

Case No.

101

Application, Transcript,
Small Exhibits, Etc.

NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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LAND COMMISSIONER JOHN E. MILES
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SECRETARY AND DIRECTOR



P. O. BOX 871

Santa Fe, New Mexico

May 6, 1949

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LUBBOCK TEXAS

Mr. Frank Griggs
416 Lubbock National Bank
Lubbock, Texas

RE: Frank Griggs, an Individual - \$5,000 one-well
bond - American Employers' Insurance Company -
NE/4 NE/4 section 11, T.4 N, R.26 E -
Frank Griggs, State No. 1.

Dear Sir:

Final approval of plugging your State No. 1 well in the NE/4
NE/4 section 11, T.4 N, R.26 E has been given as of April 18, 1949,
therefore bond mentioned in the caption may be cancelled as of
that date. .

Very truly yours,

R. R. Spurnier
Secretary and Director

cc: Mr. J. O. Seth
OCC, Hobbs
OCC, Artesia
OCC, Aztec

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

18 May 1948

Messrs.
Frank Griggs
Lubbock, Texas

John Darden
Lubbock, Texas

John H. Hawkins
Fort Sumner, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

According to our file of Case No. 101 and Order No. 730, you were given until March 1st, 1948 to plug a well in NENE Section 11, Township 4 North, Range 26 East, DeBaca County, New Mexico.

You are hereby notified that the Commission will soon exercise the authority as set out in 2 of Order 730.

"That in the event such plugging is not completed on or before March 1, 1948, the Commission will enter proper order herein providing for the plugging of said well, with the expenses thereof to be defrayed by the American Employers Insurance Company, Surety.

The American Employers Insurance and other Sureties will no doubt consider this proceeding, especially in the case of Darden who has another bond on file with this Commission.

Very truly yours,

RS:bsp

cc: J. M. Beth
Robbs Office

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

Minutes of
Special Meeting
held
September 17, 1947
at
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Cases: No. 101
 " 109
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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

"The Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, pursuant to law, hereby gives public notice of the following hearings to be had at a special meeting of the Commission to be held September 17, 1947, beginning at 10:00 A. M. on said date at Santa Fe, New Mexico:

STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO:

All named parties in the following cases,
and notice to the public:

"Case 101

In the matter of the application of American Employers Insurance Company for an order directed to Frank Griggs, Lubbock, Texas, John Darden, Lubbock, Texas, and John H. Hawkins, Fort Sumner, New Mexico to show cause why a well located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 11, Township 4 North, Range 26 East, DeBaca County, New Mexico should not be declared abandoned and ordered plugged.

"Case 109

In the matter of the application of Leonard Oil Co., Roswell, New Mexico for an order approving an unorthodox location for the Leonard State No. 6 well in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, the allocation of production of said described tract and unconditional approval of a C-110 for the well.

"Case 110

In the matter of the application of Hardin-Houston, a partnership, Hobbs, New Mexico for a general order regulating tank cleaning, plants processing tank bottoms and recleaning of waste oil and transportation of tank bottoms and waste oil.

"Case 111

In the matter of application of G. B. Suppes to unitize the E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33, Township 16 South, Range 31 East, N. W. P. M., Eddy County, New Mexico and for approval of two unorthodox locations thereon, (1) 330 ft. from the East line and 1270 ft. from the North line of Section 33, (2) located 990 ft. from the East line and 1370 ft. from the North line of said Section 33, in Township 16 South, Range 31 East, N. W. P. M.

"Given under the seal of the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, at Santa Fe, New Mexico on August 29, 1947.

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

BY: (SGN) H. R. SPURRIER

H. R. SPURRIER, Secretary

"A COUNTY OF NEW MEXICO
September 1, 1947"

Said meeting was called at 10:00 o'clock A. M., Wednesday, September 17, 1947, in the Coronado Room of La Fonda Hotel, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION PRESENT:

Hon. John E. Miles, State Land Commissioner, Member
 Hon. R. R. Spurrier, Secretary, Oil Conservation
 Commission, Member
 Hon. Luke J. Frazier, Attorney
 Hon. George Graham, Attorney

<u>Name</u>	<u>REGISTER</u> <u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>
Chuck Aston	Consulting Petroleum Geologist	Artesia, N.M.
Donald S. Bush	Lawyer	Artesia, N.M.
Robert B. Kennedy	Petroleum Engineer	Artesia, N.M.
Roy D. Yarbrough	Oil Conservation Commission	Hobbs, N.M.
W. D. Girard, Jr.	Lawyer	Hobbs, N.M.
J. B. Hardin	Hardin-Houston	Hobbs, N. M.
Glen Staley	Lea County Operators	Hobbs, N.M.
W. B. Macey	Oil Conservation Commission	Artesia, N.M.
J. N. Dunlevey	Skelly Oil Company	Hobbs, N.M.
Walter Famariss, Jr.		Hobbs, N.M.
L. B. Slagle	Shell Oil Company	Hobbs, N.M.
H. D. Murray	The Texas Company	Midland, Tex.
Paul C. Evans	Gulf Oil Corporation	Hobbs, N.M.
Henry Forbes	Continental Oil Company	Midland, Tex.
N. R. Lamb	New Mexico Bureau of Mines	Artesia, N.M.
J. W. House	Humble Oil Co	Midland, Tex.
W. E. Hubbard	" " "	Houston, Tex.
John M. Kelly	Independent	Roswell, N.M.
Emmett D. White	Leonard Oil Company	Roswell, N.M.
Oliver Seth	American Employers Insurance Company and Leonard Oil Co.	Santa Fe, N.M.
Otis Ramsey		

PROCEEDINGS

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Miles,
 Presiding Member. Case No. 101 was called by Attorney
 George Graham.

Case No. 101

BY MR. OLIVER SETH:

The testimony concerning the abandonment of this well was taken
 at a hearing of the Commission held on the 15th day of July,
 1947, and if there is no objection we would like to have the
 record show that there has been no change since that time, and
 that the testimony taken at that time is submitted at this time,
 as there are no new developments.

MR. SPURRIER:

That is okay.

COMMISSIONER MILES:

That is okay.

Case No. 108

BY MR. OLIVER SETH:

This application for an order approving an unorthodox location concerns the deepening of a well heretofore drilled under authority of the State Land Office and the State Geologist, and I would like to call Mr. Emmett White, of the Leonard Oil Company to the stand.

TESTIMONY OF MR. EMMETT D. WHITE, after having
been duly sworn:

MR. SETH:

Q. Please state your name.

A. My name is Emmett D. White.

Q. You are with the Leonard Oil Company?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. You are familiar with the petition concerning State Well No. 8?

A. Yes.

Q. Would you state to the Commission when the well was first drilled?

A. This well was first drilled as a gas well in 1931, late in the year.

Q. It was drilled under authority of the then State Geologist?

A. Yes.

Q. Approximately how deep was the well?

A. It was drilled to a total depth of 2343 feet.

Q. At the time it was drilled what was the location believed to be?

A. The well was believed to be in the center of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28, Township 17 South, Range 29 East.

Q. Has a subsequent survey shown that it is otherwise located?

A. Yes. We had a survey of this location made at the time we were considering deepening the well and a careful check by a registered surveyor showed that it was 1317 feet east of the west line and 1317 feet south of the north line of the section.

