

CASE 5942: OCC CONSIDER THE AMENDMENT OF
RULE 1115 OF COMMISSION RULES AND REGU-
LATIONS ALSO CONSIDER THE AMENDMENT OF
FORM C-115 AND DELETION OF RULE 1120.

Case Number
5942

Application
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BEFORE THE
NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Santa Fe, New Mexico
June 22, 1977

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

The hearing called by the OCC on its own) CASE
motion to consider Rules 1115.) 5942

BEFORE: Richard L. Stamets, Examiner

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

A P P E A R A N C E S

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1 MR. STAMETS: We will call Case 5942 in the matter
2 of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its
3 own motion to consider the amendment of Rules 1115 of the
4 Commission Rules and Regulations to provide for the reporting
5 of salt water disposal, secondary recovery and other injection
6 well volumes and pressures on Commission Form C-115,
7 Operator's Monthly Report.

8 This case was originally heard at the Examiner
9 hearing and was readvertised with respect to McKinley County.

10 Is there anything further in this case? The case
11 will be taken under advisement.

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I do hereby certify that the foregoing is
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the Examiner hearing of Case No. 5942
heard by me on 7-22, 1977.
Richard L. Stamm, Examiner
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION ON ITS OWN MOTION TO CONSIDER THE AMENDMENT OF RULE 1115 OF THE COMMISSION RULES AND REGULATIONS, THE AMENDMENT OF COMMISSION FORM C-115, OPERATOR'S MONTHLY REPORT, AND THE DELETION OF COMMISSION RULE 1120.

CASE NO. 5942
Order No. R-5505

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on June 8, 1977, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 9th day of August, 1977, 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 in the interest of more efficient administration of its rules concerning reporting of the injection of water into producing formations for the enhancement of production, and in the interest of reducing the administrative burden to both the Commission and the oil operators of this state in preparing and tabulating such reports, Commission Form C-115, Operator's Monthly Report, and Commission Form C-115-EDP, Operator's Monthly Report (electronic data processing), should be revised to provide space for the inclusion of water injection figures on said report.

(3) That in keeping with the above-described revision of Commission Forms C-115 and C-115-EDP, Rule 1115 of the Commission Rules and Regulations should be amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"RULE 1115. OPERATOR'S MONTHLY REPORT (Form C-115)

"Operator's Monthly Report, Form C-115 or Form C-115-EDP, shall be filed on each producing lease and each secondary recovery project injection well within the State of New Mexico

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for each calendar month, setting forth complete information and data indicated on said forms in the order, format, and style prescribed by the Secretary-Director. Oil production from wells which are producing into common storage shall be estimated as accurately as possible on the basis of periodic tests.

"The reports on this form shall be filed by the producer as follows:

"Original to the Oil Conservation Commission at Santa Fe; one copy to the District Office of the Commission in which district the lease is located; and one copy to each transporter involved. Each report for each month shall be postmarked not later than the 24th day of next succeeding month. Failure of an operator to file this report in accordance with the provisions of this rule may result in cancellation of Form C-104 for the affected well or wells."

(4) That inasmuch as water injection for production enhancement (secondary recovery) would be reported on Commission Form C-115 rather than on Commission Form C-120 as at present, there would no longer be any need for said Form C-120, and it should be abolished, but Form C-120-A, Salt Water Disposal Report, should be retained.

(5) That in keeping with the above-described abolishment of Form C-120, Rule 1120 of the Commission Rules and Regulations should be amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"RULE 1120. MONTHLY WATER DISPOSAL REPORT (Form C-120-A)

"Each operator of a salt water disposal system shall report such operations on Form C-120-A. Form C-120-A shall be filed in DUPLICATE (one copy with the Santa Fe office and one copy with the appropriate district office) and shall be postmarked not later than the 15th day of the second succeeding month."

(6) That the effective date of the revision of Form C-115 and Form C-115-EDP should be August 1, 1977, and its use should be permitted after that date for filing monthly production reports, provided however, that monthly water injection reports should continue to be required on Form C-120 until February 1, 1978.

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(7) That Form C-120 should be abolished effective February 1, 1978, and the reporting of all production as well as of water injection for secondary recovery purposes should be required on Form C-115 and Form C-115-EDP, as revised herein, after February 1, 1978.

(8) That the amendment of Commission Rule 1115, as described in Finding No. (3) above, and Commission Rule 1120, as described in Finding No. (5) above, should become effective February 1, 1978.

