

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. 403

THE APPLICATION OF LOCKE-TAYLOR
DRILLING COMPANY FOR PERMISSION TO
DRILL OIL AND GAS WELL EMBRACING
LESS ACREAGE THAN UNIT REQUIREMENT.

P E T I T I O N

Comes now Locke-Taylor Drilling Company and petitions the
Commission as follows:

1. That your petitioner herein, Locke-Taylor Drilling
Company, is a co-partnership composed of Lloyd D. Locke and Lloyd
B. Taylor, with their regular place of business at Farmington,
New Mexico.

2. That your petitioner herein at all times hereinafter
mentioned held, and now holds, valid and subsisting oil and gas
leases on all of the land situate^d in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 14, Twp.
29 N., R. 13 W., N.M.P.M.

3. That your petitioner had obtained approval of location
of a well to be drilled on the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 14, Twp. 29 N., R. 13 W.,
N.M.P.M., embracing 160 acres of land, prior to the entry of
order No. R-172 in case No. 377, on the 24th day of July, 1952;
and that prior to the entry of said order, and prior to any
notice of the pendency of said case No. 377, your petitioner had
made said location, had unitized the lands embraced in said quarter
section, and moved a large portion of their equipment on location
for drilling said well

4. That under said order No. R-172, the Commission required

that such well be drilled on a 320 acre drilling unit of land.

5. That your petitioner holds valid and subsisting oil and gas leases on the whole of the $S\frac{1}{2}$ of said Sec. 14, saving and excepting the $SE\frac{1}{4}SE\frac{1}{4}$ of said Sec. 14, which land belongs to J. B. Brown and Veda Brown, his wife; and the $E\frac{1}{2}$ of the $E\frac{1}{2}$ of the $NW\frac{1}{4}SE\frac{1}{4}$ of said section lying West of the Echo Irrigation Ditch, being approximately 38 acres of land, all of which belongs to I. K. Westbrook and Ruth Westbrook, his wife; that your petitioner does not have oil and gas lease on that part of the $NE\frac{1}{4}SE\frac{1}{4}$ of said Sec. 14 lying East of the Echo Irrigation Ditch, comprising approximately 15 acres, on which said 15 acres Stanolind Oil and Gas Company holds a valid and outstanding oil and gas lease; and your petitioner does not hold an oil and gas lease on approximately 1 acre of land in the $SW\frac{1}{4}SE\frac{1}{4}$ of said Sec. 14, which said land belongs to D. Wilford Bigelow and Mollie Z. Bigelow, his wife.

6. That attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat showing the subdivisions of land on which your petitioner holds valid and subsisting oil and gas leases and showing the above mentioned land on which your petitioner does not hold oil and gas leases.

7. That your petitioner has made every reasonable endeavor to secure oil and gas leases on the aforesaid lands which belong to said J. B. Brown and Veda Brown, his wife, I. K. Westbrook and Ruth Westbrook, his wife, and D. Wilford Bigelow and Mollie Z. Bigelow, and the acreage on which the Stanolind Oil and Gas Company holds valid and subsisting oil and gas lease; that the said J. B. Brown and Veda Brown, his wife, and said I. K. Westbrook and Ruth Westbrook, his wife, have refused and now refuse to granting oil and gas lease to your petitioner on the lands held by them.

8. That your petitioner has contacted the Stanolind Oil and Gas Company with request to said company to unitize their lease

on the aforesaid 15 acres of land into a drilling unit embracing the $S\frac{1}{2}$ of said Sec. 14, and negotiations are now in process of consum^mation for the unitization of said lease held by the Stanolind Oil and Gas Company with the leases held by your petitioner herein for the location and drilling of a well on the $S\frac{1}{2}$ of said Sec. 14, so that your petitioner now is in position to unitize all of the lands in the $S\frac{1}{2}$ of said Section for a gas well to the Pictured Cliff formation on the $S\frac{1}{2}$ of said Sec. 14.

