

CASE 2477: NORTHWESTERN NEW MEXICO  
NOMENCLATURE

2477

Case No.

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Application, Transcript,  
and Exhibits, Etc.

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. 2477  
ORDER NO. R-2173

THE APPLICATION OF THE OIL  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION UPON  
ITS OWN MOTION FOR AN ORDER  
EXTENDING CERTAIN POOLS IN  
RIO ARriba, SANDOVAL AND SAN  
JUAN COUNTIES, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on January 17, 1962, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 19th day of January, 1962 the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony presented and the exhibits received at said hearing, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

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

(2) That there is need for certain extensions to the Boulder-Mancos Oil Pool, to the Devils Fork-Gallup Pool and to the Tapacito-Pictured Cliffs Pool in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, to the Cha-Cha-Gallup Oil Pool, to the Totah-Gallup Oil Pool and to the Verde-Gallup Oil Pool in San Juan County, New Mexico, to the South Blanco-Pictured Cliffs Pool and the Escrito-Gallup Oil Pool in Rio Arriba and San Juan Counties, New Mexico and to the Ballard-Pictured Cliffs Pool in Rio Arriba, Sandoval and San Juan Counties, New Mexico.

(3) That the proposed extension to the Flora Vista-Mesaverde Pool in San Juan County, New Mexico should be dismissed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED

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(a) That the Ballard-Pictured Cliffs Pool in Rio Arriba, Sandoval and San Juan Counties, New Mexico, as heretofore classified, defined, and described, is hereby extended to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 23 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, NMPM  
Section 27: SW/4  
Section 28: SE/4

(b) That the South Blanco-Pictured Cliffs Pool in Rio Arriba and San Juan Counties, New Mexico, as heretofore classified, defined, and described, is hereby extended to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 23 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, NMPM  
Section 6: E/2

TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, NMPM  
Section 30: SE/4

(c) That the Tapacito-Pictured Cliffs Pool in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, as heretofore classified, defined, and described, is hereby extended to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST, NMPM  
Section 8: W/2

(d) That the proposed extension to the Flora Vista-Mesaverde Pool in San Juan County, New Mexico to include certain acreage is hereby dismissed.

(e) That the Boulder-Mancos Oil Pool in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, as heretofore classified, defined, and described, is hereby extended to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, NMPM  
Section 11: SW/4

(f) That the Cha Cha-Gallup Oil Pool in San Juan County, New Mexico, as heretofore classified, defined, and described, is hereby extended to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, NMPM  
Section 23: NE/4  
Section 24: SW/4

TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, NMPM  
Section 31: NW/4 and W/2 NE/4

(g) That the Escrito-Gallup Oil Pool in Rio Arriba and San Juan Counties, New Mexico, as heretofore classified, defined, and described, is hereby extended to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 24 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST, NMPM  
Section 23: W/2 NW/4

(h) That the Totah-Gallup Oil Pool in San Juan County, New Mexico, as heretofore classified, defined, and described, is hereby extended to include therein:

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TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, NMFM  
Section 13: NE/4

TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST, NMFM  
Section 15: N/2 NE/4

(i) That the Verde-Gallup Oil Pool in San Juan County, New Mexico, as heretofore classified, defined, and described, is hereby extended to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 31 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST, NMFM  
Section 22: N/2 NW/4

(j) That the Devils Fork-Gallup Pool in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, as heretofore classified, defined, and described, is hereby extended to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 24 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST, NMFM  
Section 7: SE/4 SW/4

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

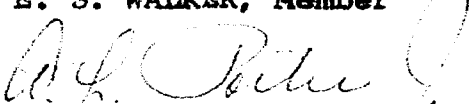
That the effective date of this order and all creations, extensions, and abolishments included herein shall be February 1, 1962.

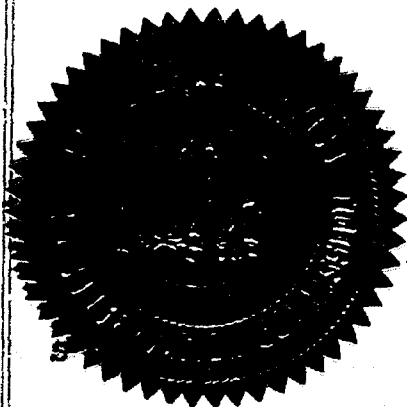
DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

  
EDWIN L. MECHEM, Chairman

  
E. S. WALKER, Member

  
A. L. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary



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( a ) Extend the Ballard-Pictured Cliffs Pool  
boundary in Rio Arriba, Sandoval, and San Juan Counties,  
New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 23 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, NMPM.

