

Case No.

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Application, Transcript,  
Small Exhibits, Etc.

CASE 488: Leonard Oil Co. application for  
unorthodox location in NE NE 19-25S-37E in  
Jal township (Langle-Mattix Pool)

BEFORE THE  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

CASE NO. 488

February 17, 1953

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BEFORE THE  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

February 17, 1953

In the Matter of:

Application of Leonard Oil Company for per-  
mission to drill well in unorthodox location  
925 feet W of E line and 255 feet S of N  
line (NE NE) 19-25S-37E, NMPM, Langlie-  
Mattix Pool, in townsite of Jal.

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(MR. GRAHAM reads the Notice of Publication.)

R O B E R T J. L E O N A R D

having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

By MR. CAMPBELL:

Q State your name, please.

A Robert J. Leonard.

Q You are connected with the Leonard Oil Company?

A Yes.

Q In what capacity?

A President.

Q Are you acquainted with the application of the Leonard  
Oil Company for an unorthodox location in the Northeast Quarter,  
Northeast Quarter, Section 19, Township 25 South, Range 37 East,  
in Lea County, New Mexico?

A Yes, sir.

(Marked Exhibit 1, for  
identification.)

Q I hand you what has been marked Exhibit 1, and ask you to state what that is.

A This is the plat it is in.

Q Will you explain to the Commission the circumstances necessitating the application for an unorthodox location?

A Well this Northeast, Northeast of Section 19 is in the townsite of Jal. 660 Location would fall in part by about 15 feet, and regular 330 would fall in the street about 10 feet from the center of the street.

Q Does the Leonard Oil Company own property in the townsite of Jal on which this well can be drilled at the location requested here?

A Yes.

Q What is the exact location, for the record?

A We want it to be 255 feet south of the north line and 925 feet west of the east line.

Q Where does that location fall with reference to the state in connection with the lots that you own in the townsite of Jal?

A Well, that is the center of the lot from east and west and five feet from the south line of the lot.

Q In other words, that is as far south as you can make a location and not be in the city street, is that correct?

A That is right.

Q Have you notified the offset lease owners with reference

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to this application?

A Yes, we have.

Q Have you received word from them as to whether they will or will not object to it?

A They make no objection.

Q All of them have been notified, all of those affected by the unorthodox location?

A Yes.

MR. CAMPBELL: I believe that is all.

MR. SPURRIER: Is there a question of this witness?

MR. GRAHAM: Any objections from the village of Jal, the officials?

A No.

MR. CAMPBELL: There are already wells in the townsite of Jal?

A Yes, we have some in the townsite.

MR. CAMPBELL: I would like to have the record to show these are offered in evidence.

MR. SPURRIER: Without objection they will be received. Any further questions? The witness may be excused. Is there any objection to Leonard Oil Company's proposal in this case? If not, we will take the case under advisement and go to case 408.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO     }  
COUNTY OF BERNALILLO   } ss.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached transcript of hearing in case No. 488, before the Oil Conservation Commission, State of New Mexico, at Santa Fe, on February 17, 1953, is a true and correct record of the same to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

DATED at Albuquerque, New Mexico this 24th day of February, 1953.

Ada Dearnley  
REPORTER

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

CASE NO. 488  
ORDER No. R-282

THE APPLICATION OF LEONARD OIL  
COMPANY FOR ORDER GRANTING  
PERMISSION TO DRILL AN UNORTHODOX  
LOCATION 925 FEET WEST OF THE EAST  
LINE AND 255 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTH  
LINE IN THE NE/4 NE/4 SECTION 19, TOWN-  
SHIP 25 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO IN THE LANGLIE-  
MATTIX POOL.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This matter came on for hearing at Santa Fe, New Mexico at  
9 o'clock a.m., February 17, 1953, before the Oil Conservation Com-  
mission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission".

