STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

CASE NO. 8862 Order No. R-8207

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IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION ON ITS OWN MOTION TO PERMIT GIBSON OIL CORPORATION AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE JOHN BERGIN WELL NO. 2 LOCATED 2440 FEET FROM THE NORTH LINE AND 1520 FEET FROM THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST, NMPM, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, SHOULD NOT BE PLUGGED AND ABANDONED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A DIVISION-APPROVED PLUGGING PROGRAM

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on April 2, 1986, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Michael E. Stogner.

NOW, on this <u>21st</u> day of April, 1986, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS THAT:

(1) Due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) At the time of the Hearing Division Cases Nos. 8862, 8863, and 8864 were consolidated for purposes of testimony.

(3) Gibson Oil Corporation was the last known owner and operator of the John Bergin Well No. 2, located approximately 2440 feet from the North line and 1520 feet from the West line (Unit F) of Section 21, Township 29 North, Range 11 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

(4) The current condition of said well could be such that waste may occur, correlative rights may be violated, and/or fresh water may be contaminated if action is not taken to properly plug and abandon the well.

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(5) At this time the subject well is not covered by a plugging bond.

(6) The Gibson Oil Corporation John Bergin Well No. 2, as described above, should be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a program approved by the Aztec District Office of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division on or before May 18, 1986.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) Gibson Oil Corporation is hereby ordered to plug and abandon the John Bergin Well No. 2, located approximately 2440 feet from the North line and 1520 feet from the West line (Unit F) of Section 21, Township 29 North, Range 11 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico on or before May 18, 1986.

(2) Gibson Oil Corporation, 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 the Aztec office of the date and hour said work is to be commenced whereupon the Division may, at its option, witness such work.

(3) 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.

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