

*Entered July 18, 1967
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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 NEW MEXICO FOR
THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE No. 3605
Order No. R-3275

APPLICATION OF WALTER DUNCAN FOR A
CASING-CEMENTING EXCEPTION, AND FOR
AN UNORTHODOX LOCATION, SAN JUAN
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on June 28, 1967, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this 18th day of July, 1967, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, 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 the applicant, Walter Duncan, is the owner and operator of the North Hogback 1 Well No. 5 located 2466 feet from the North line and 2310 feet from the East line of Section 1, Township 29 North, Range 17 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the applicant seeks, as an exception to the pump and plug method of cementing required by Rule 107 (a) of the Commission Rules and Regulations, an order approving the cementing of the 4 1/2-inch production casing string in the aforesaid well by pumping cement through 1/2-inch pipe, set at approximately 670 feet, sufficient to cement said 4 1/2-inch casing from said casing shoe, set at approximately 670 feet, to approximately 305 feet above the casing shoe.
- (4) That the method of cementing employed by the applicant will adequately protect all oil- and/or gas-bearing strata

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encountered in the aforesaid well, provided the applicant performs additional cementing sufficient to bring said cement to the surface.

(5) That the applicant's request for an unorthodox location was dismissed at the request of the applicant.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Walter Duncan, is hereby granted an exception to the pump and plug method of cementing required by Rule 107 (a) of the Commission Rules and Regulations to permit the cementing of the 4 1/2-inch production casing in his North Hogback 1 Well No. 5 located 2466 feet from the North line and 2310 feet from the East line of Section 1, Township 29 North, Range 17 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico, by pumping cement through 1/2-inch pipe, set at approximately 670 feet, sufficient to cement said 4 1/2-inch casing from said casing shoe, set at approximately 670 feet, to approximately 305 feet above the casing shoe;

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the applicant shall perform additional cementing of the aforesaid casing sufficient to ensure the annular space is cemented from the casing shoe to the surface;

PROVIDED FURTHER, that the aforesaid additional cementing shall be completed on or before August 10, 1967, and the applicant, Walter Duncan, shall notify the Aztec District Office of the Commission of the date and hour said recementing is to be commenced.


(2) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

DAVID F. CARGO, Chairman


GUYTON B. HAYS, Member


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

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