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NEW MEXICO OIL COMSERVATION COMMISSION Santa Fe, New Mexico October 16, 1974

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

The hearing called by the Oil Conservation)
Commission on its own motion to permit)
Mercury Production Company, American)
Employers' Insurance Company and all other)
interested parties to appear and show cause)
why the Mercury State Well No. 1 should not)
be plugged and abandoned in accordance with)
a Commission-approved plugging program.)

CASE 5304

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 Building

Santa Fe, New Mexico

MR. CARR: Case 5304 continued from the September

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by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Mercury Production Company, American Employers' Insurance
Company and all other interested parties to appear and show
cause why the Mercury State No. 1 Well should not be plugged
and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.

Mr. Examiner, the subject well has been pluyged in accordance with a Commission-approved program and, therefore, this Case should be dismissed on the Commission's own motion.

MR. STAMETS: Case 5304 will be dismissed.

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I, SIDNEY F. MORRISH, 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.

SIDNEY F. MORRISH, Court Reporter

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a complete record of the proceedings in the Examiner hearing of Case No. 330%, beard by me on 10-12.

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NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION Santa Fa, New Mexico September 4, 1974

EXAMINER HEARING

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Mercury Production Company, American Employers' Insurance Company and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Mercury State Well No. 1 located in Unit E of Section 27, Township 10 South, Range 26 East, Chaves County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.

Case No. 5304

BEFORE: Daniel S. Mutter, Examiner

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

APPEARAFCES

For the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission: Thomas Darryborry, Esq.
Legal Counsel for the
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MR. NUTTER: Case 5304.

MR. DERRYBERRY: Case 5304. In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Mercury Production Company, American Employers' Insurance Company and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Mercury State Well No. 1 located in Unit E of Section 27, Township 10 South, Range 26 East, Chaves County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.

The Commission moves that this case be continued to the second Examiner Hearing in October.

MR. EUTTER: Case 5304 will be continued to the Examiner Hearing scheduled to be held at this same place at 9:00 o'clock a.m., October 16, 1974.

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I, RICHARD L. TYE, Court Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached Transcript of Hearing before the New Mexico and 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.

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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
ON ITS OWN MOTION TO PERMIT MERCURY
PRODUCTION COMPANY, AMERICAN EMPLOYER'S
INSURANCE COMPANY AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED
PARTIES TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE
MERCURY STATE WELL NO. 1 LOCATED IN UNIT E
OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 26
EAST, CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, SHOULD NOT
BE PLUGGED AND ABANDONED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
A COMMISSION-APPROVED PLUGGING PROGRAM.

CASE NO. 5304 Order No. R-4890

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on October 16, 1974, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 29th day of October, 1974, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the record and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

That the applicant's request for dismissal should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That Case No. 5304 is hereby dismissed.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year herein-above designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

I. R. TRUJILLO, Chairman

ALDA J. ARMIJO, Member

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

SEAL jr/ Dockets Nos. 30-74 and 31-74 are tentatively set for hearing on October 30 and November 13, 1974. Application for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

MONET: EVAMINED HEADING WEDNINGDAY OCTOBER 16, 1974

9 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING - SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Nutter, Alternate Examiner:

- ALLOWABLE: (1) Consideration of the allowable production of gas from seventeen prorated pools in Lea, Eddy, Rossevelt, and Chaves Counties, New Mexico, for November, 1974;
 - (2) Consideration of the allowable production of gas from five prorated pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico, for November, 1974.

CASE 5304: (Continued from the September 4, 1974, Examiner Hearing)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Mercury Production Company, American Employers' Insurance Company and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Mercury State Well No. 1 located in Unit E of Section 27, Township 10 South, Range 26 East, Chaves County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.

CASE 5292: (Continued from the September 18, 1974, Examiner Hearing)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit El Paso Natural Gas Company, United States Fidelity and Guaranty Co., and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why each of the following wells should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program:

EPNG Ludwick Well No. 11, located in Unit B, Section 19, Township 30 North, Range 10 West, San Juan County, New Mexico;

EPNG Rincon Unit Well No. 127, located in Unit A, Section 28, Township 27 North, Range 6 West, Ric Arriba County, New Merico; and

EPNG Warren A Well No. 2, located in Unit A, Section 23, Township 28 North, Range 9 West, San Juan County, New Mexico.

CASE 4976: (Reopened) (Continued from the October 2, 1974, Examiner Hearing)

In the matter of Case No. 4976 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-4638 to permit all operators in the West Parkway-Strawn

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and West Parkway-Atoka Gas Pools in Section 28. Township 19 South, Dange 29 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, to appear and present evidence to clearly establish the nature of the reservoirs, proper rates of production for wells therein, and special rules therefor.

