMETS: Any other questions of the witness?

He may be excused.

(THEREUPON, the witness was excused.)

MR. STAMETS: Anything further in this case? case will be taken under advisement.

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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

I, SIDNEY F. MORRISH, a Certified Shorthand Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached Transcript of Hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission was reported by me, and the same is a true and correct record of the said proceedings to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

Sidney F. Morrish, C.S.R.

a complete record of the proceedings in the Examiner hearing of Case No. 5623.

Dichard L. Stant Examiner

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO P. O. BOX 2088 - SANTA FE 87501

LAND COMMISSIONER
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STATE GEOLOGIST
EMERY C. ARNOLD

Mr. Guy Buell Attorney	CASE NO. 5623 ORDER NO. R-5165
Amoco Production Company P. O. Box 3092 Houston, Texas 77001	Applicant:
	Amoco Production Company
Dear Sir:	
Enclosed herewith are two co Commission order recently en	pies of the above-referenced tered in the subject case.
Yours very truly,	
JOE D. RAMEY Director	
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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. 5623 Order No. R-5165

APPLICATION OF AMOCO PRODUCTION COMPANY FOR SALT WATER DISPOSAL, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on February 4, 1976, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner, Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 24th day of February, 1976, 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, Amoco Production Company, is the owner and operator of the Old Indian Draw Well No. 4, located in Unit I of Section 18, Township 22 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Indian Draw-Delaware Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the applicant proposes to utilize said well to dispose of produced salt water into the Lower Delaware formation, with injection into the perforated interval from approximately 3,376 feet to 3,400 feet.
- (4) That the injection should be accomplished through 2 3/8-inch plastic lined tubing installed in a packer set at approximately 3350 feet; that the casing-tubing annulus should be filled with an inert fluid; and that a pressure gauge or approved leak detection device should be attached to the annulus in order to determine leakage in the casing, tubing, or packer.
- (5) That the injection well or system should be equipped with a pop-off valve or acceptable substitute which will limit the wellhead pressure on the injection well to no more than 1700 psi unless a higher pressure should be approved by the Secretary-Director of the Commission.

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- (6) That the operator should notify the supervisor of the Artesia district office of the Commission of the date and time of the installation of disposal equipment so that the same may be inspected.
- (7) That the operator should take all steps necessary to ensure that the injected water enters only the proposed injection interval and is not permitted to escape to other formations or onto the surface.
- (8) That approval of the subject application will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells and otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Amoco Production Company, is hereby authorized to utilize its Old Indian Draw Well No. 4, located in Unit I of Section 18, Township 22 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Indian Draw-Delaware Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, to dispose of produced salt water into the Lower Delaware formation, injection to be accomplished through 2 3/8-inch tubing installed in a packer set at approximately 3350 feet, with injection into the perforated interval from approximately 3,376 feet to 3,400 feet;

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the tubing shall be plastic-lined; that the casing-tubing annulus shall be filled with an inert fluid; and that a pressure gauge shall be attached to the annulus or the annulus shall be equipped with an approved leak detection device in order to determine leakage in the casing, tubing, or packer.

- (2) That the injection well or system shall be equipped with a pop-off valve or acceptable substitute which will limit the wellhead pressure on the injection well to no more than 1700 psi.
- (3) That the Secretary-Director of the Commission may administratively approve wellhead injection pressures greater than 1700 psi for good cause shown.
- (4) That the operator shall notify the supervisor of the Artesia district office of the Commission of the date and time of the installation of disposal equipment so that the same may be inspected.
- (5) That the operator shall immediately notify the supervisor of the Commission's Artesia district office of the failure of the tubing, casing, or packer, in said well or the leakage of water from or around said well and shall take such steps as may be timely and necessary to correct such failure or leakage.

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- (6) That the applicant shall submit monthly reports of its disposal operations in accordance with Rules 704 and 1120 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.
- (7) 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 herein-above designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

R. LUCERO, Chairman

OE D. RAMEY, Member & Secretary

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OLD INDIAN DRAW WELL NO.4 Wellbore Sketch After Conversion To SWD

3083' GL

8-5/8" 20# CGA 380' 380 5x.Cmt., Circ.

