

Case No.

52

Application, Transcript,
Small Exhibits, Etc.

Case # 52 - Appl. of Hall Security Co. to plug
meatly. Date # 1.5 WNE 3.18.22 - Eddy Co.

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF the application of the National Surety Corporation for an order determining as abandoned Edward S. McAuliffe-Coates Well No. 1, SWNE 3-18S-23E, Eddy County, and to plug said well in accordance with the rules, regulations and laws of the Commission. This case is set for 10 A.M., August 4, 1944.

Resunat to notice by the Commission, duly made and published, setting August 4, 1944, at ten o'clock a.m., for hearing in the above entitled matter, said hearing was convened on said day, at said hour, in the Coronado Room of the La Fonda, Santa Fe, New Mexico, the Commission sitting as follows:

HON. RAY ROGERS, State Land Commissioner, Member.
HON. JOHN M. KELLY, State Geologist, Secretary.
HON. CARL B. LIVINGSTON, Chief Clerk and Legal Adviser.

R E G I S T E R

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
J. O. Seth	Stanolind Oil Company	Santa Fe, N. M.
R. E. Nelson, Jr.	Stanolind Oil Company	Tulsa, Oklahoma
W. D. Henderson	Stanolind Oil Company	Midland, Texas
George W. Selinger	Skelly Oil Company	Tulsa, Oklahoma
D. W. Spence	Sinclair Prairie Oil Co.	Midland, Texas
H. B. Hurley	Continental Oil Company	Ft. Worth, Texas
R. Van A. Mills	Continental Oil Company	Ponca City, Okla.
J. W. Head	Head & Miller	Borger, Texas
K. H. Dally	Head & Miller	Borger, Texas
A. Knickerbocker	Fred Turner Jr.	Midland, Texas
J. M. Zachary	Neiville G. Penrose, Inc.	Ft. Worth, Texas
Hamilton McRae	Fred Turner, Jr.	Midland, Texas
Frank D. Gardner	Sinclair Prairie Oil Co.	Midland, Texas
G. L. Shoemaker	Shell Oil Company, Inc.	Midland, Texas
S. W. House	Humble Oil Company	Midland, Texas
V. C. Maley	Humble Oil & Refining Co.	Midland, Texas
High L. Sawyers	N. M. Oil & Gas Ass'n.	Roswell, N. M.
Claude E. Wood	State Land Office	Santa Fe, N. M.
Jesse Hildreth	General Crude Oil Company	Wink, Texas
Leo E. Schultz	Oil & Gas Dept., State Land Office	
Jerry Curtis	Magnolia Petroleum Company	Santa Fe, N. M.
S. P. Hemmfer	Magnolia Petroleum Company	Roswell, N. M.
W. K. Davis	El Paso Natural Gas Company	Midland, Texas
R. L. Boss	Gulf Oil Corporation	Jal, New Mexico
E. J. Gallagher	Gulf Oil Corporation	Hobbs, New Mexico
A. E. Willig	The Texas Company	Hobbs, N. M.
Glenn Staley	Lea County Operators	Ft. Worth, Texas
Harvey Hardison	Standard of Texas	Hobbs, New Mexico
W. S. Patterson	Scouting Service	Houston, Texas
C. W. Faris	Shell Oil Company	Santa Fe, N. M.
John P. Healy	Colo-Mex	Midland, Texas
Weldon Brigrance	Rowan Drilling Company	Santa Fe, N. M.
Roy O. Yarbrough	Oil Conservation Commission	Ft. Worth, Texas
E. H. Foster	Phillips Petroleum Company	Hobbs, N. M.
Mrs. Nettie Ogle		Amarillo, Texas
Fred Turner Jr.		Santa Fe, N. M.
D. R. McKeithan	Independent	Santa Fe, N. M.
	Phillips Petroleum Company	Midland, Texas
		Barbersville, Okla.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, and upon request of the Secretary, the Chief Clerk read the call of the meeting as follows:

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Oil Conservation Commission, by law invested with jurisdiction as the oil and gas regulatory body of the State of New Mexico, hereby gives notice of the following hearing to be held at Santa Fe, New Mexico:

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Given under the seal of said Commission at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on July 7, 1944.

