CASE 5665: HOWARD BOATWRIGHT COMPANY INC. FOR SALT WATER DISPOSAL, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

## CASE NO.

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### 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. 5665 Order No. R-5208

APPLICATION OF HOWARD BOATWRIGHT COMPANY, INC. FOR SALT WATER DISPOSAL, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

### ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

### BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on April 14, 1976, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner, Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 27th day of April, 1976, 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, Howard Boatwright Company, Inc., is the owner and operator of the State CS Well No. 1, located in Unit L of Section 17, Township 21 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Burton Flats Field, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the applicant proposes to utilize said well to dispose of produced salt water into the Delaware formation, with injection into the open-hole interval from approximately 2979 feet to 3180 feet.
- (4) That the injection should be accomplished through 2 7/8-inch plastic lined tubing installed in a packer set at approximately 2975 feet; that the casing-tubing annulus should be filled with an inert fluid and that a pressure gauge or approved leak detection device should be attached to the annulus in order to determine leakage in the casing, tubing, or packer.
- (5) That the injection well or system should be equipped with a pop-off valve or acceptable substitute which will limit the wellhead pressure on the injection well to no more than 400 psi.

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- (6) That the operator should notify the supervisor of the Artesia district office of the Commission of the date and time of the installation of disposal equipment so that the same may be inspected.
- (7) That the operator should take all steps necessary to ensure that the injected water enters only the proposed injection interval and is not permitted to escape to other formations or onto the surface.
- (8) That approval of the subject application will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells and otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Howard Boatwright Company, Inc., is hereby authorized to utilize its State CS Well No. 1, located in Unit L of Section 17, Township 21 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Burton Flats Field, Eddy County, New Mexico, to dispose of produced salt water into the Delaware formation, injection to be accomplished through 2 7/8-inch tubing installed in a packer set at approximately 2975 feet, with injection into the open-hole interval from approximately 2979 feet to 3180 feet;

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the tubing shall be plastic-lined; that the casing-tubing annulus shall be filled with an inert fluid; and that a pressure gauge shall be attached to the annulus or the annulus shall be equipped with an approved leak detection device in order to determine leakage in the casing, tubing, or packer.

- (2) That the injection well or system shall be equipped with a pop-off valve or acceptable substitute which will limit the wellhead pressure on the injection well to no more than 400 psi.
- (3) That the operator shall notify the supervisor of the Artesia district office of the Commission of the date and time of the installation of disposal equipment so that the same may be inspected.
- (4) That the operator shall immediately notify the supervisor of the Commission's Artesia district office of the failure of the tubing, casing, or packer, in said well or the leakage of water from or around said well and shall take such steps as may be timely and necessary to correct such failure or leakage.
- (5) That the applicant shall submit monthly reports of its disposal operations in accordance with Rules 704 and 1120 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

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(6) 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.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PHIL R. LUCERO, Chairman

EMERY C. ARNOLD, Member

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### NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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### DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - APRIL 14, 1976

9 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM,

STATE LAND OFFICE RUILDING, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

The following cases will be heard before Daniel S. Mutter, Examiner, or Richard L. Stamets, Alternate Examiner:

- ALLOWABLE: (1) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for May, 1976, from seventeen prorated pools in Lea, Eddy, Chaves, and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico.
  - Consideration of the allowable production of gas for May, 1976, from five prorated pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico.
- CASE 5663: App. leation of Anne Burnett Tandy dba Windfohr Oil Company for 12 unorthodox oil well locations and a. administrative procedure, Fddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks a, roy 1 for the unorthodox location of 12 oil wells to be drilled to the San Andres formation at the following locations in the Grayburg-Jackson Unit, Township 17 South, Range 30 East, Eddy County, New Mexico:

in Section 13: extreme SE/corner of Units E and O, the extreme SW/corner of Unit N, the extreme NE/corner of Units J and K, and the extreme NW/corner of Units M, N, O, and P;

in Section 14: the extreme SE of Unit H;

in Section 24: the extreme SV/corner of Unit C and extreme NN/corner of Unit D.

