CASE 3416: Application of SIGNAL for a dual completion and salt water disposal, Lea County.

Case Number

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STATE GEOLOGIST A. L. PORTER, JR. SECRETARY - DIRECTOR

June 30, 1966

Mr. Richard S. Morris
Seth, Montgomery, Federici &
Andrews
Attorneys at Law
Post Office Box 2307
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Case No. 3416
Order No. R-3083
Applicant:

Signal Oil & Gas Company

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced Commission order recently entered in the subject case.

Very truly yours,

A. L. PORTER, Jr. Secretary-Director

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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. 3416 Order No. R-3083

APPLICATION OF SIGNAL OIL & GAS COMPANY FOR A DUAL COMPLETION AND SALT WATER DISPOSAL, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

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This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on June 8, 1966, at Santa Fe, New Hexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this 30th day of June, 1966, 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, Signal Oil & Gas Company, spekt authority to complete its New Mexico State "AP" Well No. 1, located in Unit I of Section 17, Township 10 South, Range 34 Sast, NMFM, Lea County, New Mexico, as a dual completion (comventional) to produce oil from the Simanola-Pennsylvanian Pool through the annulus between the 2 3/Schael bubble, and the 1/2-inch easing by means of a hydraulic downhole purp and to dispose of produced salt vater down the annulus between the 3 5/S-inch intermediate casing atting and the 5 1/2-inch production caring string into the oan Andrea and Clorists formations, when Injection into the open hole interval between the 5 1/S-inch capture, then at 4100 fost and the top of the caseat of 1100 Fost.
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-2-CASE No. 3416 Order No. R-3083

(4) That approval of the dual completion and salt water disposal as set out above will procent the drilling of unnecessary wells, and will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Signal Oil & Gas Company, is hereby authorized to complete its New Mexico State "AT" Well No. 1, located in Unit I of Section 17, Township 10 South, Range 34 Bast, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, as a dual completion (conventional) to produce oil from the Simanola-Pennsylvanian Pool through the annulus between the 2 3/8-inch tubing and the 5 1/2-inch casing by means of a hydraulic downhole pump and to dispose of produced salt water down the annulus between the 8 5/8-inch intermediate casing string and the 5 1/2-inch production casing string into the San Andres and Glorieta formations, with injection into the open hole interval between the 8 5/8-inch casing shoe at 4100 feet and the top of the cement at 9260 feet;

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the produced salt water shall be continuously treated prior to injection to prevent casing corrosion;

PROVIDED FULTHER, that the applicant shall complete, operate, and produce said well in accordance with the provisions of Rule 112-A of the Commission Rules and Regulations insofar as said rule is not inconsistent with this order.

(2) 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 nersinabove designated.

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- CASE 3413: Application of Amerada Petroleum Corporation 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 Permo-Pennsylvanian zone through three injection wells located in Section 3, Township 15 South, Range 33 East, Saunders Permo-Pennsylvanian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.
- CASE 3414: Application of Phillips Petroleum Company for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water in the lower San Andres formation, below the oil-water contact, in the following wells, Vacuum Field, Lea County, New Mexico:

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST Phillips Hale No. 11, Unit K Section 35

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST
Phillips Santa Fe No. 97, Unit N Section 33
Phillips Santa Fe No. 86, Unit C Section 26
Phillips Santa Fe No. 58, Unit G Section 35

Applicant further seeks establishment of an administrative procedure whereby additional wells could be placed on salt water disposal below the oil-water contact in the San Andres formation of the Vacuum Field.

- CASE 3415: Application of Sun Oil Company for a non-standard gas proration unit, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of a 790-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising all of Section 5 and 150 acres in the eastern portion of Section 6, Township 22 South, Range 23 East, Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico. Said unit would be dedicated to applicant's Bogle Flats Unit Well No. 3 located in Unit G of said Section 5. Although applicant has drilled a non-commercial well in the NE/4 of said Section 6, it contends that there are approximately 150 acres in said Section 6 which are underlain by the Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Gas Pool.
- CASE 3416: Application of Signal Oil & Gas Company for a dual completion and salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the dual completion (conventional) of its State "AP" Well No. 1 located in Unit I of Section 17, Township 10 South, Range 34 East, Simanola-Pennsylvanian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, in such a manner as to produce oil from the Pennsylvanian formation through perforations from 9962 feet to 9966 feet and to dispose of produced salt water into the San Andres and Glorieta formations through the annulus between the (8 5/8) inch and the (5 1/2) inch easing in the interval from 4100 feet to 9260 feet.