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

/s/ John M. Kelly

BY (SGD) JOHN M. KELLY
SECRETARY.

SEAL

P R O C E E D I N G S

By Mr. Paul Forker - Attorney for National Surety Corporation.

This well was started back in 1937, I believe, and the last work done on it was in 1939. I have been serving the National Surety Corporation in this territory since 1941, and all during that time have been trying to locate Mr. McAuliffe. Have been unable to secure any information as to where he is, and communicating with the land owner, have been unable to receive any response from him. I did receive copy of a letter from Mr. Coates, in which he has indicated he would like to have the well turned into a water well. There has not been any production on the well, and I think the driller and contractor has apparently left these parts and cannot be located. I think the well should be declared abandoned.

MR. KELLY: Mr. Yarbrough, please state to the Commission the condition of this well on your last visit there.

MR. YARBROUGH: My last visit there was July 30, 1943. I have not been to it this year. My last visit to the well, I have a record of what was there, I believe some 12½" and 10" pipe, couldn't see anymore.

MR. KELLY: The well never produced any oil or gas to your knowledge?

MR. YARBROUGH: No - I don't know if they ever got any showing of anything.

MR. KELLY: Was there a rig on the well?

MR. YARBROUGH: No - nothing there.

MR. FORKER: I suggest an order to plug the well be made, as Mr. Coates desires to have it made into a water well.

MR. KELLY: The Commission will order this well to be plugged and abandoned, it is up to the Surety Company and Mr. Coates regarding plans for turning the well into a water well.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I hereby certify that the foregoing and attached two and a fraction pages of typewritten matter constitute a true, correct and complete transcript of the shorthand notes taken by me in Case No. 52, on the 4th day of August, and by me extend into typewriting.

WITNESS my hand this 9th day of September 1944.

Vastie Fowler
Vastie Fowler



Dear Carl

Enclosed find Form C 102 for
plugging the Meauliffe well
Mr Kersey has agreed to
plug as shown on this
Form. if this is satisfactory
with you and John. send it
to the Seely Co for
their signature. Mr Kersey
says he has already made
an agreement with them to
plug. Ray. Garbrough

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OIL COMMISSION

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CASE NO 52 STOP THIS ELL IS ON MY RANCH STOP WOULD LIKE
TO HAVE IT FOR A WATER WELL STOP PLEASE ADVISE COLLECT
IF POSSIBLE STOP WIRE ME CARE J D JOSEY ARTESIA=
W M COATES..

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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

July 25, 1944

Mr. W. M. Coates
Box 133
Hope, New Mexico

Re: Case No. 52 -
McAuliffe-Coates No. 1, SWNE 3-18S-23E, Eddy County

Dear Mr. Coates:

This is in acknowledgment of your letter of July 19, in which you state you desire the above captioned well for a water well. You are informed as follows:

When the petitioner, the insurance company on Mr. McAuliffe's plugging bond, obtains an order from the Commission determining the well in question as abandoned as an oil well and ordering the plugging thereof pursuant to the laws, rules and regulations of the Commission and the provisions of the plugging bond, the insurance company may then proceed to plug said well which, if agreeable to the insurance company and to you, may be plugged as a water well; however, that will be a matter primarily between you and the insurance company. The usual procedure is to plug a well from bottom to top but where a well may be beneficially used for a water well, such as you indicate, then the well may be plugged below the water to convert it into a water well upon permission of the Commission.

You should communicate with Paul W. Forker, National Surety Corporation, 307 Railway Exchange Building, Denver 2, Colorado.

Very truly yours,

John M. Kolly
Director

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cc Paul W. Forker

By

Chief Clerk & Legal Adviser

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This is the McAlister well
being tried for abandonment
any ^{to the} petition of James
O. C. R. Case 52-

July 19 1944

Hope m m
Box 133 -

Mr John M Kelly.

