CASE 5465: Application of PETRO-LEWIS CORP. for a pressure maintenance project, Sandoval Cty

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BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION Santa Fe, New Mexico April 30, 1975

# EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of Petro-Lewis Corporation for a unit agreement, Sandoval County, New Mexico,

and

Application of Petro-Lewis Corporation for a pressure maintenance project, Sandoval County, New Mexico.

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BEFORE: Richard L. Stamets, Examiner

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

APPEARANCES

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APPEARANCES (Continued):

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Applicant's Exhibits Nos. 1 through 7

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MR. STAMETS: Case 5464.

MR. CARR: Case 5464. Application of Petro-Lewis Corporation for a unit agreement, Sandoval County, New Mexico.

MR. KELLAHIN: If the Examiner please, Jason Kellahin of Kellahin and Fox, appearing for the Applicant. I would suggest that Case 5464 be consolidated for the purposes of the record with Case 5465 which relates to the same matter.

MR. STAMETS: Is there any objection to the consolidation of these cases?

MR. HUNKER: No objection.

MR. STAMETS: Please call Case 5465, and these two cases will be consolidated for purposes of testimony.

MR. CARR: Case 5465. Application of Petro-Lewis Corporation for a pressure maintenance project, Sandoval County, New Mexico.

MR. HUNKER: George Hunker, Hunker, Fedric and Higginbotham, Roswell, New Mexico, appearing on behalf of John K. Reimer and R. E. McKenzie, Jr.

MR. STAMETS: Are there any other appearances in this case? You may proceed, Mr. Kellahin.

(Witnesses sworn.)

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# JOHN SOMERS

called as a witness, having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

# DIRECT EXAMINATION

# BY MR. KELLAHIN:

- Q Will you state your name, please?
- A John Somers.
- Q By whom are you employed and in what position, Mr. Somers?
- A Petro-Lewis Corporation. I am the Division Production Superintendent.
- Q For the Examiner, would you spell your last name, please?
  - A S-O-M-E-R-S.
- Q Have you ever testified before the Oil Conservation Commission or one of its Examiners and made your qualifications a matter of record?
  - A Yes, I have.

MR. KELLAHIN: Are the witness' qualifications acceptable?

MR. STAMETS: They are.

# BY MR. KELLAHIN:

Q Mr. Somers, are you familiar with the Applications

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of Petro-Lewis Corporation in Cases 5464 and 5465?

- A Yes, I am.
- Q Briefly, what is proposed by the Applicant in these two cases?
- A Acceptance of the unit agreement to cover the Media Entrada Unit for installation of a pressure maintenance project, and also approval of our proposed plan of injection.
- Q Now, the form of unit agreement, is that the instrument that has been marked as Applicant's Exhibit No. 1 in the consolidated cases?
  - A Yes, it is.
- Q Is that the unit agreement in the form that has heretofore been approved by the United States Geological Survey and this Commission?
  - A Yes, it is.
- Q Has it been submitted to the Department of Interior for approval?
  - A Yes, it has.
  - Q What is the status of it at the present time?
- A It has been given preliminary approval by the Roswell Office of the U.S.G.S. and sent on to their Denver Office for preliminary approval, and we have had indication from the Denver Office that it will receive preliminary

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approval designation this week.

- Q Now, what acreage does the unit agreement cover?
- A It covers 580 acres of the four drilling proration units which comprise the Media Entrada Pool, which
  would be the southwest quarter of Section 14, the south half
  of the northwest quarter of Section 14, the southeast quarter
  of Section 15 and south half of the northeast quarter of
  Section 15, the north half of the northeast quarter of the
  northeast quarter of Section 22 and the north half of the
  northwest quarter of Section 23, all lying in Township 19
  North, Range 3 West.
  - Q Is all of this acreage Federal acreage?
  - A Yes. it is.
  - Q There is no State or fee acreage?
  - A No.
- Q In your opinion, does the unit effectively cover the producing formation of the Media Entrada Pool?
  - A Yes, it does.
  - Q As it has been defined by the Commission?
  - A Yes
- Q At the present time this pool is being operated on 160-acre spacing and proration units, is it not?
  - A That's correct.

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- Q What happens to this in terms of the unit agreement?
- A At the request of the U.S.G.S., those communitization agreements will be dissolved when the unit becomes effective, so it is basically on a participation -- participation is basically on a tract basis, with the tracts comprised of the Federal leases within the unit boundary.
  - Q That is at the direction of the U.S.G.S.?
  - A Yes.
  - Q Is that the provision you made?
  - A Yes.
- Q What is the participation factor or formula based on?
- A The formula is based on 50-percent floodable acre-feet and 25-percent cumulative production to May 31st, 1974, and 25-percent production prior to the installation of five-volume submersible pumping equipment.
- Q In your opinion, would that fairly allocate the production from the unit among the various interest owners?
  - A Yes, it would.
- Q What percentage of the working-interest owners have agreed with this?
  - A 100 percent.
  - Q And the royalty interest is entirely federal,

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# is that correct?

