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# BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. 6167 Order No. R-5694

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION ON ITS OWN MOTION TO PERMIT SAGUARO OIL COMPANY AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE TENNECO SANTA FE WELL NO. 1 LOCATED IN UNIT D OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST, McKINLEY 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 March 8, 1978, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner, Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this <a href="lith">11th</a> day of April, 1978, 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 Saguaro Oil Company is the owner and operator of the Tenneco Santa Fe Well No. 1, located in Unit D of Section 31, Township 18 North, Range 8 West, NMPM, McKinley County, New Mexico.
- (3) That in order to prevent waste and protect correlative rights said Tenneco Santa Fe Well No. 1 should be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a program approved by the Aztec District Office of the Oil Conservation Division of the New Mexico Energy and Minerals Department on or before June 1, 1978, or the well should be returned to active drilling status or placed on production.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Saguaro Oil Company is hereby ordered to plug and abandon the Tenneco Santa Fe Well No. 1, located in Unit D of Section 31, Township 18 North, Range 8 West, NMPM, McKinley County, New Mexico, or in the alternative, to return the well to active drilling status or place the well on production on or before June 1, 1978.

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- (2) That Saguaro Oil Company, prior to plugging and abandoning the above-described well, shall obtain from the Aztec office of the Division, a Division-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 Division may, at its option, witness such work.
- (3) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division 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

MERY C. ARNOLD, Member

JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Division Director

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