CASE 5975: BETTIS, BOYLE, & STOVALL FOR SALT WATER DISPOSAL, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION Santa Fe, New Mexico July 6, 1977 EXAMINER HEARING IN THE MATTER OF: Application of Bettis, Boyle & Stovall CASE for salt water disposal, Lea County, 5975 7 New Mexico. 8 BEFORE: Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner 10 TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING 11 12 APPEARANCES 13 For the New Mexico Oil Lynn Teschendorf, Esq. Conservation Commission: Legal Counsel for the Commission 14 State Land Office Building

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MR. NUTTER: We will call Case Number 5975.

MS. TESCHENDORF: Case 5975, application of Bettis, Boyle & Stovall for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico

MR. LOPEZ: If the Examiner please, my name is Owen Lopez from the firm of Montgomery, Andrews and Hannahs of Santa Fe, appearing on behalf of the applicant and I have one witness to be sworn.

(THEREUPON, the witness was duly sworn.)

THOMAS H. GRIFFIN

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

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. LOPEZ:

- Would you please state your name, by whom you are employed and in what capacity?
- Thomas H. Griffin, Bettis, Boyle & Stovall, Production Superintendent for West Texas and New Mexico.
- Have you ever testified before the Commission and had your qualifications accepted?
 - No, I have not.
- Would you briefly state your educational background and employment background, please?
 - I'm a 1973 graduate of the University of Tulsa with

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a BSDA in management. Upon graduation I went to work for Amerada Hess as Production Foreman and served in West Texas, New Mexico and Mississippi and in October of 1976 I joined Bettis, Boyle & Stovall as Production Superintendent for West Texas and New Mexico.

MR. LOPEZ: Are the witness' qualifications acceptable?

MR. NUTTER: They are.

- Q (Mr. Lopez continuing.) Are you familiar with Case 5975?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q And what is it the applicant seeks in this case?
- A. We seek authority to dispose of salt water into the Seven Rivers-Queen formation through the perforated and openhole interval from twenty-nine seventy-five feet to thirty-two eighty-five feet in our Annie L. Christmas Well No. 1 located in Unit E of Section 20, Township 25 South, Range 27 East, Jalmat Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.
- Q Now turning to Exhibit Number One would you please describe it?
- A. Exhibit Number One is a map of the area around the Annie Christmas No. 1. The red arrow in the center indicates the location of the well and all of the wells within the circle are wells in a two-mile radius of the well. The wells are color coded to indicate the pool in which they are

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completed and you might note that the injection wells in the area are color coded green and the disposal wells are color coded blue.

- Now does this map show the producing wells from which you are making the water you wish to dispose of?
 - A. It does.
 - Q Where are they located?
- A. The one location north is the V. H. Justis No. 2 and one location to the northwest is B. M. Justis No. 4.
- Q And you have explained, have you not, that there are other injection wells, whether they are for waterflood or for salt water disposal in the area?
- A Right, Reserve Oil and Gas operates a waterflood on the north side of us, of this particular lease, and Union of Texas operates a waterflood project to the northeast of us.
- Q. Now turning to Exhibit Number Two would you please describe it?
- A. Exhibit Number Two is a cement bond log that we ran last month to determine the quality of our cement job and we feel like we have a good cement above the salt section and below.
- Q Okay, turning to Exhibit Number Three would you describe it?
 - A. Three is a water analysis of the water produced from

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the Annie Christmas No. 1 and from the B. M. Justis No. 4 which would be the water to be disposed of.

Q I think we have marked Exhibit Number Three as the water analysis of the Christmas well and Exhibit Number Four as the water analysis of the B. M. Justis well.

Now, turning to Exhibit Number Five would you describe it?

Annie Christmas No. 1 and it also includes the data such as the source of the fluids that we would like to dispose of into the well, our anticipated pressures and our anticipated volumes.

Q. And how do you propose to complete the injection well?

A. We propose to run plastic coated tubing with a packer and set it just above the Seven Rivers perforations in good cement according to the cement bond log and install a pressure gauge on the tubing and the casing so that we can monitor it daily for any type of tubing leak or packer failure.

Q. In your opinion would the granting of this application prevent waste and protect correlative rights?

A. Yes, it would.

Q. Were Exhibits One through Five prepared by you or under your supervision?

A. Yes.

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Exhibits One through Five.

MR. NUTTER: Applicant's Exhibits One through Five will be admitted into evidence.