9. That unless your petitioner herein can obtain from this Honorable Commission an order for permission to drill a gaswell on the $S\frac{1}{2}$ of said Sec. 14 to the Pictured Cliff formation without including the 80 acres of land belonging to the said J. B. Brown and Veda Brown, his wife, and the said I. K. Westbrook and Ruth Westbrook, his wife, and the said D. Wilford Bigelow and Mollie Z. Bigelow, his wife, it will be impossible for your petitioner to drill on any part of the $S\frac{1}{2}$ of said Sec. 14, unless by order of this Commission the said 66 acres of land are brought within the unit area for a gas well on the $S\frac{1}{2}$ of said Sec. 14, and the aforesaid leases held by your petitioner on the remainder of the $S\frac{1}{2}$ of said Sec. 14 will, of necessity, be forfeited due to failure of your petitioner to comply with the requirements of the oil and gas leases now held on the $S\frac{1}{2}$ of said Sec. 14, comprising 240 acres all of which comprises a solid contiguous block of land, excepting the 15 acres, more or less, on which the Stanolind Oil and Gas Company holds the leasehold rights and on which said company is willing to unitize with said leased acreage of your petitioner.

WHEREFORE, your petitioner prays:

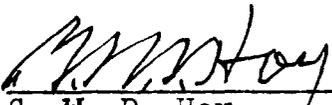
1. That the Commission grant your petitioner herein a hearing for the granting of permission to drill on the 240 acres on which valid and subsisting leases are held by your petitioner,

including the 15 acres, more or less, held by the Stanolind Oil and Gas Company and which will be included in drilling unit on the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of said Sec. 14, Twp. 29 N., R. 13 W., N.M.P.M.

2. For an order of the Commission directing the said J. B. Brown and Veda Brown, his wife, I. K. Westbrook and Ruth Westbrook, his wife, and D. Wilford Bigelow and Mollie Z. Bigelow, his wife, to unitize their acreage with the lands leased by your petitioner, and said land held by Stanolind Oil and Gas Company, or an order permitting your petitioner to drill a well on proper location in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 14.

LOCKE-TAYLOR DRILLING COMPANY

By 

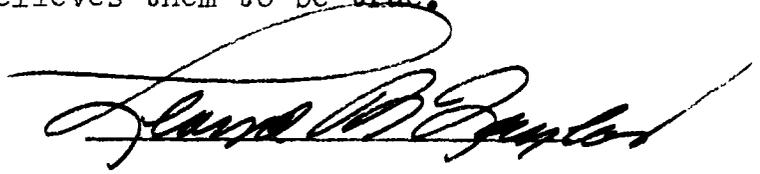

G. W. R. Hoy
Attorney for Petitioner
Farmington, New Mexico

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
) SS.
COUNTY OF SAN JUAN)

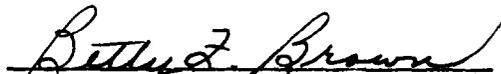
Lloyd B. Taylor, of lawful age, being first duly sworn,
upon his oath says:

That he is one of the co-partners composed of this
affiant and Lloyd D. Locke, doing business under the firm name
and style of Locke-Taylor Drilling Company;

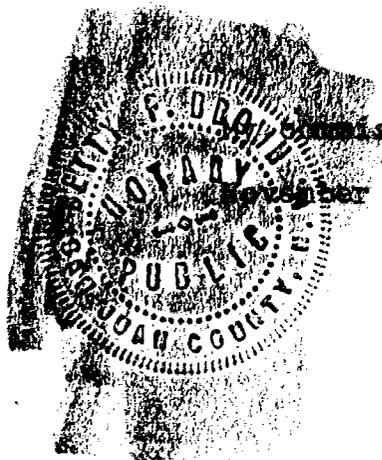
That he has read the foregoing petition and is familiar
with the contents thereof; that the statements therein made are
true, except those statements made upon information and belief,
and as to those statements he believes them to be true.



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of
August, 1952.


Notary Public

Commission expires:
October 30, 1955.



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S T I P U L A T I O N

It hereby is stipulated by and between Lloyd D. Locke and Lloyd B. Taylor, dba Locke-Taylor Drilling Company, petitioners herein, and J. B. Brown and Veda Brown, his wife, I. K. Westbrook and Ruth Westbrook, his wife, and D. Wilford Bigelow and Mollie Z. Bigelow, his wife, respondents in said cause, as follows:

1. That the said respondents have agreed with the petitioners in this cause that said respondents will execute and deliver to said petitioners an oil and gas lease on their respective lands described in the petition filed herein, and hereinafter more particularly described, upon terms and conditions which are agreeable and satisfactory to both your petitioners herein and respondents herein.

2. That under the aforesaid oil and gas leases from respondents herein to said petitioners, the said lands belonging to your respondents may be unitized with all other lands in the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sec. 14, Twp. 29 N., R. 13 W., N.M.P.M.; and that thereby said petitioners will have under oil and gas lease 320 acres, more or less, on which to locate and drill a well for production of gas in the "Pictured Cliff" formation in said above described tract of land.