CASE 2844 (Reopened):

The the matter of Case No. 2844 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-2627, which order established temporary 320-acre gas production units for the Teas-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Lea bomby, New Mexico, for a period of one year from the date of first pipeline connection. The Commission will consider indefinite extension of Order R-2627 in the absence of evidence to the contrary.

Docket No. 14-66

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - JUNE 8, 1966

9 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING - SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

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

- CASE 3410: Application of Pennzoil Company for the creation of a new pool and for special pool rules, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the creation of a new oil pool for Morrow production for its Bridges-State Well No. 1 in Unit A of Section 11, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Lea County, New Mexico, and for the promulgation of special pool rules therefor including a provision for 80-acre spacing and a limiting gas-oil ratio of 12,000 to one. In the alternative, applicant requests that the subject well be classified as a gas well and a new Morrow gas pool be created.
- CASE 3411: Application of SEC Operating 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 Yates formation through one well in Unit A of Section 14, Township 20 South, Range 33 East, Teas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant further seeks an administrative procedure whereby said project could be expanded to include additional lands and injection wells in Sections 11, 13, 14 and 15, Township 20 South, Range 33 East, under cooperative offset operating agreements.
- CASE 3412: Application of SEC Operating for an exception to Commission Order No. R-111-A, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the abovestyled cause, seeks an exception to the potash-oil area casing and comenting rules as set forth in Commission Order No. R 111 A. Applicant proposes to drill and complete a well in Unit D of Section 14, Township 20 South, Range 33 East, Teas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, with surface casing set at approximately 950 feet, cement circulated, and production casing set at approximately 3400 feet and cemented to approximately 2500 feet above the casing point. The well would be plugged and abandoned in accordance with the provisions of Order No. R-111-A.

CASE 3261 (Reopened):

In the matter of Case No. 3261 being reopened at the request of Amerada PetroLeum Corporation to consider the amendemnt of the special rules for the Jenkins-Cisco Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to provide for 160-acre oil proration units. Applicant also seeks the extension of said pool to include certain lands in Township 9 South, Ranges 34 and 35 East. The present temporary special rules promulgated by Order No. R-2931 in Case 3261 provide for 80-acre proration units, and are subject to reconsideration in July, 1966.

SETH, MONTGOMERY, FEDERICI & ANDREWS

J. O. SETH (1883-1963) ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW A. K. MONTGOMERY 350 EAST PALACE AVENUE WM. FEDERICI SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501 FRED C. HANNAHS RICHARD S. MORRIS

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May 24, 1966

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission State Land Office Building Santa Fe, New Mexico

> Application of Signal Oil and Gas Company, Case No. 3416, Examiner Hearing of June 8, 1966

Gentlemen:

JOHN G. JASPER SUMNER G. BUELL

SETH D. MONTGOMERY

Enclosed is application of Signal Oil and Gas Company for approval of an oil-salt water injection dual completion in the Simanola Field, Lea County, New Mexico.

We appreciate your setting this matter for hearing on the June 8, 1966 examiner docket in advance of receiving this application.

A copy of the application is being sent to Mr. Frank Irby at the State Engineer's Office.

Michael S. Shorin

RSM: jm Enclosure

cc: Mr. Frank Irby, Chief Water Rights Division Office of the State Enginee er State Capitol Santa Fe, New Mexico

> Mr. D. J. Delany Production Engineer Signal Oil and Gas Company 1010 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, California 96017

> > DOCKET MAILED

- 4. Attached to and incorporated into this application are the following exhibits:
 - A. Form C-108, Application to Dispose of Salt Water by Injection Into a Porous Formation.
 - B. Plat of the Simanola Field Showing Location of the Subject Well and All Wells Within a Two-Mile Radius.
 - C. List of Operators and Lessors in the Simanola Field Area.
 - D. Diagrammatic Sketch of Surface Installation for Salt Water Disposal.
 - E. Diagrammatic Sketch of Mechanical Installation of Subject Well as an Oil-Salt Water Dual Completion.
 - F. Tabulation of Casing Installation in Subject Well.
 - G. Production Information Concerning Subject Well.
 - H. Chemical Analysis of Water to be Injected.
 - I. Log of Subject Well.
- 5. Approval of this application will prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, applicant requests that this application be set for hearing before one of the Commission's examiners on June 8, 1966, or as soon thereafter as it may be heard and that the Commission enter its order approving the application.

