CASE 5722: GENE SNOW FOR AN EXCEPTION TO ORDER NO. R-3221, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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		Gene Snow	
Dear Sir:			·
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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. 5722 DE NOVO Order No. R-5248-A

APPLICATION OF GENE SNOW FOR AN EXCEPTION TO ORDER NO. R-3221, AS AMENDED, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on January 17, 1977, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 25th day of January, 1977, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony presented 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 the applicant, Gene Snow, is the owner and operator of the Elk Well No. 1, located in Unit L of Section 32, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, NMPM, North Benson Queen-Grayburg Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (3) That Order (3) of Commission Order No. R-3221, as amended, prohibits in that area encompassed by Lea, Eddy, Chaves, and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico, the disposal, subject to minor exceptions, of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil or gas, or both, on the surface of the ground, or in any pit. pond, lake, depression, draw, streambed, or arroyo, or in any watercourse, or in any other place or in any manner which would constitute a hazard to any fresh water supplies and said disposal has not previously been prohibited.

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- (4) That the aforesaid Order No. R-3221 was issued in order to afford reasonable protection against contamination of fresh water supplies designated by the State Engineer through disposal of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil or gas, or both, in unlined surface pits.
- (5) That the State Engineer has designated, pursuant to Section 65-3-11 (15), N.M.S.A., 1953 Compilation, all underground water in the State of New Mexico containing 10,000 parts per million or less of dissolved solids as fresh water supplies to be afforded reasonable protection against contamination; except that said designation does not include any water for which there is no present or reasonably foreseeable beneficial use that would be impaired by contamination.
- (6) That the applicant seeks as an exception to the provisions of the aforesaid Order (3) permission to dispose of salt water produced by applicant's above-described well into an unlined surface pit located in Unit L of said Section 32.
- (7) That applicant's Elk Well No. 1 produces approximately 1 barrel of water per day.
- (8) That there is fresh water in the vicinity of the above-described unlined pit for which a present or reasonably foreseeable beneficial use is or will be made.
- (9) That this matter came on for hearing before Examiner Richard L. Stamets on July 21, 1976, and pursuant to this hearing, Order No. R-5248 was issued in Case No. 5722 on August 24, 1976, which order denied the application of Gene Snow for an exception to Order (3) of Commission Order No. R-3221.
- (10) That such denial was predicated on said existence of fresh water in the vicinity of said pit, the lack of evidence as to the direction of subsurface drainage or percolation of water from the proposed unlined pit, and the potential threat to said fresh water posed by such drainage or percolation.
- (11) That on September 13, 1976, the applicant, Gene Snow, filed application for hearing De Novo of Case No. 5722 and the matter was set for hearing before a quorum of the Commission.
- (12) That this matter came on for hearing <u>De Novo</u> on January 17, 1977.
- (13) That the evidence presented demonstrates that surface drainage from the area of the proposed unlined pit would not be toward nor affect fresh water.

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- (14) That the evidence presented demonstrates that subsurface drainage from the area of the proposed unlined pit would not be toward nor affect fresh water.
- (15) That there appears to be no shallow fresh water in the vicinity of the subject pit for which a present or reasonably foreseeable beneficial use is or will be made that would be impaired by contamination from the subject pit.
- (16) That the applicant should be permitted to dispose of water produced by his well on the above-described lease in an unlined surface pit located on said lease.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That the applicant, Gene Snow, is hereby granted an exception to Order (3) of Commission Order No. R-3221, as amended, to dispose of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil or gas, or both, from his Elk Well No. 1 located in Unit L of Section 32, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, NMPM, North Benson Queen-Grayburg Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, in an unlined surface pit located in Unit L of said Section 32.
- (2) That the Secretary-Director of the Commission may by administrative order rescind such authority whenever it reasonably appears to the Secretary-Director that such rescission would serve to protect fresh water supplies from contamination.
- (3) 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

PHIL R. LUCERO, Chairman

EMERY G. ARNOLD Member

JOE D. NAMEY, Member & Secretary

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. 5722 Order No. R-5248

APPLICATION OF GENE SNOW FOR AN EXCEPTION TO ORDER NO. R-3221, AS AMENDED, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on July 21, 1976, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 24th day of August, 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, Gene Snow, is the owner and operator of the Elk Well No. 1, located in Unit L of Section 32, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, NMPM, North Benson Queen-Grayburg Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (3) That Order (3) of Commission Order No. R-3221, as amended, prohibits in that area encompassed by Lea, Eddy, Chaves, and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico, the disposal, subject to minor exceptions, of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil or gas, or both, on the surface of the ground, or in any pit, pond, lake, depression, draw, streambed, or arroyo, or in any watercourse, or in any other paace or in any manner which would constitute a hazard to any fresh water supplies and said disposal has not previously been prohibited.
- (4) That the aforesaid Order No. R-3221 was issued in order to afford reasonable protection against contamination of fresh water supplies designated by the State Engineer through disposal of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil or gas, or both, in unlined surface pits.

