

CASE 3673: Application of RALPH
LOWE FOR SALT WATER DISPOSAL,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE No.
3673

Application,
TRANSCRIPTS,
SMALL Exhibits
ETC.

Docket No. 33-67

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 25, 1967

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 3668: Application of Mobil Oil Corporation for a triple completion, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the triple completion (conventional) of its Bridges State Well No. 121 located in Unit L of Section 13, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Lea County, New Mexico, to produce oil from the North Vacuum-Abo, Vacuum-Upper Pennsylvanian, and Vacuum-Middle Pennsylvanian Pools, through parallel strings of tubing.
- CASE 3669: 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 on its State "VA" Lease by the injection of water into the Grayburg-San Andres formation through two wells located in Units K and M of Section 23, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Vacuum Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.
- CASE 3670: Application of Amerada Petroleum Corporation for a dual completion, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the dual completion (combination) of its State "MA" Well No. 3 located in Unit M of Section 24, Township 11 South, Range 32 East, Lea County, New Mexico, in such a manner as to permit the production of gas from the Moore-Wolfcamp Gas Pool and oil from the Moore-Pennsylvanian Pool through tubing installed in parallel strings of 2 7/8 inch and 3 1/2 inch casing, respectively, cemented in a common well bore.
- CASE 3671: Application of Amerada Petroleum Corporation for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Pennsylvanian formation, Bagley Field, Lea County, New Mexico, through the following three wells, all located in Township 12 South, Range 33 East:
- L. H. Chambers Well No. 2, Unit C of
Section 11; Disposal Interval - 9005
to 9393 feet;
- State BT "D" Well No. 4, Unit N of
Section 2; Disposal Interval - 8979
to 9291 feet;
- J. T. Caudle Well No. 1, Unit H of
Section 10; Disposal Interval - 9001 to
9326 feet;
- CASE 3672: Application of Charles B. Read and Len Mayer for back allowable, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicants, in the above-styled cause, see the assignment of back allowable for the period from

April 7, 1967, to August 3, 1967, to their Irene Brainard Well No. 1 located in Unit E of Section 20, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Atoka-Pennsylvanian Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, said period being from the date of completion of the well to the date of approval by the Federal Power Commission for the sale of gas from said well.

CASE 3673: Application of Ralph Lowe for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Yates formation in the interval 2964 feet to 2982 feet in his Humble State Well No. 1 located in Unit G of Section 36, Township 25 South, Range 36 East, Jalmat Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 3674: Application of Robert N. Enfield for the amendment of Order No. R-3189, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the amendment of Order No. R-3189 which pooled all mineral interests in the Chaveroo-San Andres Pool underlying the NW/4 NW/4 of Section 11, Township 8 South, Range 33 East, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant specifically seeks the amendment of paragraph (9) of Order No. R-3189 to fix \$125.00 per month as a reasonable charge for supervision and operational overhead for the subject well and to authorize the applicant to withhold from production the proportionate share of said \$125.00 and the proportionate share of actual operating costs of said well attributable to each non-consenting working interest.

CASE 3675: Application of Gulf Oil Corporation for a unit agreement, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the North Hackberry Yates Unit Area comprising 720 acres, more or less, of Federal Lands in Sections 23 and 24, Township 19 South, Range 30 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.

CASE 3676: Application of Gulf Oil Corporation for a waterflood project, Eddy 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 eight wells in Sections 23 and 24, Township 19 South, Range 30 East, North Hackberry-Yates Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

CASE 3677: Application of Dugan Production Corporation for special pool rules, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the promulgation of special pool rules for the Salt Creek-Dakota Oil Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico, to permit the drilling of wells on 2 1/2 acre spacing provided that no well be located nearer than 165 feet to the outer boundary of the quarter-quarter section and no nearer than 200 feet to another well producing from the same pool, and provided further, that a 40-acre proration unit would be subject to a 40-acre allowable regardless of the number of wells on the unit.

CASE 3678: Application of Ryder Scott Management Company for a waterflood expansion, waterflood buffer zone, and several unorthodox locations, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the expansion of its Artesia-Nichols Waterflood Project,

Township 18 South, Range 28 East, Artesia Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, by the conversion of its Western-Yates Collier State Well No. 1 located in Unit F of Section 20 and its Mershon State Well No. 2 located in Unit D of Section 21. Applicant further proposes to drill three additional water injection wells at the following unorthodox locations in Section 20: 2650 feet from the North and West lines; 2650 feet from the North line and 1330 feet from the East line; and 1310 feet from the North line and 1330 feet from the East line. Applicant further seeks the designation of the W/2 NW/4 of Section 21 and the SW/4 NW/4, E/2 NW/4, NE/4, and W/2 SE/4 of Section 20 and the NW/4 NE/4 of Section 29 as a waterflood buffer zone with capacity allowables, or as an area wherein transfer of allowable between leases would be permitted.