SETH, MONTGOMERY, FEDERICI & ANDREWS

350 East Palace Avenue Santa Fe, New Mexico

Attorneys for Applicant Signal Oil and Gas Company

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that on this 24th day of May, 1966, I mailed a copy of this application, complete with exhibits and

attachments thereto, to Mr. Frank Irby, Chief, Water Rights
Division, Office of the State Engineer, State Capitol Building,
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

APPLICATION TO DISPOSE OF SALT WATER BY INJECTION INTO A POROUS FORMATION

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not accompany this application, the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission will hold the application for a period of 15 days from the date of receipt by the Commission's Santa Fe office. If at the end of the 15-day waiting period no protest has been received by the Santa Fe office, the application will be processed. If a protest is received, the application will be set for hearing, if the applicant so requests. SEE RULE 701.

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OPERATORS & LESSORS

- ADDRESSEE LIST -

SIMANOLA FIELD AREA T-10-S - R-34-E LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Allied Chemicals Corp. % Union Texas Petroleum P. O. Box 196 Midland, Texas

D. B. Anderson hilo East College Roswell, New Mexico

Atlantic Refining Co. P. O. Box 1978 Roswell, New Mexico

Birdwell Oil Co. Security Nat'l Bk. Bldg. Roswell, New Mexico

Cabot Corporation P. O. Box 4395 Midland, Texas

Cities Service Oil Co. Cities Service Building Bartlesville, Oklahoma

Champlin Oil & Refining Co. P. O. Box 1797 Midland, Texas

M. H. Christensen 1116 Petr. Life Bidg. Midland, Texas

Continental Oil Co. P. O. Box 460 Hobbs, New Mexico

L. C. Harris P. O. Box 1714 Roswell, New Mexico Humble Oil & Refining P. O. Box 1650 Hobbs, New Mexico

Marathon Oil Co. P. O. Box 2107 Hobbs, New Mexico

G. A. Moberly P. O. Box 629 Midland, Texas

Monsanto Chemical Co. Drawer 1829 Midland, Texas

Murphy Oil Corp. Murphy Building El Dorado, Arkansas

J. I. O'Neill 410 West Chio Midland, Texas

Pan American Petr. Corp. P. O. Box 68 Hoobs, New Mexico

Shell Oil Co. P. O. Box 1509 Midland, Texas

Signal Oil & Gas Co. 509 West Texas Midland, Texas

Sinclair Oil & Gas Co. P. O. Box 1920 Hobbs, New Mexico Skelly Oil Co. P. O. Box 730 Hobbs, New Mexico

Southern Minerals Corp. P. Ö. Box 1816 Midland, Texas

Sun Oil Company P. O. Box 2880 Dallas, Texas

Sunray DX Oil Co. P. O. Box 11:16 Roswell, New Mexico

Superior Oil Co. P. O. Box 1900 Midland, Texas

Tenneco Oil Co. 201 W. Wall Bldg., 4th Floor Midland, Texas

Union Oil Co. of California Union Oil Bldg. 619 West Texas Midland, Texas

R. E. Williams P. O. Box 1737 Midland, Texas

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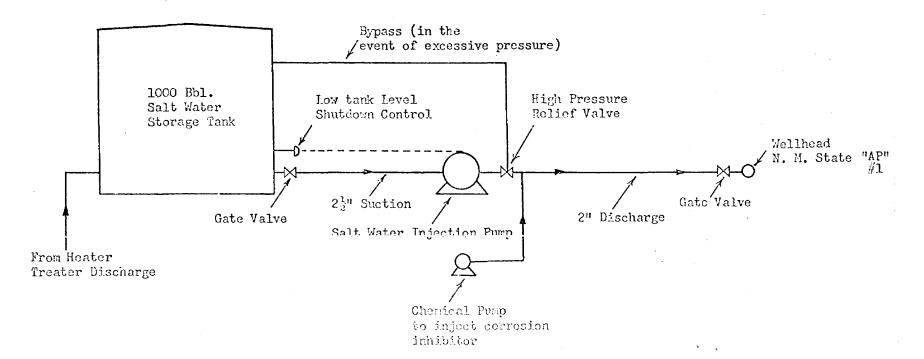
SIGNAL OIL AND GAS COMPANY

