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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. 1053
Order No. R-1224

APPLICATION OF THE OIL CONSERVATION
COMMISSION UPON ITS OWN MOTION, AT
THE REQUEST OF THE STATE ENGINEER,
FOR AN ORDER PRESCRIBING RULES AND
REGULATIONS TO GOVERN THE DISPOSAL
OF SALT WATER IN AREAS OF LEA COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF CONTINUANCE

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause originally came on for hearing at 9 o'clock
a.m. on May 16, 1956 at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil
Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to
as the "Commission," and was continued from time to time, last being
heard on June 18, 1958.

NOW, on this 28th day of July, 1958, the Commission, a
quorum being present, having considered the evidence adduced 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 it is the policy of the Commission, in coopera-
tion with the State Engineer, to eliminate the practice of surface
disposal of large volumes of oil field brines which may contaminate
the fresh water bearing horizons in Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That by Commission Memorandum No. 22-56, dated July
3, 1956, all operators in the following-named areas were advised
to give immediate attention to formulating procedures for the
efficient disposal of salt water produced in such areas:

Hobbs
Denton (Devonian) and Denton-Wolfcamp
Eunice Monument Area:
 Eunice-Monument
 Eumont
 Monument-Blinebry
 Monument-Paddock
Moore-Devonian
Caprock, East Devonian
Bagley Siluro-Devonian and Bagley-Pennsylvanian
Saunders
Crossroads
Bough
Echol-Devonian

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(4) That testimony adduced at the June Regular Hearing indicates that progress is being made in most of the above-mentioned areas, but that 100-percent disposal has been achieved in only a few of such areas.

(5) That all operators in the above-mentioned areas should proceed with due diligence to complete efficient salt water disposal systems.

(6) That all operators in said areas should report to the Commission on or before September 17, 1958, on the progress made thus far and the estimated completion date of a 100-percent disposal system.

(7) That all operators in the following-named areas should proceed with due diligence to formulate plans concerning the disposal of salt water produced in said areas - such areas having been listed as the second most critical in Commission Memorandum No. 22-56, dated July 3, 1956:

Jalmat	Lovington (All Pools)
Langlie-Mattix	Teague-Ellenburger
Arrowhead	SRR-Devonian
Brunson	Vacuum
South Eunice	Wilson
Cass	Lynch
Dollarhide (All Pools)	

(8) That Case No. 1053 should be continued until the Regular Hearing on September 17, 1958.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That all operators in the following-named areas shall proceed with due diligence to complete efficient disposal systems for all salt water produced in such areas:

Hobbs
Denton (Devonian) and Denton-Wolfcamp
Eunice Monument Area:
 Eunice-Monument
 Eumont
 Monument-Blinebry
 Monument-Paddock
Moore-Devonian
Caprock, East Devonian
Bagley Siluro-Devonian and Bagley-Pennsylvanian
Saunders
Crossroads
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Echol-Devonian

(2) That all operators in the above-named areas shall report to the Commission at the Regular Hearing on September 17, 1958, on the progress made thus far and the estimated completion

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date of a 100-percent disposal system. Operators who are members of a cooperative group may report through the committee chairman, who shall be prepared to name all operators who are members of such group. All operators who are not members of a cooperative group shall furnish a written progress report to the Commission prior to September 10, 1958, or shall appear at the Regular Hearing on September 17, 1958, to report the progress made thus far and the estimated completion date of a 100-percent disposal system for each well which they operate in the above-named areas.

(3) That all operators in the following-named areas shall proceed with due diligence to formulate plans concerning the disposal of salt water produced in said areas:

Jalmat	Lovington (All Pools)
Langlie-Mattix	Teague-Ellenburger
Arrowhead	SRR-Devonian
Brunson	Vacuum
South Eunice	Wilson
Cass	Lynch
Dollarhide (All Pools)	

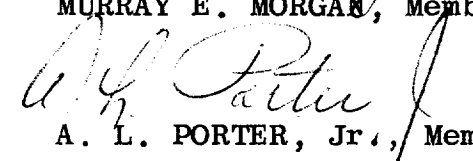
(4) That Case No. 1053 be and the same is hereby continued until September 17, 1958.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year herein-above designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION


EDWIN L. MECHEM, Chairman


MURRAY E. MORGAN, Member


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

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