

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

July 19, 1956

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Mr. A. M. Wiederkehr
Southern Union Gas Company
Burt Building
Dallas 1, Texas

Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

A. L. Porter, Jr.
Secretary - Director

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Mr. F. Norman Woodruff
El Paso Natural Gas Company
P.O. Box 1492
El Paso, Texas

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Benson-Montin
405 1/2 West Broadway
Farmington, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

With further reference to Case 1054, the Commission has continued this case to 9:00 a.m. June 12th. The requests were made for a continuance to June 13th, but in view of the uncertainty as to the length of time that might be consumed and the fact that the Commission will probably have two full days of hearings on June 14th and 15th, it was considered best to set the date of June 12th.

All interested parties are expected to be ready with whatever testimony they intend to present so that the disposition of the matter may be made at this hearing.

Yours very truly,

A. L. Porter, Jr.
Acting Secretary - Director

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CC-Mr. George Selinger, Skelly
Mr. John Woodward, El Paso Natural
Mr. A. S. Grenier, Southern Union
Mr. J. Glenn Turner

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MR AL PORTER JR
NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SANTA FE NEW MEXICO

THIS COMPANY HAS NO OBJECTION TO CONTINUNING THE HEARINGS IN
CASES NOS. 1054 AND 1071 UNTIL THE JUNE HEARING.

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EARL A. BENSON
WM. V. MONTIN

May 12th, 1956

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SPECIAL DELIVERY

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
Box 871
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Cases No. 1054,
1071(c), 1071(d)
and 1071(e)

Attention: Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr.

Gentlemen:

Benson-Montin hereby requests that the Commission combine Case No. 1054 with Cases No. 1071(c), 1071(d) and 1071(e), and that the hearing for the combined cases be continued to a later date.

Benson-Montin is particularly interested in Case No. 1054 covering the Ballard Field, in which we operate approximately 35 Pictured Cliffs wells and own interests in an additional 35 wells. It appears to us that the call of the hearing for Case No. 1054 is so broad as to include the substance of Cases 1071(c), 1071(d) and 1071(e). In fact, Case No. 1054 involves matters quite complex, and which cannot be properly evaluated without information available from wells currently being drilled. A matter of proper delineation of field boundaries in the instance of two fields meeting by offset wells requires in our opinion study of the characteristics of the wells on each side of the boundary. The wells thus involved in this particular case are now only in the process of being drilled, and the required information cannot possibly be made available by May 17th, the date for which the hearing of Case No. 1054 is now scheduled.

Benson-Montin has no objection to proration of the Ballard Field and are not asking to postpone this hearing because of proration. When Case No. 1054 was originally set on the Commission's docket, we requested that the subject matter be divided, such that proration for the Ballard Field might be heard separately from the more complex matter of pool boundaries, and thus establish proration without delay. We also asked that the Commission grant additional time for the operators to study the problem of pool boundaries. The Northwest New Mexico Engineering Committee had already formed a sub-committee to study this particular subject, and it seemed to us appropriate that this sub-committee be asked to direct its work to the Ballard Field area and provide such assistance as it might

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May 14th, 1956

render. The Conservation Commission refused to do this, and advised us that all matters as set out in Case No. 1054 would be heard at one time.

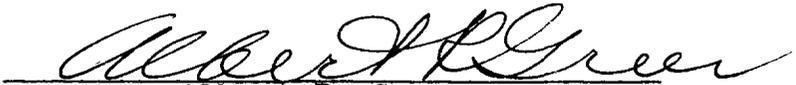
We understand that Skelly Oil Company would like to consider a partial division of the South Blanco Pictured Cliffs Field. We have no objection to this being incorporated into the hearing of the above cases.

In accord with the reasons set out herein, we request these four cases be combined, and that they be continued until the June hearing. We further request that the Commission incorporate this letter into the record of Cases No. 1054, 1071(c), 1071(d) and 1071(e) when they are called, and that if the Commission does hear these cases at the May hearing, we be allowed to be heard in these matters at such later date as the information is available which we believe to be vital to these cases.

