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Michael E. Stogner Oil Conservation Division 2040 South Pacheco Street Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Case No. 12262; Application of Burk Royalty Co.

Dear Mr. Stogner:

Enclosed are the following:

- Additional information on P&A wells in the area of review. The information includes wellbore sketches and data from the Division's files.
- 2. Information on recent disposal volumes and pressures in the Neal Well No. 3.
- 3. A copy of the hearing transcript in Case No. 4679, in which the applicant originally requested injection authorization. At page 7, the witness states that secondary recovery effects were anticipated. Copies of certain exhibits are also attached.
- 4. A draft order (hard copy and disk), which also references the statutes regarding expansion of an existing project.
- 5. A copy of Order No. R-10161, regarding a Burk Royalty Co. waterflood in the same pool, located a mile north of the proposed project. Although this case did not seek approval for the EOR credit, the project was subsequently qualified for the EOR credit by the Division (administratively, I believe).

Please call me if you need any further information.

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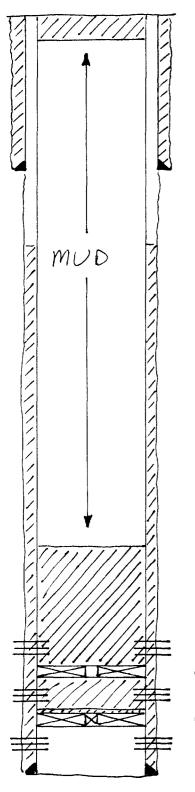
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James Bruce

Attorney for Burk Royalty Co.

