CASE 3318: Application of PAN AM. for salt water disposal, San Juan County, New Mexico.

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A Division of Socony Mobil Oil Company, Inc. ŝ 10737 SOUTH SHOEMAKER AVENUE SANTA FE SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA 90670 ន



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September 21, 1965

New Mexico Cil & Gas Conservation Commission P. 0, Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico

Attn: <sup>°</sup> Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr.

WATER DISPOSAL APPLICATION FOR TOCITO DOME PENN. "D" FIELD SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

### Gentlemen:

Reference is made to the application of Pan American Petroleum Corporation dated September 15, 1965, for the injection of salt water into the Navajo Tribal "U" Well No. 6 in the subject field.

As an operator within a two mile radius of the proposed disposal well, Mobil has no objection to this application.

Very truly yours,

H. H. Carrick, Jr. Producing Superintendent Santa Fe Springs District

### FMBurback/dv

cc: Pan American Petroleum Corp., Security Life Bldg., Denver, Colo. 80202 Texaço Inc., P. O. Box 810, Farmington, New Mexico Sinclair Oil & Gas Co., 601 Denver Club Bldg., Denver, Colorado

GOVERNOR JACK M. CAMPBELL CHAIRMAN

### State of New Mexico Bil Conservation Commission



LAND COMMISSIONER GUYTON B. HAYS MEMBER STATE GEOLOGIST A. L. PORTER, JR. SECRETARY - DIRECTOR

October 13, 1965

SANTA FE

Re: Mr. Louis C. Ross Pan American Petroleum Corporation Security Life Building Denver, Colorado 80202 Case No. 3318 Order No. R-2984 Applicant:

PAN AMERICAN PETROLEUM CORP.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced Commission order recently entered in the subject case.

Very truly yours,

our A. L. PORTER, Jr. Secretary-Director

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Carbon copy of order also sent to:

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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. 3319 Order No. R-2984

APPLICATION OF PAN AMERICAN PETROLEUM CORPORATION FOR BALS WATER DISPOSAL, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

### ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

### BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on October 6, 1965, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, Before Examiner Blvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this 13th day of October, 1965, 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, Fan American Petroleum Corporation, is the owner and operator of the Mavajo Tribal "U" Well No. 6 located in Unit D of Section 22, Township 26 North, Range 18 West, MMPM, San Juan County, New Maxico.

(3) That the applicant proposes to utilize said well to dispose of produced salt water into the Pennsylvanian formation, with injection into perforations from 6238 to 6244 feet.

(4) That the injection should be accomplished through 2 3/8-inch internally plastic-coated tubing installed in a packer set not more than 200 feet above the casing shoe; that the casingtubing annulus should be filled with an inert fluid; and that a -2-CASE No. 3318 Order No. R-2984

pressure gauge should be attached to the annulus in order to determine leakage in the tubing or packer.

(5) That approval of the subject application will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells and otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

### IT IS THEREFORE CRDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Pan American Petroleum Corporation, is hereby authorized to utilize its Navajo Tribal "U" Well No. 6, located in Unit D of Section 22. Township 26 North, Range 18 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexice, to dispose of produced salt water into the Pennsylvanian formation, injection to be accomplished through 2 3/8-inch tubing installed in a packer set not more than 200 feet above the casing shoe, with injection into the perforated interval from 6238 to 6244 feet;

<u>PROVIDED HOWEVER</u>, that the tubing shall be internally plastic-coated; that the casing-tubing annulus shall be filled with an inert fluid; and that a pressure gauge shall be attached to the annulus in order to determine leakage in the tubing or packer.

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

(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 GL CONSERVATION COMMISSION ACK M CAMPBELL, Chairman

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NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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NOTE: Should waivers from the State Engineer, the surface owner, and all operators within one-half mile of the proposed injection well. not accompany this application, the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission will hold the application for a period of 15 days from the date of receipt by the Commission's Santa Fe office. If at the end of the 15-day waiting period no protest has been reseived by the Santa Fe office, the application will be processed. If a protest is received, the application will be set for hearing, if the applicant so requests. SEE RULE 701.

