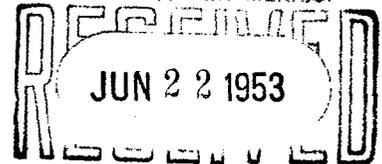


BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO.



CASE 547:

In the matter of the application of F. B. Umbarger for an exception to Rule 104, Paragraph 'd', of the Commission's Rules and Regulations relating to acreage requirements for drilling tract in SE/4, Sec. 16, Township 29 North, Range 11 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

June 16, 1953

Date

BEFORE: Honorable Ed. L. Mechem, Governor
Honorable E. S. Walker, Land Commissioner
Honorable R. R. Spurrier, Director, OCC

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)

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COUNTY OF BERNALILLO)

I HEREBY CERTIFY That the within transcript of proceedings before the Oil Conservation Commission is a true record of the same to the best of my knowledge, skill, and ability.

DONE at Albuquerque, N. M., this 20th day of
June 1953.

My Comm. Ex.:
August 4, 1956

E. E. Greeson
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Notary - Reporter

COM. SPURRIER: We will move on to Case 547.

(Mr. Graham reads the advertisement.)

MR. CATRON: My name is Tom Catron.

The basis of this application for an exception to 104, 'd', is a hardship one, based on the fact that the applicant has 120 acres in this quarter section. The other forty acres is open acreage, shown by the tract books of the State Land Office to be state land.

These leases, which are held by the applicant at this time, expire June 23d this month. And if he is not permitted to drill this acreage within that time, these leases will expire and he will be out.

Under the circumstances, the applicant desires an exception to the rule to be permitted to drill in that quarter section.

This is a copy of the assignment to him, under which he claims the acreage.

MR. GRAHAM: What pool is that in?

MR. CATRON: That is in the Fulcher-Kutz Pictured Cliff.

(Off the record)

COM. WALKER: Mr. Catron, did you say there was some open land next to this 120 acres?

MR. CATRON: Yes, sir, the N WSE is open State land. We would have asked to have it brought up for bidding,

but by the time we found out it was the State it was too late to have it put up.

MR. WALKER: How long has Mr. Umbarger had this acreage?

MR. CATRON: Assigned to him May 20th.

MR. WALKER: Of 1953?

MR. CATRON: Yes, sir.

MR. GRAHAM: And his lease expires right off the bat?

MR. CATRON: Yes.

MR. WALKER: Didn't he know that at the time he took the assignment on the lease?

MR. CATRON: Apparently not. It was part of a larger number of acreage, and this was an odd one.

MR. GRAHAM: What is the spacing in that pool? Have you checked that up?

MR. CATRON: I haven't checked that. 160 is the drilling block.

(Off the record.)

COM. SPURRIER: Does anyone have a question or comment in this case?

We will take the case under advisement, and move on to the next case, which is case 550.

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