CASE 3679: Application of Sinclair Oil & Gas Company for the amendment of Order No. R-2854, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the amendment of Order No. R-2854, which order established a 160-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising the W/2 SW/4, SE/4 SW/4, and SW/4 SE/4 of Section 26, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, Tubb Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to applicant's J. R. Cone "A" Well No. 2 located in Unit L of said Section 26. Applicant now seeks the dedication of said unit to its J. R. Cone "B" Well No. 1 located in Unit N of said Section 26.

CASE 3680: Application of Texaco Inc. for an unorthodox location, Roosevelt County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to recomplete its State "CT" Well No. 4 at an unorthodox location 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line of Section 35, Township 7 South, Range 35 East, in the Todd-Upper San Andres Pool, Roosevelt County, New Mexico, in exception to the pool rules which require wells to be located in the NE/4 or the SW/4 of the Section.

GOVERNOR
DAVID F. CARGO
CHAIRMAN

State of New Mexico
Oil Conservation Commission



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

November 13, 1967


Mr. Sumner Buell
Montgomery, Federici & Andrews
Attorneys at Law
Post Office Box 2307
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Case No. 3673
Order No. R-3336
Applicant: RALPH LOWE

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

ALP/ir

Carbon copy of order also sent to:

Hobbs OCC X

Artesia OCC

Aztec OCC

Other Mr. Frank Irby

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. 3673
Order No. R-3336

APPLICATION OF RALPH LOWE
FOR SALT WATER DISPOSAL,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on October 25, 1967, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this 9th day of November, 1967, 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, Ralph Lowe, is the owner and operator of the Humble State Well No. 1, located in Unit G of Section 36, Township 25 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, Jalmat Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That the applicant proposes to utilize said well to dispose of produced salt water into the Yates formation, with injection in the open-hole interval from approximately 2964 feet to 2982 feet.

(4) That the injection should be accomplished through 2 3/8-inch internally plastic-coated tubing installed in a packer set at approximately 2900 feet; that the casing-tubing annulus should be filled with an inert fluid; and that a pressure gauge should be attached to the annulus or the annulus

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left open at the surface in order to determine leakage in the tubing or packer.

(5) 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:

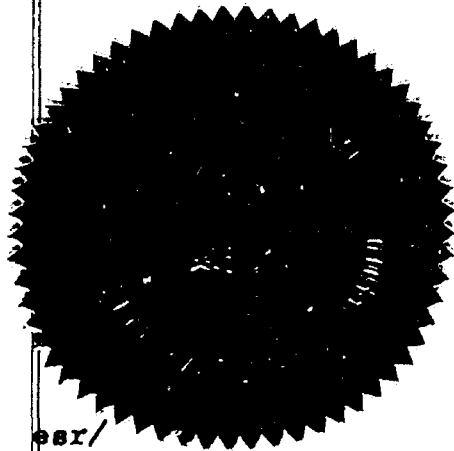
(1) That the applicant, Ralph Lowe, is hereby authorized to utilize his Humble State Well No. 1, located in Unit G of Section 36, Township 25 South, Range 36 East, NMPN, Jalmat Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to dispose of produced salt water into the Yates formation, injection to be accomplished through 2 3/8-inch tubing installed in a packer set at approximately 2900 feet, with injection in the open-hole interval from approximately 2964 feet to 2982 feet;

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the tubing shall be internally plastic-coated; 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 left open at the surface in order to determine leakage in the tubing or packer.

(2) That the applicant shall submit monthly reports of his disposal operations in accordance with Rules 704 and 1120 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

(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.



STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

David F. Cargo
DAVID F. CARGO, Chairman

Guyton B. Hays
GUYTON B. HAYS, Member

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

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Heard 10-25-67

Rec. 10-30-67,

Grant Ralph Lowe permission
to connect their Humble Lt. #1, Jalmuk
pool to a SWD well. Well is
1980/N, 1980/E, 36-255-36E, Disposal
interval 2964-2982 in ~~Sandstone~~.

Gates formation.

Injection thru 2 3/8 plastic lined
tubing. Annulus will be filled
with inert fluids.

[Signature]

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Form C-108
Revised 1-65

NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

OPERATOR Ralph Lowe		ADDRESS P. Box 832, Midland, Texas 79701	
LEASE NAME Humble State	WELL NO. 1	FIELD Jalmat	COUNTY Lea
LOCATION UNIT LETTER G ; WELL IS LOCATED 1980 FEET FROM THE North LINE AND 1980 FEET FROM THE LINE, SECTION East TOWNSHIP 25S RANGE 36E NMPM.			