- A That is correct.
- Q The overriding royalties, are there a number of overriding royalties?
- A Yes, there are. The overrides average slightly over 16-percent in these leases and 50-percent of the overrides are in agreement with unitization.
- Q Subsequent to the preparation of the form of unit agreement, has the Applicant acquired or the associates acquired any of the royalty, overriding royalty interest?
  - A Yes, we have.
  - Q What percentage was that?
- A It is the percentage which was held by Odds-On (sic) Oil Company, and it varies, as you can see on Exhibit B from 2.7, all the way up to 12.6 percent, so it varies from tract to tract.
- Q Now, referring to what has been marked as Applicant's Exhibit No. 2, would you identify that exhibit?
- A Exhibit No. 2 is a plat showing the proposed unit area, the injection wells with red arrows designating the injection wells, the proposed unit boundary, and then a border of two miles around that unit boundary where we have posted all of the wells which have been drilled in

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that area and we have listed all of the lessees within the area. It also shows the producing formation which -- each producing well -- either it has produced from or is presently producing from. In other words, in parenthesis underneath these wells, you will see a JE, which would be Jurassic-Entrada, or a KG, which would be Cretaceous-Gallup or a KM which would be Cretaceous-Mesa Verde. So, basically, it shows that there are three productive horizons in this area. It also shows the ownership and the wells which we intend to use as injection wells, as well as all other producing wells or former producing wells in the area.

Q Is there an error on the Exhibit in regard to the 8 Federal Media?

A There was, but I corrected it. 8 Federal Media, in some of these wells have been shown as abandoned producers. They are actually productive wells. 8 Federal Media is producing from the Menefee and 7 Federal Media is producing from the Gallup.

- Q What is the unitized horizon?
- A The Entrada, which is the deeper horizon.
- Q So, the other wells are not included in the unit?
- A No, they aren't.
- Q Now, referring to Exhibits Nos. 3, 4, and 5,

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would you identify those exhibits?

A Exhibits 3, 4 and 5 are copies of the electric and porosity logs that have been run on each of the wells which are to be used as injection wells, and these are the Federal Media No. 4, Fluid Power Pump No. 4, and Fluid Power Pump No. 2. In addition to the logs themselves, the top of the Entrada has been marked on each of these logs because it is very difficult, for example, on the induction electric log because of the low resistivity to pick the top of the Entrada. It is relatively easy, however, on the density or sonic logs to determine the top.

- Q Now, as I understand, you propose to inject fluid into those three wells?
  - A That is correct.
  - Q What fluid would you inject?
- A We would be injecting produced Entrada water as well as the water which we intend to get back out of the Gallup. Up until this time and up until the unit is effective, we have been using the Gallup formation for disposal of produced water, and it has pressured this formation up. We intend to relieve the pressure on the Gallup and reinject that water which has been disposed in the Gallup back into the Entrada.

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Q Referring to what has been marked as Exhibit No.5, would you identify that exhibit?

A That is an exhibit which shows the diagram of each of the wells to be used for injection, the casing, tubing and cementing information on those wells. It also shows that the base of each of those wells, the zone that we are going to be injecting into, the top of that zone, the fluid that we will be injecting, and the anticipated injection rate and pressure.

Q Do you anticipate that you will have any pressure initially?

A No, we don't expect any pressure initially because of the very high porosity and permeability of the formation and the relatively low pressure in the formation. The present reservoir pressure is approximately 1700 PSI. The hydrostatic head would be more than sufficient to inject into the formation.

Q Now, you will be injecting through tubing and under the packer. Will the annulus be filled with inert fluid?

A Yes, it will. It will be filled with an inhibited fluid to prevent any corrosion and we will also be installing pressure gages to check annulus pressure to

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make sure that no leaks occur, or if leaks do occur, that we can correct any such problem.

- Q You say it shows on your diagrammatic sketch the cementing information. Does it show the cement tops?
- A No, it doesn't. There was no temperature log or other cement top available on the well records that we have, so we have taken the information as to the hole size, casing size and casing weight and the volume of cement which is shown on the diagrams and calculated the fill-up. The fill-up indicates that they apparently were trying to fill this up over the Gallup formation, so we have cement clear back to anywhere from 2700 feet to 3600 feet.
- Q Will the cement top be above the packer you propose to set?
  - A Yes, it will.
  - Q Are you going to use the internally coated tubing?
  - A Yes, we will.
- Q Will the proposed completion as you propose to make it prevent any contamination of any producing zones or fresh-water zones that might exist in --
  - A (Interrupting) Yes, it will.
- Q Refer to Exhibit No. 7 and identify that exhibit, please?

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A This is a water analysis which we had run last summer on the produced Entrada water within the Media

Dome area itself. It shows that the chlorides are very low, but this is relatively fresh water.

Q In spite of that, you do propose to use an internally-coated tubing in the well?

A That is correct.

Q In your opinion, will the formation of this unit and the proposed pressure maintenance project as you have proposed it result in the recover of oil that not otherwise would be recovered?

A Yes, it will.

Q Do you know what amount?

A Our engineering study indicated that we will recover over 600,000 barrels of additional oil by this pressure maintenance project.

Q You will be injecting relatively high volumes of water, will you not?

A Yes, we will.

Q Just briefly, would you review the testimony in regard to the necessity for producing the reservoir at high rates?

A We have found, with the installation of submersible

pumping equipment that with increased rates of production, we are going to achieve higher recoveries from the Entrada, and I have found from our plots of water cut versus cumulative production that we will substantially increase the ultimate recovery of oil from the reservoir.

