CASE 5281: Application of MORRIS R. ANTWEIL FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME, ORDER NO. 4772, EDDY COUNTY.

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BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION Santa Fe, New Mexico July 24, 1974

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of Morris R. Antweil for an extension of time, Order No. R-4772, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Case No. 5281

BEFORE: Richard L. Stamets, Examiner.

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

APPEARANCES

For the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission:

William Carr, Esq.
Legal Counsel for the
Commission
State Land Office Bldg.
Santa Fe, New Mexico

For the Applicant:

Donald G. Stevens, Esq. 214 Old Santa Fe Trail Santa Fe, New Mexico

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Direct Examination by Mr. Stevens

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Applicant's Exhibit No. 1

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MR. STAMETS: We'll call the next Case, 5281.

MR. CARR: Application of Morris R. Antweil for an extension of time, Order No. R-4772, Eddy County, New Mexico.

MR. STAMETS: Call for appearances in Case 5281.

MR. STEVENS: I'm Don Stevens, Attorney from Santa Fe, representing the Applicant in this Case. We have one witness to be sworn.

MR. STAMETS: Any other appearances? The Witness will stand and be sworn, please.

(Witness sworn.)

ROBERT M. WILLIAMS

Called as a witness, having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. STEVENS:

Q Would you state your name, your residence and your occupation, please?

A Robert M. Williams, from Hobbs, New Mexico, employed as an ingineer for Morris R. Antweil.

Q Have you previously testified before this Commission and had your qualifications accepted?

A Yes, I have.

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WILLIAMS-DIRECT

MR. STEVENS: Are the Witness' qualifications acceptable?

MR. STAMETS: They are.

BY MR. STEVENS:

Q Mr. Williams, would you briefly state what the Applicant seeks in this matter, and in that connection, I would like the Commission, if possible, to take administrative notice of Order No. 4772 to which this Case relates back to.

A Yes. Order R-4772 is a forced pooling order pooling the south half of Section 17, 22 South, Range 27 East. That Order provided a time limit of 120 days in which to commence the drilling operations. That time limit would have expired 15 July, '74. At this time we are requesting a 90-day extension to the Order of the time in which to commence the drilling operations.

Q Referring to what has been marked as Exhibit No.

1, would you explain that to the Commission, please.

A Exhibit No. 1 is a letter that we have received from Delta Drilling Company, our drilling contractor we have been using in the field, and indicates that they, due to a contract and commitments that they have with other operators, will not have a drilling rig available until

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about the first of September.

- Q What has been your experience with the rig availability in southeast New Mexico, Mr. Williams?
- A Rig availability is difficult and in short supply. We have been attempting to obtain a drilling rig from Delta since approximately May. Delta is a partner in the Well and we would hope to be able to use them. In addition to that we have another well that we seek to drill in the Avalon area, and are presently trying to obtain a commitment for a rig for that well and have a promise there for a rig by about the middle of November. In visiting with the other contractors in the area, it is the same with all of them. Rigs are pretty well committed through the end of the year.
- Q In summary then, could you say that your reasonable operator would have been unable to find a rig to start this well within the time limitation as prescribed under your circumstances?
- A Yes, I think it is a fair statem no. The commitment of drilling contractors over a long period is 4 to 6 months in advance at this time. Rigs of the type to drill a south Carlsbad-type well and handle the problems that can be incurred there, are in short supply.

THE NYE REPORTING SERVICE STATE-WIDE DEPOSITION NOTARIES 225 JOHNSON STREET SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501 TEL. (505) 982-0386 Q Was Exhibit No. 1 prepared under your direction?

A No. It is a letter from Delta Drilling Company; we requested that they give us a written commitment on availability of the rig.

MR. STEVENS: At this time we would like to introduce into evidence Exhibit No. 1.

MR. STAMETS: Exhibit No. 1 will be admitted.

(Whereupon, Applicant's Exhibit

No. 1 was admitted into evidence.)

MR. STEVENS: We have no further testimony.

MR. STAMETS: I'll direct this question to both of you and who her needs to answer it may. I think that what you are seeking here could be accomplished by an amendment of the date in Order 1 of Order R-4772, wherever it appears, from the 15th day of July, 1974, to the 15th day of October, 1974.

MR. STEVENS: That is correct, however, we are seeking a new order -- unless the Commission feels violently otherwise -- inasmuch as Provision 13 of said Order provides, "Unless the Well is drilled by July 15th, the Order shall become void and of no effect whatsoever."