Q. Do you state that the well was originally drilled as a gas well?

A. Yes.

Q. And it produced gas in commercial quantities over a period of time?

A. Yes, until about eighteen months ago.

Q. Then you desired to deepen it as an oil producing well?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you apply to the Commission at that time for authority to so deepen the well?

A. Yes.

Q. To what forty do you desire the allowable to be allocated?

A. We only want the allowable to be allocated to the forty the well is in:- the NW1/4 of Section 28.

MR. SETH:

That is all, unless there are any further questions by the Commission.

COMMISSIONER MILLS:

There are no further questions.

Case No. 111

BY MR. DONALD S. BUSH:

This is an application by C. B. Suppes for approval of two unorthodox locations, No. 2 well to be located 330 feet from the east line and 1270 feet from the north line of Section 33, and No. 1 well to be located 990 feet from the east line and 1370 feet from the north line of said Section 33, in Township 16 South, Range 31 East, N. M. P. M. All of this acreage is located approximately in the Square Lake Field, in Eddy County, New Mexico. It is all federal acreage and is under lease bearing Las Cruces Serial No. 056,302-B.

The reason for the application is to enact conservation measures in that upper area and in the petition to the Commission we have alleged that the unit will not produce from either 40-acre tract more than ten barrels above the current top allowable assigned to the 40-acre unit.

I would like to call Mr. Chuck Aston as witness, if the Commission please.

TESTIMONY OF MR. CHUCK ASTON, after having been duly sworn:

MR. BUSH:

Q. Have you qualified as a consulting petroleum geologist before the Commission?

A. Yes.

Q. How long have you practiced as a consulting geologist in Artesia?

A. Approximately six years.

Q. Are you acquainted with the Square Lake field?

A. Yes.

Q. Will you tell the Commission why you believe these two unorthodox locations, and approval of the unit agreement for proration purposes would be advisable?

A. It is my considered opinion that with the relative permeability and periodicity of the producing horizons in this portion of the Square Lake field, the spacing pattern of one well to each 40-acre unit does not allow for proper drainage or maximum drainage of that 40-acre unit; and that because of this center location in the forty, the locations requested are the only equitable manner in which the operator in question can drill additional wells on these two 40-acre units.

Q. Has the U. S. D. I., through the Geological Survey, offered any objections, or have they waived any objections?

A. They have waived all objections, subject to the approval of the Commission, in a letter signed by Foster Morrell.

Q. Have the owners of the acreage adjacent to these two forties containing the two unorthodox locations waived any objections?

A. They have.

Q. And this is evidenced by their signatures to the application itself?

A. Yes.

MR. SPURRIER: Has the Department of the Interior, through the Geological Survey, made any provision for the assigning, or not assigning, of any part of this lease where this fifth well is drilled? I understand that the U. S. G. S. has that authority -- they can refuse to let any part of this lease be assigned.

A. Mr. Morrell has made a stipulation that in the event these two locations are not approved by the Commission he will not approve drilling operations; that these two forty-acre units will be considered as one for the life of this lease. Whether that is all that will ultimately be required by Mr. Morrell we do not know at present, but those stipulations are being signed now.

MR. GRAHAM: Would production from this eighty acres ever exceed the allowable for the two forties?

MR. BUSH:

No, it is not the desire of the petitioner to request any excess above the top allowable for either of these forties.

MR. SPURRIER:

Are there any further questions from anyone else in this case?

(No response)

Case No. 110

BY MR. GIRAND for Neal and Girand:

We enter our appearance for the petitioner, and call Mr. J. B. Hardin to the stand.

TESTIMONY OF MR. J. B. HARDIN, after having been duly sworn:

MR. GIRAND:

If the Commission please, at the regular hearing of the Oil Conservation Commission held July 15, 1947, the application of Walter Famariss, in Case No. 104 was heard; and testimony was adduced at that hearing pertinent to the subject matter of this application. For the purpose of shortening the record and in order not to encumber it unnecessarily by going over the testimony given at that hearing, the petitioner adopts the record in Case No. 104 as if presented here, if that meets the Commission's approval and there are no objections.

Q. State your name.

A. J. B. Hardin.

Q. You are a member of the firm of Hardin-Houston?

A. Yes. It is a partnership composed of myself and Earl Hardin.

Q. You are located at Hobbs, New Mexico.

A. Yes.

Q. Your business is tank cleaning and treating of waste oils in that area.

A. Yes.

Q. You are the petitioner in Case No. 110, being a request for a general order regulating tank cleaning, plants processing tank bottoms, and the processing and transportation incident thereto?

A. Yes.

Q. You signed that petition on behalf of the partnership?

A. Yes.

Q. You are familiar with the statements of fact made in that petition?

A. Yes.

Q. Are these true and correct to your own knowledge?

A. Yes, they are.

MR. GIRARD:

In the application I failed to suggest that the processor be placed under bond. Upon consideration of the matter since filing the application, I do believe that a bond of \$5,000 or \$10,000 would be adequate. Of course the amount could be governed by the extent of the processors operations, but a treater of this oil should be placed under some bond in a penal sum to insure compliance with the laws of the state and the regulations of this Commission.

MR. SPURRIER:

Are there any questions from anyone?

BY MR. W. E. HUBBARD, of the Humble Oil Company.

I would like to ask the Commission if it has any intention of issuing a general order governing tank cleanings?

MR. SPURRIER:

The Commission has now received an application to write one, and I think with the testimony that we have in the record at this time there is no alternative except to write an order. We have written an order for Walter Famariss based upon his application presented here before the Commission on July 15, 1947.

MR. HUBBARD:

As there are very few of the operators and representatives of the different oil companies here today, I was wondering if it would not be wise to let each one have a look at a suggested order you might draft, and come back for a hearing after a chance had been given us to look more fully into the matter.

MR. SPURRIER:

To put it in other words: Are you asking for a continuance of this case to give further time for study by the operators?

MR. HUBBARD:

Not so much this case as a state wide order. I understood from some of the testimony this morning that this is what is up for discussion.

MR. SPURRIER:

I think Mr. Girard might explain

that this application is for a general order which would, naturally, be state wide.

MR. GIRAND:

This was the intention of this application. There was no precedent for tank cleaners' operations, and that is why we asked for a general order under which all cleaners could operate.

MR. SPURRIER:

Maybe I can clarify the situation by reading from Case No. 104, application by Mr. Walter Famariss: "In the matter of the application of Walter Famariss, Jr., for permission to purchase and process tank bottoms, pit oil, gasoline plant "catchings" and other oil or waste not otherwise merchantable, and to sell the merchantable crude derived therefrom." Now perhaps Mr. Girand can explain more fully the difference between his petition for Hardin-Houston requesting a general order and the application of Mr. Famariss.

MR. HUBBARD:

Do you have a copy of a draft of an order that you would like to have the Commission issue?

MR. GIRAND:

There was a proposed order filed with the application.

COMMISSIONER MILES:

Do you think the producers are interested in suggesting some form?

MR. HUBBARD:

Yes.

MR. GIRAND:

Whether they enter the proposed order or not, the docket could be kept open for further orders of this Commission from time to time as it may see fit to issue such orders; and if the provisions of that order are not workable, the Commission can amend it so as to make it workable.