### OCTOBER 6, 1965 EXAMINER HEARING - 2 -

CASE 3316: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion for the creation of a new oil pool for Yates and Seven Rivers production in Sections 12, 13, and 24, Township 26 South, Range 36 East, and Sections 7, 18, 19, 30, 31, 32, and 33, Township 26 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico, said pool to be designated the Scarborough Yates-Seven Rivers Pool. Further, to consider the establishment of a procedure whereby a special allowable would be assigned to said pool which would permit equalized per-acre withdrawal rates from wells on 40-acre spacing in New Mexico to the per-acre withdrawal rates from 20-acre wells located immediately south in the Scarborough Pool, Winkler County, Texas.

CASE 3317:

Application of Jake L. Hamon for a unit agreement, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Owl Draw Unit Area comprising 8,916 acres, more or less, of Federal, State and Fee lands in Township 25 South, Range 27 East, Township 26 South, Range 26 East, Township 26 South, Range 27 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.

CASE 3318:

Application of Pan American Petroleum Corporation for salt water disposal, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the abovestyled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Pennsylvanian formation in its Navajo Tribal "U" Well No. 6 located in Unit O of Section 22, Township 26 North, Range 18 West, San Juan County, New Mexico.

CASE 3107

In the matter of Case No. 3107 being reopened pursuant to the (Reopened): provisions of Order No. R-2779, which order established 80-acre spacing units for the North Bagley-Middle Pennsylvanian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, for a period of one year. All interested parties may appear and show cause why said pool should not be developed on 40-acre spacing units.

Docket No. 28-65

#### EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 6, 1965 DOCKET:

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

The following cases will be heard before Elvis A. Utz, Examiner, or Daniel S. Nutter, Alternate Examiner:

CASE 3307:

(Continued from September 22, 1965 Examiner Hearing) Application of Arwood Stowe & Company for the creation of a pool, special pool rules, and a waterflood project, Sandoval County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the creation of an oil pool for Mesaverde production in Section 33, Township 18 North, Range 3 West, Sandoval County, New Mexico, and the establishment of special pool rules governing well spacing of less than 40 acres and special well locations; or in the alternative, for the extension of the San Luis-Mesaverde Pool to include portions of said Section 33. Applicant further seeks authority to institute a waterflood project in said Section 33 by the injection of water into the Mesaverde formation through four wells.

CASE 3310:

(Continued from September 22, 1965 Examiner Hearing) Application of Cima Capitan, Inc., Ryder-Scott Management Company, and Stallworth Oil and Gas Company for a waterflood project, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicants, in the above-styled cause, seek authority to conduct a cooperative waterflood project by the injection of water into the Grayburg-San Andres formations through 16 injection wells to be drilled at unorthodox locations in Sections 25 and 36, Township 16 South, Range 30 East, and Sections 30, 31 and 32, Township 16 South, Range 31 East, Square Lake Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

- CASE 3313: Application of Tenneco Oil Company for a non-standard location, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to produce its Omler "A" Well No. 2 at a non-standard undesignated Gallup oil well location 1525 feet from the North line and 1650 feet from the East line of Section 35, Township 28 North, Range 10 West, San Juan County, New Mexico.
- CASE 3314: Application of Sinclair Oil & Gas Company for a non-standard gas proration unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an amendment to Order No. R-2040, which created a non-standard gas proration unit comprising the SW/4 of Section 14 and the SE/4 of Section 15, Township 23 South, Range 36 East, Jalmat Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, said unit to be dedicated to its Matkins Well No. 1 located in Unit P of said Section 15. Applicant proposes to dedicate said unit to its Matkins Well No. 4 located in Unit K of Section 14 in addition to said Well No. 1.

<u>CASE 3315:</u> Application of Sun Oil Company for a unit agreement, Catron and Socorro Counties, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the San Augustin Plains Unit Area comprising 404,293 acres, more or less, of Federal, State and Fee lands in Townships 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 South, Ranges 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 West, Socorro and Catron Counties, New Mexico.



## STATE OF NEW MEXICOS STATE ENGINEER OFFICE

S. E. REYNOLDS State engineer

### October 1, 1965

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ADDRESS CORRESPONDENCE TO: State Capitol Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

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Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr. Secretary-Director Oil Conservation Commission Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Porter:

Reference is made to the application of Pan American Petroleum Corporation which seeks authority to dispose of salt water by injection into a porous formation through their Navajo Tribal "U" No. 6 well, located in the NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Sec. 22, T. 26 N., R. 18 W.