Section ~~28~~ 27: SW/4

Section 28: SE/4

Based on:

EPNG #2 Jicarilla Cont. 183

M-27-23-3

AOB 1580 MCFPD: SICP 715/ 12 days

( b ) Extend the South Blanco-Pictured Cliffs Pool  
boundary in Rio Arriba and San Juan Counties,  
New Mexico, to include therein:

✓ TOWNSHIP 23 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, NMPH,  
Section 6: E/2

✓ TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, NMPH,  
Section 30: ~~SE/4~~ SE/4

Based on:

Shar-Alan Oil Co. #1 Hanson  
1-6-23N-1W  
AOF 3087 MCFPD: SICP 778

EPNG #10 Jicarilla "D" 41  
P-30-25N-4W  
AOF 721 MCFPD: SICP 945/8 days

( c ) Extend the Tapacito-Pictured Cliffs Pool  
boundary in Rio Arriba County y,  
New Mexico, to include therein:

✓ TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST, NMPM,  
Section 8: EXXX W/2

Based on:

Epng #63 SJU 27-5  
N-8-27N-5W  
AOF 7640 MCFPD: SICP 870/7 days



( d ) Extend the Flora Vista-Mesaverde Pool  
boundary in San Juan County,  
New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 30 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST, NMPH.  
Section 22: N/2  
Section 23: N/2  
Section 26: E/2  
Section 27: NW/4

*Included in*  
*R-2144 12-21-61*

Based on:

Pan American #1 Stedje Gas Unit  
F-27-30N-12W  
AOF 15,767 MCFPD: SICP 1332/14 days

(d) The proposed extension of the Flora Vista-Mesaverde pool to include certain acreage should be dismissed.

( e ) Extend the Boulder-Mancos Oil Pool  
boundary in Rio Arriba County, y,  
New Mexico, to include therein:

✓ TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST, NMPM,  
Section 11:SW/4

Based on:

Skelly #1 XXXXXXX Jicarilla "F"  
M-11-28N-1W  
IP 97 BOPD

( f ) Extend the Cha Cha-Gallup Oil Pool  
boundary in San Juan County,  
New Mexico, to include therein:

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✓ Section 31: NW/4 and W/2 NE/4  
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Based on:

Pan American #115 Gallegos Canyon Unit  
B-23-28N-13W  
IP 310 BOPD

Pan American #116 Gallegos Canyon Unit  
K-24-28N-13W  
IP 200 BOPD

XXXXXX  
Tenneco #4 Callow "B"  
C-31-29N-13W  
IP 212 BOPD

( g ) Extend the Escrito-Gallup Oil Pool  
boundary in Rio Arriba and San Juan Count ies,  
New Mexico, to include therein:

✓ TOWNSHIP 24 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST, N1/4,  
Section 23: W/2 NW/4

Based on:

Reese & Assoc; #6-23 Blakely  
E-23-24N-7W  
IP 85 BOPD

( h ) Extend the Totah-Gallup Oil Pool  
boundary in San Juan County,  
New Mexico, to include therein:

Based on:

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Section 13: NE/4

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Pan American # 101 Gallegos Canyon Unit  
B-13-28N-13W  
IP 77 BOPD

✓ TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST, NMPM,  
Section 15: N/2 NE/4

Sunray #6 New Mexico Federal "I"  
A-15-29N-14W  
IP 135 BOPD

( 1 ) Extend the Verde-Gallup Oil Pool  
boundary in San Juan County,  
New Mexico, to include therein:

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Section 22: N/2 NW/4

Based on:

Socony Mobil #14 Ute Mountain  
C-22-31N-14W  
IP 40 BOPD

(j) Extend the Devils Fork-Gallup Pool boundary in Rio  
Arriba County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 24 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST, NMPM  
Section 7: SE/4 SW/4

NMOCC Exhibit No. 1  
Case No. 2477

The following is recommended for the Northwest nomenclature case for January 17, 1962:

- (a) Extend the Ballard-Picture Cliffs Pool boundary in Rio Arriba, Sandoval and San Juan Counties, New Mexico, to include therein:

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- (g) Extend the Escrito-Gallup Oil Pool boundary in Rio Arriba and San Juan Counties, New Mexico, to include therein:

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BEFORE THE  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Santa Fe, New Mexico  
January 17, 1962

IN THE MATTER OF:

Southeastern New Mexico nomenclature  
case calling for an order creating  
new pools, extending and contracting  
certain existing pools in Eddy and Lea  
Counties, New Mexico

No. 2476

and

Northwestern New Mexico nomenclature  
case calling for an order extending exist-  
ing pools in Rio Arriba, Sandoval and  
San Juan, Counties.

No. 2477

BEFORE:

Edwin L. Mechem, Governor  
E. S. "Johnny" Walker, Land Commissioner  
A. L. "Pete" Porter, Secretary-Director of Commission

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

MR. PORTER: The hearing will come to order please.