Applicant further seeks the establishment of an administrative procedure whereby the above wells could be relocated and other similar unorthodox locations approved without notice and hearing.

- Application of Mesa Petroleum Company for a dual completion, Eddy County, New Yexico. CASE 5664: in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the dual completion (conventional) of its Nash Unit Well No. 2, located in Unit F of Section 18, Township 23 South, Range 30 Fast, Eddy County, New Mexico, to produce gas from the Atoka and Morrow formations through parallel strings of tubing.
- Application of Howard Boatwright Company, Inc. for salt water disposal, Eddy County, New Mexico. CASE 5665: Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Delaware formation through the open-hole interval from 2979 to 3180 feet in its State CS Well No. 1 located in Unit L of Section 17, Township 21 South, Range 27 Fast, Burton Flats Field, Eddy County,
- Application of Belco Petroleum Corporation for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox gas well location, CASE 5666: Application of Belco Petroleum Corporation for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in and below the Pennsylvanian formation underlying the E/2 of Section 7, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled 2410 feet from the North line and 560 feet from the East line of said Section 7. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- Application of Belco Petroleum Corporation for approval of an unorthodox gas well location, Lea CASE 5667: County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of a Morrow test well to be drilled 660 feet from the North line and 1480 feet from the West line of Section 19, Township 21 South, Range 35 Fast, Osudo-Yorrow Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, the N/2 of said Section 19 to be dedicated to the well.
- CASE 5443: (Reopened)

In the matter of Case 5443 bein reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-4994, which order established special rules and regulations for the East Lusk-Bone Spring 011 Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, including a provision for 160-acre spacing and provation units. All interested parties may appear and show cause why said pool should not be developed on less than 160-acre spacing units.

CASE 5446: (Reopened)

> In the matter of Case 5446 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-4992, which order established special rules and regulations for the Casay Straim Pool, Lee County, New Mordes, including a provision for 80-acre spacing. All interested parties may appear and show cause why said pool should not be developed on 40-acre spacing units.

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> Re: Water Disposal Application Howard Boatwright, Co. Inc. State CS #1 W/2 Section 17-T21S-R27E Eddy County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

On March 9, 1976, we received notification of the referenced application to inject disposal water into the Delaware formation at the referenced well.

Yates Drilling Company, As Operator of the Avalon Federal No. 2, located 1980 FSL and 1980 FEL of Section 18-T21S-R27E, wishes to protest the proposed disposal program. The Avalon Federal No. 2 is a Morrow gas well with 9-5/8" casing cemented at 2708' and  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " N-80 casing set at 11628'. Top of cement by temperature log is at 8660'. Such a completion is normal in that area of Morrow gas production. The  $5\frac{1}{2}$  production string is thus exposed to the injection pressures and fluids of the proposed Delaware injection well. Until we know more of the details of the proposed injection program, we cannot decide what our position on this proposal will be. We therefore protest under NMOCC Rule 701.