(9) That the above-described revisions, changes, and amendments will not cause waste nor impair correlative rights, and should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That effective August 1, 1977, Commission Form C-115, Operator's Monthly Report, and Commission Form C-115-EDP, Operator's Monthly Report (electronic data processing), are hereby revised as shown by Exhibits 1 and 2 attached hereto and made a part hereof.

(2) That effective February 1, 1978, Rule 1115 of the Commission Rules and Regulations is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"RULE 1115. OPERATOR'S MONTHLY REPORT (Form C-115)

"Operator's Monthly Report, Form C-115 or Form C-115-EDP, shall be filed on each producing lease and each secondary recovery project injection well within the State of New Mexico for each calendar month, setting forth complete information and data indicated on said forms in the order, format, and style prescribed by the Secretary Director. Oil production from wells which are producing into common storage shall be estimated as accurately as possible on the basis of periodic tests.

"The reports on this form shall be filed by the producer as follows:

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of an operator to file this report in accordance with the provisions of this rule may result in cancellation of Form C-104 for the affected well or wells."

(3) That effective February 1, 1978, Rule 1120 of the Commission Rules and Regulations is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"RULE 1120. MONTHLY WATER DISPOSAL REPORT (Form C-120-A)

"Each operator of a salt water disposal system shall report such operations on Form C-120-A. Form C-120-A shall be filed in DUPLICATE (one copy with the Santa Fe office and one copy with the appropriate district office) and shall be postmarked not later than the 15th day of the second succeeding month."

(4) That effective February 1, 1978, Commission Form C-120, Monthly Injection Report, is hereby abolished.

(5) That although the use of the new revised Form C-115 and C-115-EDP will not be required until February, 1978, for filing production and injection figures for January, 1978, operators are encouraged to acquire a supply of the new forms and commence their use as soon as possible to assure a smooth transition from the old form to the new revised form when the new form becomes mandatory, provided however, that injection reports must continue to be filed on the old Form C-120 through January, 1978 (for injection during December, 1977) and injection figures may be included or omitted, at the operator's discretion, on any new Form C-115 or Form C-115-EDP filed prior to February, 1978.

(6) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

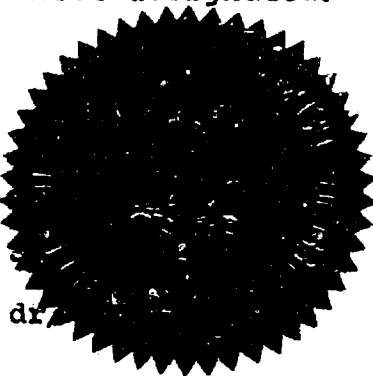
DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PHIL R. LUCERO, Chairman

EMERY C. ARNOLD, Member

JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Secretary



OPERATOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

DISTRICT
ONE COPY TO THE STATE
ONE COPY TO THE DISTRICT

Form C-115
(Rev. 8-1-77)

(Company or
Operator)

(Address)

(City)

For
Month, _____
Year, _____

Page _____ of _____

POC NAME (Underline)

*Lease Name

WELL NO UNIT SEC TWP RNG

*LEASE NAME - Include State Land Lease Number or Federal Lease Number

WELL STATUS	INJECTION		TOTAL LIQUIDS PRODUCED		GAS PRODUCED (MCF)	DAYS PROD. (MCF)	DISPOSITION OF GAS				DISPOSITION OF OIL			
	VOLUME	PRESS.	MONTHLY OIL ALLOWABLE	ACTUAL BARRELS OF WATER PRODUCED			SOLD	TRANS-PORTER	OTHER	C O D	OIL ON HAND AT BEG. OF MONTH	BARRELS TO TRANS-PORTER	OTHER	C O D

EXHIBIT 1

Order No. R-5505

This is a specimen of Form C-115 as revised by Commission Order No. R-5505 effective August 1, 1977. Its use is permitted immediately and will become mandatory February 1, 1978. Injection volumes and pressures may be included on forms filed prior to February 1, 1978, if desired; however, Form C-120, Monthly Injection Report, will also be required until said form is phased out February 1, 1978.

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Form 6-116-038
Rev 1-2011 6-1-77

FOR MONTH

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EXHIBIT 2

Order No. R-5505

This is a reduced specimen of Form C-115-EDP as revised by Commission Order No. R-5505 effective August 1, 1977. It is to be used in filing monthly production and injection reports as computed and printed by electronic data processing equipment. The forms are standard size machine reports.

