

**CASE 2666: Application of the UCC on
its own motion to permit M.J. FLORENCE
regarding plugging of a well.**

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Application, Transcript,
and Exhibits, Etc.

Florence Plugging
Case

Send Correspondence to:

~~Ed Jensen~~

Ed Jensen

Trust Officer

Merchants Natl Bk

Dallas Texas

Douglas E. Florence

P.O. Box 685

Albuquerque, N.M.

State of New Mexico
Oil Conservation Commission
P. O. BOX 871
SANTA FE

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Mr. M. J. Florance
320 Simms Building
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CASE NO. 2666


In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit M. J. Florance and all interested parties to appear and show cause why the M. J. Florance Pooled Unit Well No. 1, located 1980 feet from the South line and 1760 feet from the East line of Section 8, Township 30 North, Range 11 West, San Juan County, New Mexico, should not be plugged in accordance with a Commission approved plugging program.

TO: Douglas E. Florance and M. J. Florance
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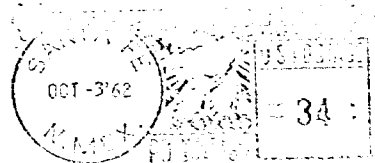
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JAMES M. DURRETT, JR.,
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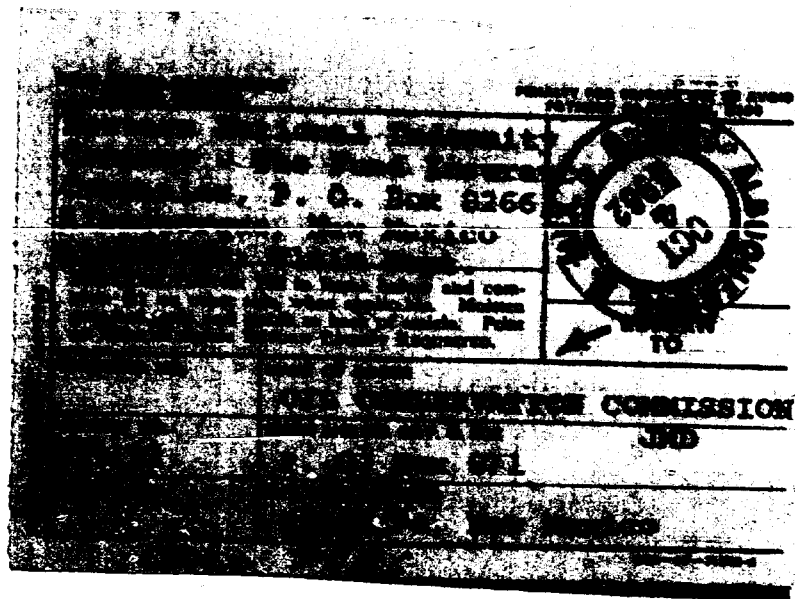
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1000 RIO BRAZOS ROAD
AZTEC, NEW MEXICO

January 3, 1962

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Oil Conservation Commission
Box 871
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Attn: Mr. James Durrett, Jr., Attorney

Re: Case #2666, M.J. Florence #1
Pooled Unit, SE 8-30N-11W

Dear Jim:

On November 29, 1962 Form C-103 was filed for the above well indicating that the liquids in the well bore had been successfully unloaded, and stating that the casing pressure had built up to 500 pounds and that the well was ready to produce into a pipeline. On November 30, 1962 a Form C-110 was filed by D. W. Stiles assuming ownership of the well. D.W. Stiles has on file with the Commission a \$10,000 blanket plugging bond and the C-110 was approved on that date.

The well has since been connected to El Paso Natural Gas Company's pipeline system and is now producing gas. The well is still producing back water from the formation but is now effectively lifting the produced water. We will keep the well under surveillance to make certain that further remedial work is not going to be required, and if the well's performance indicates that further remedial work is necessary we will so notify the operator and keep you advised.

Yours very truly

Emery C. Arnold
Emery C. Arnold
Supervisor, District #3

ECA:ks

cc: William J. Cooley
Farmington, N.M.

Bradley H. Keyes
Aztec, N.M.

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 871

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

January 2, 1963

Mr. A. R. Kandrick
Engineer, District #3
Oil Conservation Commission
1000 Rio Brazos Road
Artes, New Mexico

Re: Case No. 2665, Great American Oil
Company, Well Plugging — Case
No. 2666, M. J. Florance, Well
Plugging

Dear Al:

I am enclosing herewith carbon copies of letters I have dispatched to the attorneys for the defendants in the above two cases. These letters should be self-explanatory concerning the stipulations entered in these cases.

