

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING  
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR  
THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 1605  
Order No. R-1348

APPLICATION OF RICE ENGINEERING AND  
OPERATING, INC., FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING  
A SALT WATER DISPOSAL WELL ON AN UNORTHODOX  
LOCATION IN SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH,  
RANGE 37 EAST, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on February 25, 1959, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before E. J. Fischer, Examiner duly appointed by the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission," in accordance with Rule 1214 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

NOW, on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1959, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the application, the evidence adduced and the recommendations of the Examiner, E. J. Fischer, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

- (1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicant, Rice Engineering and Operating, Inc., seeks an order authorizing the disposal of produced salt water into the San Andres formation through its E-M-E SWD Well No. H-20 to be located 2475 feet from the North line and 165 feet from the East line of Section 20, Township 20 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, with the proposed injection interval from 4,450 feet to 5,000 feet.
- (3) That disposal should be through tubing and the casing-tubing annulus should be filled with a non-corrosive fluid as a protective measure.
- (4) That the applicant's proposed salt water injection program will not jeopardize the production of oil, gas, or fresh water in the area and is consonant with sound conservation practices.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Rice Engineering & Operating, Inc., be and the same is hereby authorized to dispose of produced salt water into the San Andres formation through its E-M-E SWD Well No. H-20 to be located 2475 feet from the North line and 165 feet from the East line of Section 20, Township 20 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, with the injection interval from 4450 feet to 5000 feet.

PROVIDED HOWEVER, That disposal shall be through tubing and the casing-tubing annulus shall be filled with a non-corrosive fluid.

(2) That the applicant shall submit monthly reports of its disposal operations in accordance with Rules 704 and 1119 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

  
JOHN BURROUGHS, Chairman

  
MURRAY E. MORGAN, Member

  
A. L. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary

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