NOW, on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1953, the Commission, a  
quorum being present, having considered the testimony adduced and the  
exhibits received at said hearing, and being otherwise fully advised in  
the premises,

FINDS:

(1) That due notice having been given as required by law, the Com-  
mission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That Leonard Oil Company is the owner of an oil and gas lease  
covering among other lands, the NE/4 NE/4 of Section 19, Township 25  
South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, the same being  
situated in the townsite of Jal, New Mexico.

(3) That applicant proposes to drill a well located 925 feet west of  
the east line and 255 feet south of the north line of Section 19, Township 25  
South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

(4) That the portion of the lease herein described is situated within  
the townsite of Jal, New Mexico. An orthodox location would result in said  
well being located in the City Park and a location 330 feet from boundaries of  
the quarter-quarter section would be situated in a public street.

(5) That a well drilled in the proposed location would not adversely  
affect offset operators of royalty owners and would not result in waste.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That the application of Leonard Oil Company be and the same hereby  
is approved and Leonard Oil Company is hereby authorized to drill a well



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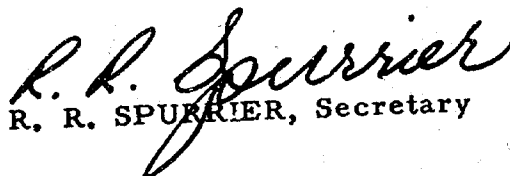
925 feet west of the east line and 255 feet south of the north line in Section 19,  
Township 25 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

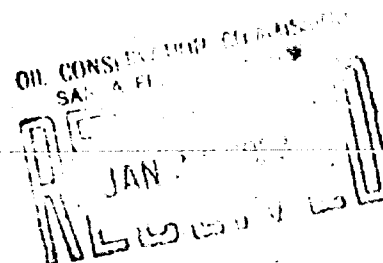
  
EDWIN L. MECHEM, Chairman

  
E. S. WALKER, Member

  
R. R. SPURRIER, Secretary

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APPLICATION  
BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

COMES NOW Leonard Oil Company, a New Mexico corporation, this 21st day of January, 1953, and makes application to the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico for an order authorizing an unorthodox location to be located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 19, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico, footage to be 925 feet from the East and 255 feet from the North lines.

As its basis for the application, applicant states:

1. This location falls in the Townsite of Jal; a regular location of 660 feet or 330 feet would fall on occupied lots or would interfere with the City park system and streets of the Town of Jal, New Mexico.

2. Applicant is the owner of the only unoccupied lots in a block large enough to enable it to drill the well and provide adequate space for storage facilities, said lots being described as Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, 18, 19 and 20, Block 10, Original Town of Jal, Lea County, New Mexico.