Dear Sir In regard to the well
on my Land which you are wanting
to plug I would like to have it put
a water well for my cows as it has
500 ft of pipe in it now as the water
stands to 340 ft of the stop so ~~if~~
if you would let me have for a water
well I could use it as I would like to
for you to let me know what I have
to do for you all to turn it to me
for Ranch use. Please let me
hear from you at once Thanks to
you all. Yours Truly.

W. M. Coates Hope New Mexico
Box 133.

SOIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

July 7, 1944

Paul W. Forker, Esquire
National Surety Corporation
307 Railway Exchange Building
Denver 2, Colorado

Re: Case No. 52 - Notice for Publication

Dear Mr. Forker:

Enclosed is a copy of the notice of hearing in
the above captioned case.

Very truly yours,

John H. Kelly
Director

By

Chief Clerk & Legal Adviser

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SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

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July 7, 1944

The Santa Fe New Mexican
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Artesia Advocate
Artesia, New Mexico

Re: Case No. 52, Notice for Publication

Gentlemen:

Please publish the enclosed notice once, immediately.
Please proof read the notice carefully and send a copy of
the paper carrying such notice.

UPON COMPLETION OF THE PUBLICATION, PLEASE SEND
PUBLISHER'S AFFIDAVIT.

For payment please submit statement in duplicate
accompanied by voucher executed in duplicate. The vouchers
must be signed by a notary in the space provided on the back
of the voucher. The necessary voucher blanks are enclosed.

Very truly yours,

John M. Kelly
Director

By

Chief Clerk & Legal Adviser

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

September 13, 1944

Mr. Bruce K. Matlock
Box 6753
Roswell, New Mexico

Re: Case 52 - Order No. 571 - Order to plug McAuliffe-Coates
well No. 1, SWNE 3-18S-23E, Eddy County.

Dear Mr. Matlock:

In reply to your letter of August 30, on August 4 the Commission held a hearing upon the petition of the National Surety Corporation, principal upon the bond to assure plugging of the above captioned well. The petitioner petitioned that the well be adjudged as abandoned and for an order to permit the petitioner to plug said well in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations of the Commission. Pursuant to said hearing the Commission, after considering the testimony adduced at said hearing, promulgated Order No. 571, adjudging said well as abandoned and directing the National Surety Corporation to plug said well either from the top to the bottom or to plug below the water so as to convert said well into a stock water well, if desired by the National Surety Corporation and the land owner. A copy of said order is enclosed for your information. You can see that as to whether the well is plugged as a water well is entirely a matter between the corporate surety and Mr. Coates, the land owner. Mr. Paul W. Forker represents the National Surety Corporation. His address is 307 Railway Exchange Building, Denver, Colorado.

I trust the foregoing clarifies the matter for you and Mr. Coates.

Very truly yours,

John M. Kelly,
Director

By

Chief Clerk & Legal Adviser

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BRUCE K. MATLOCK
BOX 5758
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO
August 30, 1944.

Mr. John Kelly,
State Geologist,
Capitol Building,
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Dear John:

The Coates family of Hope, New Mexico, have asked me to write to you concerning the plugging of an old oil test drilled by Edward S. McAlauffe to a depth of approximately 1000' in Section 3-18S-23E, Eddy County. It appears the National Surety Corporation is the holder of the bond put up by McAlauffe with the State for protection on plugging the well. McAlauffe has left the country and the Surety Company now is concerned over plugging this well.

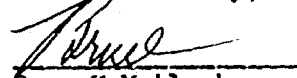
The Coates family tell me that this well, as it now stands, has a nice water level and they would like to use it on their ranch and I believe they could deal with the Surety Company if it could be released of its bond with the State.

