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STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING  
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION  
DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 6422  
Order No. R-6015

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION ON ITS OWN MOTION TO PERMIT HELTON ENGINEERING & GEOLOGICAL SERVICES, INC., TRAVELERS INDEMNITY COMPANY, AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE BRENT WELL NO. 1 LOCATED IN UNIT M OF SECTION 29 AND THE BRENT WELL NO. 3 LOCATED IN UNIT G OF SECTION 19, BOTH IN TOWNSHIP 13 NORTH, RANGE 6 EAST, SANDOVAL COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, SHOULD NOT BE PLUGGED AND ABANDONED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A DIVISION-APPROVED PLUGGING PROGRAM.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on May 23, 1979, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 12th day of June, 1979, the Division Director, 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 Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That Helton Engineering & Geological Services, Inc. is the owner and operator of the Brent Well No. 1 located in Unit M of Section 29, and the Brent Well No. 3 located in Unit G of Section 19, both in Township 13 North, Range 6 East, NMPM, Sandoval County, New Mexico.
- (3) That Travelers Indemnity Company is the surety on the Oil Conservation Division plugging bond on which Helton Engineering & Geological Services, Inc. is principal.
- (4) That the purpose of said bond is to assure the state that the subject wells will be properly plugged and abandoned when not capable of commercial production.

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(5) That in order to prevent waste and protect correlative rights said Brent Wells Nos. 1 and 3 should be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a program approved by the Aztec District Office of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division on or before August 1, 1979, or the wells should be returned to active drilling status or placed on production.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

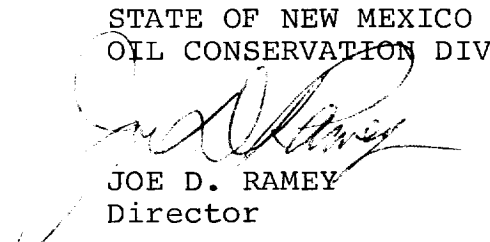
(1) That Helton Engineering & Geological Services, Inc. and Travelers Indemnity Company are hereby ordered to plug and abandon the Brent Well No. 1 located in Unit M of Section 29 and the Brent Well No. 3 located in Unit G of Section 19, both in Township 13 North, Range 6 East, NMPM, Sandoval County, New Mexico, or in the alternative, to return the well to active drilling status or place the well on production on or before August 1, 1979.

(2) That Helton Engineering & Geological Services, Inc. and Travelers Indemnity Company, prior to plugging and abandoning the above-described wells, shall obtain from the Aztec office of the Division, a Division-approved program for said plugging and abandoning, and shall notify said Aztec office of the date and hour said work is to be commenced whereupon the Division may, at its option, witness such work.

(3) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION



JOE D. RAMEY  
Director

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