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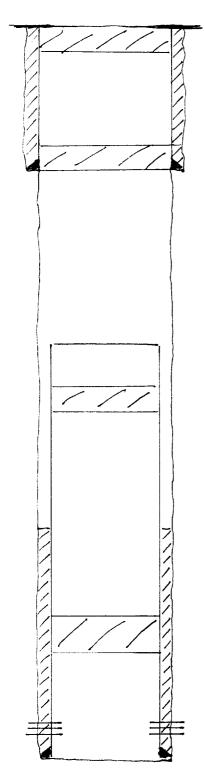
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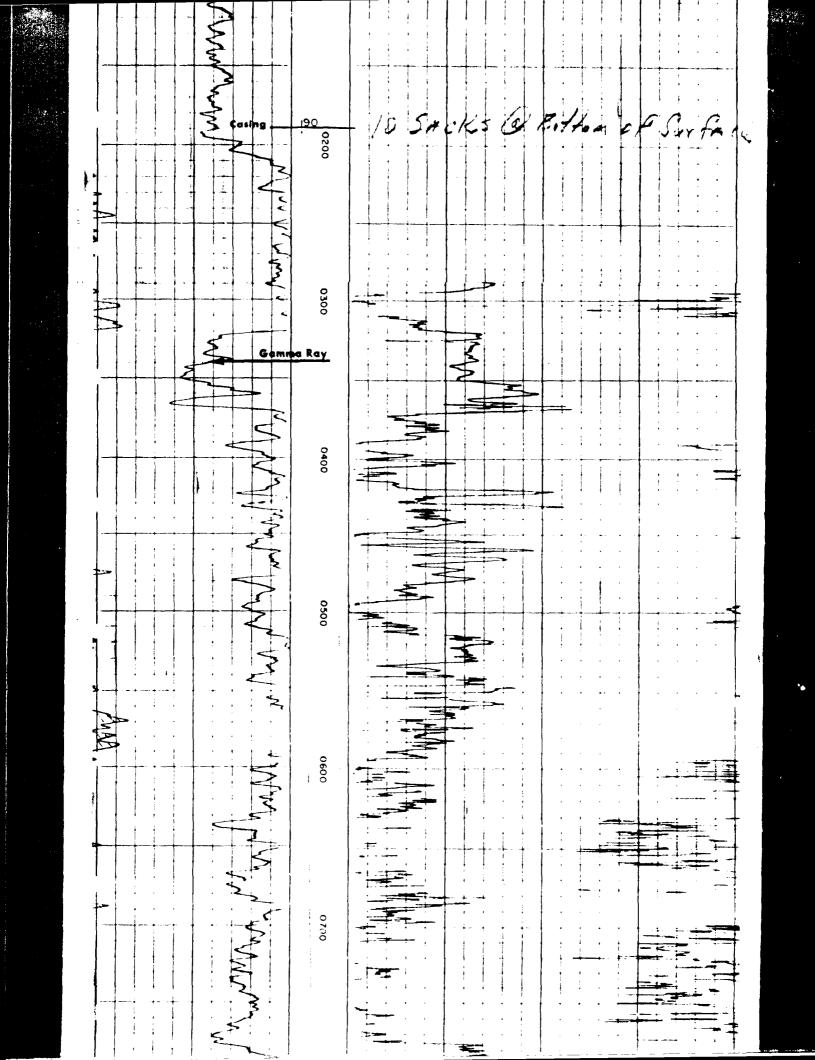
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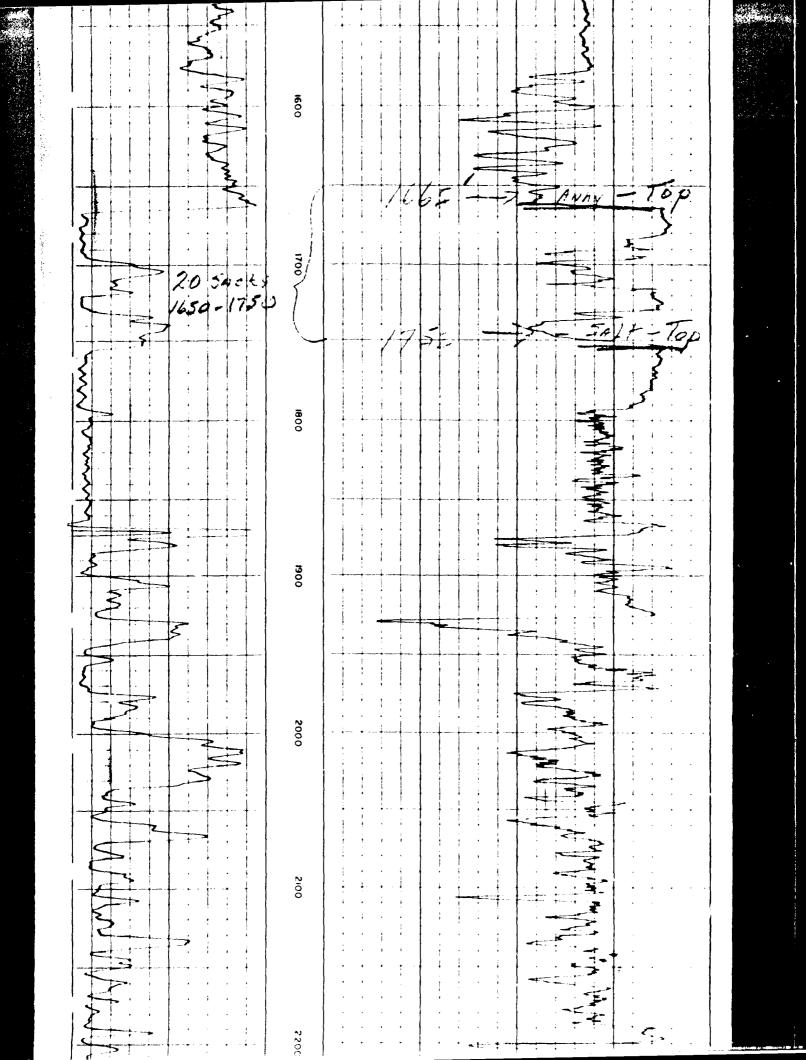
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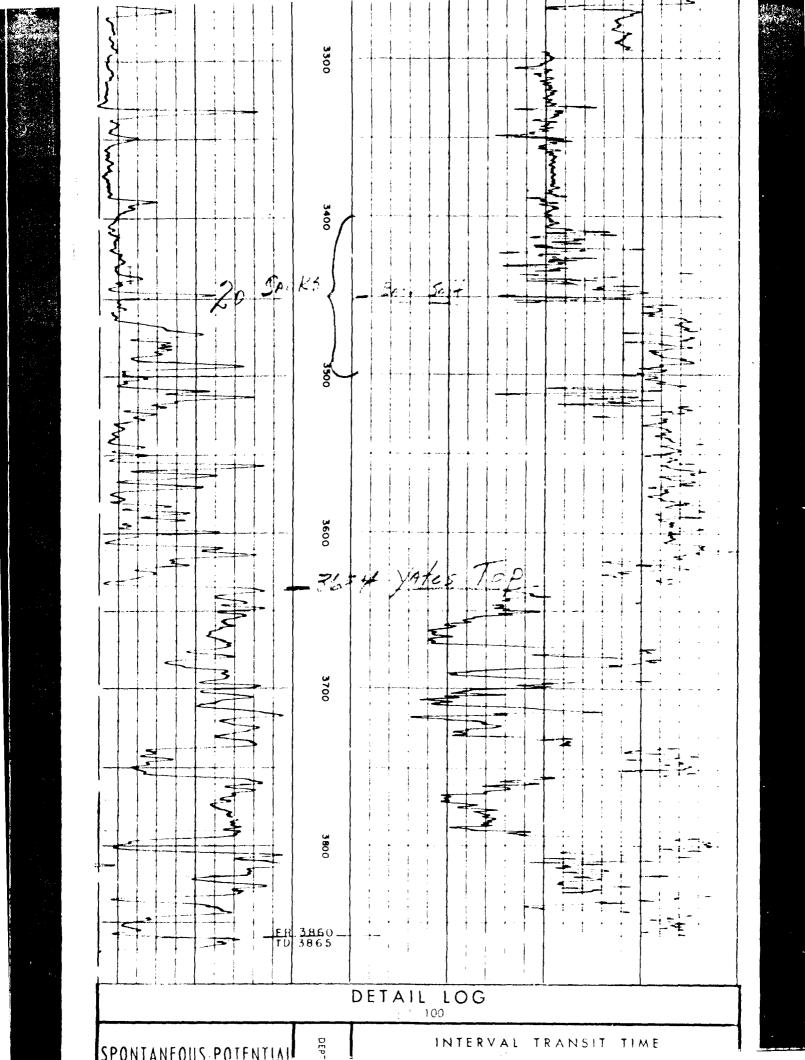
