CASE 5819: OCC ON ITS OWN MOTION DECURIOR OIL COMPANY IN VIOLATION OF RULE 801, EDDY COUNTY, N. MEX.

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### **OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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CASE NO. 5819 ORDER NO. R-5344

Applicant:

OCC. (Scurlock Oil Company)

Dear Sir:

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

Yours very truly, JOE D. RAMEY Director

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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 ON ITS OWN MOTION TO PERMIT SCURLOCK OIL COMPANY TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY IT SHOULD NOT BE FOUND IN VIOLATION OF RULE 801 OF THE COMMISSION RULES AND REGULATIONS.

CASE NO. 5819 2-Order No. R-5344

### ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

### BY THE COMMISSION:

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This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on December 15, 1976, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets

NOW, on this 4th day of January, 1977, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the record and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

### FINDS:

That the applicant's request for dismissal should be granted.

### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That Case No. 5819 is hereby dismissed.

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

> STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PHIL R, LUCERO, Chairman

EMERY C. ARNOLD Member

JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Secretary

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# BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION Santa Fe, New Mexico December 15, 1976

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Application of Union Oil Company of California for the reinstatement of allowable, Eddy County, New Mexico.

The hearing called by the OCC on its ) motion to permit Scurlock Oil Co. to appear and show cause why it should not ) be found in violation of Rule 801.

CASE 5819

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BEFORE: Richard L. Stamets, Examiner

### TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

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MR. STAMETS: At this time the hearing is reconvened, we will cail Case 5818.

MS. TESCHENDORF: Case 5818, application of Union 011 Company of California for the reinstatement of allowable, Eddy County, New Mexico.

If the Examiner please, I have talked to opposing counsel in this case and they are agreeable to consolidating Case 5810 with Case 5819 for purposes of testimony.

MR. STAMETS: Case 5819 is the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Scurlock Oil Company to appear and show cause why it should not be found in violation of Rule 801 of Commission Rules and Regulations.

These two cases will be consolidated for the purposes of testimony and separate orders will be entered.

At this time I would like to call for appearances in these cases

MR. BUELL: Mr. Examiner, I'm Sumner Buell of the firm of Jasper and Buell in Santa Fe appearing on behalf of Union Oil Company and we will have one witness.

MR. CARR: Mr. Examiner, I'm William F. Carr of the firm of Catron, Catron and Sawtell appearing on behalf of Scurlock Oil Company. We have one witness.

MS. TESCHENDORF: Lynn Teschendorf appearing on behalf of the Commission and we have one witness.

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Q. What well is involved in this case?

A. Union Oil Company of California Tracy No. 1 located in Unit letter C of Section 10, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Rule 301 (b) of the Commission Rules and Regulations states that the results of gas-oil ratio tests taken during survey periods shall be filed with the Commission on Form C-116 not later than the tenth of the month following the close of the survey period for the pool in which the well is located and unless the Form C-116 is filed within the required time limit no further allowable will be assigned the affected well until Form 116 is filed.

What was the last date on which Union Oil filed the C-116 before their allowable was canceled?

- A August the 11th, 1975.
- Q Did you assign an allowable for the month of September 1976 or any of the succeeding months?
- A. None for September or October, however, on November the 16th we received a delinquent 116 and an allowable was assigned, effective November 15th.
- Q Is it standard procedure as a District Supervisor to not assign any further allowables if the C-116 is not filed?
  - A. Yes.
- Q When did you first discuss this situation with Union Oil?

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A. On November 12th we had received the overproduced
list from Santa Fe and I had a call from Union personnel
concerning another matter and asked this individual if he was
aware of the fact that this well had not had an allowable and
had not had since September 1st and he said, no, he wasn't but
he would check on it and call us back. In a few minutes he
called back and I was busy on the other phone so he talked to
Mrs. Wright and told her that the test had been taken and it
had been put in a file and was not submitted and that they
would get it in immediately.