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- (5) That the State Engineer has designated, pursuant to Section 65-3-11 (15), N.M.S.A., 1953 Compilation, all underground water in the State of New Mexico containing 10,000 parts per million or less of dissolved solids as fresh water supplies to be afforded reasonable protection against contamination; except that said designation does not include any water for which there is no present or reasonably foreseeable beneficial use that would be impaired by contamination.
- (6) That the applicant seeks as an exception to the provisions of the aforesaid Order (3) to permit the disposal of salt water produced by applicant's above-described well into an unlined surface pit located in Unit L of said Section 32.
- (7) That applicant's Elk Well No. 1 produces approximately 1 barrel of water per day.
- (8) That there is fresh water in the vicinity of the above-described unlined pit for which a present or reasonably foreseeable beneficial use is or will be made.
- (9) That the evidence presented at the hearing demonstrates that surface drainage from the area of the proposed pit is away from the area wherein said fresh water is located.
- (10) That no evidence was presented to demonstrate that subsurface drainage or percollition of water from the proposed unlined pit would not be toward nor affect said fresh water.
- (11) That to protect said fresh water from the potential harmful affects of the surface disposal of produced salt water in said pit the subject application should be denied.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That the application of Gene Snow for an exception to Order (3) of Commission Order No. R-3221, as an anded, to dispose of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil or gas, or both, by his Elk Well No. 1 in Unit L of Section 32, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, NMPM, North Benson Queen-Grayburg Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, in an unlined surface pit located in the vicinity of said well is hereby denied.
- (2) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PHIL R. LUCERO, Chairman

EMERY C. ARNOLD, Member

JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Secretary

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Dockets Nos. 5-77 and 6-77 are tentatively set for hearing on February 2 and February 16, 1977. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: COMMISSION HEARING - MONDAY - JANUARY 17, 1977

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION - 9 A.M. - ROOM 205, STATE LAND OUTLIE BUILDING, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

The following cases are continued from the December 1, 1976, Commission Hearing.

CASE 5722:

Application of La Rue and Muncy for an exception to Order No. R-3221, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks, as an exception to the provisions of Commission Order

No. R-3221, permission to dispose of, into earthen pits, produced salt water from its McClay Federal

Wells Nos. 9 and 10, located in Units G and F, respectively, of Section 33, Township 18 South, Range 30

East, North Benson Queen-Grayburg Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Upon application of La Rue and Muncy, this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 5720: Application of Harvey E. Yates for an exception to Order No. R-3221, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks, as an exception to the provisions of Commission Order No. R-3221, permission to dispose of, into earthen pits, produced salt water from his State Wells Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 located in Units G, B, A, J, and H, respectively, of Section 32, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, North Benson Queen-Grayburg Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Upon application of Harvey E. Yates, this case will be heard \underline{De} Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

Application of H & S Oil Company for an exception to Order No. R-3221, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks, as an exception to the provisions of Commission Order No. R-3221, permission to dispose of, into earthen pits, produced salt water from its McClay Well No. 7, located in Unit C of Section 33, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, North Benson Queen-Grayburg Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico

Upon application of H & S Oil Company, this case will be heard $\underline{\text{De}}\ \underline{\text{Novo}}$ pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

Application of Gene Snow for an exception to Order No. R-3221, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks, as an exception to the provisions of Commission Order No. R-3221, permission to dispose of, into earthen pits, produced salt water from his Elk Well No. 1, located in Unit L of Section 32, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, North Benson Queen-Grayburg Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Upon application of Gene Snow, this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

Application of Marbob Energy Corporation for an exception to Order No. R-3221, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks, as an exception to the provisions of Commission Order No.

R-3221, permission to dispose of, into earthen pits, produced salt water from its Elliott Well No. 1 located in Unit E of Section 28, and its E liott Wells Nos. 2 and 3 located in Units H and G, respectively, of Section 29, all in Township 18 South, Range 30 East, North Benson Queen-Grayburg Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Upon application of Marbob Energy Corporation, this case will be heard <u>De Novo</u> pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

Docket No. 4-77

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 19, 1977

9 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

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

- ALLOWABLE: (1) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for February, 1977, from seventeen prorated pools in Lea, Eddy, Chaves, and Roosezelt Counties, New Mexico.
 - (2) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for February, 1977, from four prorated pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico.