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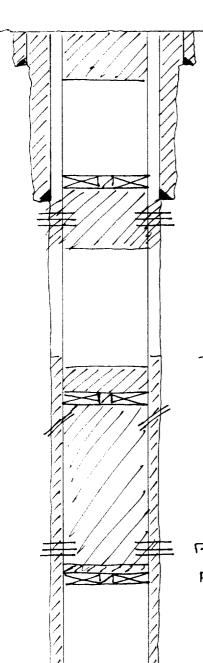
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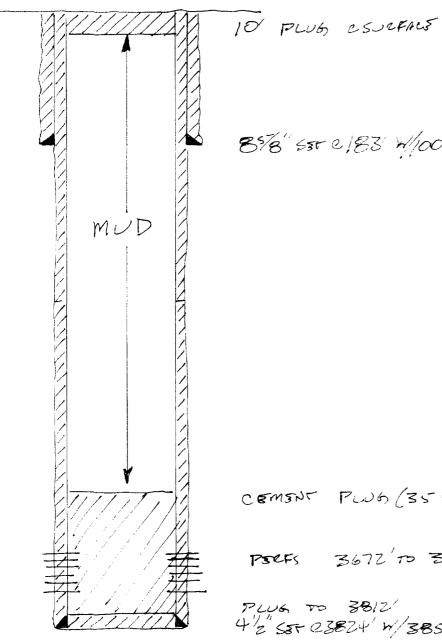
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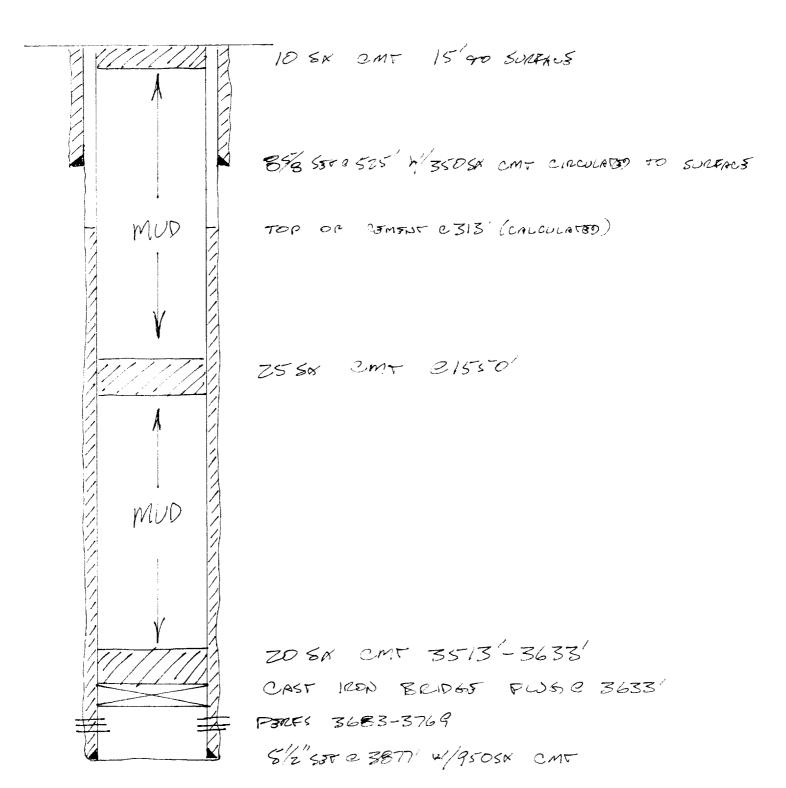
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BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION Santa Fe, New Mexico March 15, 1972

