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IN ABOVE SPACE DESCRIBE PROPOSED PROGRAM : If proposal is to deepen or plug back, give data on present productive zone and proposed new productive zone. If proposal is to drill or deepen directionally, give pertinent data on subsurface locations and measured and true vertical depths. Give blowout preventer program, if any.

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# MARATHON OIL COMPANY

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#### October 29, 1965

Mr. J. M. Durett, Jr. New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission P. O. Box 871 Santa Fe, New Mexico

> RE: Examiner's Hearing November 3, 1965 <u>Case No. 3331</u> Marathon Oil Company's Application for Salt-Water-Disposal, Eddy-County, <u>New Mexico</u>

Dear Jim:

You will remember that before filing Marathon's application in the referenced matter, I discussed with you the possibility that the State Engineer might have some objection to Marathon's application primarily because of the fact that there was not a great deal of information available as to the quality of the water to be disposed of. We asked you to put Marathon's application on the docket for hearing so that it could be heard in the event an objection was received by the Commission within the fifteen-day period following the receipt by the Commission of Marathon's application.

Since my first conversation with you concerning the matter, Marathon personnel visited with Mr. Frank Irby and following such visit, Mr. Irby addressed a letter to Mr. Porter dated October 22, 1965, in which the State Engineer's Office advised that it offered no objection to the granting of Marathon's application, provided monthly analyses of the water to be disposed of are submitted starting with the commencement of production and continuing for a period of six months. This condition is entirely satisfactory to Marathon. As is more clearly reflected in Mr. Irby's letter of October 22nd, the State Engineer offers no objection to the granting of Marathon's application and so far as I know, no other objection has been filed.

I believe that the fifteen-day waiting period before which Marathon's application could be granted administratively will expire on the first or second of November. If no objection has been filed at the end of

Mr. J. M. Durett, Jr. New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission

October 29, 1965

the fifteen-day period, I will appreciate your dismissing the referenced case when it is called for hearing. I would further appreciate the Secretary-Director considering Marathon's application and if he finds it in order, granting same administratively. Should the Secretary-Director feel that he needs any additional information before acting administratively on the application, I would appreciate your letting Marathon know and we will promptly send or bring the additional data to Santa Fe.

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In my application dated October 14th, I mentioned that Marathon anticipates that there may be a necessity to commence salt water disposal operations in the Indian Basin Area as early as the first part of December, 1965. We, therefore, need to have some decision on our application to use the well described in the application as the disposal well at the earliest possible date. We feel that should an objection to Marathon's application be received by the Commission and the referenced case be continued to the next Examiner's hearing, Marathon would not be able to get a decision on the application and be ready to commence disposal operations in sufficient time. Should the Commission receive an objection to Marathon's application, we will be ready to present our case on November 3rd and request that the same may not be continued. I will contact you again prior to the November 3rd hearing date to determine whether an objection has been received and whether it will be safe to dismiss the referenced case.

I hope that this matter has not caused you any trouble. However, as you can probably surmise, Marathon is in somewhat of a problem timewise and we need to be sure that we have some acceptable way of disposing of our produced water.

Very truly yours,

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WARREN B. LEACH, JR.

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Docket No. 31-65

#### DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 3, 1965

### 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 3327: Application of Texaco Inc. for an allowable increase, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an exception to statewide Rule 505 (a) and 505 (b) to increase the 40-acre proportional factor from 1.33 to 1.77 for the Vacuum-Glorieta Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 3328: Application of Texaco Inc. for force pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order force pooling all mineral interests in the Basin-Dakota Pool underlying the N/2 of Section 36, Township 30 North, Range 12 West, San Juan County, New Mexico.

CASE 3329: Application of Tenneco Oil Company for directional drilling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to recomplete by means of directional drilling the following wells:

> Township 29 North, Range 9 West Florance No. 24, Unit A, Section 23

> Township 30 North, Range 8 West Florance No. 36, Unit H, Section 3 Florance No. 35, Unit A, Section 18

Township 30 North, Range 9 West Florance No. 5, Unit A, Section 22 Mansfield No. 1, Unit P, Section 19

All of the above wells are presently completed in the Blanco-Mesaverde Pool. Applicant proposes to set a whipstock above the Mesaverde producing interval and to directionally drill, recompleting said wells in the Mesaverde formation, and in some instances, to further drill to the Dakota producing interval thereby permitting dual completion of the wells to produce gas from the Blanco-Mesaverde and Basin-Dakota Gas Pools. Applicant further proposes to conduct appropriate deviation tests to ensure that none of the wells is completed nearer than 200 feet to the outer boundaries of its proration unit.