MR. HUBBARD:

I think it is a very important question, and would say our company has no objection to the entering of an order. We feel a proper order should provide for permits for the operation of plants and that they should be under the close supervision of the Commission; and the order should provide for

permits for tank cleaners and for an accounting of the oil treated and certainly for adequate reports to the Commission; and it should also provide for exceptions for company cleaners on its own runs and tanks on lease; and I should think the pipe line companies should be excepted from the order and tank farms. I will say this -- that there is some disagreement as to the pipe line companies. Some of us feel that the pipe line company should submit a request for permit to clean tanks along with the operator because they are a very important element in this state when it comes to proration. But some of our pipe lines do not think so. In any event we should like to have a chance to look over any proposed general order of the Commission and know there are a great many others who would like to do the same. It is for this reason that I suggested a full hearing on the question.

MR. GIRARD:

The application has been on file for the required period of time and notice has been given according to law and I think that if the Humble Oil Company has a protest to make, the Commission should hear it and the protest of any other companies. But to delay this man who is trying to get permits and handle this oil in a legitimate way on account of protests which may be made in the future, I submit is unjustifiable, and I do not think the Commission should grant that extension.

MR. HUBBARD:

I do have some ideas of what I think should be incorporated in the order and would like to have a chance to present them at some future date.

COMMISSIONER MILES:

I do not want to delay any procedure or operations that may be necessary to anyone interested; but as new and unfamiliar as I am with this question, I would certainly like to have all the suggestions presented to the Commission before we pass on it.

MR. GIRARD:

I appreciate that, and I am not being arbitrary, but am just trying to be a help to the Commission, and would like to say that if any order the Commission enters based on this hearing is not satisfactory to any of the operators or any of the parties of government, then we will all have an opportunity to come back before the Commission. But for a non-protestant to come in and delay an application on which due notice has been given just on the supposition that there may be a protest presented later on I think is not justifiable.

MR. STURRIER:

May I ask you a question? This is a suggestion rather than a question: We have already scheduled a hearing for the 15th of October. We have issued just

recently an order for Mr. Panariss under Case No. 104. It is Mr. Staley's custom to mimeograph these orders and publish them to all operators. Would it be agreeable to you, Mr. Girand, if this case could be continued until that time, when the Humble Oil Company or anyone else could bring in evidence which they care to bring forward? It would be for the purpose of gathering more evidence. I can assure you we have no intention to delay unnecessarily.

MR. GIRAND:

One effect of an extension is that until a general order is granted all tank cleaners and operators have nothing to go by. However, if the Commission would grant Hardin-Houston a temporary permit to operate during the pendency of this case, we are perfectly agreeable to the continuance.

COMMISSIONER MILES:

Would any of the other companies like to talk on this matter?

BY MR. GLENN STALEY, representing Lea County Operators:

We have three classes of so-called waste product. That oil which is waste caught in the traps of the gas plants serving the various pools; the waste tank bottoms on tank farms of pipe lines on which the royalty has been paid and the tank bottoms of field tanks belonging to the operators; and I am wondering if the petition presented to the Commission by Hardin-Houston has any provision in it pertaining to regulation by the Commission of the cleaning of the tanks, that is when, how, or by whom.

MR. GIRAND:

The only way that question is covered is that the tank cleaner, transporters and processors are all regulated under the proposed order so that they would all have to report to this Commission the source of the E. S. that they pick up, where delivered and recovery from that E. S. is a practical matter your lease tanks will not have enough to be processed alone -- that is, just one tank at a time. To be on a sound financial basis quantities of 100 bbls. or more should be processed. But the order itself does provide for control over the tank cleaner, processor and transporter.

MR. STALEY:

I believe that the majority of the Lea County operators would appreciate it if the Commission would hold this over until October 15th, to give them a chance to study the matter and, if the Commission sees fit, it could grant a temporary order to relieve any stress the applicant might be under in regard to moving oil already on hand. I do not think there is any objection to this on the part of the other companies.

COMMISSIONER MILES:

Is there anyone else?

BY MR. OTIS RAMSEY:

I have a plant in operation down there at Maljamar, and if this is not issued as a general order today I am wondering what status I would be in.

COMMISSIONER MILES:

What status are you in now?

MR. RAMSEY:

I am shut down.

MR. SPURRIER:

Answering the question to my mind, Mr. Ramsey: I am not going to point at you, but what is the opinion among those present? Should an order be written as a general statewide order, under which any one may participate without any further appearance before the Commission, in either formal or executive session? Or should the Commission continue to hear each case as in the case of Walter Famariss and now Hardin-Houston?

MR. GIRAND:

I think this question is answered in our proposed order. It requires an applicant to come before the Commission to show the nature of installation, its location, its capacity, and get a permit from the Commission to operate.

COMMISSIONER MILES:

You are operating now?

MR. RAMSEY:

We built sometime in June and you were at that time allowing people to go ahead and gather oil and we have been operating since then, but we have no oil now and will not run until something is done.

COMMISSIONER MILES:

You have not presented an application to the Commission?

MR. RAMSEY:

I have never made application for permit because at the time I started treating no permit was required.

MR. GIRAND:

You understand the proposed order submitted with our application does not open the door wide. It would still be necessary for an applicant for a permit to come before the Commission before it was granted. What I was trying to get over to the Commission was that one general order should apply to all.

MR. SPURRIER:

You mean processors, tank cleaners and transporters?

MR. GIRAND:

Yes, all processors under the same rules, and all tank cleaners and all transporters.

MR. GRAHAM:

You made a statement a while ago that if Hardin-Houston could have a temporary order to enable them to continue operations it would be agreeable?

MR. GIRAND:

It certainly will.

MR. GRAHAM:

Do you intend to amend your petition by that statement so as to allow not only Hardin-Houston but others to be included?

MR. GIRAND:

If they are in business at the present time and if they meet the qualifications under that order, yes. But I do not believe that these men should be jeopardized for a period of thirty days on the supposition that some one may object, because they have had the notice required by law, and I am a firm believer that everyone is entitled to his day in court, but when notice has been given and the day has arrived, they should be ready to present their case. At least if the Commission enters an order it could be changed if it is wrong.

MR. GRAHAM:

You mean enter a temporary order?

MR. GIRAND:

Yes, and if it does not apply it could be amended.

MR. RAMSEY:

Would I have to make application for a permit before I could go ahead?

COMMISSIONER MILES:

Yes.

MR. RAMSEY:

Would it be considered in the next few days? I have a considerable investment.

COMMISSIONER MILES:

We want to help you all we can.

MR. SETH: (for Shell Oil Company)

On behalf of the Shell Oil Company: We do not want to oppose the application and do not want to delay the proceedings, but we are somewhat disturbed as to what effect an order would have on operators in cleaning their tanks. There seem to be two entirely different situations between the operator cleaning his own tanks and those engaged solely in that business. We are interested only in the former and if the general order contemplates regulation of all operators in the operation of their own leases we would like to join in the request for a continuance; because I am of the opinion that the majority did not believe this hearing would cover cleaning of tanks by themselves.

MR. GIRAND:

I do not see where the proposed order places any additional regulation on any operator of his lease. He has a right to process as he wants to.

MR. SETH:

I just wanted to clarify our position if anything was contemplated which would affect the operator.

MR. GIRAND: While it may do so, it was not intended to; but that comes back to the very thing that I am asking for -- some kind of an order now. If the order entered is in error it can be amended.

COMMISSIONER MILES:

Mr. Ramsey, may I ask if you are familiar with the order presented by Hardin-Houston with their application?

