

BEFORE THE
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SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF:

Case No. 1623

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Case 1623 Application of Wellshire Development Company for an unorthodox oil well location. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order authorizing an unorthodox oil well location in the Bisti-Lower Gallup Oil Pool for its Wellshire No. 1 Federal Well located 530 feet from the South line and 2110 feet from the East line of Section 35, Township 25 North, Range 10 West, San Juan County, New Mexico.

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Elvis A. Utz, Examiner.

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MR. UTZ: The next case will be 1623.

MR. PAYNE: Case 1623, "Application of Wellshire Development Company for an unorthodox oil well location."

MR. FUNDINGSLAND: May it please the Commission, my name is E. L. Fundingsland of Denver and I represent Wellshire Development Company in this matter. I think probably you are as well advised of the situation and what occurred here as I am.

The Wellshire Development Company undertook to drill this well on short notice. The independent geologist, Mr. F. H. Stevens, Jr., of Albuquerque, communicated with Wellshire

relative to undertaking the deal for Petro-Atlas. Mr. Stevens communicated with the San Juan Engineering Company to stake the location and run elevations, which he did, and it has been called to our attention that at the time the well was completed, an attempt was being made, that it was off location.

According to what Mr. Stevens told us, and what Jim Leese of San Juan Engineering Company confirmed, that San Juan had stated that the tolerance was a hundred and thirty feet off the area and that he was staking it accordingly, and he did, and we are apparently thirty feet off. So the well has been placed on production and we're sitting idle at the present moment.

MR. UTZ: What was your name?

MR. FUNDINGSLAND: E. L. Fundingsland, F-U-N-D-I-N-G-S-L-A-N-D.

MR. UTZ: Mr. Fundingsland, in view of the fact that this appears to be a good faith error, we will not expect any further testimony; however, I do think that the letter from San Juan Engineering Company, as well as the one from Mr. Stevens, the consulting geologist in Albuquerque, should be entered as Exhibits One and Two in this case.

MR. FUNDINGSLAND: We would like to have them marked as Exhibits One and Two and admitted, if it pleases the Commission.

(Thereupon, the documents were marked as Wellshire's Exhibits Nos. 1 and 2 for identification.)

MR. UTZ: This well is completed at the present time --

MR. FUNDINGSLAND: It is, sir.

MR. UTZ: --is it not?

MR. FUNDINGSLAND: Yes, sir.

MR. UTZ: And it is completed in the Gallup formation?

MR. FUNDINGSLAND: That is correct.

MR. UTZ: It is not at the present time producing, is it?

MR. FUNDINGSLAND: No sir, it is not; I believe that they are pumping back load oil is all, but there's been no production of live oil.

MR. UTZ: Do you have anything further to present in this case?

MR. FUNDINGSLAND: No, except to thank you very much.

MR. UTZ: Are there any other statements to be made in this case?

If not, the case will be taken under advisement.

MR. FUNDINGSLAND: May I ask--this is off the record.

(Discussion off the record.)

MR. UTZ: The hearing is adjourned.