Q Has this manner of producing this reservoir caused any changes in the fluid level or pressures within the various wells?

A Yes, it has. It has caused drawdown and this is the reason for our desire to reinject the produced Entrada water back into the formation.

- Q In order to do this, it is necessary to unitize the entire pool. is it not?
  - A That is correct.
- Q In your opinion, will the reinjection of water equalize the pressure throughout the pool?
  - A It should.
- Q Would that make for better production from the pool?
  - A Yes.
  - Q And a greater ultimate recovery?
  - A Yes, it should.
  - Q Were Exhibits 4 through 7 prepared by you or

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under your supervision?

A Yes, they were.

Q And Exhibit No. 1 is the form of unit agreement of what is proposed?

A Yes.

MR. KELLAHIN: At this time I would like to offer into evidence Exhibits 1 through 7.

MR. STAMETS: Without objection, they will be admitted into evidence.

(Whereupon, Applicant's Exhibits Nos. 1 through 7 were marked for identification, offered and admitted into evidence.)

MR. KELLAHIN: That is all we have.

MR. STAMETS: Are there questions of this witness?

# CROSS EXAMINATION

# BY MR. HUNKER:

Q Does Petro-Lewis intend to abandon the 160-acre spacing units that were established by the O.C.C. earlier in connection with this pool?

A As we said, the U.S.G.S. has requested that the 160-acre communitization units be dissolved. That is, those which were established within the proposed unit boundary. So, those four will be dissolved.

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Q In connection with the unit, a provision is made in the agreement for the expansion of the unit under certain circumstances, and the circumstances are not delineated. Can you tell the Examiner under what circumstances the unit might be expanded?

A At this point in time, we have no plans or anticipation of expansion of this unit, and it is difficult to conceive that it would be expanded. It is just a standard provision in the Federal form.

Q There is also a provision in the unit for a gas injection. Is this also a provision that is more or less standard in this type of thing?

A Yes, it is another provision within the standard Federal form.

Are you aware at this time that there could be any other working interest owners other than the two that are named in the unit igreement at this time? In other words, do you anticipate that the Fluid Power Pump Company might dispose of its interest so that there would be other working interest owners?

A Not to our knowledge.

MR. HUNKER: I have no further questions, Mr. Examiner.

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# CROSS EXAMINATION

# BY MR. STAMETS:

Mr. Somers, do you have any estimate of the daily volume you will be getting out of the Gallup?

No, we really don't. We haven't had an opportunity to backflow the Gallup to determine what volume would be anticipated. We have injected almost 2 million barrels of water into the Gallup.

Would the operator report any leaks from or around the injection wells or producing wells or plugged and abandoned wells to the Commission?

Yes.

If there would be no surface pressure, how will you use a gage to detect any leak in the injection tubing?

Well, we would be putting a pressure gage on the annulus and would assume it would pressure-up. Again, that may not be the case. That is a very good point. It is a very good point.

Perhaps the wording should be an acceptable leakdetection device.

Yes.

Do you anticipate that the injection of this additional fluid would cause any of the wells to exceed the

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productive limits set out in the pool rules for this Media Entrada Pool?

- A No.
- Q So, the allowable will not be any problem?
- A No, it should not be.
- Q So, any report that you would file relative to this project would not have to set out any allocation formula for transferring allowables between wells or nothing like this?
  - A No, it shouldn't.

MR. STAMETS: The witness may be excused. Is there anything further in this case?

(Witness dismissed.)

MR. HUNKER: I have nothing.

MR. STAMETS: If there is nothing further, we will take the case under advisement.

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I, RICHARD L. NYE, Court Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached Transcript of Hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission was reported by me, and the same is a true and correct record of the said proceedings, to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

COURT REPORTER

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a complete record of the proceedings in the Examiner hearing of Case No. 1925.

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New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission



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Petro-Lewis Corporation

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| Attorneys at Law<br>Post Office Box 1769<br>Santa Fe, New Mexico | •           | Applicant: |

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced Commission order recently entered in the subject case.

Very truly yours.

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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. 5465 Order No. R-5017

APPLICATION OF PETRO-LEWIS CORPORATION FOR A PRESSURE MAINTENANCE PROJECT, SANDOVAL COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

### ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

### BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on April 30, 1975, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner, Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 22nd day of May, 1975, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, 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 applicant, Petro-Lewis Corporation, seeks authority to institute a pressure maintenance project on its Media Entrada Unit, Media-Entrada Pool, by the injection of water into the Entrada formation through three injection wells in Sections 14 and 15, Township 19 North, Range 3 West, NMPM, Sandoval County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the wells in the project area are experiencing a decline in reservoir pressure.
- (4) That the proposed pressure maintenance project should result in the recovery of a greater volume of oil from the reservoir than would otherwise be recovered, thereby preventing waste.
- (5) That the applicant does not seek authority for allowable credit or transfer nor special well allowables within the project.

