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. 4041 Order No. R-3674

APPLICATION OF TAMARACK PETROLEUM COMPANY, INC., FOR SALT WATER INJECTION, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on February 5, 1969, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this <u>llth</u> day of February, 1969, 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, Tamarack Petroleum Company, Inc., is the owner and operator of the Texaco Moran Well No. 2, located in Unit H of Section 22, Township 19 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Pearl-Queen Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the applicant proposes to utilize said well to inject produced salt water into the Queen formation, with injection into the perforated interval from approximately 4954 feet to 5029 feet.
- (4) That the injection should be accomplished through 2 3/8-inch plastic-lined tubing installed in a packer set at approximately 4880 feet; that the casing-tubing annulus should be filled with an inert fluid; and that a pressure gauge should be attached to the annulus at the surface in order to determine leakage in the casing, tubing, or packer.
- (5) That disposal of more than 350 barrels of salt water per day into said well should be limited to a maximum of 60 days.

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(6) 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, Tamarack Petroleum Company, Inc., is hereby authorized to utilize its Texaco Moran Well No. 2, located in Unit H of Section 22, Township 19 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Pearl-Queen Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to inject produced salt water into the Queen formation, injection to be accomplished through 2 3/8-inch tubing installed in a packer set at approximately 4880 feet, with injection into the perforated interval from approximately 4954 feet to 5029 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 at the surface in order to determine leakage in the casing, tubing, or packer;

PROVIDED FURTHER, that disposal of more than 350 barrels of salt water per day into said well shall be limited to a maximum of 60 days.

- (2) That the applicant shall submit monthly reports of its injection 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, Chairman

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