- Q And what has occurred since then?
- A. Well, on the fifteenth of November then we received the Form 116 so we assigned the allowable effective that day.
- Q Was this well produced during the months of September,
  October and November?
  - A. Yes, it was.
- Q. Did the Commission grant any special authority for this period of production?
  - A. No.
- Q. Then technically speaking has this well been overproduced during the last three months?
  - A Yes, from September 1st through November 14th.
- Q. Based on available Commission records what is the volume of that overproduction?

In September they show a total of two thousand, thre

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hundred and eighty-eight barrels; October, two thousand, four hundred and twenty-one and the November reports are not in at this time.

- Q So what was the total volume?
- A That would be a total of four thousand, eight hundred and nine barrels.
- According to Commission Rule 503 (f), new proration schedules and supplements are distributed periodically by the Commission, would you please outline this procedure and timetable?
- A. Yes, the schedules are issued for the months of January through April, May through August and September through December.
  - Q And when are the new proration schedules sent out?
- A. They normally are mailed, well, the September through December schedule is normally mailed the last few days of August, right at the end of August.
- Q When was the latest schedule sent out that governs this period?
  - A. In August.
- Q Is Scurlock on the Commission's mailing list for this schedule?
- A. Yes. According to our Hobbs office they are on the mailing list.
  - Q Do you have anything fyst er to add to your testimon ?

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A. No.

MS. TESCHENDORF: I have nothing further at this time.

### CROSS EXAMINATION

### BY MR. STAMETS:

- Q Mr. Gressett, what was the test period for the Esperanza-Delaware Pool, gas-oil ratio test period for that pool in 1976?
  - A I believe it was July. Let me look here. July.
- Q. And by what date was Form C-116 to have been filed then?
  - A By August the 10th.
- Q And this is the form you did not receive until November 16th?
  - A That is correct.
- Now, you indicated that the pool was produced in September and October, how do you know that?
- A. Well, by the operator's monthly production report, C-115.
- Q And then you indicated the volumes run from that lease for that same month by the transporter. How are you aware of that?
- A. Commission Form C-115 reports this figure and it is also substantiated by the purchaser's report, Form C-112.

And in addition to the known overproduction in

September and October if the well were produced during that

period in November when it had no allowable, assuming that it

produced eighty barrels a day, it would appear to me that they

would have accumulated something like eleven hundred and twenty barrels of overproduction in the first two weeks in November? I would assume so, yes. MR. STAMETS: Are there any other questions of this witness? 10 MR. CARR: I have several. 11 MR. STAMETS: Mr. Carr. 12 13 CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. CARR: 15 Mr. Gressett, was this case called at your request? 16 No, sir. 17 It was not? It was called at the request of the Santa Fe office of the Commission? 18 Yes. 19 20 Now, you stated that you reviewed the overproduced 21 listing and so that no allowable had been assigned to the Tracy No. 1 and that is when you notified both Union and Scurlock, I assume? 24 Scurlock was notified, yes. 25 0 When you look at this list, and I assume you review

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these as you receive them, were there other wells on the list that had no allowable assigned?

- A To the best of my recollection, no.
- A Have you seen occasions before when no allowable was assigned for failure to file a C-116?
  - A. And appear on the overproduced lists?
  - Q Yes.

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- A. I don't recollect one. Now, there may have been,
- Q Is it obvious from looking at this overproduced list that there is no allowable because the C-116 was not filed or does it just indicate no allowable?
- A This report indicates no allowable and then some twenty-four hundred barrels of overproduction or overruns in that twenty-four hundred.
- Q So by looking at that then you were able to check the proration schedule and from that determine, is that correct?
  - A Right.
- Q So there could have been other ones on the list that reflected no allowable that might have had problems with their C-116?
  - A. That's possible.
- All right. Are there other occasions to your knowledge where oil has been sold in a period, between the time when there was no allowable assigned to a well because no C-116

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has been filed? Not particularly this month -- what I'm trying to get at, Mr. Gressett, is this an isolated incidence or is this an overall problem that the Commission is trying to deal with?

- A This has happened in the past, yes.
- Q And so this is just an action by the Commission to try and start more aggressively enforcing its rules in this area, is that correct?

MS. TESCHENDORF: I don't think the witness is qualified to answer that question.