MR. RAMSEY:

No, sir. I would like to see it so I could know what we are doing.

COMMISSIONER MILES:

Anybody else?

MR. J. N. DUNLEVY, for the Skelly Oil Company:

We feel that possibly this case should be continued until

October 15th by the Commission, granting Hardin-Houston temporary relief in the meantime. This would give time for further study of the matter and determine the feasibility of a state-wide order.

COMMISSIONER MILES:

Anybody else?

BY MR. H. D. MURRAY, for the Texas Company:

We are not opposed to the granting of a temporary order to Hardin-Houston if the Commission sees fit, but would like an opportunity to study whatever might be proposed in the way of a general order, and for that reason would appreciate a continuance of the hearing.

COMMISSIONER MILES:

Is there anyone else?

BY MR. PAUL C. EVANS, for the Gulf Oil Corporation:

We heartily agree with Mr. Hubbard and the other oil companies in asking for a continuance of this case in so far as it concerns the writing of a general order. We have no objection to Hardin-Houston operating under the same privileges as Mr. Famariss under his order; but we would like to have some time to study, and possibly to present suggestions, in connection with the writing of a complex order of this nature by the Commission.

COMMISSIONER MILES:

Thank you. Is there anyone else?

BY HENRY FORBES, for the Continental Oil Company:

If the Commission please, we, as the rest of the operators here, feel that a temporary order to allow the Hardin-Houston treating plant to operate is all right. We would not like to see a general order written at this time, and would like to have a continuance of the hearing, giving us an opportunity to present any suggestions or objections after a study of the matter.

COMMISSIONER MILES:

When you speak of the Hardin-Houston application --- have you read that order?

MR. FORBES:

No, sir.

COMMISSIONER MILES:

But you would not object to a temporary order?

MR. FORBES:

No, sir.

COMMISSIONER MILES:

But you have not studied the Hardin-

Houston order?

MR. FORBES:

No, sir.

COMMISSIONER MILES:

Thank you.

Mr. Girand, your order is different from the one issued to Mr. Famariss?

MR. GIRAND:

Yes, sir. It is general in its terms and does not cover just one operation, but the entire field. If the Commission please, I do not want to be arbitrary in insisting, but I hate to have this case continued with no objections as a matter of principle. But if it is continued until October 15th we will be glad to appear at that time.

COMMISSIONER MILES:

I have not studied this order. Mr. Spurrier and George have; but your company could not operate under the order issued to Mr. Famariss?

MR. GIRAND:

Yes, under one similar to it. However we do not want to put up a \$25,000 bond. We don't think it takes that much to make a man honest. I think a \$5,000 bond is sufficient.

MR. DUNLEVEY:

If it please the Commission, I would like to suggest that the operators be furnished copies of the order issued to Walter Famariss and the proposed order of Hardin-Houston, so that we may have time to study them. I have not seen either, and doubt whether others have. We believe this to be vital enough to the operators to have this case postponed until the 15th of October, to give us sufficient opportunity to file any objections and prepare testimony.

COMMISSIONER MILES:

You have no objection to the issuance of a temporary order?

MR. DUNLEVEY:

No.

MR. GIRAND:

Mr. Dunlevey, what about Mr. Ramsey and other tank cleaners who have not made application? Would you object to temporary relief for them?

MR. DUNLEVY: I personally assume that he has some kind of order, since I am told he has been operating over a period of some months.

MR. GRAHAM:

The point I wanted to clear up is that Hardin-Houston has filed a general order to apply to everybody. Would there be any objection to a temporary order of that kind?

MR. GIRAND:

There would be on the part of Hardin-Houston. That is the very purpose of the general order, so that when an application is made the Commission can go into the question of whether or not he is prepared to meet the requirements.

MR. DUNLEVY:

We believe it is important enough to necessitate study, as all orders in the past have shown, and that the matter should be given every consideration on the part of the Commission before issuing any order; and we know what has happened in other states in the handling of waste products and we certainly do not want that condition in New Mexico; and we believe it can be avoided if the operators are given sufficient time to come here and put on the necessary testimony.

MR. GIRAND:

I would like to ask how any one can be injured by the issuance of an order at this time, when the Commission can amend its own orders if there are objections and an application for a change is filed?

MR. SPURRIER:

Mr. Girand, I may be wrong, but I think there is a slight misunderstanding here, and if I am wrong, let me know: In the Commission's legal processes, with which Mr. Graham and Mr. Frazier are more familiar than I am, at least ten days' notice is required for a hearing. Now if Mr. Dunlevy's company, or any other company, were to petition the Commission for a hearing on October 15th they would have about a week --- less than a week to prepare that petition to the Commission from this date. However, by reading it into the record we can continue the case to a later date without any further publication. At the moment it seems the Commission is somewhat on the spot; that we must either tell the operators that we will continue or tell you that we will not. Now

it is a convenience to us to have the recorder record the continuance of the case rather than to advertise it. However, if any oil company wishes to be heard on the 15th of October or any other date they may file a petition.

MR. GIRAND:

As I stated, we are not trying to shove anything down the Commission's throat, but I still would like to have the protesters tell what their protests are, and think we are entitled to that.

BY MR. LAKE FRAZIER:

You will be able to operate under a temporary permit?

MR. GIRAND:

Yes, but I do think the Commission should require them to state what protests they make.

COMMISSIONER MILES:

I appreciate your stand. However I am not thoroughly convinced on this matter myself and I do welcome any suggestions and any testimony. But we do not want to inconvenience you so if we can issue a permit to you and then continue this case, it would seem to be the best way to handle it.

BY MR. WALTER FAMARISS, Jr.:

I was the original petitioner in this case before the Commission and was granted an order to operate. Mr. Hardin has come as a second petitioner, and I wish to enter my objections with those of Attorney Girand to the granting of any other permits than to those petitioning the Commission for them. Certainly we feel that if, after we have followed that procedure, anyone may receive a permit without doing so, it seems to me we have defeated the purposes we set out to accomplish. It is therefore my recommendation that no temporary permit be issued to other than Hardin-Houston; and also that this case be continued until the 15th of October hearing; and I wish to place myself available to the Commission, and my order also which you have issued, for amendment, if you find it is not the proper thing.

COMMISSIONER MILES and

MR. GIRAND:

Thank you.

(A short recess was here called after which the hearing was resumed)

COMMISSIONER MILES:

I have this suggestion to make: That before we issue any order Mr. Glenn Staley have mimeographed copies made of both of

these orders, to Mr. Famariss and the Hardin-Houston proposed order, and send them to all operators, and let them study them both before the cases are reopened on October 15th for discussion.

MR. STALEY:

We will be very glad to do that.

MR. GIRARD:

I will furnish Mr. Staley with a copy of the proposed order and a copy of the application.

COMMISSIONER MILES:

Anybody else who wants to be heard in this matter?

(No response)

COMMISSIONER MILES:

Mr. Famariss, we have just stated that your order and the proposed order in the Hardin-Houston case would be re-opened on October 15th.

MR. FAMARISS:

Yes, sir. If you think it advisable I would like to have it re-opened.

MR. SETH:

May I ask if it is contemplated by the Commission that this temporary order will follow the form of the one attached to the petition? And, if so, if it requires a permit for the removal of any tank bottoms, whether for sale or use on fire walls or lease roads or anything of that nature? If it is contemplated that the order will prevent removal of tank bottoms during this period there will not be any order whereby an operator can clean out without a special permit, for which no machinery has been set up.