CASING AND TUBING DATA

NAME OF STRING	SIZE	SETTING DEPTH	SACKS CEMENT	TOP OF CEMENT	TOP DETERMINED BY
SURFACE CASING	7"	1600'	Cement Circulated	Surface	Circulation
INTERMEDIATE	None				
LONG STRING	5 1/2"	2964'	250 sx	2150'	Temperature Survey
TUBING	2 3/8"	2960'	NAME, MODEL AND DEPTH OF TUBING PACKER Guiverson KVL 30		
NAME OF PROPOSED INJECTION FORMATION Yates			TOP OF FORMATION 2960'		BOTTOM OF FORMATION 2982 PB
IS INJECTION THROUGH TUBING, CASING, OR ANNULUS? Tubing		PERFORATIONS OR OPEN HOLE? Open Hole		PROPOSED INTERVAL(S) OF INJECTION 2964 - 2982'	
IS THIS A NEW WELL DRILLED FOR DISPOSAL? No		IF ANSWER IS NO, FOR WHAT PURPOSE WAS WELL ORIGINALLY DRILLED? Oil		HAS WELL EVER BEEN PERFORATED IN ANY ZONE OTHER THAN THE PROPOSED INJECTION ZONE? No	
LIST ALL SUCH PERFORATED INTERVALS AND SACKS OF CEMENT USED TO SEAL OFF OR SQUEEZE EACH					
DEPTH OF BOTTOM OF DEEPEST FRESH WATER ZONE IN THIS AREA		DEPTH OF BOTTOM OF NEXT HIGHER OIL OR GAS ZONE IN THIS AREA None		DEPTH OF TOP OF NEXT LOWER OIL OR GAS ZONE IN THIS AREA None	
ANTICIPATED DAILY INJECTION VOLUME (BBL'S.)	MINIMUM 200	MAXIMUM 400	OPEN OR CLOSED TYPE SYSTEM Closed	IS INJECTION TO BE BY GRAVITY OR PRESSURE? both as needed	APPROX. PRESSURE (PSI) Est. none
ANSWER YES OR NO WHETHER THE FOLLOWING WATERS ARE MINERALIZED TO SUCH A DEGREE AS TO BE UNFIT FOR DOMESTIC, STOCK, IRRIGATION, OR OTHER GENERAL USE yes			WATER TO BE DISPOSED OF Yates		NATURAL WATER IN DISPOSAL ZONE Yates
NAME AND ADDRESS OF SURFACE OWNER (OR LESSEE, IF STATE OR FEDERAL LAND) Frank Anthony, P. O. Box 1512, Monahans, Texas 79756			ARE WATER ANALYSES ATTACHED? Yes		
LIST NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ALL OPERATORS WITHIN ONE-HALF (1/2) MILE OF THIS INJECTION WELL					
Skelly Oil Company, Box 993, Midland, Texas					
Continental Oil Company, Box 431, Midland, Texas					
Texaco, Inc., Box 3109, Midland, Texas					
DOCKET MAILED					
Date 10-11-67					
HAVE COPIES OF THIS APPLICATION BEEN SENT TO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING?		SURFACE OWNER Yes		EACH OPERATOR WITHIN ONE-HALF MILE OF THIS WELL Yes	
ARE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ATTACHED TO THIS APPLICATION (SEE RULE 701-B)		PLAT OF AREA Yes		ELECTRICAL LOG Yes	
				THE NEW MEXICO STATE ENGINEER Yes	
				DIAGRAMMATIC SKETCH OF WELL Yes	

I hereby certify that the information above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

[Signature]
(Signature)

Agent

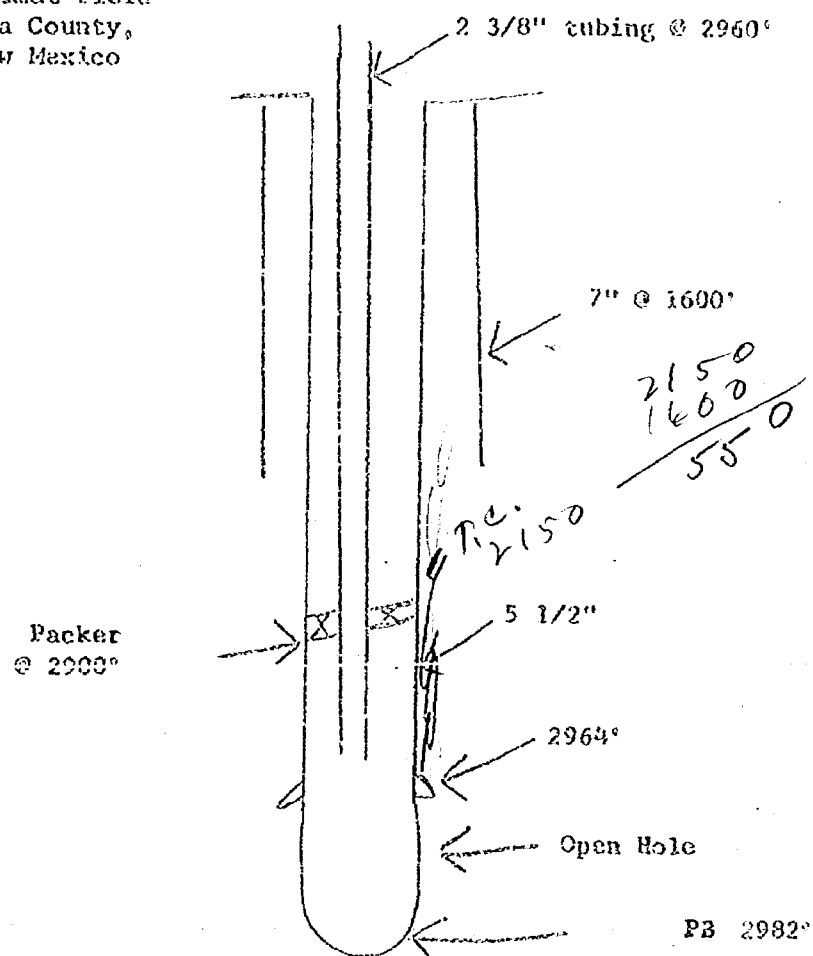
(Title)

