

NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. 10561

IN THE MATTER OF:

The hearing called by the Oil
Conservation Division on its own
motion for an order creating and
extending certain pools in Eddy
and Lea Counties, New Mexico.

BEFORE:

DAVID R. CATANACH

Hearing Examiner

State Land Office Building

September 18, 1992

REPORTED BY:

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Certified Shorthand Reporter
for the State of New Mexico

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A P P E A R A N C E S

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WITNESSES FOR THE APPLICANT:

1.

ROY JOHNSON

Examination by Mr. Stovall

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Certificate of Reporter

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Exhibit No. 1

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1 EXAMINER CATANACH: At this time we'll
2 call Case 10561, which is in the matter of the
3 hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division
4 on its own motion for an order creating and
5 extending certain pools in Eddy and Lea Counties,
6 New Mexico.

7 Are there appearances in this case?

8 MR. STOVALL: Robert G. Stovall of
9 Santa Fe on behalf of the Division. I have
10 the closest thing to a witness we could
11 find.

12 THE WITNESS: A warm body.

13 EXAMINER CATANACH: Any other
14 appearances?

15 Will the witness, please, stand to be
16 sworn in.

17 ROY JOHNSON

18 Having been duly sworn upon his oath, was
19 examined and testified as follows:

20 EXAMINATION

21 BY MR. STOVALL:

22 Q. Would you, please, state your name?

23 A. Roy Johnson.

24 Q. What do you do to occupy your days?

25 A. Well, the Oil Conservation Division

1 pays my days, I guess. They sign the check
2 anyway.

3 Q. What do you do there?

4 A. It's a secret. Come on, Stovall, get
5 on with it.

6 Q. How are you employed?

7 A. By the Oil Conservation Division.

8 Q. In what capacity?

9 A. As Senior Petroleum Geologist.

10 Q. And do you know why you're here today?

11 A. I do.

12 Q. Would you explain that, please, to the
13 Examiner?

14 A. Why do you change these things all the
15 time?

16 Q. I just wanted to see if you're
17 listening.

18 EXAMINER CATANACH: Keeps it
19 interesting.

20 A. To present exhibits in the matter of
21 nomenclature for Lea County.

22 Q. Lea and Eddy Counties, how about that?

23 A. Eddy County?

24 Q. Both counties, Lea and Eddy.

25 A. No. Can't be Lea and Eddy.

1 EXAMINER CATANACH: It's Lea and Eddy,
2 Mr. Johnson.

3 THE WITNESS: Is that a fact?

4 Q. (BY MR. STOVALL) That's what the
5 docket says, Mr. Johnson.

6 A. The docket could be wrong.

7 Q. That would be a good question. You say
8 you have some exhibits, Mr. Johnson. How are
9 they denominated?

10 A. Exhibit 1.

11 Q. Have you had the opportunity to compare
12 Exhibit 1 with the docket to ensure that they are
13 the same, or are we missing a county?

14 A. No.

15 EXAMINER CATANACH: Mr. Johnson, I'd
16 like to point out -- you did find that?

17 THE WITNESS: Yes.

18 Q. (BY MR. STOVALL) Are there any
19 differences between the docket and Exhibit 1?

20 A. There are no differences between them;
21 however, we would like to have paragraph A
22 dismissed.

23 Q. It is regarding the -- which pool is
24 that? The creation of a new pool?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And that is because that matter was
2 heard before the Examiner in a separate case; is
3 that correct?

4 A. That is correct.

5 Q. And are you recommending that Exhibit 1
6 be adopted as a nomenclature order for this
7 hearing?

8 A. I am.

9 Q. And was Exhibit 1 prepared in the
10 ordinary course of business of the Oil
11 Conservation Division as an official record?

12 A. It was.

13 Q. Do you have anything further to add to
14 your testimony that's within the scope of this
15 hearing?

16 A. No, I do not.

17 MR. STOVALL: I move the admission of
18 Exhibit 1 and recommend we get out of here as
19 quickly as possible.

20 EXAMINER CATANACH: Exhibit 1 will be
21 admitted as evidence and paragraph A under 10561
22 is hereby dismissed.

23 Anything further in this case? There
24 being nothing further, Case 10561 will be taken
25 under advisement.

[And the proceedings were concluded.]

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is
a complete record of the proceedings in
the Examiner hearing of Case No. 10561,
heard by me on September 17 1992.

David R. Cotam, Examiner
Oil Conservation Division

1 CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

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

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6 I, Debbie Vestal, Certified Shorthand
7 Reporter and Notary Public, HEREBY CERTIFY that
8 the foregoing transcript of proceedings before
9 the Oil Conservation Division was reported by me;
10 that I caused my notes to be transcribed under my
11 personal supervision; and that the foregoing is a
12 true and accurate record of the proceedings.

13 I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am not a
14 relative or employee of any of the parties or
15 attorneys involved in this matter and that I have
16 no personal interest in the final disposition of
17 this matter.

18 WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OCTOBER 7,
19 1992.

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