I am therefore asking you if there is any authority for you or the Conservation Commission to release the Surety Company of its bond and save this test as a water well for ranching purposes. It is my understanding that there is 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ " casing set at around 800' which should be well into the lime and has a proper seal in order to not contaminate any of the upper beds, if present. I also understand that this well is out of any water district and therefore would not affect the water flow of any neighboring wells.

At your earliest convenience will you advise me on this matter?

Best personal regards.

Yours sincerely,


Bruce K. Matlock

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*Case 52 - Order 551
Paul W. Parker, Nat Surety Corp
304 Railway Exchange Bldg
Denver*

STATE BUREAU OF MINES AND MINERAL RESOURCES
A DEPARTMENT OF NEW MEXICO SCHOOL OF MINES
SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO

September 4, 1944

OIL AND GAS
DIVISION

Mr. John M. Kelly, State Geologist
Oil Conservation Commission
Box 871
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear John:

The subject of the attached letter, which was sent here from your office, seems to be out of my jurisdiction. I find that we have no log on the well in question, and that our card simply states that the well was "abandoned" at 1079 feet.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Bates

Geologist

RLB/mb
Enclosure

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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. 52

ORDER NO. 571

THE APPLICATION OF THE NATIONAL SURETY
CORPORATION AND AN ORDER DETERMINING AS
ABANDONED EDWARD S. McAULIFFE-COATES WELL
NO. 1, SWNE 3-18S-23E, EDDY COUNTY, AND TO
PLUG SAID WELL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS,
RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSION.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at ten o'clock A.M., August 4, 1944, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of the State of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission".

NOW, on the 10th day of August, 1944, the Commission having before it for consideration the testimony adduced at the hearing of said case and being fully advised in the premises, the Commission finds:

F I N D I N G S

1. That the Edward S. McAuliffe-Coates well No. 1, SWNE, Section 3, Township 18 S, Range 23 E, Eddy County, is dry and abandoned and should be plugged in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations of the Commission.

2. That the applicant, the National Surety Corporation, is designated as surety with the principal, Edward S. McAuliffe, upon the bond assuring plugging of said well when dry or abandoned under the following provision of said bond:

"NOW, THEREFORE, if the above bounden principal and surety or either of them or their successors or assigns, or any of them, shall plug said well, in accordance with the program approved by the Oil Conservation Commission, through the State Geologist, when dry or when abandoned, in such way as to confine the oil, gas and water in their respective strata in which they are found and to prevent them from escaping into other strata;***

3. That said principal has failed and refused to plug said well.

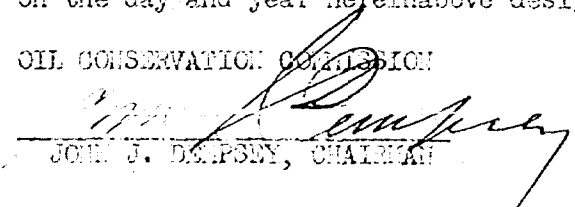
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

A. That the National Surety Corporation shall plug said well and may plug such well so as to convert said well into a stock water well, if desired by the applicant and the land owner. Whether such well is plugged from the bottom to the top or in such way as to convert it into a stock water well the applicant shall comply with the laws, rules and regulations of the Commission and its administrative requirements in connection with such plugging.

B. The Order herein shall be effective on the date of its execution.

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

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION


JOHN J. DEMPSEY, CHAIRMAN


JOHN A. KELLY, MEMBER

U. S. BUREAU OF LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

August 10, 1944

Paul W. Forker, Esquire
National Surety Corporation
307 Railway Exchange Building
Denver 2, Colo.

Re: Case No. 52, Order No. 571

Dear Mr. Forker:

Attached is copy of Order No. 571 in the
above captioned case.

Very truly yours,

John M. Kelly
Director

By

Chief Clerk & Legal Adviser

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SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

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August 10, 1944

Honorable Glenn Staley
Proration Office
Hobbs, New Mexico

Re: Case No. 52, Order No. 571

Dear Glenn:

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Very truly yours,

John M. Kelly
Director

By

Chief Clerk & Legal Adviser

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION
COMMISSION**

The Oil Conservation Commission, by its order, has determined as to the right of the State of New Mexico, hereby given notice of the hearing to be held at Santa Fe, New Mexico.

