

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING  
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR  
THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 5276  
Order No. R-111-I

APPLICATION OF LELAND A. HODGES,  
TRUSTEE, FOR THE EXTENSION OF  
THE POTASH-OIL AREA, EDDY COUNTY,  
NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on July 17, 1974, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 3rd day of September, 1974, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony presented and the exhibits received at said hearing, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

(1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That the applicant, Leland A. Hodges, Trustee, is the owner of certain potash leases in Townships 22, 23, and 24 South, Ranges 29 and 30 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(3) That the applicant seeks the amendment of Order No. R-111-A, as amended, to extend the Potash-Oil Area as set forth in said order to include the following described lands in Eddy County, New Mexico:

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM

Section 31: SE/4

Section 32: All

Section 33: W/2, W/2 NE/4, SE/4 NE/4, and SE/4

Section 34: SW/4 SW/4 and E/2 E/2

Section 35: W/2 NW/4 and NE/4 NW/4

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TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM

Section 2: W/2 SW/4 and SE/4 SW/4

Sections 3, 4, & 5: All

Section 6: E/2

Section 7: NE/4

Section 8: N/2 and SE/4

Sections 9, 10, and 11: All

Section 12: S/2 N/2 and S/2

Sections 13, 14, and 15: All

Section 21: E/2

Sections 22 thru 27: All

Sections 34, 35, and 36: All

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM

Section 7: SW/4 NW/4 and S/2

Sections 16 thru 23: All

Section 26: W/2

Sections 27 thru 32: All

Section 33: N/2

Sections 35 and 36: All

TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM

Section 2: N/2

TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM

Section 2: N/2

(4) That the NE/4 NE/4 of Section 11, Township 23 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, is already included in the Potash-Oil Area as defined by Order No. R-111-A, as amended, and the application for inclusion of said quarter-quarter section in the area should be dismissed.

(5) That of the remaining lands described in Finding No. (3) above, and not described in Finding No. (4) above, the evidence presented at the hearing indicates that only the following described lands contain potash deposits in commercial quantities:

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM

Section 31: SE/4

Section 32: NE/4 and S/2

Section 33: W/2, NW/4 NE/4, S/2 NE/4, and SE/4

Section 34: SW/4 SW/4 and E/2 E/2

Section 35: N/2 NW/4 and SW/4 NW/4

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM

Section 2: W/2 SW/4 and SE/4 SW/4

Sections 3, 4, and 5: All

Section 6: E/2

Section 7: N/2 NE/4

Section 8: N/2 N/2 and SE/4 NE/4

Section 9: NW/4 and N/2 NE/4

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM cont'd

Section 10: All  
Section 11: NW/4, N/2 SW/4, W/2 NE/4, SE/4 NE/4,  
and SE/4  
Section 12: S/2 N/2 and S/2  
Section 13: E/2 E/2  
Section 15: W/2, W/2 E/2, and NE/4 NE/4  
Section 21: SE/4  
Section 22: W/2, W/2 NE/4, SE/4 NE/4, and SE/4  
Section 23: S/2  
Section 24: E/2 NE/4  
Section 26: All  
Section 27: N/2 and E/2 SE/4  
Section 34: E/2 NE/4 and NE/4 SE/4  
Section 35: NW/4, N/2 SW/4, W/2 NE/4, SE/4 NE/4,  
and NW/4 SE/4  
Section 36: S/2 NW/4, SW/4 NE/4, N/2 SW/4,  
and NW/4 SE/4

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM

Section 7: SW/4 NW/4 and S/2  
Sections 16, 17, and 18: All  
Section 19: N/2, NE/4 SW/4, and N/2 SE/4  
Section 20: SE/4 SE/4  
Section 21: SW/4 SW/4  
Section 28: W/2 W/2  
Section 29: E/2 E/2  
Section 32: NE/4 NE/4  
Section 33: NW/4 NW/4

(6) That to promote the orderly development of the natural resources in the potash-oil area, Order No. R-111-A, as amended, should be further amended to include in the Potash-Oil Area, as defined by said order, the lands described in Finding No. (5) above.

