

BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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TRANSCRIPTION OF HEARING

CASE NO. 300

August 21, 1951  
(DATE)

BEFORE THE  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

In re:

Delhi Oil Corporation's application  
for approval of the communitization of  
certain extreme western quarter sections  
of Sections 6, 7, 18, 19, 30 and 31 of  
Townships 29 and 30 North, Range 8 West,  
NMPM, San Juan County, for the establish-  
ment of eight drilling units.

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BEFORE: Honorable Guy Shepard, Chairman  
Honorable R. R. Spurrier, Secretary

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MR. SHEPARD: Case No. 300.

(Mr. Graham reads the Notice of Publication.)

MR. McLANE: My name is A. E. McLane, Dallas, Texas, representing Delhi Oil Corporation. I would like to state as a word of background that the application of Delhi is similar to an application previously filed for Delhi pursuant to which the Commission issued an order which I believe was its order R-35 pertaining to similar short quarter sections in Township 30 North Range 9 West and Township 31 North and Range 1 west, in which the Commission authorized the communitization of three short quarter sections each containing approximately 100 acres in order to form each drilling unit.

Since we filed this application which is under consideration now we learned that the Commission also has issued its order R-60, which pertains to the short quarter sections along the western side of Township 29 North, Range 8 West, so the only part of our application which remains will be pertaining to Township 30 North, Range 8 West. We are applying for an order authorizing communitization of three short quarter sections to form each drilling unit. We are also applying for an order to the effect that if and when proration is effected as to these wells it be strictly on an acreage basis.

R. G. CARLIN,

having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

By MR. McLANE:

Q Would you state your name to the Commission please?

A R. G. Carlin.

Q Where do you live, Mr. Carlin?

A Dallas, Texas.

Q What is your occupation?

A Engineer, Delhi Oil Corporation.

Q Mr. Carlin, there are four drilling units which are to be communitized if this application is granted and the first of these drilling units would consist of the west half of section six and the north west quarter of section seven in Township 30 North, Range 8 West, in San Juan County. Could you tell us how much acreage would be contained in this drilling unit?

A It has been established that there would be 330.88 acres in this particular drilling unit.

Q In the second drilling unit, which is also in Township 30 North, Range 8 West, would consist of the southwest quarter of Section 7 and the west half of Section 18. How much acreage is contained in this drilling unit?

A There would be 334.51 acres.

Q The third unit also in Township 30, North, Range 8 West, would consist of the west half of Section 19 and the northwest quarter of Section 30. What would be the acreage in this unit?

A 335.30.

Q The fourth unit also in Township 30 North, Range 8 West, would consist of the southwest quarter of Section 30 and the west half of Section 31. How much acreage in this unit?

A 336.90.

Q Then the -- if the present spacing program provides for

320 acre drilling units, these units would contain slightly more than the regular drilling units, is that right?

A Approximately five per cent more than the normal acreage specified for 320 acre units on the tests in this area.

Q In your opinion, Mr. Carlin, would an order such as applied for by Delhi here be in the interest of conservation and would it provide adequately for the protection of correlative rights?

A I am sure that it would.

Q Instead of six wells as would normally be drilled if these were regular sections this will provide for a total of only four wells, is that right?

A That is right.

Q But each well would have slightly more than the regular 320 acres attributable to it?

A Correct.

MR. SHEPARD: Any further questions?

MR. McLANE: I would like to state this further for the record. We have written to Mr. Forrest Morrell asking for his recommendations. I thought he would be present today but since I don't see him, if there is no objections I would like to have permission of the Commission to file a copy of the letter which he wrote to us recommending that this application be approved. I don't have a copy of the letter with me but if there is no objection I would like to mail it in.

MR. SHEPARD: You may do so. Any other statements or questions? If not, we will stand in recess for five minutes.

(Recess.)

STATE OF NEW MEXICO     )  
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COUNTY OF BERNALILLO    )

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached transcript of hearing in Case No. 300, before the Oil Conservation Commission at Santa Fe, taken on August 21, 1951, is a true and correct record of the same to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

DATED at Albuquerque, New Mexico, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of Sept., 1951.

Ada Dearnley  
REPORTER