CASE 5718: PLUGGING CASE
MORAD OIL & MINING COMPANY
WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

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CASE NO.

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BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION Santa Fe, New Mexico July 21, 1976

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

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The hearing called by the OCC on its own motion to permit Morad Oil & Mining Co., Western Surety Co. and all interested parties to appear and show cause why the Campbell Well No. 1 should not be plugged and abandoned.

CASE 5718

BEFORE: Richard L. Stamets, Examiner

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

APPEARANCES

For the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission: William F. Carr, Esq. Legal Counsel for the Commission State Land Office Building Santa Fe, New Mexico

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MR. STAMETS: We will call next Case 5718.

MR. CARR: Case 5718 in the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Morad Oil & Mining Company, Western Surety Company and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Campbell Well No. 1 should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.

Mr. Examiner, I'm William F. Carr appearing for the Commission and I have one witness to be sworn.

(THEREUPON, the witness was duly sworn.)

CARL ULVOG

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

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. CARR:

- Will you please state your name, position and place Ç. of residence?
- Carl Ulvog, Senior Geologist for the Oil Conservation Commission located here in Santa Fe.
- Do your duties also include acting as supervisor of the Commission's District Four?
 - Yes, sir. A.

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County	involved	in i	this	case	?				

- A. That is correct.
- O Do your duties as District Supervisor include making recommendations to the Commission when a well should be plugged and abandoned?
 - A. Yes, they do.
- Q Are you familiar with the subject matter of this case?
 - A Yes, I am.
- Q. Would you state for the Examiner what the purpose of the case is?
- A. The purpose here is to determine whether or not this well should be reentered and plugged in accordance with the Oil Conservation Commission regulations.
 - Q. Are you familiar with the Campbell Well No. 1?
 - A. Yes, I am.
- Q. Have you reviewed all reports filed with the Commission concerning this well?
 - A. Yes, sir.
 - Q. Do you have these records with you?
 - A. I do.
- Q. Would you refer to these records and give the Examiner a history of the well as reflected therein?
 - A. Yes, sir. The well which is located six hundred and

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sixty-eight feet from the east line and six hundred and sixty-four feet from the north line of Section 25 of Township 25

North, Range 35 East in Union County was originally spudded as the Kelly Moore and Rader No. 1 O. T. Campbell. That's C-a-m-p-b-e-l-l.

Shortly after the well was started that name was changed, although we do not have any official change notice of name in here but it was at some point changed to the Morad Oil and Mining Company Well.

Now, the C-101, Application for the permit to drill this well is dated August 26, 1955. The well was started at sometime before September 1st of that year. We do not have a notice of exactly when it started but on September 1st, 1955 the report was filed that they had set sixty-six feet of sixteen-inch casing. On December 16th of that year they reported a large flow of water which was encountered at two hundred and thirty feet depth. At that point they proposed setting two hundred and thirty feet of ten-inch casing. On January 8th, 1956 they reported setting the casing. On January 28th, 1956 they reported drilling at four hundred and twelve feet and on March 25th of that year they reported they were drilling at six hundred feet. That's the last report that we had of any drilling.

On August 16th of 1956 there was a notice filed of an intent to temporarily abandon and that is the last report

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that was signed by a Mr. C. B. Moore who had signed all of the previous reports. There was no more correspondence from him.

Three years later, in fact, on May 11th, 1959 there was a notice filed of an intent to plug and abandon. This is signed by a different person but it was still carried as the Morad Well.

On June 3rd, 1959 there was a report filed of a plugging and abandonment.

Now, there was supposed to have been then sixty-six feet of sixteen-inch casing and two hundred and thirty-four of ten-inch casing and as far as we can tell, a total depth of six hundred feet. This is from the reports in the file.

Now, the plugging and abandonment report was never approved by the Commission. There is an undated inspection report in the file which reads: (Reading) Inspection shows that pits are not filled, there are two strings of casing in the hole, the ground is caving around the hole, becoming a menace to cattle and there is junk and three or four stings of seven-inch casing on location. (End of reading.)

