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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. 4537
Order No. R-4147

APPLICATION OF UNION OIL COMPANY
OF CALIFORNIA 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 May 19, 1971, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 24th day of May, 1971, 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 utilize its South Vacuum Unit Well No. 2-35, located in Unit I of Section 35, Township 18 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, South Vacuum-Devonian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to dispose of produced salt water into the Devonian formation in the perforated interval from 11,680 feet to 11,690 feet.

(3) That the injection should be accomplished through 2 3/8-inch plastic-lined tubing installed in a packer set at approximately 11,600 feet; that the casing-tubing annulus should be filled with an inert fluid; and that a pressure gauge should be attached to the annulus at the surface in order to determine leakage in the casing, tubing, or packer.

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(4) 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, Union Oil Company of California, is hereby authorized to utilize its South Vacuum Unit Well No. 2-35, located in Unit I of Section 35, Township 18 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, South Vacuum-Devonian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to dispose of produced salt water into the Devonian formation, injection to be accomplished through 2 3/8-inch tubing installed in a packer set at approximately 11,600 feet, with injection into the perforated interval from approximately 11,680 feet to 11,690 feet.

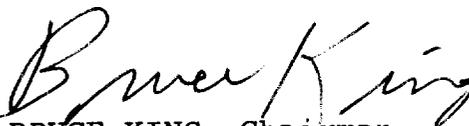
PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the tubing shall be plastic-lined; that the casing-tubing annulus shall be filled with an inert fluid; and that a pressure gauge shall be attached to the annulus at the surface in order to determine leakage in the casing, tubing, or packer.

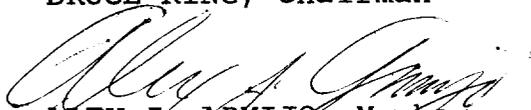
(2) That the applicant shall submit monthly reports of its disposal operations in accordance with Rules 704 and 1120 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

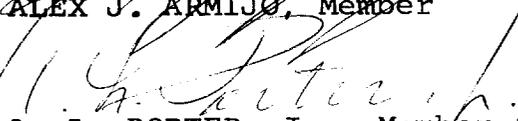
(3) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION


BRUCE KING, Chairman


ALEX J. ARMIÑO, Member


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

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