9/20/67

(Date)

NOTE: Should waivers from the State Engineer, the surface owner, and all operators within one-half mile of the proposed injection well, 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.

Ralph Lowe
 Humble State #1
 Jalmat Field
 Lea County,
 New Mexico



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SAMPLE NO. _____

THE WESTERN COMPANY
Service Laboratory

WATER ANALYSIS

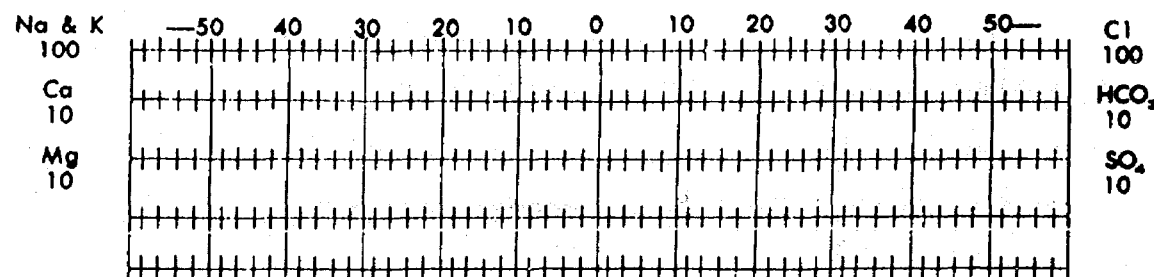
Operator	Ralph Lowe	Date Sampled	6-16-61
Well	Humble State #1	Date Received	6-17-61
Field	Jalmat	Submitted by	Hobbs District
Formation	Yates	Worked by	Jim Looney
Depth	2996'	Other Description	
County	Lea, New Mexico		

CHEMICAL DETERMINATIONS

Density	1.000 @ 72°F	pH	7.3
Iron	No Trace	Hydrogen Sulfide	Strong Trace
Sodium and Potassium	1794 ppm	Bicarbonate	1891 ppm
Calcium	200 ppm	Sulfate	80 ppm
Magnesium	170 ppm	Phosphate	ppm
Chloride	2320 ppm	as Sodium Chloride	ppm

Remarks:

for Stiff type plot (in meq./l.)



Per _____

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NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

EXAMINER HEARING

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Hearing Date OCTOBER 25, 1967TIME: 9 A.M.

NAME	REPRESENTING	LOCATION
S. G. Buell	Montgomery, Federick & Anderson (Ralph Lowe)	Santa Fe
Lamar Eschberger	Ralph Lowe	
B. M. Anderson	Sinclair	Midland
J. E. Sperling	Mobil	Albuquerque
R. C. Hoch	Amstar	Tulsa, Okla.
A. Jack Evans	Amstar	Tulsa, Okla.
George E. Buchanan	Amstar	Tulsa, Okla.
F. L. Hart	Mobil	Midland Tex
Bill Kasten	Gulf	Roswell
DON BILBREY	CULFOIL CORP	ROSWELL
Bocher Kelly	with title card & Kelly	S. F.
N. Dunning	De Byram & Co	SF - Austin
Tom Wagner		Jarrington
CHAL. WILKINSON	TEXACO	MIDLAND
Charles Schell	Independent	Roswell

NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

EXAMINER HEARINGSANTA FE, NEW MEXICOHearing Date OCTOBER 25, 1967TIME: 9 A.M.