3. That the said respondents on this date are ready and

willing to sign leases on their respective lands just as soon as leases can be executed in conformity with the agreement between the parties hereto; the lands belonging to the said respective parties being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

- A. The following described lands belonging to respondents I. K. Westbrook and Ruth Westbrook, husband and wife, viz:

The $E\frac{1}{2}E\frac{1}{2}NW\frac{1}{4}SE\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 14, Twp. 29 N., R. 13 W., N.M.P.M., together with a right of way 16 feet wide along the E. line of the $E\frac{1}{2}E\frac{1}{2}NW\frac{1}{4}SE\frac{1}{4}$ of said Sec. 14 for an outlet to the County Road; and The $E\frac{1}{2}E\frac{1}{2}NW\frac{1}{4}SE\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 14, Twp. 29 N., R. 13 W., N.M.P.M. and that part of the $NE\frac{1}{4}SE\frac{1}{4}$ lying west of the Echo Irrigation Ditch, containing 38 acres, more or less.

- B. The following described lands belonging to J. B. Brown and Veda Brown, husband and wife, comprising:

The $SE\frac{1}{4}SE\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 14, Twp. 29 N., R. 13 W., N.M.P.M., containing 40 acres, more or less.

- C. The following described lands belonging to respondents D. Wilford Bigelow and Mollie Z. Bigelow, husband and wife, viz:

One square acre of land in the SW corner of the $E\frac{1}{2}SW\frac{1}{4}SE\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 14, Twp. 29 N., R. 13 W., N.M.P.M.

4. That the said respondents I. K. Westbrook and his wife Ruth Westbrook, J. B. Brown and his wife Veda Brown, and D. Wilford Bigelow and Mollie Z. Bigelow, his wife, hereby agree and consent that the petition filed in the above entitled and numbered cause may be dismissed; and said lands unitized with the other lands situate in the $S\frac{1}{2}$ of said Sec. 14 for the purpose of comprising a drilling unit which will comply with the requirements of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of New Mexico relative to the spacing of wells to be drilled to the "Pictured Cliff" formation in the area in which said land is situate.

5. It is further agreed by and between said petitioners and said respondents that the above entitled cause pending before the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of New Mexico be dismissed.

Dated this 27th day of August, 1952.

Locke-Taylor Drilling Company

By *Lloyd B. Taylor*
Lloyd B. Taylor

I. K. Westbrook
I. K. Westbrook

Ruth Westbrook
Ruth Westbrook

J. B. Brown
J. B. Brown

Veda Brown
Veda Brown

D. Wilford Bigelow
D. Wilford Bigelow

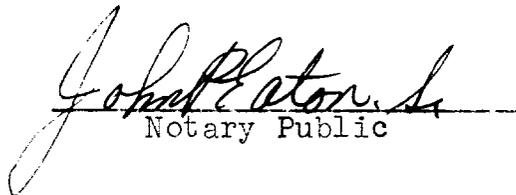
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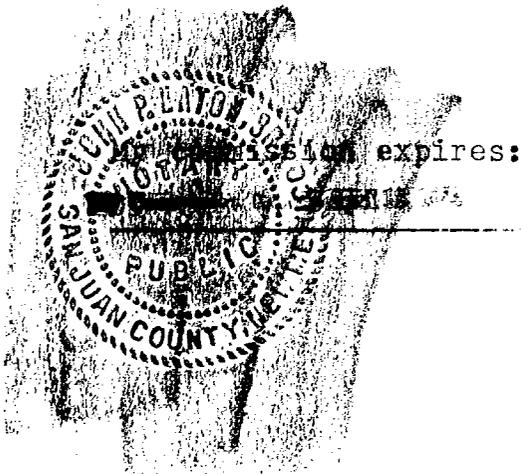
G. W. R. Hoy
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Farmington, New Mexico
Attorney for Petitioners

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
) SS.
COUNTY OF SAN JUAN)

On this 27th day of August, 1952, before me personally appeared Lloyd B. Taylor, I. K. Westbrook and Ruth Westbrook, husband and wife, J. B. Brown and Veda Brown, husband and wife, and D. Wilford Bigelow and Mollie Z. Bigelow, husband and wife, to me known to be the persons named in and who executed the foregoing instrument; and the said Lloyd B. Taylor further acknowledges that he executed said instrument as a member of the co-partnership consisting of Lloyd D. Locke and Lloyd B. Taylor, co-partners, dba Locke-Taylor Drilling Company; and each acknowledged that he/she signed the same as and for his/her free act and deed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year first hereinabove written.