Yours very truly,

BENSON-MONTIN

BY:


Albert R. Greer
Field Superintendent

cc: Mr. Norman Woodruff, El Paso Natural Gas Company
Mr. Jack London, Jr., Benson-Montin
Mr. George Selinger, Skelly Oil Company
Mr. A. M. Wiederkehr, Southern Union Gas Company
Mr. J. Glenn Turner

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17TH FLOOR MERCANTILE BANK BUILDING
DALLAS 1, TEXAS

April 13, 1956

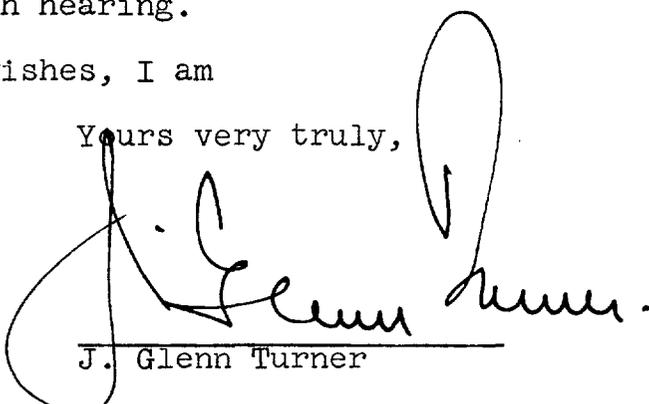
Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr.
Acting Secretary - Director
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 871
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Porter:

Many thanks for your nice letter of April 10, 1956. We appreciate very much the attitude of the Commission on this matter and will certainly make every preparation to be ready for the May 16th hearing.

With best wishes, I am

Yours very truly,


J. Glenn Turner

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cc: Mr. A. M. Wiederkehr
Mr. Norman Woodruff
Mr. Ben R. Howell
Mr. Albert R. Greer
Mr. Jack London, Jr.

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405½ West Broadway
Farmington, New Mexico

April 12, 1956

Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr.
Acting Secretary-Director
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Case No. 1054
Ballard Field
San Juan County

Dear Mr. Porter:

Your Case No. 1054 scheduled for hearing April 18th, 1956, covering the Ballard Field, includes lands on which Benson-Montin have drilled, and now operate, approximately 35 Pictured Cliffs wells.

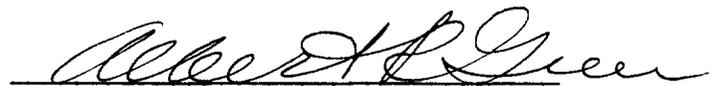
Our current drilling operations are along the north-east edge of the Ballard Field, in an area which to us appears to be critical for the determination of the field limits in this part of the field. Also, Mr. J. Glenn Turner is drilling wells along the boundary in Sections 35 and 36 in Township 27 North, Range 9 West, which is another area we believe to be critical as to Ballard Pool boundaries.

We believe the information developed from these wells which are currently being drilled to be of extreme importance to the substance of Case No. 1054, and we believe that this information should be available to the Commission at the time this case is heard. This information cannot be made available for the April 18th hearing. Accordingly, we would like to request a continuance of this case.

Yours very truly,

BENSON-MONTIN

BY:



Albert R. Greer
Field Superintendent

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

April 10, 1956

Mr. J. Glenn Turner
17th Floor Mercantile Bank Bldg.
Dallas 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Turner:

Your letter of April 9, 1956, requests postponement of Case 1054, scheduled for hearing on April 18, 1956. Your letter notes that the studies now being made in connection with the area involved in the case will not be completed by the April 18th date. Your letter further indicates you wish to present testimony at the hearing.

In view of the stated conditions and requests from other interested parties, I will recommend to the Commission that the case be continued to the May 16th hearing.