MR. GIRARD:

The general order proposed applies to the tank cleaner and not to the operators. The only check on the operator will be the check on the B. S. removed from tanks from each lease so the source of the oil can be traced.

MR. SPURRIER:

Mr. Seth, The Commission has taken Mr. Girard's order as part of the evidence in this case for a guide, you might say; and I am sure that our final order will not contain anything unfair to the operator or the tank cleaner, or anyone else.

MR. GIRARD:

It will be followed only as a suggestion.

MR. GIRAND:

It was intended as something to go on.

COMMISSIONER MILES:

Is there anything else to discuss in this matter?

MR. SPURRIER:

Gentlemen, I would like the record to show, and I think we have an agreement now between all parties that this case, meaning Case No. 110, and also Case No. 104, for which an order has already been written, but in which the Oil Conservation Commission retained jurisdiction, shall be continued to October 15, 1947, at 10:00 A. M., for the purpose of taking further testimony from anyone who may be interested. Also, in connection with Case No. 110 the Commission will issue a temporary order as requested by the attorney for Hardin-Houston. And I might add that the Commission feels at this time that in view of the Hardin-Houston and Walter Famariss applications, and in view of what is a general opinion, that no order of this nature shall be issued without application by an individual to the Commission for an open hearing.

COMMISSIONER MILES :

Is there anybody else to be heard?
(No response)

Case No. 101 will be granted.

Case No. 109 will be granted.

Case No. 110 has been continued to October 15th.

Case No. 111 is taken under advisement.

The hearing was adjourned.

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

State of N.M.
Case 101
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Duplicate
Affidavit

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

COUNTY OF DE BACA

SS:

S. P. STANAGE, of Fort Sumner, New Mexico, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says:

That he is the publisher of the Fort Sumner Review, a weekly newspaper of general paid circulation, published in the English language, which is entered under the Second Class Postal Privilege in the County of De Baca and State of New Mexico; that the notice hereto attached was published weekly in the regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the same day of the week for a period of one consecutive weeks, to-wit:

First publication on Sept 4th 1947

Second publication on 19.....

Third publication on 19.....

Fourth publication on 19.....

Affiant further says that said newspaper has been published weekly in said County of De Baca, State of New Mexico, continuously and uninterruptedly for more than twenty-six weeks next prior to the first issue thereof containing said notice and is duly qualified for the purpose of publishing all legal notices or advertisements required by law or the order of any court of record in the State of New Mexico to be published in newspapers, within the meaning of Chapter 167, Laws of New Mexico of 1937; that there is no newspaper of general circulation published in said County of De Baca, this State, at least thirty per centum of the reading matter of which is in the Spanish language; and that payment for the publication of the said notice has been made, or assessed as court costs.

[Signature]
 Publisher.

Subscribed and sworn to me this 4th day of Sept, 1947.

[Signature]
 Notary Public.

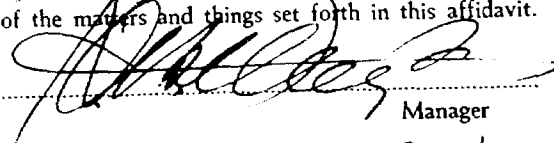
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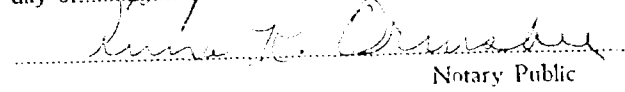
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, created by Chapter 167 of the Session Laws of 1937, gives notice of the following hearings to the public: At the hearing of the Commission on September 17, 1947, beginning at 10:00 A.M. on said date at Santa Fe, New Mexico:
STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO:
All persons parties in the following cases, and notice to the public:
Case No. 120
In the matter of the application of American Employers Insurance Company for an order directed to Frank Griggs, Lubbock, Texas, John Darden, Lubbock, Texas, and John H. Hawkins, Fort Sumner, New Mexico, to show cause why a well located in the NE 1/4 of Section 22, Township 4 North, Range 26 East, DeBaca County, New Mexico, should not be ordered abandoned and ordered plugged.
Case No. 121
In the matter of the application of Leonard Oil Co., Roswell, New Mexico, for an order granting an unauthorized location for the Leonard State No. 6 well in the NE 1/4 of Section 22, Township 7 South, Range 26 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, the allocation of proceeds to said described tract and the approval of a G-116 for said well.
Case No. 122
In the matter of the application of Hobbs, Texas, for an order granting a regulation for the disposal of waste oil and transportation of tank bottoms and waste oil.
Given under the seal of the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, at Santa Fe, New Mexico on August 29, 1947.
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
By: R. R. SPURRIER,
(SEAL) Secretary.
Pub. Sept. 2, 1947

Affidavit of Publication

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

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 ~~under each week~~ for one time ~~under each week~~ 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, ~~under each week~~ for one time ~~under each week~~ publication being on the 2nd day of September, 1947, ~~under each week~~ on the ~~under each week~~ day of September, 1947; 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 2nd day of September, A.D., 1947

Notary Public

My Commission expires January 1st, 1949

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO:
All named parties in the following cases, and notice to the public:

Case No. 181
In the matter of the application of American Engineers Insurance Company for an order directed to Frank Griggs, Lubbock, Texas, John Darden, Lubbock, Texas, and John H. Hamilton, Fort Sumner, New Mexico to show cause why a well located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 11, Township 4 North, Range 26 East, DeBaca County, New Mexico, should not be declared abandoned and ordered plugged.

Case No. 180
In the matter of the application of Leonard Oil Co., Roswell, New Mexico for an order approving an unorthodox location for the Leonard State No. 6 well in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, the allocation of production to said described tract and unconditional approval of a C-118 for the well.

Case No. 118
In the matter of the application of Hardin-Houston, a partnership, Hobbs, New Mexico for a general order regulating tank cleaning, plant processing tank bottoms and reclaiming of waste oil and transportation of tank bottoms and waste oil.

Given under the seal of the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, at Santa Fe, New Mexico on August 29, 1947.

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
By: R. R. SPURRIER,
Secretary.

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Pub. Sept. 2, 1947

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OFFICE OF STATE GEOLOGIST
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

28 August 1947

The Ft. Sumner Review
Ft. Sumner, New Mexico

RE: Case 101 - Notice of 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 IN DUPLICATE.

For payment please submit statement in duplicate, accompanied by voucher executed in duplicate. The necessary blanks are enclosed.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE A. GRAHAM
Attorney,
Oil Conservation Commission

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OFFICE OF STATE GEOLOGIST
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

29 August 1947

Mr. J. O. Seth
Attorney At Law
111 San Francisco St.,
Santa Fe, New Mexico

RE: Case 101 - Petition of
American Employers Ins. Co.

Dear Mr. Seth:

This is to advise you that the hearing for the above captioned case has been set by the Commission for September 17, 1947, beginning at 10:00 o'clock A.M., at the La Fonda Hotel, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE A. GRAHAM
Attorney
Oil Conservation Commission

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OFFICE OF STATE GEOLOGIST
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

June 26, 1947

The Ft. Sumner Leader
Fort Sumner, New Mexico

RE: Case 101 - Notice For Publication.

