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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. 5407
Order No. R-4964

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY
THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION ON ITS
OWN MOTION TO PERMIT KELLY BELL, TRAVELERS
INDEMNITY CO. AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED
PARTIES TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE
KELLY BELL LAROE WELL NO. 1 LOCATED IN UNIT D
OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 22
EAST, COLFAX COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, SHOULD NOT
BE PLUGGED AND ABANDONED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A
COMMISSION-APPROVED PLUGGING PROGRAM.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on February 5, 1975,
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 25th day of February, 1975, 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 Kelly Bell is the owner and operator of the Kelly
Bell Laroe Well No. 1, located in Unit D of Section 19, Town-
ship 27 North, Range 22 East, NMPM, Colfax County, New Mexico.

(3) That although the operator of said Laroe Well No. 1
has filed a report purporting to show that said well has been
properly plugged and abandoned and the location cleared and
leveled as required, an inspection of the site indicates that
the well site has not been cleaned and leveled and that the
plugging of said well cannot be clearly established.

(4) That in order to prevent waste and protect fresh
waters, the operator of said Laroe Well No. 1 should be required
to furnish acceptable proof that said well was properly plugged
and abandoned and the location cleaned and leveled.

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(5) That in the absence of such acceptable proof of plugging said Kelly Bell Laroe Well No. 1 should be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a program approved by the Santa Fe District Office of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission on or before May 15, 1975.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Kelly Bell and Travelers Indemnity Co. are hereby ordered to plug and abandon the Kelly Bell Laroe Well No. 1, located in Unit D of Section 19, Township 27 North, Range 22 East, NMPM, Colfax County, New Mexico, on or before May 15, 1975, or to furnish proof that said well has been properly plugged and abandoned and the location cleared and leveled in accordance with the plugging report previously filed.

(2) That Kelly Bell and Travelers Indemnity Co., prior to plugging and abandoning the above-described well, shall obtain from the Santa Fe Office of the Commission, a Commission-approved program for said plugging and abandoning, and shall notify said Santa Fe Office of the date and hour said work is to be commenced whereupon the Commission may, at its option, witness such work.

(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 herein-above designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

I. R. TRUJILLO, Chairman



PHIL R. LUCERO, Member



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

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