# BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STATE OF UTAH

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF WEST HAZMAT OIL FIELD SERVICES, INC., FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL OF THE FEDERAL 1-20 WELL LOCATED IN SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 30 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, S.L.B.&M. SAN JUAN COUNTY, UTAH, AS A CLASS II INJECTION WELL

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF FEDERAL 1-20 WELL AS A CLASS II INJECTION WELL

> Docket No. 92-033 Cause No. UIC-129

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THIS CAUSE came on for hearing before the Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining (the "Board") on Wednesday, June 24, 1992, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. Members of the Board present at the hearing were James W. Carter, Chairman, Judy F. Lever, Jay L. Christensen, E. Steele McIntyre, David D. Lauriski, and Raymond Murray. Board member Kent G. Stringham was recused and did not participate in this cause. Ronald J. Firth, Associate Director, Oil and Gas, Frank R. Matthews, Petroleum Engineer, and Gilbert Hunt, UIC Manager, were present for the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (the "Division"). The Division was represented by William R. Richards, Assistant Attorney General. Gregory P. Williams and Thomas W. Clawson of Van Cott, Bagley, Cornwall and McCarthy represented applicant West Hazmat Oil Field Services, Inc. ("West Hazmat") and appearing as witnesses for West Hazmat were Norman L. Rooney, Chief Executive Officer, West Hazmat Companies, Inc., Steve Rooney, Vice President, West Hazmat Oil Field Services, Inc., and

William A. Ryan, consulting petroleum engineer. Thomas W. Bachtell of Pruitt, Gushee and Bachtell represented protestant Mesa Inc. ("Mesa") and appearing as witnesses for Mesa were John E. Janbaz, Geologist, and Ronald C. Nutt, Production Engineer.

The Board, having considered the testimony adduced and the exhibits received at the hearing, being fully advised, and good cause appearing, hereby makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order:

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. On May 11, 1992, West Hazmat submitted an Application for Injection Well (Form No. DOGM-UIC-1) (the "Application"), in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations of the Board, for administrative approval to convert the Federal 1-20 Well in Section 20, Township 30 South, Range 25 East, S.L.B.&M., San Juan County, Utah (the "Disposal Well") to a Class II injection well for the purpose of water disposal.
- 2. West Hazmat gave notice of the Application pursuant to the requirements of Utah Administrative Code ("U.A.C.") Rules R649-5-1 and R649-5-3, and provided a copy of the Application to all operators, owners, and surface owners within a one-half mile radius of the Disposal Well as required by U.A.C. Rule R649-5-2. Notice was duly published as required by U.A.C. Rule R649-5-3.
- 3. On or about May 28, 1992, Mesa, formerly known as Mesa Limited Partnership, filed a protest and objection to the Application, stating that:

continued injection into the Federal #1-20 well would probably reduce the ultimate recovery of hydrocarbons from the Lisbon-Federal #2-21F gas well operated by Mesa, and located

approximately 3,000 feet to the southeast of the Federal #1-20 well. Mesa's review of the well(s) logs indicates that both the Federal #1-20 proposed injection well and the Lisbon-Federal #2-21F gas well are completed in the Mississippian Leadville formation.

- 4. West Hazmat is an environmentally responsible and otherwise reputable oil field services company now operating Class II injection wells, including a well in Utah, and is capable of operating the Disposal Well as a Class II injection well.
- 5. There presently exists a need for produced-water disposal facilities in the Moab-LaSal area in Grand and San Juan Counties, Utah to service producing oil and gas wells in that vicinity. Previously, produced-water from those wells was disposed of at the Keystone Disposal Pit, but that pit has been closed by order of the Board. At present, the nearest existing disposal pit is the Cisco Pit which is located approximately 90 miles from the Disposal Well.
- 6. The only well whose surface location is within a one-half mile radius of the Disposal Well is the Spiller Canyon State #1 Well, located in Section 16, Township 30 South, Range 25 East, S.L.B.&M., San Juan County, Utah (the "Spiller Well"), which has been plugged and abandoned in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations of the Board. That well does not provide a conduit that would enable fluids to migrate up or down the wellbore and enter improper intervals.
- 7. The surface location of the Disposal Well is located approximately 3,000 feet from the Lisbon Federal 2-21F Well, operated by Mesa, and located in Section 21, Township 30 South, Range 25 East, S.L.B.&M., San Juan County, Utah. The Lisbon

