

Entered March 15, 1977
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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. 5860
Order No. R-5384

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 February 16, 1977, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner, Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 15th day of March, 1977, 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 Hobbs SWD Well No. P-16, located in Unit P of Section 16, Township 19 South, Range 38 East, NMPM, Hobbs Field, 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 open-hole interval from approximately 4176 feet to 5500 feet.
- (4) That the injection should be accomplished through 4 1/2-inch plastic lined tubing under a floating oil blanket, and that pressure gauges should be attached to the tubing and to the annulus in order to determine leakage in the casing or tubing.
- (5) That the injection well or system should be equipped with a pop-off valve or acceptable substitute which will limit the wellhead pressure on the injection well to no more than 835 psi.
- (6) That the operator should notify the supervisor of the Hobbs district office of the Commission of the date and time of the installation of disposal equipment so that the same may be inspected.

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(7) That the operator should take all steps necessary to ensure that the injected water enters only the proposed injection interval and is not permitted to escape to other formations or onto the surface.

(8) 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 Hobbs SWD Well No. P-16, located in Unit P of Section 16, Township 19 South, Range 38 East, NMPM, Hobbs Field, Lea County, New Mexico, to dispose of produced salt water into the San Andres formation, injection to be accomplished through 4 1/2-inch tubing with injection under an oil blanket into the open-hole interval from approximately 4176 feet to 5500 feet;

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the tubing shall be plastic-lined, and that pressure gauges shall be attached to the tubing and to the casing-tubing annulus in order to determine leakage in the casing or tubing.

(2) That the injection well or system shall be equipped with a pop-off valve or acceptable substitute which will limit the wellhead pressure on the injection well to no more than 835 psi.

(3) That the operator shall notify the supervisor of the Hobbs district office of the Commission of the date and time of the installation of disposal equipment so that the same may be inspected.

(4) That the operator shall immediately notify the supervisor of the Commission's Hobbs district office of the failure of the tubing, casing, or packer, in said well or the leakage of water from or around said well and shall take such steps as may be timely and necessary to correct such failure or leakage.

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

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

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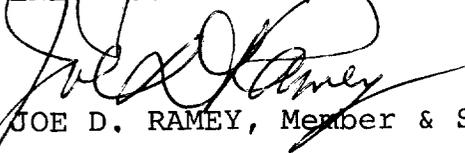
DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year herein-
above designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PHIL R. LUCERO, Chairman



EMERY C. ARNOLD, Member



JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Secretary

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