We will issue an order concerning the M. J. Florance well on January 16, 1963, and on the Great American wells on February 15, 1963, if they are not satisfactorily plugged or producing by these respective dates.

I would appreciate your placing these cases in a suspense file and forwarding a plugging program to me about one week prior to the plugging date if it looks like it will be necessary for us to issue an order.

Please advise me if you need any additional information concerning these cases.

Very truly yours,

JAMES M. DURRETT, Jr.,
Attorney

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 871
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

January 2, 1963

William J. Cooley, Esq.
Verity, Barr & Cooley
Attorneys at Law
152 Petroleum Center Building
Farmington, New Mexico

Re: Case No. 2666, M. J. Florance,
Well Plugging

Dear Jack:

This is a reminder that it was stipulated at the hearing in the above case that the M. J. Florance Pooled Unit Well No. 1, located 1980 feet from the South line and 1760 feet from the East line of Section 8, Township 30 North, Range 11 West, San Juan County, New Mexico, would be operating or in the process of being reworked or satisfactorily plugged within a 90-day period. The 90-day period will expire on January 16, 1963.

We would appreciate your keeping the Astec District Office advised of your client's progress with this well.

Very truly yours,

JAMES M. DURRETT, Jr.,
Attorney

JMD/esr

cc: Oil Conservation Commission
1000 Rio Brazos Road
Astec, New Mexico

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We would appreciate your keeping the Artec District Office advised of your client's progress with this well.

Very truly yours,

JAMES M. DURRETT, Jr.,
Attorney

JMD/esr

cc: Oil Conservation Commission
1000 Rio Brazos Road
Artec, New Mexico

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TO: Douglas E. Florance and M. J. Florance
328 Sims Building
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Western National Indemnity Company
The Fund Insurance Companies
P. O. Box 8266
Albuquerque, New Mexico

GENERAL COUNSEL

WILLIAM H. DUNNELL, JR.

William H. Dunnell, Jr.

the above-captioned hearing on the 24th day of October, 1954,
I hereby certify that I read and signed a copy of this notice to

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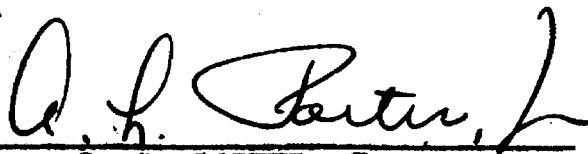
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General Counsel

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 871
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

September 28, 1962

Mr. Emory Arnold
District Supervisor
Oil Conservation Commission
1000 Rio Brazos Road
Artes, New Mexico

Re: Great American Oil Company and
M. J. Florence Well Plugging
Rio Arriba and San Juan Counties,
New Mexico

Dear Emory:

As we discussed over the telephone, we have docketed the Great American Oil Company plugging case and the M. J. Florence plugging case for the October regular hearing in Farmington.

The Great American Oil Company case involves the following wells in Rio Arriba County: John Sargent Estate Well No. 5, Section 4, Township 1 South, Range 2 East; John Sargent Estate Well No. 1, Section 4, Township 1 South, Range 2 East; and the John Sargent Estate Well No. 3, Section 32, Township 1 North, Range 2 East. The M. J. Florence case involves the M. J. Florence Pooled Unit Well No. 1 located in Section 8, Township 30 North, Range 11 West, San Juan County. Of course, I will need either you or Al to testify concerning these wells.

Please discuss this matter and I will get together with you when we arrive in Farmington and go over the cases prior to the hearing.

Very truly yours,

JAMES M. DURKEET, Jr.,
Attorney

JMD/esr

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 871

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

September 11, 1962

Mr. Douglas E. Florence
320 Sims Building
Albuquerque, New Mexico

DOCKET MAILED

Date 10-4-62

Western National Indemnity Company
The Fund Insurance Companies
P. O. Box 8366
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Re: Well Plugging, San Juan
County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

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Y Pursuant to information furnished us by Mr. Emory C. Arnold,
Supervisor, District III, Oil Conservation Commission in Artes,
New Mexico, we hereby make demand upon you to properly plug the
H. J. Florence No. 1 Florence Pooled Unit Well, located 1980 feet
from the South line and 1760 feet from the East line of Section
8, Township 30 North, Range 11 West, NEPM, San Juan County, New
Mexico. Mr. Arnold advises us that this well was originally
completed as a producing gas well but has shown no production
for the last several years, is now abandoned, and should there-
fore be plugged in order to prevent waste and protect correlative
rights in this area.