NAME	REPRESENTING	LOCATION
Jason Kellah D. Love	Kellah & Fox self	Santa Fe Artesia

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 8, 1967

9 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM,
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The following cases will be heard before Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner, or Elvis A. Utz, Alternate Examiner:

- CASE 3681: Application of Burwinkle and Scanlon for a waterflood project, McKinley County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project by the injection of water into the Mesaverde formation through one well located 330 feet from the North and East lines of Unit C of Section 28, Township 20 North, Range 9 West, McKinley County, New Mexico. Applicant further seeks an administrative procedure for future expansion of said project.
- CASE 3674: Application of Robert N. Enfield for an interpretation of or the amendment of Order No. R-3189, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the interpretation of Order No. R-3189 which pooled all mineral interests in the Chaveroo-San Andres Pool underlying the NW/4 NW/4 of Section 11, Township 8 South, Range 33 East, Chaves County, New Mexico, that paragraph (9) of said order, in fixing \$125.00 per month as the reasonable cost of operating the well to be drilled on the acreage being pooled, should be construed to provide said \$125.00 per month as a reasonable charge for supervision and operational overhead; that applicant should be permitted to withhold from production the proportionate share of said \$125.00 attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and that in addition thereto, applicant should be permitted to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual operating costs of said well attributable to each non-consenting working interest. In the alternative to the aforesaid interpretation of Order No. R-3189, applicant seeks the amendment of paragraph (9) of said order in accordance with the above provisions.
- CASE 3682: Application of Gulf Oil Corporation for a dual completion, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the dual completion (conventional) of its J. N. Carson (NCT-A) Well No. 7 located in Unit B of Section 33, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico, in such a manner as to produce oil from the Drinkard and Brunson-Ellenburger Pools through parallel strings of tubing.
- CASE 3683: Application of Gulf Oil Corporation for a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the approval of the Stuart Langlie Mattix Unit Area comprising 1,120 acres, more or less, of Federal, State and Fee lands in Sections 2, 3, 10, and 11, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico.
- CASE 3684: Application of Gulf Oil Corporation for a waterflood project, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project in its Stuart Langlie Mattix Unit by the injection of water in the Langlie Mattix Pool through 12 wells located in Sections 2, 3, 10, and 11, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

- CASE 3685: Application of Gulf Oil Corporation for an amendment of Order No. R-3290, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the amendment of Order No. R-3290, which order authorized an unorthodox oil well location 1075 feet from the South line and 2395 feet from the West line of Section 16, Township 22 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico, for its R. E. Cole (NCT-A) Well No. 9, said well being projected to undesigned Silurian and Montoya oil pools. Applicant now seeks the substitution of the Drinkard Pool for the previously authorized pools.
- CASE 3686: Application of Gulf Oil Corporation for down-hole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to commingle production from the Allison-Abo and Allison-Pennsylvanian Pools in the wellbore of its Federal Mills Well No. 1 located in Unit C of Section 11, Township 9 South, Range 36 East, Lea County, New Mexico, with the provision that no more than one single allowable will be produced from said well.

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BEFORE THE
NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Santa Fe, New Mexico
October 25, 1967

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of Ralph Lowe
for salt water disposal,
Lea County, New Mexico.

Case No. 3673

BEFORE: Elvis A. Utz, Examiner

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

MR. UTZ: The next case will be Case 3673.

MR. HATCH: Case 3673, Application of Ralph Lowe for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico.

MR. BUELL: Mr. Examiner, I am Sumner Buell of Montgomery, Federici and Andrews, appearing on behalf of the applicant, Ralph Lowe. I have one witness, Mr. Lamar Eschberger, and ask that he be sworn.

(Witness sworn.)

(Whereupon, Applicant's Exhibits 1 through 5 were marked for identification.)

MR. UTZ: Any other appearances? You may proceed.

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L A M A R E S C H B E R G E R, called as a witness, having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. BUELL:

Q Would you state your name, please?

A Lamar Eschberger.

Q Where do you reside, Mr. Eschberger?

A Midland, Texas.

MR. UTZ: Would you spell your last name, please?

THE WITNESS: E-s-c-h-b-e-r-g-e-r.

Q (By Mr. Duell) In what capacity are you employed, and by whom?

A I am a consulting petroleum engineer. I have been employed by Ralph Lowe.

Q Have you testified before this Commission before?

A Yes, I have.

Q Were your qualifications accepted at that time?

A Yes, they were.

Q Are you familiar with what is sought by the application in Case 3673?

A I am.

Q Would you state briefly what is sought?

A We seek to convert Well No. 1 on the Humble State Lease in the Jalmat Field to water disposal well. It's located in Unit G of Section 36, Township 25 South, Range 36 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

Q Mr. Eschberger, referring to the application that has been filed in this case with the Commission, I understand that some corrections need to be made on that. Will you tell the Examiner?

A That is correct. Since the filing of this application, we have found some additional well data and in the case of the casing, we have ten and three-quarter inch surface

pipe, set at 310 feet, cemented with a hundred and fifty sacks. The intermediate is seven inch at 1600 feet, and our records, in one case, show it was cemented with 75 sacks and another shows 200 sacks. Then 5 1/2 is at 2964, cemented with 300 sacks instead of the 250 indicated on the application, and there is no temperature survey.

MR. UTZ: Do you have estimates on where the tops of the cement might be?

