

BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

CASE NO. 325

November 20, 1951

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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In Re:

In the Matter of the application of)
Benson and Montin for approval of an)
unorthodox location for its Benson-)
Montin Well No. 6, Gallegos Canyon)
Unit, 1340 feet N of the S line and)
1110 feet E of the W line, 22-28N-)
12W, San Juan County.)

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(Mr. Kellahin reads the notice of publication.)

MR. SETH: If the Commission please, this is an application for an unorthodox location of a well already completed in the Gallegos Canyon Unit.

Mr. M. W. Campbell, having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

(Direction examination by Mr. Seth.)

Q Please state your name.

A M. W. Campbell.

Q Where do you live?

A Oklahoma City.

Q By whom are you employed?

A Benson and Montin.

Q Are you familiar with the Benson and Montin Well No. 6 in the Gallegos Canyon?

A Yes, I am.

Q Please state the facts to the Commission.

A Well No. 6 in the Gallegos Canyon Unit was originally surveyed April 28, 1951. At that time the stake was placed 990 feet from the west line and certified. It was so indicated on our notice of intention to drill. Drilling operations commenced September 16, 1951. Shortly thereafter a shallow normal pressure gas sand was encountered at the 500 feet mark, which lead to the decision to attempt completion in the pictured cliffs. This had been originally started

as a Dakota test. The decision was made to complete it in the pictured cliffs at 1400 feet rather than continue drilling to the Dakota. The location was re-surveyed for the new Dakota test, which would utilize an intermediate string of casing. At that time Well No. 6 was found to be 1340 feet of the south line and 810 feet from the west line. This could only have been caused by an error in the original survey or movement of the stake by meddlers. The entire area surrounded is unitized and it is believed that no rights will be damaged by the location. The present status is that the casing is set on the pictured cliffs 1423 feet and operations have been suspended since October 13th pending approval.

Q Benson-Montin are the operators of the Gallegos Canyon Unit?

A That's right.

Q All the land surrounding it is within that unit, and there will be a new well in that vicinity as a Dakota test.

A That's right.

CHAIRMAN SPURRIER: Any questions of this witness? If not, the witness will be excused. The case will be taken under advisement and we will proceed to Case No. 326.

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 CON-
SIDERING:

CASE NO. 325
ORDER NO. R-119

THE APPLICATION OF BENSON & MONTIN
FOR APPROVAL OF AN UNORTHODOX WELL
LOCATION FOR ITS BENSON-MONTIN WELL
NO. 6, GALLEGOS CANYON UNIT, 1340 FEET
NORTH OF THE SOUTH LINE AND 1110 FEET
EAST OF THE WEST LINE, SECTION 22,
TOWNSHIP 28 N., RANGE 12 W., NMPM,
SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 10 a. m. November 20, 1951,
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New
Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 30th day of December, 1951, the Commission, having
considered the testimony adduced and 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 during the course of drilling it was discovered
that the Benson-Montin well No. 6 was improperly located, due to inadvert-
ence, or a surveyor's error.

(3) That the entire area surrounding the Benson-Montin
Well No. 6 has been unitized and correlative rights of adjoining lessees
will not be impaired or infringed, and

There appearing no objection thereto,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That the location of Benson & Montin's Benson-Montin Well No. 6,
1340 feet north of the south line and 1110 feet east of the west line of Section
22, Township 28 North, Range 12 West, NMPM, San Juan, County, New
Mexico, be, and the same hereby is approved.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Edwin L. Mechem
EDWIN L. MECHEM, Chairman

Guy Shepard
GUY SHEPARD, Member

R. R. Spurrer
R. R. SPURRIER, Secretary