Gentlemen:

Please publish the enclosed notice once, immediately.
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Oil Conservation Commission

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OFFICE OF STATE GEOLOGIST
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

June 25, 1947

Mr. J. O. Seth
Attorney At Law
111 San Francisco St.,
Santa Fe, New Mexico

RE: Cases 100, 101, 102 and 104

Dear Mr. Seth:

This is to advise you that Cases No. 100, 101, 102 in which the American Employers Insurance Company is the petitioner, and Case 104 wherein Walter Famariss is petitioner, have been set by the Commission beginning at 10:00 O'clock A.M. on the 15th day of July in the Coronado Room, La Fonda Hotel, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE A. GRAHAM
Attorney,
Oil Conservation Commission

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Griggs-Darden, State #1, NENE 11-4N-26E, De Baca County

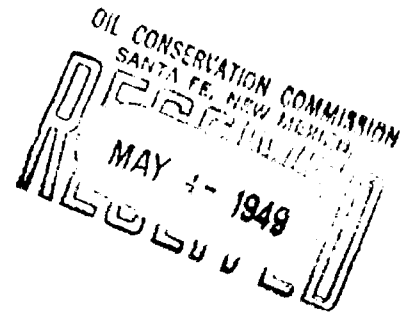
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Bond with American Employers cancelled 4-18-49 for Frank Griggs

J. O. SETH
A. K. MONTGOMERY
OLIVER SETH
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SETH AND MONTGOMERY
ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW
III SAN FRANCISCO ST.
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

May 3, 1949



Mr. R. R. Spurrier
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Spurrier:

The well Mr. John H. Hawkins was supposed to have plugged, but which was not plugged in accordance with the requirements of the Commission, is located in:

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 11, Twp. 4 N., R. 26 E.,
DeBaca County, New Mexico.

Your designation is: "SY 3142-Z - Frank Griggs - State of New Mexico." I would strongly suggest that no other bond of his be approved until he satisfactorily plugs the well above referred to.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. O. Seth", written over the typed name.

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

August 4, 1948

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Mr. Roy Yarbrough
Oil Conservation Commission
Hobbs, New Mexico

RE: Griggs-Darden, State No. 1
NE/4 NE/4 section 11, T.4 N, R.26 E
De Baca County

Dear Roy:

Mr. W. Hawkins has just returned Form C-103 giving a detailed report of the plugging. Evidently he has been in the East for the past six weeks and held up forwarding the form to you for your approval.

Since this well is in your district, we would appreciate your advising us of disposition made.

Very truly yours,

bpw

Secretary and Director

Enc. Form C-103 (3)

NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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SECRETARY AND DIRECTOR



P. O. BOX 871
Santa Fe, New Mexico

June 17, 1948

Send to Ray

Mr. W. Hawkins
P. O. Box 514
Fort Sumner, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

We are returning three copies of Oil Conservation Commission Form C-103 (Report on Result of Plugging of Well) and ask that you please give us a detailed account of work undertaken by you in the plugging of this well. The Commission will be unable to approve the plugging until the procedure is known.

Since this well is located in the Hobbs District, Mr. Yarbrough will assist you in concluding the matter.

Very truly yours,

R. R. Spurrier
Secretary and Director

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Enc. C-103

*July 28, 1948
New York City, N. Y.
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this report is satisfactory.
Very truly yours,
W. Hawkins*

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P. O. BOX 871

MR. R. R. SPURRIER.
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~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ New Mexico
HOBBS JULY. 12 -48

DEAR DICK

In Reply to Your letter Of The 8th. Re Frank Griggs. State No I
Have not Seen Mr Hawkins. Since Last May He was Here ASKING About
The Procedure Or the Requirement Of The COMMISSION And I Told Him
About What He Would Haft To Do Also The O C C. FORMS He Would Haft To
File And That He Would Haft Get John. DARDEN To Sign Them As He Had
Signed ALL The Reports On This Well AS Co OWNER.

They May Have Plugged The Well But If He Comes In Here I Will Find
Out What HE Has Done And Let YOU Know. The Forms I Turned Over To You
Was Signed By Hawkins i Believe, But I Dont Know What Right He Has To
Sign For Frank Griggs. Since There Is Nothing In My File With Hawkins
Signature On It. Will See YOU The 15th .

Yours Truly

Roy Yarbrough

PS I Have No Steno To Day So Boy This Is Some Typoing

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OFFICE OF STATE GEOLOGIST
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

July 3, 1943

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Mr. Roy Yarbrough
Oil Conservation Commission
Hobbs, New Mexico

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Dear Roy:

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RE: Griggs-Darden State No. 1,
Case No. 11-41-268, De Baca

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On June 17, 1943 Mr. W. Hawkins, P. O. Box 514,
Fort Sumner, New Mexico, was informed by this office that it
would be necessary to give a detailed account of work to
plug the above captioned well. He had mailed his C-103 in
with no description of the work and C-104 the plugging himself.

We asked him to get in touch with you so that you could
witness or, at least, be advised of the plugging. We would
appreciate your giving us a report on this well if you have
any recent developments. His order, written under Case 101,
gave him until March 1943 to complete the plugging of this
well, and we feel that the matter has continued long enough.

Very truly yours,

RRS

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June 17, 1948
June 17, 1948

Griggs-Darden State No. 1, NE NE 11-4N-26E, De Baca

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Secretary and Director

Enc. C-103

June 3, 1948
Box 514
Ft. Sumner, N. Mex.

Mr. Yarborough
c/o State Oil Conversation
Commission
Hobbs, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Yarborough:

I am sorry that I have been delayed in getting in the plugging report and the log of this well to your office but I was late in contacting Mr. Darden to sign the report as one of the operators.

I certainly hope this report is in order. At least, there is one thing you can be assured of; that is, the plugging of the well was done by myself according to your rules and regulations. I certainly lost a lot of mine.

I hope to be coming through Hobbs in the next week or ten days and shall stop by to see you. If there is any additional information you wish, please advise.

Truly yours,

W. Hawkins

Incl. 2 Reports.

Return to Hawkins:

*Have forms C-103 filled in
at " * detailed account of work
done and results obtained*

November 9, 1948

Mr. J. O. Seth
Seth and Montgomery
Santa Fe, New Mexico

RE: SY 3142-Z - Frank Griggs -
State of New Mexico

Dear Mr. Seth:

Regarding your query of October 4, we have received the following information from Mr. Roy Yarbrough.

"In regard to the above captioned well, I am holding Form C-103, Report on Result of Plugging Well, and have not approved this form for the reason he has not complied with all the requirements of the Oil Conservation Commission.

"I have made several trips to Fort Sumner trying to contact Mr. Hawkins that I might get him to finish plugging this well but as yet I have not seen him. I understand he is somewhere in the East but still maintains a residence in Fort Sumner."

As soon as additional information is received, we shall advise you.

Very truly yours,

Secretary and Director

November 9, 1948

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Santa Fe, New Mexico

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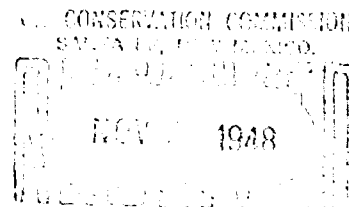
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Very truly yours,

Secretary and Director



Box 1545
Hobbs, New Mexico
November 3, 1948

Mr. Harry G. Sherblom
The Employers Group
El Paso Claim Dept.
359 Myrtle Avenue
El Paso, Texas

Re: Griggs & Darden, State #1, WENE
11-4N-26E, DeBaca County, New Mexico.