THE WITNESS: Yes, sir, on the 5 1/2, if you had a hundred percent fillup, it would come back 1800 feet, which would bring it well up into the 7 inch casing and, of course, you probably had eighty percent fillup, which would still bring it up into the 7 inch.

Q (By Mr. Buell) Mr. Eschberger, referring you to what has been marked for identification as Exhibit No. 1, would you describe to the Examiner what is shown on that exhibit?

A This is a map of the area around the well in question, Well No. 1, is in the Northeast Quarter of Section 26, there are two other wells operated by Ralph Lowe on the same lease, Well No. 2 and Well No. 3.

Q Is Well No. 1 your proposed injection well, "B" marked in red on the exhibit?

A That is correct.

Q Referring you to Exhibit No. 2 would you describe that?

A This is a gamma ray neutron log of the lower zones in the Well No. 1, the proposed water disposal well. It shows 5 1/2 casing set at 2964.

Q Is there anything else shown on that exhibit?

A The top of the formation would be approximately 2960, and the total depth by their wireline measurement was 2998.

Q Referring you to what has been marked as Exhibit No. 3, would you briefly describe to the Commission what that shows?

A That's a schematic drawing of the downhole casing and tubing that we would employ in disposing of water in this well.

Q What is shown on that schematic?

A You have 10 3/4 inch surface pipe, at 310 feet, 7 inch intermediate at 1600, 5 1/2 at 2964, and we propose to inject the water through tubing that has been plastic-coated with a packer at approximately 2900 feet.

Q What type of packer will that be?

A This will be hookwall tension type packer that

would be plastic-coated on the bottom to protect it against any corrosion.

Q Do you have any plans of inverting inert fluids about the annulus?

A That is correct, we will fill the annulus with treated salt water.

Q Does Exhibit No. 3 show the cement that has been used in this?

A Yes, it does. The 150 sacks would circulate the 310 feet of 10 3/4 casing and the 7 inch, as I previously stated, there's some difference in our records, which of course, are 23 years old, and it's either 75 sacks or 200 sacks and 300 sacks was used to cement the 5 1/2 at 2964.

Q This well is presently an open hole at the bottom?

A That's correct.

Q Referring you to what has been marked as Exhibit No. 4, will you tell the Commission what has been shown on that, as well as what has been marked as Exhibit No. 5?

A Exhibit No. 4 is a water analysis made by the Western Company Laboratories, 6-16-61, the water that was being produced from this well. Now, Exhibit No. 5 is another water analysis made 10-19-67 by the Western Company Laboratories and this is an analysis of the combined water from well No. 2

and No. 3, that we propose to dispose in Well No. 1.

Q Would you briefly describe for the Examiner how these combined water analyses were obtained?

A It was obtained by getting samples of the two wells that were being produced through a heater treater and into a tank, a water disposal tank.

Q Are you presently producing any hydrocarbons from Humble State No. 1?

A No.

Q Would you state for the Examiner what the production is presently on Humble State No. 2 and 3?

A Wells No. 2 and 3 produced 15 to 20 barrels of oil per day and approximately 400 barrels of water.

Q This is the combined production of those two wells?

A That's correct.

MR. UTZ: How much water?

THE WITNESS: Approximately 400 barrels per day.

Q (By Mr. Buell) And how much water do you propose to dispose into Humble State No. 1?

A Approximately 400 barrels a day.

Q Have you any information on whether the formation will accept that water?

A We have put water in it on a trial basis from the

other two wells and it does accept the water on a vacuum.
There's no pressure required to put it into the formation.

Q Referring you back to Exhibit No. 1, it shows a
Skelly well located in the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest
Quarter of Section 36?

A That is correct.

Q Do you have any information regarding the production
on that well, if any?

A According to my information, that well has been
recently plugged.

Q Is it your opinion that the granting of the application
in this case would protect correlative rights and prevent waste?

A It would.

Q Were Exhibits 1 through 5 prepared either by you
or under your supervision?

A That is correct.

MR. BUELL: At this time, I would offer Exhibits
1 through 5 into evidence in this case.

MR. UTZ: Without objection, Exhibits 1 through
5 will be entered into the record of this case.

(Whereupon, Applicant's Exhibits
1 through 5 were admitted in
evidence.)

MR. BUELL: I have no additional questions.

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. UTZ:

Q You gave me the approximate calculation of the tops of the cement on the 7 inch; do you have them on the 5?

A That is correct.

Q Do you have the estimate on the 200?

A On the 200 sacks, it would come back approximately 1200 feet and on the 75, of course, it would be 590.

Q Now, this formation that you are going to inject water in, or propose to inject water in, what are the formations?

A Well, it's impervious formations, anhydrate and shale and --

MR. BUELL: I believe what formations you propose to inject into --

A Oh, to inject into, I thought you were talking about up above.

Q (By Mr. Utz) Yes.

A That's the Yates Lime.

Q And that is the same formation that produced?

A Yes, that is correct.

Q This well, what did you say the production was? Has it been temporarily abandoned or is it now a producing well?