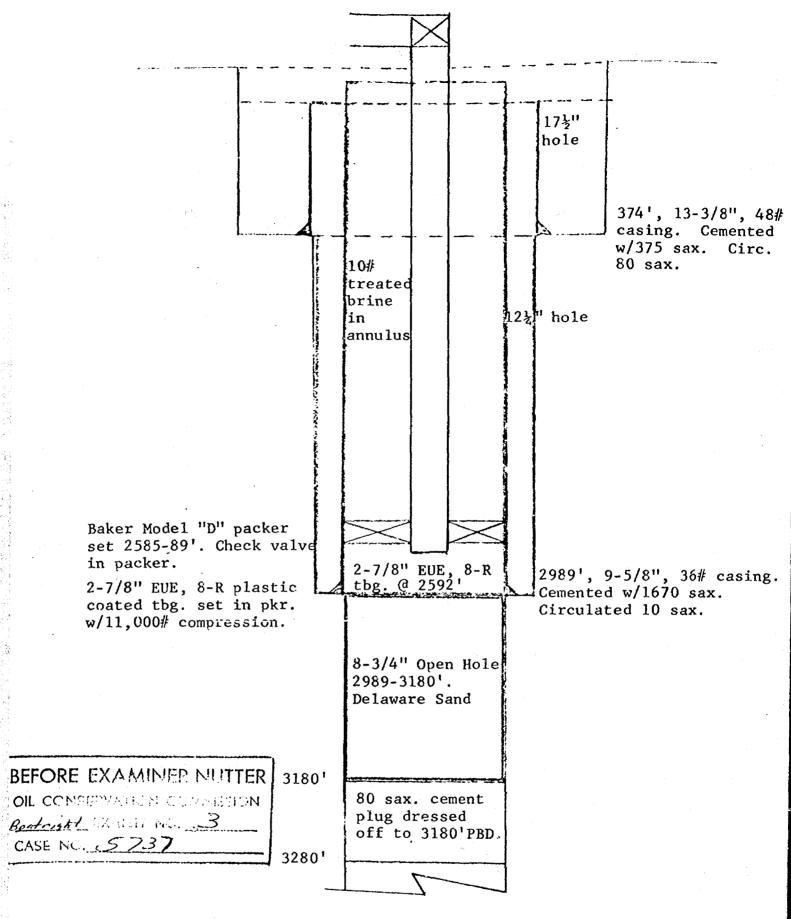
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STATE "CS" #1 CASING, TUBING & PACKER INSTALLATION FOR SWD.



### State "CS" #1 - SWD Injection Zone.

Zone #1. 3018-52. 34' Net. Ave. porosity 15.5%. #2. 3081-3104. 23' Net. Ave. porosity 17%.

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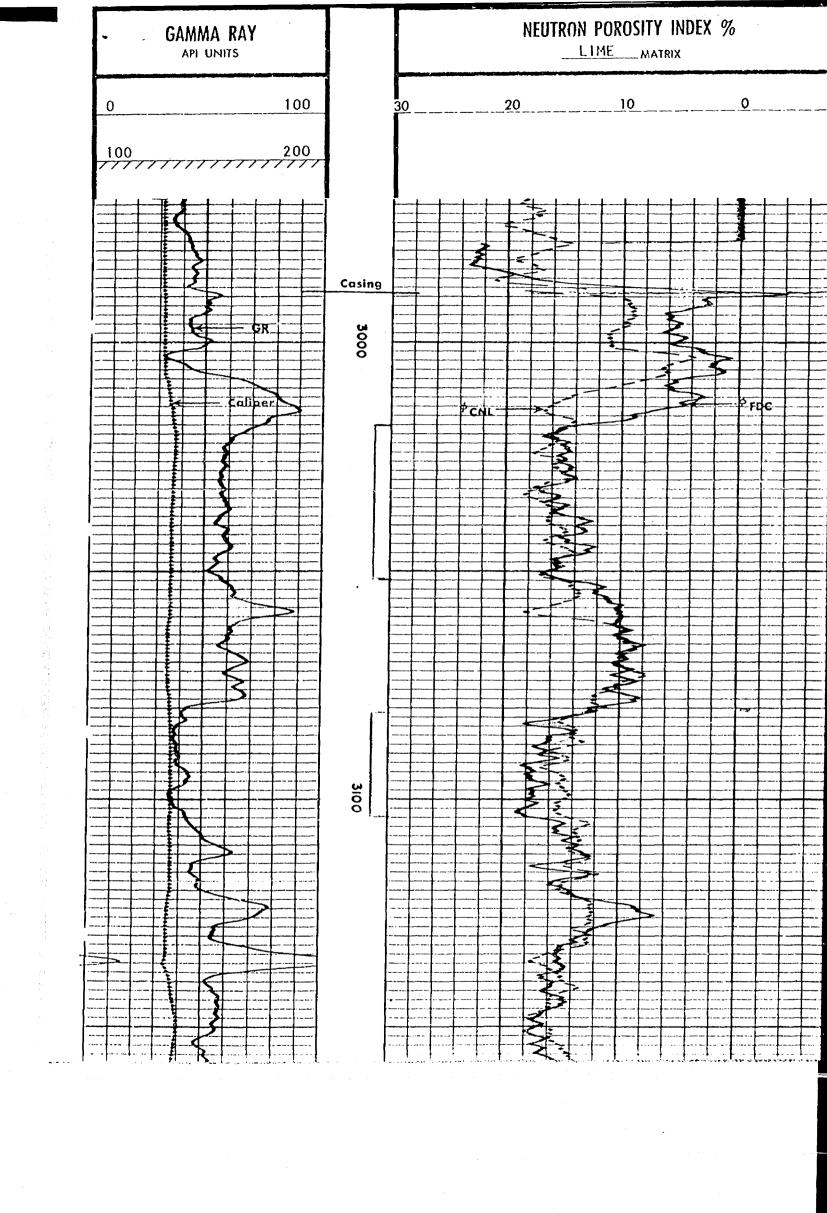
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Zone #1. 7758 (15.5)/1.05 = 1145 bbls./ac. ft. x 34 = 38,930 bbls./ac. Zone #2. 7758 (17.0)/1.05 = 1256 bbls./ac. ft. x 23 = 28,888 bbls./ac.