Use of the revised Form C-115-EDP is permitted immediately and will become mandatory February 1, 1978. Injection volumes and pressures may be included on forms filed prior to February 1, 1978, if desired; however, Form C-120, Monthly Injection Report, will also be required until said form is phased out February 1, 1978.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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August 12, 1977

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Re: CASE NO. 5942
ORDER NO. R-5505

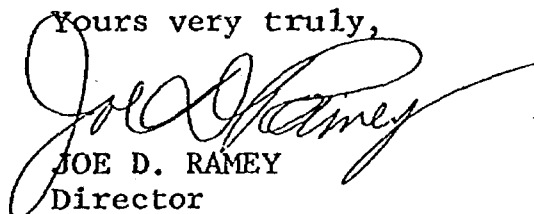
Applicant:

Oil Conservation Commission

Dear Sir:

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

Yours very truly,


JOE D. RAMEY
Director

JDR/fd

Copy of order also sent to:

Hobbs OCC	<u>x</u>
Artesia OCC	<u>x</u>
Aztec OCC	<u>x</u>

Other _____

OPERATOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

BOX 2088 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Form C-115 Revised 8-1-77

(Name of Operator)

(Address)

(City)

FOR MONTH

Page of

POOL NAME (Underline)

*Lease Name

WELL NO UNIT SEC TAP. RING

WELL STATUS

Injection

Volume Press.

TOTAL LIQUIDS PRODUCED

MONTHLY OIL ALLOWABLE

ACTUAL BARRELS PRODUCED

BARRELS OF WATER PRODUCED

GAS PRODUCED MCF

DAYS PROD.

DISPOSITION OF GAS

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Trans-
porter

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OIL ON HAND
BEG. OF
MONTH

DISPOSITION OF OIL

BARRELS TO
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PORTER

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OIL ON HAND
END OF
MONTH

*LEASE NAME - Include State Land Lease Number or Federal Lease Number

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CASE NO. 5942
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D USED FOR DRILLING
G GAS LIFT
L LOST (MCF ESTIMATED)
E EXPLANATION ATTACHED
R REPRESSURING OR PRESSURE MAINTENANCE
V VENTED
U USED ON LEASE

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(POSITION)

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BEFORE EXAMINER NUTTER
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
CASE NO. 5942
EXHIBIT NO. 1B

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION GIVEN IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

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S SEDIMENTATION (BS&W)
F EXPLANATION ATTACHED

(SIGNATURE)

(DATE)

(POSITION)

PROPOSED RULE

RULE 1115. OPERATOR'S MONTHLY REPORT (Form C-115)

Operator's Monthly Report, Form C-115 ^{and} or Form C-115-EDP, shall be filed on each producing lease, each secondary recovery project injection well, ~~and (except as provided in Rule 1120)~~ ~~each salt water disposal well,~~ within the State of New Mexico for each calendar month, setting forth complete information and data indicated on said forms in the order, format, and style prescribed by the Secretary Director. Oil production from wells which are producing into common storage shall be estimated as accurately as possible on the basis of periodic tests.

The reports on this form shall be filed by the producer as follows:

Original to the Oil Conservation Commission at Santa Fe; one copy to the Oil Conservation Commission District Office at Hobbs; one copy to the District Office in which district the lease is located; and one copy to each transporter involved. Each report for each month shall be postmarked not later than the 24th day of next succeeding month. Failure of an operator to file this report in accordance with the provisions of this rule may result in cancellation of Form C-104 for the affected well or wells.

Exhibit 2



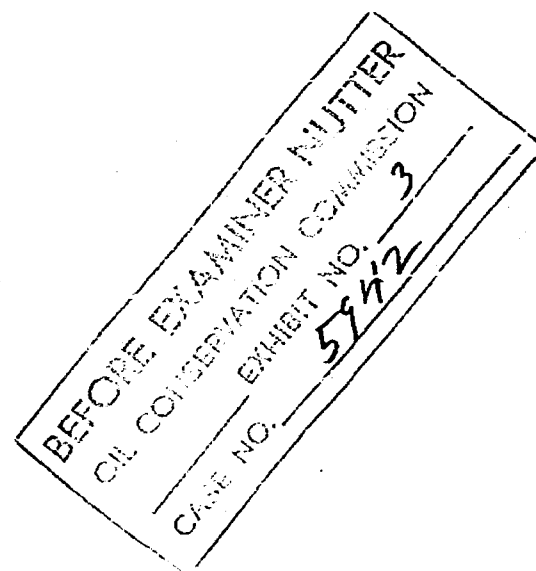
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PROPOSED RULE

RULE 1120. MONTHLY WATER DISPOSAL REPORT (Form C-120-A)

Each operator of a salt water disposal system, which system handles produced waters for more than one operator, from more than one pool, which disposes into formations not productive of oil or gas, or which disposes into surface facilities shall report such operations on Form C-120-A. Form C-120-A shall be filed in DUPLICATE (one copy with the Santa Fe office and one copy with the appropriate district office) and shall be postmarked not later than the 15th day of the second succeeding month.

