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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION STATE OF NEW MEXICO

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

Case N o. 387

July 24, 1952.

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CASE 387

In the matter of the application of Amerada Petroleum Corporation for an order permitting dual completion of its State "MA" No. 1 well, Moore-Devonian pool, SW/4 SW/4 Sec. 24, T. 11 S, R. 32 E., NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, in such a manner as to produce oil from the Devonian formation and gas from the Wolfcamp formation.

BEFORE: Hon. R. R. Spurrier, Secretary and Member.

(See Transcript of case 386 for register of attendance.)

MR. SPURRIER: Mr. Christie, Case No. 387.

R. S. CHRISTIE, having been first duly sworn, made the following statement:

MR. CHRISTIE: My name is R. S. Christie. I work for the Amerada Petroleum Corporation as division engineer for Texas-New Mexico.

MR. SPURRIER: You have been qualified several times before the Commission.

MR. CHRISTIE: Yes, sir.

MR. SPURRIER: Go ahead with your testimony.

MR. CHRISTIE: This is an application of the Amerada Petroleum Corporation for permission to dually complete its State "MA" Well No. 1, located in the SWSW of Sec. 24, T. 11 S, R. 33 E, NMPM in the Moore-Devonian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

I would like to present as Exhibit No. 1 an area map

showing the location of the subject well and surrounding drilling wells in the area. At the present time there is only one completed well in this Moore-Devonian Pool, which is the Texas Company's Moore No. 1. And which is completed in the Devonian formation as an oil well.

As Exhibit No. 2 I will present some pertinent data pertaining to this State "MA" No. 1. The pertinent data sheet shows the location of the well, the spudding date, completion date, and the casing program, formation tops from the Wolfcamp to the Devonian, the perforated section in the Wolfcamp formation and the Devonian formation, and the potentials of the two producing formations. The potential of the Wolfcamp flowed 40.55 bbls of condensate in 14 hours through casing, 10 hours on 12/64" choke with the rate of 1,480 MCF per day with gas condensate ration of 25,965 cu. ft.; and 4 hours on 16/64" chock at the rate of 2,460 MCF per day, 460 MCF rather, per day, with gas condensate ratio of 24,375 cu ft. Corrected gravity was 60.60 API. The well stablized on the 12/64" choke at a casing pressure of 1,700 lbs. And the last hour on the quarter-inch choke the casing pressure was 1,550 lbs. The shut-in pressure was 2,100 lbs.

The potential on the Devonian was 677 bbls of oil in 20 hours on a 3/4" choke, and tubing pressure of 60 lbs., gas volume of 17,790 cu. ft. per day. Gas-oil ratio was 22 cu. ft. per barrel. There is an error in that (referring to the exhibit). This would give a 24-hour potential of 812 bbls

per day. The gravity of the Devonian oil was 46.60 API corrected.

As Exhibit No. 3 I would like to present a Schlumberger of the subject well, which shows the tops of the Wolfcamp formation and the other pertinent tops from the Wolfcamp on down to the Devonian; the top of the Pennsylvanian, and so forth.

As Exhibit No. 4 I present a diagrammatic sketch of the dual completion on the subject well. This diagram shows the equipment that has been placed in the well. And you will note we have a packer set at 8,563 ft., which separates the Wolfcamp from the Devonian. Just above the packer we have an Otis removable separation tool, which separates the two zones. By running straight through the separation tool you blank off the upper zone or gas from the casing, and produce from the Devonian. To produce the upper zone through the tubing it is necessary to blank off the lower zone by a blank assembly. The casing is perforated opposite the Wolfcamp from 8150 to 8195. The casing perforations in the Devonian are from 10,450 to 10,500. Tubing is set at 10,668, and perforations from 10,664 to 10,668. Five and 1/8 casing set at 10,700. And the drilled out depth is 10,676. You will note the top of the cement between the $5\frac{1}{2}$ and 8-5/8 is at 7,393.

At the present time, the well is completed with production coming through the casing, gas production coming from the asing, and oil production through the tubing.

For the record, I would like to state that we had permission to dually complete the well by authority of a telegram dated 23 June 1952 and signed by R. R. Spurrier.

