CASE 3798; Application of ERNEST A. HAMSON FOR SALT WATER DISPOSAL, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO. Case Number 3

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Re: Case No. 3798
Order No. R-3451
Applicant:

ernest A. Hanson

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

> CASE No. 3798 Order No. R-3451

APPLICATION OF ERREST A. HANSON 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 June 26, 1968, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

MOW, on this 9th day of July, 1968, 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,

PIMDS:

- (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, Ernest A. Hanson, is the owner and operator of the Hanson Federal Well No. 7, located in Unit J of Section 25, Township 26 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, North Mason-Delaware Pool, 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 4177 feet to 4185 feet.
- (4) That the injection should be accomplished through 2 3/8-inch internally plastic-coated tubing installed in a packer set at approximately 4140 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 left open

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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, Ernest A. Hanson, is hereby authorized to utilize his Hanson Federal Well No. 7, located in Unit J of Section 25, Township 26 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, North Mason-Delaware Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, to dispose of produced salt water into the Delaware formation, injection to be accomplished through 2 3/8-inch tubing installed in a packer set at approximately 4140 feet, with injection into the open hole interval from approximately 4177 feet to 4185 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.

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The following cases will be heard before Elvis A. Utz, Examiner, or A. L. Porter, Jr., Alternate Examiner:

- CASE 3788: Application of Texaco Inc. for a waterflood project, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project by the injection of water into the Grayburg-San Andres formation through its New Mexico State "W" NCT-1 Well No. 1 located in Unit O of Section 13, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Vacuum (Grayburg-San Andres) Oil Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.
- CASE 3789: Application of Tenneco Oil Company for a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Mesa Queen Unit Area comprising 1,040 acres, more or less, of state lands in Township 16 South, Range 32 East, Mesa-Queen Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.
- CASE 3790: Application of Tenneco Oil Company for a waterflood project,
 Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause,
 seeks authority to institute a waterflood project in its Mesa
 Queen Unit Area by the injection of water into the Queen formation through 12 wells located in Sections 16, 17, and 20, Township 16 South, Range 32 East, Mesa-Queen Pool, Lea County, New
 Mexico.

CASE 3573 (Reopened):

In the matter of Case 3573 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-3240 to permit all interested parties to appear and show cause why the temporary rules for the South Corbin-Strawn Oil Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, which include a provision for 160-acre spacing units and a 4000 to one gasoil ratio limit, should remain in effect.

- CASE 3791: Application of Kewanee Oil Company for a unit agreement, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Square Lake "12" Unit Area comprising 1,360 acres, more or less, of Federal lands in Township 17 South, Ranges 29 and 30 East, Square Lake Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- CASE 3792: Application of Kewanee Oil Company 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 Grayburg formation underlying its Square Lake "12" Unit Area through seven wells located in Sections 1 and 12, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, and Sections 5 and 7, Township 17 South, Range 30 East, Square Lake Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

- CASE 3793: Application of Gulf Oil Corporation for walt water disposal, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Grayburg formation in the interval from approximately 3812 feet to 3900 feet in its Keohane "C" Federal Well No. 3 located in Unit I of Section 21, Township 18 South, Range 31 East, Shugart Yates-Seven Rivers-Queen-Grayburg Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- CASE 3794: Application of Gulf Oil 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 San
 Andres formation adjacent to the Eunice-San Andres Pool in the
 interval from approximately 4100 feet to 4900 feet in the Warren
 Petroleum Corporation Eunice Plant SWD Well No. 1, located 2255
 feet from the North line and 908 feet from the East line of
 Section 3, Township 22 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New
 Mexico.
- CASE 3795: Application of Pan American Petroleum Corporation for a pool creation and discovery allowable, Lea County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the creation of the Bate-Yates Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, comprising the S/2 of Section 26 and the N/2 of Section 35, both in Township 19 South, Range 33 East, and for the assignment of approximately 16,750 barrels of oil discovery allowable to the discovery well, its Bate Federal Well No. 1 located in Unit N of said section 26.
- CASE 3796: Application of The Superior Oil Company for the creation of a new pool, assignment of discovery allowable, and the promulgation of pool rules, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the creation of a new upper Pennsylvanian oil pool for its State D COM Well No. 1 located in Unit G of Section 4, Township 14 South, Range 34 East, Lea County, New Mexico, and for the assignment of an oil discovery allowable in the amount of approximately 52,010 barrels to said well. Applicant further seeks the promulgation of special pool rules for said pool, including a provision for 160-acre proration units.
- CASE 3797: Application of Ernest A. Hanson for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Queen formation in the overall interval from approximately 4604 to 5036 feet in his Mescalero Ridge Unit "35" Well No. 11 located in Unit N of Section 35, Township 19 South, Range 34 East, Pearl-Queen Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 3798: Application of Ernest A. Hanson for salt water disposal, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Delaware formation in the interval from approximately 4177 feet to 4185 feet in his Hanson Federal Well No. 7 located in Unit J of Section 25, Township 26 South, Range 31 East, North Mason-Delaware Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

