## OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

May 2, 1945



J. Wesley Head, M. D. 110 East Fifth Street Borger, Texas

> Re: Case No. 53 - Order No. 587 Head & Miller - Carbon Dioxide well

Dear Dr. Head:

In reply to your recent wire please consult the provisions of the order in the above captioned matter, a copy of which order was transmitted to you by mail January 30, 1945. To refresh your memory the order portion of the order is quoted below:



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A. That J. L. Head and W. A. Filler shall be permitted to plug said well in accordance with the provisions of said bond and the laws, rules and regulations of the Commission, unless before such plugging is performed any of those claiming the ownership or operating rights of said well supply the Commission with acceptable bond to cover said well pending the outcome of said litigation determining title to the land upon which said well is located and the consequent operating rights thereof. If, however, after six months from the effective date of this order, the petitioners herein have not already plugged said well or if any of those claiming the operating rights or ownership of said well have not supplied an acceptable bond to the Commission, then the petitioners herein must proceed to plug said well in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations of the Commission and its administrative requirements.

B. The order herein shall be effective 15 days after its execution.

You will observe three things: The order did not go into effect until 15 days after its execution date, which was January 29, 1945. Then for

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six months Head and Miller are permitted to plug said well unless before such plugging is performed any of the interested parties supply the Commission with an acceptable plugging bond to cover the well pending the outcome of existing litigation. Then after that six months period the well must be plugged if no bond is submitted or if Head and Miller has not already plugged the well. Head and Miller, under the provisions of the above quoted order, are required in the plugging procedure to plug said well in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations and administrative requirements of the Commission.

The requirements governing plugging provide that application shall be made in triplicate upon Form C-102, notice of intention to plug, setting forth the plugging program. Before actual plugging is to be performed approval is required by an authorized agent of the Commission - this is Mr. May Tarbrough, State Oil and Gas Inspector, Hobbs, New Mexico. Your plugging program which you may propose may or may not be in keeping with good conservation practices. Mr. Tarbrough passes upon such features. When approved by that official then you perform the plugging in accordance with the approved notice. Then when the actual plugging is done a report of plugging is made in triplicate upon Form C-103, showing how the proposal of plugging was carried out. When this latter report is approved by Mr. Yarbrough, your bond is entitled to cancellation.

In my letter of April 25, I simply recited the fact that no plugging bond had thus far been submitted. Then on April 27 when I learned that a plugging bond was expected to be filed soon I deemed it advisable simply to advise you of the fact that a bond was expected to be filed. I felt that I should so inform you since in substance the order provides that for a six months period Head and Miller may plug the well in accordance with administrative requirements provided one of the interested parties did not file a plugging bond before the well was actually plugged.

Very truly yours,

Chief Clerk & Legal Adviser

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