

BEFORE THE  
**Oil Conservation Commission**  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

July 18, 1956

IN THE MATTER OF:

CASE NO. 1106

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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Northwestern New Mexico nomenclature :  
case calling for the extension of :  
existing pools in San Juan and Rio :  
Arriba Counties, New Mexico. :  
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Case 1106

BEFORE:

Honorable John F. Simms, Jr.  
Mr. E. S. (Johnny) Walker  
Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr.

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

(The witness, Mr. Elvis A. Utz,  
sworn by Mr. Walker)

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY: MR. JOHN GURLEY:

Q Would you state your name, please?

A Elvis A. Utz, engineer with the Oil Conservation Commission.

Q Have you testified as an expert before this Commission  
before?

A Presumably so.

Q Mr. Utz, in your official capacity as an engineer for the  
Oil Conservation Commission, have you had opportunity to study the  
proposed extension of the South Blanco-Pictured Cliffs Pool in Rio  
Arriba County, New Mexico?

A Yes, I have.

Q What is your recommendation regarding that?

A I recommend that the South Blanco-Pictured Cliffs Pool be extended as advertised on the basis of nine wells capable of producing.

Q Have you had an opportunity to study the proposed extension of the Ballard-Pictured Cliffs Pool?

A Yes, I have.

Q What is your recommendation there?

A I recommend that the Ballard-Pictured Cliffs Pool be extended as advertised on the basis of one well capable of producing, with the exception of the following, that in T 27 N, R 9 W, Section 35, the NE/4 has been included in the order written for case 1054,--I do not know what that order number is, and that in the same township and range in Section 36, the West Half has been included in the order written in Case No. 1054. Otherwise, I recommend that the Ballard-Pictured Cliffs Pool be extended as advertised.

Q Have you had an opportunity to study the proposed extension of the Fulcher-Kutz Pictured Cliffs Pool?

A Yes, I have.

Q What are your recommendations?

A I recommend that the Fulcher-Kutz Pictured Cliffs Pool be extended as advertised on the basis of seven wells completed and capable of producing within the pool limits, with the exception of Section 26 and 27 North, Range 9 West, the SW/4 has been included in the Ballard-Pictured Cliffs Pool in the order written in Case No. 1054, whereas I originally recommended that it be included in the Fulcher-Kutz; likewise the NE/4 of Section 27 has been included

in the Ballard-Pictured Cliffs Pool instead of the Fulcher-Kutz Pictured Cliffs Pool as originally recommended.

Q And have you had an opportunity to study the proposed extension of the Bisti Lower Gallup Oil Pool?

A Yes, I have.

Q What is your recommendation there?

A I recommend that the Bisti Lower Gallup Pool be extended as advertised on the basis of five oil wells completed and capable of producing within the pool's limits.

Q Do you have any exhibits to offer in this case, Mr. Utz?

A Yes, I do; I have an exhibit which I would like to offer which states the extensions recommended and the wells on which those recommendations are based.

Q Was this exhibit prepared by you?

A Yes, sir.

Q I would like to offer in evidence Exhibit 4 in this case.

MR. PORTER: Any further questions of this witness?

BY MR. NUTTER:

Q Mr. Utz, in paragraph B you recommend that the Ballard-Pictured Cliffs Pool be extended as advertised in Township 25 North, Range 8 West, is that correct?

A That is correct.

Q What is your commendation in Township 27 North, 9 West-- that those state-proposed extensions be dismissed?

A They should be dismissed from the case, yes. However, those extensions have been included in the order for 1054.

Q And that would be the basis for the dismissal?

A That's right.

Q In paragraph C, you recommend that Section 16 of that Township be extended as advertised, but that both of the extensions in Sections 26 and 27 be dismissed, is that correct?

A that is correct.

MR. NUTTER: Thank you.

MR. PORTER: Any other questions of this witness? If not, the witness may be excused and the case will be taken under advisement.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO )  
COUNTY OF SANTA FE ) ss.

I, Dorothy B. Myers, a Court Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached transcript of proceedings before the Oil Conservation Commission for the State of New Mexico, was reported by me in shorthand and reduced to typewritten transcript by me, or under my supervision, and that the same is a true and complete record of said proceedings, to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1956.

Dorothy B. Myers  
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