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- (6) That the operator should take all steps necessary to ensure that the injected water enters only the proposed injection interval and is not permitted to escape to other formations or onto the surface from injection, production, or plugged and abandoned wells.
- (7) That the subject application should be approved and the project should be governed by the provisions of Rules 701, 702, and 703 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

# IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Petro-Lewis Corporation, is hereby authorized to institute a pressure maintenance project on its Media Entrada Unit, Media-Entrada Pool, by the injection of water into the Entrada formation through the following-described wells in Township 19 North, Range 3 West, NMPM, Sandoval County, New Mexico:

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- (2) That injection into each of said wells shall be through internally coated tubing, set in a packer which shall be located as near as practicable to the uppermost perforation; that the casing-tubing annulus of each injection well shall be loaded with an inert fluid and equipped with an approved attention-attracting leak detection device.
- (3) That the operator shall immediately notify the supervisor of the Commission's Aztec district office of the failure of the tubing or packer in any of said injection wells, the leakage of water or oil from around any producing well, or the leakage of water or oil from any plugged and abandoned well within the project area and shall take such timely steps as may be necessary or required to correct such failure or leakage.
- (4) That the subject project is hereby designated the Petro-Lewis Media Entrada Unit Pressure Maintenance Project and shall be governed by the provisions of Rules 701, 702, and 703 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.
- (5) That monthly progress reports of the project herein authorized shall be submitted to the Commission in accordance with Rules 704 and 1120 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.
- (6) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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