Federal 2-21F Well (the "Mesa Well") was shut-in on or about May 1992, due to the closure of the nearby Rocky Mountain Natural Gas Company gas processing plant which was previously used to remove or strip the sulfur from the hydrocarbons produced from the Mesa Well.

- 8. West Hazmat proposes to inject produced-water into underground intervals within the Mississippian Leadville Formation which are vertically separated from the nearest known source of drinking water by approximately 7,000 feet of salt in the overlying Pennsylvanian Paradox Formation, as demonstrated by well log data from the Disposal Well, the Spiller Well, and the Mesa Well.
- 9. The underground intervals within the Mississippian Leadville Formation into which West Hazmat proposes to inject produced-water are separate from and not in communication with the intervals in the Mesa Well from which Mesa produces oil, gas, and water as demonstrated by well log data and reservoir pressure data derived from drill stem tests in both the Disposal Well and the Mesa Well.
- 10. Because the productive intervals in the Mississippian Leadville Formation in the Mesa Well are separate from and not in communication with the intervals into which West Hazmat proposes to inject produced-water, the recovery of hydrocarbons from the Mesa Well will not be adversely affected by the use of the Disposal Well for water disposal in the manner proposed by West Hazmat.

- 11. The use of the Disposal Well for water disposal in the manner proposed by West Hazmat will cause no adverse effect upon oil, gas, or other resources, and will cause no adverse effect upon groundwater.
- 12. All technical requirements for the approval of the Disposal Well as a Class II injection well have been met.
- 13. Based on the production history of the Mesa Well and that well's current gas-to-liquid ratio, if the Mesa Well remains shut-in for an extended period and the gas-to-liquid ratio decreases by a factor of three as it did during an approximate two-month shut-in period in 1987, it is unlikely that the Mesa Well will be returned to production and the remaining reserves recoverable from the Mesa Well will be lost due to premature abandonment.
- 14. The vote by the Board in this cause was four votes in favor of approving the Application as submitted and two votes opposed, with Board members Carter, Christensen, McIntyre, and Lauriski voting in favor of approval and Board members Murray and Lever voting not to approve the Application.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

15. Due and regular notice of the time, place, and purpose of the June 24, 1992, hearing was given to all interested parties and all owners or operators and surface owners within one-half mile of the Disposal Well in the form and manner and within the time required by law and the applicable rules and regulations of the Board. Due and regular notice of the filing of the Application for Injection Well (Form No. DOGM-UIC-1)

was given to all interested parties and to all owners or operators and surface owners within one-half mile of the Disposal Well, in the form and manner and within the time required by law and the rules and regulations of the Board.

- 16. The Board has jurisdiction over all matters covered by the Application for Injection Well (Form No. DOGM-UIC-1) and the protest of Mesa herein pursuant to Section 40-6-5, Utah Code Annotated, and has power and authority to make and promulgate the Order herein set forth.
- 17. The use of the Disposal Well for water disposal in the manner proposed by West Hazmat is reasonably necessary to fulfill the purposes of Chapter 6, Title 40, Utah Code Annotated.
- 18. West Hazmat's application meets all applicable statutory and administrative requirements for the approval of the Disposal Well as a Class II injection well.
- 19. The recovery of hydrocarbons from the Mesa Well will not be adversely affected by the use of the Disposal Well for water disposal in the manner proposed by West Hazmat.

#### <u>ORDER</u>

Based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth above, the Board hereby ORDERS that the Application of West Hazmat Oil Field Services, Inc. for approval of the Federal 1-20 Well as a Class II Injection Well is approved, and the protest and objection of Mesa Inc. is denied.

DATED this day of July, 1992.

BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

Chairman

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I caused a draft copy of the within and foregoing ORDER to be telecopied, the 1st day of July, 1992, to the following, and that I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing ORDER to be hand-delivered, this 8th day of July, 1992 to the following:

Thomas W. Bachtell, Esq. Robert G. Pruitt, Jr., Esq. **Pruitt, Gushee & Bachtell** Suite 1850 Beneficial Life Tower Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

I further certify that I caused a true and correct copy of the within and foregoing ORDER to be mailed, certified mail, return receipt requested, this 8th day of July, 1992, to the following:

Bureau of Land Management San Juan Resource Area P. O. Box 7 Monticello, Utah 84535 Bureau of Land Management P. O. Box 970 Moab, Utah 84532

CNG Producing Co. 1459 Poydras St. New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

Grand County Commission 125 East Center Moab, Utah 84532

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### Division of Oil, Gas and Mining OPERATOR CHANGE WORKSHEET

ROUTING					
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X - Change of Operator (Well Sold)

Operator Name Change/Merger

The operator of the well(s) listed below has changed, effective:			9/15/2008				
FROM: (Old Operator):			TO: ( New Operator):				
N2095-Wasatch Oil & Gas, LLC			N3530-T.E.S. Water Injection, LLC				
1010 N 500 E, Suite 200			PO Box 5471				
North Salt Lake, UT 84054			Farmington, NM 87401				
Phone: 1 (801) 451-9200			Phone: 1 (505) 325-1198				
CA No.			Unit:				
WELL NAME	SEC	TWN RNG	API NO	ENTITY	LEASE TYPE	WELL	WELL
				NO		TYPE	STATUS
FEDERAL 1-20	20	300S 250E	4303730464	2560	Federal	WD	A
OPERATOR CHANGES DOCUMENT	ДTI	ION					
Enter date after each listed item is completed		.011					
1. (R649-8-10) Sundry or legal documentation wa	is rec	eived from the	FORMER ope	rator on:	9/15/2008		
2. (R649-8-10) Sundry or legal documentation wa					9/15/2008	-	
3. The new company was checked on the <b>Depart</b>			-		Database on:	•	9/17/2008
4a. Is the new operator registered in the State of U			Business Numb	_	7089269-0160		
5a. (R649-9-2)Waste Management Plan has been re		ed on:	IN PLACE			-	
5b. Inspections of LA PA state/fee well sites comp			n/a	=			
5c. Reports current for Production/Disposition & S				•			
6. Federal and Indian Lease Wells: The BI				merger na	me change		
or operator change for all wells listed on Feder				BLM	not yet	BIA	n/a
7. Federal and Indian Units:	ai Oi	itidian leases o	·11.		, not yet	DIII	_ 1/4
The BLM or BIA has approved the successor	ofu	nit operator for	r wells listed on:		n/a		
8. Federal and Indian Communization Ag						-	
The BLM or BIA has approved the operator					n/a		
9. Underground Injection Control ("UIC'	')	The Di	ivision has appro	oved UIC Fo	orm 5, Transfer	of Autho	rity to
Inject, for the enhanced/secondary recovery ur	Inject, for the enhanced/secondary recovery unit/project for the water disposal well(s) listed on:  9/18/2008						<u>3</u>
DATA ENTRY:							
1. Changes entered in the Oil and Gas Database			9/17/2008				
2. Changes have been entered on the Monthly O	pera	tor Change Sp	read Sheet on:		9/17/2008	_	
3. Bond information entered in RBDMS on:			n/a	-			
4. Fee/State wells attached to bond in RBDMS on:			n/a n/a	-			
<ul><li>5. Injection Projects to new operator in RBDMS on:</li><li>6. Receipt of Acceptance of Drilling Procedures for APD/New on:</li></ul>			IVa	n/a			
BOND VERIFICATION:		ши					
Federal well(s) covered by Bond Number:			UTB000333				
2. Indian well(s) covered by Bond Number:			n/a	-			
3a. (R649-3-1) The <b>NEW</b> operator of any state/fe	e we	ll(s) listed cove	ered by Bond No	umber	n/a		
3b. The <b>FORMER</b> operator has requested a releas	e of	liability from th	neir bond on:	n/a		-	
LEASE INTEREST OWNER NOTIFICATION:							
4. (R649-2-10) The <b>NEW</b> operator of the fee wells has been contacted and informed by a letter from the Division							
of their responsibility to notify all interest owner				n/a_			
COMMENTS:							