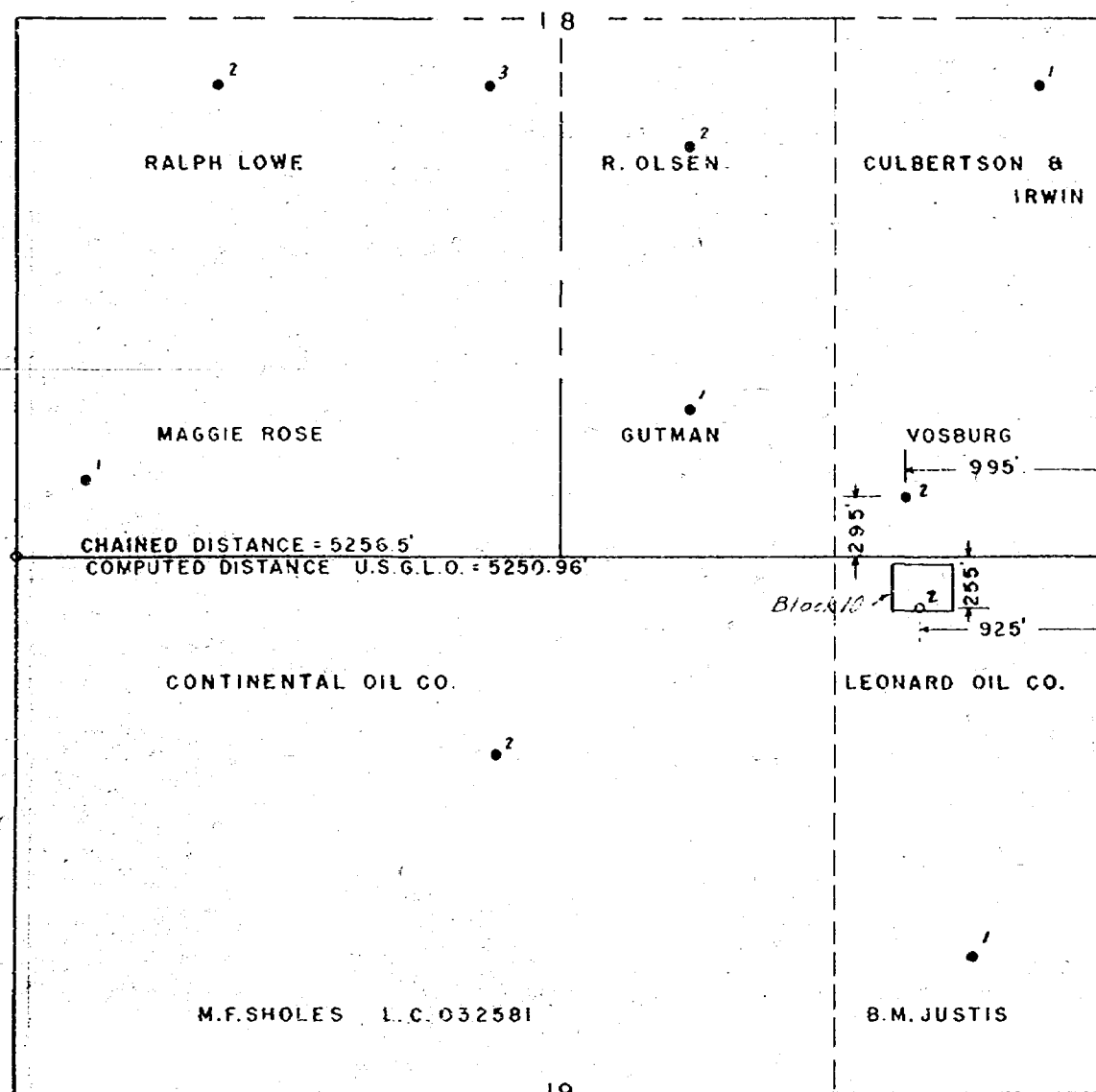
WHEREFORE applicant respectfully requests that the Commission set this application for public hearing at the February hearing of the Commission and that due and proper notice be given as required by law, and that the Commission after hearing issue its order granting the application for the unorthodox location requested in the first paragraph herein.

LEONARD OIL COMPANY  
Box 708  
Roswell, New Mexico

By

  
Robert J. Leonard  
President

Application and Certified Plat  
submitted in triplicate.