Unless this well is satisfactorily plugged on or before Octo-
ber 1, 1962, the Commission will be forced to take appropriate
legal action to assure plugging the same.

Mr. Arnold must be contacted for an appropriate plugging
program and must be given an opportunity to witness the plugging
of the well.

Very truly yours,

JAMES M. DURRITT, Jr.,
Special Assistant Attorney General

JMD/ser

cc: Mr. Emory C. Arnold, Supervisor
District III, Oil Conservation Commission
1000 Rio Brazos Road
Artes, New Mexico

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 871
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

September 11, 1962

Mr. Emery C. Arnold
District Supervisor
Oil Conservation Commission
1000 Rio Brazos Road
Artes, New Mexico

Re: M. J. Florence No. 1 Florence
Pooled Unit, Section 8, Township
30 North, Range 11 West, Artec-
Pictured Cliffs Pool

Dear Mr. Arnold:

We have today dispatched a demand letter to Mr. Douglas
E. Florence and his bonding company concerning the above well.
We tentatively plan to docket a case for the October 10th
examining hearing to permit them to appear and show cause why
the well should not be plugged.

We will keep you further advised.

Very truly yours,

JAMES M. DURETT, Jr.,
Attorney

JMD/esr

*Response
Sept 14/62*

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
1000 RIO BRAZOS ROAD
AZTEC, NEW MEXICO

August 23, 1962

Douglas E. Florance
P.O. Box 645
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Re: M.J. Florance #1 Florance
Pooled Unit, 8-30W-11W

Dear Mr. Florance:

At the time of our last communication regarding the above well you informed me that another operator was purchasing the well and intended to work it over.

As we have heard nothing further from a new operator regarding the matter we presume that ownership has not been transferred. As you know, this well has now been in a temporarily abandoned state without proper plugging for much longer than the rules allow. We therefore must insist that we have some word from you within seven days that you intend to see that action is taken to either plug and abandon this well or return it to production.

In the event such word is not forthcoming immediate action will be taken to require the bonding company to permanently plug and abandon the well.

Yours very truly

ECAs:ks

Emery C. Arnold
Supervisor, District #3

cc: Mr. James Durrett
OCC, Santa Fe, N.M. ✓

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**P. O. BOX 871
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

June 12, 1961

**Miss Jann Smith
The Fund Insurance Companies
P. O. Box 8266
Albuquerque, New Mexico**

**Re: \$10,000 Blanket Plugging
Bond, M. J. Florence**

Dear Miss Smith:

**Reference is made to your letter dated June 7, 1961,
wherein you inquire as to the status of the above-captioned
bond.**

**Our records indicate that the principal is not
operating any producing wells, however, if Mr. Florence desires
to have the bond cancelled it will be necessary for him to
execute and return to us one copy of the enclosed Affidavit of
Compliance with Blanket Plugging Bond Release Requirements.**

**Upon receipt of the properly executed affidavit, we
can proceed with cancellation of the bond.**

Very truly yours,

**I. R. TRUJILLO
Administrative Assistant**

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FIREMAN'S FUND INSURANCE COMPANY • HOME FIRE & MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY • NATIONAL SURETY CORPORATION
117 MONTCLAIRE DR., S.E. • ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO • Alpine 5-8636
MAIL ADDRESS: P. O. BOX 8266

June 7, 1961

State of New Mexico
Oil Conservation Commission
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Subject: Bond: L-18758 - M. J. Florance
Blanket Oil and Gas Drilling Bond

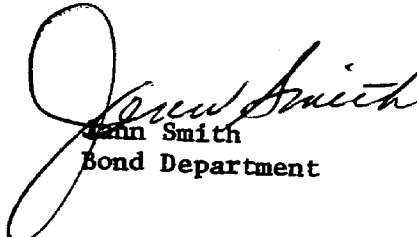
Gentlemen:

Under date of August 15, 1946, Fireman's Fund Insurance Company executed the above bond.

Will you please check your records and advise the present status of this Drilling Bond, and if our liability under this bond can be terminated.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,


John Smith
Bond Department

JS:rm

cc: Jerry Spore - PDO

June 7, 1961

State of New Mexico
Oil Conservation Commission
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Subject: Bond: L-18758 - M. J. Florence
Blasht Oil and Gas Drilling Bond

Gentlemen:

Under date of August 15, 1960, Firemen's Fund Insurance Company executed the above bond.

