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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. 3845
Order No. R-3499

APPLICATION OF RICE ENGINEERING
& OPERATING, INC., 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 August 21, 1968, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 12th day of September, 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, Rice Engineering & Operating, Inc., is the owner and operator of the Justis SWD Well No. H-2 (formerly the Resler & Sheldon-Bette Sue Well No. 2), located in Unit H of Section 2, Township 26 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Langlie-Mattix Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That the applicant proposes to utilize said well to dispose of produced salt water into the Grayburg, San Andres, and Glorieta formations, with injection into the open-hole interval from approximately 3540 feet to 5616 feet.

(4) That the injection should be accomplished through 3 1/2-inch plastic-lined tubing; that the casing-tubing annulus should be filled with an inert fluid; and that a pressure gauge should

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be attached to the annulus or the annulus left open at the surface in order to determine leakage in the tubing or casing.

(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, Rice Engineering & Operating, Inc., is hereby authorized to utilize its Justis SWD Well No. H-2 (formerly the Resler & Sheldon-Bette Sue Well No. 2), located in Unit H of Section 2, Township 26 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Langlie-Mattix Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to dispose of produced salt water into the Grayburg, San Andres, and Glorieta formations, injection to be accomplished through 3 1/2-inch tubing into the open-hole interval from approximately 3540 feet to 5616 feet;

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that prior to said utilization, the applicant shall cause additional cementing of the 5 1/2-inch casing set at 3540 feet sufficient to ensure the annular space is cemented from said casing shoe back into the 8 5/8-inch casing set at 916 feet;

PROVIDED FURTHER, that the tubing shall be plastic-lined; 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 casing.

(2) That the applicant shall submit monthly reports of its 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.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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