

Entered August 31, 1976
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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 H. AXELROD, MARYLAND CASUALTY COMPANY, AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE BELLER WELL NO. 1 LOCATED IN UNIT O OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 30 EAST, HARDING COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, SHOULD NOT BE PLUGGED AND ABANDONED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMMISSION-APPROVED PLUGGING PROGRAM.

CASE NO. 5745
Order No. R-5265

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on August 18, 1976, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 31st day of August, 1976, 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 H. Axelrod is the owner and operator of the Beller Well No. 1, located in Unit O of Section 1, Township 20 North, Range 30 East, NMPM, Harding County, New Mexico.
- (3) That Maryland Casualty Company is the surety on the Oil Conservation Commission plugging bond on which H. Axelrod is principal.
- (4) That the purpose of said bond is to assure the state that the subject well will be properly plugged and abandoned when not capable of commercial production.
- (5) That in order to prevent waste and protect fresh waters said Beller 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 November 1, 1976, or the well should be returned to active drilling status or placed on production.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That H. Axelrod and Maryland Casualty Company are hereby ordered to plug and abandon the Beller Well No. 1, located in Unit O of Section 1, Township 20 North, Range 30 East, NMPM, Harding County, New Mexico, on or before November 1, 1976.

(2) That H. Axelrod and Maryland Casualty Company, 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.

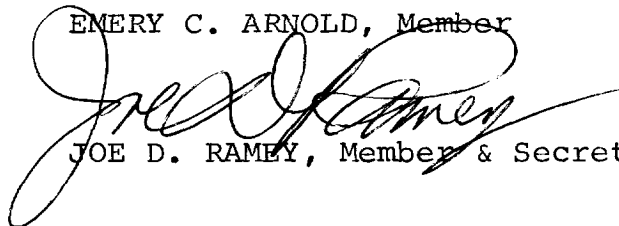
DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year herein-above designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION



PHIL R. LUCERO, Chairman

EMERY C. ARNOLD, Member



JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Secretary

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