Exhibit 3



BEFORE THE
NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Santa Fe, New Mexico
8 June 1977

IN THE MATTER OF,

In the matter of the hearing called by the
Oil Conservation Commission on its own
motion to consider the amendment of Rule
1115 of the Commission Rules and Regula-
tions to provide for the reporting of salt
water disposal, secondary recovery, and
other injection well volumes and pressures
on Commission Form C-115, Operator's Monthly
Report. Further to be considered will be
the amendment of Form C-115 and the deletion
of Rule 1120.

CASE
5942

BEFORE: Daniel S. Nutter

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

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RICHARD L. STAMETS

Direct Examination by Ms. Teschendorf

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E X H I B I T S

Offered Admitted

Commission Exhibit One-A and One-B, Forms

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Commission Exhibit Two, Rule 1115

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Commission Exhibit Three, Rule 1120

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1 MR. NUTTER: We'll next call Case Number 5942,
2 which is in the matter of the hearing called by the Oil
3 Conservation Commission on its own motion to consider the
4 amendment of Rule 1115 of the Commission Rules and Regula-
5 tions to provide for the reporting of salt water disposal,
6 secondary recovery, and other injection well volumes and
7 pressures on Commission Form C-115, Operator's Monthly Re-
8 port. Further to be considered will be the amendment of
9 Form C-115 and the deletion of Rule 1120.

10 I'll call for appearances in Case Number 5942.

11 MS. TESCHENDORF: Lynn Teschendorf, appearing on
12 behalf of the Commission. I have one witness.

13 MR. NUTTER: Are there other appearances?

14 MR. PETERSON: Antone Peterson with Amoco Production
15 Company, I'd just like to make a short statement.

16 MR. NUTTER: Will the witness stand and be sworn,
17 please?

18 (THEREUPON, the witness was duly sworn.)

19 MR. NUTTER: Ms. Teschendorf.

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21 RICHARD L. STAMETS

22 called as a witness, having been first duly sworn, was ex-
23 amined and testified as follows:

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25 DIRECT EXAMINATION

1 BY MS. TESCHENDORF:

2 Q State your name and place of residence, please.

3 A R. L. Stamets. I'm Technical Support Chief for
4 the Oil Conservation Commission here in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

5 Q Have you previously testified before the Commission
6 and are your credentials a matter of record?

7 A I have and they are.

8 Q Do your duties as Technical Support Chief include
9 making recommendations to the Commission as to the amendment
10 of the rules and the amendment of forms and the adoption of
11 new rules for the Commission?

12 A Yes, they do.

13 Q Are you familiar with Case Number 5942?

14 A Yes, I am.

15 Q And what is the purpose of the case?

16 A Basically, the purpose of this case is to revise
17 or amend Rules 1115 and 1120, to amend the requirements of
18 reporting injection volumes and pressures on secondary re-
19 covery project injection wells, and as originally conceived,
20 some salt water disposal wells. I think I will propose that
21 we not include salt water disposal wells, and definitely,
22 the changes will not cover pressure maintenance project in-
23 jection wells.

24 Further, I propose that we revise Form C-115 to
25 make room for this injection well reporting and make some

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1 other changes to clean up the form.

2 Q Why is the Commission making these proposals?

3 A Well, there are several reasons for including in-
4 jection wells on the Form C-115 now. One of the reasons is
5 so we'll be able to keep track of the status of injection
6 wells by computer. Right now we're able to follow producing
7 wells, whether active or shut in, and make certain that
8 operators have filed for temporary abandonment or plug inactive
9 wells, but we're not able to do this on injection wells by
10 computer since we don't have this information in the record.
11 By including the injection volumes and pressures we will then
12 have that in the computer and can keep track of it.

13 Also, we have been employing more and more pres-
14 sure limitations in injection projects. We can put this
15 limitation in the computer and the computer then will monitor
16 pressure limits, as well.

17 Further, the pending Environmental Protection
18 Agency Underground Injection Control Program Regulations
19 would appear to require a variety of reports from the Com-
20 mission relative to injection wells, volumes and related data.
21 The only way I know to generate these on a regular basis and
22 also in our annual reports with accuracy will be through use
23 of the computer.