This office offers no objection to the granting of the application provided:

1. The 2 3/8 inch tubing is internally coated.

- 2. The annulus between the tubing and the  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inch casing is filled with inhibited fluid, with provision for a gage on the annulus at the surface, and
- 3. The packer at the lower end of the tubing is not more than 200 feet above the casing shoe.

FEI/ma cc-Mr. R. B. Giles Yours truly,

S. E. Reynolds State Engineer

By: O Frank E. Irby

Chief Water Rights Div.

# PAN AMERICAN PETROLEUM CORPORATION

S. B. RICHARDS DIVISION ENGINEER

SECURITY LIFE BUILDING DENVER, COLORADO 80202

September 21, 1965

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File: SBR-1603-986.511

Water Disposal Application Re: for Tocito Dome Penn "D" Field San Juan County, New Mexico

Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr. Oil and Gas Conservation Commission State of New Mexico P. 0. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

Please refer to our letter of September 15, 1965, on the above subject. Attached hereto is a copy of the certified mail receipt as evidence that a copy of the subject application was sent to the

> Yours very truly, R. B. Giles

Attachment

FORM 523 6-65

# PAN AMERICAN PETROLEUM CORPORATION

S. B. RICHARDS DIVISION ENGINEER

SECURITY LIFE BUILDING DENVER, COLORADO 80202

September 15, 1965

File: SBR-1564-986.511

Re: Water Disposal Application for Tocito Dome Penn. "D" Field San Juan County, New Mexico Clege 3348

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Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr. Oil and Gas Conservation Commission State of New Mexico P. 0. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Porter:

Attached hereto are three copies of Pan American's "Application to Dispose of Salt Water by Injection into a Porous Formation" for the Navajo Tribal "U" Well No. 6, Tocito Dome Penn. "D" Field, San Juan County, New Mexico. It is requested that you advertise this matter as required by law and set it for public hearing on the October 6, 1965, Examiner Hearing Docket.

All offset operators within a two mile radius of the proposed disposal well and the surface landowner of the land upon which the disposal well is located have been sent copies of this Application. A copy of the Application complete with all attachments has also been sent to the State Engineer's office by certified mail. A copy of the certified mail receipt will be forwarded to your

Yours very truly ] Deli DELIVERING EMPLOYEE addre Show address where quired for these services, Receiv acticle described on other side SIGNATURE CI ut always to filled int UNATURE OF ADDILLASSING ADDILL IF ANY Date 9-04-65 DATE DECIVERED SHOW WINESE DELIVERED (only if

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Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr., Secretary New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission Post Office Box 871 Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Case No. 3318 - Oil Conservation Commission

Dear Mr. Porter:

We enclose herewith our Entry of Appearance in the above captioned case for Pan American Petroleum Corporation, with the request that you please file same.

Thank you,

Sincerely yours,

FOR ATWOOD & MALONE

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Cc: Mr. Louis C. Ross Mr. T. J. Files 22 WEFF D. ATWOOD (1883-1960) ROSS L. MALONE CHARLES F. MALONE RUSSELL D. MANN PAUL A. COOTER POL F. TURNER ROBERT A. JOHNSON MCDNN W. BASSETT, JR. BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PAN AMERICAN PETROLEUM COR-PORATION FOR SALT WATER DISPOSAL, ) SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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### ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

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The undersigned, Atwood & Malone of Roswell, New Mexico, a firm of attorneys, all of whose members are duly licensed to practice in the State of New Mexico, hereby enters its appearance as local counsel with Louis C. Ross, Esquire, of the Texas Bar, for Pan American Petroleum Corporation in the above entitled cause. DATED at Roswell, New Mexico, this 23rd day of September, 1965.

ATWOOD & MALONE

By

Attorneys for Pan American Petroleum Corporation Post Office Drawer 700 Roswell, New Mexico



### SINCLAIR OIL & GAS COMPANY 501 Lincoln Tower Building Denver, Colorado 80203

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September 28, 1965

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Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr. Oil & Gas Conservation Commission State of New Mexico P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fc, New Mexico

> Re: Water Disposal Application for Tocito Dome Penn "D" Field, San Juan County, New Mexico

### Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Pan American Petroleum Corporation's Application dated September 15, 1965, for the injection of salt water into the above captioned field. Sinclair Oil & Gas Company has no objections to this application.