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of Burk Royalty Company for salt water disposal,) Lea County, New Mexico

No. 4679

BEFORE: Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING



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2 1 MR. NUTTER: Case 4679. 2 MR. HATCH: Application of Burk Royalty Company for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico. MR. KELLAHIN: If the Examiner please, Jason Kellahin of Kellahin and Fox, appearing for 7 the applicant. We have one witness. 8 (Whereupon the witness was sworn.) 9 (Whereupon, Exhibits 1 through 5 10 were marked for identification.) 11 TOM DARLING 12 A Witness, having been first duly sworn on oath, was 13 examined and testified as follows: 14 DIRECT EXAMINATION 15 BY MR. KELLAHIN: 16 Q State your name? 17 A Tom Darling. 18 By whom are you employed and in what position? 19 Burk Royalty Company, Vice President in charge 20 of Engineering.

Where are you located?

Wichita Falls, Texas.

or this Examiner?

Have you ever testified before the Oil Commission

1	A No, sir.
2	Q For the benefit of the Examiner, would you briefly
3	outline your education and experience that you have had?
4	A Graduate Petroleum Engineer, University of Oklahoma
5	1949; Chief Engineer, Reno Oil Company, three years;
6	Engineer, Vice President in charge of Engineering, Burk
7	Royalty Company, 20 years.
8	Q In connection with your work for Burk Royalty
9	Company, have you done engineering work in Southeastern,
10	New Mexico?
11	A I have.
12	MR. KELLAHIN: Are the witness's
13	qualifications acceptable?
14	MR. NUTTER: Yes, they are.
15	Q Mr. Darling, briefly what is proposed by the
16	applicant in Case No. 4679?
17	A We are requesting permission to inject water
18	back into the lower Yates Formation. This water is being
19	produced from the Yates Formation.
20	Q So you are injecting Yates water back into the
21	Sems formation from which it was produced?
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25	authorization from the Oil Conservation Commission?

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1	A We are presently operating under a temporary
2	authority from the Commission.
3	Q Now, referring to what has been marked as Exhibit
4	No. 1, would you identify that exhibit?
5	A Exhibit No. 1 is a plat showing the wells and
6	their locations on our leases. The No. 3 well which is
7	located in the northwest of the northeast of the northeast
8	of Section 35, Township 20 South, Range 34 East is the
9	proposed water injection well.
10	Q Now, are the other wells the source of the water
11	which you will be injecting into that well?
12	A Yes, the water is coming out of the No. 1 well.
13	Q On the same lease?
14	A On the same lease, yes, on the Neal lease.
15	Q Now, referring to what has been marked as
16	Exhibit No. 2, would you identify that exhibit?
17	A This is an exhibit which shows all of the wells
18	within a two-mile area, showing the various zones in which
19	these wells are completed.
20	Q Now, there are other Yates producing wells in
21	the vicinity of this well, is that correct?
22	A There is.
23	Q Has there been other salt water disposal wells
24	approved in this area similarly to the one for which you are

applying?

A Yes, there was a well approved on the Phillips
Lease, I think they call that their Cruces Lease, Well
No. 5, which is located in the southwest of the southeast
of the southeast of Section 26.

Q Now, have they been injecting water into that well for some time, or do you know?

A No, I do not know, but I do not think they are injecting water into it. But Phillips did send a Waiver on our temporary authority to inject water.

Q There are a number of Yates producers immediately offsetting your well?

A Yes.

Q In your opinion, with the injection of water into the Yates Formation cause any damage to these producing wells?

A No, sir.

Q Referring to what has been marked as Applicant's Exhibit No. 3, would you identify that exhibit?

A This is a sonic log run by Schlumberger, which shows the zone into which we propose to inject water, which is the lower Yates Sand.

Q What is the footage interval or the injection interval?

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1	A It's perforated from 3703 to 3717.
2	Q Now, referring to the Applicant's Exhibit No. 4,
3	would you discuss the manner in which you have completed
4	or propose to complete this well?
5	A We propose to run a plastic coated packer which
7	we set at 3630 feet, with plastic coated two-inch tubing.
8	The top of the cement on the $5 1/2$ casing is at 2944 and
9	this is taken from a temperature survey run on the well.
0	We propose to leave the annulus open to assure ourselves
1	that the water is going below the packer seat. Also, we
2	propose that from 90 to 120 days to run a tracer survey
3	which we will be happy to furnish to the Commission,
4	to be sure that the water is going where we want it to go.
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- In your opinion, will leaving the casing tubing annulus open give you a certain indication that there is no leakage?
- Yes, it will; it it flows out of the valves, we will know that it's leaking.
- Referring to what has been marked as Exhibit No. 5, would you identify that, please?
 - This is a water analysis on the Neal No. 1 Well,

which is producing the water we propose to inject into
this well.
O It's going into the same formation from which it
is produced, so there would be no problem of compatibility?
A No.
O Will you use a closed system?
A Yes, we are using a closed system.
Q What volume of water will you be injecting into
this well?
A We have approximately 120 barrels a day.
Q Do you anticipate that that may be more or less
as the well continues to produce?
A I think it will remain approximately the same.
Of course, we are reinjecting 125 barrels a day which would
probably increase it to 250, as a maximum.
Q You are saying that if this has any effect on
the reservoir, it will be a secondary recovery operation?
A Right, that's absolutely correct.
Q Were Exhibits 1 through 4 prepared by you or under
your supervision?
A That's true.
Q And Exhibit 5 is a copy of the water analysis
made for your company?

