

BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Roswell, New Mexico
May 15, 1963

IN THE MATTER OF:)

Application of Sun Oil Company for com-)
pulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.)
Applicant, in the above-styled cause,)
seeks an order force pooling all mineral)
interests in the Oil-Center Elinebry Pool)
underlying the W/2 SW/4 of Section 3,)
Township 21 South, Range 36 East, Lea)
County, New Mexico.)

Case 2806

BEFORE: Honorable Jack N. Campbell
Mr. A. L. "Pete" Porter
Mr. E. S. "Johnny" Walker

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

MR. PORTER: We will take up Case 2806.

MR. DURRETT: Application of Sun Oil Company for com-
pulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.

If the Commission please, I would like to move to continue
this case to the May 22 Examiner Hearing on this basis: We
determined only a few days ago that there was a defect in one
of the advertisements that was put out advertising this case.
Therefore, we consulted with the attorney for the applicant
and he desired not to proceed at this time.

We will readvertise the case and continue the case to the
May 22 Examiner Hearing. We have notified all persons who we were

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BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Santa Fe, New Mexico
May 22, 1963

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:)

(Continued from May 15, 1963 Hearing))

Application of Sun Oil Company for compulsory)
pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant,)
in the above-styled cause, seeks an order)
for pooling all mineral interests in the)
Oil-Center Blinbry Pool underlying the W/2)
SW/4 of Section 3, Township 21 South, Range)
36 East, Lea County, New Mexico.)

CASE 2806

BEFORE: Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

MR. NUTTER: We will call Case 2806.

MR. DURRETT: Application of Sun Oil Company for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.

MR. BRATTON: Howard Bratton, Roswell, appearing on behalf of the Applicant. Mr. Granville Dutton from Dallas will be associated with us in the case, and he'll conduct the case. We have one witness.

(Witness sworn.)

MR. DUTTON: Mr. Examiner, Sun Oil Company has the right to drill a well on this tract, by virtue of the leases they have taken in the area, and is applying today for a pooling order under Chapter 65, Article 3, Section 14, which would designate Sun Oil Company as the operator of this unit. We would like to

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ask that the Examiner take administrative notice of Order No. R-2408, which establishes temporary 80-acre oil spacing units within the Oil Center-Blinebry Pool. At this time I would like to have our one witness present the information in his knowledge.

G. A. BURR, Jr.

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

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. DUTTON:

Q Will you state your name for the record, please?

A G. A. Burr, Jr.

Q By whom are you employed, and where?

A Sun Oil Company, Dallas office.

MR. NUTTER: How do you spell that last name, please?

A I-u-r-r.

MR. NUTTER: Thank you.

Q (By Mr. Dutton) In your capacity, has the pooling of J. J. Akins Oil Unit in the Oil Center-Blinebry Pool come under your supervision?

A Yes, it has.

Q Where is this unit located?

A It covers the West Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 3, Township 21 South, Range 36 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

Q Do you have a plat showing this unit?



A Yes, sir, I do. I have two plats, one, our County plat on a one-inch to 4,000-foot scale, and a one-inch to 1,000-foot scale.

(Whereupon, Applicant's Exhibits Nos. 1 & 2 marked for identification.)

MR. DUTTON: I would like to introduce these exhibits as Sun Oil Company's Exhibits 1 and 2.

MR. NUTTER: We will defer admission until later in the case.

Q (By Mr. Dutton) Are you acquainted with the efforts to pool this unit?

A Yes, I am.

Q Would you describe them?

A There are two leasehold owners within the unit, being Sun and Skelly. Sun owns 75 percent, Skelly owns 25 percent. There are a total of 42 royalty interest owners within the proposed 80-acre unit. We have 85.52 percent of these interests committed. There are three unsigned owners, one living in San Francisco, from whom we have not heard. There are two who live in New York City, and we have been advised that one has recently undergone surgery, while the other one is in Europe at the present time. We have had no refusals as such from these different people.

Q Mr. Eurr, is it not true that Skelly has agreed to both the pooling agreement and the operator's agreement for this unit?



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A Yes, sir, they have.

Q Do the leases covering this particular unit have pooling authority?

A No, sir, they are very old leases taken in 1926 and 1928 and do not have a pooling provision in them.

Q You mentioned that there were 42 royalty owners in the unit that had been contacted. To the extent of your knowledge, do these represent all of the royalty interest owners under this pool?

A Yes, sir.

Q Could you briefly describe the efforts you have made with respect to dates and communications to contact the three royalty owners from whom we have not heard?

A Yes, sir. We wrote these three people on February 13, March 12, April 5, all in 1963; and we telegraphed them on March 28, 1963.

Q With respect to the plats that we have introduced, did you have those prepared by the Civil Engineering Department?

A Yes, I did.

MR. DUTTON: That concludes Sun Oil Company's direct case.

MR. NUTTER: Any questions of Mr. Burr?

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. NUTTER:

Q Mr. Burr, with your application in this case you attached



a list of quite a few royalty owners. Could you indicate the three on this list that are not signed?

A Yes. Mr. Albert Muldavin in San Francisco.

Q His address is Care of the Bank of America?

A Yes, sir. L. H. and Ellen H. Sanders in New York, and Charles H. Sanford.

Q That's care of Max Heslen and Company?

A Yes, sir.

Q And just before that on the list, L. H. and Ellen H. Sanders?

A Yes.

Q The Oil Conservation Commission had some correspondence from Alice Varga and --

A James Corbett.

Q Who?

A James Corbett.

Q Corbett, James Corbett, relating to this application. Have they signed?

A Yes, they have.

Q And you have your working interest 100 percent signed?

A Yes, sir.

MR. NUTTER: Any other questions of Mr. Burr? He may be excused.

(Witness excused.)

MR. NUTTER: Sun Oil Company's Exhibits 1 and 2 will