Each surface acre contains 67,818 bbls. of water in the Delaware zone from 2989-3180' plus gas in the estimated ratio of 20 cu. ft. per bbl., or 135,636 cu. ft.

Discounting the compressibility of the gas volume, and assuming that our average monthly injection rate will be 40,000 bbls. of water, it would take us 67.8 months --  $5\frac{1}{2}$  years, to displace the water from a 40 acre unit around the injection well -- a distance of 660'.

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MR. GALLEGOS: That represents the applicant's case, Mr. Examiner, and we move the admission of Exhibits One, Two and Three.

MR. NUTTER: Boatwright's Exhibits One through Three will be admitted into evidence.

> (THEREUPON, Boatwright's Exhibits One through Three were admitted into evidence.)

### CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. NUTTER:

- Mr. Eng, there is some Delaware production somewhere in the neighborhood, where is that Delaware well, could you tell me?
- There are some Amoco Production Company Delaware A. producing wells and they are almost five miles to the southeast.
  - That would be the nearest Delaware production? Q.
  - Yes, sir.
  - And what would the location of that be?
- I'm sorry, but it is probably off of our map. I'm A. sorry, but it is just off the south edge of our map.
- Okay, so, as far as you know there is no Delaware production within the distance that is depicted on Exhibit Number One?

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- No Delaware production in here?
- A. That's right.

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- Q Okay, now, the nearest well then would be this well to the west which is a gas well, is a a Morrow gas well?
- A. That is what I understand, it produces from the Morrow.
- Q Do you know whether that well or the other well in Section 18 to the west have intermediate pipe set through the Delaware formation or not, have you looked at those wells?
- A I have not looked at their logs. I understand that they did not circulate cement across the Delaware zone. That is what I understand from the Yates people. If they followed a casing program similar to Cities Service I would assume they had intermediate casing through the Delaware.
- Q Now, this well has casing set to twenty-nine, seventy-five or seventy-nine? That would be the nine-and-five-eighths inch casing for this well when it was originally drilled, is that right?
  - A. That is right.
- And you will be disposing below that casing shoe
   at the intermediate casing?
  - A. Right, sir, and above the plug at thirty-one, eighty
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- A. It probably wouldn't.
- Q Opposite your disposal zone?
- A. That's right, if I run the long string from there to the pay.
- Q And if there wouldn't be any cement on that long string then just the bare production casing string would be exposed to your injection water from this well?
  - A. That's right, sir.
  - Q If it migrated over that far?
  - A. Right.
- Q Now, the estimate is that your disposal would not exceed one thousand barrels per day, is that correct?
  - A. That is correct.
- Q. And you are anticipating that it would not take more than four hundred pounds of surface pressure to put that much water away in the well?
  - A. Right.
- Now, you mentioned that the tubing would be plasticcoated, what about the annulus, will that be loaded with some kind of a corrosion inhibitor?
- A. We would put corrosion inhibitor above the packer in the annulus, that is correct.
  - And equip the annulus with a gauge or some other