Therefore, we felt that we had to have a hearing as opposed to administrative request. The language is very stringent

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in Paragraph 13.

MR. STAMETS: You mean Finding 13. Okay.

MR. STEVENS: On that basis, unless the Commission feels very strongly, we would prefer to have a separate and distinct order.

MR. STAMETS: Anything further in this Case? The Witness may be excused. We will take the Case under advisement.

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I, RICHARD I. NYE, Court Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached Transcript of Hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission was reported by me, and the same is a true and correct record of the said proceedings, to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

RICHARD L. NYE Court Reporter

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a complete record of the proceedings in the Examiner hearing of Case No 19 heard of mg on 19 heard of Mey Mexico Oil Conservation Commission

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO P. O. BOX 2088 - SANTA FE 87501

August 13, 1974

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STATE GEOLOGIST A. L. PORTER, JR. SECRETARY – DIRECTOR

Mr. Donald G. Stevens	Re: CASE NO. 5281
Attorney at Law Post Office Box 1797 Santa Fe, New Mexico	ORDER NO. R-4772-A Applicant:
	Morris R. Antweil

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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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. 5281 Order No. R-4772-A

APPLICATION OF MORRIS R. ANTWEIL FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME, ORDER NO. R-4772, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on July 24, 1974, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 13th day of August, 1974, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, 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, Morris R. Antweil, seeks a 90-day extension of the July 15, 1974, deadline for commencement of drilling operations contained in Order No. R-4772, which order pooled all mineral interests in the S/2 of Section 17, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, South Carlsbad Field, Eddy County, New Mexico, to form a standard 320-acre spacing and proration unit and designated the application as operator of the unit.
- (3) That the applicant has been unable to obtain the services of a drilling contractor to commence the well within the time limit set out in the order.
- (4) That the applicant has made a good faith effort to obtain such services in time to comply with the deadline.
- (5) That no interest owner objected to the proposed extension of time.
- (6) That Order No. R-4772 should be amended to provide that the deadline for commencing drilling operations is October 15, 1974.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Finding No. (13) of Commission Order No. R-4772 is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

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- "(13) That upon the failure of the operator of said pooled unit to commence drilling of the well to which said unit is dedicated on or before October 15, 1974, the order pooling said unit should become null and void and of no effect whatsoever."
- (2) That Order No. (1) of Commission Order No. R-4772 is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:
 - "(1) That all mineral interests, whatever they may be, in the Pennsylvanian formation underlying the S/2 of Section 17, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, South Carlsbad Field, Eddy County, New Mexico, are hereby pooled to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location in Unit J of said Section 17.

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the operator of said unit shall commence the drilling of said well on or before the 15th day of October, 1974, and shall thereafter continue the drilling of said well with due diligence to a depth sufficient to test the Pennsylvanian formation;

PROVIDED FURTHER, that in the event said operator does not commence the drilling of said well on or before the 15th day of October, 1974, Order (1) of this order shall be null and void and of no effect whatsoever;

PROVIDED FURTHER, that should said well not be drilled to completion, or abandonment, within 120 days after commencement thereof, said operator shall appear before the Commission and show cause why Order (1) of this order should not be rescinded."

(3) That jurisdiction of this cause is 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

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Seeks an amend ment to Order No. 4772

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That the applicant has been unable to obtain the services of a drilling contractor to commence the well within the time limit set out in said order.

That the applicant has made a good faith effort to obtain such services

That there were 170 objections to the proposed extension of time

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Dockets Nos. 22-74 and 24-74 are tentatively set for hearing on August 7 and August 21. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - JULY 24, 1974

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The following cases will be heard before Richard L. Stamets, Examiner, or Daniel S. Nutter, Alternate Examiner:

CASE 4954: (Reopened)

In the matter of Case 4954 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-4555, which order established temporary special pool rules for the South Lindrith Gallup-Dakota Oil Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, including a provision for 160-acre spacing. All interested parties may appear and show cause why said pool should not be developed on 40-acre spacing.