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MR. KELLAHIN: I would like to offer into evidence Exhibits 1 through 5, inclusive.

MR. NUTTER: Exhibits 1 through 5 will be admitted in evidence.

(Whereupon, Exhibits 1 through 5 were offered and admitted into evidence.)
MR. KELLAHIN: That's all I have.

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. NUTTER:

Q Mr. Darling, as I understand it, the 8 5/8ths inch surface pipe was set at 190 feet and circulated to the surface. Is that right?

- A That's correct.
- Q 5 1/2 is at 3804?
- A Correct.
- Q It was comented with 200 sacks and the top of the cement is 2944?
- A That's correct, and that's from a temperature survey.
- O Now, there was a condition to Phillips' Waiver, as I recall, that the waters would be disposed of into the equivalent zones that their well had been approved for?
 - A Yes.
 - Q Is this the equivalent zone as indicated on

Exhibit No. 3 of the log? Yes, sir. Thank you. And that tubing string you mentioned would be plastic coated? 5 It is plastic coated, yes, sir. MR. NUTTER: Are there further questions 7 of Mr. Darling? You may be excused. 8 (Whereupon, the witness was excused.) 9 MR. NUTTER: Do you have anything 10 further, Mr. Kellahin? 11 MR. KELLAHIN: No, I haven't. 12 MR. NUTTER: All right, if no one has 13 anything they wish to offer in Case No. 4679, we 14 will take the case under advisement. 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 23 24

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900 Od & Gas Building Pichita Falls, Texas 76301 Tile lave ho

June 12, 1972

Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr.
011 Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Porter:

In Case No. 4679, Order No. R-4283 Burk Royalty Co. was given permission to dispose of salt water in its Neal #3 located in Section 35 - T20S - R34E, Lea County, New Mexico. The Commission requested that after water had been injected for some period of time that a sub-surface tracer survey be made to determine where the water is being injected.

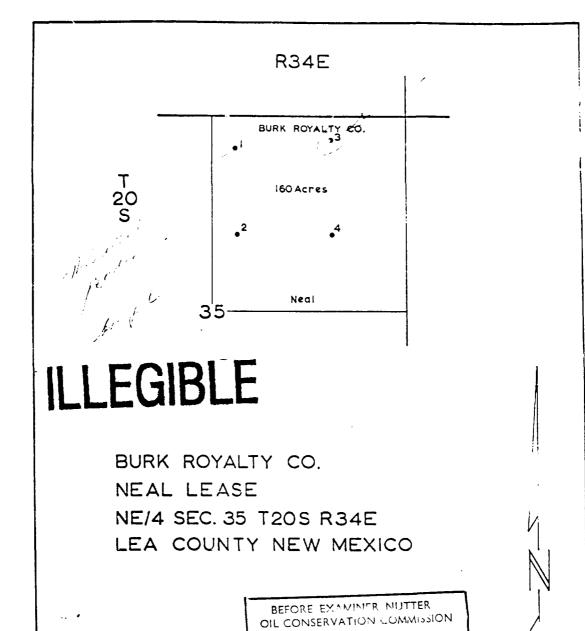
We, therefore, enclose a copy of the survey indicating that the water is entering the proper formation and there are no leaks.

Very truly yours,

SURK ROYALTY CO.

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Buck EXHIBIT NO. 1

CASE NO. 4679

Submitted by Jan Realing

Hearing Date March 15,1972

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BURK ROYALTY CO.

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BURK ROYALTY COMPANY 800 OIL & GAS BLDG. WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS

TEMPORARY AUTHORITY HEREBY GRANTED PENDING HEARING AND PERMANENT ORDER TO DISPOSE SALT WATER INTO PERFORATIONS 3705-3714 FEET HEAL NUMBER 3 A-35-208-34E PROVIDED INJECTION THROUGH TUBING AND PACKER. THIS AUTHORITY EXPIRES APRIL 15, 1972.

A. L. PORTER, Jr. SECRETARY-DIRECTOR OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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

> CASE NO. 12262 Order No. R-

APPLICATION OF BURK ROYALTY CO. TO QUALIFY A WATERFLOOD EXPANSION PROJECT FOR THE RECOVERED OIL TAX RATE PURSUANT TO THE "ENHANCED OIL RECOVERY ACT," LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on October 7, 1999, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Michael E. Stogner.