BEFORE EXAMINER STAMETS OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION EXHIBIT NO. 2

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CASE NO.

Submitted by Amoco Production Co.

Hearing Date 2/4/76

DISPOSAL ZONE Perf. 3376'-3400' W/2 JSPF

2476'-2481' 2490'-2504

Perf. W/2 JSPF Acd. W/3000 Gal. B.D. Acid Squezzed W/200 Sx.

Perf. 3316-26 W/2 JSPF, Delaware Sn., Acd. W/1500 Gal. B.D. Acid 24 Hr. Test -> 15 BO, 64 BWPD Squeezed W/100 Sx.

2.3/8" Plastic Coated Tubing & Pkr. 194.3350 Baker Model DPkr. 5-1/2" 14# K-55 CSA 3463' 700 Sx. Cmt., Circ. 180 Sx.

PBTD 3411

- T.D. 3463'

Dockets Nos. 6-76 and 7-76 are tentatively set for hearing on February 18 and March 3, 1976. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER REARING - WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 4, 1976

9 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM,

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The following cases will be heard before Richard L. Stamets, Examiner, or Daniel S. Nutter, Alternate Examiner:

Application of Champlin Petroleum Company for a waterflood project, Roosevelt County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project in the Chaveroo-San Andres Pool by the injection of water into the San Andres formation through its Farrell Federal Well No. 4, located in Unit P of Section 30, Township 7 South, Range 33 East, Roosevelt County, New Mexico. Applicant further seeks an administrative procedure for approval of additional wells at standard and non-standard locations within the project area.

CASE 5397: (Reopened)

In the ratter of Case 5397 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-4949, which order established the North Burton Flats-Wolfcamp Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, and promulgated special pool rules therefor, including a provision for 320-acre spacing and proration units. All interested parties may appear and show cause why said special pool rules should or should not remain in effect.

CASE 5621: Application of El Paso Natural Gas Company for downhole commingling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval to commingle Basin-Dakota and Blanco-Mesaverde gas production in the wellbore of its Jicarilla 119N Well No. 4, located in Unit H of Section 6, Township 26 North, Range 4 West, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

Application of Texaco for determination of charges and costs, Eddy County, New Mexico. CASE 5622: in the above-styled cause, seeks the determination by the Commission of reasonable well costs, and the applicability of the charge for risk to certain items of expense, for the William G. Ross A. Q. Rogers Well No. 1, located in Unit P of Section 3, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, to which is dedicated the E/2 of said Section 3, said lands having been pooled by Commission Order No. R-4980.

Application of Amoco Production Company for salt water disposal, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, CASE 5623: in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced water by injection into the Lower Delaware formation through the perforated interval from 3376 to 3400 feet in its Old Indian Draw Well No. 4, located in Unit I of Section 18, Township 22 South, Range 28 East, Indian Draw-Delaware Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

CASE 5624: Application of Harris & Walton for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced water into the Yates-Seven Rivers formation through the open-hole interval from 3507 feet to 3761 feet in its N. Whitten Well No. 1, located in Unit C of Section 4, Township 24 South, Range 36 East, Jalmat Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

Application of Walter W. Krug dba Wallen Production Co. for an exception to Order R-111-A, Lea CASE 5625: County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an exception to the Potash-Oil Area casing-cementing rules for his Wallen Fee Well No. 1, located 330 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the West line of Section 28, Township 20 South, Range 34 East, Lea County, New Mexico, to permit completing said well with a shallow-cavings string cemented in and with 7-inch production casing to the top of the pay and a 4 1/2-inch liner through the pay, all cemented to the surface.

Southeastern New Mexico nomenclature case calling for an order for the creation, abolishments, and CASE 5626: extension of certain pools in Eddy and Lea Counties, New Mexico.

