Fasken vs. NMOCC & Mewbourne

CIV-98

Devovo Cases No. 11723 and 11755 And Case No. 10872

R-10872-B



Fifth Judicial District State of New Mexico

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Marilyn S. Hebert Oil Conservation 2040 S. Pacheco Sante Fe, New Mexico

Eleanor Jarnagin Clerk of the District Court Eddy County

Dear Ms. Hebert:

RE: CV-98-54-JLS

FASKEN OIL & RANCH LTD., ETAL

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF N.M., ETAL

This case is now complete, and we are returning your records and exhibits. Thank you.

Sincerely:

Hatfield: Chief Deputy Clerk

Fasken v. OCC, Mewbourne and Texaco, CIV 98-54-JS, Fifth Judicial District, Eddy County —

Fasken filed its dismissal of its appeal of the Commission's order on September 3.

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September 1, 1998

Honorable James L. Shuler District Court Judge P. O. Box 1626 Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220

Re: CIV 98-54-JS

Fasken Oil and Ranch, Ltd. and Fasken Land and Minerals, Ltd. vs Oil Conservation Commission State of New Mexico, Mewbourne Oil Company and Texaco Exploration and Production, Inc.

Dear Judge Shuler:

Please find enclosed the original of the stipulation and motion for dismissal of appeal which has now been signed by the parties and attorneys involved in the referenced matter. Also enclosed is a proposed order of dismissal.

Please call me if you have any questions.

W. Thomas Kellahin

cc: Oil Conservation Commission

Attn: Lyn Hebert, Esq.

Mewbourne Oil Corporation

Attn: James Bruce, Esq.

Texaco Exploration and Production

Attn: William F. Carr, Esq.

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF EDDY

FASKEN OIL AND RANCH, LTD. AND FASKEN LAND AND MINERALS, LTD., Petitioners/Appellants

vs.

No. CIV 98-54-JS

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO,
MEWBOURNE, OIL COMPANY and
TEXACO EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION, INC.,
Respondents/Appellees

ORDER OF DISMISSAL OF APPEAL

This matter having come before the Court upon the joint stipulation and motion for dismissal of appeal submitted by all parties involved in this matter and the Court being fully advised thereof;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT motion for dismissal is hereby granted and this appeal is dismissed with prejudice.

James L. Shuler
District Court Judge

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W. Thomas Kellahin, Esq. Attorney for Appellants

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF EDDY

FASKEN OIL AND RANCH, LTD. AND FASKEN LAND AND MINERALS, LTD., Petitioners/Appellants

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OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO,
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TEXACO EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION, INC.,
Respondents/Appellees

STIPULATION AND MOTION FOR DISMISSAL OF APPEAL

COMES NOW, FASKEN OIL AND RANCH, LTD. and FASKEN LAND AND MINERALS, LTD, (collectively "Fasken"), MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY ("Mewbourne") and hereby move the Court for Dismissal of this appeal, stipulating as follows:

(1) This is an appeal by Fasken to the District Court of an order issued by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission being Order R-10872-B entered in Cases 11755(DeNovo), 11723(DeNovo) and 11868(DeNovo);

- (2) Fasken and Mewbourne have agreed to settle this appeal and related litigation in Cause 41,601 in the 142nd Judicial District Court of Midland County, Texas;
- (3) The parties have agreed to settle this matter only in order to avoid further trouble, litigation and expense;
- (4) It is agreed that by dismissing this appeal, neither Fasken nor Mewbourne is conceding or admitting the validity or invalidity of any issue raised in this appeal.

Wherefore, Fasken and Mewbourne jointly move that the Court dismiss this appeal with prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTORNEY FOR MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY, Appellee

Approved:

Fasken Land and Minerals, Ltd.

Fasken Oil and Ranch, Ltd.

Mewbourne Oil Company

Concurrence of counsel:

Marilyn S. Hebert, Esq. for Oil Conservation Commission

William F! Carr, Esq. for

Texaco Exploration and Production, Inc.

PROOF OF SERVICE

Pursuant to Rule 1-074-NMRA 1997, I, W. Thomas Kellahin, hereby certify that on the 177 day of Section 1998, I hand delivered a copy of this Stipulation for Dismissal to all of the counsel of record in these proceedings as follows:

Lyn Hebert, Esq.
Oil Conservation Commission
2040 South Pacheco
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Attorney for the Commission

James Bruce, Esq. 612 Old Santa Fe Trail Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501 (505) 982-2043 Attorney for Mewbourne Oil Company

William F. Carr, Esq. 510 Guadalupe Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501 (505) 988-4421

Attorney for Texaco Exploration and Production, Inc.

W. Thomas Kellahin

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During the July 8 telephone status conference, Mewbourne claimed the parties may settle. If not, the Judge will set a briefing schedule, possibly in August.

As of August 24, there was still no word from Mewbourne and the Judge had not set a briefing schedule.

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August 27, 1998

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Re: CIV 98-54-JS

Fasken Oil and Ranch, Ltd. and Fasken Land and Minerals, Ltd. vs Oil Conservation Commission State of New Mexico, Mewbourne Oil Company and Texaco Exploration and Production, Inc.