CASE 3799: Application of Amerada Petroleum Corporation for an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to re-enter and complete as a gas well the State WR "B" Well No. 1 located at an unorthodox location 554 feet from the North line and 2086 feet from the East line of Section 35, Township 12 South, Range 34 East, Ranger Lake-Devonian Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, and to dedicate to said well the E/2 of said section 35.

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BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION Santa Fe, New Mexico June 26, 1968

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of Ernest A. Hanson for salt water dispotal, Eddy County, New Mexico CASE NUMBER 3798

BEFORE:

ELVIS A. UTZ, Examiner



TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

MR. UTZ: Case 3798.

MR. HATCH: Case 3798. Application of Ernest A. Hanson for salt water disposal, Eddy County, New Mexico.

MR. KELLAHIN: If the Examiner please, may the record show the appearance of Jason Kellahin for the applicant and the witness has been sworn?

MR. UTZ: This is the same Mr. Kellahin and Mr. Schram as in the previous case?

MR. KELLAHIN: Yes, sir.

HARRY F. SCHRAM

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

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. KELLAHIN:

- Would you state your name, please? Q
- Harry F. Schram.
- Are you the same Mr. Schram who testified in Case Q Number 3797?
 - Yes, sir.
 - And you were sworn in that case. Mr. Shcram, what A is proposed by Ernest A. Hanson in Case 3798?
 - We are requesting authority to dispose of producing salt water into the Delaware formation in the interval from

approximately 4177 feet to 4185 feet in the Hanson Federal
Well Number 7 located in Unit J of Section 25, Township 26
South, Range 31 East, North Mason-Delaware Pool, Eddy County,
New Mexico.

- Q What is the present status of the subject well?
- A The well is presently shut in.
- Q Has it produced from the North Mason-Delaware Pool?
- A Yes, sir, it has previously. It has been on, shut in for several years, I understand. We assumed the operations on this particular lease approximately one year ago.
 - Q Have you ever produced a well?
- A We tested the well and it was making about ten barrels of water and just a trace of oil.
 - Q It was not a commercial well at that time?
 - A No, sir.

MR. KELLAHIN: If we could have the exhibits attached to the application marked as exhibits, Mr. Utz.

MR. UTZ: Where do you want to start?

MR. KELLAHIN: We will start with the diagrammatic sketch.

MR. UTZ: That's a surveyor's plat.

MR. KELLAHIN: Let's start with that as Number 1.

MR. UTZ: This costs extra when the Examiner marks the exhibits.

MR. KELLAHIN: Then the diagrammatic sketch we can make Number 2. The water analysis is Number 3 and the log is Number 4.

(Whereupon, Exhibit Numbers 1-4 were marked for identification.)

(By Mr. Kellahin) Mr. Schram, referring to what has been marked as Exhibit Number 1, would you identify that

Yes. This is a map showing the Ernest A. Hanson exhibit, please? Hanson Federal lease in Section 25, Township 26 South, Range

Does it also show the ownership of the wells 31 East. offsetting this particular acreage?

Yes, sir. All the wells surrounding the Number 7 Well, which is the Proposed disposal well, belongs to Ernest

Would that be including all the wells, then, in A. Hanson. Q

What's the situation as to the wells in Section 36 to Section 25? Yes, sir.

The Wells in Section 36 belong to Keith and Haines. However, there is a dry hole between our Number 7 and their the south?

Number 2 Well which is the closets well, which is approximately a half a mile distant.

- Q Now, the dry hole, was that dry in the Delaware formation?
 - A Yes, sir.
- Q Are the Keith and Maines wells producing from the Delaware formation?
 - A Yes, sir, they are.
 - What is the situation on Section 26?
 - A That would be to the west.
 - Q West.
- A This is being produced by Texaco in the southeast quarter and we have two producing wells between our proposed disposal well and the Texaco lease.
- Q It is also producing from the Delaware, is that correct?
 - A Yes.
 - Q And the Continental acreage to the south?
- A The same thing. Those wells are producing from the Delaware Sand.
 - Q Is there any production over to the east?
- A Yes, sir. However, that is another pool and with a dry hole in between our lease and the Charlie Read lease in Section 31.

