Entered November 16, 1962

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION, ON ITS OWN MOTION, TO PERMIT R. L. LUSK, JR., AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE GULF STATE WELL NO. 1, LOCATED 1980 FEET FROM THE NORTH LINE AND 660 FEET FROM THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM, CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, SHOULD NOT BE PLUGGED IN ACCORD-ANCE WITH A COMMISSION-APPROVED PLUGGING PROGRAM.

> CASE No. 2679 Order No. R-2360

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on October 24, 1962, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Elvis A. Utz, Examiner duly appointed by the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission," in accordance with Rule 1214 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

NOW, on this <u>6th</u> day of November, 1962, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the application, the evidence adduced, and the recommendations of the Examiner, Elvis A. Utz, 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 R. L. Lusk, Jr. is the owner and operator of the Gulf State Well No. 1, located 1980 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 17, Township 10 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Chaves County, New Mexico.

(3) That although the Commission files reflect that on March 13, 1961, the operator filed a Notice of Intention to Plug the subject well, a plugging report has not been filed with the Commission, and there is no evidence to establish that the well is properly plugged.

(4) That the subject well is causing or will cause waste if not properly plugged in a manner which will confine permanently all oil, gas, and water in the separate strata originally containing them. -2-CASE No. 2679 Order No. R-2360

(5) That the operator should re-enter the subject well and plug the same in accordance with the following minimum plugging requirements:

(1) Set a 25-sack cement plug at the original total depth of 1200 feet.

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- (2) Set a 20-sack cement plug at 250 feet.
- (3) Set 5 sacks of cement as a surface plug.
- (4) Fill all intervals between cement plugs with mud weighing not less than ten pounds per gallon.
- (5) Set in the surface plug a regulation steel marker not less than 4 inches in diameter and extending at least 4 feet above mean ground level.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That R. L. Lusk, Jr. is hereby ordered to plug the Gulf State Well No. 1, located 1980 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 17, Township 10 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Chaves County, New Mexico, in accordance with the following minimum plugging requirements:

- (1) Set a 25-sack cement plug at the original total depth of 1200 feet.
- (2) Set a 20-sack cement plug at 250 feet.
- (3) Set 5 sacks of cement as a surface plug.
- (4) Fill all intervals between cement plugs with mud weighing not less than ten pounds per gallon.
- (5) Set in the surface plug a regulation steel marker not less than 4 inches in diameter and extending at least 4 feet above mean ground level.

(2) That the plugging of the subject well shall be completed on or before December 1, 1962, and R. L. Lusk, Jr. shall notify the District Supervisor, District II, Oil Conservation Commission, Artesia, New Mexico, of the exact time and date plugging operations on the well are to commence.

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(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

EDWIN L. MECHEM, Chairman

E. S. WALKER, Member

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PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary

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