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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. 3703 Order No. R-3362

APPLICATION OF TEXACO INC. FOR SALT WATER DISPOSAL, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on December 20, 1967, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this <u>2nd</u> day of January, 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, Texaco Inc., is the owner and operator of the New Mexico "CW" State Well No. 2, located in Unit L of Section 18, Township 17 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That the applicant proposes to utilize said well to dispose of produced salt water into the Abo formation, with injection into the perforated interval from approximately 9013 feet to 9046 feet.

(4) That the injection should be accomplished through 2 7/8inch internally plastic-coated tubing installed in a packer set at approximately 9000 feet; that the casing-tubing annulus should be filled with an inert fluid; and that a pressure gauge should be -2-CASE No. 3703 Order No. R-3362

attached to the annulus or the annulus left open at the surface in order to determine leakage in the tubing or packer.

(5) That approval of the subject application will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells and otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Texaco Inc., is hereby authorized to utilize its New Mexico "CW" State Well No. 2, located in Unit L of Section 18, Township 17 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Midway-Abo Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to dispose of produced salt water into the Abo formation, injection to be accomplished through 2 7/8-inch tubing installed in a packer set at approximately 9000 feet, with injection into the perforated interval from approximately 9013 feet to 9046 feet;

<u>PROVIDED HOWEVER</u>, that the tubing shall be internally plastic-coated; that the casing-tubing annulus shall be filled with an inert fluid; and that a pressure gauge shall be attached to the annulus or the annulus left open at the surface in order to determine leakage in the tubing or packer.

(2) That the applicant shall submit monthly reports of its disposal operations in accordance with Rules 704 and 1120 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

(3) 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 11 -----X. $1 = 1 + \frac{1}{2}$ DAVID F. CARGO, Chairman TTONY B. HAYS, Member talu ,

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