24 Once the figures are in the computer they can be
25 used in a variety of ways, many different reports, ones that

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1 we can't even contemplate now can be produced, and, hopefully,
2 this will simplify the reporting process by doing away with
3 Form C-120, operators will only have to report their injection
4 wells and their producing wells one time instead of twice.
5 And of course, this will reduce the chance for error.

6 Q How are you planning on accomplishing this?

7 A Well, first off, we're going to revise Form C-115
8 and to provide the additional space required for reporting
9 the injection volumes and pressures.

10 I propose we drop the "Used on Lease" and "Vented"
11 columns on Form C-115 and at this time I'd like to refer to
12 Exhibits 1-A and 1-B.

13 Exhibit 1-A is the new proposed Form C-115 and
14 1-B is the old Form C-115. And you'll see that the first
15 two columns after the "Well" and "Well Status" columns are
16 now called "Injection", "Volume" and "Pressure", and the
17 operator will simply list the injection wells in order with
18 other wells on the lease and show the volumes and the pres-
19 sures in these columns.

20 Q What other changes do you propose to make on Form
21 C-115?

22 A Well, we've tried to -- incidentally, the C-115
23 that went out with the docket is not the one that I am pro-
24 posing here today and I've got a few copies of that if any-
25 body would like to see it.

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1 Let me just kind of run through some of the changes
2 on this form. We've tried to add more room on the body of
3 the form for reporting and those of you that can see it can
4 see that now we have a single top line, much less space re-
5 quired at the top of the form. We have tried to fill in the
6 pool name, lease name, section of the form because many oper-
7 ators try and put a lease name in there, which complicates
8 our processes quite a bit.

9 I'm suggesting that the word "Transporter" be
10 used for disposition of gas rather than "Purchaser". This
11 has always been a problem with operators and the Commission
12 trying to determine who should be reported in there and I
13 would propose along with this that we issue a memorandum in-
14 dicating that the one to be shown there is the transporter
15 or purchaser as shown on Form C-104.

16 We have moved the "Oil Transporter" and "Other Dis-
17 position" columns on the disposition of oil to make them more
18 logical. Before the order was "Oil on Hand", "Barrels to
19 Transporter", "Other", "Code", and then "Transporter". And
20 now it's going to be "Oil on Hand", "Barrels to Transporter",
21 "Transporter Code", "Other Disposition", and then the code
22 for that disposition. It seems to be a much more logical
23 order.

24 We now show the distribution in the bottom lefthand
25 corner; we've added vent and lease use codes to other dispo-

1 sition; made a small difference there. The first two other
2 dispositions are used off lease and used for drilling and
3 that used to say destination must be shown on Form C-111 and
4 just for brevity we say now detail on Form C-111.

5 We have provided for a typed name and position in
6 addition to the often illegible signature blank at the end of
7 it.

8 Q What other rule changes are you proposing in ad-
9 dition to the form changes?

10 A Rule changes are shown on Exhibit Number Two and
11 Exhibit Number Three and there will be some changes to these
12 two exhibits, since at this time I do not propose that we
13 include salt water disposal wells.

14 Rule 1115, that's just exactly the same as it is
15 currently, except for an addition, which I have underlined
16 on Exhibit Number Two and I would propose to make some
17 changes.

18 Mr. Nutter, if you would mark these on your copy
19 and then I will read what it says. At the beginning of the
20 underlined section, where there is the word "lease" and then
21 a comma, if you'll encircle the word "and" at that point, and
22 then come down to the next line where it says "project in-
23 jection well", cross out the remainder of that line and then
24 the remainder of the underlined section, Rule 1115 would then
25 read: "Operators Monthly Report, Form C-115", or "Form C-115

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1 EDP, shall be filed on each producing lease and each secondary
2 recovery project injection well within the State of New
3 Mexico for each calendar month setting forth the information
4 and data indicated on said form in the order, format, and
5 style prescribed by the Secretary-Director.

6 Oil production from the wells which are producing
7 into common storage shall be estimated as accurately as pos-
8 sible on the basis of periodic tests."

9 There are no other changes in that rule.

10 MR. NUTTER: The remaining rule is the same as it
11 is at the present time?

12 A. That's correct.

13 Exhibit Number Three, then, is the proposal for
14 Rule 1120. As advertised, this called -- this case called
15 for the deletion of Rule 1120, but because of retaining Form
16 C-120-A for the reporting of salt water disposal, we will do
17 less than delete Rule 1120. We will just simply amend it to
18 eliminate the need for filing Form C-120.