Very truly yours,

aach W. A. Walther, Jr. Western Region Production Mgr.

WAW:bjs

cc: Pan American Petroleum Corp., Securtiy Life Building Denver, Colorado - 80202

Texaco Inc.

P. O. Box 810

Farmington, New Mexico

TEXACO INC.

DOMESTIC PRODUCING DEPARTMENT DENVER DIVISION

J. F. NEILL, ASSISTANT DIVISION MANAGER

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September 23, 1965

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WATER DISPOSAL TOCITO DOME PENN. "D" FIELD

Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr. Oil and Gas Conservation Commission State of New Mexico P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Porter:

Texaco Inc. has been notified of the intention of Pan American Petroleum Corporation to dispose of produced water in the Pennsylvanian formation in its Navajo Tribal "U" No. 6 of San Juan County, New Mexico. Texaco Inc., as leasehold owner and operator in the Tocito Dome Penn. "D" Field supports the application of Pan American Petroleum Corporation.

Very truly yours. Atmace

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- REMARKS: J. L. Hoyt, Jr. W. T. Smith L. O. Speer, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Giles:

Mr. R. B. Giles

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Denver, Colorado 80202

Pan American Petroleum Corporation

In reply to your letter of September 29, 1965 concerning your file SBR-1656-986.511, please be advised that your application to dispose of salt water by injection into a porous formation was received during my absence on September 17th and all of your listed attachments are intact. The application has been reviewed and I will forward a letter to the Oil Conservation Commission today or tomorrow with a copy to you.

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Yours truly,

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MR. UTZ: Case 3318. EXPERT TESTIMONY, DAILY COPY, CONVENTIONS MR. DURRETT: Application of Pan American Petroleum Corporation for salt water disposal, San Juan County, New NEW MEXICO Mexico. MR. ROSS: My name is Louis C. Ross. I am an attorney dearnley-meier reporting service, ALBUQUERQUE, N ALBUQUERQUE, NEW for Pan American Petroleum Corporation, and I would like for STATE MENTS. the record to show that Atwood and Malone, attorneys of Roswell, have entered their appearance along with me in this cause. I 1294 1294 PHONE 200-1 HEARINGS, have one witness which I would like to have sworn now. (Witness sworn.) § • IONS, P.O. BOX 10 BANK EAST DEPOSI MR. ROSS: I want to thank the Commission for IS BLDG. • ź allowing us to set this up. SPECIALIZING 1120 SIMMS MR. UTZ: Are there any other appearances? You may proceed. DENNIS K. MILLER called as a witness herein, having been first duly sworn on oath, was examined and testified as follows: DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. ROSS: Q Please state your name, your profession, and your educational status. I am Dennis K. Miller, I am a Petroleum Engineer. In A 1958 I earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in General Engineering with the Petroleum option from the University of Wyoming.

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Q All right. MR. ROSS: If it please the Commission, I will proceed to qualify this gentleman. (By Mr. Ross) By whom are you employed? Q Pan American Petroleum Corporation. Α How long have you been with this company? Q Since June of 1958, seven years and three months. Α MR. ROSS: May I ask the examining Commissioner if he's satisfied with the qualifications of this witness? MR. UTZ: Yes, sir, he is qualified to testify in this case. He's familiar with the San Juan Basin Area, is he not? MR. ROSS: Yes, sir, I will get to that point.

Have you ever testified before the Oil Conservation

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Q (By Mr. Ross) Are you familiar with this particular salt water problem in the San Juan River Basin, and if so, where is the location of this field?



A I have been directly responsible for all reservoir engineering matters in the Tocito Dome Field since July of this year. The Tocito Dome Field is located in the northwest corner of New Mexico in San Juan County. It's fourteen miles directly south of the well-known geological feature, Shiprock.

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Q Are there any special rules or Oil Conservation Commission rules or regulations with reference to the Tocito Dome Field?

A There are three Commission orders familiar to the Tocito Dome Field. The first order is a special field rules and regulations; the second order which establishes a 4.77 proportional factor for the field; and the third order establishes permanent 160-acre spacing for oil wells, 320-acre spacing for gas wells.

