

BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF JACK L. MC CLELLAN FOR AN
EXCEPTION TO THE PROVISIONS OF
ORDER NO. R-3221, AS AMENDED, EDDY
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Case 4149

A P P L I C A T I O N

Comes now Jack L. McClellan and applies to the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico for an exception to the provisions of Commission Order No. R-3221, as amended, which order prohibits the disposal of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil or gas or both, on the surface of the ground in Lea, Eddy, Chaves and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico, after January 1, 1969, and in support thereof would show the Commission:

1. Applicant is the operator of the No. 1 Harris well, located in Lot 16, Section 5, Township 16 South, Range 30 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico, in the West Henshaw Grayburg Pool.

2. Said well is offset by the West Henshaw Premier Unit, operated by Mobil Oil Company, and is presently producing at the rate of two barrels of oil per day, and from five to six barrels of water, per day.

3. There is no feasible manner in which the produced water can be economically disposed of, and continue oil production from the well, unless surface disposal of the water is permitted.

4. It is applicant's opinion that there is no fresh water supply in the vicinity of the subject well, and the disposal pits that have been used for this well, that would be contaminated or subject to contamination by continued use of a disposal pit on the surface; that no surface or underground waters will be contaminated by continued surface disposal of the produced water.

WHEREFORE applicant prays that this application be set for

hearing before the Commission's duly appointed examiner, or before the Commission, and that after notice and hearing as required by law the Commission enter its order granting the exception prayed for in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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