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BUFORD THE NEW TEKICO OIL COMSERVATION COMMISSION Santa Fe, New Mexico March 25, 1970

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of P. D. Collier for an exception to Order No. R-3221, as amended, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Case No. 4329

BEFORE: Elvis A. Utz, Examiner.

TPANSCRIPT OF HEARING



MR. UTZ: Case 4329.

MR. HATCH: Case 4329. Application of R. D. Collier for an exception to Order No. R-3221, as amended, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Mould you identify yourself for the record here?

MR. COLLIER: I am R. D. Collier from Artesia,

New Mexico. I have been engaged in the supply and oil business for the past thirty years.

MR. HATCH: You are representing vourself?

MR. COLLIER: Right.

MR. UTZ: Let me ask for other appearances. If there are none, you may proceed.

(Witness sworn).

(Whereupon, Applicant's Exhibits 1 through 4 were marked for identification).

MR. COLLIER: I have some exhibits here that was drawn up with the help of --

MR. UTZ: Have you marked these exhibits?

MR. NUTTER: I am marking them.

MR. UTZ: Do you want these exhibits marked one, two and three?

MR. COLLIER: That's all right with me, sir.

MR. UTZ: Five. You may proceed.

MR. COLLIER: This is an application for an exception to Order R-3221 as amended for Eddy County, New Mexico. This is a Jackson Abo Well located 2310 from the north and 2308 from the west of Section 22 in 17-30.

This well has been shut down and was recently purchased by me due to excess water and was recently purchased by me and I intend to -- if I can get this exception -- to try to produce this well.

I think it will make around 15 barrels of oil per day and I'm not sure as to the water. I have a chart drawn here that shows the water according to the Commission. This was -- I had an engineer draw this from the Commission's reports marked Exhibit Number Five.

MR. NUTTER: That's Exhibit Number Four, I believe, isn't it?

MR. PORTER: That's five.

MR. NUTTER: The first two here would be Exhibit
One. That is front and back of a Cl05. A map is Exhibit Two.
This cross-section and log is Exhibit Three and then the production decline curve is Exhibit Number Four.

MR. COLLIER: Thank you. I am not an engineer, but I had these drawn up and the red arrow points to the well

on Exhibit Number Two and was known as the "cDonald Sinclair Park Well. It is a farm-out from Sinclair or Atlantic Rich-field, I presume, now.

This well has produced around eighty-six thousand barrels of oil and I feel like it might produce some more over the next four or five years if I can keep it pumping and pit this water.

I have drawn a circle here around this well and there is no known water wells anywhere within this circle or even further, that I know of.

MR. UTZ: What is the radius of that circle?

MR. COLLIER: Three miles. Of course, Exhibit

Number Three is simply just a section taken off this Roswell

geological map. Show the Commission where the well might be
located in the structure.

Outside of that, Mr. Examiner, I can't -MR. UTZ: That completes your statement?
MR. COLLIER: Yes.

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. UTZ:

Q Mr. Collier, your Exhibit Number Four, does that show the history of the water-oil production?

A Yes, it does.

O And the last oil production shown there would be what, about three and a half barrels per day?

I expect it was down to --- ves, that's right.

This was along when they were shutting down and probably --it has a gas ergine on it and due to dying, they couldn't
catch up with the water unless you can keep it going. Fifty
harrels of water or even forty or fifty barrels of water would
keep you off the line for several days at a time.

That is probably what happened here on the last.

As you can see up here when — before they did shut the well down, the curve was fairly — I think this curve was drawn at shut-down time.

O You think the well will produce more than three and a half barrels a day?

A I think this well will produce fifteen harrels or more if I can keep it running.

O If you produce fifteen barrels of oil, how much water do you think you could produce?