> (a) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Strawn production and designated as the Carlsbad-Strawn Gas Pool. The discovery well is the Belco Petroleum Corporation Union Mead Com Well No. 1, located in Unit H of Section 8, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

> > TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM Section 8: All Section 17: N/2

(b) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Morrow production and designated as the East Carlsbad-Morrow Gas Pool. The discovery well is the Champlin Petroleum Company Pecos Federal Neil No. 1, located in Unit C of Section 1, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, NNPM. Said pool would comprise:

> TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 27 PAST, NMPM Section 35: All Section 36: W/2

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TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM

Section 1: N/2 Section 2: N/2

(c) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Strawn production and designated as the East Cadsbad-Strawn Gas Pool. The discovery well is the Champlin Petroleum Company Pecos Federal Well No. 1, located in Unit C of Section 1, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM Section 1: N/2

(d) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Strawn production and designated as the La Buerta-Strawn Gas Pool. The discovery well is the Cities Service Oil Company Tracy A Com Well No. 1, located in Unit C of Section 33, Township 21 South, Range 27 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

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(e) CREATE a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for Pennsylvanian production and designated as the Nonombre-Pennsylvanian Pool. Said pool would consolidate the vertical limits and acreage of the abolished Nonombre Lower-Pennsylvanian, Nonombre Middle-Pennsylvanian and the Nonombre Upper-Pennsylvanian Pools. New pool to be governed by the rules of the abolished Nonombre Lower-Pennsylvanian Pool under Order R-2929. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM Section 32: All

(f) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Morrow production and designated as the Robinia Draw-Morrow Gas Pool. The discovery well is the American Quasar Petroleum Company of New Mexico Robinia Draw Unit Well No. 1, located in Unit K of Section 7, Township 23 South, Range 24 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, NMPM Section 7: W/2

(g) CREATE a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for Pennsylvanian production and designated as the North Sanmal-Pennsylvanian Pool. The discovery well is the Dalco Oil Company Bell 17 State Well No. 1, located in Unit G of Section 17, Township 16 South, Range 33 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, MMPM Section 17: NE/4

ABOLISH the Nouembre Lower Pennsylvanian Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, described as:

TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NAPM Section 32: SW/4

(i) ABOLISH the Nonombre Middle-Pennsylvanian Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, described as:

TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM Section 32: E/2 NM/4 and W/2 NE/4

(j) ABOLISH the Norombre Upper-Pennsylvanian Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, described as:

TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM Section 32: E/2 and SW/4

EXTEND the North Benson Queen-Grayburg Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 30 FAST, NMPM Section 32: S/2 NE/4 and NW/4 SW/4

(1) EXTEND the Burton Flat-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 26 FAST, MIPM Section 12: S/2 Section 13: E/2

TOUNSHIP 21 SOUTH, PANCE 27 EAST, NHPM

Section 2: Lots 11, 12, 13, 14 6 SW/4 Section 15, 16, 21, 22, & 28: All Section 33: W/2

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(m) EXTEND the Eurton Flat-Strawn Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWDSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM Section 15: All

EXTEND the South Carlsbad-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein: (n)

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM Section 3: K/2 Section 4: All Section 5: E/2 Sections 8, 9, 17 & 18: All Section 20: W/2

(o) EXTEND the Eagle Creek-San Andres Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, NYPM Section 13: N/2 NW/4

(p) EXTEND the Eamont Gas Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANCE 37 EAST, NMPM Section 33: NW/4 and SN/4 NE/4

EXTEND the Los Medanos-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, NMPM Section 6: E/2

(r) EXTEND the Lovington-Paddock Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM NW/4 Section 3: Section 4: NE/4

EXTEND the North Vacuum-Abo Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM Section 36: SE/4

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM Section 9: SE/4

(t) EXTEND the Vada-Pennsylvanian Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM Section 11: E/2

EXTEND the Wantz-Granite Wash Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NYPM

(v) CONTRACT the Indian Basin-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, by the deletion of the following described lands:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, NAPM Sections 31 & 32: All

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, NMPM Sections 4 & 5: All

(v) EXTEND the Cemetary-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include the following described lands:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, NMPM Section 31: A11 Section 32: W/2

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, NMPM Sections 4 & 5: All

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I hereby certify that the information above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

APPLICATION TO DISPOSE OF SALT WATER BY INJECTION INTO A POROUS FORMATION

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January 26, 1976

Mr. Joe D. Ramey Oil Conservation Commission State Land Office Building Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

RE: No. 5623

Examiner Hearing for Wednesday,
February 4, 1976

Dear Mr. Ramey:

Would you please file the enclosed Entry of Appearance in the captioned case. The presentation will be handled by Guy Buell of Amoco's Houston office.