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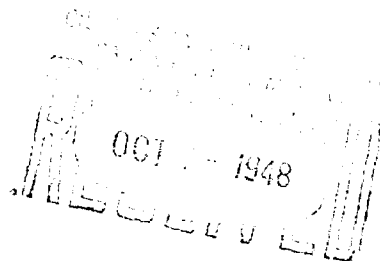
Ray C. Yarbrough
State Oil & Gas Inspector

ROY:cg
cc: R. R. Spurrier
OCC - Santa Fe

J. O. SETH
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ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW
III SAN FRANCISCO ST
SANTA FE NEW MEXICO

October 4, 1948.



Oil Conservation Commission
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: SY 3142-Z - Frank Griggs -
State of New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Please refer to Case No. 101, Order No. 730,
involving the plugging of a well in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$,
Section 11, Township 4 North, Range 26 East, De
Baca County:

The American Employers' Insurance Company ad-
vises that you have informed them this well was
plugged some little while ago, and you furnished
them with the necessary blanks to be signed by
John H. Hawkins, who did the plugging.

We have been unable to locate Hawkins up to
this time. His only address is Fort Sumner, and
letters addressed to him there are returned un-
claimed. It occurred to us that possibly Mr.
Yarbrough or some of your employees might give us
some advice as to Hawkins' present address so we
may get the necessary documents signed by him.

Very truly yours,

JOS:CB

cc - The Employers' Group
McNabb Building
Albuquerque, New Mexico

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, pursuant to law, hereby gives public notice of the following hearings to be had at a special meeting of the Commission to be held September 17, 1947, beginning at 10:00 A.M. on said date at Santa Fe, New Mexico:

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO:

All named parties in the following cases,
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Case 110

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Given under the seal of the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, at Santa Fe, New Mexico on August 29, 1947.

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

BY: (SGD) R. R. STURRIER

R. R. STURRIER, Secretary

LEA COUNTY OPERATORS COMMITTEE
September 2, 1947

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OFFICE OF STATE GEOLOGIST
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

October 23, 1947

Mr. J. O. Seth
Attorney At Law
111 San Francisco St.,
Santa Fe, New Mexico

RE: Case 101 - Petition of
American Employers Ins.
Co. for plugging of well
drilled by Frank Griggs etc.

Dear Mr. Seth:

Inclosed please find two copies of Order 730 relating to the
above captioned case.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE A. GRAHAM
Attorney
Oil Conservation Commission

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A. K. MONTGOMERY
OLIVER SETH

SETH AND MONTGOMERY
ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW
111 SAN FRANCISCO ST.
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

October 23, 1947.

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO
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Graham

Oil Conservation Commission
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Case No. 101 - Petition of
American Employers' Insurance Company

Gentlemen:

A hearing in the above matter was held on
September 17th, 1947, and I understood that the
petition for the abandonment of the well was
granted.

I have never received a copy of any order,
and I wish you would advise me in the premises.

Very truly yours,

J. O. Seth

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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 THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 101

ORDER NO. 730

THE PETITION OF AMERICAN EMPLOYERS
INSURANCE COMPANY FOR AN ORDER
DIRECTED TO FRANK GRIGGS, LUBBOCK,
TEXAS: JOHN DARDEN, LUBBOCK, TEXAS:
AND JOHN H. HAWKINS, FORT SUMNER,
NEW MEXICO, TO SHOW CAUSE WHY A WELL
LOCATED IN DEBACA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO,
IN THE NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 4
NORTH, RANGE 26 EAST, SHOULD NOT BE
DECLARED ABANDONED AND ORDERED PLUGGED.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 10 o'clock A.M., September 17, 1947 at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission".

NOW, on the 29th day of September, 1947, the Commission having heard and considered the testimony and evidence adduced and being fully advised in the premises;

FINDS:

1. That the American Employers Insurance Company is Surety upon the plugging bond filed herein by Frank Griggs and John Darden; that John W. Hawkins claims some interest in the well involved in this proceeding.
2. That the Commission has jurisdiction of this proceeding, and that due notice has been given to all interested parties as provided by law.
3. That the well involved herein, located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 11, Township 4 North, Range 26 East, DeBaca County, New Mexico, has been abandoned by the interested parties and should be plugged in accordance with the laws of New Mexico and the rules and regulations of the Commission.

IT IS WHEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the interested parties, and the American Employers Insurance Company, be and they are hereby given until March 1, 1948 in which to plug the above specified well, in compliance with the laws of New Mexico, and the rules and regulations of the Commission.
2. That in the event such plugging is not completed on or before March 1, 1948, the Commission will enter proper order herein providing for the plugging of said well, with the expenses thereof to be delivered by the American Employers Insurance Company, Surety.
3. That the Commission retains jurisdiction of this cause for such further order as it may deem proper or necessary.

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

Oil Conservation Commission

John E. Miles
R. R. Garrison

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, pursuant to law, hereby gives public notice of the following hearing to be had at a special meeting of the Commission to be held September 17, 1947, beginning at 10:00 A.M. on said date at Santa Fe, New Mexico:

STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO:

All named parties in the following case,
and notice to the public:

Case 101

In the matter of the application of American Employers Insurance Company for an order directed to Frank Griggs, Lubbock, Texas, John Darden, Lubbock, Texas, and John H. Hawkins, Fort Sumner, New Mexico to show cause why a well located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 11, Township 4 North, Range 26 East, DeBaca County, New Mexico should not be declared abandoned and ordered plugged.

Given under the seal of the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, at Santa Fe, New Mexico on August 29 1947.

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

BY:

R. R. Spurrier

R. R. SPURRIER, Secretary

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, pursuant to law, hereby gives public notice of the following hearings to be had at a special meeting of the Commission to be held September 17, 1947, beginning at 10:00 A.M. on said date at Santa Fe, New Mexico:

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All named parties in the following cases,
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Case No. 109

In the matter of the application of Leonard Oil Co., Roswell, New Mexico for an order approving an unorthodox location for the Leonard State No. 6 well in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, the allocation of production to said described tract and unconditional approval of a C-110 for the well.

Case 110

In the matter of the application of Hardin-Houston, a partnership, Hobbs, New Mexico for a general order regulating tank cleaning, plants processing tank bottoms and recleaning of waste oil and transportation of tank bottoms and waste oil.

Given under the seal of the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, at Santa Fe, New Mexico on August 29 1947.

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

BY: *R. R. Spurrer*

R. R. SPURRER, Secretary

NOTICE FOR DEEDS ON
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico pursuant to law, hereby gives notice of the following hearing to be held July 15, 1947, beginning at 10:00 A.M., on said day at Santa Fe, New Mexico:

Case 101

In the matter of the petition of American Employers Insurance Company for an order directed to Frank Briggs, Lubbock, Texas, John Garden, Lubbock, Texas and John H. Hawkins, Fort Sumner, New Mexico to show cause why a well located in DeBaca County, New Mexico, in the NE 1/4 of Section 11, Township 4 North, Range 26 East, should not be declared abandoned and ordered plugged.

Given under the seal of the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, at Santa Fe, New Mexico on June 27 1947.