Dockets Nos. 34-76 and 1-77 are tentatively set for hearing on December 15, 1976 and January 5, 1977. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: COMMISSION HEARING - WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 1, 1976

9 A.M. OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

CASE 5719: Application of La Rue and Muncy for an exception to Order No. R-3221, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks, as an exception to the provisions of Commission Order No. R-3221, permission to dispose of, into earthen pits, produced salt water from its McClay Federal Wells Nos. 9 and 10, located in Units G and F, respectively, of Section 33, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, North Benson Queen-Grayburg Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Upon application of La Rue and Muncy, this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

Application of Harvey E. Yates for an exception to Order No. R-3221, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks, as an exception to the provisions of Commission
Order No. R-3221, permission to dispose of, into earthen pits, produced salt water from his
State Wells Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 located in Units G, B, A, J, and H, respectively, of Section
32, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, North Benson Queen-Grayburg Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Upon application of Harvey E. Yates, this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 5721: Application of H&S Oil Company for an exception to Order No. R-3221, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks, as an exception to the provisions of Commission Order No. R-3221, permission to dispose of, into earthen pits, produced salt water from its McClay Well No. 7, located in Unit 2 of Section 33, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, North Benson Queen-Grayburg Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

CASE 5722:

Upon application of H&S Oil Company, this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

Application of Gene Snow for an exception to Order No. R-3221, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks, as an exception to the provisions of Commission Order No. R-3221, permission to dispose of, into earthen pits, produced salt water from his Elk Well No. 1, located in Unit L of Section 32, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, North Benson Queen-Grayburg Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Upon application of Gene Snow, this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 5723: Application of Marbob Energy Corporation for an exception to Order No. R-3221, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks, as an exception to the provisions of Commission Order No. R-3221, permission to dispose of, into earthen pits, produced salt water from its Elliott Well No. 1 located in Unit E of Section 28, and its Elliott Wells Nos. 2 and 3 located in Units H and G, respectively, of Section 29, all in Township 18 South, Range 30 East, North Benson Queen-Grayburg Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Upon application of Marbob Energy Corporation, this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

No. of Apportance Pool Pules

I. GENERAL FULLD AND REGULATIONS FOR SHE ASSOCIATED POOLS OF SOUTHFASTERN AND

(See Special Fool Fules in each pool for orders applicable to those pools only. Special Pool Rules will be found in the same classification order as in the Secenal Section, and, unless the special rules conflict with the general rule, the general rule is also applicable.)

A. WELL DOCATION AND ACPEADE PROGRESSES

FULL 1: Any well drilled to the producing formation of an associated your regulated by this order and within said pool or within one mile outside the boundary of that good, and not nearer to nor within the bourdaries of another designated pool producing the same formation, shall be spaced, drilled, operated, and prorated in accordance with the regulations in effect in that pool.

FULE 2: After the effective date of this order each well drilled or recorpleted on a standard proration unit within an associated pool regulated by this order shall be located as provided below:

OIL WELLS - SOUTHEAST NEW MEXICO

Standard Proretion Unit

Location-Requirements

40 Apres

Not closer than 330 feet to the boundary of the tract

20 and 160 acres

Mist be located within 150 feet of the center of the quarter-quarter section wherein located

GAS WELLS - SOUTHEAST NEW MEXICO

Standard Provation Unit

Location Requirements

160 acres

Hist be located within 150 feet of the center of the quarter-quarter section wherein located.

320 sares

Not closer than 660 feet to the mearest side boundary nor closer than 1980 feet to the mearest end boundary of the

ALL WELLS - MORTHWEST NEW MEXICO

Standard Proretion Unit

Location Requirements

40 Acres

Not closer than 330 feet to the boundary of the tract

80, 160 and 320 acres

Not closer than 790 feet to any quarter section line nor closer than 330 feet to any quarter-quarter section line.

- RULE 3: (a) Each gas well chall be located on a standard unit containing 160 acres or 300 acres, more or less, as provind in the special pool rules therefor.
- (b) Fach oil well shall be located on a standard unit containing 40 acres, 80 acres or 160 acres, more or less, as provided in the special pool rules therefor.
- (a) The District Supervisor of the appropriate district office of the Commission shall have the authority to approve a nor standard unit as an exception to Rule 3(a) or 3(b) without notice and hearing when the unorthodox size or shape of the unit is necessitated by a variation in the legal subdivision of the U. S. Public Land Surveys and the non-standard unit is not less than

75% nor more than 185% of a standard unit.

. The District Supervisor of the appropriate district office of the Commission may approve the non-standard unit by: $\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2$

- (1) Accepting a plat showing the proposed non-standard unit and the acreage to be dedicated to the non-standard unit, and
 - (2) Assigning an allowable to the non-standard unit.
- (b) The Secretary-Director of the Commission may grant an exception to the requirements of Eule 3(a) or Eule 3(b), when the unorthodox size or shale of the unit is necessitated by a variation in the legal subdivision of the U.S. Public land Surveys and the non-standard unit is less than 75% or more than 15% of a standard unit, or where the following facts exist and the following provisions are complied with: are complied with:
- The non-standard unit consists of quarter-quarter sections or lots that are contiguous by a common bordering side.
- (2) The non-standard unit lies wholly within a governmental subdivision or subdivisions which would be a standard unit for the well (half quarter section, quarter section, or half section) but contains less acreage than a standard unit.
- (3) The applicant presents written consert in the form of waivers from all offset operators and from all operators buning interests in the half quoter section, quinter section or hilf socion (for 80-were, 160-were, and)20-were standard dedications respectively.) in which the non-standard unit is situated and which wereage is not included in said non-standard unit.
- (4) In lieu of paragraph (c) of this rule, the applicant may furnish proof of the fact that all of the foresaid operators were notified by registered or certified tail of his intent to form such non-standard unit. The Secretary-Director may approve the application if no such operator has entered an objection to the formation of such non-standard unit within 30 days after the Secretary-Director has received the application.