MR. LOPEZ: At this time I would like to offer

(THEREUPON, Applicant's Exhibits One through Five were admitted into evidence.)

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. NUTTER:

Mr. Griffin, would you go through this casing and cementing program in detail and describe it for us, please?

Okay, the well has ten and three-quarter inch, A. thirty-two pound pipe set at three hundred and twenty-five foot with two hundred sacks circulated. Seven inch is set at thirty-two twelve with three hundred and fifty sacks using a two-stage Halliburton tool. The well has an open-hole completion from thirty-two twelve to thirty-two eighty-five which is TD. There are Seven Rivers perforations in the pipe from twenty-nine seventy-five to three thousand five foot.

The cement bond log indicates that we have a good bond from a thousand foot which is as high as we went up on the log, that's as high as it got, down to eleven sixty-five and that was the top of the DV tool and then a good cement bond from twenty-five fifty-six to TD.

In other words, this cement on this pipe was run in

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two stages?

- A. Yes, sir.
- And the lower portion of the pipe, the cement comes from the shoe back up to twenty-five fifty-six and then there is an interval with no cement until you get to eleven sixty-five?
 - A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And then you've got a hundred and sixty-five feet of cement there on that second stage?
 - A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Now the salt is in between the bottom of the upper cement and the top of the lower cement, is it not?
 - A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Now you haven't shown any tubing or any treatment of the well for disposal purposes at all on this exhibit, what's your proposal there?
- A. We propose to set plastic lined tubing with a Baker AD-1 packer.
 - Q. Okay, let's see, what size tubing will that be?
 - A. Two and three-eighths.
 - Q. And that would be plastic lined?
 - A. Yes, sir.
 - Q And that would be set where?
 - A At approximately twenty-nine hundred foot.
 - Q What kind of a packer was that?

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- O. The annulus then would be treated in what manner?
- A. With a packer fluid.
- Q Would that be some kind of an inert fluid in the annulus?
 - A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And that can be left open or equipped with a pressure gauge so that you can detect any leaks in the packer?
 - A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Now do you have any estimate of the quantity of water you will be disposing of?
- A. Yes, sir, the back page of this exhibit -- currently we are producing around seventy-five barrels per day. This has changed since then, since I made this, but we anticipate a maximum of three hundred barrels a day in the future as the wells begin to completely water out.
- Q. And you don't anticipate that you would need more than three hundred psi at the surface to get rid of three hundred barrels of water per day?
 - A. No, sir.
- Q. Now these other injection wells that you have shown here, you mentioned that immediately to the north of your well is an injection well?
 - A. Two locations to the north.
 - Q. Two locations to the north?

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- Okay, that's that Reserve No. 26 there circled in green on this exhibit?
 - A. Yes, sir.
- Q. You mentioned to the west there was an injection well, I think, one location to the west?
- A. No, one of the wells that is making water that we would like to dispose of is to the west, the V. H. Justis.

 Immediately to the north of the Christmas Well is the V. H.

 Justis which is a well that is a producing well and immediately to the west of the V. H. Justis is the B. M. Justis No. 4 which we would like to be able to put its produced water into the Christmas well.
- Q. Now you will be going into the open hole as well as the perforated interval in this well, is that correct?
 - A. Yes, sir.
- Q So you will be injecting into the Seven Rivers and the Queen?
 - A. Yes, sir.
- Q Now these waterfloods to the north and northeast, what formations do they flood?
- A. The Seven Rivers and the Queen, it would be exactly the same.
- Q Are these wells of yours producing from those formations also?

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- 0. So you will be going into your producing interval as far as disposal is concerned?
 - A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And you may in effect be flooding the producing interval as well as disposing of water then?
 - A. Yes, sir, except we don't plan any make-up water.
- Q. You would be repressuring your producing zone though with the water?
 - A. Yes, sir.

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

(THEREUPON, the witness was excused.)

MR. NUTTER: Does anyone have any further questions?

Do you have anything further, Mr. Lopez?

MR. LOPEZ: No, Mr. Examiner.

MR. NUTTER: Does anyone have anything they wish to offer in Case Number 5975? We will take the case under advisement.

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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

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

Sidney F. Morrish, C.S.R.

