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BEFORE THE

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO

APPLICATION OF LARRY C. SQUIRES
FOR AN EXCEPTION TO THE PROVISIONS
OF ORDER R-3221, AS AMENDED, LEA
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Case 4047

A P P L I C A T I O N

Comes now LARRY C. SQUIRES and applies to the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico for an exception to the provisions of Oil Conservation Commission Order No. R-3221, as amended, to permit the disposal of produced water in three natural salt lakes in Lea County, New Mexico, and in support thereof would show the Commission:

1. Applicant is the owner or lessee of the surface interests in the area affected by this application, and has applied for special use permits, or business leases, for the purpose of instituting a salt water disposal system, as follows:

(a) Applicant proposes to dispose of produced water in the following natural salt lakes:

Laguna Plata, also sometimes referred to as Laguna Grande, located in Sections 2, 3, 9, 10 and 11, in Township 20 South, Range 32 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico.

Laguna Gatuna, also sometimes referred to as Salt Lake, located in Sections 7, 17, 18, 19 and 20 in Township 20 South, Range ~~32~~ East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico. *33*

Laguna Tonto, located in Sections 32 and 33 in Township 19 South, Range 33 East, N.M.P.M., and in Section 4, Township 20 South, Range 33 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico.

2. Applicant proposes to operate said disposal system as a commercial system for the disposal of produced waters in the vicinity of said lakes, and will offer to dispose of water up to the capacity of said lakes.

3. The subject lakes contain concentrations of chlorides

far in excess of the chloride content of water produced from oil wells operating in the area.

4. There is no fresh water produced in the vicinity of said lakes, and the use of said lakes will not endanger any fresh water supply nor create any possibility of pollution not already present under natural conditions.

WHEREFORE, applicant prays that this application be set for hearing before the Commission or its duly appointed examiner, and that after notice and hearing as required by law, the Commission enter its order granting an exception to the provisions of Order No. R-3221, as amended, to permit disposal of produced water as prayed for.

Respectfully submitted,

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