- Q Has that been designated by the Commission as a separate pool?
 - A Yes, sir.
- Q So the only acreage we are talking about that's in the North Mason-Delaware in this area is in Sections 25, 36 and 26 and 35?
 - A Yes, sir.
 - Q As shown on the plat, is that correct?
 - A Yes, sir.

MR. UTZ: Are those wells to the east in the Delaware?

THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

MR. UTZ: What pool is it?

THE WITNESS: Is that what they call Battlease

Delaware?

MR. UTZ: I don't know.

THE WITNESS: I'm not sure.

MR. UTZ: We can find out.

THE WITNESS: I believe that's what they call that pool.

Q (By Mr. Kellahin) But all of the wells immediately offsetting the disposal well are owned and operated by Ernest A. Hanson, is this correct?

A Yes, sir, this is correct.

Q Referring to what has been marked as Exhibit 2, would you discuss that exhibit, please?

A This is the proposed disposal well. It's a ddigrammatic sketch of that well. The surface casing was 935 foot of eight and five-eighths set at 340 feet, and the coment was reported to have been circulated. This well was originally drilled by Ibex Corporation in Breckenridge, Texas. Then they drilled down to 4177 and set five-and-a-half-inch casing with 125 sacks of cement.

Then they drilled in open hole from 4177 to 4185, which is the present total depth. The cement, there is no record of where that top of that cement came. However, I would suspect that it would have come up to the base of the salt on the long string.

MR. UTZ: You suspected or did you calculate it?

THE WITNESS: Well, it will calculate out to be higher than the base of the salt in there. The base of the salt is roughly 200 feet above the casing. Very seldom that that cement ever gets above that point down there.

We propose to run tubing with a Halliburton R-3 packer to 4140 with the annulus filled with an inhibited fluid and the meter at the surface to be able to check on the pressure difference should there develop a leak in the well.

We would be injecting or we will dispose of the water into that open hole section at 4177 to 4185.

- Q (By Mr. Kellahin) What kind of tubing are you going to use in the well, Mr. Schran?
 - A Just plain two-and-three-eighths-inch J-55 tubing.
 - You do not plan to use a coated tubing?
 - A No, sir. We do not plan to use it.
- Q What is the source of water that will be disposed of in this pool?
- A It is out of the Delaware Sand and it is from the same section that we propose to inject back into.
- Q Have you had any corrosive problems with that water?
- A Not with anything on that lease down there. However, it is considerably saltier than the last case. The chlorides were 130,800 parts per million. The sulphate acids were 55,800.

MR. UTZ: Pretty salty?

THE WITNESS: Real salty.

Q (By Mr. Kellahin) What volumes of water do you anticipate you will inject in this well?

A Approximately forty to fifty barrels of water per day from the Federal Hanson lease.

Q Do you think this will be under pressure or can you do it under vacuum?

A I think it would be under pressure, based on the unsuccessful waterflood to the south of us.

- Q There is a waterflood to the south?
- A Yes, sir.
- You say it was unsuccessful?
- A Well, it has been to this date.
- Q That's across the line in the State of Texas?
- A Yes.
- Q Who is operating that?
- A Marathon.
- Q Are they having to put the water in under pressure?
- A Yes, sir.
- Q Into the Delaware formation?
- A Yes, sir.
- Q Referring to what has been marked as Exhibit Number 4, would you identify that exhibit, please?

A This was the log, it is a log of the Number 7 Well which is the proposed disposal well, showing the top of the Delaware lime, the top of the Delaware sand and the top of the -- or the bottom of the five-and-a-half-inch casing.

Q And the injection, of course, would be through the

open hole interval ---

- A Yes, sir.
- Q -- in the lower part of the well?
- A Yes, sir.
- Q Do you anticipate that the well will take the volumes of water you propose to inject in it?
 - A Yes, sir.
 - Would it have a capacity for taking more than that?
 - A Yes, sir, I believe it would.
- Q In your opinion, will the injection of water in the volumes you propose to inject in the Delaware formation have any adverse effect on the producing characteristics of the wells offsetting it?
 - A No, sir, I don't believe that they would.
 - Q Would it have any beneficial effect on it?
 - A I don't believe there would be any effect whatsoever.
- Q Were Exhibits 1 through 4 prepared by you or under your supervision?
 - A Yes, sir.

MR. KELLAHIN: At this time, I offer in evidence Exhibits 1 through 4, inclusive.

MR. UTZ: Exhibits 1 through 4 will be admitted into the record of this case.

(Whereupon, Exhibit Numbers 1-4 were offered and admitted in evidence.)

MR. KELLAHIN: That's all I have on direct examination, Mr. Utz.

