

Case No.

403

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Application, Transcript,  
Small Exhibits, Etc.

CASE 403: Special Hearing August 28 1952  
Locke-Taylor Drilling Co. application for  
320-acre spacing exception 14-29N-13W

# Memo

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SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

The State of New Mexico by its Oil Conservation Commission hereby gives notice pursuant to law and the rules and regulations of said Commission promulgated thereunder of the following special public hearing to be held at 9 o'clock a.m. August 28, 1952, at Mabry Hall, State Capitol, in the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO:  
J. B. Brown and Veda Brown, his wife; I. K. Westbrook and Ruth Westbrook, his wife; D. Wilford Bigelow and Mollie Z. Bigelow, his wife; and any other named parties and persons having any right, title, interest or claim in the following case, and notice to the public.

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GIVEN under the seal of the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 8th day of August, 1952.

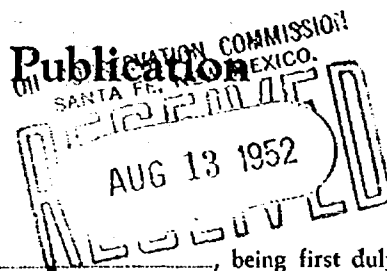
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County of Santa Fe }

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, being first duly sworn,

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Charles T. Patten  
Editor-Manager

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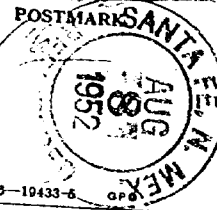
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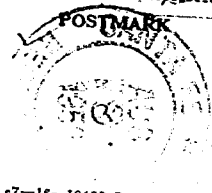
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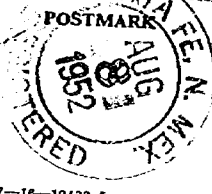
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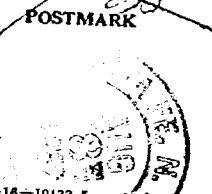
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South Route 3  
Farmington, N. M.

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W. B. Macey  
Chief Engineer

WBM:mr  
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IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING  
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PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 403

THE APPLICATION OF LOCKE-TAYLOR  
DRILLING COMPANY FOR PERMISSION TO  
DRILL OIL AND GAS WELL EMBRACING  
LESS ACREAGE THAN UNIT REQUIREMENT.

S T I P U L A T I O N

It hereby is stipulated by and between Lloyd D. Locke and Lloyd B. Taylor, dba Locke-Taylor Drilling Company, petitioners herein, and J. B. Brown and Veda Brown, his wife, I. K. Westbrook and Ruth Westbrook, his wife, and D. Wilford Bigelow and Mollie Z. Bigelow, his wife, respondents in said cause, as follows:

1. That the said respondents have agreed with the petitioners in this cause that said respondents will execute and deliver to said petitioners an oil and gas lease on their respective lands described in the petition filed herein, and hereinafter more particularly described, upon terms and conditions which are agreeable and satisfactory to both your petitioners herein and respondents herein.

2. That under the aforesaid oil and gas leases from respondents herein to said petitioners, the said lands belonging to your respondents may be unitized with all other lands in the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Sec. 14, Twp. 29 N., R. 13 W., N.M.P.M.; and that thereby said petitioners will have under oil and gas lease 320 acres, more or less, on which to locate and drill a well for production of gas in the "Pictured Cliff" formation in said above described tract of land.

3. That the said respondents on this date are ready and

willing to sign leases on their respective lands just as soon as leases can be executed in conformity with the agreement between the parties hereto; the lands belonging to the said respective parties being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

- A. The following described lands belonging to respondents I. K. Westbrook and Ruth Westbrook, husband and wife, viz:

The  $E\frac{1}{2}E\frac{1}{2}NW\frac{1}{4}SE\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 14, Twp. 29 N., R. 13 W., N.M.P.M., together with a right of way 16 feet wide along the E. line of the  $E\frac{1}{2}E\frac{1}{2}NW\frac{1}{4}SE\frac{1}{4}$  of said Sec. 14 for an outlet to the County Road; and The  $E\frac{1}{2}E\frac{1}{2}NW\frac{1}{4}SE\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 14, Twp. 29 N., R. 13 W., N.M.P.M. and that part of the  $NE\frac{1}{4}SE\frac{1}{4}$  lying west of the Echo Irrigation Ditch, containing 38 acres, more or less.