NOW, on this _____ day of December, 1999, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner,

FINDS THAT:

- (1) Due public notice has been given and the Division has jurisdiction of this cause its subject matter.
- (2) By Order No. R-4283, dated March 15, 1972, in Case No. 4679, the Division authorized the applicant, Burk Royalty Co., to dispose of produced salt water into the Yates formation (Lynch Yates-Seven Rivers Pool) through its Neal Well No. 3, located in the NE½NE½ of Section 35, Township 20 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (3) In this case the applicant seeks to expand the injection operations and convert the project to a waterflood project, and to qualify the Neal Lease, which covers the NE% of Section 35, for the recovered oil tax rate pursuant to Division Rule No. 30 (Enhanced Oil Recovery ("EOR") Project Tax Incentive), as promulgated the "Enhanced Oil Recovery Act" (Laws 1992, Chapter 38, Sections 1 through 5).
- (4) According to applicant's evidence and testimony, and the record in Case No. 4679:
 - (a) The approved injection interval in the Neal Well No. 3 is 3703-3713 feet.

- (b) Injection operations in the Neal Well No. 3 commenced in 1972, and have continued to date.
- (c) The maximum amount injected into the Neal Well No. 3 has been 250 BWPD.
- (d) The applicant anticipated a secondary recovery effect by disposing of produced water into the Yates formation.
- (e) Disposal has had a secondary recovery effect on the producing wells on the Neal Lease, and production from the lease increased from approximately 250 BO per month in 1972 to 1000 BO per month in 1994.
- (f) Since 1994, production from the lease has declined to approximately 600-700 BO per month.
- (g) Cumulative production from the Neal Lease as of September 1999 is approximately 410,000 BO.
- (5) The applicant proposes to expand the existing project by adding perforations in the injection and producing wells in the upper Yates formation, and increasing injection rates. The evidence and testimony presented in this case also indicates that:
 - (a) The Yates formation is continuous across the existing perforated interval, and across the proposed perforated interval, in the Neal Lease. The Yates formation is unproductive to the north and east of the Neal Well No. 3, as evidenced by several dry holes.
 - (b) There are currently two producing wells on the Neal Lease: The Neal Well No. 1 in the NW¼NE¼ of Section 35, and the Neal Well No. 4 in the SE¼NE¼ of Section 35. The Neal Well No. 2, in the SW¼NE¼ of Section 35, is currently shut-in.
 - (c) The Neal Well Nos. 1, 2, and 4 are currently perforated in the same correlative interval as the injection interval for the Neal Well No. 3.
 - (d) The applicant proposes to perforate the interval from 3590-3610 feet in the Neal Well No. 3, and correlative intervals in the producing wells on the Neal Lease. This interval has not produced from the Yates formation on the Neal Lease.
 - (e) The applicant proposes to inject water at maximum volumes of 750 BWPD, triple the previously approved rate.

- (f) Increased injection rates and the completion of zones not previously subject to waterflood operations will expand and enhance the efficiency of the project, resulting in the recovery of an additional 50,000 barrels of oil from the Neal Lease which would otherwise not be recovered.
- (g) The Neal Lease has been so depleted that it is prudent to implement a waterflood expansion program to maximize the ultimate recovery of crude oil from said area.
- (h) The proposed expansion is economically and technically feasible and has not been prematurely filed.
- (6) The Enhanced Oil Recovery Act applies to new projects and expansions of existing projects. NMSA 1978 §7-29A-3. "Expansion" means a significant change or modification from an existing use. NMSA 1978 §7-29A-2.D. The proposed increase in injection volumes and pressures, and the increase in the geological interval being flooded, constitutes a significant expansion of the existing project.
- (7) The Neal Lease Waterflood Project should be qualified as an "Enhanced Oil Recovery Project" pursuant to the "Enhanced Oil Recovery Act" (Laws 1992, Chapter 38, Sections 1 through 5).
- (8) To be eligible for the EOR credit, the operator should advise the Division when increased water injection will commence and at such time request that the Division certify the subject expansion project to the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department.
- (9) At such time as a positive production response occurs and within five years from the date of the Certificate of Qualification, the applicant must apply to the Division for certification of positive production response, which application shall identify the area actually benefitting from enhanced recovery operations, and identifying the specific wells which the operator believes are eligible for the credit. The Division may review the application administratively or set it for hearing. Based upon evidence presented, the Division will certify to The Department of Taxation and Revenue those lands and wells which are eligible for the credit.
- (10) The applicant also requests an increase in the authorized injection pressure of up to 1500 psi, which exceeds the Division's 0.2 psi/foot limitation. The applicant conducted step-rate tests which show that such pressure will not result in the fracturing of the injection formation or confining strata.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) Pursuant to the application of Burk Royalty Co., the Neal Lease Waterflood Project, described as follows, is hereby qualified as an "Enhanced Oil Recovery Project" pursuant to the "Enhanced Oil Recovery Act" (Laws 1992, Chapter 38, Sections 1 through 5):

