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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR
THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 6222
Order No. R-5753

APPLICATION OF PAUL HAMILTON FOR
SALT WATER DISPOSAL WELL SHUT-IN,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on May 31, 1978, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 7th day of July, 1978, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony presented and the exhibits received at said hearing, 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 Texaco, Inc., New Mexico "BO" State Well No. 3 located in Unit D, Section 24, Township 11 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, is an active salt water disposal well authorized by Division Order No. R-4422.
- (3) That ground water in the vicinity of the subject well has been contaminated by the intrusion of brine water from an outside source.
- (4) That the applicant in this case, Paul Hamilton, is the surface owner in the vicinity of the aforesaid Texaco New Mexico "BO" State SWD Well No. 3, and seeks an order from the Commission shutting in said well, alleging that said well has been and still is the source of said contaminants in the ground water.
- (5) That the evidence presented is inconclusive as to whether the subject well has ever leaked injected fluids (salt water) to the ground water in the area.

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(6) That recent tests conducted on said well indicate the well to be mechanically sound.

(7) That the evidence presented in this case fails to establish that the subject well is now leaking injected fluids to the ground water in the area.

(8) That the application should be denied.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

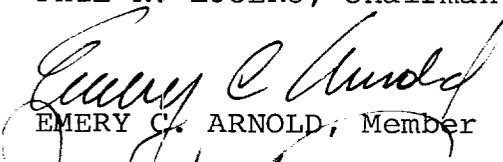
(1) That the application of Paul Hamilton for an order shutting in the Texaco, Inc., New Mexico State "BO" State SWD Well No. 3, located in Unit D of Section 24, Township 11 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, be and the same is hereby denied.

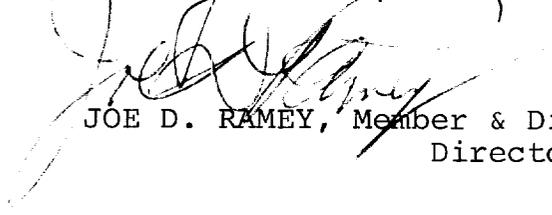
(2) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PHIL R. LUCERO, Chairman


EMERY C. ARNOLD, Member


JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Division
Director

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