A No, it's been abandoned. The oil production gradually came down on it until it was virtually all water, Well No. 1. At the moment it's not being produced, or there's no water being put in it at the present time.

Q In your opinion, then, the injection of this water in this zone that has previously produced, will not water out any other wells in the area?

A I don't believe it will. There isn't sufficient quantity being disposed of to cause any difficulty.

Q Is there any possibility that it might act as a waterflood?

A Yes, sir, it could help some, but I'm sure it would be relatively small help, but it would help some.

Q Now, was Exhibit 4 the combined water streams on Wells No. 2 and 3?

A That is correct.

Q What is Exhibit 5 --

MR. BUELL: No, Exhibit 5 is the combined.

A That was the combined and Exhibit 4 was the produced water from Well No. 1 when we were producing it.

Q These producing wells in this area are producing from this same formation?

A That is correct.

Q They're Jalmat Oil Wells, in other words?

A Yes, sir,

MR. UTZ: Are there any other questions of the witness? The witness may be excused.

(Witness excused.)

MR. BUELL: I have nothing further.

MR. UTZ: Any statements in this case? The case will be taken under advisement.

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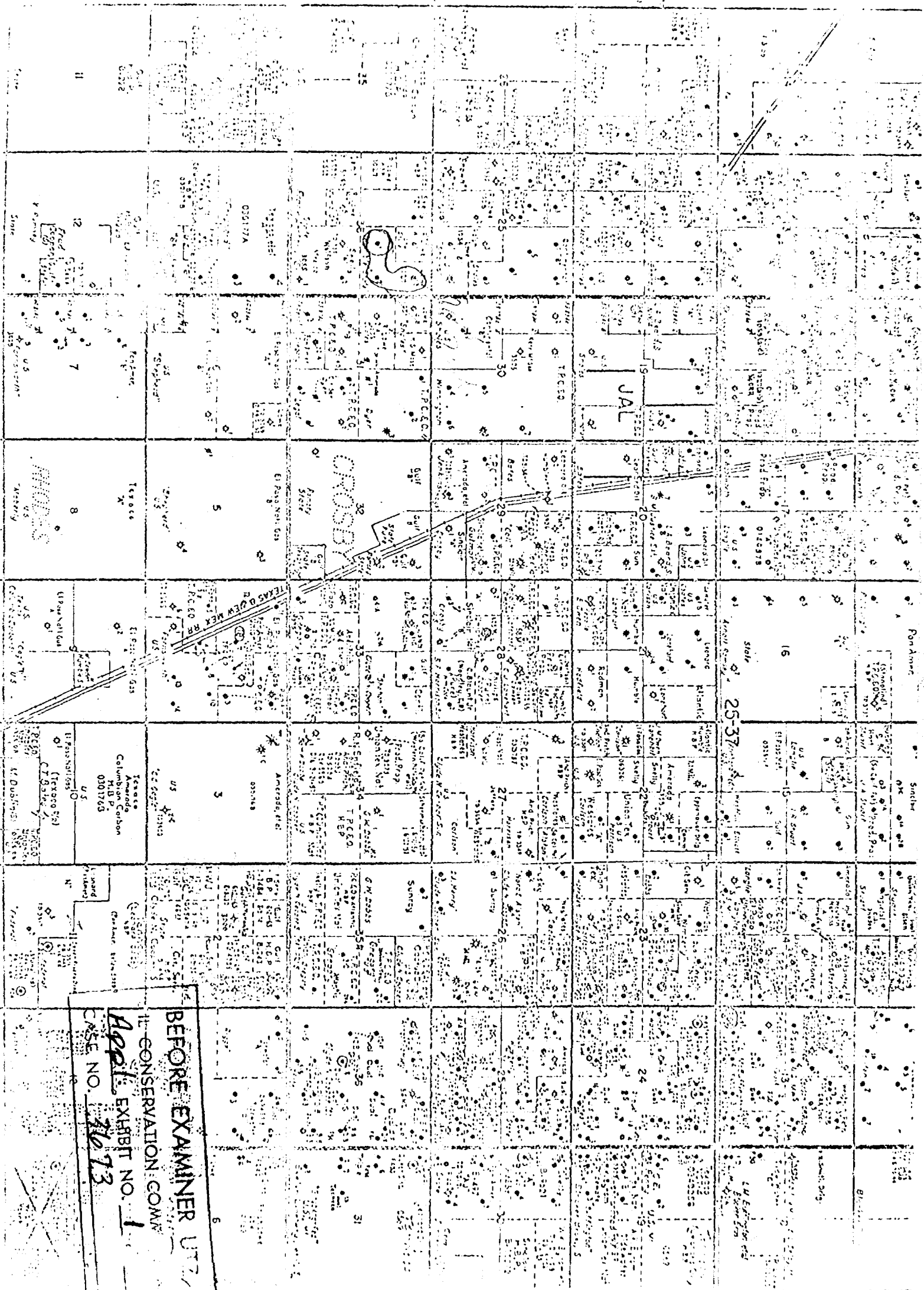
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Court Reporter

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New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission



BEFORE EXAMINER UTZ

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App. EXHIBIT NO. 1

CASE NO. 11073

Ralph Lowe
Humble State No. 1
Jalmat Field
Lea County, N.M.