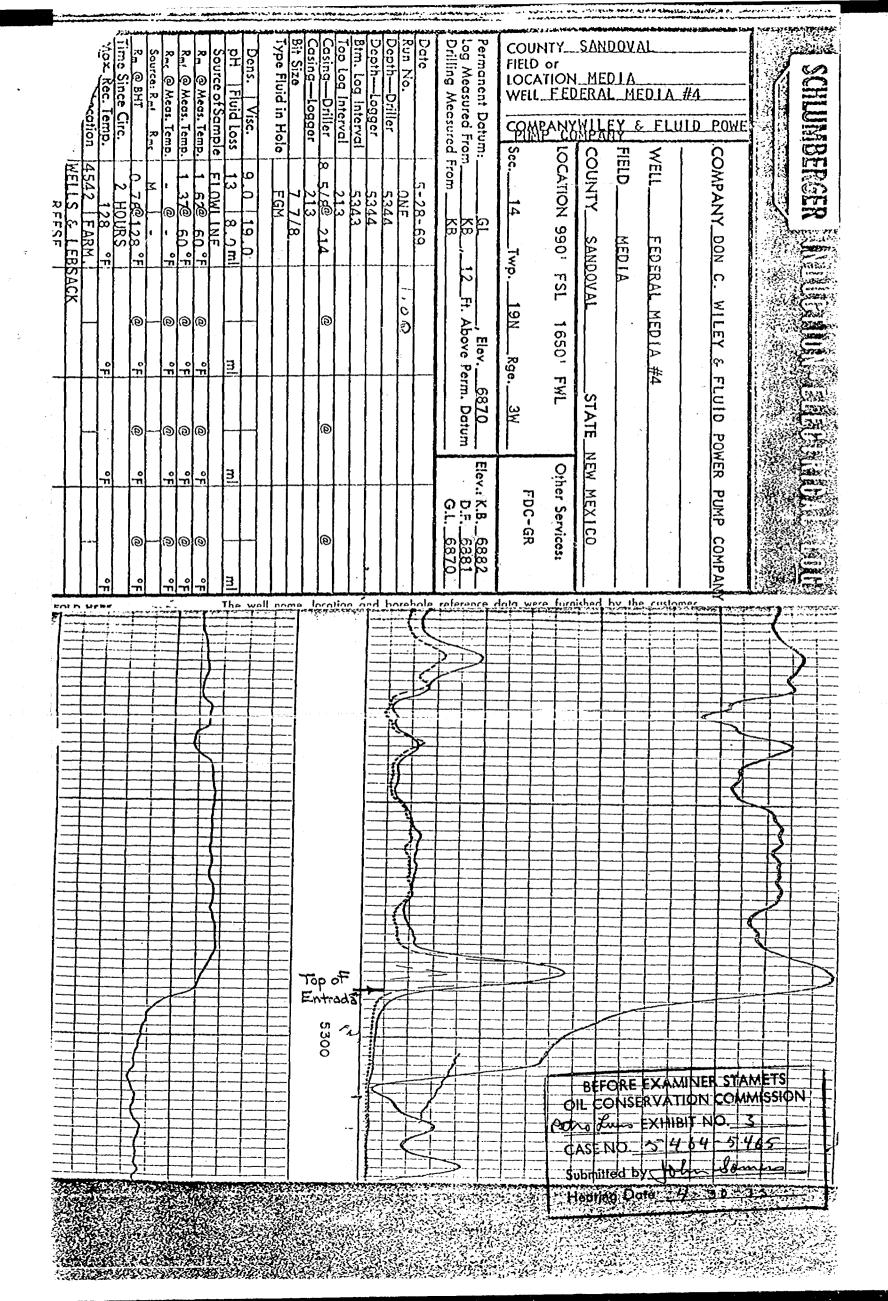
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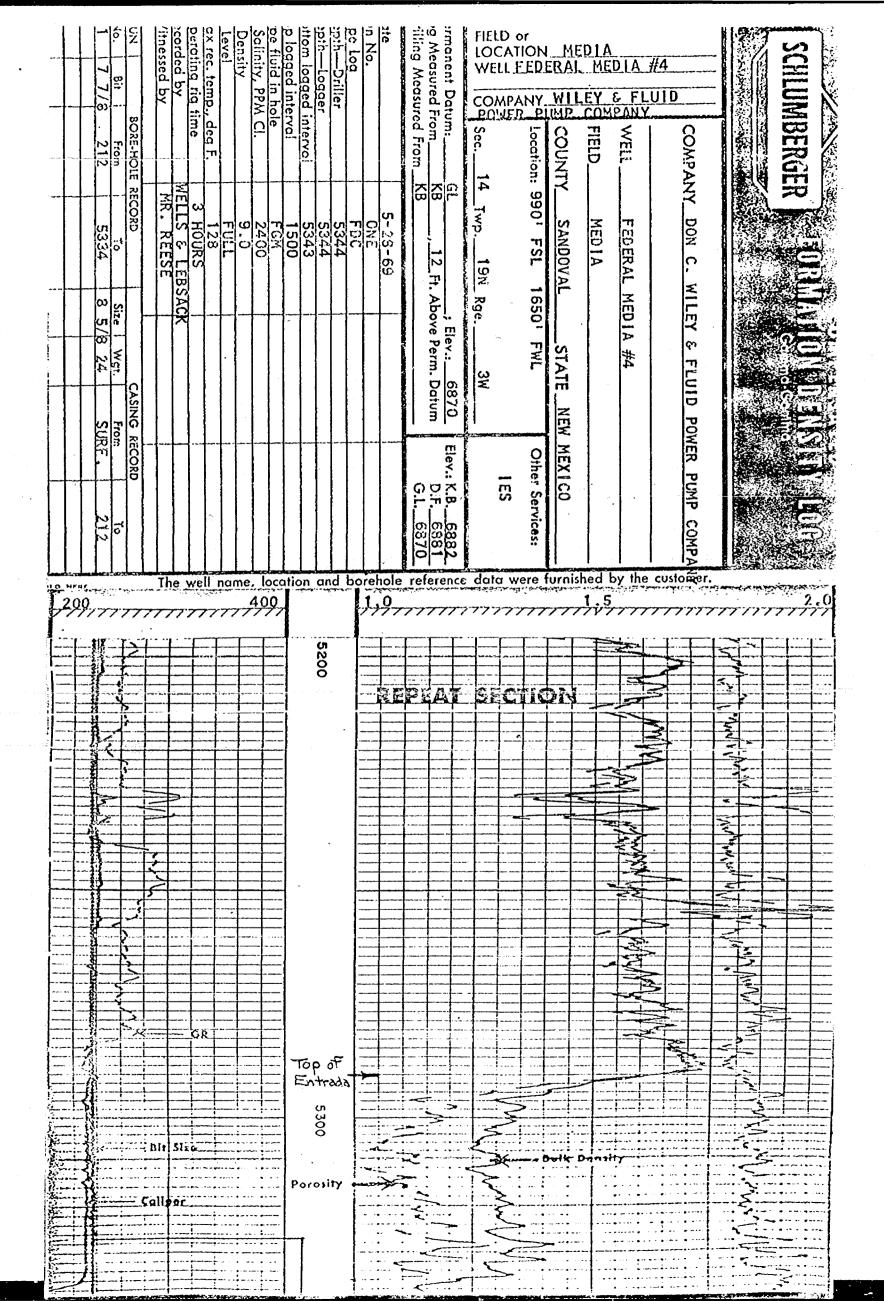
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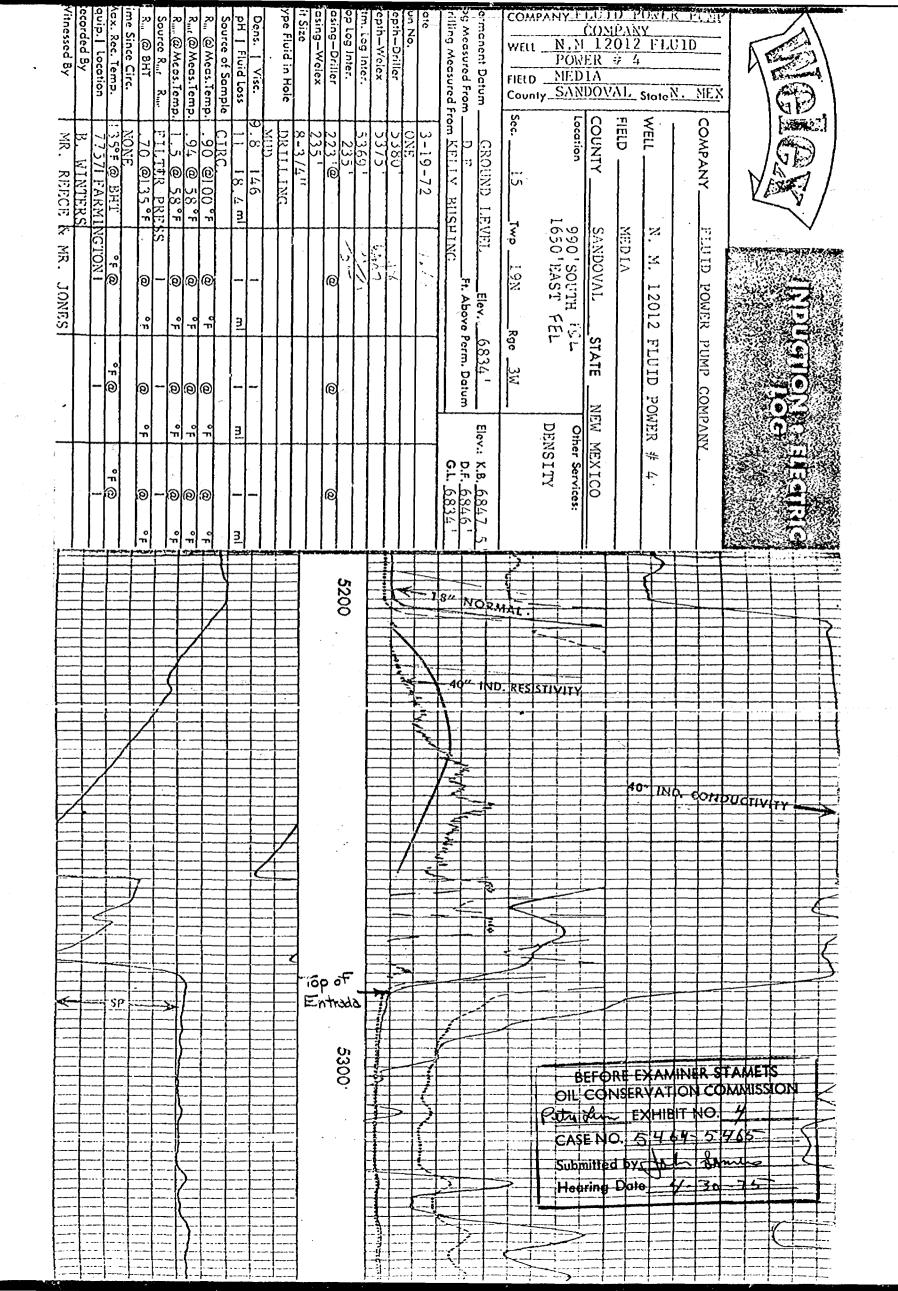
