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BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

APPLICATION OF H. N. SWEENEY and
PAUL SLAYTON FOR AN EXCEPTION TO
ORDER NUMBER R-3221, AS AMENDED,
CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

No. 3998
Reg 149
*12/18*APPLICATION

Come now H. N. Sweeney and Paul Slayton, by their attorneys, and seek an exception to Order Number R-3221, as amended, in order to permit the disposal of produced salt water into unlined, open surface pits located in Section 36, Township 8 South, Range 28 East, and in Section 1, Township 9 South, Range 28 East, Chaves County, New Mexico, and in support of their application state:

1. Applicants are the owners of the O'Brian C Well No. 1, located in the $SW\frac{1}{4}$ $SW\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 1, Township 9 South, Range 28 East, Chaves County, New Mexico, which well presently produces approximately 25-30 barrels of water per day in connection with the production of oil from the Twin Lakes-Devonian Pool. The said salt water production presently is being disposed of into an open unlined surface pit located in the $NE\frac{1}{4}$ $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 1, and the applicants seek permission to continue to dispose of the produced salt water in this manner as an exception to Order Number R-3221, as amended.

2. The applicant H. N. Sweeney is the operator of the Citgo State A Wells Nos. 2, 3 and 5, and the Citgo State Well No. 4, all located in Section 36, Township 8 South, Range 28 East, Chaves County, New Mexico, and the O'Brian A Well No. 1, located in Section 1, Township 9 South, Range 28 East, Chaves County, New Mexico, which wells all are completed and producing from the Twin Lakes-San Adres Pool. In connection with the production of

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oil from these wells, small quantities of salt water also are produced, which water is being disposed of into open unlined pits located in the said Section 36, and the said Section 1. Applicant seeks permission to continue to dispose of the said produced salt water into the said open unlined pits as an exception to Order Number R-3221, as amended.

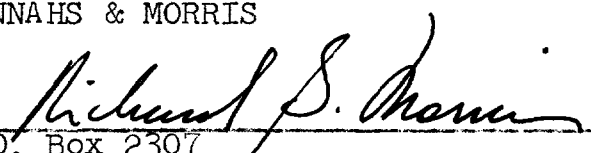
3. There is no fresh water and there are no windmills in the vicinity of the said salt water disposal pits, and therefore the exception that is sought to Order Number R-3221, as amended, if granted, will not injure any fresh water or present any threat of injury thereto.

4. Approval of this application will prevent waste, protect correlative rights, and prevent the premature abandonment of the subject wells.

WHEREFORE, applicants request that this application be set for hearing before the Commission or one of its examiners, and that the Commission enter its order granting to applicants an exception to Order Number R-3221, as amended, in accordance with this application.

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