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM Section 35: NE/4

- (2) The approved "project area" shall comprise the entire Neal Fee Lease described in Paragraph No. (1) above.
- (3) To be eligible for the EOR credit, the operator shall advise the Division when increased water injection will commence and at such time request that the Division certify the subject expansion project to the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department.
- (4) At such time as a positive production response occurs and within five years from the date of the Certificate of Qualification, the operator must apply to the Division for certification of a positive production response, which application shall identify the area actually benefitting from enhanced recovery operations, and identifying the specific wells which the operator believes are eligible for the credit. The Division may review the application administratively or set it for hearing. Based upon evidence presented, the Division will certify to The Department of Taxation and Revenue those lands and wells which are eligible for the credit.
- (5) The applicant is authorized to inject up to 750 BWPD into its Neal Well No. 3 at a maximum pressure of 1500 psi. The injection well shall be equipped with a pressure limitation device which will limit the surface injection pressure to no more than 1500 psi.
- (6) The Division Director shall have the authority to administratively authorize a pressure limitation in excess of the above upon a showing by the operator that such higher pressure will not result in the fracturing of the injection formation or confining strata.
- (7) The applicant shall conduct injection operations in accordance with Division Rule Nos. 710 through 708, and shall submit monthly progress reports in accordance with Division Rule Nos. 706 and 1115.

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- (8) The injection authority hereby granted shall terminate one year after the date of this order if the operator has not commenced expanded injection operations into the subject well, provided that the Division, upon written request by the operator, may grant an extension thereof for good cause shown.
- (9) 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

Lori Wrotenbery Director

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(QUERECHO PLAINS-QUEEN ASSOCIATED (QUERECHO PLAINS QUEEN ASSOCIATED SAND UNIT AREA WATERFLOOD PROJECT) POOL - Cont'd.)

- (15) The approved "project area" shall initially comprise that area described in Decretory Paragraph No. (3) above.
- (16) To be eligible for the EOR credit, prior to commencing injection operations, the operator must request from the Division a Certificate of Qualification, which certificate will specify the proposed project area as described above.
- (17) At such time as a positive production response occurs and within five years from the date of the Certificate of Qualification, the applicant must apply to the Division for certification of positive production response, which application shall identify the area actually benefitting from enhanced recovery operations, and identifying the specific wells which the operator believes are eligible for the credit. The Division may review the application administratively or set it for hearing. Based upon evidence presented, the Division will certify to the Department of Taxation and Revenue those lands and wells which are eligible for the credit.
- (18) The injection authority granted herein for the proposed injection wells shall terminate one year after the effective date of this order if the operator has not commenced injection operations into the subject wells, provided however, the Division, upon written request by the operator, may grant an extension thereof for good cause shown.
- (19) 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.

EXHIBIT "A"

CASE NO. 10960 ORDER NO. R-10151

Mewbourne Oil Company
Proposed Injection Well Locations
Querecho Plains Queen Associated Sand Unit Waterflood Project Area

Township 18 South, Range 32 East, NAIPM, Les County, New Mexico

Well Name and Number	Fourage Locates	Section	Cast	Proposed Injection Interval
Cavalcade Federal Well No. 4	400' FSL & 660' FEL	21	P	4096 - 4130
Bennett Federal Well No. 1	660' FSL & 1650' FEL	22	0	3897 - 4138
Flip Federal Well No. 1	1650' FNL & 330' FWL	23	E	4143 - 4150
Edith Federal Well No. 2	1980' FSL & 1980' FEL	23	J	3953 - 4224
Marshall Federal Well No. 1	660' FSL & 1980' FWL	23	N	4175 - 4190
Walker Federal Well No 1	330' FNL & 330' FWL	26	D	3914 - 3947
Federal "E" Well No. 8	1650' FNL & 660' FEL	27	Н	3934 - 4198
Anadarko Federal Well No. 2	1650' FSL & 1980' FWL	27	K	3888 - 4025
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Federal "E" Well No. 9	1980' FNL & 330' FEL	28	н	3875 - 4152

LYNCH YATES-SEVEN RIVERS POOL (Hanson "C" Federal Lease Waterflood Project) Lea County, New Mexico

Order No. R-10161, Authorizing Burk Royalty Company to Institute a Waterflood Project on its Hanson "C" Federal Lease, in the Lynch Yates-Seven Rivers Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, August 4, 1994.

Application of Burk Royalty Company for a Water-flood Project, Lea County, New Mexico.

Case No. 10985 Order No. R-10161

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION: This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on July 7, 1994, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner David R. Catanach.

