

CASE 4491: MOTION OF THE OCC
TO PERMIT W. C. WELCH TO PLUG
HIS STATE WELL NO. 1, DE BACA CO.

W. C. Welch
De Baca Co.
Perm. No. 1

Case Number

4491

Application

Transcripts.

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BEFORE THE
NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

February 3, 1971

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Hearing called by the Oil Conservation
Commission on its own motion to permit
W. C. Welch and all other interested
persons to appear and show cause why his
State Well No. 1 located 660 feet from
the South and West lines of Section 28,
Township 2 South, Range 26 East, DeBaca
County, New Mexico, should not be plugged
and abandoned in accordance with a
Commission-approved plugging program.

Case No. 4491

BEFORE: Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

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1 MR. NUTTER: At the present time, we'll call Case
 2 Number 4491.

3 MR. HATCH: Case 4491, in the matter of the hearing
 4 called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion
 5 to permit W. C. Welch and all other interested persons to
 6 appear and show cause why his State Well No. 1 located 660 feet
 7 from the South and West lines of Section 28, Township 2 South,
 8 Range 26 East, De Baca County, New Mexico, should not be
 9 plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved
 10 plugging program.

11 If the Examiner please, George Hatch appearing on
 12 behalf of the Commission. I have one witness, Mr. Bill
 13 Gressett. I'd like to have him sworn, please.

14 MR. NUTTER: All right.

15 (Witness sworn.)

16 W. A. GRESSETT

17 called as a witness, having been first duly sworn, was
 18 examined and testified as follows:

19 DIRECT EXAMINATION

20 BY MR. HATCH:

21 Q Would you state your name and position for the
 22 record now, please.

23 A W. A. Gressett, District Supervisor of District Two
 24 of the Oil Conservation Commission.

25 Q Would you spell your last name for the Reporter, please.

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1 A G-r-e-double s-e-double t.

2 Q All right. And where do you reside, Mr. Gressett?

3 A In Artesia.

4 Q In reference to this case that has just been called,
5 4491, I think you have some additional information that you
6 gained yesterday that is going to cause you to make a
7 recommendation that the case be dismissed. Would you report
8 that to the Examiner, please.

9 A Yes, sir. I recommend that this case be dismissed
10 due to change in operator from W. C. Welch to Luttrell Oil and
11 Gas Company effective 2/1/71.

12 Q And they have filed with your office in Artesia
13 a drilling project that you have agreed to?

14 A Yes, sir. That's correct.

15 MR. NUTTER: Case Number 4491 will be dismissed.
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WITNESS

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W. A. GRESSETT

Direct Examination by Mr. Hatch

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1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
2) SS
3 COUNTY OF BERNALILLO)

4 I, CHARLOTTE J. MACIAS, Court Reporter in and for the
5 County of Bernalillo, State of New Mexico, do hereby certify
6 that the foregoing and attached Transcript of Hearing before
7 the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission was reported by
8 me and that the same is a true and correct record of the said
9 proceedings, to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

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11 Court Reporter

22 I do hereby certify that the foregoing is
23 a true and correct record of the hearing held
24 on the 2/3 day of February, 1944, at 4491
25 New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission 71

BEFORE THE
NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Santa Fe, New Mexico
January 13, 1971

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

The hearing called by the Oil Conservation
Commission on its own motion to permit W. C.
Welch and all other interested persons to
appear and show cause why his State Well No.
1 located 660 feet from the South and West
lines of Section 28, Township 2 South, Range
26 East, De Baca County, New Mexico, should
not be plugged and abandoned in accordance
with a Commission-approved plugging program.

Case No.
4491

BEFORE: Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner.

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

MR. NUTTER: We will now call Case 4491.

MR. HATCH: Case 4491. In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit W. C. Welch and all other interested persons to appear and show cause why his State Well No. 1 located 660 feet from the South and West lines of Section 28, Township 2 South, Range 26 East, De Baca County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.

This case failed to get advertised in sufficient time in the DeBaca County newspaper, so it was necessary to re-advertise this case to the next examiner hearing.

MR. NUTTER: Case 4491 will be continued to the next examiner hearing to be held at 9 o'clock a.m. on February 3, 1971, at this same place.

I, ETHEL S. ROMERO, Secretary, Oil Conservation Commission,
do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached Transcript of
Hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission was
reported by me; and that the same is a true and correct record
of said proceedings to the best of my knowledge, skill and
ability.