A I don't know for sure. I think in the neighborhood of fifty barrels. That is just by the wells there. It may produce more than that. I'm sure that this well will produce quite a bit more water than that right now, when I first started up due to --

- O Due to the whole loading up?
- A Right.
- O Mr. Collier, within this three-mile radius circle, are there any other exceptions to R-3221?
- A I believe that Petco in Section 14 on the Flint
 Number One has an exception, for one. There are probably
 more right in there, sir. I am not as familiar with that as
 I ought to be.
- O Are you familiar with the fresh water availability in this area?
 - A Yes, I am.
 - 0 What would that be?
- A All the water there or in this area is from these pipe line sources that come across there, that I know of, where they are watering cattle on these waterflood lines, like Double Eagle or --
 - Q No windmills that you know of?
 - A No windmills within this circle.
 - O Is there any ranching in this area?
- A There is some ranching in this area, but it is all pipe lined water comes off the cap.
- O To the best of your knowledge, there is no fresh water in the area that could be contaminated?

A No, sir.

MR. PORTER: Mr. Collier, where does that water come from on the cannock --

THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

MR. PORTER: -- fresh water pipe line? Is that the same source the community of Loco Hills uses for their source?

THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

MR. PORTER: Thank you.

MR. UTZ: Other questions of Mr. Collier.

MR. KNAUF: I have one.

MR. UTZ: Identify yourself.

MR. KNAUF: Jim Knauf. How many days of continuous production have you had out here on this well?

THE WITNESS: Jim, I don't think that I've ever had as much as a week so far keeping it running all time. At one time I got it pumped down enough it flowed around the casing and killed my engine.

That's the nearest I come to getting it pumped down.

MR. KNAUF: And during that week, what was the production of oil and water per day?

THE WITNESS: Well, mostly all water and I don't really know how much water we hauled from there. We hauled quite

a bit. We just had some old 500 flat frac tanks to produce it in and even sprung a leak in one of those. And, so, really don't have any dope at all on it. Gas engine and I am running it on butane and the butane man, he don't get by and that shuts me down.

Try to get it hooked up on its own gas if I can.

(By Mr. Utz) Does the well produce any gas?

A It will make some gas, yes, sir. They were selling goods and I don't have the record exactly what they sold, I believe to Skelly.

Mr. Knauf may be familiar with that. I think

Continental's took over those connections, the best I know.

I haven't talked to them yet about taking the gas. There is
a meter run at the well.

MR. UTZ: Other questions? The witness may be excused.

(Witness excused).

MR. UTZ: Statements in this case? The case will be taken under advisement and the hearing will adjourn until one-thirty.

(Whereupon, the hearing was recessed until one-thirty.)

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO)

COUNTY OF BERNALILLO)

I, BRENDA BURKS, Court Reporter in and for the County of Bernalillo, State of New Mexico, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached Transcript of Hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission was reported by me; and that the same is a true and correct record of the said proceedings to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

Orenda Burks
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Mr. R. D. Collier Post Office Box 385 Artesia, New Mexico 88210	Re:	Case No. Order No. Applicant: R. D. C	R-3945
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BEFORE THE CIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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

> CASE No. 4329 Order No. R-3945

APPLICATION OF R. D. COLLIER FOR AN EXCEPTION TO ORDER NO. R-3221, AS AMENDED, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on Harch 25, 1970, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Uts.

NOW, on this $\frac{3rd}{d}$ day of April, 1970, 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 the applicant, R. D. Collier, is the owner and operator of the Sinclair Parke Well No. 1, located in Unit F of Section 22, Township 17 South, Range 30 East, NMPM, Jackson-Abo Field, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (3) That Order (3) of Commission Order No. R-3221, as amended, prohibits in that area encompassed by Lea, Eddy, Chaves, and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico, the disposal, subject to minor exceptions, of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil or gas, or both, on the surface of the ground, or in any pit, pond, lake, depression, draw, streambed, or arroyo, or in any watercourse, or in any other place or in any manner which

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would constitute a hazard to any fresh water supplies and said disposal has not previously been prohibited.