19 The changes to be made on this particular rule
20 will be to cross out the last two words of the first line,
21 all of the second and third lines, and all but the last word
22 of the fourth line.

23 Rule 1120 would then read: "Each operator of a
24 salt water disposal system shall report such operations on
25 Form C-120-A. Form C-120-A shall be filed in duplicate, one

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1 copy with the Santa Fe office and one copy with the appro-
2 priate District Office and shall be postmarked not later than
3 the 15th day of the second succeeding month."

4 MR. NUTTER: Now, what did you cross out on --

5 A In the first line, the last two words.

6 MR. NUTTER: Right.

7 A The second and third lines in total, and in the
8 fourth line, everything but the last word.

9 MR. NUTTER: Okay.

10 Q (Ms. Teschendorf continuing.) Do you have any-
11 thing else?

12 A Yes. I would like to point out that Rule 704
13 provides for the filing of injection data on Form C-120 and
14 Form C-120-A. Now, 704 is a part of our general rules and
15 regulations on injection wells, and we expect to be revising
16 this entire section after the Environmental Protection Agency
17 comes out with its Underground Injection Program Regulations.

18 In any event, this discrepancy will be corrected
19 before 1-1-78, which I would propose as the effective date of
20 the rule change. Now, I would like to see Form C-115, and
21 as I have proposed it, be effective on August the 1st, 1977.
22 The need for this is because operators will have to adjust
23 their computer programs, when they use computer programs to
24 file production reports, to accommodate for the new order
25 that we have on Form C-115, and we advised all operators of

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1 the necessity for filing injection well data beginning with
2 the first of next year. We will have to get these forms into
3 the hands of all operators.

4 Q Were Exhibits One through Three prepared by you
5 or under your supervision?

6 A They were.

7 MS. TESCHENDORF: I'll offer Exhibits One through
8 Three.

9 MR. NUTTER: Exhibits One through Three in this
10 case will be admitted in evidence.

11 Do you have any further questions? Does anyone
12 have any questions for this gentleman?

13 MR. PETERSON: Yes, Mr. Examiner. Antone Peterson
14 for Amoco Production Company. Amoco wholeheartedly supports
15 the Commission's revision of the rules and Form C-115, with
16 the exception, Amoco would prefer that the volumes of in-
17 jection be inserted at the end of the form, as was done on
18 the example at the top of the docket sheet, which was passed
19 out earlier.

20 We think since it is an addition to the form it
21 would be clearer and possibly lead to fewer clerical errors
22 if they were inserted at the end of the form rather than as
23 proposed today. We don't think the empire will stand or fall
24 with this minor revision, but we would offer that.

25 MR. NUTTER: Thank you.

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1 MR. STAMETS: I would point out that we did con-
2 sider this particular point and our data processing people
3 prefer the information to be in the first column because
4 just simply, it's easier to find there. As the key entry
5 operators progress down the form less and less information
6 is found on the righthand side of the form, so that all we
7 have on the righthand side, generally, is lease disposition,
8 and it is, of course, more difficult for the eye to follow
9 across the blank lines and pick this information up then, on
10 the lefthand column -- or righthand column, and this is the
11 reason we have proposed it for the lefthand side.

12 I appreciate your point and it's something we did
13 consider and we still make this recommendation.

14 MR. NUTTER: Mr. Stamets, you're not proposing at
15 this time, then, to amend 704 but that would be the subject
16 of another hearing later on?

17 MR. STAMETS: Yes, I think it will be; I know it
18 will be before the effective date of these rule hearings.

19 MR. NUTTER: I see, and we might mention that
20 there's mention of Form C-120 in Rule 701, also.

21 MR. STAMETS: That entire section, I'm sure, is
22 going to be amended before the end of the year.

23 MR. NUTTER: Are there any further questions of
24 Mr. Stamets?

25 He may be excused. Do you have anything further,

1 Ms. Teschendorf?

2 MS. TESCHENDORF: No, I don't.

3 MR. NUTTER: Does anyone have anything they wish
4 to offer in Case Number 5942?

5 We'll take the case under advisement.

6 (Hearing concluded.)

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Dockets Nos. 21-77 and 22-77 are tentatively set for hearing on June 22 and July 6, 1977. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

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

CASE 5942: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to consider the amendment of Rule 1115 of the Commission Rules and Regulations to provide for the reporting of salt water disposal, secondary recovery, and other injection well volumes and pressures on Commission Form C-115, Operator's Monthly Report. Further to be considered will be the amendment of Form C-115 and the deletion of Rule 1120.