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. UTZ:

Q Mr. Schram, how much more does plastic-coated tubing run?

A Very little. Price has very little to do with it.

I think it's around eighteen to twenty-two cents a foot, if

I'm not mistaken.

Q You don't think that it might be a good idea to use plastic-coated tubing in view of the brine content, the chloride content of this?

A Well, I would put it this way: If we are requested to, we'll be very glad to. Normally, we wouldn't use it in these wells. Primarily we think it causes more harm than good because, well, I have never seen a plastic-coated piece of pipe that gave you a real good seal at the threads and just from then on it's just nothing but trouble unless it's plastic-coated in place, which we do with flow lines very frequent.

MR. PORTER: That's after the threads have been connected?

THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

Q (By Mr. Utz) Why do all these people use it?

A Well, I don't know. We have got, in fact, we have plastic-coated tubing in stock that we purchased when we maybe bought out some leases or something like that and we have never used it for anything except flow lines.

So, really, with us it's a matter of just the experience that we have had with it and the way we feel about it.

MR. KELLAHIN: If the Commission requires plasticcoated tubing in either one or both of these wells, would you use it?

THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

MR. UTZ: Are there any other questions?

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. PORTER:

Q Mr. Schram, you mentioned one unsuccessful waterflood on the Texas side of this pool. Has anybody tried waterflooding on the New Mexico side?

A No, sir. We have discussed it with Continental.

In fact, I have discussed it, oh, several times over the past year with them.

Q This has no bearing on the case, but what do you expect out of the primary down there, recovery factor?

- A I don't.
- Q Approximately?
- A I couldn't answer that. I haven't even investigated that end of it. We have got rather extensive studies of the North Mason Pool, both in Texas and New Mexico, on waterflood, though.
- Q If this Texas flood ever proved successful, it might change your thinking?
- A Well, in any case, regardless of what Marathon does, eventually I think we will probably try it ourselves. But at this point, we do not feel that, at least on our own, that it's economical because we are still doing pretty well on primary.
- Q The volumes that you anticipate injecting here probably wouldn't have any effect, anyway, ever?
 - A No, sir, I don't believe that they would.

MR. PORTER: That's all.

RE-CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. UTZ:

- Q What pressure did you say you might have to use on this?
- A Well, I would say 500 pounds. However, I noticed on the application just now that it says 1500 pounds. I think that probably your maximum would be 500 pounds.
 - What volume was it, 500?
 - A Less than fifty barrels a day. We have checked these

wells several times between forty and fifty barrels a day.

MR. UTZ: Any other questions? Witness may be excused.

(Witness excused.)

MR. UTZ: Any statements? The case will be taken under advisement and the hearing is adjourned.

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

Witness my Hand and Seal this 9th day of July, 1968.

