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Bennett Petroleum Corp.
1580 Lincoln St.
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Attention: R. E. Bennett

Re: Phelps Dodge Well No. 5
P-24-28N-20E, Colfax Co., NM.

Dear Mr. Bennett:

Attached is a copy of Mr. Snyder's latest complaint to this office, which you may already have seen. It seems he feels somewhat persecuted, not only by the undersigned, but by practically everyone else in this state with whom he has come in contact.

Presumably, you have provided the Marlin Oil Co. With Oil Conservation Division Water Well Conversions forms, which forms have been sent you on at least three separate occasions and are again supplied with this letter.

For the record, this office has not (and will not) demand any operator to convert an oil/gas test well to a water supply well, as suggested by Snyder's paragraph 1. If it is an operator's desire to make such disposition of a bore-hole, we will assist in his doing it legally.

If the landowner - in this case, Phelps Dodge - has no objection to the conversion, it seems mighty strange that Snyder has not had the conversion forms signed, notarized, and returned to this office. (See letters: Bennett from Ulvog, 1/30/81 and 1/6/82)

With respect to paragraph 5 of the Marlin Oil Co. letter, you might like to remind Mr. Snyder that N.M.O.C.D. Order No. R-6453 has been in effect since August 6, 1980. Since that time, there has been no official reports filed to indicate any activity at Well No. 5 after January 7, 1980; nor has there ever been any request for temporary abandonment. Do you agree with Mr. Snyder that this agency is now being unreasonable in requiring that something be done with this well? It has been abandoned without permission for two years. Please refer Mr. Snyder to Rule 202-B of the O.C.D. Regulations.

A reply to the attached Marlin letter consists of copies from the well file dated as follows:

Well Completion (Form C-105)	3/24/80
Letter from O.C.D.	5/30/80
O.C.D. Order No. R-6453	8/6/80
Letter from Bennett	11/28/80
Letter from O.C.D.	1/30/80
" " "	7/27/80
" " "	1/6/82
Letter from Bennett	1/18/82

Sincerely,

Carl Ulvog
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