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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. 5953  
Order No. R-5384-A

APPLICATION OF RICE ENGINEERING  
AND OPERATING, INC., FOR AMENDMENT  
OF ORDER NO. R-5384, LEA COUNTY,  
NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on June 22, 1977,  
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 5th day of July, 1977, 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 by Order No. R-5384, dated March 15, 1977, the  
Commission authorized Rice Engineering and Operating, Inc.  
to dispose of produced salt water into the San Andres  
formation through the open-hole interval from approximately  
4,176 feet to 5,500 feet in its Hobbs Salt Water Disposal Well  
No. 16, located in Unit P of Section 16, Township 19 South,  
Range 38 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That the applicant herein, Rice Engineering and  
Operating, Inc., seeks the amendment of Commission Order No.  
R-5384 to change the injection interval in said Hobbs Salt  
Water Disposal Well No. 16 to be from 4,176 feet to 10,008  
feet.

(4) That approval of the subject application will not cause  
waste or harm correlative rights.

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(5) That the application should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Order (1) of Commission Order No. R-5384 is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"(1) That the applicant, Rice Engineering & Operating, Inc., is hereby authorized to utilize its Hobbs SWD Well No. P-16, located in Unit P of Section 16, Township 19 South, Range 38 East, NMPM, Hobbs Field, Lea County, New Mexico, to dispose of produced salt water into all formations from the San Andres to the Devonian, injection to be accomplished through 4 1/2-inch tubing with injection under an oil blanket into the open-hole interval from approximately 4,176 feet to 10,008 feet;

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the tubing shall be plastic-lined, and that pressure gauges shall be attached to the tubing and to the casing-tubing annulus in order to determine leakage in the casing or tubing."

(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

PHIL R. LUCERO, Chairman



EMERY C. ARNOLD, Member



JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Secretary

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