(Please see two potential configurations of Form C-115 enclosed)

CASE 5943: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to consider adoption of the following:

1. Rule 407, requiring notice to the Commission by the operator of the disconnection of any gas wells from intrastate transportation facilities.
2. Rule 1130, setting forth the requirements of the notice of disconnection.
3. Form C-130, NOTICE OF DISCONNECTION, requiring notice of the reason(s) for disconnection.

CASE 5920: (Continued from May 11, 1977 Examiner Hearing)

Application of New Mexico Salt Water Disposal Co., Inc. for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Devonian formation through the perforated interval from approximately 13,000 feet to 13,500 feet in its Sinclair State Lea Well No. 1, located in Unit M of Section 1, Township 11 South, Range 34 East, Sand Springs-Devonian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 5944: Application of Read & Stevens, Inc., for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its Hisson State Com Well No. 1 located in Unit M of Section 23, Township 21 South, Range 27 East, Burton Flats-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, the S/2 of said Section 23 to be dedicated to the well.

CASE 5945: Application of El Paso Natural Gas Company for downhole commingling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of South Blanco-Pictured Cliffs and Blanco Mesaverde production in the wellbore of its Blanco Well No. 15 located in Unit K of Section 36, Township 28 North, Range 8 West, San Juan County, New Mexico.

CASE 5946: Application of Amoco Production Company for a dual completion and a non-standard proration unit, Roosevelt County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the dual completion of its Swearingen "C" Well No. 1 located in Unit N of Section 18, Township 5 South, Range 33 East, Roosevelt County, New Mexico, to produce gas from the Pennsylvanian and oil from the Fusselman formations. Applicant also seeks approval for a 160-acre non-standard Pennsylvanian gas proration unit comprising the SW/4 of said Section 18.

CASE 5947: Application of Texaco Inc., for a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for its Central Vacuum Unit Area comprising 2046 acres, more or less, of State and fee lands in Sections 25, 30, 31 and 36, Township 17 South, Range 35 East, and Sections 5, 7, and 12, Township 18 South, Range 35 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 5948: 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 on its Central Vacuum Unit Area by the injection of water into the Grayburg-San Andres formation through 54 wells, Vacuum Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 5949: Application of Mesa Petroleum Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Pennsylvanian formation underlying Section 34, Township 24 South, Range 26 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

OPERATOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Form C-115 Revised 6-1-77

(Company or Operator)

(Address)

(711)

FOR MONTH

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POOL NAME (Underline)

*Lease Name

WELL NO. UNIT SEC. TWP. R&G

WELL STATUS

Injection

Volume

Pres.

TOTAL LIQUIDS PRODUCED

MONTHLY OIL ALLOWABLE

ACTUAL BARRELS PRODUCED

BARRELS OF WATER PRODUCED

GAS PRODUCED MCF

DAYS PROD.

DISPOSITION OF GAS

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*LEASE NAME - Include State Land Lease Number or Federal Lease Number

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PROPOSED RULE

RULE 1115. OPERATOR'S MONTHLY REPORT (Form C-115)

Operator's Monthly Report, Form C-115 or Form C-115-EDP, shall be filed on each producing lease, each secondary recovery project injection well, and (except as provided in Rule 1120) each salt water disposal well, within the State of New Mexico for each calendar month, setting forth complete information and data indicated on said forms in the order, format, and style prescribed by the Secretary Director. Oil production from wells which are producing into common storage shall be estimated as accurately as possible on the basis of periodic tests.

The reports on this form shall be filed by the producer as follows:

Original to the Oil Conservation Commission at Santa Fe; one copy to the Oil Conservation Commission District Office at Hobbs; one copy to the District Office in which district the lease is located; and one copy to each transporter involved. Each report for each month shall be postmarked not later than the 24th day of next succeeding month. Failure of an operator to file this report in accordance with the provisions of this rule may result in cancellation of Form C-104 for the affected well or wells.

Exhibit 2

PROPOSED RULE

RULE 1120. MONTHLY WATER DISPOSAL REPORT (Form C-120-A)

Each operator of a salt water disposal system which system handles produced waters for more than one operator, from more than one pool, which disposes into formations not productive of oil or gas, or which disposes into surface facilities shall report such operations on Form C-120-A. Form C-120-A shall be filed in DUPLICATE (one copy with the Santa Fe office and one copy with the appropriate district office) and shall be postmarked not later than the 15th day of the second succeeding month.