- Q (Mr. Carr continuing.) But you did state that to your knowledge there had been problems in the past?
  - A. There have been problems for various reasons.
- 0 Do you recall any case called prior to this time for this particular purpose?
  - A. I recall one for the allowable reinstatement.
- Q But do you recall a case where anyone has been called to show cause why they were not in violation of Rule 801?
  - A. I don't recall, no.
  - Q. Now, are you familiar with Rule 801?
  - A. I've got a copy of it.
- Q I don't think it is important to read it. You have read it and are familiar with it?
  - A. I have read the rule, yes.
  - Q. And it does run to a number of people, it prohibits

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sale, purchase, transporting, refining and a number of things?

- A. Yes.
- Q Do you have any idea what happens to the oil once it is transported by Scurlock in this particular case?
  - A. Not specifically, no.
  - Q Do you know if they refine it?
  - A. To my knowledge they don't.
- Q If it was taken to a refiner would the refiner also be in violation of this rule?
- A. I would say that is a question for our attorney to answer.
- Q You would say, though, that if oil is produced without an allowable, sold, transported and refined that the seller, transporter and refiner would probably all be equal and in the same position with respect to this rule, would you not?

MS. TESCHENDORF: That's just asking the same question.

MR. STAMETS: Do you object to the question?

MS. TESCHENDORF: I object to the question.

MR. STAMETS: Sustained.

- Q (Mr. Carr continuing.) Mr. Gressett, are you aware of anything or have you seen anything that would indicate that this is a willful violation?
  - A. No.

MR. CARR: I have nothing further.

MR. BUELL: Just one question, Mr. Examiner.

MR. STAMETS: Mr. Buell?

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### CROSS EXAMINATION

### BY MR. BUELL:

- As soon as Union Oil Company was notified that they Q. had not filed the C-116, I take it that it came in immediately?
  - Yes, sir. . A.
  - Right after their first notification?
  - Yes.
- And it did indicate on that form that the GOR test had been run in July as it should have been scheduled?
  - Right.
- So the only sin of Union Oil Company here was merely one of failing to get a paper in on time, a form, they complied with your other rules?
- Yes, they failed to get that in and apparently they failed to look at the schedule.
- Yes, and have you seen anything or have any reason to believe that the oversights by Union Oil Company were willful or intentional?
  - No.
    - MR. BUELL: I have nothing else.
    - MR. STAMETS: Mr. Carr?

### RECROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. CARR:

Mr. Gressett, as District Supervisor you are familiar

with Scurlock Oil Company, is that correct? 3 A. Yes. Have you ever had any problem with them before? 5 Would you define problem? 6 Q. Have you ever had to have a hearing called in regard 7 to anything with Scurlock prior to this time? No. 8 MR. CARR: I have nothing further. ୀ0 11 RECROSS EXAMINATION 12 BY MR. STAMETS: 13 Mr. Gressett, have you from time to time seen 14 instances of the transporter, the pipeline, overrunning oil 15 from leases in your district? 16 Yes, I have. A. Have you ever seen anything of this magnitude? 17 I don't recollect anything of this magnitude, no. 18 19 Has it been your experience that in cases where no allowable has been assigned to a well or to a lease that this is normally caught when the transporter does not run the oil 21 from that lease because it has no allowable? 22 Yes. 23 24 MR. STAMETS: Any other questions of the witness? Mr. Carr?

### FURTHER RECROSS EXAMINATION

### BY MR. CARR:

Q Mr. Gressett, when you talk about the magnitude of the problem, is there any figure over which you decide that you have got a problem or is it just any oil in violation would be?

A. As a normal procedure, Mr. Carr, when these overproduced lists come out we run through them and notify the purchaser of any overruns and notify the operator of any overproduction and they range from a few barrels to a few hundred barrels.

Let me ask you another question. This is something
I don't understand exactly. There are a number of ways an
allowable can be canceled, is that correct?

A. Yes.

And under the rules of the Commission is this, to your knowledge, the only time that just no allowable is assigned or is this a common way for canceling an allowable, just not assigning one?

