

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 871

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

March 12, 1963

Mr. Charles F. Malone  
Atwood & Malone  
Attorneys at Law  
P. O. Box 700  
Roswell, New Mexico

Re: Case No. 2746

Dear Charlie:

It has just been called to my attention that we mailed you a docket indicating that the Continental National Insurance Group plugging case (Kenneth V. Barbee Well No. 1) would come on again before the Commission during the Examiner Hearing to be held Wednesday, March 20, 1963. As you will recall, the case was continued at the last hearing in order to allow your client sufficient time to plug the well. I have received carbon copies of your correspondence with the drilling contractor concerning the plugging arrangements; therefore, it will not be necessary for you to appear on March 20, 1963, for the purposes of this case. I will state for the record at the hearing that arrangements have been made to plug the well in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program and move that the case be dismissed.

We appreciate your cooperation in this case.

Very truly yours,

J. M. DURRETT, Jr.,  
Attorney

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March 8, 1963

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Mr. H. J. Steinberger  
Steinberger Drilling Company  
423 East Second Street  
Roswell, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Steinberger:

This letter accepts your bid for plugging the Kenneth V. Barbee well No. 1 in Section 9-11-25, Chaves County.

The terms of our contract with you for this plugging and cleaning up job were stated in our letter of March 1, of which you retained a copy.

We will expect you to furnish the written approval of Mr. Armstrong on or before March 19, and at such time we will furnish to you our firm check in the amount of your bid, which was \$418.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

ATWOOD & MALONE

By: Charles F. Malone

CFM/tc

cc: Mr. W. B. Anderson (2)  
Supervisor  
Surety Claims  
Continental National Insurance Group  
310 South Michigan Avenue  
Chicago 4, Illinois

RE: 96-900879-00  
Bond No. 2097047

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
P. O. BOX 871  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

*Case 2746*

December 28, 1962

Mr. Wayne B. Anderson, Supervisor  
Surety Claim Department  
Continental National Insurance Group  
310 South Michigan Avenue  
Chicago 4, Illinois

Re: Claim No. 96-900879-00, Bond No. 2097047  
M. R. Voltz to State of New Mexico

Dear Mr. Anderson:

It will be necessary to docket a plugging case next month concerning the Kenneth V. Barbee Well No. 1, located 660 feet from the East line and 1980 feet from the South line of Section 9, Township 11 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, Chaves County, New Mexico, unless the well is satisfactorily plugged or we have received a C-110 Form showing change of ownership.

Very truly yours,

JAMES M. DURRETT, Jr.,  
Special Assistant  
Attorney General

DOCKET MAILED

Date \_\_\_\_\_

JMD/ear

cc: Mr. H. R. Hawkins, Adjuster Docket MAILED  
Batjer and Wetzel  
424 San Mateo Boulevard N.E.  
P. O. Box 3056, Manual Station Date 1-23-63  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Mr. M. L. Armstrong, District Supervisor  
Oil Conservation Commission  
Drawer DD  
Artesia, New Mexico

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Special Assistant  
Attorney General

JMD/esr

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Oil Conservation Commission  
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Artesia, New Mexico

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SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

*Case 2746*

November 14, 1962

Mr. M. L. Armstrong  
District Supervisor  
Oil Conservation Commission  
Drawer DD  
Artesia, New Mexico

Re: M. R. Voltz, Well Plugging,  
Chaves County

Dear Mose:

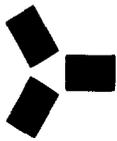
I have now received a letter from Continental National Insurance Group stating that they are searching the records in the Chaves County Courthouse in an attempt to determine the purchasers of the M. R. Voltz leases; therefore, I feel we should not docket a plugging case for another month or so, and I will not place the M. R. Voltz case on the docket for December 11, 1962.

I will contact you in a month or so if we do not have satisfactory results from Continental National and we will docket a case at that time.

Very truly yours,

JAMES M. DURRETT, Jr.,  
Attorney

JMD/esr



CONTINENTAL NATIONAL INSURANCE GROUP

CASUALTY, FIRE AND SURETY CLAIM DEPARTMENT  
310 SOUTH MICHIGAN AVENUE  
CHICAGO 4, ILLINOIS  
AREA CODE 312 WA 2-7272

*Case 2746*

November 9, 1962

State of New Mexico  
Oil Conservation Commission  
P. O. Box 871  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Attention: Mr. James M. Durrett, Jr.  
Special Assistant Attorney General

Dear Mr. Durrett:

Claim #96-900879-00  
Bond #2097047  
M. R. Voltz -to-  
State of New Mexico

We have your letter of October 19. We thank you for the cooperation that you are showing us in this matter. Your suggestions are most helpful.