On January 21st, 1975 I inspected the location and again on June 21st of this year. There is a sixteen-inch casing standing open at the surface. There is no sign of any other casing in the well. I don't know how far this casing is open but at some depth there is some sort of a plug, possibly

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it is debris or caving or something, I don't know what. It's not water.

The location is fairly level and clean but this casing only extends about eight inches above the surrounding ground and there is vegetation all around it of various kinds and it would be very, very easy for animals to step into this casing. In fact, I almost stepped into it myself the first time out there.

- Q. On what date was the last official form filed with the Commission concerning this well?
- A. The last report we had, official filing in this office, was dated June 3rd, 1959.
- O. Do you have any other communications or data that you need to call to the Examiner's attention concerning this well?
- A. Well, from my investigation of this I had determined that probably the well is in the neighborhood of nine hundred feet deep, that it was drilled from approximately six hundred feet to nine hundred feet open hole, no casing used, that there was no fluid encountered in that section. The teninch casing which was supposedly set at about six hundred feet has probably been pulled, all or part of it, because there is no sign of it there now. That that sixteen-inch casing is probably set, maybe not cemented because we have no report of cementing. It was probably just driven in and it is

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probably set at about sixty-six feet. There may not have been any cement used here at all, I don't know.

- Q. Mr. Ulvog, is all of the data you have relied on in preparing this testimony contained in the official well file?
 - A. Yes, that is correct.
- Q. In your opinion could failure to plug this well cause waste?
 - A. Not only that but it is a hazard to livestock.
- Q What type of plugging program do you recommend for this well?
- A. In view of the fact that we do not know for sure if there are any plugs there, I would say we would have to reenter the well to find out what's there and if we find a plug at some point, say, in the vicinity of two hundred feet and I say two hundred because in conversations with landowners in the surrounding area, they reported that is about the depth at which they get their fresh water, so we need to be sure there is a plug at about that point. If there is no plug there then we need to put one there and, of course, we need a marker at the top and a plug there.
- Q What is your recommendation to the Commission concerning action to be taken in regard to this well?
- A. That we determine just what the situation is with the well, if there may be other casing, if there may be plugs set and if not, that we set them.

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- A. That is correct.
- Do you have anything further to add to your testimony?
- A. No, sir.

MR. CARR: We have nothing further.

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. STAMETS:

Q. Mr. Ulvog, were you able to determine whether there was water in this hole either by the records or by dropping a rock?

A. As I mentioned, I did drop a couple of rocks in there when I was checking it out and they hit something down in there, bounced off of something, so there is something quite solid there. It could be just debris, it could be just caving, I don't know, I don't know what it is and I don't know how deep it is. It is not within, say, thirty or forty feet of the surface, I'm pretty sure of that but there was not water there, nc.

MR. STAMETS: Anything further in this case? The witness may be excused.

(THEREUPON, the witness was excused.)

MR. STAMETS: The case will be taken under advise-

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I, SIDNEY F. MORRISH, a Certified Shorthand 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.

Sidney F. Morrish, C.S.R

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For July 21 Examiner hearing

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operator - Morad Oil & Mining Co. Box 266 Roy, M. Mex.

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location - Unit A, Sec 25, T-28-N, R.35-E Union County, New Mexico

bond - Western Swrity Co.

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Order Control

Docket No. 21-76

Dockets Nos. 22-76 and 23-76 are tentatively set for hearing on August 4 and August 18, 1976. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - JULY 21, 1976

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- CASE 5718: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Morad Oil & Mining Company, Western Surety Company, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Campbell Well No. 1, located in Unit A of Section 29, Township 28 North, Range 35 East, Union County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.
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- CASE 5723: Application of Marbob Energy Corporation for an exception to Order No. R-3221, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks, as an exception to the provisions of Commission Order No. R-3221, permission to dispose of, into earthen pits, produced salt water from its Elliott Well No. 1 located in Unit E of Section 28, and its Elliott Wells Nos. 2 and 3 located in Units H and C, respectively, of Section 29, all in Township 18 South, Range 30 East, North Benson Queen-Grayburg Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Morad Oil & Mining Co. 481667 STREET AND NO. P. O., STATE, AND ZIP CODE ROY, New Mexico

