Entered August 31, 1976

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION ON ITS OWN MOTION TO PERMIT JOHN W. ADAMS, EXECUTOR OF ESTATES OF R. W. AND JUNE ADAMS: AND RUTH McGAHEY, FRED McGAHEY AND DAVID McGAHEY dba ADAMS & McGAHEY, AMERICAN EMPLOYERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY CERTAIN WELLS LOCATED IN TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 30 EAST, HARDING COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, SHOULD NOT BE PLUGGED AND ABANDONED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMMISSION-APPROVED PLUGGING PROGRAM.

> CASE NO. 5743 Order No. R-5270

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on August 18, 1976, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this <u>31st</u> day of August, 1976, 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 John W. Adams, Executor of Estates of R. W. and June Adams; and Ruth McGahey, Fred McGahey and David McGahey dba Adams & McGahey are the owners and operators of the Gonzales Well No. 2, located in Unit P of Section 9, the Adams & McGahey Well No. 1, located in Unit B of Section 16, and the Gonzales "A" Well No. 1, located in Unit H of Section 32, all in Township 21 North, Range 30 East, NMPM, Harding County, New Mexico.

(3) That American Employers' Insurance Company is the surety on the Oil Conservation Commission plugging bond on which John W. Adams, Executor of Estates of R. W. and June Adams; and Ruth McGahey, Fred McGahey, and David McGahey, dba Adams & McGahey are principals.

(4) That the purpose of said bond is to assure the state that the subject well(s) will be properly plugged and abandoned when not capable of commercial production.

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(5) That in order to prevent waste and protect fresh waters said Gonzales Well No. 2, Adams & McGahey Well No. 1, and Gonzales "A" Well No. 1 should be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a program approved by the Santa Fe district office of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission on or before November 1, 1976, or the wells should be returned to active drilling status or placed on production.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That John W. Adams, Executor of Estates of R. W. and June Adams; and Ruth McGahey, Fred McGahey and David McGahey dba Adams & McGahey and American Employers' Insurance Co. are hereby ordered to plug and abandon the Gonzales Well No. 2, located in Unit P of Section 9; Adams & McGahey Well No. 1, located in Unit B of Section 16; and Gonzales "A" Well No. 1, located in Unit H of Section 32, all in Township 21 North, Range 30 East, NMPM, Harding County, New Mexico, on or before November 1, 1976.

(2) That John W. Adams, Executor of Estates of R. W. and June Adams; and Ruth McGahey, Fred McGahey and David McGahey dba Adams & McGahey and American Employers' Insurance Company, prior to plugging and abandoning the above-described wells, shall obtain from the Santa Fe office of the Commission, a Commission-approved program for said plugging and abandoning, and shall notify said Santa Fe office of the date and hour said work is to be commenced upon each well whereupon the Commission may, at its option, witness such work.

(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

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