Will you please check your records and advise the present status of this Drilling Bond, and if our liability under this bond can be terminated.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Jean Smith
Bond Department

JBS:m

cc: Jerry Spore - FDO

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1000 RIO BRAZOS ROAD
AZTEC, NEW MEXICO

September 7, 1962

Oil Conservation Commission
Box 871
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Attn: Mr. James Durrett

Re: M. J. Florance #1 Florance Pooled Unit
Section 8-30N-11W, Aztec Pictured
Cliffs Pool

Dear Mr. Durrett:

You have in your files a copy of a letter which was mailed from this office to Mr. Douglas E. Florance demanding that the above well either be worked over and placed on production or permanently plugged and abandoned. This letter was dated August 23, 1962. By this letter Mr. Florance was given seven days to notify us of his intentions. We have had no response to the letter.

This well was originally completed as a producing gas well in the Pictured Cliffs Formation but has shown no production for the last several years. Mr. Florance has told us that he thinks failure to produce is due to mechanical difficulties and that the well could be successfully worked over. However I do not believe the Commission should delay any further in requiring that action be taken. As the well is located in a reservoir which is not depleted and also upon a drill block which is not depleted I believe that it would be advisable to set the matter for hearing so that the operator may have an opportunity to show cause why the well should not be plugged and abandoned. I will await your advice in the matter.

Yours very truly

Emery C. Arnold
Emery C. Arnold
Supervisor, District #3

ECA:ks

cc: The Fund Insurance Company
P.O. Box 8266
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Well
file

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
1000 RIO BRAZOS ROAD
AZTEC, NEW MEXICO

July 21, 1961

Mr. Douglas E. Florance
323 Simms Building
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Re: M.J. Florance #1 Florance
Pooled Unit, S-30N-11W

Dear Mr. Florance:

Reference is made to our letter of April 27, 1961 and subsequent telephone conversations regarding the above well.

You indicated that it was your intention to take some action regarding this well in the very near future, as soon as legal difficulties concerning the unit were resolved. Will you please indicate what progress has been made as we must insist that some remedial action be taken in the very near future or that the well be permanently plugged and abandoned.

Yours very truly

Emery C. Arnold
Supervisor, District #3

EC:ks

cc: Oil Conservation Commission ✓
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Fireman's Fund Group
401 California Street
San Francisco 20, California

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
1000 RIO BRAZOS ROAD
AZTEC, NEW MEXICO

April 27, 1961

Douglas E. Florance
323 Simms Building
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Re: M.J. Florance #1 Florance Pooled Unit
Section 8-30N-11W

Dear Mr. Florance:

Production records on file indicate that the above well has not produced any gas since prior to January, 1960. As this well is located in an area which is surrounded by producing Pictured Cliffs wells it appears probable that the well may have quit producing because of well damage. If this is the case it is possible that the gas is not being confined to the Pictured Cliffs formation or that water from shallower zones may be flooding the gas sand.

We are therefore directing that either the well be worked over and put back on production within 60 days or that it be permanently plugged and abandoned according to New Mexico Oil Commission rules and regulations. Notice of Intention to workover or plug and abandon should be filed in this office prior to May 26, 1961.

If you have any questions regarding the above please contact us.

Yours very truly

ECA:ks

cc: Oil Conservation Commission
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Emery C. Arnold
Supervisor, District #3

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Sixte of New Mexico

March 20, 1963

Re: Case No. 2666
Order No. R-2452
Applicant:
Oil Conservation Commission

Very truly yours,

A. L. Porter, Jr.

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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 M. J. FLORANCE AND ALL INTERESTED
PARTIES TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE M. J.
FLORANCE POOLED UNIT WELL NO. 1, LOCATED 1980
FEET FROM THE SOUTH LINE AND 1760 FEET FROM
THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 30 NORTH,
RANGE 11 WEST, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO,
SHOULD NOT BE PLUGGED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A
COMMISSION APPROVED PLUGGING PROGRAM.

CASE No. 2666
Order No. R-2452

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on
October 18, 1962, at Farmington, New Mexico, before the Oil
Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred
to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 20th day of March, 1963, the Commission,
a quorum being present, having considered the testimony presented
and the exhibits received at said 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 the attorney for the owners of the subject well
stipulated at the hearing that the well would be producing or
satisfactorily plugged within 90 days from the date of the hear-
ing.