CASE No. 12

In the matter of the application of the National Santa Fe Corporation, for an order determining an abandoned Edward S. McAniff-Dumas Well No. 1, SWIRE 3-185-29E, Eddy County, and to plug said well in accordance with the rules, regulations and laws of the Commission. This case is set for 10 a.m., August 4, 1944.

Any person having any interest in the subject of said hearing is entitled to be heard.

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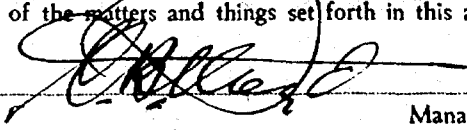
**OIL CONSERVATION
COMMISSION**

By (Seal) JOHN M. KELLY,
(Seal) Secretary.
Pub. July 10, 1944.

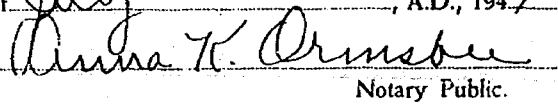
Affidavit of Publication

State of New Mexico, }
County of Santa Fe } ss.

I, C. B. Floyd, being first duly sworn, declare and say that I am the (Business Manager) (~~Editor~~) of the Santa Fe New Mexican, a daily newspaper, published in the English Language, and having a general circulation in the City and County of Santa Fe, State of New Mexico, and being a newspaper duly qualified to publish legal notices and advertisements under the provisions of Chapter 167 of the Session Laws of 1937; that the publication, a copy which is hereto attached, was published in said paper ~~once each week~~ for one time ~~consecutive weeks, and on the same day of each week~~ in the regular issue of the paper during the time of publication, and that the notice was published in the newspaper proper, and not in any supplement, ~~once each week~~ for one time ~~weeks consecutively~~, the first publication being on the 10th day of July, 1944, and the last publication ~~was on the~~ day of, 1944; that payment for said advertisement has been (duly made), or (assessed as court costs); that the undersigned has personal knowledge of the matters and things set forth in this affidavit.


Manager

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 10th day of July, A.D., 1944


Notary Public.

My Commission expires June 11, 1945

PUBLISHER'S BILL

36 lines, one time at \$ 2.88
lines, times, \$
Tax \$
Total \$ 2.88

Received payment,

By.

PROOF OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO } ss.
County of Eddy }

A. L. BERT, being duly sworn deposes and says that he is the editor of THE ARTESIA ADVOCATE, a newspaper published in Artesia, Eddy County, New Mexico, that the notice of Publication of

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a copy of which is hereto attached was first published in said newspaper in its issue dated July 13, 1944 and was published in the weekly issue of said newspaper, and not in any supplement, thereafter for the full period of one consecutive weeks, the last publication thereof being in the issue dated

G. L. Bennett

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 7-13-44

sworn to before me on _____

Leatrice Locke

Notary Public

Publishers Fees \$ 3.90 My Commission Expires December 24, 1935

NOTES OF PUBLICATION
STATE OF NEW YORK
OIL COMMISSION
COMMUNICATION

The Oil Commission, created by the Legislature of this State, by and through its jurisdiction as the oil and gas regulatory body of the State of New York, hereby certifies that the following inventory of the State of New York, New York, is correct:

It is the policy of the Commission to maintain a list of the names of the owners of the oil and gas wells in the State of New York, and to make such list available to the public. The Commission has determined that the following information is necessary for the purpose of maintaining such list:

1. The name of the owner of the well.

2. The name of the operator of the well.

3. The name of the lessee of the well.

4. The name of the owner of the land on which the well is located.

5. The name of the owner of the land on which the well is located.

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7. The name of the owner of the land on which the well is located.