NOW, on this 4th day of August, 1994, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS THAT:

- (1) Due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) The applicant, Burk Royalty Company, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project on its Hanson "C" Federal Lease comprising the S/2 SW/4 and NE/4 SW/4 of Section 23, Township 20 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, by the injection of water into the Yates formation, Lynch Yates-Seven Rivers Pool, through the perforated interval from approximately 3,564 feet to 3,585 feet in its Hanson "C" Well No. 4 located 1650 feet from the South and West lines (Unit K) of Section 23.
- (3) The applicant proposes to use as producing wells within the waterflood project the Hanson "C" Well Nos. 1 and 3 located respectively in Units M and N.
- (4) The Hanson "C" Well Nos. 1 and 3 are in an advanced state of depletion and should therefore be properly classified as "stripper wells".
- (5) The proposed waterflood project should result in the recovery of otherwise unrecoverable oil, thereby preventing waste.
- (6) Testimony presented and Division records indicate that the Hanson "C" Well No. 4 was permitted for injection as a disposal well by Division Order No. R-3661 on January 13, 1969. The permitted injection interval was in the Yates formation at a depth of 3,564 feet to 3,570 feet.
 - (7) Division Order No. R-3661 should be superseded by this order.
- (8) The injection of water into the proposed injection wells should be accomplished through 2 3/8-inch internally plastic-lined tubing installed in a packer set at approximately 3,450 feet; the casing-tubing annulus should be filled with an inert fluid and a gauge or approved leak-detection device should be attached to the annulus in order to determine leakage in the casing, tubing or packer.

(LYNCH YATES-SEVEN RIVERS (HANSON "C" FEDERAL LEASE WATERFLOOD PROJECT) POOL - Cont'd.)

- (9) Prior to commencing injection operations into the Hanson "C" Well No. 4, the casing should be pressure tested throughout the interval from the surface down to the proposed packer setting depth, to assure the integrity of such casing.
- (10) The injection well or pressurization system should be initially equipped with a pressure control device or acceptable substitute which will limit the surface injection pressure to no more than 713 psi.
- (11) The Division Director should have the authority to administratively authorize a pressure limitation in excess of the pressure limitation described above upon a showing by the operator that such higher pressure will not result in the fracturing of the injection formation or confining strata
- (12) The operator should give advance notification to the supervisor of the Hobbs District Office of the Division of the date and time of the installation of injection equipment and of the mechanical integrity pressure test in order that the same may be witnessed.
- (13) The proposed waterflood project should be approved and the project should be governed by the provisions of Rule Nos. 701 through 708 of the Oil Conservation Division Rules and Regulations.
- (14) The injection authority granted herein for the proposed injection well should terminate one year after the effective date of this order if the operator has not commenced injection operations into the subject well, provided however, the Division, upon written request by the operator, may grant an extension thereof for good cause shown.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- (1) The application of Burk Royalty Company for authority to institute a waterflood project on its Hanson "C" Federal Lease comprising the S/2 SW/4 and NE/4 SW/4 of Section 23, Township 20 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, by the injection of water into the Yates formation, Lynch Yates-Seven Rivers Pool, through the perforated interval from approximately 3,564 feet to 3,585 feet in its Hanson "C" Well No. 4 located 1650 feet from the South and West lines (Unit K) of Section 23, is hereby approved.
- (2) The applicant shall take all steps necessary to ensure that the injected water enters only the proposed injection interval and is not permitted to escape to other formations or onto the surface from injection, production, or plugged and abandoned wells.
- (3) Injection into the Hanson "C" Well No. 4 shall be accomplished through 2 3/8-inch plastic-lined tubing installed in a packer set at approximately 3,450 feet; the casing-tubing annulus shall be filled with an inert

- fluid and equipped with an approved pressure gauge or attention-attracting leak detection device.
- (4) The injection well or pressurization system shall be equipped with a pressure control device or acceptable substitute which will limit the surface injection pressure to no more than 713 psi.
- (5) The Division Director shall have the authority to administratively authorize a pressure limitation in excess of the above upon a showing by the operator that such high pressure will not result in the fracturing of the injection formation or confining strata.
- (6) Prior to commencing injection operations, the casing in the Hanson "C" Well No. 4 shall be pressure-tested throughout the interval from the surface down to the proposed packer setting depth, to assure the integrity of such casing.
- (7) The operator shall give advance notification to the supervisor of the Hobbs District Office of the Division of the date and time of the installation of injection equipment and of the mechanical integrity pressure test in order that the same may be witnessed.
- (8) The applicant shall immediately notify the supervisor of the Hobbs District Office of the Division of the failure of the tubing, casing or packer in the injection well, the leakage of water or oil from or around any producing well, or the leakage of water or oil from any plugged and abandoned well within the project area, and shall take such steps as may be timely and necessary to correct such failure or leakage.
- (9) The subject waterflood project is hereby designated the Hanson Yates Waterflood Project, and the applicant shall conduct injection operations in accordance with Division Rule Nos. 701 through 708 and shall submit monthly progress reports in accordance with Division Rule Nos. 706 and 1115.
- (10) The injection authority granted herein for the proposed injection well shall terminate one year after the effective date of this order if the operator has not commenced injection operations into the subject well, provided however, the Division, upon written request by the operator, may grant an extension thereof for good cause shown.
 - (11) Division Order No. R-3661 is hereby superseded by this order.
- (12) 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.