Diagrammatic Sketch of Surface Installation for Salt Water Disposal

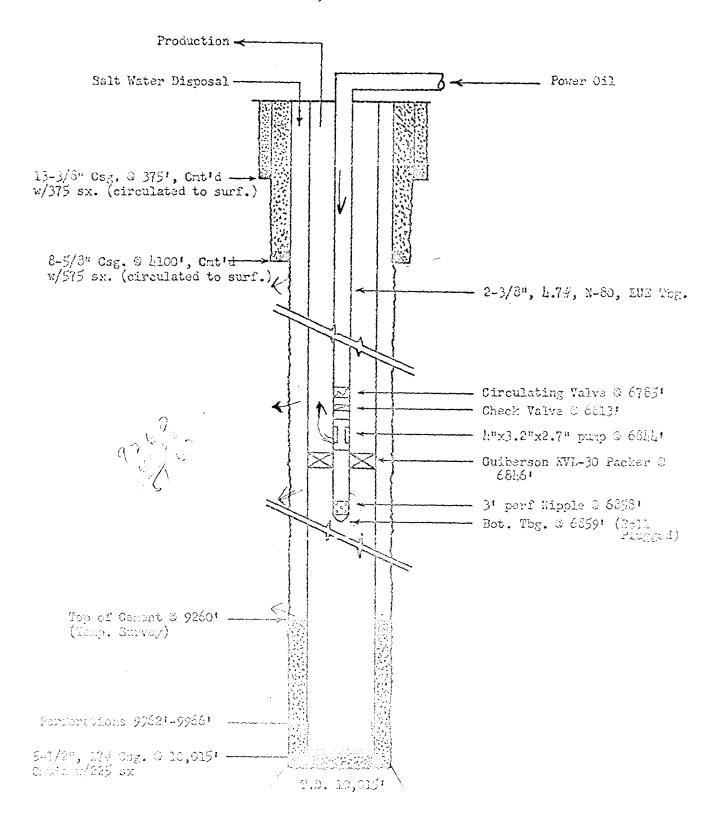
Simanola Field

New Mexico State "AP" #1

Lea County, New Mexico



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CASING INSTALLATION A.P. STATE NO. 1 (OG-4558) 1980' FSL & 660' FEL, SECTION 17, T-10-S, R-34-E LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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PRODUCTION INFORMATION NEW MEXICO STATE A. P. NO. 1 1980' FSL & 660' FEL SECTION 17, T-10-S, R-34-E SIMANOLA PENN FIELD LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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SIGNAL OIL AND GAS COMPANY

TECHNICAL SERVICE LABORATORY

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1120 SIMMS BLDG. . P. O. BOX 1092 . PHONE 243-6691 . ALBUGUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION Santa Fe, New Mexico June 8, 1966

Examiner HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of Signal Uil & Gas Company for a dual completion and salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico.

Case No. 3416

BEFORE:

Elvis A. Utz, Examiner

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING



1120 SIMMS BLDG. • P.O. BOX 1092 • PHONE 243-6591 • ALEUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 1203 FIRST NATIONAL BANK EAST • PHONE 256-1294 • ALBUQLERQUE, NEW MEXICO MR. UTZ: The hearing will come to order. The next case is No. 3416.

MR. HATCH: Application of gignal Oil & Gas
Company for a dual completion and salt water disposal, Lea
County, New Mexico.

MR. MORRIS: If the Examiner please, I am Richard Morris of Seth and Montgomery, Santa Fe, New Mexico, appearing on behalf of the applicant, Signal Oil & Gas Company. We will have one witness, Mr. W. T. Wheeler. I ask that he be sworn at this time, please.

(Witness sworn.)

MR. MORRIS: At the outset of this case I would like to state that the application of Signal Oil & Gas Company is almost identical with an application that was made by Sun Ray DX Oil Company in Case No. 3386 and with respect to which the Commission has entered its Order No. R-3052 approving the application, and I hand to the Examiner so he will have it in his file, a copy of this Order. The well that is the subject of that order is a direct southeast offset to the well that is the subject of this hearing.

W. T. WHEFLER

called as a witness, having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:



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DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. MORRIS:

Q Mr. Wheeler, will you please state your name, where you live, by whom you are employed, and in what capacity?

A My name is W. T. Wheeler. I am employed by Signal Oil & Gas Company as division reservoir engineer in Midland, Texas.

Q Mr. Wheeler, would you briefly state where you received your formal education and what your experience in the oil industry has been since that time?

A I received a B.S. degree in petroleum engincering from the University of Texas in 1953 and I worked as a production and reservoir engineer in the Permean Basin since 1955.

Q Are you familiar with the application of Signal Oil & Gas Company in this case?

A Yes, sir, I am.

MR. MORRIS: Are the witnesses's qualifications acceptable?

MR. UTZ: Yes, sir, they are.

(Whereupon, Applicant's Exhibits 1 through 6 marked for identification.)