- CASE 5277: Application of Pierce & Dehlinger for the amendment of Order No. R-4560, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an extension of time in which to commence the drilling of the third well covered by Order No. R-4560, to be drilled in the NE/4 of Section 24, Township 9 South, Range 33 East, Vada-Pennsylvanian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant further seeks the establishment of an administrative procedure for additional extension of time in which to comply with the drilling schedule as set forth in the subject order. Applicant further seeks the amendment of Orders Nos. 4 and 5 of Order No. R-4560 to provide certain changes in the time schedules outlined therein for the furnishing of estimated well costs and the payment of proportionate shares of well costs by all parties.
- CASE 5278: Application of Texaco Inc. for downhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of Blinebry, Drinkard, and Tubb production in the wellbores of its A. H. Blinebry Federal Wells Nos. 23 and 26, located in Units C and B, respectively, of Section 29, and its C. H. Lockhart Federal Well No. 5, located in Unit C of Section 18, all in Township 22 South, Range 38 East, Lea County, New Mexico.
- CASE 5279: Application of Tom L. Ingram for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Delaware Sand in the perforated interval from 5012 feet to 5033 feet in his State "0" Well No. 2 located in Unit E of Section 7, Township 24 South, Range 33 East, Triple X-Delaware Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.
- CASE 5280: Application of Coastal States Gas Producing Company for an unorthodox location and the amendment of Order No. R-4715, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks, as an exception to Order No. R-2746, approval for the unorthodox oil well location for its

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McGuffin Well No. 3 to be drilled 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line of Section 29, Township 9 South, Range 33 East, Flying "M" San Andres Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, the N/2 NW/4 of said Section 29 to be dedicated to the well. Applicant further seeks the amendment of Order No. R-4715 which dedicated the W/2 NW/4 of Section 29 to its McGuffin Well No. 2 located 1980 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line of said Section 29. Applicant proposes that the N/2 NW/4 of said Section 29 be dedicated jointly to said McGuffin Well No. 2 and to its McGuffin Well No. 1 located in Unit F of said Section 29.

CASE 5281:

Application of Morris R. Antweil for an extension of time, Order No. R-4772, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks a 90-day extension of the July 15 deadline for the commencement of drilling operations in the S/2 of Section 17, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, South Carlsbad Field, Eddy County, New Mexico, which lands were pooled to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit by Order No. R-4772.

CASE 5282:

Application of Union Texas Petroleum Corporation for downhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of Jalmat and Langlie-Mattix production in certain of its wells in the Langlie-Jal Unit Area, currently being waterflooded under authority of Commission Order No. R-4051.

CASE 4969: (Reopened)

In the matter of Case No. 4969 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-4557-A, which order continued the special depth bracket allowable for the Tocito Dome-Pennsylvanian "D" Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico, for an additional six months. All interested parties may appear and show cause why said special depth bracket allowable should not be rescinded.

CASE 5283:

Application of Belco Petroleum Corporation for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in formations of Pennsylvanian age or older underlying the W/2 of Section 5, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location for said unit in Unit F of said Section 5. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of such costs, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered is the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 5284: Application of Champlin Petroleum Company for a dual completion, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the dual completion (conventional) of its Nix-Yates Well No. 1 located in Unit G of Section 2, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, in such a manner as to produce gas from the Morrow formation through tubing and from the Wolfcamp formation through the casing-tubing annulus.

CASE 5152: (Reopened)

In the matter of Case No. 5152 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-4713, which order established a special depth bracket allowable for the Media-Entrada Oil Pool, Sandoval County, New Mexico. All interested parties may appear and show cause why said special depth bracket allowable should not be rescinded.

- CASE 5285: Application of Texas Pacific Oil Co. for an unorthodox location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox gas well location of its Phantom Draw Unit Well No. 1 to be located at a point 800 feet from the South line and 1000 feet from the West line of Section 20, Township 26 South, Range 31 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, the W/2 of said Section 20 to be dedicated to the well.
- CASE 5286: Application of Texaco Inc. for a Special Allowable, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an injection response allowable increase for its Vacuum Grayburg-San Andres Unit Pressure Maintenance Project, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an additional 2320 barrels of oil per day to be added incrementally to the current 4640 barrel per day allowable as injection response occurs. Applicant further seeks the establishment of an allowable of up to 240 barrels per day for lease line wells which have demonstrated a substantial response to water injection.

DELTA DRILLING COMPANY

Box 2012

Telephone 597-7411

TYLER, TEXAS 75701

July 17, 1974

ADDRESS REPLY TO:

P. O. Box 866 Odessa, Texas 79760

Morris R. Antweil P. O. Box 2010 Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

Attention: Mr. Burton Veteto

Re: Drilling Contract
Bear No. 1
S ½ Sec. 17 - T22S - R27E
Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

As per an earlier understanding the subject well cannot be drilled at this time due to previous contractual committments. It is felt that this rig will be available to drill the Bear No. 1 on or about September 1, 1974, provided the rig is released by the current operator as scheduled.