- (4) That the aforesaid Order No. R-3221 was issued in order to afford reasonable protection against contamination of fresh water supplies designated by the State Engineer through disposal of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil or gas, or both, in unlined surface pits.
- (5) That the State Engineer has designated, pursuant to Section 65-3-11 (15), N.M.S.A., 1953 Compilation, all underground water in the State of New Mexico containing 10,000 parts per million or less of dissolved solids as fresh water supplies to be afforded reasonable protection against contamination; except that said designation does not include any water for which there is no present or reasonably foreseeable beneficial use that would be impaired by contamination.
- (6) That the applicant seeks as exception to the provisions of the aforesaid Order (3) to permit the disposal of salt water produced by applicant's aforesaid Sinclair Parke Well No. 1 in an unlined surface pit located in the vicinity of said well.
- (7) That there appears to be no shallow fresh water in the vicinity of the subject pit for which a present or reasonably foreseeable beneficial use is or will be made that would be impaired by contamination from the subject pit.
- (8) That the applicant should be permitted to dispose of salt water produced by his Sinclair Parke Well No. 1, located in Unit F of Section 22, Township 17 South, Range 30 East, NMPM, Jackson-Abo Field, Eddy County, New Mexico, in an unlined surface pit located in the vicinity of said well.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, R. D. Collier, is hereby granted an exception to Order (3) of Commission Order Fo. R-3221, as amended, to dispose of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil or gas, or both, by his Sinclair Parke Well No. 1, located in Unit F of Section 22, Township 17 South, Range 30 East, NMPM, Jackson-Abo Field, Eddy County, New Mexico, in an unlined surface pit located in the vicinity of said well.

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- (2) That the Secretary-Director of the Commission may by administrative order rescind such authority whenever it reasonably appears to the Secretary-Director that such rescission would serve to protect fresh water supplies from contamination.
- (3) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL COMPERNATION COMMISSION

DAVID F. CARGO, Chairman

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The following cases will be heard before Elvis A. Utz, Examiner, or Daniel S. Nutter, Alternate Examiner:

- CASE 4321: Application of Sun Oil Company-DX Division for 320-acre spacing, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks 320-acre spacing for the Cass Ranch-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico. Said pool was created prior to June 1, 1964, and therefore is not automatically eligible for 520-acre spacing. In the absence of evidence to the centropy, 320-acre spacing will be established for the pool.
- CASE 4324: Application of Pennzoil United, Inc. for an uncrthodox oil well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an exception to the special rules and regulations governing the Lea-Bone Springs Pool to permit the completion of a well at an uncrthodox location 2310 feet from the South line and 1800 feet from the East line of Section 35, Township 19 South, Range 34 East, Lea County, New Mexico.
- CASE 4325: Application of Mobil Oil Corporation for downhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to commingle production from the Vacuum-Wolfcamp Pool and the Vacuum-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool in the wellboreoof its Bridges State Well No. 119, a triple completion, located in Unit F of Section 24, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Lea County, New Mexico.
- CASE 4326: Application of Newmont Oil Company for an unorthodox oil well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an exception to Rule 104 C I to permit the recompletion of a well at an unorthodox oil well location 1325 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the East line of Section 31, Township 17 South, Range 30 East, Loso Hills-Queen Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- CASE 4327: Application of Franklin, Aston & Fair for an exception to Order No. R-3221, as amended, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an exception to Order No. R-3221, as amended, which order prohibits the disposal of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil on the surface of the ground in Lea, Eddy, Chaves, and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico. Said exception would be for applicant's leases comprising the NE/4 and N/2 SE/4 of Section 1, Township 18 South, Range 29 East and the E/2, N/2 NW/4, and S/2 SW/4 of Section 6, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, Loco Hills Field, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks authority to dispose of salt water produced by wells located or to be located on said leases in unlined surface pits.

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CASE 4328: Application of Pubco Petroleum Corporation for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling this mineral interests in the undesignated Figtured Cliffs gas pool underlying the SE/4 of Section 33. Township 30 North, Range 14 West, San Juan County, New Mexico, Said SE/4 to be dedicated to a well to be drilled in the SW/4 SE/4 of said Section 33. Applicant further seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in said gas pool underlying the NE/4 of Section 4. Township 29 North, Range 14 West, San Juan County, New Mexico. Said NE/4 to be dedicated to a well to be drilled in the NW/4 NE/4 of said Section 4. Also to be considered will be the costs of drilling said wells, a charge for the risk involved, a provision for the allocation of actual operating costs, and the establishment of charges for supervision of said wells.