B. WELL CLASSIFICATION AND GAS-OIL BATIO LIMITACION

RULE 5: A well shall be classified as a gas well if it has a gas-liquid ratio of 30,000 or more cubic feet of gas per barrel of liquid hydrocarbons. A well shall be classified as an oil well if it has a gas-liquid ratio of less than 30,000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of liquid hydrocarbons. The simultaneous dedication of any acreage to an oil well and a gas well is prohibited.

RULE 6: That the limiting gas-oil ratio shall be 2,000 cubic feet of gas for each barrel of oil produced.

RULE 7: An oil well shall be permitted to produce only that amount of gas determined by multiplying the top unit oil allowable for the pool by the limiting gas-liquid ratio for the pool. In the event there is more than one oil well on an oil proration unit, the operator may produce the allowable assigned to the unit from the wells on the unit in any appointion.

A gas well shall be permitted to produce that amount of gas obtained by militipiying the top unit oil allowable for the pool by the limiting gas—liquid ratio for the pool and by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of acres dedicated to the particular gas well and the denominator of which is a number equal to the number of acres in a standard oil proration unit in such pool. In the event there is more than one gas well on a gas proration unit, the operator may produce the amount of gas assigned to the unit from the wells on the unit in any proportion.

C. WELL PESTING

RULE 6: The operator of each newly completed well shall cause a gas-liquid ratio test to be taken on the well upon recovery of all load oil from the well, provided however, that in no event shall the test be commenced later than 30 days from the date of first production unless the well is connected to a gas-gathering facility and is producing under

a temporary gas allowable assigned in ambordance with Dule 11. Aray a tottorary gas alleaste assigned in a tottorance with side it. My well asign to the total be even too from the ground passing the requirement so long as it retains shather. The initial gas-liquid ratio test shall be taken in the names precessed by Rule 9. If the gas-liquid ratio is 30,000 curie feet of gas per barrel of liquid hylostarbons, or more, the operator shall not produce the well until beneficial use can be made of the gas.

ACT of the can be said to the year adult to taken on all wells during each year in appropriate with a test schedule prepared by the district office of the Cor. ission. The Initial gas-Highid ratio test shall suffice as the first semi-accord test. Tests shall be 24-hour tests, being the first semi-accord test. Tests shall be 24-hour tests, teing the first of a summant termal rate of production. Results of some tests shall be filled on Condition form C-116 on or before the 16th by of the following routh. At less 12 nours prior to connectment of any such gravitet office of the Cormission a test schedule for its wells specifying the time wash of its wells in to be tested. Copies of the test schedule shall also be furnished to all offset operators. The supervisor of the appropriate district office of the Commission may grant an exception to the above test requirements where it is demonstrated that the well produces no liquids.

Special tests shall also be taken at the request of the Georgiany-Director and may also be taken at the option of the operator. Such special tests shall be taken in accordance with the procedures cullined herotratove, implaint motification to the Commission and offset operators.

FULL 10: An initial chit-in pressure test shall be taken on each gas well and shall be rejected to the Commission on Form C-125.

AUDITHUEST OF ALLOYABLE

ACCOMMENT OF ALLOWERS

NOTE IT: Any well completed after the effective date of these rules shall receive an allowable only upon receipt by the appropriate Completed district office of Commission Forms C-102, C-104, C-116, and, in the case of a gas well, a transporter's notice of gas connection, properly executed. The District Expervisor of the Commission's district office is hereby authorized to assign a temporary gas allowable to wells connected to a gas transportation facility during the recovery of load oil, which allowable shall not exceed the number of cubic feet of gas obtained by multiplying the failty top unit allowable for the pool by the limiting gas-liquid ratio for the pool.

EULE 12: The associated gas promation period shall be the promation month which shall begin at 7 a.m. on the first day of the month and shall end at 7 a.m. on the first day of the next succeeding month.

RMIN 13: No associated gas underproduction may be carried forward into any promation month. (See ALTERNATIVE PROPOSED RULE 13 following Rule 21)

MULE 14: Any associated gas well which has an overproduced status at the end of any associated gas promation period shall carry such overproduction into subsequent periods. If at any time a well is overproduced an amount equalling three times its current monthly allowable, it shall be shut in during that month and each succeeding month until the well is overproduced less than three times its current monthly allowable.

PUR 15: The allowable assigned to a well during any one month of an associated gas promation period in excess of the production for the same month shall be applied against the overproduction carried into such period in determining the amount of overproduction, if any, which has not been compensated for.

