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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER SWD-861

APPLICATION OF CALPINE NATURAL GAS COMPANY FOR SALT WATER DISPOSAL, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Under the provisions of Rule 701(B), Calpine Natural Gas Company made application to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division on November 18, 2002, for permission to re-complete for produced water disposal its Calpine SWD Well No. 1 (API No. 30-045-09068) located 1125 feet from the North line and 1580 feet from the East line (Unit B) of Section 33, Township 30 North, Range 13 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

THE DIVISION DIRECTOR FINDS THAT:

- (1) The application has been duly filed under the provisions of Rule 701(B) of the Division Rules and Regulations;
- (2) Satisfactory information has been provided that all offset operators and surface owners have been duly notified;
- (3) The applicant has presented satisfactory evidence that all requirements prescribed in Rule 701 will be met; and
- (4) No objections have been received within the waiting period prescribed by said rule.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

Calpine Natural Gas Company is hereby authorized to re-complete for produced water disposal its Calpine SWD Well No. 1 (API No. 30-045-09068) located 1125 feet from the North line and 1580 feet from the East line (Unit B) of Section 33, Township 30 North, Range 13 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico, in such a manner as to permit the injection of produced water for disposal purposes into the Point Lookout member of the Mesaverde formation from a depth of approximately 3,830 feet to 3,845 feet through 2 7/8 inch plastic-lined tubing set in a

packer located at approximately 3,780 feet.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT:

The operator shall take all steps necessary to ensure that the injected water enters only the proposed injection interval and is not permitted to escape to other formations or onto the surface.

The casing-tubing annulus shall be pressure tested from the surface to the packer setting depth to assure the integrity of said casing.

The casing-tubing annulus shall be loaded with an inert fluid and equipped with a pressure gauge at the surface or left open to the atmosphere to facilitate detection of leakage in the casing, tubing, or packer.

The injection well or system shall be equipped with a pressure limiting device which will limit the wellhead pressure on the injection well to no more than 766 psi.

The Director of the Division may authorize an increase in injection pressure upon a proper showing by the operator of said well that such higher pressure will not result in migration of the injected fluid from the injection formation. Such proper showing shall consist of a valid step-rate test run in accordance with and acceptable to this office.

The operator shall notify the supervisor of the Aztec District Office of the Division of the date and time disposal equipment is installed and mechanical integrity test is conducted on the Calpine SWD Well No. 1, so that these operations may be inspected and witnessed.

The operator shall immediately notify the supervisor of the Aztec District Office of the Division of the failure of the tubing, casing, or packer in said well and shall take such steps as may be timely and necessary to correct such failure or leakage.

PROVIDED FURTHER THAT, jurisdiction is retained by the Division for the entry of such further orders as may be necessary for the prevention of waste and/or protection of correlative rights or upon failure of the operator to conduct operations (1) to protect fresh water or (2) consistent with the requirements in this order, whereupon the Division may, after notice and hearing, terminate the injection authority granted herein.

The operator shall submit monthly reports of the disposal operations on Division Form C-115, in accordance with Rule Nos. 706 and 1120 of the Division Rules and Regulations.

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The injection authority granted herein shall terminate one year after the effective date of this order if the operator has not commenced injection operations into the subject well, provided however, the Division, upon written request by the operator, may grant an extension thereof for good cause shown.

Approved at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on this 5th day of December, 2002.

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