- B. The following described lands belonging to J. B. Brown and Veda Brown, husband and wife, comprising:

The  $SE\frac{1}{4}SE\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 14, Twp. 29 N., R. 13 W., N.M.P.M., containing 40 acres, more or less.

- C. The following described lands belonging to respondents D. Wilford Bigelow and Mollie Z. Bigelow, husband and wife, viz:

One square acre of land in the SW corner of the  $E\frac{1}{2}SW\frac{1}{4}SE\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 14, Twp. 29 N., R. 13 W., N.M.P.M.

4. That the said respondents I. K. Westbrook and his wife Ruth Westbrook, J. B. Brown and his wife Veda Brown, and D. Wilford Bigelow and Mollie Z. Bigelow, his wife, hereby agree and consent that the petition filed in the above entitled and numbered cause may be dismissed; and said lands unitized with the other lands situate in the  $S\frac{1}{2}$  of said Sec. 14 for the purpose of comprising a drilling unit which will comply with the requirements of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of New Mexico relative to the spacing of wells to be drilled to the "Pictured Cliff" formation in the area in which said land is situate.

n 5. It is further agreed by and between said petitioners and said respondents that the above entitled cause pending before the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of New Mexico be dismissed.

Dated this 27th day of August, 1952.

Locke-Taylor Drilling Company

By

Lloyd B. Taylor  
Lloyd B. Taylor

I. K. Westbrook  
I. K. Westbrook

Ruth Westbrook  
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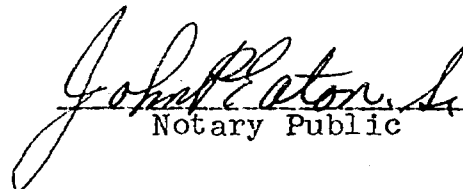
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Attorney for Petitioners

STATE OF NEW MEXICO    )  
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COUNTY OF SAN JUAN    )

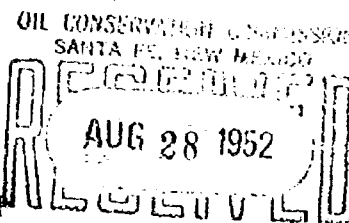
On this 27th day of August, 1952, before me personally appeared Lloyd B. Taylor, I. K. Westbrook and Ruth Westbrook, husband and wife, J. B. Brown and Veda Brown, husband and wife, and D. Wilford Bigelow and Mollie Z. Bigelow, husband and wife, to me known to be the persons named in and who executed the foregoing instrument; and the said Lloyd B. Taylor further acknowledges that he executed said instrument as a member of the co-partnership consisting of Lloyd D. Locke and Lloyd B. Taylor, co-partners, dba Locke-Taylor Drilling Company; and each acknowledged that he/she signed the same as and for his/her free act and deed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year first hereinabove written.

  
Notary Public

My commission expires:

~~My Commission Expires~~ APRIL 1954



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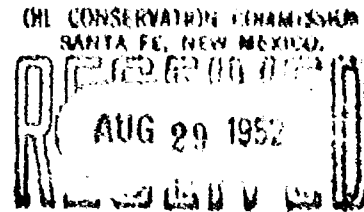
This cause coming before the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of New Mexico upon stipulation entered into and filed in the above entitled cause whereunder all of the parties involved in said cause have agreed to lease for the lands belonging to said respondents to the said petitioner and said lands now are being leased by said respondents to said petitioners; and the said respondents and said petitioners have agreed that said cause may be dismissed before the Commission without further action or proceedings thereon.

WHEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the above entitled cause be, and the same hereby is dismissed.

Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

By \_\_\_\_\_

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO



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mission on July 24, 1952, etc. )

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF BERNALILLO

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I HEREBY CERTIFY That as the reporter engaged to  
take the hearing in the subject case, the case was called  
for hearing as set forth in the legal notice pursuant to  
law of August 8, 1952; and that neither the parties noticed  
in said legal notice of said date or the representatives  
of the applicant corporation Locke-Taylor Drilling Company  
appeared at Mabry Hall, State Capitol, in the City of  
Santa Fe, New Mexico, at 9 o'clock a.m., August 28, 1952,  
being the time and place set for said hearing.

DONE at Albuquerque, New Mexico, August 28, 1952.

*C. L. Guesman*  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 8-4-56

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SANTA FE - NEW MEXICO

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

R. R. Spurrier  
Secretary

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# AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

COUNTY OF SAN JUAN

Robert S. Magee, being first duly sworn,  
(editor)

on oath states: That he is the (business manager) of the Farmington Daily Times, a daily newspaper of general paid circulation and of general circulation in San Juan County, New Mexico, entered under the second class postal privilege in said county, being the county in which the notice hereto attached is required to be published and said paper has been published in said San Juan County continuously and uninterruptedly during a period of six months next prior to the first issue thereof containing said notice. That the notice of which a copy as published is hereto attached and hereby made a part hereof was published in the English language in said newspaper once each week for ..... consecutive weeks on the following dates, to-wit:

First Publication on the 12 day of Aug, 1952  
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Robert S. Magee  
Editor Business Manager

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of Aug,

Robert P. Buehler  
Notary Public

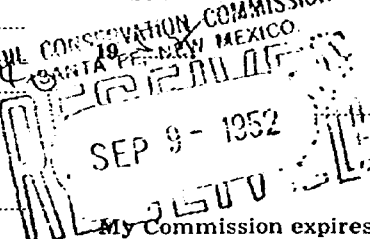
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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**PUBLICATION**  
**STATE OF NEW MEXICO**  
**OIL CONSERVATION**  
**COMMISSION**  
**SANTA FE — NEW MEXICO**  
The State of New Mexico by its Oil Conservation Commission hereby gives notice pursuant to law and the rules and regulations of said Commission promulgated thereunder of the following special public hearing to be held at 9 o'clock a. m. August 28, 1952, at Mabry Hall, State Capitol, in the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico.  
**STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO:**  
J. B. Brown and Veda Brown, his wife; I. K. Westbrook and Ruth Westbrook, his wife; D. Wilford Bigelow and Mollie Z. Bigelow, his wife; and any other named parties and persons having any right, title, interest or claim in the following case, and notice to the public.  
**CASE 403:**  
In the matter of the application of the Locke-Taylor Drilling Company for permission to drill a well on acreage of less than the 320-acre unit requirement as prescribed in Order R-172 issued by the Commission on July 24, 1952, said order affecting spacing in the approximate northwesterly one-half of the West Kutz Pictured Cliffs Pool or, in the alternative, for an order directing J. B. Brown and Veda Brown, his wife; I. K. Westbrook and Ruth Westbrook, his wife; and D. Wilford Bigelow and Mollie Z. Bigelow, his wife, to unitize their acreage with lands leased by the petitioner and Standard Oil and Gas Company in order that a complete 320-acre unit might be available in S/2 Section 14, Township 29 North, Range 13 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.  
GIVEN under the seal of the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 8th day of August, 1952.  
**STATE OF NEW MEXICO**  
**OIL CONSERVATION**  
**COMMISSION**  
(Seal) R. R. Spurrier  
Secretary  
Legal No. 468—Published in the Farmington Daily Times, Farmington, N. M., Tuesday, Aug. 12, 1952.  
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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING  
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR THE  
PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 703

THE APPLICATION OF LOCKE-TAYLOR  
DRILLING COMPANY FOR PERMISSION TO  
DRILL OIL AND GAS WELL EMBRACING  
LESS ACREAGE THAN UNIT REQUIREMENT.