N 1/2 SEC. 19 & S 1/2 SEC. 18  
T 25 S R 37 E

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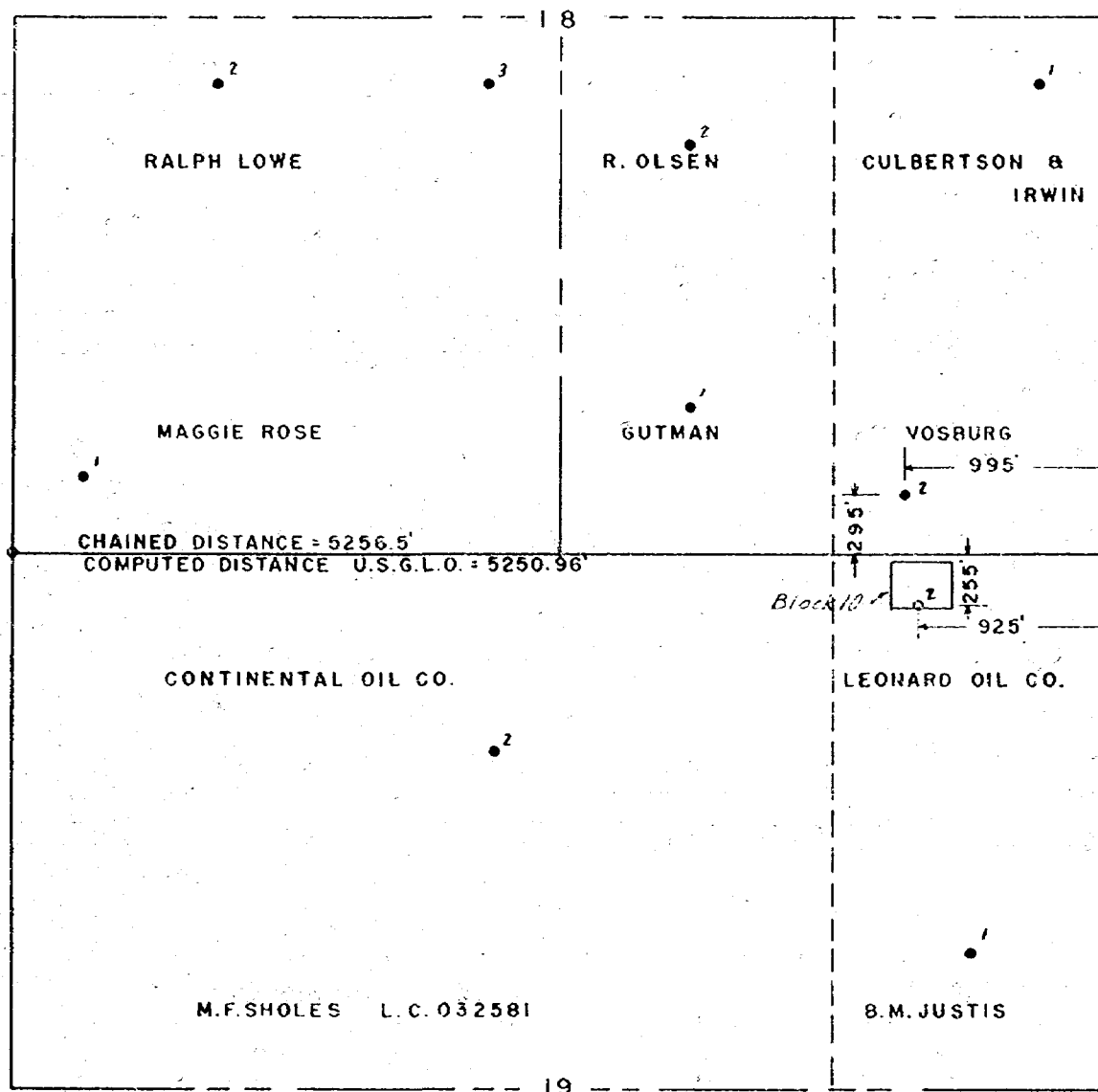
I, Charles P. Miller a licensed surveyor of the State of New Mexico, hereby certify that I have surveyed upon the ground as platted herewith a location site for LEONARD OIL COMPANY and that said location is 255 feet South of the North line and 925 feet West of the East line of section 19, township 25 South, range 37 East, N.M.P.M.

I also certify that I have checked upon the ground the location of Culbertson & Irwin #2 Vosburg and have found it to be 295 feet from the South line and 995 feet from the East line of section 18, township 25 South, range 37 East, N.M.P.M.

In witness whereof I hereunto affix my hand and seal this 20th day of January 1953.

*Charles P. Miller*  
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