We have requested Mr. Hawkins to ascertain the identity of the purchasers of the lease in question. We understand that he has requested this information from the County Recorder of Chavez County, and will contact those parties upon learning their identity. We will be happy to keep you advised of our progress in this matter.

Yours very truly,

Wayne B. Anderson, Supervisor  
Surety Claim Department

WBA/mm

CC: Mr. H. R. Hawkins, Adjuster  
Batjer & Wetzel  
424 San Mateo Boulevard, N.E.  
P. O. Box 3056, Menaul Station  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 871

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

*Case 2746*

November 6, 1962

Mr. M. L. Armstrong  
District Supervisor  
Oil Conservation Commission  
Drawer DD  
Artesia, New Mexico

Re: Herschel L. Copelan, M.D., Well Plugging,  
Chaves County, and M. R. Voltz, Well  
Plugging, Chaves County

Dear Mose:

We have placed the Herschel L. Copelan plugging case concerning his Pan American Well No. 1 and his State of New Mexico Well No. 1, both in Section 27, Township 11 South, Range 27 East on the docket to be heard on November 20, 1962, at the Examiner Hearing. I did not contact you prior to placing this case on the docket as the date for preparing the ads slipped up on me. Please advise me if there is any reason that you feel this case should not be heard on November 20th and I will continue the case at that time.

I have prepared notices of hearing and forwarded them to Dr. Copelan, his attorney, and the representatives of the bonding company along with a cover letter concerning the hearing. I am enclosing herewith a copy of this cover letter. We will try to get together a short time prior to the hearing to discuss your testimony. Please advise me if there are any new developments prior to the hearing.

I also am tentatively planning to docket the M. R. Voltz plugging case concerning the Kenneth V. Barbee Well No. 1, located 660 feet from the East line and 1980 feet from the South line of Section 9, Township 11 South, Range 25 East, Chaves County, for the Examiner Hearing to be held on December 11, 1962.

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November 6, 1962

Mr. M. L. Armstrong  
District Supervisor  
Oil Conservation Commission  
Artesia, New Mexico

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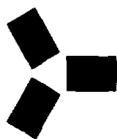
You will recall that this is the case where M. R. Voltz committed suicide and there is a property dispute or at least a question as to the present ownership of the well. I feel that if we wait for the bonding company to determine the question of the title to the well there will be a considerable amount of delay; therefore, I tentatively plan to docket this case for December 11, 1962, and to proceed by suit against the bonding company if the well is not immediately plugged.

Please advise me by November 20, 1962, if you do not desire the case placed on the docket as we will have to have our ads ready by that date.

Very truly yours,

JAMES M. DURRETT, Jr.,  
Attorney

JMD/esr  
Enclosures



CONTINENTAL NATIONAL INSURANCE GROUP

CASUALTY, FIRE AND SURETY CLAIM DEPARTMENT  
310 SOUTH MICHIGAN AVENUE  
CHICAGO 4, ILLINOIS  
AREA CODE 312 WA 2-7272

*Case 2746*

January 3, 1963

*file [signature]*

State of New Mexico  
Oil Conservation Commission  
P. O. Box 871  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

96-900879-00  
Bond No. 2097047  
M. R. Voltz -to-  
State of New Mexico

Attention: Mr. James M. Durrett, Jr.  
Special Assistant  
Attorney General

Dear Mr. Durrett:

Thank you for your letter of December 28. We have learned the identity of the new owner of this well, Kenneth V. Barbee Well No. 1, and are presently attempting to contact him. Upon our success, you will be so advised.

Thank you for the cooperation you have shown us in this matter.

Yours very truly,

*Wayne B. Anderson*

Wayne B. Anderson, Supervisor  
Surety Claims

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Date 1-23-63

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SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

*Case 2746*

October 19, 1962

Mr. Wayne B. Anderson, Supervisor  
Surety Claim Department  
Continental National Insurance Group  
310 South Michigan Avenue  
Chicago 4, Illinois

Re: Bond No. 2097047, M. R. Voltz,  
Blanket Plugging Bond

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Thank you for your letter of October 5, 1962.