P E T I T I O N

Comes now Locke-Taylor Drilling Company and petitions the  
Commission as follows:

1. That your petitioner herein, Locke-Taylor Drilling Company, is a co-partnership composed of Lloyd D. Locke and Lloyd B. Taylor, with their regular place of business at Farmington, New Mexico.
2. That your petitioner herein at all times hereinafter mentioned held, and now holds, valid and subsisting oil and gas leases on all of the land situate<sup>d</sup> in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 14, Twp. 29 N., R. 13 W., N.M.P.M.
3. That your petitioner had obtained approval of location of a well to be drilled on the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 14, Twp. 29 N., R. 13 W., N.M.P.M., embracing 160 acres of land, prior to the entry of order No. R-172 in case No. 377, on the 24th day of July, 1952; and that prior to the entry of said order, and prior to any notice of the pendency of said case No. 377, your petitioner had made said location, had unitized the lands embraced in said quarter section, and moved a large portion of their equipment on location for drilling said well
4. That under said order No. R-172, the Commission required

that such well be drilled on a 320 acre drilling unit of land.

5. That your petitioner holds valid and subsisting oil and gas leases on the whole of the  $S\frac{1}{2}$  of said Sec. 14, saving and excepting the  $SE\frac{1}{4}SE\frac{1}{4}$  of said Sec. 14, which land belongs to J. B. Brown and Veda Brown, his wife; and the  $E\frac{1}{2}$  of the  $E\frac{1}{2}$  of the  $NW\frac{1}{4}SE\frac{1}{4}$  of said section lying West of the Echo Irrigation Ditch, being approximately 38 acres of land, all of which belongs to I. K. Westbrook and Ruth Westbrook, his wife; that your petitioner does not have oil and gas lease on that part of the  $NE\frac{1}{4}SE\frac{1}{4}$  of said Sec. 14 lying East of the Echo Irrigation Ditch, comprising approximately 15 acres, on which said 15 acres Stanolind Oil and Gas Company holds a valid and outstanding oil and gas lease; and your petitioner does not hold an oil and gas lease on approximately 1 acre of land in the  $SW\frac{1}{4}SE\frac{1}{4}$  of said Sec. 14, which said land belongs to D. Wilford Bigelow and Mollie Z. Bigelow, his wife.

6. That attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat showing the subdivisions of land on which your petitioner holds valid and subsisting oil and gas leases and showing the above mentioned land on which your petitioner does not hold oil and gas leases.

7. That your petitioner has made every reasonable endeavor to secure oil and gas leases on the aforesaid lands which belong to said J. B. Brown and Veda Brown, his wife, I. K. Westbrook and Ruth Westbrook, his wife, and D. Wilford Bigelow and Mollie Z. Bigelow, and the acreage on which the Stanolind Oil and Gas Company holds valid and subsisting oil and gas lease; that the said J. B. Brown and Veda Brown, his wife, and said I. K. Westbrook and Ruth Westbrook, his wife, have refused and now refuse to granting oil and gas lease to your petitioner on the lands held by them.

8. That your petitioner has contacted the Stanolind Oil and Gas Company with request to said company to unitize their lease

on the aforesaid 15 acres of land into a drilling unit embracing the  $S\frac{1}{2}$  of said Sec. 14, and negotiations are now in process of consumation<sup>M</sup> for the unitization of said lease held by the Stanolind Oil and Gas Company with the leases held by your petitioner herein for the location and drilling of a well on the  $S\frac{1}{2}$  of said Sec. 14, so that your petitioner now is in position to unitize all of the lands in the  $S\frac{1}{2}$  of said Section for a gas well to the Pictured Cliff formation on the  $S\frac{1}{2}$  of said Sec. 14.

