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AUSTIN, TEXAS

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MEMORANDUM TO THE COMMISSION: DOCKET NO. 6-59,434

RE: Commission called hearing
 pertaining to the proper
 plugging of the M. F. Hawkins
 Well No. 2, S. M. Williams "B",
 East Texas Field, Rusk County

DATE OF HEARING: June 27, 1969

APPEARANCES: William H. Price for M. F.
 Hawkins; Frank Douglass for
 Humble Oil & Refining Co.;
 Stanley Hornsby for Gulf Oil
 Corporation

This was one of several hearings called by the Commission to determine whether or not plugging orders should be issued to certain wells in the East Texas Field which were enjoined from production by court order. The permit granting the well was set aside by the court order, which enjoined production but did not require plugging.

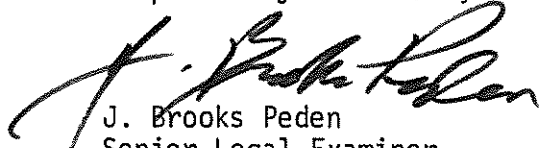
This is 1 of 2 wells located on a 2.84 acre tract. The No. 1 well has a 20 barrel allowable and the subject well has not been produced since 1943. The operator requests that the well be left as it is, so that it could be used as a replacement well if the No. 1 well ever should need replacing. There was testimony at the hearing that this well is in an area of water encroachment, but no data was submitted to indicate any need for replacement of the No. 1 well in the foreseeable future.

Letter from the operator states that the wells in the area are under pump and the subject well would probably not produce until properly equipped with rods, tubing, and pumping equipment. The letter concludes with a statement of preference to leave the well untouched until such time, if ever, a casing leak or some serious

mechanical trouble with Well No. 1 makes the use of the well desirable.

It is the recommendation of the writer that the applicant be given a period of time, not to exceed 60 days, within which to either make application for use of the well as a substitute well, or file intent to plug forms.

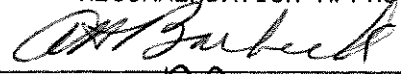


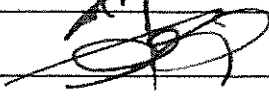
Respectfully submitted,


J. Brooks Peden
Senior Legal Examiner

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RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:

RECOMMENDATION DENIED:

	Chief Engineer	_____
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	Commissioner	_____
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