

BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
Santa Fe, New Mexico

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TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

CASE NO. 716

Regular Hearing

BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Santa Fe, New Mexico
June 16, 1954

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of Burnham Oil Company for approval of three unorthodox (five-spot) locations within the Square Lake Pool, located in Section 2, Township 17 South, Range 30 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

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Honorable Edwin L. Mechem
Mr. E. S. (Johnny) Walker
Mr. R. R. Spurrier

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MR. SPURRIER: Is there anyone here representing Burnham?

MR. JEFFERS: My name is E. Jeffers. We have applied for three unorthodox locations in Section 2, Township 17 South, Range 30 East, in the south half. We have the application filed here with the Commission. They are five-spot locations. We have eight wells on that half section now. We want to drill three five-spot locations on it.

E. JEFFERS,

a witness, having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

By MR. YOST:

Q Mr. Jeffers, it is noted in your application, Paragraph

five states: "That upon the basis of the geological and engineering data at hand that the petitioner is of the opinion that one well at the center of each 40 acre unit will not sufficiently drain all the oil recoverable from each such 40-acre tract." On what engineering data is that statement based?

A Well, I don't have anything with me, but on the general opinion in our experience is that you can't drain 40 acres with one well.

By MR. MACEY:

Q You are not asking for an increase in any allowable. In other words, you are going to get the total allowable out of the 40 on the two wells located on the 40 acre unit?

A That is right, I think that states that there.

Q Have you talked with any of your off-set operators?

A I have notified all of them. I did talk to the Brown man, you know, in just a general way. He said, "Sure they wouldn't have any objection." I notified all of the off-set lease owners by letter.

Q Isn't it a fact there have been other five-spot authorizations in the Square Lake Pool?

A Yes, sir.

Q Mr. Jeffers, did you say you wanted to drill two wells or three?

A Three.

Q I thought you said two?

A No, three.

MR. MACEY: That is all.

MR. SPURRIER: Does anyone else have a question of Mr. Jeffers?

A I think they are spotted on that plat, aren't they?

MR. KITTS: Yes.

MR. SPURRIER: If no questions of the witness the witness may be excused.

(Witness excused.)

MR. SPURRIER: Does anyone have a comment in the case? If not we will take the case under advisement and move on to Case 717.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, ADA DEARNLEY, do hereby certify that the foregoing and above transcript of proceedings before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission, held at Mabry Hall, Santa Fe, New Mexico on June 16, 1954 is a true and correct record to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

Dated at Albuquerque, New Mexico, this 18th day of June, 1954.


Notary Public

My Commission Expires:
June 19, 1955

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