CASE 5313: (Continued and Readvertised)

Application of RI Paso Natural Cas Company for downhole commingling. San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of Aztec-Pictured Cliffs and Blanco-Mesaverde production in the wellbore of its Ludwick Well No. 11 located in Unit B of Section 19. Township 30 North, Range 10 West, San Juan County, New Mexico.

- CASE 5338: Application of Amerada Hess Corporation for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced water into the Devonian formation through the open-hole interval from 10,980 feet to 11,180 feet in its State BTC Well No. 1, located in Unit N of Section 35, Township 11 South, Range 33 East, Bagley Siluro-Devonian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.
- Application of John L. Cox for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the San Andres formation through the open-hole interval from approximately 4989 feet to 5017 feet in his U.S.M. Well No. 2, located in Unit H of Section 27, Township 9 South, Range 37 East, West Sawyer-San Andres Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.
- CASE 5340: Application of Atlantic Richfield Company for a dual completion, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the dual completion (conventional) of its State BR Well No. 1, located in Unit K of Section 16, Township 21 South, Range 26 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, in such a manner as to produce gas from an undesignated Atoka gas pool through the tubing and gas from an undesignated Morrow gas pool through the casing-tubing annulus by means of a crossover assembly.
- CASE 5341: Application of Texas Oil & Gas Corporation for an unorthodox location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its Williamson Fed. Well No. 3, located 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line of Section 9, Township 20 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Burton Flats-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, the E/2 of said Section 9 to be dedicated to the well.
- CASE 5342: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Leon Davis, Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the New Mexico State "Heart" Well No. 1, located in Unit J of Section 16, Township 14 North, Range 32 East, NMPM, Harding County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.

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In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Paul Haskins. Trustee and Continental Casualty Company, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Arthur Cain Well No. 1, located in Unit N of Section 4, Township 15 North, Range 33 East, Harding County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.

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In the matter of the bearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit American Fuels Corporation and Aetna Casualty and Surety Company, and all other interested parties, to appear and show cause why the following American Fuels Wells on the W-S Ranch in Colfax County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program:

NM-B Well No. 1, located in Unit G of Section 6, Township 30 North, Range 19 East;

NM-B Well No. 2, located in Unit P of Section 16, Township 30 North, Range 18 East;

NM-B Well No. 4, located in Unit H of Section 18, Township 30 North, Range 18 East;

NM-B Well No. 5, located in Unit P of Section 30, Township 30 North, Range 19 East; and

NM-B Well No. 10, located in Unit N of Section 24, Township 31 North, Range 19 East.

CASE 5345: Application of Texaco, Inc. for downhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of production from the Fusselman, Montoya, and Ellenburger formations, North Justis Field, in the wellbore of its G. L. Erwin "B" Fed. (NCT-2) Well No. 5, located in Unit P of Section 35, Township 24 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 5346: Application of Continental Oil Company for downhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of production from the Blinebry formation and the East Warren-Drinkard Pool in the wellbore of its Warren Unit Well No. 11, located in Unit A of Section 35, Township 20 South, Range 38 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 5347: Application of Continental Oil Company for downhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of production from the West Warren-Blinebry and East Skaggs-Drinkard Pools in the wellbore of its SEMU Berger Well No. 21, located in Unit O of Section 19, Township 20 South, Range 38 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

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CASE 5348: Application of Continental Oli Company for downhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of production from the Blinebry and Drinkard Pools in the wellbores of its alliott B Well No. 5, located in Unit J of Section 6, Township 22 South, Range 37 East, and its Lockhart B-1 Well No. 9, located in Unit I of Section 1, Township 22 South, Range 36 East, both in Lea County, New Mexico.

Dockets Nos. 27-74 and 29-74 are tentatively set for hearing on September 18 and October 2. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 4, 1974

9 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING - SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

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

CASE 5038: (Reopened)

In the matter of Case No. 5038 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-4620, which order authorized the temporary disposal of produced water in unlined surface pits in the Twin Lakes Field, Chaves County, New Mexico, for a period of one year. All interested parties may appear and show cause why Commission Order No. R-3221 should not apply to this area.

CASE 5304:

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Mercury Production Company, American Employers' Insurance Company and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Mercury State Well No. 1 located in Unit E of Section 27, Township 10 South, Range 26 East, Chaves County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.

CASE 5305:

Application of Continental Oil Company for simultaneous dedication, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order approving the simultaneous dedication of its Britt B Well No. 17 located in Unit P of Section 10 and its Skaggs B Well No. 7 located in Unit K of Section 11, Township 20 South, Range 37 East, Eumont Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, said wells to be dedicated to a 320-acre non-standard proration unit comprising the SE/4 of said Section 10 and the SE/4 of said Section 11, said unit having previously been approved by Commission Order No. R-908.