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO P. O. BOX 2088 - SANTA FE 87501

DIRECTOR
JOE D. RAMEY

PHIL R. LUCERO July 9, 1976



CERTIFIED - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Morad Oil & Mining Co. Box 266 Roy, New Mexico

Western Surety Company 908 West Avenue North Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57101

Re: Morad Oil & Mining Co.
Campbell Well No. 1, located
in Unit A of Section 25,
Township 28 North, Range 35
East, Union County
Plugging Bond

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of the docket of the Examiner Hearing to be held on Wednesday, July 21, 1976, at 9:00 a.m. in the Oil Conservation Commission Conference Room, State Land Office Building, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Case 5718 concerns the above captioned subject matter.

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Ver∳ truly yours

WILLIAM F. CARR General Counsel

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CASE NO. 5718 Order No. R-5244

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ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on July 21, 1976, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 27th day of July, 1976, 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 Morad Oil & Mining Company is the owner and operator of the Campbell Well No. 1, located in Unit A of Section 25, Township 28 North, Range 35 East, NMPM, Union County, New Mexico.
- (3) That Western Surety Company is the surety on the Oil Conservation Commission plugging bond on which Morad Oil & Mining Company is principal.
- (4) That the purpose of said bond is to assure the state that the subject well will be properly plugged and abandoned when not capable of commercial production.
- (5) That in order to prevent waste and protect fresh waters said Campbell Well No. 1 should be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a program approved by the Santa Fe district office of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission on or before October 31, 1976, or the well should be returned to active drilling status or placed on production.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That Morad Oil & Mining Company and Western Surety Company are hereby ordered to plug and abandon the Campbell Well No. 1, located in Unit A of Section 25, Township 28 North, Range 35 East, NMPM, Union County, New Mexico, on or before October 31, 1976.
- (2) That Morad Oil & Mining Company and Western Surety Company, prior to plugging and abandoning the above-described well, shall obtain from the Santa Fe office of the Commission, a Commission-approved program for said plugging and abandoning, and shall notify said Santa Fe office of the date and hour said work is to be commenced whereupon the Commission may, at its option, witness such work.
- (3) 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.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PHIL R. LUCERO, Chairman

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JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Secretary

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

> CASE NO. 5718 Order No. R-5244

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION ON ITS OWN MOTION TO PERMIT MORAD OIL & MINING COMPANY, WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE CAMPBELL WELL NO. 1, LOCATED IN UNIT A OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 35 EAST, UNION COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, SHOULD NOT BE PLUGGED AND ABANDONED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMMISSION-APPROVED PLUGGING PROGRAM.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on July 21, 1976, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 27th day of July, 1976, 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 Morad Oil & Mining Company is the owner and operator of the Campbell Well No. 1, located in Unit A of Section 25, Township 28 North, Range 35 East, NMPM, Union County, New Mexico.
- (3) That Western Surety Company is the surety on the Oil Conservation Commission plugging bond on which Morad Oil & Mining Company is principal.
- (4) That the purpose of said bond is to assure the state that the subject well will be properly plugged and abandoned when not capable of commercial production.
- (5) That in order to prevent waste and protect fresh waters said Campbell Well No. 1 should be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a program approved by the Santa Fe district office of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission on or before October 31, 1976, or the well should be returned to active drilling status or placed on production.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That Morad Oil & Mining Company and Western Surety Company are hereby ordered to plug and abandon the Campbell Well No. 1, located in Unit A of Section 25, Township 28 North, Range 35 East, NMPM, Union County, New Mexico, on or before October 31, 1976.
- (2) That Morad Oil & Mining Company and Western Surety Company, prior to plugging and abandoning the above-described well, shall obtain from the Santa Fe office of the Commission, a Commission-approved program for said plugging and abandoning, and shall notify said Santa Fe office of the date and hour said work is to be commenced whereupon the Commission may, at its option, witness such work.
- (3) 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.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PHIL B. LUCERO, Chairman

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JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Secretary

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