9. That unless your petitioner herein can obtain from this Honorable Commission an order for permission to drill a gaswell on the  $S\frac{1}{2}$  of said Sec. 14 to the Pictured Cliff formation without including the 80 acres of land belonging to the said J. B. Brown and Veda Brown, his wife, and the said I. K. Westbrook and Ruth Westbrook, his wife, and the said D. Wilford Bigelow and Mollie Z. Bigelow, his wife, it will be impossible for your petitioner to drill on any part of the  $S\frac{1}{2}$  of said Sec. 14, unless by order of this Commission the said 66 acres of land are brought within the unit area for a gas well on the  $S\frac{1}{2}$  of said Sec. 14, and the aforesaid leases held by your petitioner on the remainder of the  $S\frac{1}{2}$  of said Sec. 14 will, of necessity, be forfeited due to failure of your petitioner to comply with the requirements of the oil and gas leases now held on the  $S\frac{1}{2}$  of said Sec. 14, comprising 240 acres all of which comprises a solid contiguous block of land, excepting the 15 acres, more or less, on which the Stanolind Oil and Gas Company holds the leasehold rights and on which said company is willing to unitize with said leased acreage of your petitioner.

WHEREFORE, your petitioner prays:

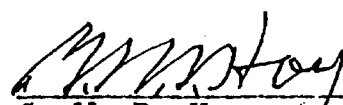
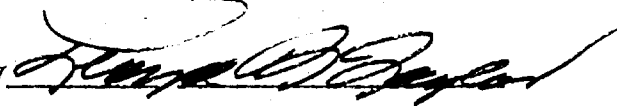
1. That the Commission grant your petitioner herein a hearing for the granting of permission to drill on the 240 acres on which valid and subsisting leases are held by your petitioner,

including the 15 acres, more or less, held by the Stanolind Oil and Gas Company and which will be included in drilling unit on the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of said Sec. 14, Twp. 29 N., R. 13 W., N.M.P.M.

2. For an order of the Commission directing the said J. B. Brown and Veda Brown, his wife, I. K. Westbrook and Ruth Westbrook, his wife, and D. Wilford Bigelow and Mollie Z. Bigelow, his wife, to unitize their acreage with the lands leased by your petitioner, and said land held by Stanolind Oil and Gas Company, or an order permitting your petitioner to drill a well on proper location in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Section 14.

LOCKE-TAYLOR DRILLING COMPANY

By



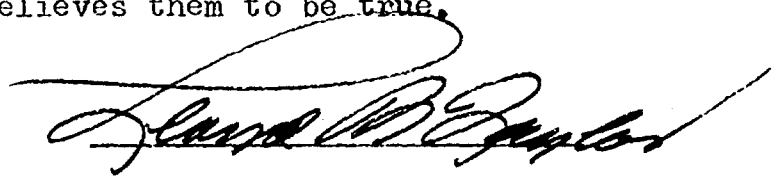
G. W. R. Hoy  
Attorney for Petitioner  
Farmington, New Mexico

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COUNTY OF SAN JUAN    )

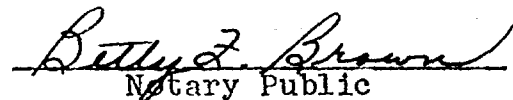
Lloyd B. Taylor, of lawful age, being first duly sworn,  
upon his oath says:

That he is one of the co-partners composed of this  
affiant and Lloyd D. Locke, doing business under the firm name  
and style of Locke-Taylor Drilling Company;

That he has read the foregoing petition and is familiar  
with the contents thereof; that the statements therein made are  
true, except those statements made upon information and belief,  
and as to those statements he believes them to be true.



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of  
August, 1952.

  
Notary Public

My commission expires:  
November 30, 1955.



G. W. R. HOY  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO

August 6, 1952

Mr. R. R. Spurrier  
Oil Conservation Commission  
State Office Building  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Attn: Mr. Macy

Dear Mr. Spurrier:

In conformity with our conversation over the phone this morning, I am enclosing herewith copies of the Petition of Locke-Taylor Drilling Co. with exhibits attached thereto.

Both I. K. Westbrook and wife and J. B. Brown and wife live on South Route 3, Farmington, New Mexico. While we do not have their box number, there will be no question as to delivery of their mail if addressed to the above numbered route.

