

Entered December 23, 1968
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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. 3986
Order No. R-3637

APPLICATION OF BELL PETROLEUM COMPANY
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 December 11, 1968, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this 23rd day of December, 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, Bell Petroleum Company, is the owner and operator of the State "5" Well No. 3, located in Unit J of Section 5, Township 9 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, South Button Mesa-San Andres Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That the applicant proposes to utilize said well to dispose of produced salt water into the San Andres formation, with injection into the perforated interval from approximately 4224 feet to 4447 feet.

(4) That the injection should be accomplished through 2 3/8-inch plastic-lined tubing installed in a packer set at approximately 4200 feet; 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 at the surface in order to determine leakage in the casing, 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, Bell Petroleum Company, is hereby authorized to utilize its State "5" Well No. 3, located in Unit J of Section 5, Township 9 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, South Button Mesa-San Andres Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to dispose of produced salt water into the San Andres formation, injection to be accomplished through 2 3/8-inch tubing installed in a packer set at approximately 4200 feet, with injection into the perforated interval from approximately 4224 feet to 4447 feet;

PROVIDED HOWEVER, 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 at the surface in order to determine leakage in the casing, tubing, or packer.

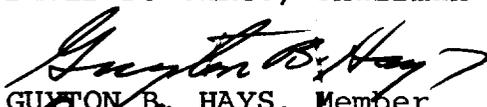
(2) That the applicant shall submit monthly reports of its disposal operations in accordance with Rules 704 and 1120 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

(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

DAVID F. CARGO, Chairman


GUXTON B. HAYS, Member


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

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