Exhibit 3

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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 ON ITS OWN MOTION TO CONSIDER THE AMENDMENT OF RULE 1115 OF THE COMMISSION RULES AND REGULATIONS, THE AMENDMENT OF COMMISSION FORM C-115, OPERATOR'S MONTHLY REPORT, AND THE DELETION OF COMMISSION RULE 1120.

CASE NO. 5942

Order No. R- 5505

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on June 8, 1977, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this _____ day of _____, 1977, 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 in the interest of more efficient administration of its rules concerning ~~the~~ reporting of ^{the} ~~water~~ ^{of water} injection into producing formations for the enhancement of production, and in the interest of reducing the administrative burden to both the Commission and the oil operators of this state in preparing and tabulating such reports, Commission Form C-115, Operator's Monthly Report, and Commission Form C-115-EDP, Operator's Monthly Report (electronic data processing), should be revised to provide space for the inclusion of water injection figures on said report.

(3) That in keeping with the above-described revision of Commission Forms C-115 and C-115-EDP, Rule 1115 of the Commission Rules and Regulations should be amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"RULE 1115. OPERATOR'S MONTHLY REPORT (Form C-115)

"Operator's Monthly Report, Form C-115 or Form C-115-EDP, shall be filed on each producing lease and each secondary recovery project injection well within the State of New Mexico for each calendar month, setting forth complete information and data indicated on said forms in the order, format, and style prescribed by the Secretary-Director. Oil production from wells which are producing into common storage shall be estimated as accurately as possible on the basis of periodic tests.

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(4) That inasmuch as water injection for production enhance-
^(secondary recovery)ment ^A would be reported on Commission Form C-115 rather than on Commission Form C-120 as at present, there would no longer be any need for said Form C-120, and it should be abolished, but Form C-120-A, Salt Water Disposal Report, should be retained.

(5) That in keeping with the above-described abolishment of Form C-120, Rule 1120 of the Commission Rules and Regulations should be amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"RULE 1120. MONTHLY WATER DISPOSAL REPORT (Form C-120-A)

"Each operator of a salt water disposal system shall report such operations on Form C-120-A. Form C-120-A shall be filed in DUPLICATE (one copy with the Santa Fe office and one copy with the appropriate district office) and shall be postmarked not later than the 15th day of the second succeeding month."

(6) That the effective date of the revision of Form C-115 and Form C-115-EDP should be August 1, 1977, and its use should be permitted after that date for filing monthly production reports, provided however, that monthly water injection reports should continue to be required on Form C-120 until February 1, 1978.

(7) That Form C-120 should be abolished effective February 1, 1978, and the reporting of all production as well as of water injection for secondary recovery purposes should be required on Form C-115 and Form C-115-EDP, as revised herein, after February 1, 1978.

(8) That the amendment of Commission Rule 1115, as described in Finding No. (3) above, and Commission Rule 1120, as described in Finding No. (5) above, should become effective February 1, 1978.

(9) That the above-described revisions, changes, and amendments will not cause waste nor impair correlative rights, and should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That ^{effective August 1, 1977,} Commission Form C-115, Operator's Monthly Report, and Commission Form C-115-EDP, Operator's Monthly Report (electronic data processing), ^{hereby} are revised as shown by Exhibits 1 and 2 attached hereto and made a part hereof.

(2) That ^{effective February 1, 1978,} Rule 1115 of the Commission Rules and Regulations is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"RULE 1115. OPERATOR'S MONTHLY REPORT (Form C-115)

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^{effective February 1, 1978,}

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^{effective February 1, 1978,}

(4) That Commission Form C-120, Monthly Injection Report, ^A is hereby abolished.

(5) That although the use of the new revised Form C-115 and C-115-EDP will not be required until February, 1978, for filing production and injection figures for January, 1978, operators are encouraged to acquire a supply of the new forms and commence their use as soon as possible to assure a smooth transition from the old form to the new revised form when the new form becomes mandatory, provided however, that injection reports must continue to be filed on the old Form C-120 through January, 1978 (for injection during December, 1977) and injection figures may be included or omitted, at the operator's discretion, on any new Form C-115 or Form C-115-EDP filed prior to February, 1978.

(6) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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

^{effective February 1, 1978,}
(3) That Rule 1120 of the Commission Rules and Regulations

is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"RULE 1120. MONTHLY WATER DISPOSAL REPORT (Form C-120-A)

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