(7) That the application of Leland A. Hodges, Trustee, for the extension of the Potash-Oil Area to include those lands described in Finding No. (3) above but which are not described in Findings Nos. (4) and (5) above should be denied.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Order No. R-111-A, as amended, is hereby further amended to include the following described lands within the Potash-Oil Area in Lea and Eddy Counties, New Mexico:

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Section 32: NE/4 and S/2  
Section 33: W/2, NW/4 NE/4, S/2 NE/4, and SE/4  
Section 34: SW/4 SW/4 and E/2 E/2  
Section 35: N/2 NW/4 and SW/4 NW/4

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM

Section 2: W/2 SW/4 and SE/4 SW/4  
Sections 3, 4, and 5: All  
Section 6: E/2  
Section 7: N/2 NE/4  
Section 8: N/2 N/2 and SE/4 NE/4  
Section 9: NW/4 and N/2 NE/4  
Section 10: All  
Section 11: NW/4, N/2 SW/4, W/2 NE/4, SE/4 NE/4,  
and SE/4  
Section 12: S/2 N/2 and S/2  
Section 13: E/2 E/2  
Section 15: W/2, W/2 E/2, and NE/4 NE/4  
Section 21: SE/4  
Section 22: W/2, W/2 NE/4, SE/4 NE/4, and SE/4  
Section 23: S/2  
Section 24: E/2 NE/4  
Section 26: All  
Section 27: N/2 and E/2 SE/4  
Section 34: E/2 NE/4 and NE/4 SE/4  
Section 35: NW/4, N/2 SW/4, W/2 NE/4, SE/4 NE/4,  
and NW/4 SE/4  
Section 36: S/2 NW/4, SW/4 NE/4, N/2 SW/4,  
and NW/4 SE/4

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM

Section 7: SW/4 NW/4 and S/2  
Sections 16, 17, and 18: All  
Section 19: N/2, NE/4 SW/4, and N/2 SE/4  
Section 20: SE/4 SE/4  
Section 21: SW/4 SW/4  
Section 28: W/2 W/2  
Section 29: E/2 E/2  
Section 32: NE/4 NE/4  
Section 33: NW/4 NW/4

(2) That the application of Leland A. Hodges, Trustee, to include the NE/4 NE/4 of Section 11, Township 23 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, in the Potash-Oil Area as defined by Order No. R-111-A, as amended, is hereby dismissed.

(3) That the application of Leland A. Hodges, Trustee, to include in the Potash-Oil Area, as defined by Order No. R-111-A, as amended, the lands described in Finding No. (3) of this order but not described in Orders Nos. (1) and (2) above is hereby denied.

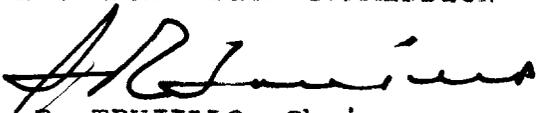
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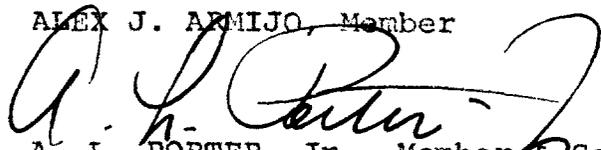
(4) That jurisdiction of this cause is hereby retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

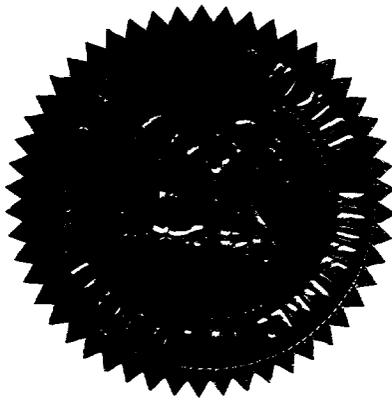
DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

  
I. R. TRUJILLO, Chairman

ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member

  
A. L. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary



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Applicant:  
Leland A. Hodges, Trustee

Dear Sir:

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

Very truly yours,

A. L. PORTER, Jr.  
Secretary-Director

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Copy of order also sent to:

Hobbs OCC     x      
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