Therefore, Mr. Commissioner, we ask permission to dually complete State "MA" No. 1 as a gas- oil dual completion, and permission to produce it under those conditions. As stated in our letter of June 24, the gas from this well, if approved, will be used for fuel purposes to rigs drilling in the general Our June report indicates we had 14 rigs tied onto our gas system that comes from the Bagley Siluro-Devonian field and the Bagley-Pennsylvanian field. At this time we are in need of extra gas because of our gas-lift system in the Bagley fields. And we would appreciate permission to produce gas from this well as soon as possible.

MR. SPURRIER: You are willing that the order of the Commission be similar to orders issued in the past on dual completions?

MR. CHRISTIE: Yes, sir. shutin pending the decision of the Commission on the dual com-The gas, of course, is now pletion.

MR. MACEY: Do you have any idea about how much gas you intend to use?

MR. CHRISTIE: We estimate that about 1,000,000 cu. ft. a day for these drilling wells. Of course, that will be a

legal use. We would be entitled to produce that if the dual completion is approved.

MR. SPURRIER: You offer these exhibits as evidence in the record?

MR. CHRISTIE: Yes, sir, I do.

MR. SPURRIER: Without objection, they will be received. Mr. Christie, I will recommend to the Commission that your application be approved. And you will get an order signed as soon as the Commission will sign it, if the Commission will sign it.

MR. CHRISTIE: Thank you. Any questions?

MR. MACEY: I have no more.

MR. CHRISTIE: That is all I have. I might state for the record we have found no oil from the Wolfcamp in this area. All tests in the Wolfcamp have been gas.

MR. SPURRIER: That's all.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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COUNTY OF BERNALILLO

I HEREBY CERTIFY That the foregoing transcript is a true record of the matters therein contained.

DONE at Albuquerque, N. M., July 26, 1952.

E. E. Greeson Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 8-4-52

AIR MAIL

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission Santa Fe, New Mexico

Attention: Mr. R. R. Spurrier, Secretary.

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Corporation for permission to dually
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located in SW/4 SW/4 Section 24,
Township 11 South, Range 33 East,
NMPN, Moore Devonian Pool, Lea County,
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Applicant represents that it is practical and economically feasible to dually complete its State "MA" No. 1 to produce oil from the Devonian formation through the tubing and gas from the Wolfcamp formation through the annulus with proper packer and well head connections.

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission

June 24, 1952

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Respectfully submitted,

AMERADA PETROLEUM CORPORATION

J. O. Hathaway

Division Superintendent

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Moore Devonian Pool, Lea County. New Mexico.

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R S CHRISTIE AMERADA PETROLEUM CORP-THE CALL JUN 24 1952

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June 24, 1952

AIR MAIL

Mr. R. R. Spurrier, Secretary New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission P. O. Box 871 Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Spurrier:

Attached hereto is an application for permission to dually complete our State "MA" No. 1, Lea County, New Mexico. Due to the urgency of the gas supply situation and in order not to cut off gas to drilling rigs in the general area of the above well, it will be appreciated if this hearing can be scheduled on July 15, 1952, the date of the July statewide hearing.

The only offset operator to the "MA" lease is the Texas Company. A copy of this application has been furnished them in order that they may be fully informed.

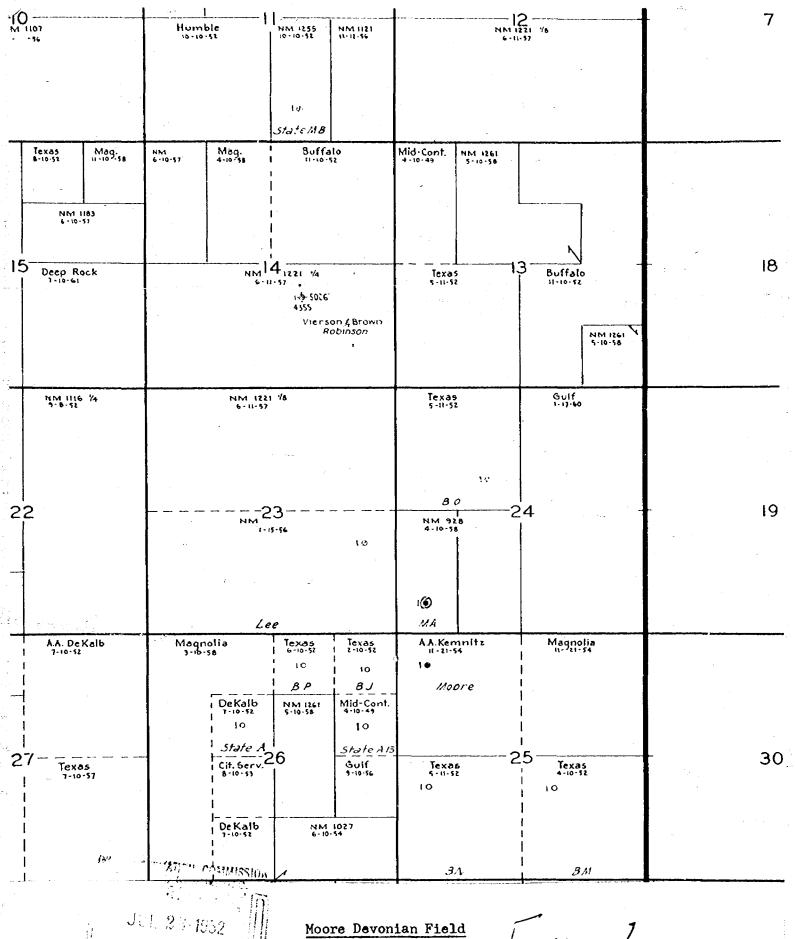
Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

