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NOTICES OF PUBLICATION

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July 6, 1951

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*(Contd. from July 24 hearing to
that of Aug. 7, 1951 (See Case 294))*

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. 287
ORDER NO. R-114

THE APPLICATION OF ROLAND RICH
WOOLLEY FOR APPROVAL OF AN
UNORTHODOX WELL LOCATION 1295 FEET
SOUTH OF THE NORTH LINE AND 1345 FEET
EAST OF THE WEST LINE, SECTION 31,
TOWNSHIP 17 S., RGE. 30 E., NMPM, IN THE
LOCO HILLS POOL, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 10 a. m. on July 24, 1951,
and August 7, 1951, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation
Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this ²⁴19 day of November, 1951, the Commission, a
quorum being present, having considered the testimony adduced and the
exhibits received at said hearings, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS, (1) That due public notice having been given as re-
quired by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the
subject matter thereof.

(2) That due to geological conditions, an orthodox
location is unlikely to be productive and an unorthodox well location should
be approved for the Roland Rich Woolley, Woolley Well No. 10, 1295 feet
south of the north line and 1345 feet east of the west line of Section 31,
Township 17 South, Range 30 East, NMPM, in the Loco Hills pool, Lea
County, New Mexico.

(3) That such location will not interfere with the
correlative rights of adjoining lessees, and is in the interest of orderly
development of the oil resources of the state.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED: That an unorthodox location
for the Roland Rich Woolley, Woolley Well No. 10, 1295 feet south of the
north line and 1345 feet east of the west line of Section 31, - Township 17
South, Range 30 East, NMPM, be, and the same hereby is approved.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Edwin L. Mechem
EDWIN L. MECHEM, Chairman

Guy Shepard
GUY SHEPARD, Member

R. R. Spurrer
R. R. SPURRER, Secretary

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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF ROLAND RICH WOOLLEY FOR APPROVAL
FOR AN OIL WELL TO BE DRILLED IN
AN UNORTHODOX LOCATION

TO THE HONORABLE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

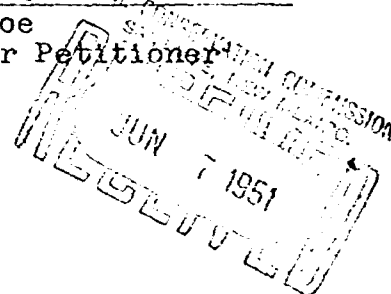
The petitioner, herein appearing by his representative, J. L. Briscoe of Artesia, New Mexico, hereby makes application for an order approving the drilling of an unorthodox location some 1295' south of the north line and 1345' east of the west line of Section 31, being in NE/4 NW/4 of Section 31, Township 17 South, Range 30 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico; said location being closer to the boundary lines of the unit involved than is permitted by general rules and regulations, and in support thereof, petitioner states as follows:

1. That there is a dry hole in the center of SE/4 NW/4 NE/4 of Section 31, Township 17 South, Range 30 East, drilled through the Loco Hills zone and through the Premier zone to the top of the San Andres; that petitioner owns all of the NW/4 of Section 31 and has a light well (8 bbls.) located in SW/4 SW/4 NW/4 of Section 31, a fair well (10 bbls.) located in SE/4 SW/4 NW/4 of Section 31, and a well (15 bbls.) located in SE/4 SE/4 NW/4 of Section 31. Petitioner desires to obtain permission to drill this well on an unorthodox location for the reason that said well will more efficiently drain the area, promote the interest of conservation by adding to the ultimate oil recovery from the lease, and recover oil which will not be recovered by wells now drilled.
2. That said unorthodox location will be known as the Roland Rich Woolley, Woolley No. 10-D, the royalty under such lease being held by the United States of America.
3. That the royalty interests under the unorthodox location are identical to those of the three surrounding 40 acre tracts to which the said location is closer than an orthodox location.

In consideration of the foregoing statements, your petitioner respectfully requests that the Commission give notice as required by the rules and regulations of the Commission; that a hearing on this matter be held; that the Petitioner be permitted to offer proof of the facts herein stated; and that the Commission make the following finding and order, to-wit:

- A. That the Commission execute an order authorizing your Petitioner to drill the unorthodox location as herein stated.

J. L. Briscoe
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Representative for Petitioner



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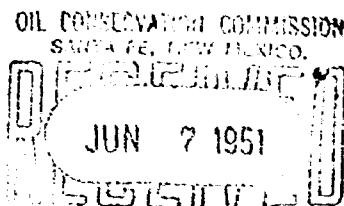
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VILAS P. SHELDON
CONSULTING GEOLOGIST AND REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR
VALUATIONS, APPRAISALS, GEOLOGICAL REPORTS, SURVEYS
CARPER BUILDING
ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO

Case 287

July 14, 1951

Mr. R. R. Spurrier,
Secretary-Director,
Oil Conservation Commission,
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Spurrier;

Early this week, I called your office and since you were in Washington, I talked to your Secretary. It seems that a certain application for unorthodox location for Roland Rich Woolley has been misplaced and thought perhaps it would turn up in your office. The application is for a well to be drilled in Section 22, Township 17 South, Range 30 East. The young lady that I talked to, advised that she would check and then write a note advising whether or not the missing application had been located. Would you kindly check and let me know?

Also, we would very much like to have Case 287, postponed from July 24th, to such day as the unorthodox location in Section 22, Township 17 South, Range 30 East can also be docketed.