Q (By Mr. Morris) Mr. Wheeler, with reference to



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- A Yes, sir.
- Q As I understand it, the application, Mr. Wheeler, you propose to complete the well as dual completion or change over from a producing well to a dual completion, so that saltwater that is produced from the Pennsylvanian zone in this well can be injected back through the annulus in the same well?
 - A Yes, sir, that is correct.
- Q Now, is all this shown on the diagramatic sketch, being Exhibit 3?
- A Yes, sir, we propose to dispose of water down the 8 5/8 inch, 5 1/2 inch casing annulus.
- Q With reference to that Exhibit 3, would you point out the pertinent features of that exhibit, particularly with respect to the tubing and casing installation, the cementing, and how the well will actually be operated if this application is granted?
- A Exhibit 3 indicates that 13 3/8 casing was set at 375 feet with cement circulated to the surface, also that 8 5/8 inch casing was set at 4100 feet with cement circulated to the surface, and that 5 1/2 inch casing was set at 10,015 feet with top of the cement behind it, 5 1/2 inch at 9260



so, therefore the zone of injection will be from 4100 feet which is the casing set of the 8 5/8 down to 9260 feet, which is the top of the cement behind the 5 1/2, and we propose to inject down the annulus into this open hole interval.

Q Now, I notice on this exhibit you show that the power oil is injected into the 2 3/8 inch tubing and that production is obtained in annular space in the 2 3/8 inch, the 5 1/2 inch casing.

A Yes, sir, that is true. This well is produced with a casing hydraulic pump and the power oil goes down the 2 3/8 inch tubing string.

Q Just how does that work, Mr. Wheeler? What is the purpose of injecting power oil down the tubing string?

A Well, the power oil serves as a source of power to operate the hydraulic casing pump. This is not an electric pump or pumping unit. This is a hydraulic downhole pump that is powered by this power oil. In this case we use oil.

Q And then production is obtained through the perforated nipple as 65/58 and your cil column arises from your perforations up above that perforated nipple.

A The production actually comes through the tubing casing and annulus through this casing pump with its large



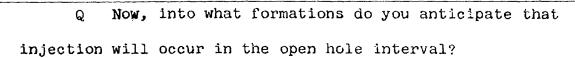
volume of production. It requires a casing pump rather than a more conventional tubing, hydraulic pump. Let's also point out on this exhibit that with the cement circulated to the surface behind the 13 3/8 inch and 5 1/2 inch that this would protect any shallow fresh water zone.

Q Now, Mr. Wheeler, have you compared your diagramatic sketch, Exhibit No. 3, with the installation that Sun Ray DX proposed and had approved in Case No. 3386?

A Yes, sir, I think it is very similar. The only obvious difference is the depth of the tubing setting in the two wells.

- Q And what is that difference?
- A Well, apparently their tubing is set lower in the well than ours. The bottom of our tubing is set at 6,859 feet and theirs is set at 9,886 feet, and I would presume that they were required to set deeper in the zone due to a smaller, less fluid head where we were able to produce our well at capacity by setting our pump up the hole.
- Q This is where your pump is set and your tubing is set at the present time and production is being obtained at that depth?
- A Yes, sir. The disposal part of this thing is identical as far as injecting down the 8.5/8 and 5.1/2 annulus.





- A This will be in the San Andres-Glorieta formation.
- Q And again is your application in that regard similar to the Sun Ray DX application?

A Yes, sir, very similar, almost identical as to depth. Their overall injection interval in their well is from 4100 feet to 9390 feet where ours is from 4100 feet to 9260 feet.

- Q With reference to what has been marked as Exhibit No. 4 in the case would you say what that is?
- A This is a record of the various casing strings which have been installed in the subject well.
- Q This is just a tabulation of the down hole equipment as depicted on Exhibit No. 3?
 - A Yes, sir.
- Q Now, with respect to what has been marked as Exhibit No. 5 in the case, would you explain the surface installation that you will have for the injection of water and how the produced water will be routed back to the injection in this well.

A This is a diagramatic sketch of our proposed surface installation for the salt water disposal indicating a five-barrel storage tank for the salt water. Then a



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salt water injection pump which includes a by-pass around the pump and then also a chemical pump to be installed on the injection line to inject a corrosion inhibitor prior to the time the water is injected into the wellhead.