P. S. Christie

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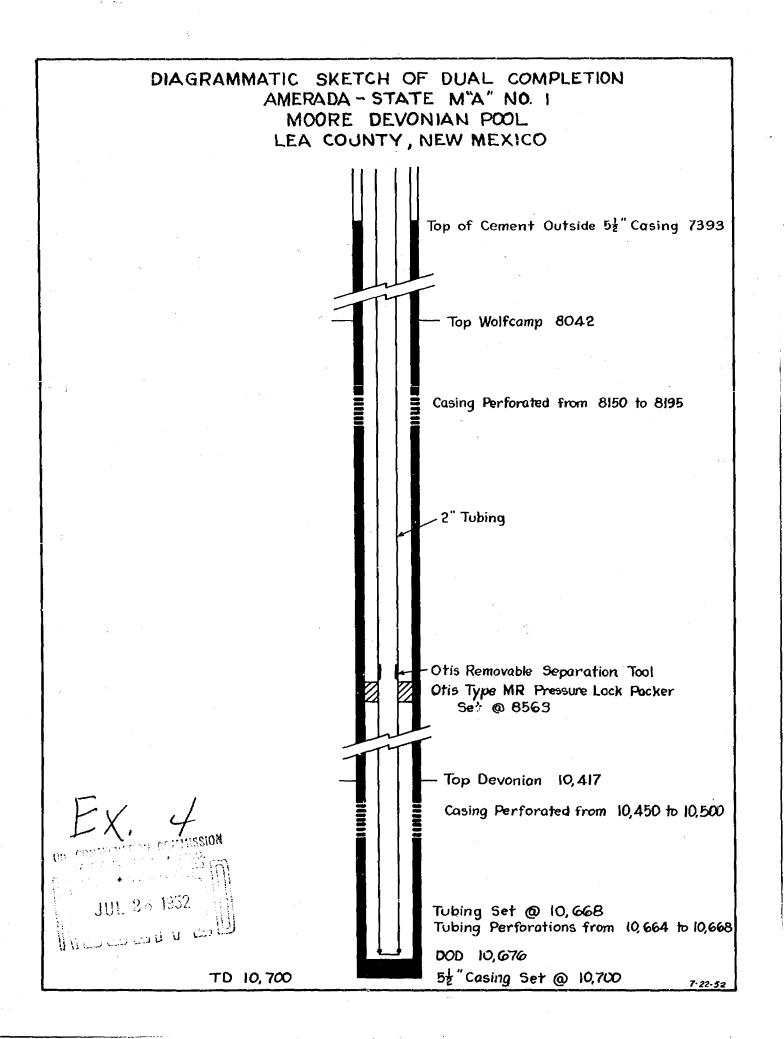
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Moore Devonian Field
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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION SANTA FE - NEW MEXICO

The State of New Mexico by its Oil Conservation Commission hereby gives notice pursuant to law and the rules and regulations of said Commission promulgated thereunder of the following special public hearing to be held at 9:00 a.m. on July 24, 1952, at Mabry Hall. State Capitol, in the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO:

All named parties and persons having any right, title, interest or claim in the following case, and notice to the public.