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- A To detect the pressure.
- Q To find out if there is a leak in the tubing or the casing or the packer?
  - A That is correct, yes, sir.
- And take periodic tests at the well to determine that --
- A. That the packer is holding and that there is no leakage.
- Q And that the injection is going into the zone that would be authorized?
  - A. That's right.

MR. NUTTER: Are there any further questions of Mr. Eng? He may be excused?

(THEREUPON, the witness was excused.)

MR. NUTTER: Do you have anything further, Mr. Galleyos?

MR. GALLEGOS: No, I don't. Thank you.

MR. NUTTER: Does anyone have anything they wish to offer in Case 5665?

MR. KELLAHIN: If the Examiner please, Tom Kellahin of Kellahin and Fox, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Jerry Losee, attorney for Yates Production called me about two-and-a-half minutes ago and asked me to read the following statement on his behalf for Yates.

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Mr. Losee says: (Reading.) Yates Drilling Company, the operator of Avalon Federal Well No. 2, located nineteen hundred and eighty feet from the south and east lines of Section 18, at 21 South, 27 East, I believe, and some two thousand, six hundred and forty feet west of the proposed disposal well, that Yates is concerned that the disposal of extensive and possibly corrosive water into the Delaware sands creates a risk of external corrosion of the production casing at the Avalon Federal No. 2 Well. This is a Morrow well.

Yates proposes that if the application is approved by the Oil Conservation Commission that Yates would request that the maximum injection pressure for the disposal well, exclusive of friction, be four hundred psi at the surface and in addition that some reliable means be required to restrict the downward water flow into the lower sands of the Delaware. The Avalon Federal No. 2 Well tested free of oil in the Delaware on a drill stem test.

Yates does not believe that open hole injection completion would provide reliable means of protecting potential oil zones in the Lower Delaware.

Mr. Losee tells me that the Avalon Federal No. 2 Well does not have the intermediate casing in the disposal zone, so there is some potential risk of corrosion to the Avalon Federal No. 2 well. (End of reading.) And that concludes his statement.

MR. NUTTER: Thank you. Does anyone else have anything to offer in Case 5665? We will take the case under advisement.

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I, SIDNEY F. MORRISH, a Certified Shorthand Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached Transcript of Hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission was reported by me, and the same is a true and correct record of the said proceedings to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

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BY MR. NUTTER:

Mr. Eng, there is some Delaware production somewhere in the neighborhood, where is that Delaware well, could you tell me?

A. There are some Amoco Production Company Delaware producing wells and they are almost five miles to the southeast.

That would be the nearest Delaware production? Q.

Yes, sir. A.

And what would the location of that be?

I'm sorry, but it is probably off of our map. sorry, but it is just off the south edge of our map.

Okay, so, as far as you know there is no Delaware production within the distance that is depicted on Exhibit Number One?