Ω May I ask if you have a plat of this field showing the producing well locations and the site of the proposed injection well?

A Yes, sir.

MR. ROSS: If it please the Examiner, I would like to introduce a plat of this field and ask that it be marked.

MR. UTZ: Do you have other exhibits? MR. ROSS: Yes. The next exhibit that I want to introduce, I have a sonic log of Navajo Tribal "U" No. 6 as Exhibit No. 2. Exhibit No. 3 is an induction-electrical log of Navajo Tribal "U" No. 6. I have a diagram of the injection well and various features concerning it as Exhibit No. 4. Exhibit No. 5 is a water analysis from Navajo Tribal "U" No. 6, and Exhibit No. 6 is a water analysis from Navajo Tribal "P" No. 2. Exhibit No. 7 is also a water analysis report. Exhibit

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(Whereupon, Applicant's Exhibits Nos. 1 through 8, both inclusive, marked for identification.)

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Q (BY Mr. Ross) Now, Dennis, the plat of the field is identical to Exhibit No. 1, is it not, that you are showing us now?

A The slide that I am showing on the screen is identical to Exhibit 1, with the exception that on Exhibit 1 I have inter-imposed the structure contours and a diagrammatic layout of the proposed injection system.

Q Will you please indicate the locations of Pan American's present producing wells and the ownership of their wells within a two-mile radius of the injection well, and show also the location of the injection well?

A The Pan American currently operates seven producing oil wells shown in green on Exhibit 1, located between the gas-oil contact and the water-oil contact around the rim of the structure. These wells are producing 2100 barrels of oil per day, and 270 barrels of water per day. There are five wells completed in the gascap area of the field. Four of these have been active producers. However, they are now shut-in to conserve reservoir energy.

The proposed injection well, Navajo Tribal "U" 6, is

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located in the Northwest Quarter Northwest Quarter of Section 22, Township 26 North, Range 18 West. Texaco operates five producing wells in the south portion of the field right in this area. Their current production is 835 barrels of oil per 91 - AIBUOUEROUE, NEW MEXICO

day and 115 barrels of water per day. All production from this field is from the Penn. D interval of the Lower Hermosa. The circle inscribed on the map is a two-mile radius from the proposed injection well. The lessees in the area include Mobil, Sinclair, Texaco, and Pan American. In all cases the lessor is the P.O. BOX 1092

As can be seen by the layout of the injection system, Navajo Indian Tribe. this is a joint venture with Pan American and Texaco. Now do you have a graphic reproduction showing copies of the logs of the proposed injection well which have been

introduced here as Exhibits 2 and 3. If so, would you please explain how the well has been completed, or rather, would you

We have two logs on this well, the induction-electrical please explain the exhibits? log and the sonic log. This slide shows only the portion of the log that we're interested in. The Lower Hermosa is located at a minus 535 subsea datum. The pay interval is the interval

This well was perforated from 6238 to 6244, and after shown in red on the sonic log.

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being acidized with 250 gallons of fifteen percent hydrochloride acid, it flowed 233 barrels of salt water per day. The reason the well was not completed as a commercial producer was due to the fact the water-oil was at minus 550 or midway into the pay interval.

Ω Now do you have a diagrammatic sketch showing the completion program of the proposed injection well? I think this is the same as our Exhibit 4 already introduced, is it not?

A Yes, sir.

Q All right.

A The proposed injection well, Navajo Tribal "U" 6, was completed with three casing strings. Surface pipe consists of 13-3/8thsinch casing set at 96 feet with 100 sacks of cement which circulated to surface. An intermediate string of 8-5/8ths inch casing is set at 1475 feet with 500 sacks of cement. Cement did not circulate to the surface; however, 500 sacks of cement is 200 percent of the theoretical fill from the casing shoe to surface.

The production string consists of 4-1/2 inch casing set at 6386 feet with 1,000 sacks of cement. This was a twostage cement job with a stage collar set at 3716 feet. The first stage consisted of 400 sacks of cement, or 105 percent of the theoretical fill from the casing shoe to the stage collar The second stage consisted of 600 sacks of cement or 125 percent



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of a theoretical fill from the stage collar to the surface. We are confident we have an adequate cement job on this well, because 600 sacks of cement is comparable to 200 percent of a theoretical fill from the stage collar to the base of the casing shoe on the intermediate string.