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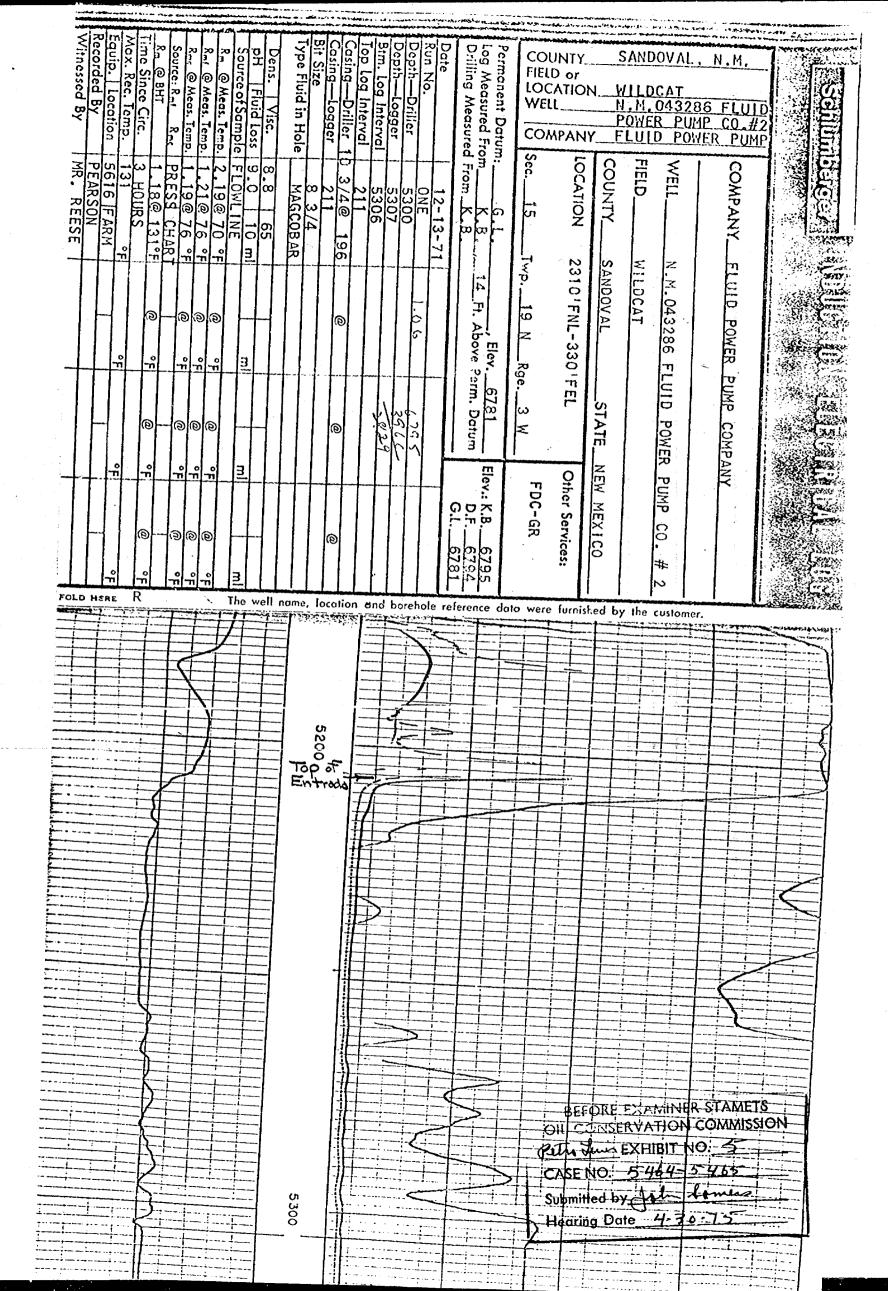
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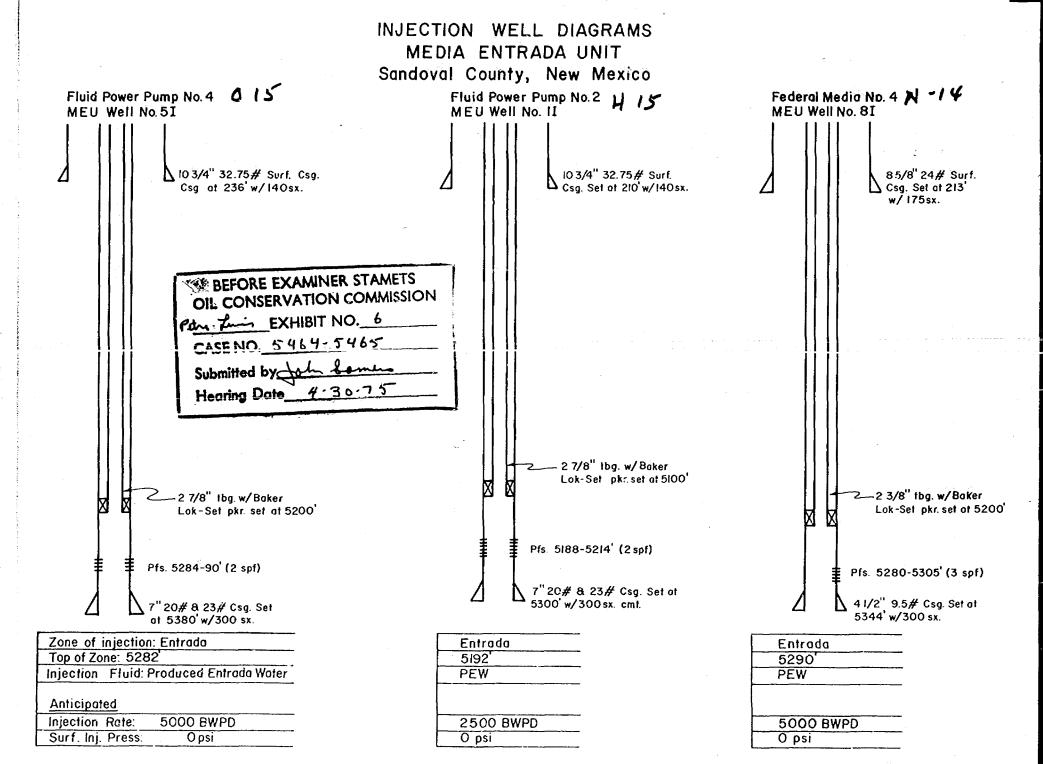