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- Q No Delaware production in here?
- A. That's right.
- Q. Okay, now, the nearest well then would be this well to the west which is a gas well, is a a Morrow gas well?
- A. That is what I understand, it produces from the Morrow.
- Q. Do you know whether that well or the other well in Section 18 to the west have intermediate pipe set through the Delaware formation or not, have you looked at those wells?
- A. I have not looked at their logs. I understand that they did not circulate cement across the Delaware zone. That is what I understand from the Yates people. If they followed a casing program similar to Cities Service I would assume they had intermediate casing through the Delaware.
- Q. Now, this well has casing set to twenty-nine, seventy-five or seventy-nine? That would be the nine-and-five-eighths inch casing for this well when it was originally drilled, is that right?
  - A. That is right.
- Q And you will be disposing below that casing shoe at the intermediate casing?
  - A. Right, sir, and above the plug at thirty-one, eighty
- Q. So if the Yates well to the west were completed in the same manner that Cities Service completed this one insofar

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as the intermediate casing program was concerned, it would not have intermediate casing?

- A. It probably wouldn't.
- Q Opposite your disposal zone?
- A. That's right, if I run the long string from there to the pay.
- Q And if there wouldn't be any cement on that long string then just the bare production casing string would be exposed to your injection water from this well?
  - A. That's right, sir.
  - Q. If it migrated over that far?
  - A. Right.
- Q Now, the estimate is that your disposal would not exceed one thousand barrels per day, is that correct?
  - A. That is correct.
- Q. And you are anticipating that it would not take more than four hundred pounds of surface pressure to put that much water away in the well?
  - A. Right.
- Now, you mentioned that the tubing would be plasticcoated, what about the annulus, will that be loaded with some kind of a corrosion inhibitor?
- A. We would put corrosion inhibitor above the packer in the annulus, that is correct.
  - Q. And equip the annulus with a gauge or some other

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means of detection?

- A. To detect the pressure.
- Q To find out if there is a leak in the tubing or the casing or the packer?
  - A. That is correct, yes, sir.
- Q. And take periodic tests at the well to determine that --
- A. That the packer is holding and that there is no leakage.
- Q. And that the injection is going into the zone that would be authorized?
  - A. That's right.

MR. NUTTER: Are there any further questions of Mr. Eng? He may be excused?

(THEREUPON, the witness was excused.)

MR. NUTTER: Do you have anything further, Mr. Gallegos?

MR. GALLEGOS: No, I don't. Thank you.

MR. NUTTER: Does anyone have anything they wish to offer in Case 5665?

MR. KELLAHIN: If the Examiner please, Tom Kellahin of Kellahin and Fox, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Jerry Losee, attorney for Yates Production called me about two-and-a-half minutes ago and asked me to read the following statement on his behalf for Yates.

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Mr. Losee says: (Reading.) Yates Drilling Company, the operator of Avalon Federal Well No. 2, located nineteen hundred and eighty feet from the south and east lines of Section 18, at 21 South, 27 East, I believe, and some two thousand, six hundred and forty feet west of the proposed disposal well, that Yates is concerned that the disposal of extensive and possibly corrosive water into the Delaware sands creates a risk of external corrosion of the production casing at the Avalon Federal No. 2 Well. This is a Morrow well.

Yates proposes that if the application is approved by the Oil Conservation Commission that Yates would request that the maximum injection pressure for the disposal well, exclusive of friction, be four hundred psi at the surface and in addition that some reliable means be required to restrict the downward water flow into the lower sands of the Delaware. The Avalon Federal No. 2 Well tested free of oil in the Delaware on a drill stem test.

Yates does not believe that open hole injection completion would provide reliable means of protecting potential oil zones in the Lower Delaware.

Mr. Losee tells me that the Avalon Federal No. 2 Well does not have the intermediate casing in the disposal zone, so there is some potential risk of corrosion to the Avalon Federal No. 2 well. (Find of reading.) And that concludes his statement.

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MR. NUTTER: Thank you. Does anyone else have anything to offer in Case 5665? We will take the case under advisement.

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I, SIDNEY F. MORRISH, a Certified Shorthand Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached Transcript of Hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission was reported by me, and the same is a true and correct record of the said proceedings to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

Sidney F. Morrish, C.S.R.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing a complete record of the proceedings in the Examiner hearing of Case No. 5765.

