

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

May 15, 1961

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Union Oil Company of California  
Midland, Texas

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Attention: Mr. W. D. Owens

Re: Case No. 2032,  
Order No. R-1729

Gentlemen:

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Reference is made to your letter of April 7, 1961, wherein you request administrative approval of certain changes in your initial injection well program for the South Caprock Queen Unit Waterflood. If administrative approval cannot be granted, you request a hearing of the matter.

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It is our understanding that inasmuch as Tract 9, Well No. 6-5 was drilled into the gas-cap and was not an oil producer as anticipated, you wish to place it on water injection and abandon plans for drilling No. 3-5, the originally planned injection well one location north.

Further, that due to the mechanical condition of the hole, you believe it impractical to attempt completion of Tract 13, Well No. 16-6 as a water injection well as planned, and would substitute therefor a new well, designated Tract 13, Well No. 16-A-6, which would be drilled on the same 40-acre tract but would be located 100 feet north of the old No. 16-6.

Inasmuch as both of these modifications are within the South Caprock Unit Area, and do not affect the rights or operations of anyone outside the unit, and since they do not constitute

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substantive changes in the original plans for flooding this area as presented at the hearing, we see no necessity for a hearing.

Administrative approval is, therefore, granted for Union Oil Company to substitute Tract 9, Well No. 6-5, located 2050 feet FWL and 2100 feet FWL of Section 5, Township 15 South, Range 31 East as a water injection well in lieu of Tract 9, Well No. 3-5, originally approved as an injection well at a point 990 feet FWL and 1980 feet FWL of said Section 5.

Administrative approval is also granted to the substitution of Tract 13, Well No. 16-A-6, located 760 feet FSL and 330 feet FEL of Section 6, Township 15 South, Range 31 East, as a water injection well in lieu of Tract 13, Well No. 16-6, originally approved as an injection well at a point 660 feet FSL and 330 feet FEL of said Section 5.

Very truly yours,

A. L. PORTER, Jr.  
Secretary-Director

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Mr. J. D. Ramsey  
Oil Conservation Commission - Hobbs, N.M.

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Oil Conservation Commission - Santa Fe, N.M.

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