

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. 6168  
Order No. R-5695

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION ON ITS OWN MOTION TO  
PERMIT RUTTER AND WILBANKS BROTHERS, MARYLAND  
CASUALTY COMPANY, AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES  
TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE MAGRUDER STATE WELL  
NO. 1 LOCATED IN UNIT E OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 17  
SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, SHOULD  
NOT BE PLUGGED AND ABANDONED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A  
COMMISSION-APPROVED PLUGGING PROGRAM.

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ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on March 8, 1978,  
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 11th day of April, 1978, the Commission, a  
quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the record,  
and the recommendations of the Examiner, 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 Rutter and Wilbanks Brothers is the owner and  
operator of the Magruder State Well No. 1, located in Unit E of  
Section 36, Township 17 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County,  
New Mexico.
- (3) That Maryland Casualty Company is the surety on the Oil  
Conservation Commission plugging bond on which Rutter and Wilbanks  
Brothers is principal.
- (4) That the purpose of said bond is to assure the state  
that the subject well will be properly plugged and abandoned  
when not capable of commercial production.
- (5) That in order to prevent waste and protect correlative  
rights said Magruder State Well No. 1 should be plugged and  
abandoned in accordance with a program approved by the Artesia  
District Office of the Oil Conservation Division of the New Mexico  
Energy and Minerals Department on or before June 30, 1978, or the  
well should be returned to active drilling status or placed on  
production.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Rutter and Wilbanks Brothers is hereby ordered to plug and abandon the Magruder State Well No. 1, located in Unit E of Section 36, Township 17 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, or in the alternative, to return the well to active drilling status or place the well on production on or before June 30, 1978.

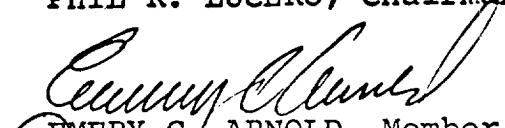
(2) That Rutter and Wilbanks Brothers, prior to plugging and abandoning the above-described well, shall obtain from the Artesia office of the Division, a Division-approved program for said plugging and abandoning, and shall notify said Artesia office of the date and hour said work is to be commenced whereupon the Division may, at its option, witness such work.

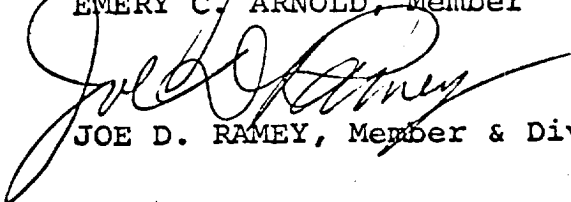
(3) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year herein-above designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PHIL R. LUCERO, Chairman

  
EMERY C. ARNOLD, Member

  
JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Division Director

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