RULE 16: The Commission may allow overproduction to be compensated for at a leaser rate than would be the ease if the mallowing enquery shut in upon a showing after notice and hearing that complete shut in of the well would result in material damage to the well or reservoir.

F. PRIORING OF PRODUCTION

SMIN 17: The monthly god production from each gas well shall be netered regimetely and the gas production therefrom shall be reported to the Commission on Form C-115 so as to reach the Commission on or before the 24th day of the month next succeeding the month in which the gas was produced. The operator shall show on such report what disposition has been made of the projuced gas.

ROLE 13: Each purchaser or taker of gas shill submit a report to the Conclusion so as to reach the Cormission on or before the 15th day of the month next succeeding the month in which the gas was jurchased or taken. Such report shall be filed on Form 3-111 with the wells being listed in the same order as they are listed on the appropriate proration

G. GENERAL PROVISIONS

SMIS 19: Failure to comply with any provision of those rules shall result in the immediate causellation of allowable assigned to the affected well. No further allowable shall be assigned until all rules and regulations have been complied with. The Scoretary-Director shall notify the operator of the well and purchaser in writing of the date of allowable cancellation and the reason therefor.

RULE 20; All transporters or users of gas shall file gas well connection notices with the Commission as soc; as possible after the tate of connection.

21: Allowables to wells whose classification has changed from oil RUIS 21: Allowables to wells whose classification has charged from oil to gas or from gas to oil as the result of a gas-liquid ratio test shall commone on the first day of the month following the month in which such test was reported, provided that a plat (Form C-102) showing the acreage dedicated to the well and the location of all wells on the dedicated acreage has been filed.

Alternative Proposed Rule 13

- RULE 13: (a) Any associated gas well which has an underproduced status at the end of any associated gas proration period, shall carry such underproduction into subsequent periods.
- (b) Underproduction in excess of three times the current monthly allocable shall not be carried forward. For purposes of this Rule, the conthly allocable shall be the full monthly allocable which would be assigned an associated gas well with the same acreage delications of the full monthly allocable which would be assigned as associated gas well with the same acreage delications. tion in the same pool.
- (c) Overproduction during any month shall be applied to a well's cumulative underproduction, if any, calculated in accordance with paragraphs (a) and (b) above.

Please note, alternatives of 1, 2, and 3 times the current monthly allowable will be considered with Alternative Proposed Rule 13(b). Comments by interested operators or transporters are solicited.

It will be proposed to reclassify the Jernings-Delaware and the Morth Paduc's-Delaware Pools from associated pools to oil pools.

It will further be proposed to reclassify the Northwest Todd-San Andres Pool from an associated pool to an oil pool; however, special pool rules providing for 80-acre oil well spacing will be retained.

Dockets Nos. 29-76 and 30-76 are tentatively set for heaving on October 27 and Tovember 10, 1976. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: COMMISSION HEARING - WEDNESDAY - COTOBER 20, 1976

9 A.M. OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM,

STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Application of La Rue and Muncy for an exception to Order No. R-3221, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks, as an exception to the provisions of Commission Order No. R-3221, permission to dispose of, into earthen pits, produced salt water from its McClay Federal Weils Nos. 9 and 10, located in Units G and F, respectively, of Section 33, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, North Benson Queen-Grayburg Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Upon application of La Rue and Muncy, this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provi-

CASE 5720: Application of Harvey E. Yates for an exception to Order No. R-3221, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks, as an exception to the provisions of Commission Order No. R-3221, permission to dispose of, into earthen pits, produced salt water from his State Wells Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 located in Units G, B, A, J, and H, respectively, of Section 32, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, North Benson Queen-Grayburg Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Upon application of Harvey E. Yates, this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions

CASE 5721: Application of H&S Oil Company for an exception to Order No. R-3221, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks, as an exception to the provisions of Commission Order No. R-3221, permission to dispose of, into earthen pits, produced salt water from its McClay Well No. 7, located in Unit C of Section 33, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, North Benson Queen-Grayburg Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Upon application of H&S Oil Company, this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions

Application of Gene Snow for an exception to Order No. R-3221, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks, as an exception to the provisions of Commission Order No. R-3221, permission to dispose cf, into earthen pits, produced salt water from his Elk Well No. 1, located in Unit L of Section 32, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, North Benson Queen-Grayburg Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Upon application of Gene Snow, this case will be heard $\underline{\text{De}}$ Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

Application of Marbob Energy Corporation for an exception to Order No. R-3221, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks, as an exception to the provisions of Commission Order No. R-3221, permission to dispose of, into earther pits, produced salt water from its Elliott Well No. 1 located in Unit E of Section 28, and its Elliott Wells Nos. CASE 5723: 2 and 3 located in Units H and G, respectively, of Section 29, all in Township 18 South, Range 30 East, North Benson Queen-Grayburg Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Upon application of Marbob Energy Corporation, this case will be heard $\underline{\text{De Novo}}$ pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 5722:

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION

OF GENE A. SNOW

FOR AN EXCEPTION TO ORDER NO. R-3221,

CASE NO. 5722

AS AMENDED, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

APPLICATION FOR REHEARING

Applicant, by its attorneys, and in support hereof respectfully states:

- 1. That on August 24, 1976, the Oil Conservation

 Commission of New Mexico ("Commission") entered its Order No.