(3) That the subject well was producing within the stipu-
lated 90-day period.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Jack M. Campbell

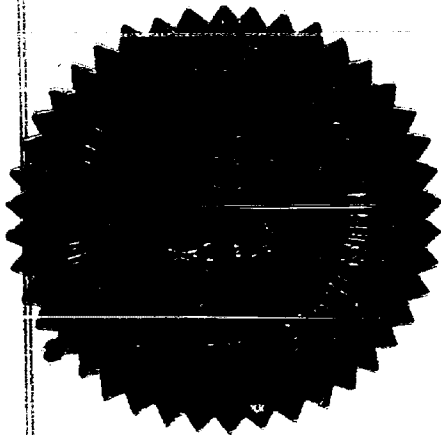
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A. L. PORTER, JR., Member & Secretary



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BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Farmington, New Mexico
October 18, 1962

IN THE MATTER OF:

CASE 2666: the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit M. J. Florance and all interested parties to appear and show cause why the M. J. Florance Pooled Unit Well No. 1, located 1980 feet from the South line and 1760 feet from the East line of Section 8, Township 30 North, Range 11 West, San Juan County, New Mexico, should not be plugged in accordance with a Commission approved plugging program.

BEFORE: Honorable Edwin L. Mechem, Governor
Mr. A. L. "Pete" Porter, Land Commissioner
Mr. E. G. "Johnny" Walker, Secretary-Director

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

MR. PORTER: Take up next Case 2666.

MR. DURRETT: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit M. J. Florance and all interested parties to appear and show cause why M. J. Florance pooled Unit Well #1, located 1,980 feet from the South line and 1760 feet from the East line of Section 8, T-30-N, R-11-W, San Juan County, New Mexico, should not be plugged in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.

MR. COOLEY: William J. Cooley, Verity, Burr, and Cooley, appearing on behalf of Mrs. M. J. Florance -- M. J. Florance is dead -- and the American National Bank of Dallas, who owned a half

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interest in this well with Mrs. Florance. We have offered to farm this well out to Bradley Keyes, and he has tentatively agreed to accept the farming out on our terms. He proposes to rework the well and make it into a producer. As the Commission will note from its files, the offset wells are still commercially productive and we believe it is mechanical difficulty in this well that has occasioned its non-productive status for a considerable length of time and probably some negligence on the part of the former operator, Mr. M. J. Florance. If the Commission, in its order, could permit us a period of 90 days to rework and make commercially productive, or plug and abandon this well, we request that the order be so worded.

MR. DURRETT: Mr. Cooley, excuse me a minute, would you also be willing to enter into the stipulation that if the Commission did accept your stipulation as to the 90 day period, that an order could automatically enter from this Commission at the end of that time, requiring the well to be plugged, if it was not then operating or satisfactorily plugged?

MR. COOLEY: If it is not operating, or in the process of being reworked, and active efforts being made to actively remedy its present condition.

MR. DURRETT: I suppose we would have to have a hearing in that case, to determine whether or not you are actively proceeding at that time?



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MR. COOLEY: I suggest that the order could be written to the satisfaction of the Commission by the District Office, possibly?

MR. PORTER: Is Mr. Keyes here, Bradley Keyes?

MR. COOLEY: He was here this morning, to testify in this case; but he apparently hasn't made it back.

MR. DURRETT: Mr. Cooley, would you be willing to stipulate as to this? At the end of the 90 day period, would you be willing to allow the Commission to enter an order requiring this well to be plugged, upon the information from our District Supervisors, without holding a hearing, if they, if their own determinations did not show the well was being worked?

MR. COOLEY: I have every confidence in the District Office here. If in their descretion, they do not believe that we are diligently proceeding in our efforts to work this well, I could certainly so stipulate.

MR. DURRETT: In reference to this stipulation, I recommend that this stipulation be accepted by the Commission.

MR. PORTER: The Commission will accept the stipulation. We are happy to have you express confidence in our District Supervisor. Did anyone have any objections to the stipulation?

(no response)

Well, let the ruling stand.



CERTIFICATE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
)
 COUNTY OF BERNALILLO) ss

I, STEPHEN McCRYSTAL, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached transcript of Proceedings before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission was reported by me in stenotype and reduced to typewritten transcript under my personal supervision, and that the same is a true and correct record to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

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March 15, 1963

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OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
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