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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION 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. 3797 Order No. R-3449

APPLICATION OF ERNEST A. HANSON FOR SALT WATER DISPOSAL, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

## ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

## BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on June 26, 1968, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this <u>3rd</u> day of July, 1968, 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 the applicant, Ernest A. Hanson, is the owner and operator of the Mescalero Ridge Unit "35" Well No. 11, located in Unit N of Section 35, Township 19 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Pearl-Queen Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That the applicant proposes to utilize said well to dispose of produced salt water into the Queen formation, with injection into the perforated interval from approximately 4604 feet to 5036 feet.

(4) That the injection should be accomplished through
2 3/8-inch tubing installed in a packer set at approximately
4550 feet; that the casing-tubing annulus should be filled

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with an inert fluid; and that a pressure gauge should be attached to the annulus or the annulus left open at the surface in order to determine leakage in the tubing or packer.

(5) That approval of the subject application will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells and otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Ernest A. Hanson, is hereby authorized to utilize his Mescalero Ridge Unit "35" Well No. 11, located in Unit N of Section 35, Township 19 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Pearl-Queen Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to dispose of produced salt water into the Queen formation, injection to be accomplished through 2 3/8-inch tubing installed in a packer set at approximately 4550 feet, with injection into the perforated interval from approximately 4604 feet to 5036 feet;

<u>PROVIDED HOWEVER</u>, that the casing-tubing annulus shall be filled with an inert fluid and that a pressure gauge shall be attached to the annulus or the annulus left open at the surface in order to determine leakage in the tubing or packer.

(2) That the applicant shall submit monthly reports of his disposal operations in accordance with Rules 704 and 1120 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

(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.

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DAVID F. CARGO, Chairman

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