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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. 6168
Order No. R-5695

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION ON ITS OWN MOTION TO PERMIT RUTTER AND WILBANKS BROTHERS, MARYLAND CASUALTY COMPANY, AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE MAGRUDER STATE WELL NO. 1 LOCATED IN UNIT E OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, EDDY 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 11th 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 Rutter and Wilbanks Brothers is the owner and operator of the Magruder State Well No. 1, located in Unit E of Section 36, Township 17 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (3) That Maryland Casualty Company is the surety on the Oil Conservation Commission plugging bond on which Rutter and Wilbanks Brothers is principal.
- (4) That the purpose of said bond is to assure the state that the subject well will be properly plugged and abandoned when not capable of commercial production.
- (5) That in order to prevent waste and protect correlative rights said Magruder State Well No. 1 should be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a program approved by the Artesia District Office of the Oil Conservation Division of the New Mexico Energy and Minerals Department on or before June 30, 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 Rutter and Wilbanks Brothers is hereby ordered to plug and abandon the Magruder State Well No. 1, located in Unit E of Section 36, Township 17 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy 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 30, 1978.

(2) That Rutter and Wilbanks Brothers, prior to plugging and abandoning the above-described well, shall obtain from the Artesia office of the Division, a Division-approved program for said plugging and abandoning, and shall notify said Artesia office of the date and hour said work is to be commenced whereupon the Division may, at its option, witness such work.

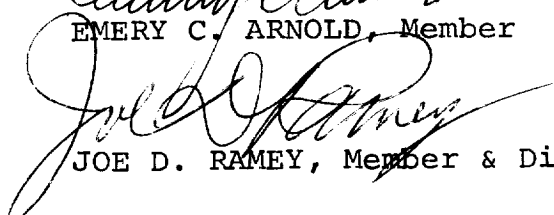
(3) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PHIL R. LUCERO, Chairman


EMERY C. ARNOLD, Member


JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Division Director

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