Appreciating your courtesy, and with our kind regards, I am,

Very truly yours

Paul Cooter

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cc: Guy Buell, Esquire

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF AMOCO PRODUCTION COMPANY FOR)
SALT WATER DISPOSAL, EDDY COUNTY,)
NEW MEXICO.)

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

The undersigned, Atwood, Malone, Mann & Cooter of Roswell, New Mexico, hereby enter their appearance herein on behalf of Amoco Production Company, with Guy Buell, Esquire, of Houston, Texas.

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BEFORE THE GIL 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:

5623 CASE NO. Order No. Rt. 5/65

PPLICATION OF AMOCO PRODUCTION COMPANY OR SALT WATER DISPOSAL, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on February 4, 1976, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner, Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this day of February , 1976 , 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, Amoco Production Company is the owner and operator of the Old Indian Draw Well No South located in Unit I of Section 18, Township East , NMPM, Indian Draw-Delaware Pool Range 28 Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the applicant proposes to utilize said well to dispose of produced salt water into the Lower Delaware formation, with injection into the perforated from approximately 3,376 feet to 3,400
- (4) That the injection should be accomplished through 2/8 -inch plastic lined tubing installed in a packer set at approximately 3350 feet; that the casing-tubing annulus should be filled with an inert fluid; and that a pressure gauge or approved leak detection device should be attached to the

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annulus in order to determine leakage in the casing, tubing, or packer.

(4) That the injection well or system should be equipped with a pop-off valve or acceptable substitute which will limit the wellhead pressure on the injection well to no more than 1700 psi, unless a higher pressure should be approved

by the Secretary-Dinestor of the Commission

- (5) That the operator should notify the supervisor of the Artesia district office of the Commission of the date and time of the installation of disposal equipment so that the same may be inspected.
- (6) That the operator should take all steps necessary to ensure that the injected water enters only the proposed injection interval and is not permitted to escape to other formations or onto the surface.
- (7) That approval of the subject application will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells and otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Amoco Production Company is hereby authorized to utilize its Old Indian Draw Well No., 4, located in Unit I of Section 18 , Township 22 South East , NMPM, Indian Draw-Delaware Pool Range 28 _ County, New Mexico, to dispose of produced salt formation, injec-Eddy water into the Lower Delaware tion to be accomplished through tubing installed in a packer set at approximately 33.50 feet, with injection into the perforate interval from approximately 3,376 feet to 3,400 feet;

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the tubing shall be plastic-lined; that the casing-tubing annulus shall be filled with an inert fluid; and that a pressure gauge shall be attached to the annulus or the annulus shall be equipped with an approved leak detection device in order to determine leakage in the casing, tubing, or packer.

(2) That the injection well or system shall be equipped with a pop-off valve or acceptable substitute which will limit the wellhead pressure on the injection well to no more than 700 psi.

That the operator shall notify the supervisor of the <u>Artesia</u> district office of the Commission of the date and time of the installation of disposal equipment so that the same may be inspected.

visor of the Commission's Artesia district office of the failure of the tubing, casing, or packer, in said well or the leakage of water from or around said well and shall take such steps as may be timely and necessary to correct such failure or leakage.

(6) That the applicant shall submit monthly reports of its disposal operations in accordance with Rules 704 and 1120 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

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.

(3) That The Secretary - Director of the Commission administratively wellhead injection pressures may napprove wellhead injection pressures greater than 1700 psi for good cause shown,