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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. 4091
Order No. R-3723

APPLICATION OF UNION OIL COMPANY
OF CALIFORNIA FOR A DUAL COMPLETION
AND 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 March 26, 1969,
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this 1st day of April, 1969, 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, Union Oil Company of California,
seeks authority to complete its Elliott Federal Well No. 1,
located in Unit O of Section 27, Township 11 South, Range 38 East,
NMPM, Field Ranch-Wolfcamp Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, as a dual
completion to produce oil from the Field Ranch-Wolfcamp Pool
through 2-inch tubing and to dispose of produced salt water down
the annulus between the 5 1/2-inch production casing string and
the 8 5/8-inch intermediate casing string into the San Andres,
Glorieta, Blinbry, Tubb, and Abo formations in the open-hole
interval from approximately 4458 feet to 8050 feet.

(3) That the produced salt water should be continuously
treated prior to injection to prevent casing corrosion and coupon
corrosion tests should be conducted continuously on said well
and the results thereof filed quarterly with the Commission until
further notice from the Secretary-Director of the Commission.

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(4) That approval of the dual completion and salt water disposal as set out above will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, and will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Union Oil Company of California, is hereby authorized to complete its Elliott Federal Well No. 1, located in Unit O of Section 27, Township 11 South, Range 38 East, NMPM, Field Ranch-Wolfcamp Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, as a dual completion to produce oil from the Field Ranch-Wolfcamp Pool through 2-inch tubing and to dispose of produced salt water down the annulus between the 5 1/2-inch production casing string and the 8 5/8-inch intermediate casing string into the San Andres, Glorieta, Blinberry, Tubb, and Abo formations in the open-hole interval from approximately 4458 feet to 8050 feet;

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the produced salt water shall be continuously treated prior to injection to prevent casing corrosion; that coupon corrosion tests shall be conducted continuously on said well and the results thereof filed quarterly with the Commission until further notice from the Secretary-Director of the Commission;

PROVIDED FURTHER, that the applicant shall submit monthly reports of its disposal operations in accordance with Rules 704 and 1120 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

(2) 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

ALEX J. ARMSTRONG, Member

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

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