MR. RICHARD S. MORRIS: If the Commission please, I  
move for the consolidation of case 2477, the Northwest New Mexico  
nomenclature case calling for an order extending existing pools  
in Rio Arriba, Sandoval and San Juan, Counties, with case 2476,  
the Southeastern New Mexico nomenclature case calling for an  
order creating new pools, extending and contracting certain  
existing pools in Eddy and Lea Counties, New Mexico, for the  
purpose of hearing.

MR. PORTER: The Commission will consolidate the two cases



for the purpose of taking testimony.

MR. JAMES WHITEFIELD: Mr. Ramey, be sworn please.  
(Witness sworn.)

JOE D. RAMEY

called as a witness, having been previously duly sworn,  
testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. RICHARD S. MORRIS:

Q State your name and position please.

A Joe D. Ramey, Pfloration Manager for the New Mexico  
Conservation Commission.

Q Are you prepared to testify today concerning the  
necessity and feasibility of creating, extending and con-  
tracting oil and gas pools in the State of New Mexico?

A Yes, I am.

Q In this regard, do you have an exhibit which you  
could offer in this case number 2476 concerning the nomen-  
clature in Southeastern New Mexico?

A I do.

Q Referring to Exhibit 1, tell us please, what is  
your recommendation for case number 2476, concerning  
paragraph (a)?

A I recommend that paragraph (a) be dismissed  
at this time for further study.

Q What is your recommendation at this time concerning

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paragraph (b)?

A I recommended that paragraph (b) be dismissed at this time pending further study.

Q What is your recommendation concerning paragraph (c)?

A I recommended that it be adopted as shown, with the addition that this North-Justis-Eliebry Pool, that the top of this pool be divided at a point on the Electric Log of the J. C. Williams Unit E, Section 1, at minus 1867, being described as Township 25, South, Range 37 East, NMPM, (New Mexico Principal Meridian) Section 1, NW 4.

Q You checked the top of this pool on this log?

A Yes.

Q Skipping over to paragraph (e), what is your recommendation on that as to paragraph (e)?

A That that be adopted as shown, the top of this shall be 5,655 feet, or minus 2517, on the J. C. Williams Electric Log, Unit E, Section 1, described as Township 25, South, Range 37 East, NMPM (New Mexico Principal Meridian), Section 1, NE 4, North Justis-Tubb-Drinkard Pool. This is a check on the top of this pool.

Q What is your recommendation concerning paragraph (k) of your exhibit?

A That it be dismissed pending further study.

Q Have you compared your exhibit with the information



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on the docket for this hearing?

A I have.

Q Is it your recommendation that the Commission take action on this exhibit as you have presented it, creating, extending and contracting the various pools as shown on your exhibit?

A Yes.

Q Do you have anything further you would like to offer in case 2476?

A No, not at this time.

Q Referring now to Exhibit 1, in case number 2477, does your exhibit reflect certain proposed extensions of pools in Northwestern New Mexico?

A Yes.

Q What is your recommendation as to paragraph (d) of your exhibit - - you recommend that it should be dismissed?

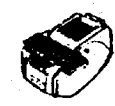
A Yes, that is true.

Q Is it your recommendation that the Commission take action upon the various pools as shown in your Exhibit 1, at this time?

A Yes, that is my recommendation.

Q Do you have anything further to offer concerning your Exhibit 1 in case number 2477?

A No.



MR. MORTIS: I move the admission of Exhibit 1, in case number 2476 and 2477 into evidence.

(Whereupon Staff Exhibit 1 is offered in evidence.)

MR. PORTER: It will be admitted. As I understand it, in case number 2476, you are recommending that paragraph (a) be dismissed and that paragraph (b) be dismissed.

(Whereupon Staff Exhibit 1 is admitted into evidence.)

A Yes, and paragraph (k).

MR. PORTER: Paragraph (k) will be dismissed in case number 2477, and paragraph (d) is dismissed also in case number 2477.

A That is correct.

MR. PORTER: Let the record show that those paragraphs referred to will be dismissed and the case will be taken under advisement. Does any one have any questions of this witness in cases 2476 and 2477?

There being nothing further, this witness is excused. This case will also be taken under advisement.

(Witness excused.)

MR. PORTER: The hearing is adjourned.

(Whereupon, the hearing was adjourned at the hour of 11:00 a.m.)

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO )  
COUNTY OF BERNALILLO ) ss

I, KATHERINE B. KITZMILLER, Court Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached transcript of proceedings before the New Mexico Conservation Commission at Santa Fe, New Mexico, is a true and correct record to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have affixed my hand this 2nd day of February, 1962.

Katherine B. Kitzmiller  
Court Reporter

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