RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

AUSTIN, TEXAS
August 12, 1969

MEMORANDUM TO THE COMMISSION:
Docket No. 6-59,562

IN RE:
East Texas Salt Water Disposal
Company to drill two salt water
gulls in the East Texas Field,
Rusk County, Texas

DATE OF HEARING:
August 12, 1969

APPEARANCES:
James Lauderdale and Leo Walker
for applicant.

The East Texas Salt Water Disposal Company proposes to drill and use for
salt water operation its No. 4 Bert Fields well and its No. 3 Albertson well.
The two subject wells will supplement existing salt water disposal systems
and are located on the west side of the field outside the present productive
limits.

The No. 4 Bert Fields well is located 5.1 miles southwest of Kilgore in
the Robert W. Smith survey at a point 2550' from the north line and 2650'
from the east line of the survey on a five acre lease. The Fields salt
water treating plant processes 16,750 barrels of water per day which is
injected into the No. 2 and No. 3 Bert Fields water disposal wells. The
plant serves 63 leases which has 310 water producing wells and more lease
wells are to be connected in the near future. The system is operating at
capacity and the addition of the No. 4 Bert Fields well will permit the
Fields plant to care for peak loads without resorting to temporary water
storage and will permit the plant to accommodate emergencies which may be
caused by mechanical failure of equipment.

The No. 3 Albertson Disposal well is located 5.0 miles southwest of
Kilgore in the A. M. Ryan survey at a point 150' from the south line and 50'
from the east line of the survey on a 9.84 acre lease. The No. 3 Albertson
well supplements two disposal wells serving at Albertson treating plant.
The plant processes an average of 15,000 barrels of water per day from
leases with 97 water producing oil wells. The proposed No. 3 Albertson
Disposal Well will provide excess injection capacity for emergencies caused
by mechanical failure of equipment.
The nearest well to the No. 4 Bert Fields Disposal well is operated by Mobil Oil Company and the next nearest well is operated by A. A. Gilbert located 700' and 1000' distant respectively. The Commission's file contains letters dated August 6, 1969 to these two operators advising of the subject hearing to consider this application. The nearest producing well to the No. 3 Albertson Disposal well is operated by Humble Oil Refining Company and is located more than 4,000' from the proposed injection well. Humble was furnished a notice of hearing.

Mr. Walker read a statement showing that the two proposed injection wells will be drilled, logged, equipped and operated to the satisfaction of the Commission's District Director. There was no protest to this application and we would recommend that the application to drill the two subject water disposal wells be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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RECOMMENDATION APPROVED: ____________________________

Chief Engineer ____________________________

Chairman ____________________________

Commissioner ____________________________

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