

Union Oil Company of California

205 EAST WASHINGTON AVENUE

LOVINGTON, NEW MEXICO

UNIT OPERATOR
SOUTH CAPROCK QUEEN UNIT

October 1, 1963

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Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr.
Secretary-Director
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 871
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Expansion of Waterflood Project Area,
South Caprock Queen Unit, Chaves
County, New Mexico (Case No. 2032,
Orders R-1729 and R-1729-A)

Dear Mr. Porter:

The Union Oil Company of California, as Operator of the South Caprock Queen Unit in Chaves County, hereby requests administrative approval for the expansion of the waterflood project area and approval to convert an additional two wells in the project area to water injection service. This request is submitted pursuant to the provisions of Rule 701-E, paragraph 5, of the Rules and Regulations of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission.

The wells proposed for conversion are as follows:

1. Tract 39, Well 4-30 located in NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 30, T-15-S, R-31-E, NMPM
2. Tract 39, Well 6-30, located in SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 30, T-15-S, R-31-E, NMPM

Water injection at the South Caprock Queen Unit commenced on May 23, 1961, into ten wells situated along the contact between the gas cap and the oil zone. The purpose of this initial pattern was to prevent the migration and loss of recoverable secondary oil into the gas cap. Since May, 1961, the project area has been expanded eight times. These expansions are tabulated below:

1. April, 1962 - Administrative Order WFX-102 (7 new injectors)
2. August, 1962 - Administrative Order WFX-116 (5 new injectors)
3. December, 1962 - Administrative Order WFX-124 (6 new injectors)
4. January, 1963 - Administrative Order WFX-127 (3 new injectors)
5. March, 1963 - Administrative Order WFX-134 (4 new injectors)
6. May, 1963 - Administrative Order WFX-136 (1 new injector)
7. June, 1963 - Administrative Order WFX-138 (7 new injectors)
8. September, 1963 - Administrative Order WFX-152 (9 new injectors)

As of September 1, 1963, 9,857,988 barrels of water have been injected into 43 wells.

Stimulation from the water injection program has recently been observed in another producing well. The two proposed injection wells are offsets to this stimulated well. The location of the subject wells is shown on the attached plat (Exhibit I.)

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These wells are a part of the master plan of operation for the project as presented at the hearing on Case No. 2032. This was Union's application for authority to institute a waterflood project in the South Caprock Queen Unit.

In support of this application, the following are attached:

Exhibit I: A plat of the South Caprock Queen Unit showing the present project area, the proposed expansion of the project area and the location of all injection and producing wells. The newly stimulated well and the two wells to be converted to injection service are identified on the plat. Because this is a Unit operation, there are no offset operators who will be affected by this proposed expansion.

Exhibit II: Commission Form C-116 showing production tests for the stimulated well both before and after being affected by the waterflood.

Exhibit III: A table showing the casing program of the two proposed injectors.

Conversion of the two wells is recommended in order to continue to maintain proper control of the advancing flood front. This will permit a more efficient sweep of the reservoir in the project area.

By copy of this application, the State Engineer is being advised of the proposed conversions. Attached is a copy of our transmittal letter to the State Engineer's office.

Three copies of this letter and supporting data are transmitted herewith, as requested in Rule 701-E. Please contact me if any additional information is required for this application.