A. Well, when GOR tests are required this is a normal procedure.

Q Is there some kind of an order that sometimes goes out from the Commission canceling an allowable in other circumstances?

A. Yes, for other violations.

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Q And then in that case there would be some sort of communication from the Commission at the time the allowable actually ceases?

A. Yes.

MR. CARR: Okay, that's all I have. Thank you.

### FURTHER RECROSS EXAMINATION

### BY MR. STAMETS:

Mr. Gressett, during the periodic review of allowable and the proration schedule, if production reports show that a well has not been producing is it possible or is it standard operating procedure that that well might be shown with no allowable in the next proration schedule?

- A. Yes, and when that occurs the operator is notified.
- Q In what manner?
- A. By letter.
- Q By letter?
- A Right.

MR. STAMETS: Any other questions of the witness?
He may be excused.

(THEREUPON, the witness was excused.)

MR. STAMETS: Mr. Buell, would you like to proceed with your testimony at this time?

MR. BUELL: Fine, I would call Mr. Lloyd Thompsen.

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### LLOYD THOMPSEN

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

### DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. BUELL:

Q Would you please state your name, by whom you are employed, where and in what capacity?

A. Lloyd Thompsen, Union Oil Company of California in Midland, Texas as District Operations Manager.

Q And as the District Operations Manager what generally are your duties?

L I'm responsible for the operations in the Midland

District which includes portions of New Mexico and West Texas,

the district production superintendent reports to me, district

drilling superintendent, engineering manager and clerical staff

Now, does your sphere of authority include the Tracy No. 1 that is the subject matter of this hearing?

A. Yes, it does.

Now, who in your district is responsible for the filing of the various forms for the Commission, specifically the C-116's.

A That's the senior clerk in the district office who reports to the district chief clerk who reports to me.

Q By the way, have you previously testified before the

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### Commission?

- A No, I have not.
- Q Would you give the Examiner a brief history of your educational background as well as your work experience?
- A I graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in petroleum engineering from the University of California in Berkely in 1950, after two years in the service I was employed by Union Oil Company and have been since. Since then I have held positions of reservoir engineer, production engineer, drilling engineer, production foreman, superintendent and now Operations Manager.
- Q Are you generally familiar with the history of the Tracy No. 1 Well?
  - A. In general, yes.
- Q. And are you familiar with this application in Case.
  5818?
  - A. Yes, I am.

MR. BUELL: Are the witness' qualifications acceptable?

MR. STAMETS: They are.

- Q (Mr. Buell continuing.) Briefly would you explain to the Examiner what we seek in the application in Case 5818?
- A. We seek reinstatement of the allowable from September 1st through the November 14th period which was not given because of our failure to file Form C-116.

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- Q Briefly give the Examiner, please, a history of the Track No. 1 and its production history?
- It was drilled and discovered while drilling for a deeper horizon, and I'm not sure, I think in 1970 or '71.

  Subsequently the three wells were drilled offsetting that, looking for the same things in the Delaware sands, unsuccessfully, and, therefore, it's a one-well field, the one and only well in the Esperanza-Delaware Field.
- Q Has this been a top allowable well to your knowledge ever since its discovery?
  - A. Yes, it has.
  - Q About how deep is this well drilled?
- A About thirty-five hundred feet is the present completion.
- Q Would you explain in your own words to the Examiner why to the best of your knowledge Union Oil Company failed to file the C-116 Form?
- A. Basically it was a clerical oversight. We received the schedules of the tests from the Commission, various Commission district offices, and they are sent to the area offices responsible for running the tests, they are then to run the tests and report them back to the district office. A clerk in the area office honestly felt that the test had been submitted to the district. Subsequently it developed that it had not been submitted and the clerk in the district office

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who is supposed to remind the area when he doesn't get the test on time also let it get by him and hence the purported test was not filed.