Dear Lyn:

Enclosed is the original of the Stipulation and Motion for Dismissal of Appeal for the referenced case.

I would appreciate you signing the motion on behalf of the Commission and returning it to me for submittal to the court.

Very truly yours,

W. Thomas Kellahin

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The Honorable James L. Shuler Fifth Judicial District Court P.O. Box 1626 Carlsbad, NM 88220

Re: Fasken Oil and Ranch, Ltd., et al. v. Oil Conservation Commission of The State of New Mexico, et al.

Fifth Judicial District Court No. CV 98-54-JS

Dear Judge Shuler:

As you know, a scheduling hearing is set in this case for Wednesday, July 9, 1998. I would appreciate your scheduling the hearing on this motion at that time.

Very truly yours,

William F. Carr

WFC/ss Enclosures

cc: All Counsel (Via Facsimile and U.S. Mail)

2040 South Pacheco Street Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

June 26, 1998

Ms. Ann Trew, Secretary The Honorable James L. Shuler's Office Fifth Judicial District Post Office Box 1626 Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220

Re: Fasken Oil & Ranch, Ltd. et al. v. Oil Conservation Commission, et al. No. CV 98-54-JS

Dear Ms. Trew:

As you will recall, a hearing on the status of the above-referenced case will by held by telephone conference call on Wednesday, July 8, 1998, at 9:00 am. I have been informed by our state telephone service that Judge Shuler's office and the attorneys of record in this case must call (505) 827-4066 at 8:55 a.m. on July 8 so that all of us can be connected by 9:00 a.m. by way of an "external conference bridge."

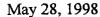
By way of copies of this letter to the attorneys in this case, I am asking that each of them call the above 'bridge" number so that we can proceed with the hearing.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please contact me at 827-1364 if you have any questions or comments.

Marilyn S. Hebert

cc: W. Thomas Kellahin William F. Carr

James Bruce



Ms. Ann Trew, Secretary
The Honorable James L. Shuler's Office
Fifth Judicial District
Post Office Box 1626
Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220

Re: Fasken Oil & Ranch, Ltd. et al. v. Oil Conservation Commission, et al. No. CV 98-54-JS

Dear Ms. Trew:

This letter is to confirm our conversation yesterday regarding the July 8, 1998 status conference setting before Judge Shuler. I understand Judge Shuler is agreeable to the counsel participating in this hearing by telephone. I shall initiate the conference call with the intent of connecting with Judge Shuler at 9:00 am on July 8, 1998.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please contact me at 827-1364 if there has been any misunderstanding.

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Mafilyn S. Hebert

cc: W. Thomas Kellahin William F. Carr James Bruce April 29, 1998

The Honorable James L. Shuler District Court Judge, Division V Fifth Judicial District Post Office Box 1626 Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220

Re: Fasken Oil & Ranch, Ltd. et al. v. Oil Conservation Commission, et al.

No. CV 98-54 JS

Dear Judge Shuler:

The above-referenced case is an appeal of a New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission decision brought in the District Court pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 70-2-25(B) and Rule 1-074 NMRA 1998. On April 28, 1998, I received a copy of a brief in chief filed with the Court by the Petitioner-Appellee Fasken Oil and Ranch, Ltd. and Fasken Land and Minerals, Ltd. However, NMSA 1978, § 70-2-25(B) has no reference to briefs to be filed by the parties. It has been the usual practice that the parties to these appeals file briefs based on a briefing schedule set by the District Court. No such schedule has been requested by any party or established by the Court in this appeal. Additionally, Rule 1-074 NMRA 1998(O) states: "Briefs may be filed only by leave of the district court and upon such conditions as the court may direct."

I believe the parties need direction from the Court as to how to proceed in this matter. If the Court thinks briefs, in addition to the statements of appellate issues all parties have filed, are needed, I request that the parties file such briefs in accordance with a briefing schedule.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely.

Marilyn S. Hebert

cc: William F. Carr James Bruce

W. Thomas Kellahin

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Re: CIV 98-54-JS

Fasken Oil and Ranch, Ltd. and Fasken Land and Minerals, Ltd. vs Oil Conservation Commission State of New Mexico, Mewbourne Oil Company and Texaco Exploration and Production, Inc.

Dear Ms. Jarnagin:

Please find enclosed for filing in the referenced case, Fasken's Brief in Chief. I have enclosed a copy of the cover sheet along with my stamped self addressed envelope. Please return a conformed copy to me showing the filing date.

Please call me if you have any questions.

W. Thomas Kellahin

cc: Oil Conservation Commission

Attn: Lyn Hebert, Esq.

Mewbourne Oil Corporation

Attn: James Bruce, Esq.

Texaco Exploration and Production

Attn: William F. Carr, Esq.