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CASE 4314: (Continued and readvertised from February 25, 1970. Examiner Hearing and March 4, 1970 Examiner Hearing) Application of Coastal States Gas Producing Company for pool redelineation, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the redelineation of certain pool boundaries to include the deletion of the W/2 and SE/4 of Section 21, Township 13 South, Range 33 East, Lea County, New Mexico, from the Lazy J-Pennsylvanian Pool and the extension of the North Baum Upper Pennsylvanian Pool to include said deleted acreage.

CASE 4319:

(Continued from the March 4, 1970, Examiner Hearing) Application of Texaco Inc. for downhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to commingle production from the North Vacuum-Abo Pool and the Vacuum-Wolfbamp Pool in the wellbores of its New Mexico "Q" State Well No. 4 and its New Mexico "N" State Well No. 6, triple completions located respectively in Unit P of Section 25, Township 17 South, Range 34 East and Unit L

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of Section 30, Township 17 South, Range 35 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

- CASE 4322: Application of Texaco Inc. for dewnhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to commingle production from the Vacuum-Wolfcamp and Vacuum-Upper Pennsylvanian Pools in the well-bore of its Shell State Well No. 1, a triple completion, located in Unit J of Section 25, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Lea County, New Mexico.
- CASE 4323: Application of Texaco Inc. for a waterflood project, Lea County, New Mexico, Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project by the injection of water into the Grayburg and San Andres formations through its USA Federal "C" Well No. 1 located in Unit P, Section 15, Township 17 South, Range 32 East, Maljamar (Grayburg-San Andres) Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.
- CASE 4330: Application of Tenneco Oil Company for an unorthodox location and dual completion, McKinley County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the dual completion of its Hospah Well No. 37X to produce oil from the Hospah-Upper and South Hospah-Lower Sand Oil Pools at an unorthodox location for said pools 1280 feet from the North and West lines of Section 12, Township 17 North, Range 9 West, McKinley County, New Mexico.
- CASE 4331: Application of Wynn & Brooks for an unorthodox gas well location, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its Federal "E" Well No. 3, to be located 790 feet from the North and West lines of Section 13, Township 27 North, Range 8 West, Blanco-Mesaverde and Basin-Dakota Pools, San Juan County, New Mexico.
- CASE 4264: (Continued from the February 4, 1970 Examiner Hearing)

 Application of Wynn & Brooks for an unorthodox gas well location, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its Federal "J" Well No. 1, to be located 2390 feet from the South line and 2410 feet from the East line of Section 11, Township 27 North, Range 8 West, Blanco-Mesaverde and Basin-Dakota Pools, San Juan County, New Mexico.

CASE 4301: (Continued from the February 4, 1970 Examiner Hearing)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Robert T. Smith and all other interested persons to appear and show cause why the following Robert T. Smith wells located in Section 32, Township 20 North, Range 9 West, McKinley County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program:

State Well No. 1 located 487 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the East line;

State "A" Well No. 1 located 400 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the East line;

State Well No. 3 located 330 feet from the North line and 330 feet from the West line;

State Well No. 6 located 220 feet from the North line and 1485 feet from the East line;

State Well No. 6-Y located approximately 5 feetWest of the above-described Well No. 6;

State Well No. 8 located 1155 feet from the North line and 2475 feet from the East line.