Very truly yours,

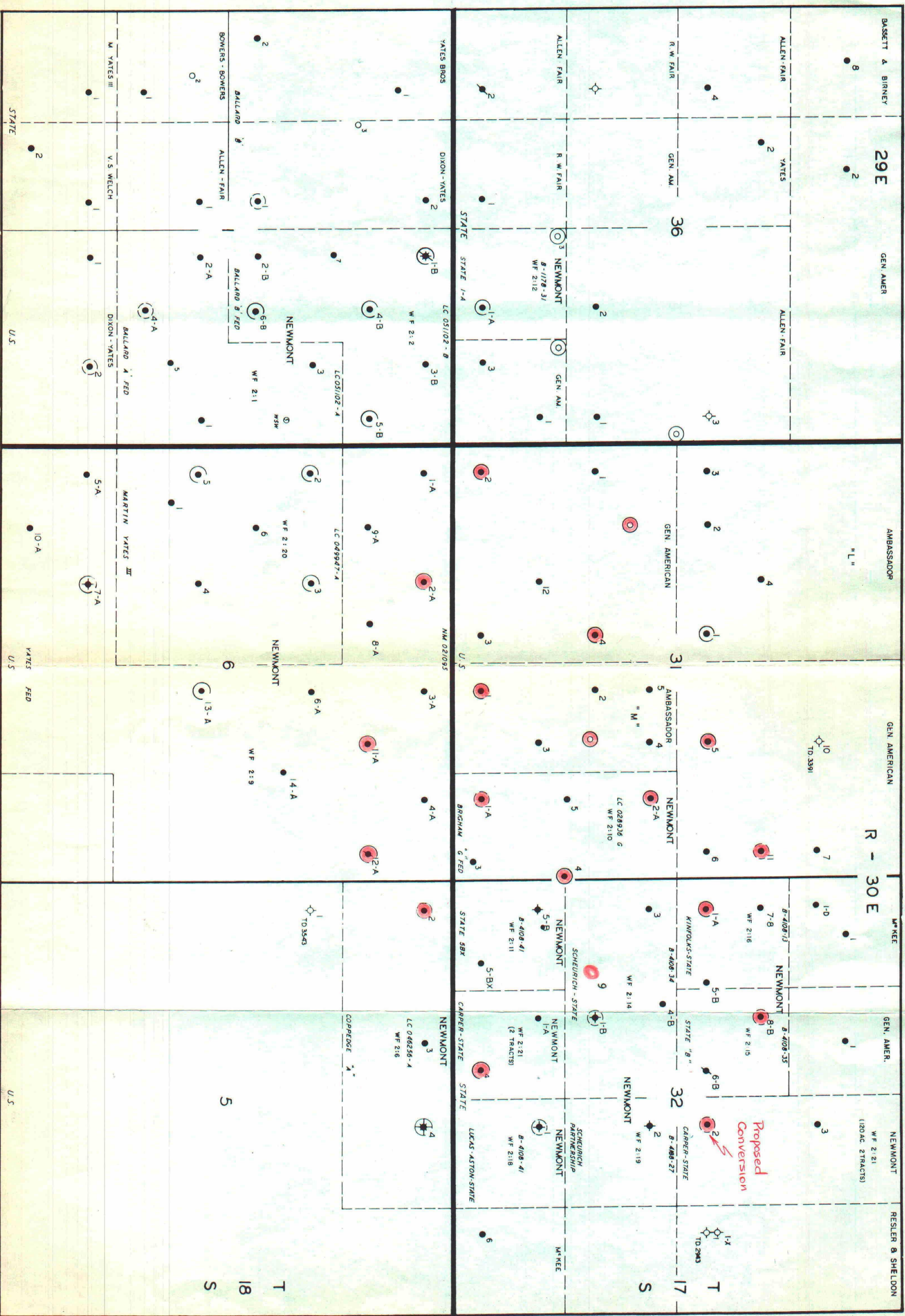


Richard H. Butler
Unit Engineer

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Attachments (3)

cc: Mr. Frank Irby,
State Engineer Office



NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

GAS-OIL RATIO REPORT

EXHIBIT II

OPERATOR Union Oil Company of California POOL Caprock Queen (South Caprock Queen Unit)
ADDRESS 205 E. Washington, Lovington, New Mexico MONTH OF Aug.-Sept., 1963
SCHEDULED TEST..... COMPLETION TEST..... SPECIAL TEST XX..... (Check One)
(See Instructions on Reverse Side) (Tests to verify waterflood stimulation)

Lease	Well No.	Date of Test 1963	Producing Method	Choke Size	Test Hours	Daily Allowable Bbls.	Production During Test			GOR Cu. Ft. Per Bbl.
							Water Bbls.	Oil Bbls.	Gas MCF	
Tract 39	3-30	8-26	P	-	24	13	0	9	TSTM	-
Tract 39	3-30	9-23	P	-	24	13	2	52	TSTM	-

No well will be assigned an allowable greater than the amount of oil produced on the official test.