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION 2040 South Pacheco Street Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505 (505) 827-7131

March 27, 1998

Eleanor Jarnagin, Clerk Fifth Judicial District Court Eddy County Courthouse 100 N. Canal, Room 305 Carlsbad, new Mexico 88220

Re: Fasken Oil & Ranch, Ltd. et al. v. Oil Conservation Commission, et al. No. CV 98-54-JS

Dear Ms. Jarnagin:

Enclosed please find the original and a copy of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission's Statement of Appellate Issues. Please file the original in the above-referenced case and conform the copy and return to me in the enclosed envelope.

Thank you for your assistance.

Silicelety,

Marilyn S. Hebert

cc: W. Thomas Kellahin William F. Carr James Bruce

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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISIO

Dear Ms. Jarnagin:

Please find enclosed Fasken's Statement of Appellate Issues to be filed in the referenced case.

I have enclosed a copy of the first page of this pleading and I would appreciate you endorsing it and mailing it back to me in the enclosed stamped envelope.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

W. Thomas Kellahin

cc: counsel of record

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February 12, 1998

Eleanor Jarnagin, Clerk Fifth Judicial District Court Eddy County Courthouse 100 N. Canal, Room 305 Carlsbad, new Mexico 88220

Re: Fasken Oil & Ranch, Ltd. et al. v. Oil Conservation Commission, et al. No. CV 98-54-JS

Dear Ms. Jarnagin:

Enclosed please find for filing pursuant to Rule 1-074(H) NMRA 1998 the record on appeal of the proceedings being appealed to the district court from the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission. Please file the original of the **Record on Appeal Contents**, conform the copy of that document only and return to me in the enclosed envelope.

Please call me if you have any questions at (505) 827-1364. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Marilyn S. Hebert

cc: W. Thomas Kellahin - Record on Appeal Contents

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Re: Fifth Judicial District Court Case CIV 98-54-JS Fasken Oil and Ranch, Ltd. and Fasken Land and Minerals, Ltd. vs Oil Conservation Commission State of New Mexico, Mewbourne Oil Company and Texaco Exploration and Production, Inc.

Dear Counsel of Record:

In accordance with Rule 1-074 NMRA 1997, on January 27, 1997 we delivered to each of you a copy of Fasken's Notice of Appeal in this referenced matter which was docketed on January 28, 1998 by the District Court Clerk as Case CIV 98-54-JS. I have enclosed an endorsed copy of the first page of the Notice of Appeal for your records.

Today I received notice that the Commission had filed the Record of Appeal. Thus in accordance with Rule 1-074 NMRA 1997, the Appellant's Statement of Appellate Issues is to be filed with the District Court on or before March 14, 1998.

In accordance with Rule 1-074 NMRA 1997, I would appreciate Ms. Hebert sending me a bill if there is any charge for the preparation of the transcript of proceedings which we will immediately pay. Please call me if you have any questions.

W. Thomas Kellahin

cfx: Fasken Land and Minerals, Ltd. Attn: Sally Kvasnicka

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF EDDY

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DISTRICT COURT CLERK

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FASKEN OIL AND RANCH, LTD. AND FASKEN LAND AND MINERALS, LTD., Petitioners/Appellants

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No. CIV 98-<u>54</u> 95

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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TEXACO EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION, INC.,
Respondents/Appellees

NOTICE OF APPEAL
AND
PETITION FOR REVIEW
OF A DECISION OF
THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO

COMES NOW, FASKEN OIL AND RANCH, LTD. and FASKEN LAND AND MINERALS, LTD, (collectively "Fasken"), pursuant to the provisions of Section 70-2-25(B) NMSA 1978 and Rule 1-074 NMRA 1997, files this Notice of Appeal and respectfully petitions the Court for review of the actions of the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico in Cases 11755 (DeNovo) 11723 (DeNovo) and 11868(DeNovo) on the Commission's docket and its Order R-10872-A entered therein.

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JAN 2 1998

Dear Ms. Jarnagin:

Please find enclosed:

- (a) Notice of Appeal and Petition for Review of a decision of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
- (b) my check in the amount of \$82.00 for the filing fee.

I would appreciate you calling my office to confirm filing of this appeal. The deadline for filing in your office is Friday, January 30, 1998.

I have also enclosed a copy of the first page of the Notice and I would appreciate you endorsing it and mailing it back to me in the enclosed stamped envelope.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

W. Thomas Kellahin

Fasken v. OCC, Mewbourne and Texaco, CIV 98-54-JS, Fifth Judicial District, Eddy County —

The Judge has set a status conference hearing for July 8 in Carlsbad. Lyn contacted the Judge's secretary and arranged to have the hearing by telephone. Lyn will initiate the call.

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the Ct as Rule 1-074 (O) states that briefs
were to be filled only by leave of the dist. CT. As the Protesoner has filed to brief, the Commission, asks to be allowed to file an Unsung that a pringing schedule be entered by order Mieu & anosted matter, Dexacts M& be excused from the case Jom & to report to ct. a Dues 18 so on settlement Jun & hours set a briefing & it no settlement 1/1/98- pen Druce thinks companies have settled-all but paperunk. We should give them a number so before doing buefs