Yours very truly,

Vilas P. Sheldon
VILAS P. SHELDON, JR.

(See also Case 294)



MAP OF PORTION OF LOCO HILLS FIELD

EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

TRACT Outlined in red is NE 1/4 NW 1/4
Of Section 31, Township 17 South, Range 30 East

SCALE 1" = 660'

May 28, 1951

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I, Vilas P. Sheldon, a registered Land Surveyor, did prepare this map from records as filed by the Operators with the Governmental Regulatory Agencies, and states that the map is drawn to accurate scale and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Vilas P. Sheldon
VILAS P. SHELDON.

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USA	USA	USA	USA
	WOOLLEY	WOOLLEY	PREMIER ◆ 10
State	USA	010 USA	USA
ALLEN & FAIR ◆ A-5	WOOLLEY ● 8 ● 4	WOOLLEY ● 3	PREMIER ● 5
State	USA	USA	USA
ALLEN & FAIR ● A-1	PREMIER ● 1	PREMIER ● 4	● 6 WOOLLEY ● 2
State	USA	USA	USA

BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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TRANSCRIPTION OF HEARING

CASE NO. 287-294

August 7, 1951  
(DATE)

E. E. GREESON  
ADA DEARNLEY  
COURT REPORTERS  
BOX 1202  
PHONE 2-4547  
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

BEFORE THE  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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In re Roland Rich Wooley's appli-  
cation for order approving unor-  
thodox location NENENW, Section 31,  
T. 17S-R. 30 E, NMPM, in Loco Hills  
Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico  
(continued from July 24 hearing.)

Case No. 287

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

August 7, 1951

(See transcript in Case 269 and 270 for register  
of attendance and appearances.)

MR. SHEPARD: The meeting will come to order. The first case is 287. Will you read please, Mr. Graham?

MR. GRAHAM: That is the one carried from the last time, and also 294. They are joint cases. Shall I read 294?

MR. SHEPARD: Yes. They can be joined.

MR. GRAHAM: May the record show that I read this case?

MR. SHEPARD: Yes.

(Mr. Graham reads the summary of the cases.)

MR. BRISCOE: I represent Roland Rich Wooley. I would like to introduce Mr. Robert P. Shelton our geologist.

(Mr. Shelton sworn.)

MR. SHELTON: Case 287 is the application of Roland Rich Wooley for an order approving an unorthodox location 1295 feet south of the north line and 1345 feet east of the west line of Section 31, 17S, 30 E. The well will be known as the Wooley No. 10, and will be 25 feet out of the legal subdivision corner. It is in the Loco Hills Field of Eddy County. The reason for the request is based on geological conditions. This is near the edge of the field and the applicant feels he will get an oil well in this location and recover more and additional oil from his lease than he will with the wells now drilled. It is on Federal Land, and the 40 acre tracts surrounding the unorthodox location are the property of the applicant. The royalty under the 40 acres upon which the well will be located on the adjoining 40's, is the same. We introduce this map as an exhibit.

MR. SHEPARD: It will be accepted. Anything further?

MR. SHELTON: Yes. One more statement. This is on Federal Land and the matter has been taken up with the USGS and I understand they are agreeable. Are there any questions?

MR. SHEPARD: Any questions. Case 294.

MR. SHELTON: Case 294 is another application from Roland Rich Wooley for an unorthodox location. 990 feet north of the south line and 25 feet west of the east line of Section 22, T. 17, R. 30. The well will be known as the Wooley Arnold 16-a. And it will be in the Premier field. The reason for the request is simply due to the fact that the applicant feels that he will recover oil from this location that he could not recover if he did not dig the well. It will be 25 feet from the lease line. But the offsetting 40 acres that it crowds is the same lease owned by the applicant. It is 990 feet from any other property owner. This is also on Federal Land, and the location has been consented to by the USGS.

MR. SHEPARD: Anything further?

MR. SHELTON: No, sir.

MR. SHEPARD: Any questions? Mr. Morrell, do you have any questions or objections to these?

MR. MORRELL: We have no objections and will approve them for consideration by the Commission for proration purposes.

MR. SHEPARD: Thank you. Both will be taken under advisement.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO     )  
                              :     SS.  
COUNTY OF BERNALILLO   )

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached transcript of proceedings before the Oil Conservation Commission of the State of New Mexico, in Cases 287 and 294, taken on August 7, 1951, is a true and correct record of the same to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

DATED at Albuquerque, New Mexico, this 28 day of August, 1951.

E. E. Gallera  
REPORTER



BEFORE THE  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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TRANSCRIPTION OF HEARING

CASE NO. 287

27 July 1951

(DATE)

Original

E. E. GREESON
ADA DEARNLEY
COURT REPORTERS
BOX 1302
PHONE 2-4547
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

July 24, 1951

CASE NO. 287: Roland Rich Woolley's application for approval of an unorthodox location NE NE NW Section 31, township 17 S, range 30 E, NMPM, in the Loco Hills pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

MR. SHEPARD: There has been a request that Case No. 287 be continued. It will be continued until August the 7th.

The next case is No. 288.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
 : ss.
COUNTY OF BERNALILLO)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached transcript of proceedings before the Oil Conservation Commission in Case No. 287, held on July 24, 1951, is a true and correct record of the same to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

DATED at Albuquerque, New Mexico, this 31
day of July, 1951.

G. G. Greer
REPORTER

My Commission Expires: 8-4-52