Sincerely,

B. R. Payne Division Manager

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO

APPLICATION OF MORRIS R. ANTWEIL FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMMENCE DRILLING UNDER FORCE POOLING Order No. R-4772

Case No. <u>528/</u>

APPLICATION

Comes now Morris R. Antweil and applies to the Oil Conservation Commission of the State of New Mexico for extension of time to commence the drilling of a well in Unit J of Section 17, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, South Carlsbad Field, Eddy County, New Mexico, beyond the commencement date of July 15, 1974, as set out in that certain order No. R-4772, which provided that the well on the force pooled acreage be commenced by July 15, 1974. The Commission retained jurisdiction of said cause under the terms of said order. In support thereof applicant would show the Commission:

- 1. Applicant applied for force pooling under the above-described acreage by Case No. 5215 and received an order R-4772 force pooling said acreage dated April 23, 1974.
- 2. Said order provided that the well to be drilled under the terms of said order be commenced prior to July 15, 1974.
- 3. Applicant has made diligent efforts to locate a drilling contractor and did contract with Delta Drilling Company to commence drilling of said well prior to July 15, 1974.
- 4. Delta Drilling Company has informed applicant that due to contractual commitments it will be unable to commence drilling the subject well until some time in August or September, 1974.
- 5. Applicant seeks a 90-day extension of time within which to commence said well to provide for contingencies under the provisions of paragraph 13 of said Order No. R-4772 wherein the Commission retained jurisdiction of this cause.

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DONALD G. STEVENS · ATTORNEY AT

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Date 7-12-14

DONALD G. STEVENS ATTORNEY AT LAW P. O. Box 1787, 101 W. MARCY

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

WHEREFORE applicant requests that this matter be set for hearing before the Commission, or before the Commission's duly appointed examiner on Wednesday, July 24, 1974, and that after notice and hearing as required by law, the Commission enter its order approving the extension of time within which to commence drilling of the subject well, as requested above.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD G. STEVENS

Attorney for Morris R. Antweil

Attorney for M P.O. Box 1797

Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

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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. 5281

Order No. R-4772-

APPLICATION OF MORRIS R. ANTWEIL FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME, ORDER NO. R-4772, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on July 24 , 1974 at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets

NOW, on this day of <u>August</u>, 1974, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, 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, Morris R. Antweil, seeks a 90-day extension of the July 15, 1974, deadline for commencement of drilling operations contained in Order No. R-4772, which order pooled all mineral interests in the S/2 of Section 17, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, South Carlsbad Field, Eddy County, New Mexico, to form a standard 320-acre spacing and proration unit and designated the applicant as operator of the unit.

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- (3) That the applicant has been unable to obtain the services of a drilling contractor to commence the well within the time limit set out in the order.
- (4) That the applicant has made a good faith effort to obtain such services in time to comply with the deadline.
- (5) That no offset operator objected to the proposed extension of time.
- (6) That Order No. R-4772 should be amended to provide that the deadline for commencing drilling operations is October 15, 1974.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That the words and numerals, "July 15, 1974" contained in Finding No. (13) on Page 2 of Order No. 4772 are hereby deleted and the words and numerals "October 15, 1974" are substituted therefor.
- (2) That the words and numerals "July 5, 1974" contained in the third paragraph of Order No. (1) (first paragraph on Page 3) of Order No. 4772 are hereby deleted and the words and numerals, "October 15, 1974" are substituted therefor.
- (3) That jurisdiction of this cause is 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.

(1) That Finding No. (13) of Commission Order No R-4772 is hereby amended to read in Its entirety as follows: (13) That upon the failure of the operator of said pooled unit to commence drilling of the well to which said unit is dedicated on or before 15, 1974, the order pooling said unit should become null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

(2) That Order No(1) of Connu, de des 1792 is hereby amended

(1) That all mineral interests, whatever they may be, in the Pennsylvanian formation underlying the S/2 of Section 17, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, South Carlsbad Field, Eddy County, New Mexico, are hereby pooled to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location in Unit J of

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PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the operator of said unit shall commence the drilling of said well on or before the 15th day of May, 1974, and shall thereafter continue the drilling of said well with due diligence to a depth sufficient to test the Pennsylvanian formation;

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PROVIDED FURTHER, that in the event said operator does not commence the drilling of said well on or before the 15th day of of no effect whatsoever;

PROVIDED FURTHER, that should said well not be drilled to completion, or abandonment, within 120 days after commencement thereof, said operator shall appear before the Commission and show cause why Order (1) of this order should not be rescinded. I) That jurisdiction and Done at Special Control of the con