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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. 6050 Order No. R-5554

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION ON ITS OWN MOTION TO PERMIT J. FELIX HICKMAN AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE MALCO STATE COM WELL NO. 1 LOCATED IN UNIT G OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, SHOULD NOT BE PLUGGED AND ABANDONED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMMISSION-APPROVED PLUGGING PROGRAM.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on September 28, 1977, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 25th day of October, 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 J. Felix Hickman is the owner and operator of the Malco State Com Well No. 1, located in Unit G of Section 16, Township 26 North, Range 8 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.
- (3) That in order to prevent waste and protect correlative rights said Malco State Com Well No. 1 should be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a program approved by the Aztec District Office of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission on or before January 1, 1978, or the well should be returned to active drilling status or placed on production.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That J. Felix Hickman is hereby ordered to plug and abandon the Malco State Com Well No. 1, located in Unit G of Section 16, Township 26 North, Range 8 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico, or in the alternative, to return the well to production status or place the well on production on or before January 1, 1978.
- (2) That J. Felix Hickman, prior to plugging and abandoning the above-described well, shall obtain from the Aztec office of the Commission, a Commission-approved program for said plugging and abandoning, and shall notify said Aztec office of the date and hour said work is to be commenced 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 herein-above 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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