- A However, the GOR test was properly and timely performed in July of 1976, is that correct?
  - A. I have been so informed, yes.
- Q Did Union know that the allowable on this well had been canceled, as of September 1 when the allowable list came out?
- A. We received the allowable list on about the fifth of September and it does, in fact, show no allowable for failur to file Form C-116. Again, this is supposedly checked by -- the allowable schedule is supposed to be checked by at least two people and neither of them detected the fact that the allowable had been canceled. We were not, in fact, aware of this until we received verbal communication from Mr. Cressett as he has testified.
- Q. When did you first find out that the C-116 had not been filed and the allowable had been canceled?
- A. On November 12th in telephone conversations with the District Director in Artesia.
- Q Did you ever receive any notification by letter that the well did not have an allowable for September?
- A. Well, we received two documents from the Commission one, one, I believe. It would be the schedule that came out on

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September 5th that showed that the allowable had been canceled, which is the allowable schedule. That's all, to my knowledge, that we received.

- A But you never received a specific latter dealing with this well and the fact that it was being produced without an allowable being assigned to it?
  - A. Not prior to November 12th, no.
- Q. When it was discovered by you in mid November that the C-116 had not been filed and the allowable had been canceled, what action did you take?
- A We immediately filed the C-116, I believe about on the fifteenth of November and asked to get the allowable reinstated for the period of September to October.
- Q. And I take it that the Commission through their district office did not reinstate it automatically for September and October?
- A. No, as I recall we work told that we would have to come to a hearing to get it reinstated.
- Q What actions did you take within Union Oil Company to try to prevent this type of clerical oversight again?
- A. Well, reemphasize to the people that they are supposed to pick these things up. Both of the people primarily involved did not try to cover up their mistake. Both admitted that they had goofed, in the vernacular, and because of this I did not take any disciplinary action against these people,

but I feel they are aware of the gravity of the situation.
Hopefully it will never happen again.

- - A. No, sir.

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- O Do you believe that the granting of the order reinstating the allowable would cause waste or in any way
  prevent the protection of correlative rights?
  - A. I see no way.

MR. BUELL: I have nothing further, Mr. Examiner.

### CROSS EXAMINATION

### BY MR. STAMETS:

Mr. Thompsen, in addition to the test requirements, have your people become aware of the necessity for checking the oil proration schedule?

A. This is what I'm trying to get across to them. They are supposed to look at the darn things, you send it to us for a reason and I think they are aware of it now, at least those two.

MR. STAMETS: And I would like to ask Mr. Gressett now a related question to this. Mr. Gressett, do your records indicate that Union has been very conscientious and regular about filing these reports in the past?

MR. GRESSETT: Yes, they do.

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of Mr. Thompsen? He may be excused.

(THEREUPON, the witness was excused.)

MR. STAMETS: Mr. Carr?

MR. CARR: I have one witness, Mr. Brown.

MR. STAMETS: Okay. Are there any other questions

VICTOR G. BROWN

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

### DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. CARR:

- Q Will you state your full name for the record, please?
- A. Victor G. Brown.
- Q. By whom are you employed and in what position?
- A Scurlock Oil Company, District Manager, West Texas-New Mexico District.
  - Q Where do you reside?
  - A. Midland, Texas.
- Mr. Brown, as District Manager do your duties include supervising Scurlock's operations in Southeastern New Mexico?
  - A. Yes, sir, they do.
- Q Are you familiar with the subject matter of this case?
- A. I am

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	Q.	How	long	has	Scurlock	been	doing	business	in	the
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- A. Since 1964, about twelve years.
- And to your knowledge have you had any problems with the Oil Commission prior to this time?
  - A. No.
- Q How long has Scurlock been purchasing oil from the Union Tracy lease?
- A. Since completion of the well, some three or four years, I believe.
- Q How did you first become awar of the problem that we are here today on?
- A. I received a telephone call from Mr. John Tyler with Union Oil Company of California advising me of this problem and a short time later, I would say two or three hours later, Mr. Stamets called me on the same matter.
  - Q Do you happen to know when that was?
- A It was in November. In my notes I showed it to be November 19th but I kind of think that might be wrong. I think it could have been a few days earlier.
- Q. What is done with the oil that is purchased from this particular lease?
- A. We move it by transport truck to a point where we inject it through a meter into Navajo Pipeline. The title is transferred as it goes through the meter.