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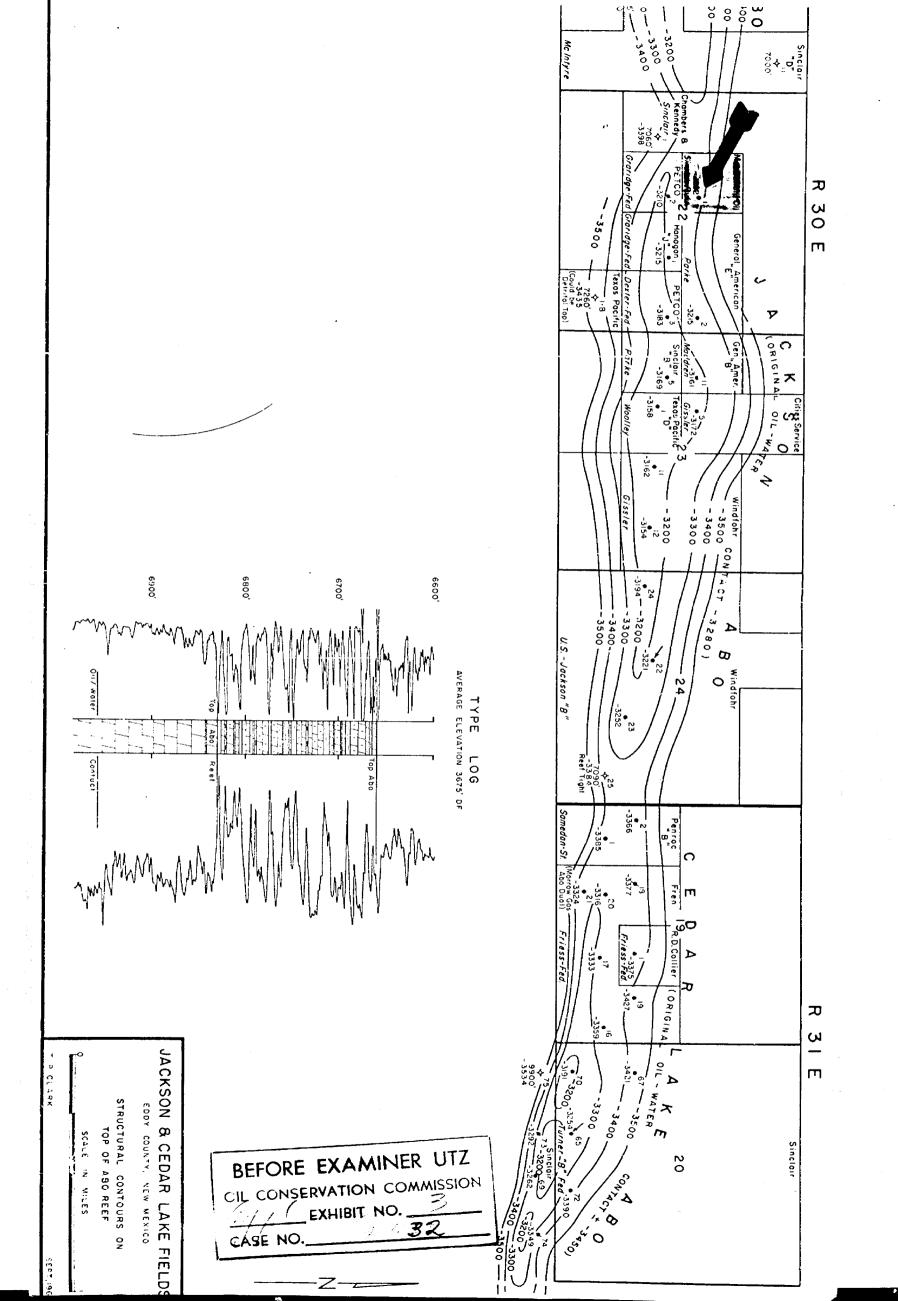
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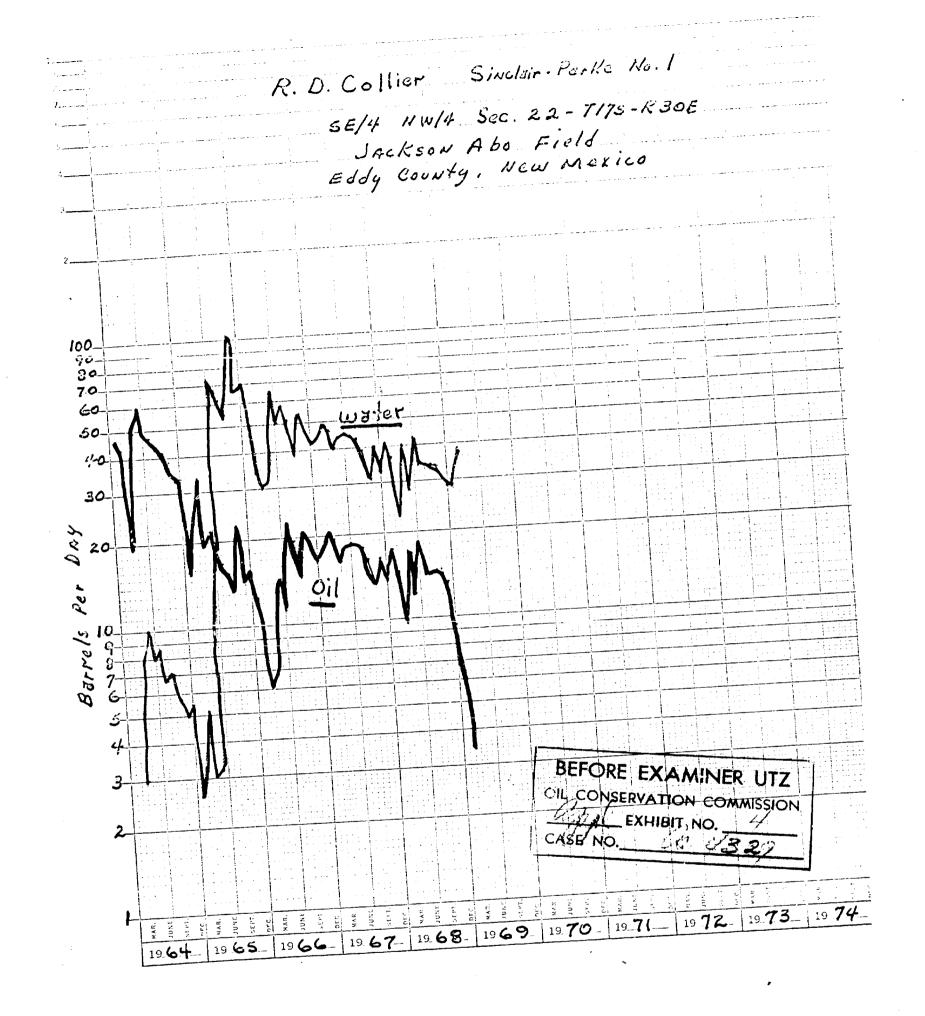
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State of New Mexico
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P. O. Box 2088

Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Sir:

I would like to have a hearing on an application for an exception toOrder No. R-3221 to dispose of produced water in an unlined pit for the R. D. Collier Sinclair Parke No. 1 well located in Unit-F, Section 22, Twp 17South, Range 30 East, Jackson Abo Field, Eddy County, New Mexico.

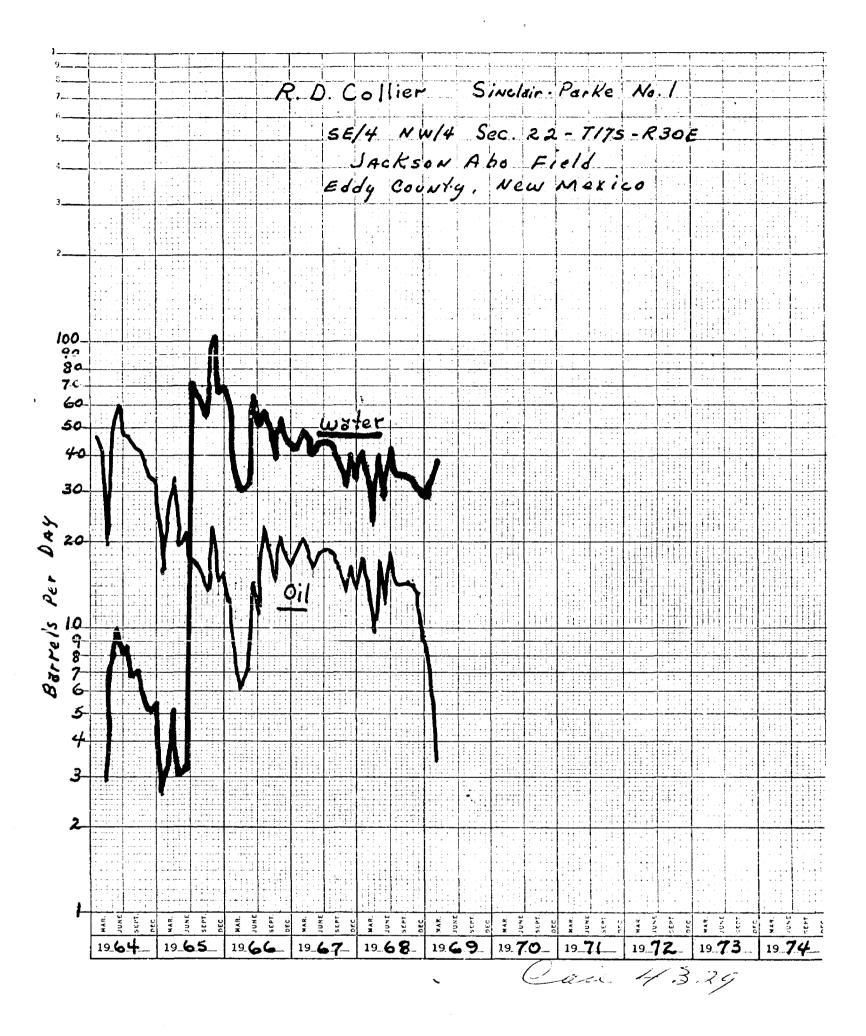
I have recently purchased this well and I plan to represent myself at the hearing.