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

BY: *R.R. Spurrier*
R. R. SPURRIER, Secretary

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
OIL CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

The Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico pursuant to law, hereby gives notice of the following hearings to be held July 15, 1947, beginning at 10:00 A.M., on said day at Santa Fe, New Mexico:

Case 100

In the matter of the petition of American Employers Insurance Company for an order directed to Charles R. Tarkenton, address unknown, W. R. Childers, Hobbs, New Mexico and Gene R. Burke, Hobbs, New Mexico to show cause why a well located in Chaves County, New Mexico in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33, Township 11 South, Range 25 East, N.M.P.M., should not be declared abandoned and ordered plugged.

Case 101

In the matter of the petition of American Employers Insurance Company for an order directed to Frank Origes, Lubbock, Texas, John Earden, Lubbock, Texas and John H. Hawkins, Fort Sumner, New Mexico to show cause why a well located in DeBaca County, New Mexico, in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 11, Township 4 North, Range 26 East, should not be declared abandoned and ordered plugged.

Case 102

In the matter of the petition of American Employers Insurance Company for an order directed to San Juan Oil & Gas Co., Inc., 922 North Second Street, Phoenix, Arizona, G. R. Cassidy, 922 North Second Street, Phoenix, Arizona, Arthur Wilson, Phoenix, Arizona, L. E. Snively, 900 East Van Buren, Phoenix, Arizona, A. H. Vaughn, 2314 Oak St., Phoenix, Arizona, J. A. DeMar, 2138 East Yale Street, Phoenix, Arizona, to show cause why a well located in San Juan County, New Mexico, in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 19, Township 29 North, Range 11 West, should not be declared abandoned and ordered plugged.

Case 103

In the matter of the petition of the Leonard Oil Company, a New Mexico corporation, Roswell, New Mexico for authority to deepen Leonard Oil Company's State Well No. 8, located in Eddy County, New Mexico, 1177 feet north of the south line and 1230 feet west of the east line of Section 21, Township 17 south, Range 29 east to the oil producing horizon of that vicinity.

Case 104

In the matter of the application of Walter Leonard Jr., for permission to purchase and process tank bottoms, fit oil, Caroline Plant "Catching", and other oil or waste not otherwise marketable, and to sell the marketable crude derived therefrom.

Case 105

In the matter of the application of the Llanquillo Carbon Company, Inc., for an extension for ten years of its permit heretofore granted November 27, 1944 respecting use of residue and/or flare gas in the manufacture of carbon black.

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Case 106

In the matter of application of the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, upon its own motion for an order, as recommended by the New Mexico Nomenclature Committee, supplementing Supplemental Order No. 6 to Order No. 633, and relating to overlap in defining boundaries of Loco Hills and Grayburg-Jackson pools, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Case 107

In the matter of the application of Barney Cockburn, for an unorthodox well location in Eddy County, in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 29, Township 17 South, Range 33 East, N.M.P.M., on State Lease B-2516 in connection with an application for unit operation.

Case 108

In the matter of the application of Southern Union Gas Company for approval of the Hope Unit Agreement, Eddy County, New Mexico, embracing the following lands:

Sections 17,18,19,20,29,30,31,32 and the S $\frac{1}{2}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33, in township 18 South, Range 24 East, N.M.P.M.; Sections 4,5 and 6, in township 19 South, Range 23 East, N.M.P.M.; Sections 13,14,15,22, 23,24,25,26,27,34,35 and 36 in township 18 South, Range 23 East, N.M.P.M.; Sections 1,2, and 3 in Township 19 South, Range 23 East, N.M.P.M., containing 17,120 acres, more or less.

Given under the seal of the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, at Santa Fe, New Mexico on June 27 1947.

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

BY: *R.R. Spurrish*
R. R. SPURRISH, Secretary

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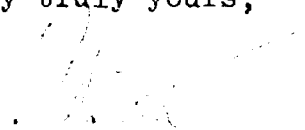
Oil Conservation Commission
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find Petition for the abandonment and plugging of well drilled by Frank Griggs in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 11, Township 4 North, Range 26 East.

We assume this will be set for hearing on July 15th.

Very truly yours,



JOS:CB
Encls.

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

In the Matter of the Abandonment
of Well Drilled by Frank Griggs
in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 11, Town-
ship 4 North, Range 26 East, New
Mexico. }

Case No. _____

PETITION OF AMERICAN EMPLOYERS' INSURANCE COMPANY

Comes now American Employers' Insurance Company and states:

That it is the surety on the drilling bond given by Frank Griggs in connection with the drilling of a well in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 11, Township 4 North, Range 26 East;

That a well has been drilled under said bond, but this Petitioner is informed and believes that said well has been abandoned and should be plugged;

Petitioner is informed and believes that Frank Griggs, whose postoffice address is Lubbock, Texas, John Darden, whose postoffice address is Lubbock, Texas, and John H. Hawkins, whose postoffice address is Fort Sumner, New Mexico, have or claim some interest in the above well.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that a hearing be ordered; that the interested parties be required to show cause why said well should not be declared abandoned and ordered plugged in accordance with the regulations of this Commission.

SETH AND MONTGOMERY

By _____

Attorneys for Petitioner.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
COUNTY OF SANTA FE) ss.

J. O. Seth, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is one of the attorneys for the Petitioner in the foregoing Petition; that he has read said Petition, knows the contents thereof, and the matters and things therein stated are true, as he is reliably informed and believes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of May, 1947.

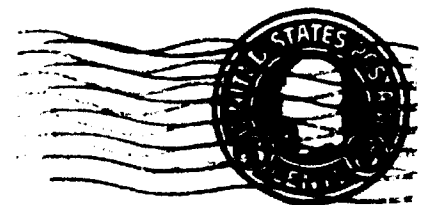
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Notary Public.

My Commission Expires:

May 27th. 1950

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Box 871,
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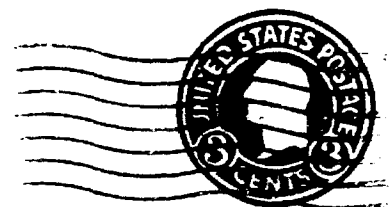


Mr. Frank Griggs

~~416 Lubbock National Bank~~

Lubbock, Texas

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Mr. Frank Griggs
Hotel Lubbock
Lubbock, Texas

NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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LAND COMMISSIONER JOHN E. MILES
MEMBER
STATE GEOLOGIST R. R. SPURRIER
SECRETARY AND DIRECTOR



P. O. BOX 871

Santa Fe, New Mexico

18 May 1948

Messrs.
Frank Gripps
Lubbock, Texas

John Darden
Lubbock, Texas

John H. Hawkins
Fort Sumner, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

According to our file of Case No. 101 and Order No. 730, you were given until March 1st, 1948 to plug a well in NENE Section 11, Township 4 North, Range 26 East, DeBaca County, New Mexico.

You are hereby notified that the Commission will soon exercise the authority as set out in 2 of Order 730.

"That in the event such plugging is not completed on or before March 1, 1948, the Commission will enter proper order herein providing for the plugging of said well, with the expenses thereof to be defrayed by the American Employers Insurance Company, Surety.

The American Employers Insurance and other Sureties will no doubt consider this proceeding, especially in the case of Darden who has another bond on file with this Commission.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. R. Spurrier".

RRS:bap

cc: J. G. Cuth
Hobbs Office