Since receipt of your letter, Mr. H. R. "Bob" Hawkins of Batjer and Wetzel Insurance Adjusters called upon me to discuss the information that you requested in your letter. I am sure Mr. Hawkins has informed you of the results of our conversation, but I thought you might like the same confirmed by letter.

Referring to your letter of October 5, 1962, please be advised that the Commission can cancel the subject bond if another operator desires to take over the well and the new operator is properly bonded and has filed a C-110 Form showing change of ownership with the Commission.

I regret that we are unable to inform you as to whether or not the well has been purchased as our records will reflect this only when the C-110 Form showing change of ownership has been filed. Our records do not now reflect such a change in ownership.

As I suggested to Mr. Hawkins, it would seem to me that the best way to determine whether or not there had been a sheriff's sale and if so, the name of the purchaser, would be to check the records of the County Clerk in Chaves County. If the property was sold pursuant to a sheriff's sale, the deed should be recorded with the Clerk of the County.

In order to protect you against suit by third parties, I might suggest that once these parties are determined if they do not agree

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SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

October 19, 1962

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Mr. Wayne B. Anderson, Supervisor  
Surety Claim Department  
Continental National Insurance Group  
310 South Michigan Avenue  
Chicago 4, Illinois

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to allow you to plug the well, if you will so advise us we will docket a case to allow all interested parties to appear before the Commission and show cause, if any, as to why the well should not be plugged in accordance with the Commission Rules and Regulations. If good cause was not shown why the well should not be plugged, the Commission would then enter an order ordering you to plug the well. This should protect you from suits by third parties as you will then have to enter upon the land and plug the well or be in specific violation of an order of the Oil Conservation Commission and subject to suit by the Commission.

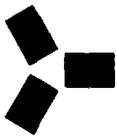
Also, please be advised that our records reflect that this is the only well drilled under the name of M. R. Voltz and not satisfactorily plugged and abandoned; therefore, upon proper disposition of this well we will be able to release the Blanket Plugging Bond.

Please advise me if you need any additional information. Also, I would appreciate your keeping me advised as to the status of your investigation concerning the present owners of the well. As this well has been abandoned for some time now, it will be necessary for us to docket a case concerning the same in the very near future unless proper disposition is made of the well.

Very truly yours,

JAMES M. DURRETT, Jr.,  
Special Assistant Attorney General

JMD/esr



CONTINENTAL NATIONAL INSURANCE GROUP

CASUALTY, FIRE AND SURETY CLAIM DEPARTMENT  
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October 5, 1962

*Case 2746*

State of New Mexico  
Oil Conservation Commission  
P.O. Box 871  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Attention: Mr. James M. Durrett, Jr.  
Special Assistant Attorney General

Dear Sir:

Bond 2097047  
M. R. Voltz -to-  
State of New Mexico  
Blanket Plugging Bond

Thank you for your letter of September 19 with enclosures.

Again, let me assure you of our desire to promptly discharge our just obligations. However, you will appreciate that in reaching a decision as to how to best accomplish this, we must exercise a degree of caution in discharging only those obligations which are properly ours, and assuring ourselves that there is no danger that in so doing we will exceed the penal limits of our bond, and that we do not give rise to additional liability to others as a result of actions we take.

I refer to the first and fourth paragraphs of the conditions of the bond, as well as the letter dated August 23, written to you by Mr. Risher M. Thornton, III, who is apparently attorney for the estate of our deceased principal. Apparently, the obligations of principal and surety to the State of New Mexico in regard to a given well would be terminated by the subsequent acquisition of that well by another bonded operator, if coupled with a lessor-lessee relationship between that subsequent operator and the State of New Mexico. Mr. Thornton's letter of August 23 indicates that the first of these conditions may have occurred, and we must request your advice as to whether the second has occurred.

We must also request your advice as to whether there are any other unplugged, abandoned or operating wells which may give rise to liability on the part of this company under the above captioned bond. In other words, upon the plugging of this well can our bond be released?