- Q And in what quantities do you anticipate that you will inject water into this well if this application is approved?
- A We anticipate injection of 900 to 1200 barrels of water per day in a closed system at approximate pressure of 1000 pounds.
- Q And this will be the produced water from the Pennsylvanian zone in this well?
 - A Yes, sir.
- Q Does Exhibit No. 6 represent a chemical analysis of the produced water from the Pennsylvanian formation of this well?
- A Yes, sir, that is an analysis of the water from the State AP Well No. 1.
- Q In your opinion, Mr. Wheeler, will the dual completion and proposed injection system adequately protect any oil and gas producing zones in this area as well as any fresh water zones that might exist?
 - A Yes, sir, I do.
 - Q In your opinion will approval of the subject



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application prevent waste and protect relative rights?

- A Yes, sir,
- Q Were Exhibits 1 through 6 prepared by you or under your supervision?
 - A Yes, sir.

MR. MORRIS: We offer Exhibits 1 through 6 in evidence.

(Whereupon, Applicant's Exhibits 1 through 6 were offered in evidence.)

MR. UTZ: Without objection Exhibits 1 through 6 will be entered into the record in this case.

(Whereupon, Applicant's Exhibits 1 through 6 were admitted in evidence.)

MR. IRBY: Is No. 6 the water analysis?

MR. MORRIS: Yes, sir.

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. UTZ:

- Q Mr. Wheeler, I am not sure if you stated--I missed it--do you intend to treat this water before it is injected behind the casings?
 - A Yes, sir, by injecting a corrosion inhibitor.
- Q And you feel that that will adequately take care of any corrosion problem you might have on the casing?
 - A Yes, sir, it should. If any casing leak does



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develop it should be noticed in the production from the well. The only place the water could go would be into the 5 1/2 inch, which should be detected in the production from the Pennsylvanian zone.

MR. UTZ: Are there other questions of the witness?

MR. IRBY: Frank Irby, State Engineer's Office.

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. IRBY:

Q Do you have an analysis of the water in the injection zone?

A No, sir, I do not. We have never taken a sample from the San Andres or Glorieta formation. I would anticipate that it is brackish water not suitable for domestic purposes.

- Q What would you estimate the total dissolved solids for water that you call brackish?
 - A I don't have an estimate for total dissolved solids.
 - Q Well, do you have one for cloride then?
- A I can't give you a very authoritative estimate on that. I have heard some figures on that subject. Certainly, I think this 5000 parts per million chloride would make this brackish water, something down in the five to ten thousand is in the questionable range, from my understanding. I don't have any authoritative numbers on that, though.
 - Q Your zone of disposal is San Andres and Glorieta?



A Yes, the approximate interval between San Andres Glorieta.

Q Would you say that the chloride concentration was something on the order of ten thousand parts per million, or better?

A In the San Andres-Glorieta, I would think that it would be higher than ten thousand. I would say something in the neighborhood of fifty to one hundred thousand.

Q Well, in the same range?

A In approximately the same range as the Pennsylvania water. Now, that is strictly a guess because, as I say, we don't have a sample.

Q Do you have a well nearby or can you get a sample from this well of the water in the San Andres?

MR. MORRIS: Let me interject something here that
may have bearing on the problem. If Sun Ray DX is already
injecting water into the San Andres 1 am sure it wouldn't
be too long before the parts per million of dissolved solids
in the water would begin, regardless of whether they were
originally, would reflect the injection that already has
commenced, as I understand it, of the Pennsylvanian water from
this salt water. I don't know whether Sun Ray DX had any
estimate of the dissolved solids in the San Andres-Glorieta yet
at the time they brought this case to the



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I would suspect it would be the same.

MR. IRBY: You mentioned, Mr. Morris, the case number on the Sun Ray DX, was that 3386?

MR. MORRIS: 3386 and Order No. R-3052, dated April 1, 1956.

A I might add that we do not have a feasible method to obtain a sample from this San Andres.

Q (By Mr. Irby) Either from this well or nearby well?

A No, sir, this is our only well and this is only a two-well field. It would be considerable expense involved in obtaining a sample of the San Andres water, but I believe from a depth of greater than 4000 you couldn't anticipate fresh water in this area. As it has been pointed out the injection of Pennsylvanian water in a direct offset well has, or eventually will effect the salinity of the San Andres water in our location.

Q My objective is to get our thinking somewhere close together on the definition of brackish. This can mean a lot of different things.

A Yes, sir, that is why I hesitate to give you a number.

Q You don't anticipate any problem below your packer



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A No, sir, there again, if we do intend to inhibit the water to prevent corrosion but in the case of a casing leak, there again it would be noted in the production from the Pennsylvanian zone. I believe at which time the casing could be repaired.