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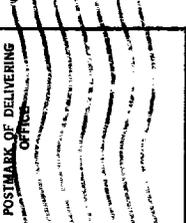


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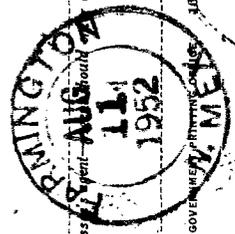
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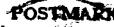
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From 8-28

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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

OFFICE OF PUBLICATION
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION
COMMISSION

SANTA FE — NEW MEXICO
The State of New Mexico by its Oil Conservation Commission hereby gives notice pursuant to law and the rules and regulations of said Commission promulgated thereunder of the following special public hearing to be held at 9 o'clock a. m. August 28, 1952, at Maury Hall, State Capitol, in the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO:
J. B. Brown and Veda Brown, his wife; I. K. Westbrook and Ruth Westbrook, his wife; D. Wilford Bigelow and Mollie Z. Bigelow, his wife; and any other named parties and persons having any right, title, interest or claim in the following case, and notice to the public.

CASE 403:
In the matter of the application of the Locke-Taylor Drilling Company for permission to drill a well on acreage of less than the 320-acre unit requirement as prescribed in Order R-172 issued by the Commission on July 24, 1952, said order affecting spacing in the approximate northwesterly one-half of the West Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Pool; or, in the alternative, for an order directing J. B. Brown and Veda Brown, his wife; I. K. Westbrook and Ruth Westbrook, his wife; and D. Wilford Bigelow and Mollie Z. Bigelow, his wife, to unitize their acreage with lands leased by the petitioner and Stanolind Oil and Gas Company in order that a complete 320-acre unit might be available in S/2 Section 14, Township 29 North, Range 13 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

GIVEN under the seal of the Commission of

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

COUNTY OF SAN JUAN

Robert S. Magee, being first duly sworn,
(editor)

on oath states: That he is the (business manager) of the Farmington Daily Times, a daily newspaper of general paid circulation and of general circulation in San Juan County, New Mexico, entered under the second class postal privilege in said county, being the county in which the notice hereto attached is required to be published and said paper has been published in said San Juan County continuously and uninterruptedly during a period of six months next prior to the first issue thereof containing said notice. That the notice of which a copy as published is hereto attached and hereby made a part hereof was published in the English language in said newspaper once each week for consecutive weeks on the following dates, to-wit:

First Publication on the 12 day of Aug, 19 52
Second Publication on the day of, 19.....
Third Publication on the day of, 19.....
Fourth Publication on the day of, 19.....

That such notice is a legal notice and as published in said newspaper duly qualified for that purpose within the meaning of the provisions of Chapter 167, Session Laws of 1937, and that payment therefor has been made—assessed as Court costs.

Robert S. Magee
Editor Business Manager

6.40
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of Aug,
19 52
Notary Public
My Commission expires....., 19.....
SEP 9 1952
ROBERT S. DUCKES, JR., Notary Public, San Juan County, N.M.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

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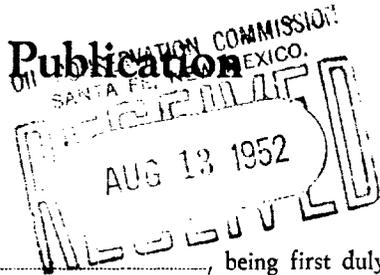
GIVEN under the seal of the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 8th day of August, 1952.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
R. R. SPURRIER
Secretary

SEAL
Pub.: August 12, 1952.

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Affidavit of Publication



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

I, Charles T. Patten, being first duly sworn,

declare and say that I am the (Business Manager) (Editor) of the 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 ~~once each week~~

for one time ~~once each week~~ ~~and on the same day of each week~~ ~~in~~

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, ~~once each week~~ for

one time ~~weeks consecutively~~, the first publication being on the

12th day of August, 1952, and that ~~no publication~~

~~was made~~; 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.

PUBLISHER'S BILL

53 lines, one time at \$ 5.30

lines, times, \$

Tax \$

Total \$ 5.30

Received payment,

By

Charles T. Patten
Editor-Manager

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th

day of August, 1952, A.D., 1952

Alvin T. Pennington
Notary Public

My Commission expires

June 11, 1952