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STATE GEOLOGIST EMERY C. ARNOLD

Mr. Owen Lopez	Re:	CASE NO. 5975 ORDER NO. R-5489		
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Yours very truly, JOE D. RAMEY Director	•	C		
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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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

> CASE NO. 5975 Order No. R-5489

APPLICATION OF BETTIS, BOYLE & STOVALL 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 July 6, 1977, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 19th day of July, 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 the applicants, Bettis, Boyle & Stovall, are the owner and operator of the Annie L. Christmas Well No. 1, located in Unit E of Section 20, Township 25 South, Range 37 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 Seven Rivers-Queen formation, with injection into the perforated and open-hole interval from approximately 2,975 feet to 3,285 feet.
- (4) That the injection should be accomplished through 2 3/8-inch plastic lined 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 of approved leak detection device should be attached to the annulus in order to determine leakage in the casing, tubing, or packer.
- (5) That the injection well or system should be equipped with a pop-off valve or acceptable substitute which will limit the wellhead pressure on the injection well to no more than 600 psi.

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

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicants, Bettis, Boyle & Stovall, are hereby authorized to utilize its Annie L. Christmas Well No. 1, located in Unit E of Section 20, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Jalmat Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to dispose of produced salt water into the Seven Rivers-Queen formation, injection to be accomplished through 2 3/8-inch tubing installed in a packer set at approximately 2900 feet; with injection into the perforated interval from 2,975 feet to 3,005 feet and the open-hole interval from 3,212 feet to 3,285 feet.

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

- (2) That the injection well or system shall be equipped with a pop-off valve or acceptable substitute which will limit the wellhead pressure on the injection well to no more than 600 psi.
- (3) That the operator shall notify the supervisor of the Hobbs district office of the Commission of the date and time of the installation of disposal equipment so that the same may be inspected.
- (4) That the operator shall immediately notify the supervisor of the Commission's Hobbs district office of the failure of the tubing, casing, or packer, in said well or the leakage of water from or around said well and shall take such steps as may be timely and necessary to correct such failure or leakage.
- (5) That the applicant shall submit monthly reports of its disposal operations in accordance with Rules 704 and 1120 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

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

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year herein-above designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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SUBJECT: Water Analysis

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FORMATION: Seven Rivers - Queen

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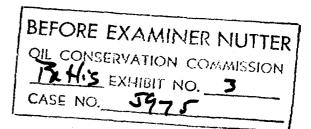
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Company Bet	tis, Boyle & S	tovall	Form B.M.	Justis	_ Well No4
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	SPECIF	IC GRAVITY:	1.062		
		pH:			
		PRINCIPAL CO		EACTING VALUE	
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GODIUM CALCIUM MAGNESIUM	17,165 1,883 5,490		746.3 94.0 451.3		28.9 3.6 17.5
Iron	Nil				N. J. S.
CHLORIDE SULPHATE BICARBONATE	40,489 6,591 777		1,141.8 137.1 12.7		44.2 5.3 0.5
PRIMARY SALI	NITY: 57.8	PER CE	INT TOTAL REACTING V	ALUE	
SECONDARY S	ALINITY: 41.2	PER CE	INT TOTAL REACTING V	ALUE	
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ANNIE C. Christmas # 1 E-20-7255-R37E BEFORE EXAMINER NUTTER OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION RHI'S EXHIBIT NO. 5 103/4"-32 10@ 325" w/ 200 SX. (Circulate 2/8 John Palen 2 400 ND CEMENT TOP - 1000' CEMENT BOXAM - 1165' CEMENT TOP - 2556' 7 Rivers Perfs - 2975 + 3005' 7"-20#@ 3212' W/ 350 SX. (Two-Stage HAllibuston Tool) QUEEN OPEN HOLE - 3212 to 3285' TD-3285'

	ANNIE L. Christmas #1.
	1. B.M. Justis Well # 4 Current Water Reduction - 10 BWPD Maximum Water Reduction Anticipated - 120 BWPD
	2. U.H. Justis Well # 2. CURRENT WHIER PRESULTION - 40 BWPD MAXIMUM WATER PROSLETION ANTICIPATED - 150 BWPD
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DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - JULY 6, 1977

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

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

CASE 4962: (Reopened) (Continued from June 22, 1977, Examiner Hearing)

In the matter of Case 4962 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-4538 which order established temporary special pool rules for the Peterson-Pennsylvanian Associated Pool, Roosevelt County, New Mexico. All interested parties may appear and show cause why said temporary special pool rules should not be reseinded.

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Number Well No. 1 located in Unit M of Section 4; Goode Well No. 1 located in Unit P of Section 18.

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Lynn & McCoy and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Bishop Well No. 1
located 115 feet from the South line and 200 feet from the West line of Section 15, Township 29
North, Range 11 West, San Juan County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance
with a Commission-approved plugging program.