STATE OF UTAH

	5. LEASE DESIGNATION AND SERIAL NUMBER: BLM R-O-W UTU-68788		
SUNDR	6. IF INDIAN, ALLOTTEE OR TRIBE NAME:		
			7. UNIT or CA AGREEMENT NAME:
	new wells, significantly deepen existing wells below current bo aterals. Use APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL form for	tiom-hole depth, reenter plugged wells, or to such proposals.	
OIL WELL	8. WELL NAME and NUMBER: Federal #1-20		
2. NAME OF OPERATOR: T.E.S. Water Injection, LL	.c <i>N3</i> 530		9. API NUMBER: 4303730464
3. ADDRESS OF OPERATOR:		PHONE NUMBER:	10. FIELD AND POOL, OR WILDCAT: Little Valley
P.O. Box 5471 LOCATION OF WELL	Farmington STATE NM ZIP 874	01 (505) 325-1198	Little Valley
FOOTAGES AT SURFACE: 1,000	' FNL, 1,000' FEL		county: San Juan
QTR/QTR, SECTION, TOWNSHIP, RAI	NGE, MERIDIAN: NENE 20 30S 25E	S	STATE:
		ACTION AND ADDRESS OF THE	UTAH
	ROPRIATE BOXES TO INDICATE N		ORT, OR OTHER DATA
TYPE OF SUBMISSION	ACIDIZE	TYPE OF ACTION DEEPEN	REPERFORATE CURRENT FORMATION
NOTICE OF INTENT (Submit in Duplicate)	ALTER CASING	FRACTURE TREAT	SIDETRACK TO REPAIR WELL.
Approximate date work will start:	CASING REPAIR	NEW CONSTRUCTION	TEMPORARILY ABANDON
	CHANGE TO PREVIOUS PLANS	OPERATOR CHANGE	TUBING REPAIR
	CHANGE TUBING	PLUG AND ABANDON	VENT OR FLARE
SUBSEQUENT REPORT (Submit Original Form Only)	CHANGE WELL NAME	PLUG BACK	WATER DISPOSAL
Date of work completion:	CHANGE WELL STATUS	PRODUCTION (START/RESUME)	WATER SHUT-OFF
•	COMMINGLE PRODUCING FORMATIONS	RECLAMATION OF WELL SITE	✓ OTHER: Change of Operator
	CONVERT WELL TYPE	RECOMPLETE - DIFFERENT FORMATIO	N
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## STATE OF UTAH DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY TO INJECT				
Well Name and Number Federal #1-20		API Number 4303730464		
Location of Well		Field or Unit Name		
Footage: 1,000' FNL, 1,000' FEL	County : San Juan	Little Valley Lease Designation and Number		
QQ, Section, Township, Range: NENE 20 30S 2	5E State: UTAH	Federal R-O-W #UTU-68788		

EFFECTIVE DATE OF TRANSFER: 9/15/2008

ompany:	Wasatch Oil & Gas, LLC N2095	Name:	Todd Cusick
ddress:	1010 North, 500 East	Signature:	That (mi)
	city North Salt Lake state UT zip 84054	Title:	President/Manager
hone:	(801) 295-5985	Date:	9/11/28
ie: ments:		Date:	- 4/4/28

NEW OPERA	TOR	
Company;	T.E.S. Water Injection, LLC $N3530$	Name: TsuyoShi Okano
Address:	P.O. Box 5471	Signature:
	city Farminton state NM zip 87401	Title: President Manager
Phone:	(505) 325-1198	Date: 9-15-08
Comments	:	;

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Transfer approved by:

BRADLEY G. HILL

Comments:

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER

Approval Date: OG-18-08

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