Q Do you have any of the oil produced from the lease in your possession at this time?

- A. No.
- O Do you receive a proration schedule?
- A. Yes, we do.
- Q Would you please explain to the Examiner how this problem arose and what procedure you have taken to see that it does not happen again?

A. With us the problem lies with me in that it was my interpretation that the allowables would be removed by supplement. I now know that this is not the case that it can be left off the schedule too. We do get the schedule, we have taken steps to see that the allowable data from these schedules are cut into our data machines in Houston and a proration sheet will be furnished to us and our field personnel who are responsible for moving the oil showing all of the information on a given property, plus the allowable, plus stock if there is any carryover stock from a preceding period and as a comparative figure the preceding month's run.

We hope with this information in our hand and in the hands of our people that this won't happen again.

Q. Mr. Brown, is it fair to say that you expected some sort of a notice if the allowable for this well was canceled?

A. Yes, I did.

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- A. Right.
- O Do you believe that the procedures that you have instituted will prevent a reoccurrence of this problem?
  - A. I sure do.

MR. CARR: I have no further questions of Mr. Brown.

MR. STAMETS: Mr. Brown, I take it that these procedures that you are talking about are brand new and they are substantive?

THE WITNESS: Right, yes, sir.

MR. STAMETS: Are there any other questions of the witness?

MS. TESCHENDORF: I have one question.

MR. STAMETS: Ms. Teschendorf.

MS. TESCHENDORF: Mr. Brown, do you know what date Scurlock received the proration schedule?

THE WITNESS: No, I don't. I'm sure we received it timely because we normally do, we had it in our possession.

MS. TESCHENDORF: Okay.

MR. STAMETS: Any other questions of this witness?
He may be excused.

(THEREUPON, the witness was excused.)

MS. TESCHENDORF: Mr. Examiner, I think at this time, at least for Case 5819, it's clear from the testimony that has been presented that this whole situation arose from

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inadvertent errors on both the part of Union Oil Company and Scurlock Oil Company and at this time on behalf of the Commission I would like to move for the dismissal of Case 5819.

MR. CARR: We would certainly concur in the motion.

MR. STAMETS: Ms. Teschendorf, your request for dismissal will be granted, presuming that Case 5818 will be decided in favor of the applicant, Union Oil Company of California and that's the size of it.

Anything further in either one of these cases?

MR. CARR: I would like to make one brief statement.

MR. STAMETS: Mr. Carr.

MR. CARR: We hope the Commission will accept their counsel's motion. There is one particular problem that this case posed to us that I think would be appropriate to mention to the Commission. The style of the case was a show-cause hearing and coming before the Commission in this case to defend action and that was the first thing that caught us off guard. It appears that it was probably a very wise decision because this approach gives the Commission flexibility to call parties in and discuss a matter like this with and without going under the rather severe statutory problems that could come up if an action was brought by the Commission seeking a penalty or seizure of the cil.

It also, however, put us in a position where we really didn't know what we were coming in on and we appreciate

the attitude of the Commission today in the way it was handled.

MR. STAMETS: Anything further in this case? These cases will be taken under advisement.

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### REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

I, SIDNEY F. MORITIM, 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.

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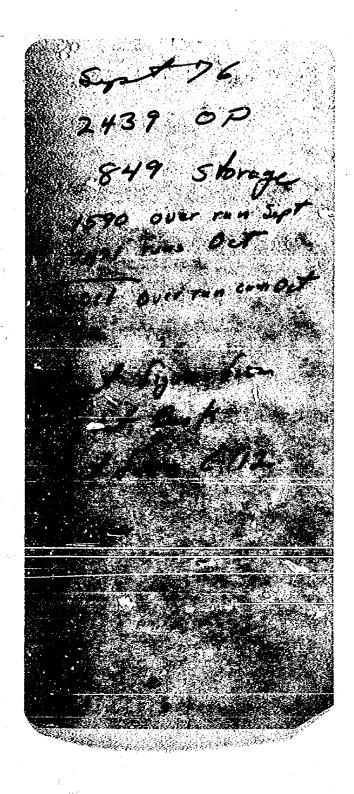
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I do hereby certify that the foregoing 18 a complete record of the proceedings in the Examiner hearing of Case No 58/885819 heard by me on 12-15 19 76.