 R-5248, to which reference is here made, denying the application for an exception to Order (3) of Commission Order No. 1-3221, as amended.
 - 2. That Order No. R-5248 is erroneous, as follows:
- (a) Contrary to Finding (8), there is no fresh water in the vicinity of the unlined pit for which a present or reasonably foreseeable beneficial use is or will be made.
- (b) Contrary to Finding (10), there was evidence that subsurface drainage or percolation of water from the proposed unlined pit would not be toward nor affect fresh water, if any is present in the vicinity of the unlined pit.
- (c) Contrary to Finding (11) and Order (1), applicant should have been permitted to dispose of salt water produced from its wells in an unlined surface pit located in the vicinity of said wells.

WHEREFORE, applicant prays:

- A. That the Commission grant a rehearing and that notice of said rehearing be given as required by law;
- B. That upon rehearing the Commission enter an order granting applicant an exception to Commission Order No. R-3221, as amended, to permit applicant to dispose of water produced from its wells in an unlined surface pit located in the vicinity of said wells; and
- C. For such other and further relief as may be just in the premises.

GENE A. SNOW

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

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DIRECTOR LAND COMMISSIONER
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Attorneys at Law Sost Office Box 239 Artesia, New Mexico 88210	Applicant:
	Gene Snow
Dear Sir:	
	wo copies of the above-referenced ly entered in the subject case.
Yours very truly, JOE D. RAMEY Director	
JDR/fd	
Copy of order also sent	to:
Hobbs OCC X Artesia OCC X Aztec OCC	

Docket No. 21-76

Dockets Nos. 22-76 and 23-76 are tentatively set for hearing on August 4 and August 18, 1976. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WELMESDAY - JULY 21, 1976

9 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION CONFFRENCE FORM, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

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

- ALLOWABLE: (1) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for August, 1976, from seventeen prorated pools in Lea, Eddy, Chaves, and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico.
 - (2) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for August, 1976, from four prorated pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico.
- CASE 5715: Application of Marathon Oil Company for a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the Northeast Anderson Ranch Unit Area comprising 2,720 acres, more or less, of State lands in Township 15 South, Range 32 East, Lea County, New Mexico.
- CASE 5716: Application of Atlantic Richfield Company for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Pennsylvanian formation underlying the W/2 of Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 28 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 1315 feet from the South and West lines of said Section 33. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- CASE 5717: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Petroleum Development Corporation, Commercial Union Assurance Companies, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Vaughn State Well No. 1, located in Unit E of Section 16, Township 6 North, Range 17 East, Guadalupe County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.
- CASE 5718: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Morad Oil & Mining Company, Western Surety Company, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Campbell Well No. 1, located in Unit A of Section 25, Township 28 North, Range 35 Fast, Union County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.
- CASE 5719: Application of La Rue and Muncy for an exception to Order No. R-3221, Eddy County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks, as an exception to the provisions of Commission Order

 No. R-3221, permission to dispose of, into earthen pits, produced salt water from its McClay Federal

 Wells Nos. 9 and 10, located in Units G and F, respectively, of Section 33, Township 18 South,

 Range 30 East, North Benson Queen-Grayburg Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- CASE 5720: Application of Harvey E. Yates for an exception to Order No. R-3221, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks, as an exception to the provisions of Commission Order No. R-3221, permission to dispose of, into earthen pits, produced salt water from its State Wells Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 located in Units G, B, A, J, and H, respectively, of Section 32, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, North Benson Queen-Grayburg Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- CASE 5721: Application of H & S Oil Company for an exception to Order No. R-3221, Eddy County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks, as an exception to the provisions of Commission Order No. R-3221, permission to dispose of, into earthen pits, produced salt water from its McClay Well No. 7, located in Unit C of Section 33, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, North Benson-Queen Grayburg Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

- Application of Gene Snow for an exception to Order No. R-3221, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks, as an exception to the provisions of Commission Order No. R-3221, permission to dispose of, into earthen pits, produced salt water from his Elk Well No. 1, located in Unit L of Section 32, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, North Benson Queen-Grayburg Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- Application of Marbob Energy Corporation for an exception to Order No. R-3221, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks, as an exception to the provisions of Commission Order No. R-3221, permission to dispose of, into earthen pits, produced salt water from its Elliott Well No. 1 located in Unit E of Section 28, and its Elliott Wells Nos. 2 and 3 located in Units H and G, respectively, of Section 29, all in Township 18 South, Range 30 East, North Benson Queen-Grayburg Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.



BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF HARVEY E. YATES COMPANY, GENE SNOW, MARBOB OIL COMPANY, SIMMS & REESE, AND LARUE & MUNCY, FOR AN EXCEPTION TO ORDER NO. R-3221 AS AMENDED, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO.

APPLICATION

COME NOW HARVEY E. YATES COMPANY, GENE SNOW, MARBOB OIL COMPANY, SIMMS & REESE, and LARUE & MUNCY, by and through their attorneys, and in support hereof respectfully state:

- 1. That applicants are the owners and operators of the following leases located in Eddy County, New Mexico:
 - A. Harvey E. Yates Company -

Yates State Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6, located in the NE/4, N/2 SE/4, Section 32, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, N.M.P.M.

B. Gene Snow -

Elk No. 1, located in the NW/4 SW/4, Section 32, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, N.M.P.M.

C. Marbob Oil Company -

Elliott Nos. 1, 2, and 3, located in the SW/4 NW/4, Section 28, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, N.M.P.M., and the S/2 NE/4, Section 29, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, N.M.P.M.

D. Simms & Reese -

McClay No. 7, located in the NE/4 NW/4, Section 33, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, N.M.P.M.

E. LaRue & Muncy -

McClay No. 9, located in the SW/4 NE/4, Section 33, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, N.M.P.M., and

McClay No. 10, located in the SE/4 NW/4, Section 33, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, N.M.P.M.

- 2. Applicants seek an exception to the provisions of Oil Conservation Commission Order No. R-3221 as amended to permit the disposal of saltwater produced by the above mentioned wells in unlined surface pits of said lessees.
- 3. That there is no shallow fresh water in the vicinity of the above described wells for which a present or reasonably foreseeable beneficial use is or will be impaired by contamination from unlined surface pits located in the vicinity of said wells.
- 4. That the approval of this Application will prevent waste.

WHEREFORE, applicants pray:

- A. That this Application be set for hearing before an examiner and that notice of said hearing be given as required by law;
- B. That upon hearing the Commission enter its order granting applicants an exception to Oil Conservation Commission Order No. R-3221 as amended to permit utilization of unlined surface pits for the disposal of saltwater produced by the above described wells; and

C. For such other and further relief as may be just in the premises.

HARVEY E. YATES COMPANY, GENE SNOW, MARBOB OIL COMPANY, SIMMS & REESE, LARUE & MUDICY

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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. 5722

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Ougrder No. R- 5248
APPLICATION OF GENE SNOW
FOR AN EXCEPTION TO ORDER NO. R-3221,
AS AMENDED, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.
ORDER OF THE COMMISSION
BY THE COMMISSION:
This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. onJuly 21,
19 76, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stame
NOW, on this day of Joly , 19 76 , 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, Gene Snow , is
the owner and operator of theElk Well No. l
located in Unit L of Section 32 , Township 18 South .
Range 30 East , NMPM, North Benson Queen-Grayburg Pool,
Eddy County, New Mexico.
(3) That Order (3) of Commission Order No. R-3221, as amended,
prohibits in that area encompassed by Lea, Eddy, Chaves, and
Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico, the disposal, subject to minor
exceptions, of water produced in conjunction with the production
of oil or gas, or both, on the surface of the ground, or in any
pit, pond, lake, depression, draw, streambed, or arroyo, or in
any watercourse, or in any other place or in any manner which
would constitute a hazard to any fresh water supplies and said

disposal has not previously been prohibited.

- (4) That the aforesaid Order No. R-3221 was issued in order to afford reasonable protection against contamination of fresh water supplies designated by the State Engineer through disposal of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil or gas, or both, in unlined surface pits.
- (5) That the State Engineer has designated, pursuant to Section 65-3-11 (15), N.M.S.A., 1953 Compilation, all underground water in the State of New Mexico containing 10,000 parts per million or less of dissolved solids as fresh water supplies to be afforded reasonable protection against contamination; except that said designation does not include any water for which there is no present or reasonably foreseeable beneficial use that would be impaired by contamination.
- (6) That the applicant seeks as an exception to the provisions of the aforesaid Order (3) to permit the disposal of salt water produced by applicant's above-described well into an unlined surface pit located in Unit \angle of said Section 32.
- (7) That applicant's ____ Elk Well No. 1 produces approximately / barrels of water per day.
- (8) That there appears to be no shallow fresh water in the vicinity of the subject pit for which a present or reasonably foreseeable beneficial use is or will be made that would be impaired by contamination from the subject pit.
- (9) That the nature of the reserver of said burg orth Benson Queen-Gray/ Pool is such that reinjection of produced water into said reservoir would result in greater ultimate recovery of oil and gas therefrom thereby preventing waste.
- (10) That to prevent the waste of oil and gas in said

 North Benson Queen-Grayburg

 Pool, permanent authority to

 dispose of produced water from applicant's Elk Well No. 1

 in an unlined surface pit on said lease should not be granted.