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CASE 5464:

Application of Petro-Lewis Corporation for a unit agreement, Sandoval County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the Media Entrada Unit Area covering 580 acres of Federal lands, Media-Entrada Oil Pool, Township 19 North, Range 3 West, Sandoval County, New Mexico.

CASE 5465:

Application of Petro-Lewis Corporation for a pressure maintenance project, Sandoval County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a pressure maintenance project in its Media Entrada Unit Area by the injection of water into three wells, being the Fluid Power Pump Wells Nos. 4 and 2 located, respectively, 990 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the East line, and 2310 feet from the North line and 330 feet from the East line, of Section 15, and the Federal Media Well No. 4 located 990 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the West line of Section 14, all in Township 19 North, Range 3 West, Media-Entrada Oil Pool, Sandoval County, New Mexico.

CASE 5466:

Application of Mark Production Company for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox gas well location 1650 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line of Section 1, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Atoka-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, the W/2 of said Section 1 to be dedicated to the well.

CASE 5467:

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Colfax Carbon Dioxide Corporation, F. E. Sauble, American Surety Company of New York, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Tex-Mex Cattle Co. Well No. 1 located in Unit D of Section 2, Township 26 North, Range 24 East, Colfax County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.

CASE 5468:

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Kenneth M. Hankins, Great American Insurance Company, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Virginia Branch Well No. 1 located in Unit D of Section 9, Township 10 North, Range 25 East, Guadalupe County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.