Very truly yours,

*G. W. R. Hoy*  
G. W. R. Hoy

GWRH:bb

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING  
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR THE  
PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 377  
ORDER NO. R-172

THE APPLICATION OF BENSON & MONTIN  
FOR AN ORDER ESTABLISHING UNIFORM  
SPACING OF WELLS FOR THE PICTURED  
CLIFFS FORMATION OF THE CALLEGOS  
CANYON UNIT AREA AND CERTAIN LANDS  
ADJACENT THERETO, SAN JUAN COUNTY,  
NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on regularly for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. June 19, 1952, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission".

NOW, on this 24 day of July, 1952, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony adduced and the exhibits received at said hearings, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

1. That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

2. That the following described lands in San Juan County, New Mexico, in all probability, embrace a common source of supply of gas in the Pictured Cliffs formation, and include the approximate northwesterly one-half of the West Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool as presently defined by Commission Order R-42 in Case No. 244, Commission Order R-156 in Case No. 363, and Commission Order R-156-A in Case No. 363, to-wit:

Township 28 North, Range 11 West, NMPM  
All of Partial Section 7,  
All of Sections 18 and 19.

Township 28 North, Range 12 West, NMPM  
Partial Sections 7 through 12, and  
Sections 13 through 34, incl.

Township 28 North, Range 13 West, NMPM  
Partial Sections 10, 11, and 12,  
Sections 13, 14 and 15, Sections 23  
through 26, incl., and Sections 35  
and 36.



Township 29 North, Range 12 West, NMPM  
SW/4 Section 16, Sections 17 through  
21, W/2 and SE/4 of Section 22, W/2  
and SE/4 of Section 23, and Sections  
26 through 36, incl.

Township 29 North, Range 13 West, NMPM  
Sections 9 through 16, Sections 21  
through 28, and Sections 33 through  
36, incl.

3. That apparently one gas well to the Pictured Cliffs formation of the above lands will efficiently, effectively and economically drain an area of 320 acres, and that testimony indicated that drilling wells in a pattern of greater density is unnecessary, and not to the best interests of conservation, and could result in wasteful use of critical materials.

4. That in an effort to determine whether such measures will insure orderly development, protect correlative rights and prevent possible waste, the above lands should be developed on a 320-acre spacing pattern for a period of one year from date of this order, and at the end of one year applicant shall present testimony to show why 320-acre spacing should be retained.

5. That to insure the proper and uniform spacing of all wells drilled to the common source of supply under the above lands and to protect the correlative rights of all the parties interested therein, all wells drilled therein should be located in the southwest and northeast quarters of each governmental section conforming with Rule 104 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, with only such exceptions as are necessary for existing non-conforming wells, future wells on good cause shown, and such off-set wells as may be necessary and that approval for such non-conforming locations may be given by the Secretary of the Commission upon proper application therefor.

6. That the existing Commission Order No. R-46 in Case No. 237, relating to the former West Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool, and the former South Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool, now consolidated into the West Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool, should be and remain in full effect and undisturbed hereby.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the following described lands in San Juan County, New Mexico, embrace a common source of supply of gas in the Pictured Cliffs formation, and include the approximate northwesterly one-half of the West Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool as presently defined by Commission Order R-42 in Case No. 244, Commission Order R-156 in Case No. 363, and Commission Order R-156-A in Case No. 363, to-wit:

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and 36.

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and SE/4 of Section 25, and Sections  
26 through 36, incl.

Township 29 North, Range 13 West, NMPM  
Sections 9 through 16, Sections 21  
through 28, and Sections 33 through  
36, incl.

2. That the above lands be developed on a 320-acre spacing pattern for a period of one year from the date of this order; That at the regular Commission hearing for the month of June, 1953, the operators shall show cause why the above described area should not be developed on a 160-acre pattern.

3. That all wells drilled therein to the Pictured Cliffs formation be located in the southwest and northeast quarters of each governmental section, conforming to Rule 104, of the Commission's Rules and Regulations with only such exceptions as are necessary for existing non-conforming wells, future wells on good cause shown, and such off-set wells as may be necessary, and that approval for such non-conforming locations may be given by the Secretary of the Commission upon proper application therefor.

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DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

EDWIN L. MECHER, Chairman

GUY SHEPARD, Member

R. R. SPURRIER, Secretary