Q You would expect considerable additional salt water to start coming in with your production?

A Yes, sir.

Q That injection pressure at the surface is that 1000 PSI.

A Yes, sir.

MR. IRBY: That is all the questions I have.

MR. UTZ: Are there other questions of the

witness? Witness may be excused. Statements in this case?

MR. MORRIS: I have nothing further.

MR. UTZ: Case will be taken under advisement.



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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. 3386 Order No. R-3052

APPLICATION OF SURRAY DX OIL COMPANY FOR A DUAL COMPLETION AND SALT WATER DISPOSAL, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

E) THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on March 23, 1966, at Santa Pe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Mutter.

NOW, on this lst day of April, 1966, 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, Sunray DX Oil Company, seeks authority to complete its New Mexico State "AO" Well No. 1, located in Unit M of Section 16. Township 10 South, Range 34 East, EMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, as a dual completion (conventional) to produce oil from the Simanola-Pennsylvanian Pool through the 5 1/2-inch casing by means of a hydraulic casing pump and to dispose of produced salt water down the annulus between the 8 5/8-inch intermediate casing string and the 5 1/2-inch production casing string into the San Andres and Glorieta formations, with injection into the open hole interval between the 8 5/8-inch casing shoe at 4160 feet and the top of the cement at 9330 feet.
- (3) That the produced salt water should be continuously treated prior to injection to prevent easing corrosion.

-2-CASE No. 3386 Order No. R-3032

(4) That approval of the dual completion and salt water disposal as set out above will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, and will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

authorized to complete its New Mexico State "AO" Well No. 1, located in Unit M of Section 16, Township 10 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Maxico, as a dual completion (conventional) to produce oil from the Simanola-Pennsylvanian Pool through the 5 1/2-inch casing by means of a hydraulic casing pump and to dispose of produced salt water down the annulus between the 8 5/8-inch intermediate casing string and the 5 1/2-inch production casing string into the San Andres and Glorieta formations, with injection into the open hole interval between the 8 5/8-inch casing shoe at 4100 feet and the top of the cement at 9390 feet;

PROVIDED HOHEVER, that the produced salt water shall be continuously treated prior to injection to prevent casing corrosion.

PROVIDED FURTHER, that the applicant shall complete, operate, and produce said well in accordance with the provisions of Rule 112-A of the Commission Rules and Regulations insofar as said rule is not inconsistent with this order.

(2) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the ontry of such further orders as the Commission may does necessary.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

JACK M. CAMPBELL, Chairman

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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. 2929 Order No. R-2413-A

APPLICATION OF TEXACO INC. FOR SALT WATER DISPOSAL. LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on October 30, 1963, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Daniel S. Nutter, 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 10th day of December, 1963, the Commission. a quorum being present, having considered the application, the evidence adduced, and the recommendations of the Examiner, Daniel S. Nutter, 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 Order No. R-2413, dated January 30, 1963, authorized the applicant, Texaco Inc., to complete its State of New Mexico "O" NCT-1 Well No. 12, located in Unit J of Section 36, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, as a dual completion (tubingless) to produce oil from an undesignated Glorieta pool and an undesignated Blinebry pool through parallel strings of 2 7/8-inch casing cemented in a common well bore.
- (3) That the Blinebry completion in the subject well has proven non-productive and the applicant now seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Basal San Andres formation through the string of 2 7/8-inch casing authorized for Blinebry oil production by Order No. R-2413.
- (4) That approval of the subject application will prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

-2-CASE No. 2929 Order No. R-2413-A

(5) That Order No. R-2413 should be amended to authorize the applicant to complete its State of New Mexico "O" NCT-1 Well No. 12, located in Unit J of Section 36, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, to produce oil from an undesignated Glorieta pool and to dispose of produced salt water into the Basal San Andres fermation through parallel strings of 2 7/8-inch casing cemented in a common well bore.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Order No. R-2413 is hereby amended to authorize the applicant, Texaco Inc., to complete its State of New Mexico "O" NCT-1 Well No. 12, located in Unit J of Section 36, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, to produce oil from an undesignated Glorieta pool and to dispose of produced salt water into the Basal San Andres formation below 5300 feet through parallel strings of 2 7/8-inch casing cemented in a common well bore.

PROVIDED HOWEVER, That the applicant shall complete, operate, and produce said well in accordance with the provisions of Rule 112-A of the Commission Rules and Regulations insofar as said rule is not inconsistent with this order.

(2) 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.