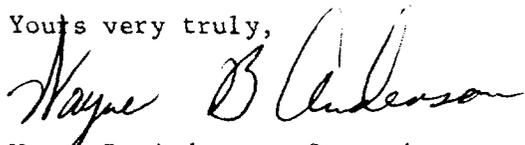
State of New Mexico

#2 October 5, 1962

We have not yet been able to determine whether this well was 'sold' to a third party. If it has, we would be running the risk of interfering with the property rights of the third party which might give rise to liabilities outside of the scope of our bond. Therefore, any advice you might be able to volunteer on how to determine the rights of third parties in this well would be appreciated. I would assume that this should be a matter of record, either in your office, or at the county level.

Thank you for the cooperation you are giving us in this matter.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wayne B. Anderson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Wayne B. Anderson, Supervisor  
Surety Claim Department

WBA:CM

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 871

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

*Case 2746*

September 19, 1962

Continental National Insurance Group  
Surety Claim Department  
310 South Michigan Avenue  
Chicago 4, Illinois

Attention: Mr. Wayne B. Anderson, Supervisor,  
Surety Claim Department

Re: Bond No. 2097047, M. R. Voltz,  
Blanket Plugging Bond

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter of September 10, 1962. Please find enclosed herewith a copy of the bond you executed as surety for Mr. M. R. Voltz. Also please find enclosed a copy of Section 65-3-10 and a copy of a portion of Section 65-3-11, New Mexico Statutes Annotated (1953 Compilation), relating to the Commission's power to require bonds and enforce plugging of wells.

Mr. M. L. Armstrong, District Supervisor, Oil Conservation Commission in Artesia, New Mexico, has recently furnished me the names of two plugging contractors which he considers to be reliable. They are Chase Well Service, P. O. Box 637, Artesia, New Mexico, and Hobbs Pipe and Supply, P. O. Box 1058, Hobbs, New Mexico.

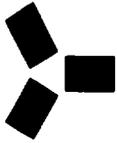
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Very truly yours,

JAMES M. DURRETT, Jr.,  
Special Assistant Attorney General

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CASUALTY, FIRE AND SURETY CLAIM DEPARTMENT  
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CHICAGO 4, ILLINOIS  
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*Case 2746*

September 10, 1962

State of New Mexico  
Oil Conservation Commission  
P. O. Box 9871  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Attention: Mr. James M. Durrett, Jr.  
Special Assistant to Attorney General

Dear Sir:

Bond #2097047  
M. R. Voltz -to-  
State of New Mexico  
Blanket Oil and Gas Lease Bond

Your letters of August 21 and August 3 have been forwarded to this office for our attention. We are presently undertaking an investigation in order to determine the most advisable method of bringing this matter to a satisfactory resolution. We understand that our principal, M. R. Voltz, is now deceased. We will therefore have to determine the status of his estate, as well as the status of title to the well in question. In addition, we would appreciate your supplying us with a copy of the bond we executed in this case, together with extracts of any pertinent statutes which you might have available. We will also appreciate your supplying us with names of any contractors in the vicinity of this well whom you believe might be interested in doing the required work.

We thank you for your anticipated cooperation and forbearance while we pursue our investigation of this matter.

Very truly yours,

*Wayne B. Anderson*

Wayne B. Anderson, Supervisor  
Surety Claim Department

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FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING  
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GEORGE B. DAVIS  
LAWRENCE L. FULLER  
SAM B. COBB, JR.

August 23, 1962

Post Office Box 913

(Case 2746)

Re: Well Plugging - Chaves County,  
New Mexico. Barbee No. 1 Well.

Oil Conservation Commission  
State of New Mexico  
P. O. Box 871  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Attention: Mr. James N. Durrett, Jr.  
Special Assistant Attorney General

Gentlemen:

Please refer to your letter of August 3, 1962 addressed to Mr. M. V. Voltz and Mr. Edward N. Ketchum of Continental Casualty Company. Mr. M. R. Voltz is deceased, having committed suicide last November, 1960. The well to which your letter refers was foreclosed on by several creditors, and apparently was sold at a sheriff's sale some time during this past year. Our files do not reflect the date of the sale or the actual purchaser; however, we have assumed that the well was purchased by the various lien creditors who brought the suit. I am notifying these parties of your letter, and am enclosing a copy of my letter to them in order that you may be advised of the various companies involved.

If we can be of additional assistance, please advise.