CASE 387

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GIVEN under the seal of the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico this 9th day of July, 1952.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

R. R. Spurrier, Secretary

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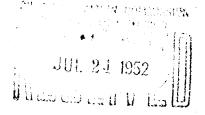
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June 24, 1952

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission

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Respectfully submitted,

AMERADA PETROLEUM CORPORATION

J. O. Hathaway Division Superintendent

RSC/mm

PERTINENT DATA AMERADA PETROLEUM CORPORATION STATE "MA" WELL, NO. 1 MOORE DEVONIAN POOL

Location:

Spudded: Harch 30, 1952 Completed: July 14, 1952 Casing Prograv:

Formation Tops:

Perforations:

Potential:

660' from the southline 660' from the west line Section 24, Twp. 115, Rge. 32E Lea County, New Mexico

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133/8" set at 300' with 225 sacks
85/8" set at 3450' with 1500 sacks
52" set at 10,700' with 600 sacks

Wolfcamp 8042 (-3701)
Pennsylvanian (xx) 8258 (-3917)
Mississippi Chert 9974 (-5633)
Devonian 10417 (-6076)

Wolfcamp 8150-8195 Devonian 10,450-10,500

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Register for Special Hearing July 24

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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. 387 ORDER NO. R-182

THE APPLICATION OF AMERADA
PETROLEUM CORPORATION FOR AN
ORDER GRANTING PERMISSION TO DUALLY
COMPLETE AND PRODUCE ITS STATE "MA",
WELL NO. 1, SW/4 SW/4 SECTION 24,
TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, NMPM,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO IN THE MOOREDEVONIAN POOL.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing on July 24, 1952, at 9:00 a.m. at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission".

NOW, on this 12^{-2} day of August 1952, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony adduced at the 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 applicant's State "MA" Well No. 1, SW SW, Section 24, Township Il South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, was completed in July, 1952, as an oil well producing from the Devonian formation through perforations 10,450 10,500, having drilled through the Wolfcamp gas zone (8150-8195).
- (3) That although recent experiments tend to show that mechanical packers and other devices are ordinarily available for successful dual/multiple completions of oil gas wells, the Commission is unconvinced of the soundness, as a waste-prevention practice, of such dual/multiple completions as a general practice in New Mexico without specific controls over each such project.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That the applicant herein, Amerada Petroleum Corporation, be, and it hereby is authorized to dually complete and produce its State "MA", Well No. 1, SW/4 SW/4 Section 24, Township 11 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, in such a manner that gas from the Wolfcamp formation may be produced through the annular space between the casing and the tubing, and oil from the Devonian formation through the tubing by proper perforations and the installation of a proper packer or packers.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That subject well shall be completed, and the reafter produced, in such a manner that there will be no commingling within the well bore, either within or outside the casing, of gas, oil and gas, or oil produced from either or both of the separate strata,

PROVIDED FURTHER, That said subject well for dual completion and production shall be equipped in such a way that reservoir pressures may be determined separately for each of the two specified strata, and further, be equipped with all necessary connections required to permit recording meters to be installed and used, at any time, as may be required by the Commission or its representatives, in order that natural gas, oil, or oil and gas from each separate stratum may be accurately measured and the gas-oil ratio thereof determined, and,

PROVIDED FURTHER, That the operator applicant shall make any and all tests, including segregation tests, but not excluding other tests and/or determinations at any convenient time and in such manner as deemed necessary by the Commission; the original and all subsequent tests shall be witnessed by representatives of the Commission and by representatives of offset operators, if any there be, at their election, and the results of each test properly attested to by the applicant herein and all witnesses, and shall be filed with the Commission within ten (10) days after the completion of such test, and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That jurisdiction of this cause is hereby retained by the Commission for such further order or orders as may seem necessary or convenient for the prevention of waste and/or protection of correlative rights; upon failure of applicant to comply with any requirement of this order after proper notice and hearing, the Commission may terminate the authority hereby granted and require applicant or its successors and assigns to limit its activities to regular single-

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Chairman

Secretary

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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. 367 ORDER No. 267

State 'MA, will

THE APPLICATION OF AMERICA PETROLEUM COMPORATION FOR AN ORDER GRANTING PERMISSION TO DUALLY COMPLETE AND PRODUCE ITS STATE "MAY, WELL NO. 1, SI/4SW/4 SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, NAPM, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO IN THE MOORE-DEVONIAN POOL.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Edwin L. Mechem, Chairman

Guy Shepard, Member

R. R. Spurrier, Secretary

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