- (8) That there is fresh water in the vicinity of the above-described unlined pits for which a present or reasonably foreseeable beneficial use is or will be made.
- (9) That the evidence presented at the hearing demonstrates that surface drainage from the area of the proposed pit(s) is away from the area wherein said fresh water is located.
- (10) That no evidence was presented to demonstrate that subsurface drainage or percolation of water from the proposed unlined pit(s) would not be toward nor affect said fresh water.
- (11) That to protect said fresh water from the potential harmful affects of the surface disposal of produced salt water in said pit(*) the subject application should be denied.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the application of <u>Gene Snow</u>	for
an exception to Order (3) of Commission Order No. R-3221, as amended, t	.0
dispose of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil or	gas, or
both, by <u>his Elk Well No. l in Unit L of</u>	
kxxxxxxxxxxx Section 32 , Township 18 South , Rang	e <u>30</u>
East , NMPM, North Benson Queen-Grayburg Pool , Eddy	
an County, New Mexico, in/unlined surface pits located in the vicinity of	said
well is hereby <u>denied</u> .	
(2) 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.	

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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. 5722 DE NOVO Order No. R-5248-A

APPLICATION OF GENE SNOW FOR AN EXCEPTION TO ORDER NO. R-3221, AS AMENDED, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on January 17, 1977, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation (ommission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this ______ day of ______, larr, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony presented 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 the applicant, Gene Snow, is the owner and operator of the Elk Well No. 1, located in Unit L of Section 32, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, NEPM, North Benson Queen-Grayburg Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (3) That Order (3) of Commission Order No. R-3221, as amended, prohibits in that area encompassed by Lea, Eddy, Chaves, and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico, the disposal, subject to minor exceptions, of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil or gas, or both, on the surface of the ground, or in any pit, pond, lake, depression, draw, streambed, or arroyo, or in any watercourse, or in any other place or in any manner which would constitute a hazard to any fresh water supplies and said disposal has not previously been prohibited.

- (4) That the aforesaid Order No. R-3221 was issued in order to afford reasonable protection against contamination of fresh water supplies designated by the State Engineer through disposal of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil or gas, or both, in unlined surface pits.
- (5) That the State Engineer has designated, pursuant to Section 65-3-11 (15), N.M.S.A., 1953 Compilation, all underground water in the State of New Mexico containing 10,000 parts per million or less of dissolved solids as fresh water supplies to be afforded reasonable protection against contamination; except that said designation does not include any water for which there is no present or reasonably foreseeable beneficial use that would be impaired by contamination.
- (6) That the applicant seeks as an exception to the provisions of the aforesaid Order (3) to permit the disposal of salt water produced by applicant's above-described well into an unlined surface pit located in Unit L of said Section 32.
- (7) That applicant's Elk Well No. 1 produces approximately 1 barrel of water per day.
- (8) That there is fresh water in the vicinity of the above-described unlined pit for which a present or reasonably foreseeable beneficial use is or will be made.
- (9) That this matter came on for hearing before Examiner Richard L. Stamets on July 21, 1976, and pursuant to this hearing, Order No. R-5248 was issued in Case No. 5722 on August 24, 1976, which order denied the application of Gene Snow for said exception to Order (3) of Commission Order No. R-3221.

- (10) That such denial was predicated on said existence of fresh water in the vicinity of said pit, the lack of evidence as to the direction of subsurface drainage or percolation of water from the proposed unlined pit, and the potential threat to said fresh water posed by such drainage or percolation.
- (11) That on September 13, 1976, the applicant, Gene Snow, filed application for hearing <u>De Novo</u> of Case No. 5722 and the matter was set for hearing before a quorum of the Commission.
- (12) That this matter came on for hearing <u>De Novo</u> on January 17, 1977.
- (13) That the evidence presented demonstrates that surface drainage from the area of the proposed unlined pit would not be toward nor affect fresh water.
- (14) That the evidence presented demonstrates that subsurface drainage from the area of the proposed unlined pit would not be toward nor affect fresh water.
- (15) That there appears to be no shallow fresh water in the vicinity of the subject pit for which a present or reasonably foreseeable beneficial use is or will be made that would be impaired by contamination from the subject pit.
- (16) That the applicant should be permitted to dispose of water produced by his well on the above-described lease in an unlined surface pit located on said lease.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Gone Snow, is hereby granted an exception to Order (3) of Commission Order No. R-3221, as amended, to dispose of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil or gas, or both, from his Elk Well No. I located in Unit E of Section 32, Younsip 18 Couth, Range 30 East, MMPA, North Benson Queen-Grayburg Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, in an unlined surface pit located on said-lease.

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- (2) That the Secretary-Director of the Commission may by administrative order rescind such authority whenever it reasonably appears to the Secretary-Director that such recission would serve to protect fresh water supplies from contamination.
- (3) 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.