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AUSTIN, TEXAS

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MEMORANDUM TO THE COMMISSION: DOCKET NO. 6-59,432

RE: Commission called hearing to determine the responsibility of plugging the Hinchcliffe, Cockrell & Powers wells 4 & 5, Pinkston, East Texas Field, Rusk County, Texas

DATE OF HEARING: June 27, 1969

APPEARANCES: Wallace H. Scott, Jr. for Hinchcliffe, Cockrell, & Powers; Frank Douglass for Humble Oil & Refining Company

This was one of a series of Commission called hearings to determine appropriate disposition of wells in the East Texas Field, the permits for which were cancelled by court order. This particular lease contains 6.25 acres, and was developed with five wells. Testimony at the hearing was to the effect that only 2 of the 3 wells currently carried on the schedule as producing on this lease are, in fact, producing at this time, and request was made for a reasonable period of time in which to complete an engineering study of the lease, and consider the desirability of plugging one or more of the existing wells, and substituting one or both of the subject wells.

It is the recommendation of the writer that the operator be given a period of six months within which to complete any necessary studies on the lease, and to determine whether he wants to plug the wells immediately, or make application for use of the wells as replacement wells, which application would, of course, be subject to additional Commission action.

Respectfully submitted,

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RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:

RECOMMENDATION DENIED:

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 _____ Commissioner _____

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