To insure that injections will be confined to the <u>Penn-D-horizon</u>, we are taking several precautions. The first consists of conducting injections down plastic lined tubing through a packer set at 6200 feet. This is 38 feet above the perforations, or 136 feet above the casing shoe.

As additional precaution, the annular space between the 2-3/8ths tubing and the casing will be filled with sweet crude which is produced from the field, and this crude will contain a corrosion inhibitor. A pressure gauge will be installed on the casinghead at the surface so we will be able to detect any communication between the tube and the annular space.

Ω About the water, do you have any chemical analysis, can you present for us the chemical analyses of the water that are evidenced by Exhibits 5, 6, and 7? Would you please explain the wells they are from and so forth?



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A Exhibits 5, 6, and 7 are water analyses from two producing wells. One is Navajo Tribal "P" 2 and the second is from Texaco AL No. 2. The third is from the Navajo Tribal "U" 6, or the formation from which we propose to conduct

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This slide summarizes the water analyses, and in injections. all cases the adverse quality of the water is the high total solids content which ranges from eighty to ninety thousand parts. The high total solids results from the high chloride ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO concentration, ranging from forty-seven to fifty-five thousand. The chlorides are present as salts of sodium and calcium. The waters are very similar in chemical composition. Therefore, they are compatible and should not result in any formation PHONE 243-66 HEARINGS. damage. May I ask you, in your opinion is there any • 1092 SPECIALIZING IN: DEPOSITIONS, Q BOX 10 EAST possibility of this water which is to be injected into the S BLDG. . P.O. B NATIONAL BANK injection well, can it in any way adversely affect any 1120 SIMMS 1213 FIRST N offsetting producing well? Due to the complexity of your question, I am going Α to answer it in two ways. The first slide I am projecting on the screen shows the rate versus time performance for two wells in the field. Navajo Tribal "P" 2 was completed in January of '65, January, 1965, and produced water upon completion. It is presently producing 230 barrels of water



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per day. Navajo Tribal "U" 1 was completed in August of 1964 and this well produced clean oil up until September, 1965, when we observed the first water production of 23 barrels of water I'm presenting this slide to illustrate that by per day.

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returning the produced water into the producing horizon, we are doing nothing more than supplementing one of the natural drive mechanisms of this reservoir.

MR. UTZ: Where is the "U" 1 located? Oh, here it is. This slide shows the location of Navajo Tribal "U" 6 and he nearest producing well, which is Navajo Tribal "U" 5. It is located 1800 feet from the proposed injection well. At current water producing rates of 385 barrels of water per day, it will require eight years for water injected at "U" 6 to show up at "U" 5. If at any time we should see premature water breakthrough or an adverse effect upon the producing horizon, we could discontinue injections and would not cause any irreparable damage to the producing well. MR. ROSS: May I state, I don't intend to introduce the slides in evidence, because I think the testimony has

covered it. They're purely to illustrate and make the situation

graphic.

(By Mr. Ross) Will you please tell these gentlemen · Q what benefits the company, our company, Pan American, the lessors, the other lessees, and the reservoir will obtain if this program is instituted?

At the present time Pan American must dispose of 270 barrels of produced salt water per day. Approximate cost for Α hauling approaches \$800.00 per month. As we've seen on this

slide showing the performance of these two wells, we have seen a rapid water increase in the last month with active water drive, and the increased water production hauling will not be an economically feasible or practical method of water disposal. Open pit disposal is not practical due to the possible contamination of shallow fresh waters in the area, and due to the presence of livestock in the area.

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The slide showing the logs, the Lower Hermosa interval indicated that the water-oil contact was in the pay interval. The interval from the water-oil contact to the top of the porosity contains oil and there is an excellent possibility that we will displace this oil upstructure to some of the nearest producing wells by injecting water.

Q In other words, you are going to have a water drive in time, you are going to increase the natural water drive in the field?

A We are supplementing the natural water drive. MR. ROSS: I believe that concludes the presentation

of our case.