Dockets Nos. 11-75 and 12-75 are tentatively set for hearing on May 14 and May 28, 1975. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

# DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - APRIL 30, 1975

9 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING - SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

The following cases will be heard before Richard L. Stamets, Examiner, or Daniel S. Nutter, Alternate Examiner:

- CASE 5459: Application of McClellan Oil Corporation for a unit agreement, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the East Henshaw Unit Area covering 1282 acres, more or less, of State and Federal lands in Township 16 South, Range 30 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- CASE 5460: Application of McClellan Oil Corporation for a waterflood project, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project in its East Henshaw Unit Area by the injection of water into the Grayburg formation through eight wells located in Sections 1 and 2, Township 16 South, Range 30 East, West Henshaw-Grayburg Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- CASE 5461: Application of General American Oil Company for pool extension, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the extension of the vertical limits of the Grayburg-Jackson (Queen-Grayburg-San Andres) Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, to include the Seven Rivers formation excepting, however, that area of said Grayburg-Jackson Pool overlain by the Fren-Seven Rivers Pool.
- CASE 5462: Application of General American Oil Company for an unorthodox location and administrative procedure, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox oil well location 825 feet from the North line and 1295 feet from the West line of Section 13, Township 16 South, Range 29 East, East High Lonesome Penrose Unit, High Lonesome Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant further seeks the establishment of an administrative procedure whereby additional unorthodox producing and injection well locations could be approved for said unit area without hearing.
- CASE 5463: Application of J. Gregory Merrion for downhole commingling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to commingle undesignated Mesaverde and Devils Fork-Gallup production in the wellbore of his Edna Well No. 4 located in Unit H of Section 7, Township 24 North, Range 6 West, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

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# BEFORE THE

# OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO

Case 5465

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PETRO-LEWIS CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF A PRESSURE MAINTENANCE PROJECT, SANDOVAL COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

# APPLICATION

Comes now Petro-Lewis Corporation and applies to the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico for approval of a pressure maintenance project, and the injection of water into the Media-Entrada Oil Pool, Sandoval County, New Mexico, and in support thereof would show the Commission:

- 1. Applicant is the operator of all producing wells in the Media-Entrada Oil Pool, Sandoval County, New Mexico, and has proposed a unit agreement for the operation of said pool, for the purpose of instituting a pressure maintenance project.
- 2. Applicant proposes to inject water into the following wells for the purposes of pressure maintenance:

Fluid Power Pump No. 4
990 feet from the South line, 1650 feet from the East
line, Section 15, Township 19 North, Range 3 West

Fluid Power Pump No. 2 330 feet from the East line, 2310 feet from the North line, Section 15, Township 19 North, Range 3 West

Federal Media No. 4

990 feet from the South line, 1650 feet from the North
line, Section 14, Township 19 North, Range 3 West.

3. Applicant proposed to reinject produced water from the Media Entrada Pool, and to inject water from this pool which has heretofore been disposed of in the Gallup formation,

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producing this water from the disposal wells, Federal Media Nos. 3 and 5.

- 4. Approximately 4,000 barrels of water per well per day will be injected through the proposed injection wells. No surface pressure is anticipated on the injection wells.
- 5. The approval of this pressure maintenance project and the injection wells as proposed is in the interest of conservation, will result in the production of oil that would not otherwise be recovered, will prevent waste, and the correlative rights of the owners within the pool will be protected.

WHEREFORE applicant prays that this application be set for hearing before the Commission's duly appointed examiner, and that after notice and hearing as required by law the Commission approve the injection wells and pressure maintenance program as requested.

Respectfully submitted,
PETRO-LEWIS CORPORATION

By Laso W Kellah:

P. O. Box 1769 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

ATTORNEYS FOR APPLICANT

# 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. 5465 Order No. R- 5-017

APPLICATION OF Petro-Lewis Corpora took

COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISS

| BY | THE | COMMISSION: |
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This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on 19 75, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner,

NOW, on this day of May, 19 75, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, 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 applicant, Petro-Lewis Corporation project on its Pool, by the injection of water into the Con Tra dec formation through the injection wells in Sections 14.0015 Township 19 North, Range 3 West, NMPM, Son Cova County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the wells in the project area coe in an advanced a decline in reservoir pressure are experiencing a decline in Meservoir presstate of depletion and should properly be classified as

"stripper" wells.

pressure muintenance (4) That the proposed waterflood project should result a greater volume of oil from the reservoir than would in the recovery of otherwise unrecoverable oil, thereby preventing

waste.

- That the operator should take all steps necessary to ensure that the injected water enters only the proposed injection interval and is not permitted to escape to other formations or onto the surface from injection, production, or plugged and abandoned wells.
- (%) That the subject application should be approved and the project should be governed by the provisions of Rules 701, 702, and 703 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

# IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Petro-Lewis Corporation, is hereby authorized to institute a waterflood project on its Media Entrada Unit mase, Media - Entrade by the injection of water into the Entre de formation through the following-described wells in Township 19 North, Range 3 West, NMPM, Sue dove / County, New Mexico: No. Unit Letter Section Well Name Media Entrada Unit Media Entro da Unit

- (2) That injection into each of said wells shall be through internally coated tubing, set in a packer which shall be located as near as practicable to the uppermost perforation; that the casing-tubing annulus of each injection well shall be loaded with an inert fluid and equipped with an approved pressure gauge or attention-attracting leak detection device.
- (3) That the operator shall immediately notify the supervisor of the Commission's Aztec district office of the failure of the tubing or packer in any of said injection wells, the leakage of water or oil from around any producing well, or the leakage of water or oil from any plugged and abandoned well within the project area and shall take such timely steps as may be necessary or required to correct such failure or leakage.

- the Riverkevis Media Entropy Unit Pressure Maintenance Haterflood Project and shall be governed by the provisions of Rules 701, 702, and 703 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.
- (5) That monthly progress reports of the waterfloodproject herein authorized shall be submitted to the Commission
  in accordance with Rules 704 and 1120 of the Commission Rules
  and Regulations.
- (6) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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