

CASE 5306: Appli. of FRANKLIN,  
~~FRANKLIN~~ & FAIR for directional  
drilling, Chaves County

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CASE No.

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Application,  
Transcripts,  
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BEFORE THE  
NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Santa Fe, New Mexico  
September 4, 1974

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of Franklin, Aston  
and Fair for directional  
drilling, Chaves County, New  
Mexico.

Case No. 5306

BEFORE: Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

A P P E A R A N C E S

For the New Mexico Oil  
Conservation Commission:

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MR. NUTTER: Case 5306.

MR. DERRYBERRY: Case 5306. Application of Franklin, Aston and Fair for directional drilling, Chaves County, New Mexico.

MR. KELLAHIN: Tom Kellahin. Kellahin and Fox, Santa Fe, New Mexico, appearing on behalf of the Applicant, Franklin Aston and Fair. The Applicant desires this case to be dismissed.

MR. NUTTER: Case No. 5306 will be dismissed.

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I, RICHARD L. 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.

*Paul J. Hall*  
COURT REPORTER

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a complete record of the proceedings in the Examiner hearing of Case No. 5306 heard by me on 9/4, 1974.

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# OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO**  
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**A. L. PORTER, JR.**  
**SECRETARY - DIRECTOR**

September 10, 1974

Mr. Tom Kellahin  
Kellahin & Fox  
Attorneys at Law  
Post Office Box 1769  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: CASE NO. 5306

ORDER NO. R-4856

**Applicant:**

Franklin, Aston & Fair

**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.

A. L. PORTER, Jr.  
Secretary-Director

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Copy of order also sent to:

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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. 5306  
Order No. R-4856

APPLICATION OF FRANKLIN, ASTON &  
FAIR, FOR DIRECTIONAL DRILLING,  
CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on September 4, 1974,  
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 10th day of September, 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. 5306 is hereby dismissed.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION



*I. R. Trujillo*  
I. R. TRUJILLO, Chairman

ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member

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

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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,  
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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 drill 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 approved by Commission Order No. R-2088.
- CASE 5309: Application of C. & K. Petroleum, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Lea 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.

(Case 5303 continued from Page 2)

- (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: S/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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(i) Extend the Wantz-Granite 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

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BEFORE THE  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO

*Case 5306*

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION  
OF FRANKLIN, ASTON & FAIR FOR  
DIRECTIONAL DRILLING  
CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

A P P L I C A T I O N

COMES NOW FRANKLIN, ASTON & FAIR, by and through its attorneys, KELLAHIN & FOX, and applies to the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico for authority to intentionally deviate its Franklin, Aston and Fair Lightcap well No. 2 (formerly called Magnolia Petroleum Corporation Lightcap Land Company well No. 2), a well located 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line of Section 25, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, N.M.P.M., Chaves County, New Mexico, and in support thereof would show the Commission:

1. Applicant is the operator of and has the right to drill and develop the oil and gas minerals in the area involved in this application.

2. There presently exists a well located 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line of Section 25, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, N.M.P.M., Chaves County, New Mexico. Said well is a dry hole.

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Date 8-22-76

3. Applicant proposes to re-enter said dry hole, set a cement bridge plug at approximately 5,800 feet then set a whip stock and directionally drill to test the Siluro-Devonian formation at a point approximately 361 feet South of the surface location.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that this application be set for hearing before the Commission's duly appointed Examiner and that upon hearing an order be entered authorizing the intentional deviation of subject well as described above.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN, ASTON & FAIR

By



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OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING  
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