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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. 3705 Order No. R-3369

APPLICATION OF MIDWEST OIL CORPORATION 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 22nd 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, Midwest Oil Corporation, proposes to utilize the Midwest Oil Corporation Ainsworth State Well No. 1, formerly the Sunray DX State I Well No. 1, located in Unit N of Section 36, Township 9 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, Lane-Pennsylvanian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to dispose of produced salt water into the Bough zone of the Pennsylvanian formation, with injection into the perforated interval from approximately 9784 feet to 9810 feet.
- (3) That the evidence indicates there are probably recoverable reserves of oil and gas in that section of the Pennsylvanian formation wherein applicant proposes to dispose produced salt water.

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- (4) That the disposal of produced salt water into the aforesaid section of the Pennsylvanian formation would result in the drowning out of said section and thereby cause the aforesaid reserves to become unrecoverable, thus causing waste and possible violation of correlative rights.
  - (5) That the subject application should be denied.

# IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That the subject application is hereby denied.
- (2) 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

DAVID F. CARGO, Chairman

GUMTON B. HAYS, Member

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

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