

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION ON ITS OWN MOTION TO DELETE RULE 308 IN ORDER TO CLARIFY THE NEED FOR REPORTING OF SMALL VOLUMES OF PRODUCED WATER.

CASE NO. 8647
Order No. R-8004

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9:00 a.m. on July 10, 1985, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 18th day of September, 1985, 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 THAT:

(1) Due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) Oil Conservation Division, hereinafter referred to as the Division, general Rule 308, currently requires reporting of produced water by operators on Form C-115, Operator's Monthly Report, only when the volume of such water equals two percent or more of oil production from a well.

(3) Said rule does not address reporting of produced water from gas wells.

(4) The reporting of even small volumes of produced water for oil wells and gas wells is necessary in order for the Division to have information needed to carry out its statutory mandate to protect fresh water.

(5) The Division initially proposed to delete said Rule 308.

(6) At the time of the hearing the Division requested and received approval to amend its application to amend said Rule 308 to read as shown on Exhibit "A" attached to this order rather than for the rescission thereof.

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(7) The proposed amendment of said rule will serve to protect fresh water and should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) Division Rule 308 is hereby amended to read in its entirety as shown on Exhibit "A" attached to and made a part of this order.

(2) The effective date of this order and the rule amendment contained herein shall be September 23, 1985.

(3) Jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

JIM BACA, Member



ED KELLEY, Member



R. L. STAMETS, Secretary
and Chairman

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RULE 308. PRODUCED WATER

Operators shall report monthly on Form C-115 the amount of water produced with the oil and gas from each well.

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EXHIBIT "A"