8. The name of the owner of the land on which the well is located.

9. The name of the owner of the land on which the well is located.

10. The name of the owner of the land on which the well is located.

Any person having any information in the possession of such person, or entitled to be heard,

The following is a list of the names of the owners of the oil and gas wells in the State of New York, New York, as of January 1, 1944:

Executive Order July 1, 1944

Given under the seal of the Commission of Oil and Gas, State of New York, on July 1, 1944.

(SEAL)

Oil and Gas Commission
Commissioner,
By (Signed) JOHN M. KELLY
Secretary.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
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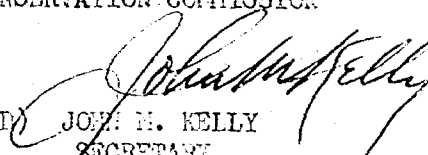
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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

BY (SGN)  JOHN H. KELLY
SECRETARY

WILSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

May 12, 1944

Paul W. Forker, Esquire
National Surety Corporation
307 Railway Exchange Building
Denver 2, Colorado

Re: Edward S. Mauliffe - \$5000 - SWNE 3-183-23E -
National Surety Corp. Filed 7-21-39.

Dear Mr. Forker:

Your petition to have the wall covered by the above captioned bond heard on the issue of abandonment is in good form and is today filed.

You will be notified in ample time when the Commission sets your petition for hearing. The procedure ordinarily is to hear a number of petitions at one time inasmuch as all three members of the Commission are busy officials with many irons in the fire.

Very truly yours,

John M. Kelly
Director

By

Chief Clerk & Legal Adviser

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NATIONAL SURETY CORPORATION

NEW YORK

VINCENT CULLEN
PRESIDENT

LAW AND CLAIM DEPARTMENT
HENRY W. NICHOLS
GENERAL COUNSEL

DENVER DIVISION
PAUL W. FORKER, ATTORNEY
307 RAILWAY EXCHANGE BLDG.
DENVER, COLO. -2

May 10, 1944

Mr. Carl B. Livingston
Oil Conservation Commission
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Edward S. McAuliffe-SW¹NW¹ 3-18S-23E

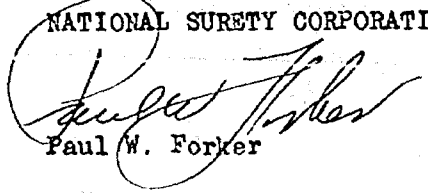
Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith a petition for the abandonment of the McAuliffe well. I should appreciate your checking this over and if it is in order, filing it with the Commission and arrange to have a hearing date set.

If it is not in order, I should appreciate your suggestions as to how it should be amended.

Very truly yours

NATIONAL SURETY CORPORATION


Paul W. Forker

PWF:v
Enc.

NATIONAL SURETY MARINE INSURANCE CORPORATION
A WHOLLY OWNED AFFILIATE

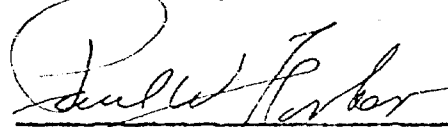
TO THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO

P E T I T I O N

The petition of National Surety Corporation respectfully shows that heretofore to wit: on or about the 21st day of July, 1939 National Surety Corporation filed a one well drilling bond as surety for one Edward S. McAuliffe covering a well being drilled on the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, 3-18S-23E, said well being located near Hope, New Mexico on property belonging to William M. Coates.

That there have been no operations on said well since about October of 1939 and that present whereabouts of Edward S. McAuliffe is unknown; that said Edward S. McAuliffe has failed and neglected to pay premiums on said bond since 1939 and that National Surety Corporation is unable to locate said Edward S. McAuliffe to secure information as to his future intentions.

WHEREFORE, National Surety Corporation prays that this honorable Commission hold a hearing to determine that said well has been abandoned and make and enter its order ordering that the well be plugged.



Attorney for

NATIONAL SURETY CORPORATION

Dated this 7 day of May, 1944.