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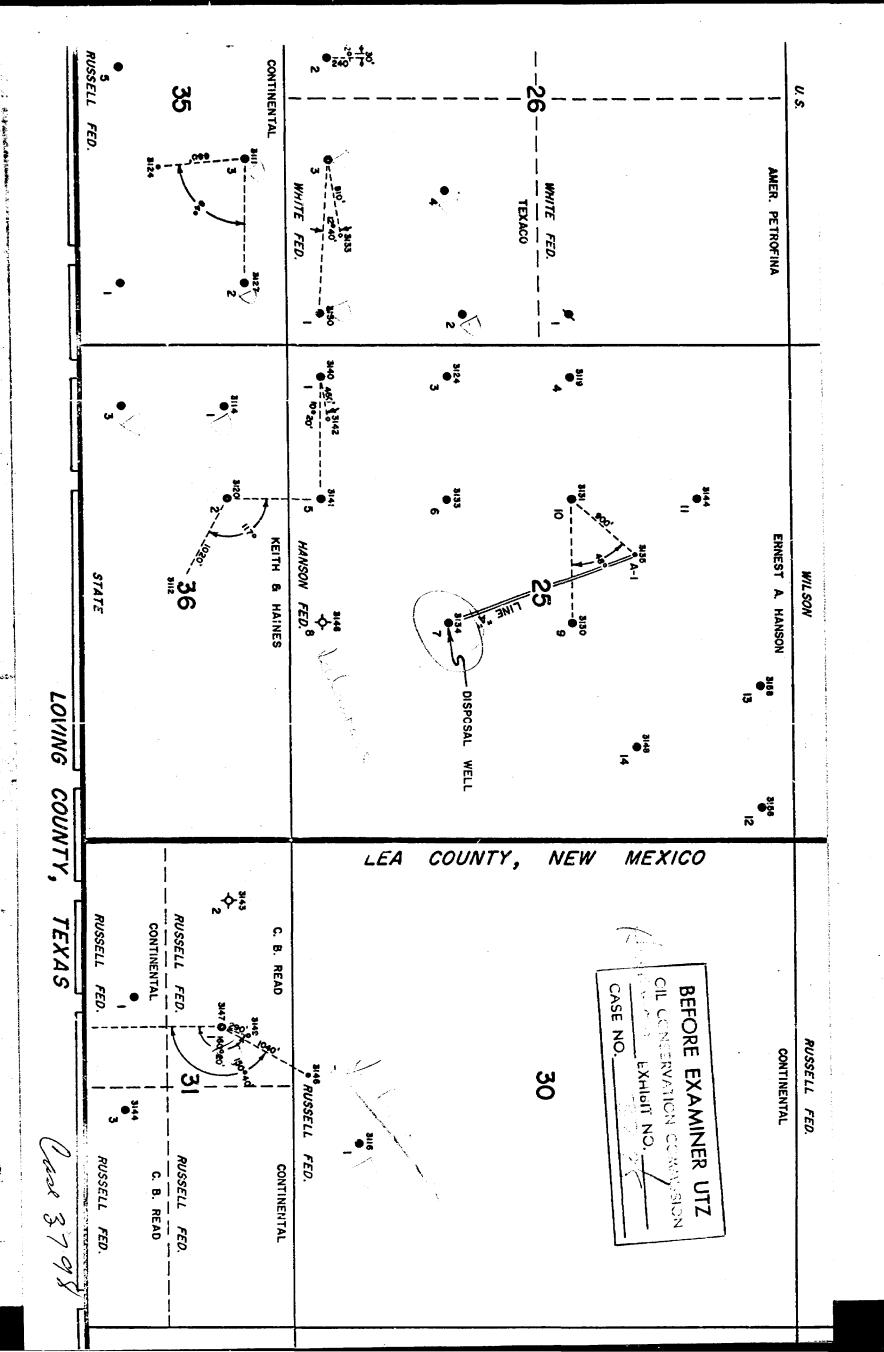
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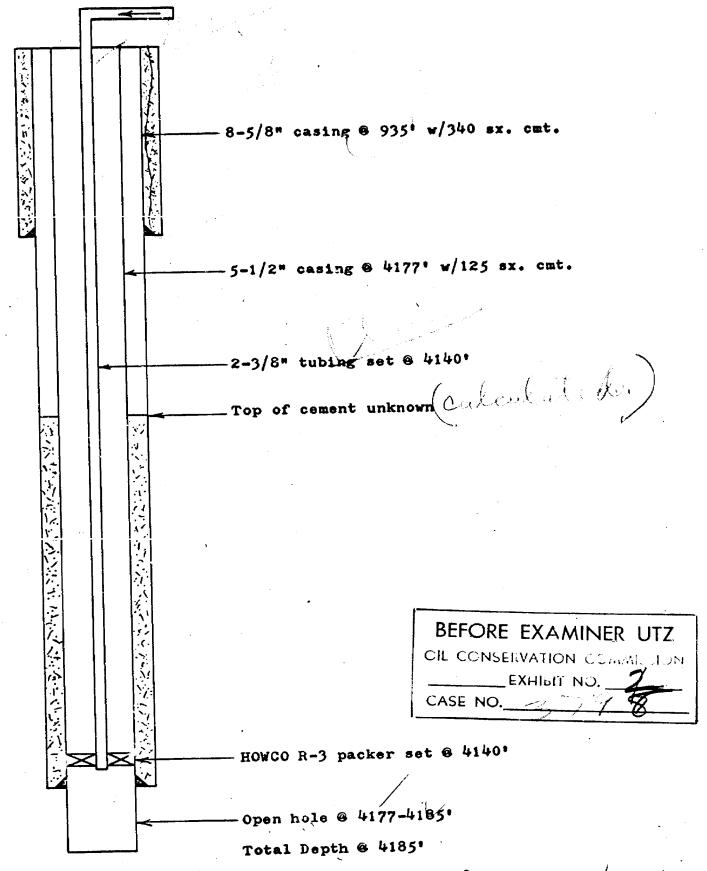
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NOTE: Should we s from the State Engineer, the surface owner, and all operators within one-half mile of s proposed injection well.

not accomp y 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.



DIAGRAMMATIC SKETCH Salt Water Disposal Well



Case 3.798

THE WESTERN COMPANY Service Laboratory

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WATER ANALYSIS

Well Field Formation Depth County	North Mason Delaware	Date Received Submitted by Worked by	5-17-68 Hobbs District	
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