Yours very truly,

TURPIN, KERR, SMITH & DYER

cc: Mr. Edward N. Ketchum  
Continental Casualty Co.  
McNabb Building  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

By: *Risher M. Thornton, III*  
Risher M. Thornton, III

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. M. L. Armstrong, District Supervisor  
Oil Conservation Commission  
Artesia, New Mexico

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Date 8/23/62

# BERGER, BRIGGS & COMPANY

215 THIRD STREET, S. W., P. O. BOX 571, ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

PHONE 247-0444

August 22, 1962

*Case 2746*

James M. Durrett, Jr.  
Special Assistant Attorney General  
State of New Mexico  
Oil Conservation Commission  
P. O. Box 871  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Well Plugging - M. R. Voltz  
Chaves County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Durrett:

The well plugging bond in question was signed by me as the resident agent for Continental Casualty Company. However, the bond was written on the authority of the Lockwood Agency of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and I don't have the bond number available in our office. I am, therefore, sending your letter of August 21st and August 3rd to the Batjer Wetzel Adjusting Agency here in Albuquerque, who handle claims for Continental Casualty Company, and suggest that further correspondence be directed to them. Their Albuquerque address is 424 San Mateo Blvd, NE, and their resident manager is Mr. Hamilton Traylor.

Very truly yours,

BERGER, BRIGGS & COMPANY

*Edward N. Ketchum*

Edward N. Ketchum

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cc: Lockwood Insurance Agency  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Continental Casualty Company  
Central Branch Office  
310 South Michigan Avenue  
Chicago 4, Illinois

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Date 1/23/63

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LAW OFFICES  
**TURPIN, KERR, SMITH & DYER**

FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING  
MIDLAND, TEXAS

August 23, 1962

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POST OFFICE BOX 913

Re: **M. R. Volta Estate**  
**Barbee No. 1 Well**  
**Chaves County, New Mexico**

**Mr. Marion F. Allen**  
**Allen Drilling Company**  
**P. O. Box 981**  
**Odessa, Texas**

**Mr. Louis C. Ayres**  
**Division Credit Manager**  
**Halliburton Company**  
**P. O. Box 1889**  
**Midland, Texas**

**Mr. John B. Loftin**  
**The Western Company**  
**P. O. Box 186**  
**Fort Worth, Texas**

**Mr. R. S. Shalts**  
**Fort Worth Pipe & Supply Co.**  
**P. O. Box 2108**  
**Fort Worth, Texas**

**Mr. Edward H. Moores**  
**Jones & Laughlin Supply Division**  
**Drawer 2481**  
**Tulsa 2, Oklahoma**

**Gentlemen:**

I have received, and enclose herewith, a letter from the Oil Conservation Commission of the State of New Mexico dated August 3, 1962 relative to the captioned lease. Apparently, this well has not been properly plugged in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Conservation Commission. Although I have seen no order of sale, or other papers other than the initial petition for foreclosure, I assume that the foreclosure proceeding has taken place and that one or all of your companies have purchased this lease and have salvaged the equipment.

August 23, 1962

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It would appear that it would evolve upon the present owner or owners of the lease to do whatever may be necessary to satisfy the Conservation Commission relative to the plugging of this well. As you know, the Volts estate is insolvent, and does not have the funds available to remedy this matter. We, of course, will give you our fullest cooperation in any way, other than monetary consideration. I would appreciate your keeping me advised relative to this matter in order that I will know that the Conservation Commission regulations have been complied with.

Yours very truly,

TURPIN, KERR, SMITH & DYER

By:

Richard M. Thornton, III

TMM:dk

cc: Oil Conservation Commission  
State of New Mexico  
P. O. Box 671  
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 871

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Case 2746

August 21, 1962

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Mr. Edward M. Ketchum  
Resident Agent  
Continental Casualty Company  
215 Third, S.W.  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Re: Well Plugging - M. R. Volts,  
Chaves County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Ketchum:

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On August 3, 1962, we dispatched a letter to M. R. Volts and to you as Resident Agent for Continental Casualty Company, making demand for proper plugging of the Kenneth V. Barbee Well No. 1 in Chaves County, New Mexico. Our letter to you was returned by the Post Office marked "wrong address." We contacted the State Corporation Commission, Department of Insurance, and they furnished us the above address. Therefore, I am enclosing our letter of August 3, 1962.