Hew Mexico Oil Conservation Commission



Dockets Nos. 1-77 and 2-77 are tentatively set for hearing on January 5 and 19, 1977. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

### DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 15, 1976

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:

- ALLOWABLE: (1) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for January, 1977, from seventeen prorated pools in Lea, Eddy, Chaves, and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico.
  - (2) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for January, 1977, from four prorated pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico.

### CASE 5796: (Continued from November 10, 1976, Examiner Hearing)

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In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Hixon Development Company, National Surety Corporation, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Central Bisti Unit Wells Nos. 41, 46, 47, 49 and 50 located in Units D, I, K, M, and O, respectively, of Section 16, Township 25 North, Range 12 West, Bisti-Lower Gallup Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.

- Application of Mark Production Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-stylid cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the San Andres formation underlying the NW/A SE/A of Section 1, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Red Lake-San Andres Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- CASE 5816: Application of Texas Oil & Gas Corporation for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox gas well location of its Ruber Federal Well No. 1 to be drilled 1,027 feet from the North line and 2280 feet from the East line of Section 27, Township 23 South, Range 22 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, the N/2 of said Section 27 to be dedicated to the well.
- Application of Texas Oil & Gas Corporation for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcemp and Pennsylvanian formations underlying the W/2 of Section 4, Township 22 South, Range 22 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon.

  Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- CASE 5817: Application of Read & Stevens; Inc., for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico.
  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox gas well location of its
  W. R. State Comm. Well No. 1 to be drilled 660 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the
  East line of Section 6, Township 21 South, Range 27 East, Burton Flat-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy
  County, New Mexico, Lots 9, 10, 15, and 16, and the SE/4 of said Section 6 to be dedicated to
  the well
- CASE 5818: Application of Union Oil Company of California for the reinstatement of allowable, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks reinstatement of oil allowable for its Tracy Well No. 1 located in Unit C of Section 10, Township 22 South, Range 27 Past, Esperanza-Delaware Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- CASE 5819: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Scurlock Oil Company to appear and show cause why it should not be found in violation of Rule 801, Commission Rules and Regulations, for purchasing, acquiring, transporting or handling of crude petroleum oil produced in excess of the allowable by Union Oil Company from its Callfornia Tracy Lease, Esperanza-Delaware Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- CASE 5823: Application of Thornton Hopper for salt water disposal, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Delaware formation through the open-hole interval from 1987 feet to 2000 feet of his Bradley Federal Well No. 6, located in Unit D of Section 11, Township 24 South, Range 26 East, Black River-Delaware Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

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	21082	Lusk	Lea	Sun Oil Co.	Sloan Fed	
_	17629	Pecos Delaware	Eddy	George H. Mitchell	Littlefield BO	
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18098	Red Lake	Eddy	Bill Jones Oil	Gulf Rille		
17724	Vest Queen Rancl	Chaves	Continental Oil Co.	W. R. Means	171	
20553	Strawn	Lea	HNG 011 Company	Dogie Draw Federal		
21661	CARLSBAD	EDDY	BELCO PET. CORP.	MARTIN #2	2,591	
21674	CARLSBAD	EDDY	BELCO PET. CORP.	MARTIN #3	1,408	
21707	WILDCAT	EDDY	HUSKY OIL	FOREHAND	542	
21396	DAGGER DRAW	EDDY	ROGER C. HANKS	BARBARA FED #5	1,208	
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# BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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

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CASE NO.

<del>-5816</del>

Order No. R- 5344

PPLICATION OF TIME COMPANY TO appear and show cause why it should not be found in violation of Rule 801 f the Commission Rules and Regulations.

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### ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

### BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on December 15, 1976 at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets

NOW, on this <u>day of December</u>, 1976, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the record and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

### FINDS:

That the applicant's request for dismissal should be granted.

### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That Case No. 581 7 is hereby dismissed.

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