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BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO

APPLICATION OF STANDARD OIL COMPANY
OF TEXAS FOR AN EXCEPTION TO THE
PROVISIONS OF ORDER R-3221, AS
AMENDED, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Case 4049

A P P L I C A T I O N

Comes now STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF TEXAS 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 continued disposal of produced water in unlined surface pits in the Stateline Ellenburger Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, and in support thereof would show the Commission:

1. Applicant is the operator of three wells in the Stateline Ellenburger Pool, producing limited quantities of water with the oil production.
2. Applicant is presently disposing of produced water in an unlined surface pit located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 5, Township 24 South, Range 38 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico.
3. At the present time approximately 11 barrels of water per day are being disposed of in the pit, and there has been no significant increase in water production from the applicant's wells during recent years.
4. There is no fresh water produced in the vicinity of the applicant's disposal pit, and no fresh water underlies the area of said pit, which could be contaminated by continued use of the surface pit for water disposal.

WHEREFORE, applicant prays that this application be set for hearing before the Commission or the Commission's duly

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appointed examiner, and that after notice and hearing as provided by law, the Commission enter its order granting an exception to the provisions of Commission Order No. R-3221, as amended.

Respectfully submitted,

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