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission



### **OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO** P. O. BGX 2088 - SANTA FE 87501

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Mr. J. E. Gallegos Attorney	ORDER NO. R-5208			
215 Lincoln Avenue Santa Fe, New Mexico	Applicant:	•		
	Howard Boatright Comp	any, Inc		
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Yours very truly,  JOE D. RAMEY  Director				
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### HOWARD BOATRIGHT CO., INC.

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March 4, 1976

Secretary - Director New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

> Re: State CS Disposal #1 Eddy County, N. M.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find an application for a disposal well in Delaware Sand formation in Eddy County, New Mexico.

Since there is no Delaware production present within the two mile radius, we respectfully ask the Secretary - Director of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission grant an exception to Rule 701-A giving as approval for the disposal well without notice of hearing.

If a hearing is deemed necessary, we respectfully ask that it be put on the docket as soon as possible.

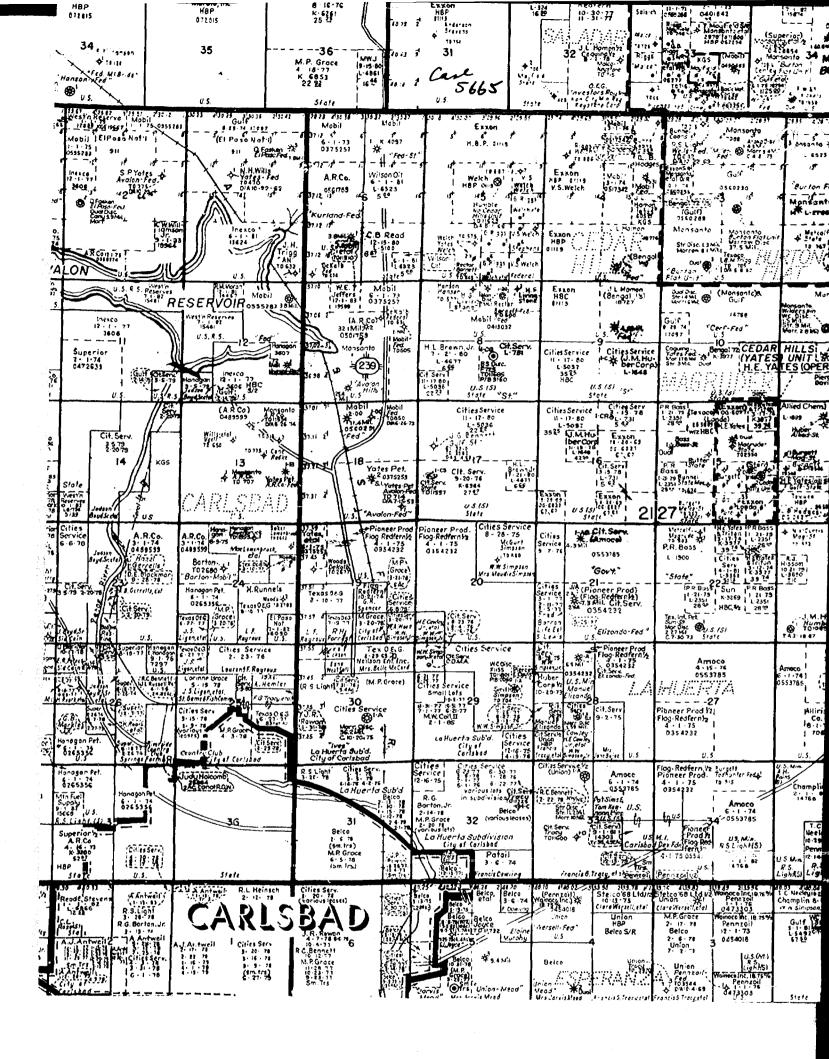
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March 12, 1976

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission P.O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

> Re: Water Disposal Application Howard Boatwright, Co. Inc. State CS #1 W/2 Section 17-T21S-R27E Eddy County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

On March 9, 1976, we received notification of the referenced application to inject disposal water into the Delaware formation at the referenced well.