CASE 3330:

Application of Anadarko Production Company for a waterflood project, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project in its Grayburg Premier Sand formation through five wells in Sections 25 and 26, Township 17 South, Range 30 East, Grayburg Jackson Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico. NOVEMBER 3, 1965 EXAMINER HEARING

CASE 3331:

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Application of Marathon Oil Company for salt water disposal, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Paddock-Yeso formation in its Federal Well No. 1 in Unit K of Section 24, Township 21 South, Range 23 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.

CASE 3323:

(Continued from the October 19, 1965, Examiner Hearing) Application of David Fasken for a dual completion, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the dual completion (conventional) of his Felmont-Collier Well No. 1 located in Unit H of Section 9, Township 11 South, Range 33 East, Lea County, New Mexico, to produce oil from the North Bagley Upper and Lower Pennsylvanian Pools through parallel strings of tubing.

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Mr. J. M. Durrett, Jr. New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission P. 0. Box 871 Santa Fe, New Mexico

RE:

Examiner's Hearing November 3, 1965 Case No. 3331 Marathon Oil Company's Application for Salt Water Disposal, Eddy County, New Mexico

Doar-Jim:

In connection with the referenced matter, I understand that fifteen days have expired from the date of the Commission's receipt of Marathon's application in the referenced case. I understand, however, that even though the Commission might now grant the application administratively, you feel that the matter must remain on the docket in order to determine whether someone might be there to protest the granting of Marathon's application. Should someone be there to protest on November 3rd, I would appreciate your continuing the referenced matter, if possible, to the regular monthly Commission Hearing, which I understand is on November 17th. Should it be impossible to continue the case to the 17th for hearing before the full Commission, I would appreciate your continuing the case until the next regular Examiner's Hearing if it is impossible to set the case for Special Hearing at a prior date. I am inclined to believe that no one will be there to protest the granting of Marathon's application, in which event I understand that you will dismiss the case and Marathon's application will then be granted administratively.

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I appreciate your assistance and cooperation in all of the above matters in connection with this case.

Very truly yours, UAGUAN B. Leach Jr. Warren B. Leach, Jr.

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GOVERNOR JACK M. CAMPBELL CHAIRMAN

# State of New Mexico **Bil Conservation Commission**

LAND COMMISSIONER GUYTON B. HAYS MEMBER

P. O. BOX 2088 SANTA FE

November 9, 1965

Mr. Warren B. Leach, Jr. Marathon Oil Company Southern National Bank Building Post Office Box 3128 Houston, Texas 77001

3331 Case No.\_ Order No. R-2996 Applicant:

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

Re:

Very truly yours,

E. L. Parter A. L. PORTER, Jr. Secretary-Director

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Carbon copy of order also sent to:

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STATE GEOLOGIST A. L. PORTER, JR.

SECRETARY . DIRECTOR

Marathon Oil Company

Dear Sir:

## 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. 3331 Order No. R-2996

APPLICATION OF MARATHON OIL COMPANY FOR SALT WATER DISPOSAL, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

#### ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

## BY THE CONMISSION:

This cause cause on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on November 3, 1965, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Blvis A. Uts.

NOW, on this <u>9th</u> day of November, 1965, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the record and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

That the applicant's request for dismissal should be granted.

IT TA THEREVORE ORDERED :

That Case No. 3331 is hereby dismissed.

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



STATE OF NEW MEXICO OLL CONSERVATION CONMISSION

JACK M. CAMPBELL, Chairman

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



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MR. UTZ: The hearing will come to order, please. The first case on the docket will be Case 3331, application of Marathon Oil Company for salt water disposal, Eddy County, New Mexico.

MR. DURRETT: If the Examiner please, I would like to state for the record that this case was advertised for hearing although the application was eligible for administrative approval, as Mr. Warren Leach felt there might be a possibility of an objection being made to the application. If there are no objections here today, in view of

the fact that it was eligible for administrative approval, I move the Examiner to dismiss the case.

MR. UTZ: Any appearances in Case 3331 in the room today? There does not appear to be any, and the case is

dismissed.



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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. 333 Order No.

APPLICATION OF MARATHON OIL COMPANY FOR SALT WATER DISPOSAL, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

## ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

### BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on November 3  $196_5$ , at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz

NOW, on this <u>day of November</u>, 196<sup>5</sup>, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the record and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

That the applicant's request for dismissal should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That Case No. 3331 is hereby dismissed.

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

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