BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE No. 3235 Order No. R-2902

APPLICATION OF JOSEPH O. WALTON TO REMOVE AND MARKET OIL FROM THE OGALALLA FORMATION, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on April 14, 1965, at Hobbs, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 4th day of May, 1965, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony presented and the exhibits received at said hearing, 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 the applicant, Joseph O. Walton, seeks authority to remove and market oil from the Ogalalla formation in Section 30, Township 18 South, Range 38 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, without restriction concerning the method of operation or quantity of oil recovered.
- (3) That the applicant proposes to recover crude oil from existing water wells completed in the Ogalalla formation and water wells to be drilled and completed in the Ogalalla formation in said Section 30.
- (4) That the Ogalalla formation in said area contains fresh water supplies designated by the State Engineer and that

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the presence of crude oil in said formation may constitute a hazard to said water supplies.

(5) That the Commission lacks jurisdiction to determine who has the right to recover said crude oil or the title to said crude oil but should authorize the recovery and marketing of said crude oil in order to prevent waste and protect fresh water supplies designated by the State Engineer.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That crude oil may be recovered from existing water wells completed in the Ogalalla formation and water wells to be drilled and completed in the Ogalalla formation in Section 30, Township 18 South, Range 38 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (2) That said crude oil may be marketed provided Commission Form C-104 has been filed with the Commission's Hobbs District Office stating the name of the seller, the name of the transporter, the amount of oil to be sold, and the location of the water well from which the oil was recovered.
- (3) That each person or persons recovering crude oil under the provisions of this order shall keep a daily record of the amount of oil recovered from each water well, and shall file a monthly report, in duplicate, with the Commission's Hobbs District Office stating the amount of oil recovered and the amount of oil sold from each water well during the month.
- (4) That the Commission will not determine who has the right to recover said crude oil or the title to said crude oil.
- (5) 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

K M. CAMPBELL. Chairman

GUYTON B. HAYS, Member

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A. L. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary

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