CASE 5973: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit G & B Oil Company, American Employers Insurance Company, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Donella Well No. 1 located in Unit P of Section 3, Township 29 North, Range 15 West, San Juan County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.

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CASE 5975: Application of Bettis, Boyle, & Stovall for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Seven Rivers-Queen formation through the perforated and open-hole interval from 2,975 feet to 3,285 feet in its Annie L. Christmas Well No. 1 located in Unit E of Section 20, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, Jalmat Pool, Lea Courty, New Mexico.

CASE 5976: Application of Coquina Oil Corporation for special pool rules, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the promulgation of special pool rules for the North Burton-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, including a provision for 320-acre proration units. In the absence of objection, this pool will be placed on the standard 320-acre spacing for Pennsylvanian gas pools, rather than the present 160-acre spacing.

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BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BETTIS, BOYLE & STOVALL FOR SALT WATER DISPOSAL, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

APPLICATION

Comes now the applicant, Bettis, Boyle & Stovall, by and through its attorneys, Montgomery, Andrews & Hannahs, and in support of its application for salt water disposal, states as follows:

- 1. Applicant is the owner and operator of the Annie L. Christmas No. 1 well located in the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section 20, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, N.M.P.M., Jalmat Tansell Yates Seven Rivers-Queen Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.
- The applicant proposes to utilize said well to dispose of produced salt water into the Seven Rivers-Queen formation with injection into the perforated interval from 2,975 feet to 3,Q05 feet and also into the open-hole interval from 3,212 feet to 3,285 feet.
- That the approval of this application will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells and otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

Respectfully submitted,

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P.O. Box 2307

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Bettis, Boyle & Stovall

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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION

COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING: 5975 CASE NO. Order No. R- 5489 APPLICATION OF BETTIS, BOYLE & STOVALL 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 July 6, 1977, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner, Daniel S. Nutter NOW, on this day of July , 1977 , the Co a quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the 1977 , the Commission, 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, Bettis, Byle & Stovall the owner and operator of the Annie L. Christmas Well No. 1 located in Unit E of Section 20, Township South Jalmat Pool 37 East , NMPM, Range Lea County, New Mexico. (3) That the applicant proposes to utilize said well to dispose of produced salt water into the Seven Rivers-Queen formation, with injection into the perfected $U_{3,285}$ from approximately 2,975 feet to feet. (4) That the injection should be accomplished through _-inch plastic lined 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 or approved leak detection device should be attached to the

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

- (4) That the injection well or system should be equipped with a pop-off valve or acceptable substitute which will limit the wellhead pressure on the injection well to no more than 600 psi.
- (5) That the operator should notify the supervisor of the Hobbs district office of the Commission of the date and time of the installation of disposal equipment so that the same may be inspected.
- (6) That the operator should take all steps necessary to ensure that the injected water enters only the proposed injection interval and is not permitted to escape to other formations or onto the surface.
- (7) That approval of the subject application will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells and otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicants Bettis, Boyle & Stovall
hereby authorized to utilize its Annie L. Christmas Well No., 1,
located in Unit E of Section 20 , Township 25 South ,
Range 37 East , NMPM, Jalmat Pool ,
Lea County, New Mexico, to dispose of produced salt
water into the Seven Rivers-Queen formation, injec-
tion to be accomplished throughinch
tubing installed in a packer set at approximately 2900 feet,
with injection into the perferred interval from approximately
2,975 feet to 3,005,205 feet and the apar- hote interval from
PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the tubing shall be plastic-lined;
that the casing-tubing annulus shall be filled with an inert
fluid; and that a pressure gauge shall be attached to the annulus
or the annulus shall be equipped with an approved leak detection
device in order to determine leakage in the casing, tubing, or
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- (2) That the injection well or system shall be equipped with a pop-off valve or acceptable substitute which will limit the wellhead pressure on the injection well to no more than 600 psi.
- (3) That the operator shall notify the supervisor of the Hobbs district office of the Commission of the date and time of the installation of disposal equipment so that the same may be inspected.
- (4) That the operator shall immediately notify the supervisor of the Commission's Hobbs district office of the failure of the tubing, casing, or packer, in said well or the leakage of water from or around said well and shall take such steps as may be timely and necessary to correct such failure or leakage.
- (5) That the applicant shall submit monthly reports of its disposal operations in accordance with Rules 704 and 1120 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.
- (6) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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