CASE 5306:

Application of Franklin, Aston & Fair for directional drilling, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to directionally dril' its Lightcap Well No. 2, the surface location of which is 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line of Section 25, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, Chaves County, New Mexico, by setting a whipstock at approximately 5800 feet and bottoming in the Siluro-Devonian formation within a 50-foot radius of a point 361 feet south of the surface location.

CASE 5307:

Application of Continental Oil Company for downhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to commingle production from the Eumont Gas Pool and the Eunice Monument Grayburg-San Andres Pool in the wellbore of its Reed "B" Well No. 2 located in Unit H of Section 23, Township 20 South, Range 36 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 5308: Application of Continental Oil Company for simultaneous dedication, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order approving the simultaneous dedication of its Lynn B-25 Wells Nos. 1 and 2 located in Units J and M. respectively; of Section 25, Township 23 South, Range 36 East, Jalmat Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, said wells to be dedicated to a 320-acre non-standard proration unit comprising the S/2 of said Section 25, said unit having been previously been approved by Commission Order No. R-2088.

County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests of Pennsylvanian age or older underlying the SW/4 SE/4 of Section 27, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a wildcat oil well to be drilled to the Strawn, and possibly the Devonian formation, at an orthodox location for said proration unit. 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 5310: Application of William C. Russell for directional drilling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the directional drilling of his Hammond Well No. 1, the surface location of which is 1800 feet from the North line and 1650 feet from the East line of Section 26, Township 27 North, Range 8 West, Largo-Chacra Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico.

CASE 4548: (Reopened)

In the matter of Case No. 4548 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-4157-A, which order continued in effect for one year the special temporary rules and regulations for the Catclaw-Draw Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico. All interested parties may appear and show cause why said gas pool should not be developed on 320-acre spacing.

CASE 5311: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to consider extension of the Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico. All interested parties may appear and present geological and engineering data to show whether the boundaries of the Catclaw Draw-Morrow Gas Pool should be extended to the East in Township 21 South, Range 26 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, and if so, to what extent.

CASE 5303: Southeastern nomenclature case calling for the extension of certain pools in Lea, Eddy and Chaves Counties, New Mexico.

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(a) Extend the North Benson-Queen Grayburg Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM Section 33: NE/4 NW/4

(b) Extend the Buffalo Valley-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM Section 13: 5/2
Section 24: N/2

(c) Extend the Burton Flat-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM Section 6: All

(d) Extend the Dos Hermanos-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM Section 21: All

(e) Extend the East Empire Yates Seven Rivers Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NMPM Section 28: SE/4 SE/4

(f) Extend the Field Ranch-Wolfcamp Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 38 EAST, NMPM Section 34: S/2 and NE/4

(g) Extend the West Jal-Delaware Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 25 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, NMPM Section 20: E/2

(h) Extend the Querecho Plains-Queen Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, NMPM Section 23: SE/4

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(1) Extend the Wantz-Cranits Wash Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM Section 1: SW/4

(j) Extend the Winchester-Strawn Gas Pool in Eddy County. New Mexico to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NMPM Section 3: E/2

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION P. O. BOX 2088 SANTA FE NEW MEXICO 87501

August 22, 1974

Mercury Production Co. Suite 1212 Ridgles Bank Building Fort Worth, Texas 76116 CERTIFIED - RETURN RECRIPT REQUESTED

Attention: Frank Darden, President

American Employers' Insurance Co. c/o J. S. Ward & Sons, Inc. 101 South Fourth Street Artesia, New Mexico 89210

> Re: Mercury State Well No. 1, Unit E, Section 27, Township 10 South, Range 26 East, Chaves County, Plugging Bond

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of the docket of the Examiner Hearing to be held on Wednesday, September 4, 1974, at 9:00 a.m. in the Oil Conservation Commission Conference Room, State Land Office Building, Santa Pc, New Mexico. Case 5394 concerns the subject matter.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM F. CARR General Counsel

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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE CIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR THE BURDOSE OF CONSTRERING:

CASE NO.

5304

Order No. R- 4890

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION CONTINUED ON ITS OWN MOTION TO TERMIT MERCURY PRODUCTION COMPANY, AMERICAN EMPLOYERS' INSURANCE COMPANY AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE MERCURY STATE WELL NO. 1 LOCATED IN UNIT E OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, ORDER OF THE COMMISSION SHOULD NOT BE PLUGGED AND ABANDONED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMMISSION APPROVED PLUGGING PROGRAM.

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NOW, on this day of <u>Getaber</u>, 1974, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the record and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

BY THE COMMISSION:

That the applicant's request for dismissal should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That Case No. 5304 is hereby dismissed.

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

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