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Q I would like you to put the log slide back on there for just a minute. You say from the water-oil contact, from 6249 up to the top of your pay zone is oil? A Yes, sir. There's oil saturation.

Q It follows that oil or water will be below that. What is your injection interval that you propose in this well? A 6238 to 6244, which is this interval shown right here on the log.

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Q So that will be up into your oil zone, actually? A Yes, sir.

Q Why are you injecting in the oil zone rather than down in the water zone?

A Simply because we hope to sweep some of this oil in this area upstructure to some of the producing wells. We have no producing wells on that flank of the reservoir.

MR. ROSS: By that flank, you mean the east flank? A The east flank of the reservoir.

Q (By Mr. Utz) Did this well actually produce some oil out of this zone?

A No, sir, it did not produce any oil at all.

Q Well, actually, the red area above your water-oil contact does not contain oil, then, in this oil bore?



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A Yes, sir, it contains oil but due to the higher water saturation and the relative permeability characteristics, we did not see any oil production. In other words, the water was so much more mobile in the formation than was the oil that we did not produce any oil. We have two wells in the field with the same identical histories as far as completion goes. Q You tested these perforations that you intend to

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inject through?

A Yes, sir.

Q This is a water drive field, is it not? A Right now it is producing primarily from solution gas, but we have seen evidence of water just recently, as I tried to illustrate with this slide here.

Q Yes.

A This is all the evidence we have of an active water drive at the present time.

MR. ROSS: In other words, your evidence of the active water drive is the sudden increase in water production from this well, the Navajo "P" 2 --

A And the first production from Navajo "U" 1. MR. ROSS: It has been a rapid increase in salt water production, hasn't it?

A It has increased by 120 barrels of water in the last month.



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MR. ROSS: I'm sorry to interrupt you, Mr. Examiner.
Q (By Mr. Utz) This business of injecting water into
an oil well is a bit unusual. Is this common practice with
Pan American in disposal wells?

A In some cases. In this case where we have such a

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poor water, or with the high total solids content, there's essentially no place to put it other than back into the formation where it came from.

Q Would it not be possible to inject it below the water-oil contact?

A Yes, it would. We definitely could do that.
Q Would that have the same effect as repressuring or waterflooding, so to speak, your oil zone?
A It could possibly result in some additional recovery, but it would not be as effective as injecting it into the oil zone.

Ω You don't think that you will bypass any oil by injecting into the oil zone?

A No, sir. We will increase the recovery by sweeping areas that will not be swept in any other way, because we have no drainage in this portion of the reservoir. That oil will stay there until we find some mechanism to move it. We have nothing at the present time.



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> Probably, as to your question about injecting into the oil zone, due to the higher water saturation, what will happen shortly after we begin injection is the water will end up down below the water-oil contact or in the zone of the higher water saturation, because the permeability to water is much higher than it is above the water-oil contact.

Ω It's your testimony that you don't feel by injecting into the oil zone that you will bypass any oil?

A I'll state it this way. We won't leave any more unrecovered oil in this portion of the reservoir than we will by the present means of operation. The acreage is all dedicated in that area. We have -- well, this is a dry hole, it may not be dedicated. I'm not familiar with the regulations.

 $\Omega$  I don't believe you could dedicate a dry hole.

A In order to get an effective drainage of this area,
we would have to drill an oil producing well to the west of
the proposed injection well. If we would do this, we would be
going over into Section 21 where the acreage is dedicated.
Ω I'm not questioning the location of the well. I am
questioning the injection into the producing horizon.

MR. ROSS: May I ask, Mr. Examiner, are you satisfied with his response? I think you were asked to, as to the history, have we ever done this before, injected into the interval, the producing interval in this dry hole, or what would have been a producing interval in this dry hole.



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A We have not done it, as far as I know, we have not done it as a method of water disposal. However, it is standard practice to do it as a water drive.

Ω (By Mr. Utz) Yes, but not as a means of pressure maintenance, is that correct?

A I misunderstood your question.

Q I say, do you do this as a means of pressure maintenance rather than water drive?

A Yes, sir, we are doing it in the State of New Mexico in the Cha Cha-Gallup.

 $\Omega$  This is not a water drive field.

A I am not that familiar with that field that I could state.