Very truly yours,

A. L. Porter, Jr.
Acting Secretary - Director

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OIL AND GAS-INVESTMENTS
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April 9, 1956

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The New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
Mabry Hall
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Your Docket Number 1054

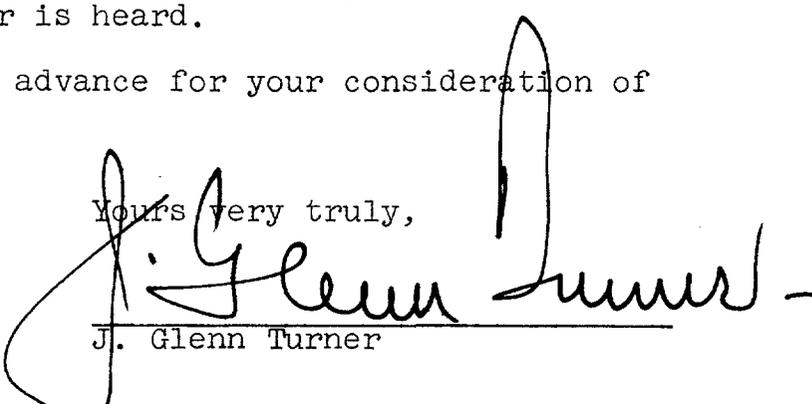
Gentlemen:

The above cause is scheduled to be heard by the Oil Conservation Commission on its April 18, 1956 Hearing and, since such case involves promulgating rules and regulations reflecting and concerning the Ballard Pictured Cliffs Pool, San Juan and Rio Arriba Counties, New Mexico, including proposed gas pool delineation, gas proration, gas well spacing and allowables, gas proration units and related matters, it will not be possible for those of us who are very interested in such matters to be ready to present evidence on April 18. A number of us who are interested in such matter are having comprehensive engineering studies made and the time is not sufficient within which for us to get ready by the April 18 Hearing.

It, therefore, becomes necessary for us to ask that this matter be postponed. This request is not made in the interest of delay but in order that proper engineering studies may be completed and necessary data obtained so that the full facts with reference to this matter may be presented to the Commission when the matter is heard.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration of this request, I am

Yours very truly,


J. Glenn Turner

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cc: Mr. A. M. Wiederkehr
Mr. Norman Woodruff
Mr. Ben R. Howell
Mr. Albert R. Greer
Mr. Jack London, Jr.

El Paso Natural Gas Company

El Paso, Texas

April 6, 1956

Case 1054

Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr.
Secretary Director
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 2045
Hobbs, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Porter:

May 1955

During our conversation April 5, 1956 we discussed the fact that several operators had indicated to you by phone their desire to have continued the Hearing pertaining to Proration of the Ballard Pictured Cliffs Pools, Case 1054. I advised you that it would be very desirable to my Company to have this Hearing continued to a later date. We find that there will be inadequate time to make the reservoir studies necessary to properly evaluate this matter by April 18, 1956 because of other studies that we are presently conducting preparatory to a filing with the F. P. C.

A representative of El Paso Natural Gas Company will be present at the Hearing on April 18, 1956 to make a request from the floor that the Hearing be continued to a later date.

It is respectfully requested that the Commission consider continuation of Case 1054.

Yours very truly,

F. Norman Woodruff
F. NORMAN WOODRUFF
Gas Proration Engineer

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EXPLORATION DEPARTMENT

A. M. WIEDERKEHR
MANAGER

SOUTHERN UNION GAS COMPANY
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Mr. A. L. Porter
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 871
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Porter:

In reviewing the Cases to come up for hearing on April 18th, I note Case 1054 has to do with Ballard Pictured Cliffs Pool. Southern Union definitely is interested in any order, rule or regulation which might be issued pertaining to this Pool and I would certainly like to be able to be present at the hearing when this Case is held. We are having our Stock Holders Meeting on April 18th and it will be impossible for me to be present on this date and I would like to request that Case 1054 be postponed until the regular May hearing.

Your consideration to the above request will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

SOUTHERN UNION GAS COMPANY



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