

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY)
THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE)
PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:) CASE NO. 11,470
)
APPLICATION OF PRIDE ENERGY COMPANY TO)
REOPEN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S) ORIGINAL
CASE NO. 11,470 FOR SALT WATER DISPOSAL)
AND DESIGNATION OF A PORTION OF THE)
MENEFEE MEMBER OF THE MESAVERDE)
FORMATION AS AN "EXEMPTED AQUIFER",)
SANDOVAL COUNTY, NEW MEXICO)

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

EXAMINER HEARING

1 107

BEFORE: DAVID R. CATANACH, Hearing Examiner

May 15th, 1997

Santa Fe, New Mexico

This matter came on for hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, DAVID R. CATANACH, Hearing Examiner, on Thursday, May 15th, 1997, at the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Porter Hall, 2040 South Pacheco, Santa Fe, New Mexico, Steven T. Brenner, Certified Court Reporter No. 7 for the State of New Mexico.

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May 15th, 1997
 Examiner Hearing
 CASE NO. 11,470

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A P P E A R A N C E S

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1 WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were had at
2 1:32 p.m.:

3 EXAMINER CATANACH: I'll call the hearing back to
4 order at this time, and at this time we'll call Case
5 11,470.

6 MR. CARROLL: Application of Pride Energy Company
7 to reopen Energy Development Corporation's Case Number
8 11,470 for salt water disposal and designation of a portion
9 of the Menefee member of the Meseverde formation as an
10 exempted aquifer, Sandoval County, New Mexico.

11 EXAMINER CATANACH: Call for appearances in this
12 case.

13 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, Jim Bruce of Santa Fe,
14 representing the Applicant.

15 I have three witnesses to be sworn.

16 MR. CARR: I think you're in the wrong case.

17 EXAMINER CATANACH: Pride, this is Pride.

18 MR. BRUCE: Oh, Pride. Well, I'm still the right
19 attorney.

20 I have no witnesses, Mr. Examiner. This
21 hearing -- this case was called, I think, a month and a
22 half ago. We submitted some new evidence for the reopened
23 case.

24 After that hearing, a surface owner claimed he
25 was entitled to notice, and so I renotified him of the

1 hearing. I've got an affidavit of notice.

2 And other than that, I'd ask that the case be
3 taken under advisement.

4 EXAMINER CATANACH: Okay. Is there anything
5 further in this case?

6 There being nothing further, Case 11,470 will be
7 taken under advisement.

8 (Thereupon, these proceedings were concluded at
9 1:33 p.m.)

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I do hereby certify that the foregoing is
a complete record of the proceedings in
the Examiner hearing of Case No. 1162,
heard by me on July 15 1957.

David F. Catanch, Examiner
Oil Conservation Division

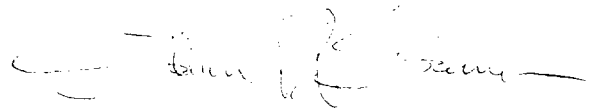
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
) ss.
COUNTY OF SANTA FE)

I, Steven T. Brenner, Certified Court Reporter and Notary Public, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing transcript of proceedings before the Oil Conservation Division was reported by me; that I transcribed my notes; and that the foregoing is a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am not a relative or employee of any of the parties or attorneys involved in this matter and that I have no personal interest in the final disposition of this matter.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL May 20th, 1997.



STEVEN T. BRENNER
CCR No. 7

My commission expires: October 14, 1998

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

APPLICATION OF PRIDE ENERGY COMPANY
TO REOPEN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S
CASE NO. 11470 FOR SALT WATER DISPOSAL AND
DESIGNATION OF A PORTION OF THE MENEFEE
MEMBER OF THE MESAVERDE FORMATION AS AN
"EXEMPTED AQUIFER," SANDOVAL COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO.

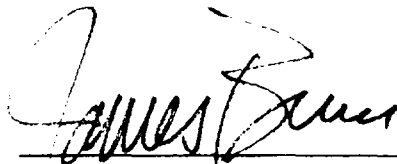
Case No. 11470 (Reopened)

AFFIDAVIT REGARDING NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
COUNTY OF SANTA FE) ss.

James Bruce, being duly sworn upon his oath, deposes and states:

1. I am over the age of 18, and have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein.
2. I am an attorney for Applicant.
3. Applicant has conducted a good faith, diligent effort to find the names and correct addresses of the surface owners entitled to receive notice of the Application filed herein.
4. Notice of the Application was provided to the interest owner at its correct address by mailing it a copy of the Application, by certified mail. Copies of the notice letter and certified return receipt are attached hereto as Exhibit A.
5. Applicant has complied with the notice provisions of Division Rule 1207.



James Bruce

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 15th day of May, 1997,
by James Bruce.



Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

3/14/01

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April 8, 1997

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Eugene Johnson & Sons
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Cuba, New Mexico 87013

Dear Sirs:

Pride Energy Company ("Pride") has filed an application at the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division to reopen Case No. 11470 in order to submit additional evidence regarding its request to inject produced water into the San Isidro (Shallow) Unit Well No. 7-11, located in the NE~~X~~SW~~X~~ of Section 7, Township 20 North, Range 2 West, NMPM, Sandoval County, New Mexico. A copy of the advertisement for the case is attached hereto. This matter was heard on March 6, 1997, but was continued to the hearing scheduled for 8:15 a.m. on Thursday, May 1, 1997 at the Division's offices at 2040 South Pacheco Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico. As an interested party, you have the right to enter an appearance and present evidence at the hearing (Pride does not plan on submitting additional testimony). Failure to appear at that time will preclude you from contesting this matter at a later date.

Very truly yours,



James Bruce

Attorney for Pride
Energy Company



Case No. 11470 (Reopened)

Application of Pride Energy Company to Reopen Energy Development Corporation's Case No. 11470 for Salt Water Disposal and Designation of a Portion of the Menefee Member of the Mesaverde formation as an "Exempted Aquifer", Sandoval County, New Mexico.

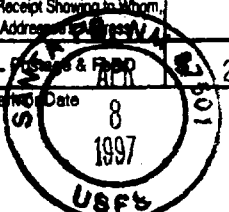
Applicant, being the successor operator to Energy Development Corporation within the San Isidro (Shallow) Unit, seeks to reopen Case No. 11470 which was heard by the Division on March 21 and May 2, 1996, to present additional technical evidence in its application for authority to inject produced water into the Menefee interval through perforations from 2,438 feet to 2,624 feet in its existing San Isidro (Shallow) Unit Well No. 7-11, located 2074 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the West line (Unit K) of Section 7, Township 20 North, Range 2 West. Applicant also seeks to designate the Menefee interval underlying the W/2 E/2 and W/2 of Section 7 and the N/2 NW/4 of Section 18, Township 20 North, Range 2 West, and the E/2 E/2 of Section 12, Township 20 North, Range 3 West, as an "Exempted Aquifer" pursuant to Division Rule No. 701.E. and applicable Federal Underground Injection Control Program Rules and Regulations, as contained within the Code of Federal Regulations, 40 CFR Parts 145 and 146, thereby enabling the injection of produced water, for purpose of disposal, into said interval. Said area is located approximately 8 miles southwest of Cuba, New Mexico.

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