During gas-oil ratio test, each well shall be produced at a rate not exceeding the top unit allowable for the pool in which well is located by more than 25 percent. Operator is encouraged to take advantage of this 25 percent tolerance in order that well can be assigned increased allowables when authorized by the Commission.

Gas volumes must be reported in MCF measured at a pressure base of 15.025 psia and a temperature of 60 degrees F. Specific gravity base will be 0.60.

Mail original and one copy of this report to the district office of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission. In accordance with Rule 301 and Appropriate Pool Rules.

(I certify that the information given is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.)

Date October 1, 1963

Union Oil Company of California
Richard H. Butler
By.....
Richard H. Butler
Unit Engineer
Title

CASING DATA FOR PROPOSED INJECTION WELLS

Tract	Well	TD	ETD	Perforations	SURFACE CASING						Age, Years	Condition
					Cement, Sacks	Circ. ?	Grade Pipe	Weight, Lbs/Ft.				
39	4-30	3134	3114	3100' - 3105'								
39	6-30	3148	3147	3125' - 3139'								

OIL STRING

Tract	Well	Size	Setting Depth	Cement, Sacks	Grade Pipe	Weight, Lbs/Ft	Age, Years	Condition
39	4-30	4 1/2"	3133	300	J-55	9.5	4	New
39	6-30	5 1/2"	3148	400	J-55	14	8	New

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UNIT OPERATOR
SOUTH CAPROCK QUEEN UNIT

October 1, 1963

Mr. Frank Irby
Chief of Water Rights Division
State Engineer's Office
State Capitol Building
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Casing Data on Proposed Water Injection
Wells, South Caprock Queen Unit,
Chaves County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Irby:

Attached please find a copy of an application submitted by the Union Oil Company of California to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission requesting administrative approval to expand our waterflood project in the South Caprock Queen Unit. This expansion will include the conversion of two more producing wells to water injection service. The application is in accordance with the provisions of Rule 701-E of the Rules and Regulations of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission.

Exhibit III of the attached application is a table of casing information on the two wells to be converted to injection service. The two wells will be completed with plastic lined tubing and tension packers set just above the perforations in the Queen Sand. The annulus between the casing (oil string) and the tubing will then be filled with an inhibited water for protection against corrosion. The maximum anticipated surface injection pressure for the two wells will be 1000 psig.

Data on the age, grade and condition of the various casing strings in the two wells to be converted are tabulated in Exhibit III.

If you are in agreement with this proposal, we would appreciate your so notifying the Secretary-Director of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission as soon as possible. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

Richard H. Butler
Unit Engineer

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STATE ENGINEER OFFICE
SANTA FE

S. E. REYNOLDS
STATE ENGINEER

October 7, 1963

ADDRESS CORRESPONDENCE TO:
STATE CAPITOL
SANTA FE, N. M.

Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr.
Secretary-Director
Oil Conservation Commission
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Porter:

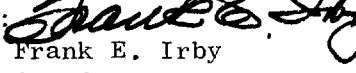
Reference is made to the application of Union Oil Company of California submitted on October 1, 1963 which seeks administrative approval for the expansion of their South Caprock Queen Unit, Chaves County, New Mexico waterflood project which involves two wells.

In view of Mr. Butler's statement in his letter "The two wells will be completed with plastic lined tubing and tension packers set just above the perforations in the Queen Sand. The annulus between the casing (oil string) and the tubing will then be filled with an inhibited water for protection against corrosion," it appears that no threat of contamination to the fresh waters which may exist in the area will occur. Therefore, this office offers no objection to the granting of this application.

Very truly yours,

S. E. Reynolds
State Engineer

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cc-Union Oil Co. of California
F. H. Hennighausen

By: 
Frank E. Irby
Chief
Water Rights Division