

Case No.

597

Application, Transcript,
Small Exhibits, Etc.

New Mexico
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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File Case 597

After hearing of October 15, this case (objection having been waived) reverted to status as application for approval of an LPG storage well under Rule 705.

Please check file on Order LPG-4, dated October 19, 1953.

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BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
State of New Mexico

CASE 597: In the matter of the application of El Paso Natural Gas Company for permission to drill a well in NE/4 NE/4 Section 16, Township 15 North, Range 17 West, McKinley County, New Mexico, for the storage of liquified petroleum gas after washing out a storage cavity in the Chinle formation at an approximate depth of 800 feet.

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

October 15th, 1953

BEFORE: Honorable Ed. L. Nechem, Governor
Honorable W. S. Walker, Land Commissioner
Honorable R. R. Spurrer, Director, OCC

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
) ss
COUNTY OF BERNALILLO)

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the within transcript of proceedings before the Oil Conservation Commission is a true record of the same to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

DONE at Santa Fe, N.M., this 17th day of October, 1953.

Mariane C. Allan
Reporter

SWORN TO before me this 17th day of October, 1953.

W. S. Walker
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

October 1, 1954

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COM. SPURRIER: We will now move on to Case 597.

BEN HOWELL: My name is Ben Howell and I represent the El Paso Natural Gas Company. Since the notice of the hearing, I have been advised that the production which was filed, which caused the matter to go before a hearing, has been withdrawn and I moved that the hearing be waived and the matter be referred back to the staff for action in the absence of production.

COM. SPURRIER: Is there any objection to the Counsel's motion?

(No objection indicated.)

COM. SPURRIER: The case will be dismissed.

BEN HOWELL: May I ask that it not be dismissed? We want the hearing waived and referred back to staff rather than dismissing the case.

COM. SPURRIER: It will be referred to the staff, Mr. Howell.

Legal Notice OCC Hearing

Publication:

Date: OCT 15 hearing

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SUBJECT: STORAGE OF LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS

October 19, 1953

APPLICATION OF EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY
FOR PERMISSION TO DRILL ITS LPG WELL NO. 1,
NE/4 SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 17
WEST, NMPM, MCKINLEY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO,
FOR THE STORAGE OF LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS.

Order No. LPG-4
(Ref. Case 597)

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
OF THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Under the provisions of Order No. R-313 in Case 523, and Rule 705 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations established thereunder, El Paso Natural Gas Company made application to the Commission on September 14, 1953, for authority to drill as an LPG storage well its LPG Well No. 1, to be located 702 feet from the north line and 1200 feet from the east line of Section 16, Township 15 North, Range 17 West, NMPM, McKinley County, New Mexico, and

The Secretary - Director Finds:

- (1) That application has been duly filed in proper form under the provisions of Rule 705;
- (2) That satisfactory information has been provided that all operators of offset acreage within a one-half mile radius of the proposed well have been notified of the operator's intention; and
- (3) That the Commission has been assured that any objection made to such operation has been waived (through presentation of testimony in Case No. 597 heard by the Commission on October 15, 1953).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That the applicant herein, El Paso Natural Gas Company be and it hereby is authorized to complete its LPG Storage Well No. 1, NE/4 Section 16, Township 15 North, Range 17 West, NMPM, McKinley County, New Mexico, as a well for the storage of liquefied petroleum gas;

That the effectiveness of this order is conditional upon the following stipulations:

- (1) That subject well be drilled to an approximate depth of 800 feet in the Chinle formation, which will then be cored from 300 to 800' to determine its susceptibility to washing actions for enlargement of a storage cavity therein.
- (2) That casing of the proper size and weight be cemented at an approximate depth of 300', in compliance with casing program set forth by operator on Form C-101 (Notice of Intention to Drill).

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No part of this order shall be construed as relieving El Paso Natural Gas Company from liability to any person, firm or corporation as a result of the drilling or operation of such storage project.

By authority granted under provisions of Rule 705 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, this order is issued and approved this 19th day of October 1953.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

R. R. SPURRIER, Secretary-Director

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