

Entered July 20, 1977

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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. 5972
Order No. R-5485

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION ON ITS OWN MOTION
TO PERMIT LYNN & MCCOY AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED
PARTIES TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE BISHOP
WELL NO. 1, SAN JUAN 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 July 6, 1977,
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 19th day of July, 1977, 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 Lynn & McCoy is the apparent owner and operator
of the Bishop Well No. 1, located 115 feet from the South line
and 200 feet from the West line of Section 15, Township 29
North, Range 11 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

(3) That said well was drilled and completed in 1934,
and was subsequently plugged and abandoned in a manner not
consonant with today's plugging practices.

(4) That said well is located within the corporate limits
of the town of Bloomfield and is located in near proximity to
an inhabited dwelling.

(5) That said well constitutes a fire and safety hazard,
and should be re-entered and properly plugged and abandoned.

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(6) That the identity of Lynn & McCoy, or of Lynn or McCoy, or their whereabouts, is unknown at this time.

(7) That there is no surety bond on file with the Commission in the name of Lynn & McCoy to cover plugging of the subject Bishop Well No. 1.

(8) That Lynn & McCoy should be given the opportunity to re-enter and properly plug said well by September 1, 1977.

(9) That should Lynn & McCoy not re-enter and properly plug said well by September 1, 1977, the Secretary-Director of the Commission should re-enter and properly plug said well pursuant to the provisions of Section 65-3-38 N.M.S.A., 1953 Comp.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Lynn & McCoy are hereby ordered to re-enter and properly plug and abandon the Bishop Well No. 1, located 115 feet from the South line and 200 feet from the West line of Section 15, Township 29 North, Range 11 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico, on or before September 1, 1977.

(2) That Lynn & McCoy, prior to plugging and abandoning the above-described well, shall obtain from the Aztec office of the Commission, a Commission-approved program for said plugging and abandoning, and shall notify said Aztec office of the date and hour said work is to be commenced whereupon the Commission may, at its option, witness such work.

(3) That if Lynn & McCoy have not re-entered and properly plugged and abandoned said well by September 1, 1977, the Secretary-Director of the Commission shall cause to be prepared plans for the re-entry and plugging and abandonment of said well.

(4) That pursuant to the provisions of Section 65-3-38 N.M.S.A., 1953 Comp., the Secretary-Director of the Commission shall reclaim, and properly plug, the aforesaid well in a manner which will confine any crude petroleum oil, natural gas, or water occurring in said well in the strata in which they are found.

(5) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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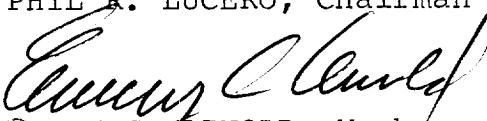
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DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year
hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION


PHIL R. LUCERO, Chairman


EMERY C. ARNOLD, Member


JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Secretary

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