Yates Drilling Company, As Operator of the Avalon Federal No. 2, located 1980 FSL and 1980 FEL of Section 18-T21S-R27E, wishes to protest the proposed disposal program. The Avalon Federal No. 2 is a Morrow gas well with 9-5/8" casing cemented at 2708' and 5½" N-80 casing set at 11628'. Top of cement by temperature log is at 8660'. Such a completion is normal in that area of Morrow gas production. The 5½ production string is thus exposed to the injection pressures and fluids of the proposed Delaware injection well. Until we know more of the details of the proposed injection program, we cannot decide what our position on this proposal will be. We therefore protest under NMOCC Rule 701.

Yours tray,

YATES DRILLING COMPANY

Peyton Yates Engineer

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## 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. 5665
APPLICATION OF HOWARD BOATWRIGHT COMPANY, INC. FOR SALT WATER DISPOSAL, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.
ORDER OF THE COMMISSION
BY THE COMMISSION:
This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on April 14, 1976 at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner, <u>Daniel S. Nutter</u> .
NOW, on this <u>day of April</u> , <u>1976</u> , the Commissia 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, Howard Boatwright Company, Inc.,
is the owner and operator of the State CS Well No. 1
located in Unit L of Section 17, Township 21 South,
Range 27 East, NMPM, Burton Flats Field ,
Eddy County, New Mexico.
(3) That the applicant proposes to utilize said well to
dispose of produced salt water into the Delaware
formation, with injection into the open-hole interval
from approximately 2979 feet to 3180 feet.
(4) That the injection should be accomplished through
set at approximately 2975 feet; that the casing-tubing annulus
should be filled with an inert fluid; and that a pressure gauge
or approved leak detection device should be attached to the

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annulus in order to determine leakage in the casing, tubing, or packer.

- (4) That the injection well or system should be equipped with a pop-off valve or acceptable substitute which will limit the wellhead pressure on the injection well to no more than 700 psi.
- (5) That the operator should notify the supervisor of the Artesia district office of the Commission of the date and time of the installation of disposal equipment so that the same may be inspected.
- (6) That the operator should take all steps necessary to ensure that the injected water enters only the proposed injection interval and is not permitted to escape to other formations or onto the surface.
- (7) That approval of the subject application will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells and otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Howard Boatwright Company, Inc., is hereby authorized to utilize its State CS Well No. 1

located in Unit L of Section 17, Township 21 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Burton Flats Field

Eddy County, New Mexico, to dispose of produced salt water into the Delaware formation, injection to be accomplished through 27 -inch tubing installed in a packer set at approximately 2775 feet, with injection into the open-hole interval from approximately 2979 feet to 3180 feet;

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the tubing shall be plastic-lined; that the casing-tubing annulus shall be filled with an inert fluid; and that a pressure gauge shall be attached to the annulus or the annulus shall be equipped with an approved leak detection device in order to determine leakage in the casing, tubing, or packer.



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- (2) That the injection well or system shall be equipped with a pop-off valve or acceptable substitute which will limit the wellhead pressure on the injection well to no more than 700-psi.
- (3) That the operator shall notify the supervisor of the Artesia district office of the Commission of the date and time of the installation of disposal equipment so that the same may be inspected.
- (4) That the operator shall immediately notify the supervisor of the Commission's Artesia district office of the failure of the tubing, casing, or packer, in said well or the leakage of water from or around said well and shall take such steps as may be timely and necessary to correct such failure or leakage.
- (5) That the applicant shall submit monthly reports of its disposal operations in accordance with Rules 704 and 1120 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.
- (6) 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.