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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. 4786
Order No. R-4388

APPLICATION OF HIGHLAND PRODUCTION
COMPANY 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 August 23, 1972, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 7th day of September, 1972, 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, Highland Production Company, is the owner and operator of the Russell Federal Well No. 6, located in Unit K of Section 20, Township 26 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, East Mason-Delaware Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the applicant proposes to utilize said well to dispose of produced salt water into the Delaware formation, with injection into the open-hole interval from approximately 4,378 feet to 4,418 feet.
- (4) That the injection should be accomplished through 2-inch plastic-lined tubing installed in a packer set at approximately 4,073 feet; that the casing-tubing annulus should be filled with an inert fluid; and that a pressure gauge should be attached to the annulus at the surface in order to determine leakage in the casing, 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.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Highland Production Company, is hereby authorized to utilize its Russell Federal Well No. 6, located in Unit K of Section 20, Township 26 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, East Mason-Delaware Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to dispose of produced salt water into the Delaware formation, injection to be accomplished through 2-inch tubing installed in a packer set at approximately 4,073 feet, with injection into the open-hole interval from approximately 4,378 feet to 4,418 feet;

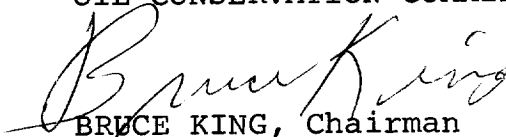
PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the tubing shall be plastic-lined; that the casing-tubing annulus shall be filled with an inert fluid; and that a pressure gauge shall be attached to the annulus at the surface in order to determine leakage in the casing, tubing, or packer.

(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.

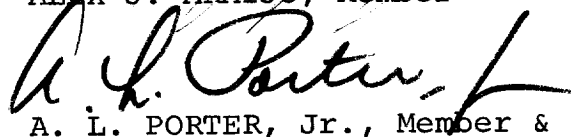
(3) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION


BRUCE KING, Chairman


ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member


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

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