Please be advised that the time for meeting the requirements set out in our letter of August 3, 1962, will be extended to September 21, 1962, due to the mis-direction of our letter of August 3. However, all requirements set out in our letter of August 3, 1962 must be satisfactorily met on or before September 21, 1962.

Very truly yours,

JAMES M. DURRITT, Jr.,  
Special Assistant Attorney General

JMD/esr

cc: Mr. M. L. Armstrong, District Supervisor  
Oil Conservation Commission  
Drawer DD - Artesia, New Mexico

Mr. M. R. Voltz  
1002 West Wall  
Midland, Texas

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 871

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Case 2746

August 3, 1962

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Midland, Texas

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Resident Agent  
Continental Casualty Company  
McNabb Building  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

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Re: Well Plugging - Chaves  
County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Y Pursuant to information furnished us by Mr. M. L. Armstrong, Supervisor, District No. II, Oil Conservation Commission in Artesia, New Mexico, we hereby make demand upon you to properly plug your Kenneth V. Barbee Well No. 1, located 660 feet from the East line and 1980 feet from the South line of Section 9, Township 11 South, Range 25 East, NMPH, Chaves County. This well must be plugged with a 25-sack plug at total depth, a 20-sack plug at 275 feet, and a 10-sack plug at the surface, with heavy mud between plugs. Also, a regulation marker must be placed on the well in a permanent manner, the pits must be filled, and the location cleared of all junk.

Unless these requirements are satisfactorily met on or before September 3, 1962, the Commission will be forced to enter an order to show cause why the wells should not be plugged and take other appropriate legal action to assure plugging the same.

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 871

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

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August 3, 1962

Mr. M. V. Volts  
1002 West Wall  
Midland, Texas

Mr. Edward W. Ketchum  
Resident Agent  
Continental Casualty Company  
McNabb Building  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Mr. Armstrong must be contacted and given an opportunity to witness the plugging as it is being accomplished.

Very truly yours,

JAMES H. DURRETT, Jr.,  
Special Assistant Attorney General

JMD/ear

cc: Mr. M. L. Armstrong  
District Supervisor  
Oil Conservation Commission  
Drawer 80  
Artesia, New Mexico

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A. L. PORTER, JR.  
SECRETARY - DIRECTOR

March 27, 1963

Mr. Charles F. Malone  
Atwood & Malone  
Attorneys at Law  
P. O. Box 700  
Roswell, New Mexico

Re: Case No. 2746  
Order No. R-2459  
Applicant:  
OCC

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced Commission order recently entered in the subject case.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A. L. Porter, Jr.".

A. L. PORTER, Jr.  
Secretary-Director

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Carbon copy of order also sent to:

Hobbs OCC     x    

Artesia OCC     x    

Aztec OCC           

OTHER Mr. Frank Irby

March 4, 1963

Steinberger Drilling Company  
P. O. Box 1137  
Roswell, New Mexico

Re: M. R. Voltz Well #1  
Section 9-11S-25E  
Chaves County, N.M.

Dear Mr. Steinberger:

Please note plugging program outlined below on the above mentioned well.

25 sacks at TD 930'.

25 sacks up from 650'.

10 sacks at top with marker.

With 10# mud between each plug.

There isn't any tubing in hole according to Mr. Lobley, our field man.

Very truly yours,

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MLA/jw

M. L. Armstrong  
Supervisor, District #2

cc: Mr. James M. Durrett, Jr.

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ROBERT A JOHNSON

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TELEPHONE 806 622-622  
SECURITY NATIONAL BANK BUILDING  
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO

March 1, 1963



Mr. M. L. Armstrong  
District Supervisor  
Oil Conservation Commission  
Post Office Drawer DD  
Artesia, New Mexico

Re: Kenneth V. Barbee Well, No. 1

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

We enclose for your files copies of the letters constituting offers for bids which we have mailed to Steinberger Drilling Company, Cap Fulton and Chase Well Service.

We have requested that these contractors obtain from your office the complete specifications for the work.

I expect that you will be hearing from these contractors in the near future, and we appreciate your cooperation in this respect.

It was a pleasure to meet you at Santa Fe.

With regards,

Very truly yours,

ATWOOD & MALONE

BY: 

CFM/mm  
Encl.

CC: James Durrett, Jr.  
Oil Conservation Commission  
Santa Fe, New Mexico