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BEF)RE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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

CASE No. 4329

Order No. R-

APPLICATION OF R. D. COLLIER FOR AN EXCEPTION TO ORDER NO. R-3221, AS AMENDED, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on March 25, 19670, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner ____Elvis A. Utz____.

NOW, on this <u>day of Average</u>, 19670, 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 the applicant, R. D. Collier, is the owner and operator of the Sinclair Parke Well No. 1, located in Unit F of Section 22, Township 17 South, Range 30 East, NMPM, Jackson-Abo Field, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (3) That Order (3) of Commission Order No. R-3221, as amended, prohibits in that area encompassed by Lea, Eddy, Chaves, and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico, the disposal, subject to minor exceptions, of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil or gas, or both, on the surface of the ground, or in any pit, pond, lake, depression, draw, streambed, or arroyo, or in any watercourse, or in any other place or in any manner which

would constitute a hazard to any fresh water supplies and said disposal has not previously been prohibited.

- (4) That the aforesaid Order No. R-3221 was issued in order to afford reasonable protection against contamination of fresh water supplies designated by the State Engineer through disposal of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil or gas, or both, in unlined surface pits.
- (5) That the State Engineer has designated, pursuant to Section 65-3-11 (15), N.M.S.A., 1953 Compilation, all underground water in the State of New Mexico containing 10,000 parts per million or less of dissolved solids as fresh water supplies to be afforded reasonable protection against contamination; except that said designation does not include any water for which there is no present or reasonably foreseeable beneficial use that would be impaired by contamination.
- (6) That the applicant seeks an exception to the provisions of the aforesaid Order (3) to permit the disposal of salt water produced by applicant's aforesaid Sinclair Parke Well No. 1 in an unlined surface pit located in the vicinity of said well.
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 (8) That the applicant should be permitted to dispose or salt water produced by his Sinclair Parke well no., located in Whit of Section 22, Township 17 fourth. Romy 30 East, New Par, Jochson. also Field, Edd, Cerenty, New Mexico, in the timbered surface put located in the vicinity of said well.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That the applicant, R. D. Collier, is hereby granted an exception to Order (3) of Order No. R-3221, as amended, to dispose of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil or gas or both, by his Sinclair Parke Well No. 1, located in Unit F of Section 22, Township 17 South, Range 30 East, NMPM, Jackson-Abo Field, Eddy County, New Mexico, in an unlined surface pit located in the vicinity of said well.
- (2) That the Secretary-Director of the Commission may by administrative order rescind such authority whenever it reasonably appears to the Secretary-Director that such rescission would serve to protect fresh water supplies from contamination.
- (3) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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