2 3/8" tubing - 2900' →
10 3/4" csg. - 310'
cemented with 150 sacks →
7" csg. - 1600'
cemented with 75/200 sacks →
5 1/2" csg. - 2964'
cemented with 300 sacks →
Packer - 2900' →

Open hole 2964 - 2982 PB

BEFORE EXAMINER UTZ
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
EXHIBIT NO. 3
CASE NO. 3673

SAMPLE NO. _____

THE WESTERN COMPANY
Service Laboratory

*from well #1
combined*

WATER ANALYSIS

Operator	Ralph Lowe	Date Sampled	6-16-61
Well	Humble State #1	Date Received	6-17-61
Field	Jalmat	Submitted by	Hobbs District
Formation	Yates	Worked by	Jim Looney
Depth	2996'	Other Description	
County	Lea, New Mexico		

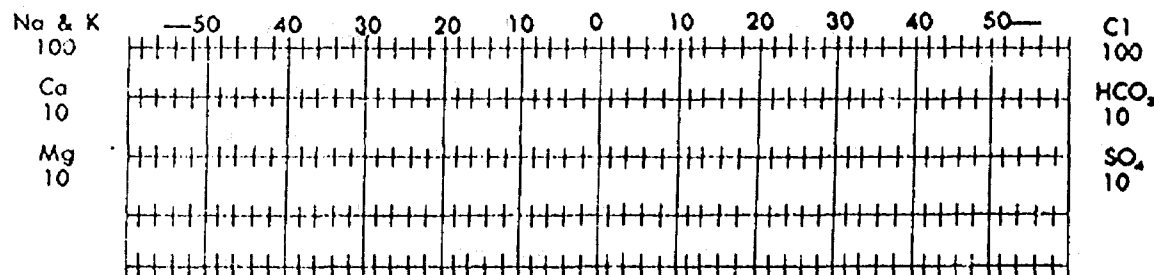
CHEMICAL DETERMINATIONS

Density	1.000 @ 72°F	pH	7.3
Iron	No Trace	Hydrogen Sulfide	Strong Trace
Sodium and Potassium	1794 ✓ ppm	Bicarbonate	1891 ppm
Calcium	200 ✓ ppm	Sulfate	80 ppm
Magnesium	170 ppm	Phosphate	ppm
Chloride	2320 ✓ ppm	as Sodium Chloride	ppm

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BEFORE EXAMINER UTZ
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Appl. EXHIBIT NO. 4
CASE NO. 3673

for Stiff type plot (in meq./l.)



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SAMPLE NO. _____

THE WESTERN COMPANY
Service Laboratory

Cambridge
tl 2 & 3.

WATER ANALYSIS

Operator	Ralph Lowe Estate	Date Sampled	
Well	Humble State #1	Date Received	10-19-67
Field		Submitted by	Kermit District
Formation		Worked by	Jones
Depth		Other Description	
County	Lea, New Mexico		

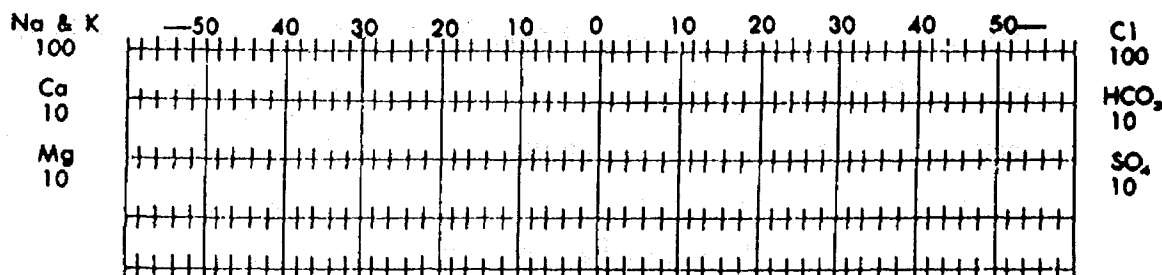
CHEMICAL DETERMINATIONS

Density	1.008 @ 75° F	pH	7.1
Iron	Very Faint Trace	Hydrogen Sulfide	Very Strong Trace
Sodium and Potassium	2,415 ppm	Bicarbonate	1,462 ppm
Calcium	600 ppm	Sulfate	1,560 ppm
Magnesium	170 ppm	Phosphate	ppm
Chloride	3,280 ppm	as Sodium Chloride	ppm

Remarks:

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Appl. EXHIBIT NO. 5
CASE NO. 3673

for Stiff type plot (in meq./l.)



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