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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. 5468  
Order No. R-5053

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION ON ITS OWN MOTION TO  
PERMIT KENNETH M. HANKINS, GREAT AMERICAN INSURANCE  
COMPANY, AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO APPEAR  
AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE VIRGINIA BRANCH WELL NO. 1  
LOCATED IN UNIT D OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 10 NORTH,  
RANGE 25 EAST, GUADALUPE 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 May 28, 1975,  
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 17th day of June, 1975, 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 Kenneth M. Hankins is the owner and operator of  
the Virginia Branch Well No. 1, located in Unit D of Section 9,  
Township 10 North, Range 25 East, NMPM, Guadalupe County, New  
Mexico.
- (3) That in order to prevent waste and protect correlative  
rights said Virginia Branch Well No. 1 should be plugged and  
abandoned in accordance with a program approved by the Santa  
Fe District Office of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission  
on or before August 31, 1975, or be converted to a water supply  
well in an approved manner.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That Kenneth M. Hankins and Great American Insurance  
Company are hereby ordered to plug and abandon the Virginia

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Branch Well No. 1, located in Unit D of Section 9, Township 10 North, Range 25 East, NMPM, Guadalupe County, New Mexico, on or before August 31, 1975.

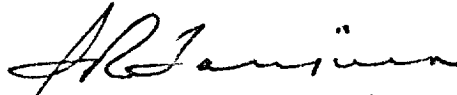
PROVIDED HOWEVER, that in the alternative and with approval of the land owner and the Commission, said well may be plugged back, completed as a water well, and the responsibility therefor transferred to the land owner.

(2) That Kenneth M. Hankins and Great American Insurance Company, prior to plugging and abandoning the above-described well, shall obtain from the Santa Fe Office of the Commission, a Commission-approved program for said plugging and abandoning, and shall notify said Santa Fe 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 hereinabove designated.

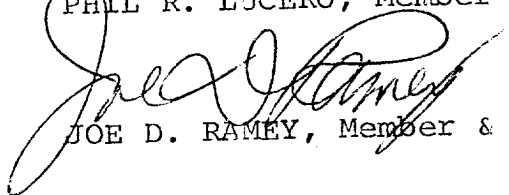
STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION



I. R. TRUJILLO, Chairman



PHIL R. LUCERO, Member



JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Secretary

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