

*Entered November 17, 1968*  
*D.S.P.*

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. 3929  
Order No. R-3573

APPLICATION OF LEONARD LATCH  
FOR TWO WATERFLOOD PROJECTS,  
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on November 12, 1968, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 19th day of November, 1968, 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, Leonard Latch, seeks permission to institute two waterflood projects on his Saunders A and Travis Leases in the Empire (Yates-Seven Rivers) Pool by the injection of water into the Yates formation through five injection wells located in Sections 12 and 13 of Township 17 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the wells in the project areas are in an advanced state of depletion and should properly be classified as "stripper" wells.
- (4) That the proposed waterflood projects should result in the recovery of otherwise unrecoverable oil, thereby preventing waste.

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(5) That the subject application should be approved and the projects should be governed by the provisions of Rules 701, 702, and 703 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Leonard Latch, is hereby authorized to institute the two following waterflood projects on his Saunders A and Travis Leases in the Empire (Yates-Seven Rivers) Pool by the injection of water into the Yates formation through the following-described wells in Township 17 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico:

Latch Empire Travis Waterflood Project

Injection wells:

Leonard Latch Travis Well No. 1 - Unit O - Section 12  
Leonard Latch Travis Well No. 2 - Unit O - Section 12  
Leonard Latch Travis Well No. 3 - Unit P - Section 12

Latch Empire Saunders Waterflood Project

Injection wells:

Leonard Latch Saunders "A" Well No. 2 - Unit B - Section 13  
Leonard Latch Saunders "A" Well No. 6 - Unit H - Section 13

(2) That the subject waterflood projects shall be governed by the provisions of Rules 701, 702, and 703 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

(3) That monthly progress reports of the waterflood projects herein authorized shall be submitted to the Commission in accordance with Rules 704 and 1120 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.


(4) 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

DAVID F. CARGO, Chairman

  
CLAYTON B. HAYS, Member

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

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