MR. ROSS: Whichever injection zone you use, whether this or down into the water itself, you don't expect to recover all of the oil in this area anyway, do you?

A No, sir. My comment here was, we will probably increase ultimate recovery in this area, as I showed on one of my other slides. It's going to take something on the order of eight years to see any response at the nearest producing well. This is assuming that the water sweeps the entire pay section.

Q (By Mr. Utz) Yes, but this is, the oil zone in this well you feel is connected with your No. 4 and No. 5 wells? A Yes, sir, it is.

Q And that oil will move in that direction by producing those two wells?

A Part of it will, yes, sir.

Q Refer to your Exhibit No. 4, which is your casing and



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cementing program. Did you run any temperature logs or any TESTIMONY, DAILY COPY, CONVENTIONS means of detecting the top of the cement? No, sir, we have not. Α ALEUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO ALEUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO So your only evidence as to where the cement is, is Q by the volume method? Yes, it's by volumetric calculations and by providing EXPERT А sufficient excess to be reasonably sure of an adequate cement DEPOSITIONS, HEARINGS, STATE MENTS. DNE 243-6691 256-1294 job. In other words, you feel that you have an adequate C Q cement job, then, from the casing shoe on the 4-1/2 inch back • 032 BOX) EAST P.O. up into the 8-5/8ths? ź Definitely. Α SPECIALIZING 1120 SIMMS 1213 FIRST 1 About how far do you estimate? Q I had anticipated it was 150 feet from surface. There А is no way of knowing for sure where it is. But you feel sure it goes adequately back up behind Q the 8-5/8ths? Yes, sir. Α MR. ROSS: When this well was filled in as a dry hole, no completion was attempted, it hadn't been hydro-fracked, had it?

A No, sir. It was acidized with 250 gallons of acid, so we are confident that the cement sheath is in as good a shape as you can possibly get with conventional oil well cementing.



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BIV	ALBUQUI	Q And it did not circulate?
		A No, sir.
		Q And 200 percent should have circulated?
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		Q And if I recall your testimony, you filled the
		annulus with sweet oil with a pressure gauge at the top; your
-		tubing is going to be internally coated?
		A Yes, sir.
		MR. UTZ: Are there any other questions of the
		witness?
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		Q You have your stage tool set there at 3716 on this
		exhibit, and cement up there with 600 sacks. When you started
		out with this stage tool to bring this cement on up, did you find
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any evidence of where your 400 sacks was? No, we did not. A Q Then it was below your ports? NEW MEXICO А It was below the ports in the staging tool. So we can't say definitely anything concerning tops Q ALBUQUERQUE, 1
 ALBUQUERQUE, NEW of cement on the 4-1/2? That is right. Α 243-0 Tell me once again, then, how far above the shoe the Q PHONE 256 end of the tubing and the packer will be. - <u>6</u> The packer will be 38 feet above the top of the Α BOX J P.O. E perforations and 186 feet above the shoe. S BLDG. MR. IRBY: Thank you. 1120 SIMMS 1213 FIRST N BY MR. UTZ: Q Do you anticipate any surface pressure will be needed to inject water into this zone, or will it inject by gravity? A We anticipate it will take 250 pounds to inject the water that's available at this time, 385 barrels of water per day. MR. UTZ: Are there other questions of the witness? The witness may be excused. (Witness excused.) MR. UTZ: Are there any statements in this case?

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MR. UTZ: Are there any statements in this case? Did you introduce your exhibits -- how many did you have?

MR. ROSS: I had eight altogether. MR. UTZ: Did you formally introduce those? MR. ROSS: I would like to formally introduce them. I think they were formally introduced. MR. UTZ: Exhibits 1 through 8 will be entered into the record in this case. (Whereupon, Applicant's Exhibits Nos 1 through 8, both inclusive, were offered and admitted in evidence. MR. UTZ: Are there other statements in this case? The case will be taken under advisement. STATE OF NEW MEXICO SS COUNTY OF BERNALILLO ) I, ADA DEARNLEY, Court Reporter - Notary Public, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached Transcript of Hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission was reported by me, and that the same is a true and correct record of the said proceedings, to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability WITNESS my Hand and Seal this 8th day of November, 1965. Notary Public Court Reporter My Commission Expires: I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a complete issued of the proceedings in

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