



March 1, 1967

Mr. George Hatch
Assistant Attorney General
Oil Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re: Proper Abandonment of
Tidewater Oil Company
#1 Santa Fe B
660/N; 1980/W
25-~~28~~N-9W, McKinley County

Dear Mr. Hatch:

A copy of Mr. Emery C. Arnold's letter to you of February 22, 1967, concerning the subject well has been referred to this department for reply.

We wish to assure you that this well will be properly plugged and abandoned in accordance with the rules and regulations of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission in event Mr. Willcoxson does not take it over and attempt to complete it as a water well. It has never been our intent to attempt to evade this obligation. There has simply been a misunderstanding between Mr. Willcoxson and our personnel as to who would bear the burden, cost and expense of the attempt to convert the well to a water well. In attempt to bring this matter to a rapid and final conclusion, we are this day mailing to Mr. W. P. Kearns, Jr., Attorney-at-Law, Grants, New Mexico, who represents Mr. Willcoxson, letter in the attached form. I believe that such letter is self explanatory. It sets forth our final offer to him relative to conversion and/or abandonment of the well. We assure you that in event Mr. Willcoxson does not accept the proposal set forth in such letter, we will immediately move in and plug the well. Accordingly, we would appreciate it if you could hold in abeyance Mr. Arnold's request that this matter be set down for hearing before the Oil Conservation Commission pending receipt of a response from Mr. Kearns. In substance, it appears to us that this matter can and will be disposed of at an early

date without the necessity of a hearing of any type. We will promptly notify you of acceptance or rejection of our offer by Mr. Willcoxson.

We wish to correct one statement in Mr. Arnold's letter to you, such statement being contained in the last sentence of the third paragraph. Statement is therein made that Mr. Willcoxson agreed that he would stand the cost of conversion. To the best of our knowledge, he has never yet agreed to do that. Thus far his only offer has been to furnish casing for installation in the well with Tidewater actually doing the work and bearing the remaining expense of conversion.

We shall look forward to hearing from you relative to our request herein contained.

Very truly yours,

Original Signed
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AIRMAIL

CC: Mr. Emery C. Arnold ✓
Oil Conservation Commission
1000 Rio Brazos Road
Aztec, New Mexico

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Very truly yours,
Special Agent in Charge

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