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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. WFX-600

# APPLICATION OF PLAINS PETROLEUM OPERATING COMPANY TO EXPAND ITS WATERFLOOD PROJECT IN THE TODD LOWER SAN ANDRES ASSOCIATED POOL IN ROOSEVELT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Under the provisions of Division Order No. R-6677, Plains Petroleum Operating Company has made application to the Division on July 5, 1990 for permission to expand its Todd Lower San Andres Unit Waterflood Project in the Todd Lower San Andres Associated Pool in Roosevelt County, New Mexico.

NOW, on this 7th day of November, 1990, the Division Director finds that:

(1) The application has been filed in due form.

(2) Satisfactory information has been provided that all offset operators have been duly notified of the application.

(3) No objection has been received within the waiting period as prescribed by Rule 701(B).

(4) The proposed injection wells are eligible for conversion to water injection under the terms of Rule 701.

(5) The proposed expansion of the above-referenced waterflood project will not cause waste nor impair correlative rights.

(6) The application should be approved.

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### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The applicant, Plains Petroleum Operating Company, be and the same is hereby authorized to inject water into the San Andres formation through the gross perforated interval from approximately 4312 feet to 4317 feet through 2 3/8-inch plastic lined tubing set in a packer located within 100 feet of the uppermost injection perforation in the wells shown on Exhibit "A" attached hereto for purposes of secondary recovery.

### **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT:**

The operator shall 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.

Prior to commencing injection operations into the well, the casing shall be pressure tested from the surface to the packer setting depth to assure the integrity of said casing.

The casing-tubing annulus shall be loaded with an inert fluid and equipped with a pressure gauge at the surface or left open to the atmosphere to facilitate detection of leakage in the casing, tubing or packer.

The injection wells or system shall be equipped with a pressure limiting device which will limit the wellhead pressure on the injection wells to no more than 0.2 psi/ft. of depth to the uppermost perforation as shown on Exhibit "A".

The Director of the Division may authorize an increase in injection pressure upon a proper showing by the operator of said wells that such higher pressure will not result in migration of the injected fluid from the San Andres formation. Such proper showing shall consist of a valid step-rate test run in accordance with and acceptable to this office.

The operator shall notify the supervisor of the Hobbs district office of the Division of the date and time of the installation of injection equipment and of the mechanical integrity test so that the same may be inspected and witnessed.

The operator shall immediately notify the supervisor of the Hobbs district office of the Division of the failure of the tubing, casing or packer in said wells and shall take such steps as may be timely and necessary to correct such failure or leakage.

The subject wells shall be governed by all provisions of Division Order No. R-6677 and Rules 701-708 of the Division Rules and Regulations not inconsistent herewith.

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<u>PROVIDED FURTHER THAT</u>, jurisdiction of this cause is hereby retained by the Division for the entry of such further order or orders as may be deemed necessary or convenient for the prevention of waste and/or protection of correlative rights; upon failure of the operator to conduct operations in a manner which will ensure the protection of fresh water or in a manner inconsistent with the requirements Mwt forth in this order, the Division may, after notice and hearing, terminate the injection authority granted herein.

The operator shall submit monthly progress reports of the project in accordance with Rules 706 and 1115 of the Division Rules and Regulations.

Approved at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on this 7th day of November, 1990.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION WILLIAM J. LEMAY Director

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# EXHIBIT "A" PLAINS PETROLEUM OPERATING COMPANY TODD LOWER SAN ANDRES UNIT WATERFLOOD PROJECT DIVISION ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER WFX-600

847	4164	4235 - 4280	19-8S-36E	660' FSL - 1980' FEL (Unit O)	15
840	4202	4282 - 4317	31-7S-36E	2120' FSL - 2023' FWL (Unit K)	11
854	4189	4269 - 4270	30-7S-36E	1780' FSL - 1980' FWL (Unit K)	11
845	4143	4223 - 4272	30-7S-36E	2040' FNL - 1867' FEL (Unit G)	7
846	4150	4230 - 4270	30-7S-36E	660' FNL - 1871' FWL (Unit C)	ы
852	4178	4259 - 4289	29-7S-36E	1980' FSL - 1980' FWL (Unit K)	11
843	4133	4213 - 4241	25-7S-35E	330' FSL - 1650' FEL (Unit O)	15
848	4162	4242 - 4284	25-7S-35E	1980' FNL - 660' FEL (Unit H)	8
Injection Pressure	Packer Depth	Injection Perforations	S-T-R	Location	Well Number