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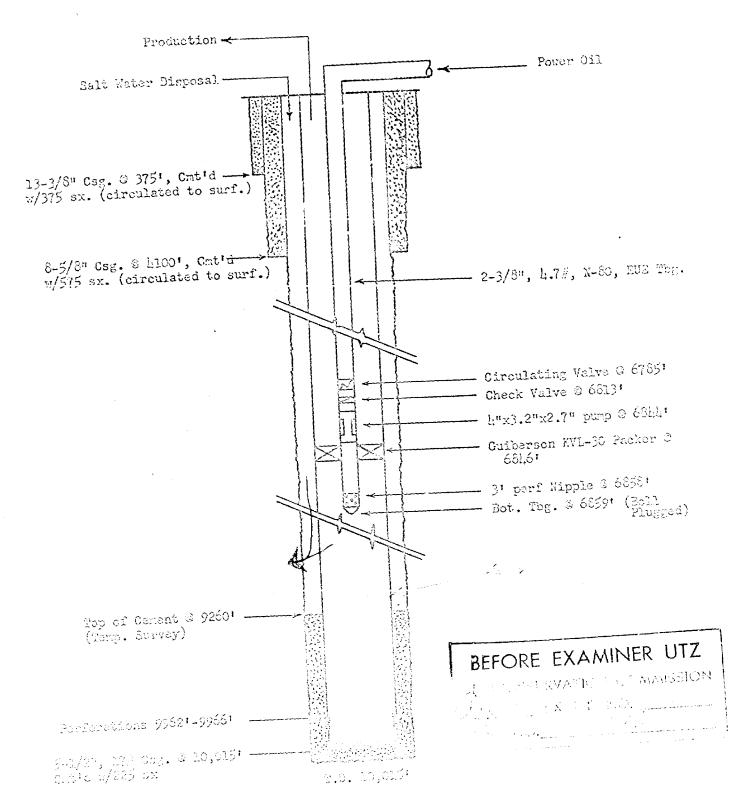
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CASING INSTALLATION A.P. STATE NO. 1 (OG-4558) 1980' FSL & 660' FEL, SECTION 17, T-10-S, R-34-E LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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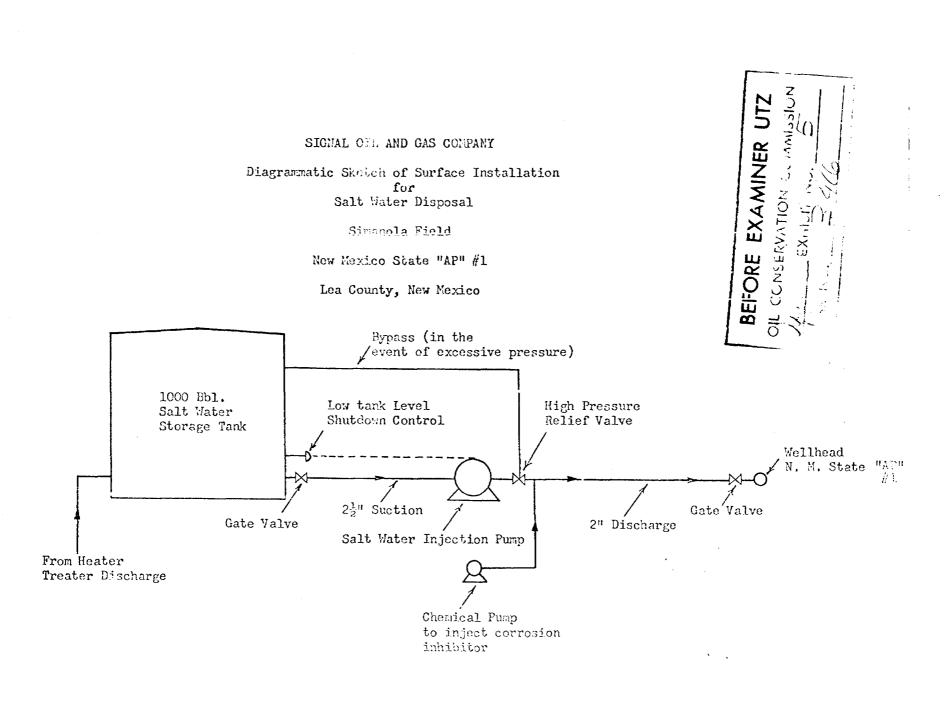
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2,378-3,694	8-5/8	32	H-40 new	ST&C	2600
3,694-4,108	8-5/8	32	J-55 new	ST&C	3000

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0-1,066	5-1/2	17	N-18 new	LT&C	5890
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CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF WATER

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