Ethel S. Romero

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is
 a true and correct copy of the proceedings in
 the hearing of Case No. 4491
 held at _____
 New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission

CASE 4496: Application of BTA Oil Producers for a pressure maintenance project, Lea and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a pilot pressure maintenance project in the Vada Pennsylvanian Pool by the injection of water into the Bough "C" formation in its 885 Ltd. Bond Well No. 5 located in the SW/4 of Section 4, Township 9 South, Range 36 East, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant further seeks the designation of a project area and the promulgation of rules for the project including a procedure whereby additional injection wells and the injection of air or gas may be approved administratively.

CASE 4486 (Continued and Readvertised):

Application of Continental Oil Company for a waterflood expansion, a dual completion, and lease commingling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to expand its Langlie-Mattix Jack A-29 waterflood project, Langlie-Mattix Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to include the NW/4 NE/4 of Section 29, Township 24 South, Range 37 East, prior to said tract being offset by an injection well. Applicant also proposes to drill and dually complete a well in the SW/4 NE/4 of said Section 29 in such a manner as to produce gas from the Jalmat Gas Pool and inject water into the Langlie-Mattix Pool as an additional injection well. Applicant further seeks authority to commingle the Langlie-Mattix production from its Jack A-29 and Jack B-29 leases (both in the proposed project area) allocating production by the subtraction method after separately metering production from the Jack A-29 Lease.

CASE 4497: Application of Twinlakes Oil Company for special pool rules and a non-standard proration unit, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the promulgation of special rules for the Twin Lakes-San Andres Pool, Chaves County, New Mexico, including provisions for the classification of oil and gas wells, spacing for oil and gas wells, and a limiting gas-oil ratio of 4000 to one. Applicant further seeks the establishment of a 160-acre non-standard Twin Lakes-San Andres gas proration unit comprising the W/2 W/2 of Section 36, Township 8 South, Range 28 East.

CASE 4491: (Continued from the January 13, 1971, Examiner Hearing)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit W. C. Welch and all other interested persons to appear and show cause why his State Well No. 1 located 660 feet from the South and West lines of Section 28, Township 2 South, Range 26 East, De Baca County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.

CASE 4492: (Continued from the January 13, 1971, Examiner Hearing)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Norman R. Jones and all other interested persons to appear and show cause why his State A Well No. 1 located in the NE/4 SE/4 of Section 16, Township 30 South, Range 14 West, Hidalgo County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 2088

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

February 8, 1971

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Mr. W. C. Welch
302 West Grand
Artesia, New Mexico

American Employers' Insurance Company
Surety Claim Department
c/o Edwin E. Ward, Resident Agent
Artesia, New Mexico

Re: Case No. 4491
W. C. Welch State Well No. 1, located 660 feet
from the South and West lines of Section 28,
Township 2 South, Range 26 East, NMPN, De Baca
County, New Mexico — American Employers'
Insurance Company \$10,000 Blanket Plugging Bond

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of Order No. R-4096 entered by the
Commission in the subject case.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE M. HATCH
Special Assistant Attorney General

GMR/esr
Enclosure

cc: Mr. James E. Kirk
Attorney at Law
401 San Pedro Drive, N.E.
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Mr. Bill Gressett
Supervisor, District 2
Oil Conservation Commission
Drawer DD
Artesia, New Mexico

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 W. C. WELCH AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY HIS STATE WELL NO. 1, LOCATED 660 FEET FROM THE SOUTH LINE AND 660 FEET FROM THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, NMPM, DE BACA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, SHOULD NOT BE PLUGGED AND ABANDONED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMMISSION-APPROVED PLUGGING PROGRAM.

CASE No. 4491
Order No. R-4096

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on February 3, 1971, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 8th day of February, 1971, 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 the District Supervisor of the Commission's Artesia district office requested that Case No. 4491 be dismissed.

(3) That the request for dismissal should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That Case No. 4491 is hereby dismissed.

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CASE No. 4491

Order No. R-4096

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Bruce King

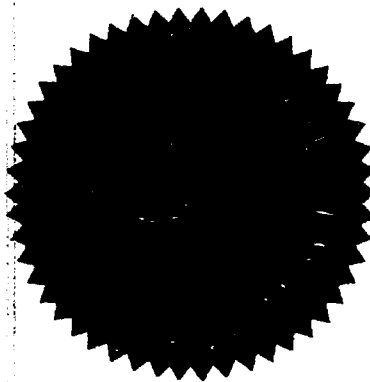
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ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member

A. L. Porter, Jr.

A. L. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary



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c/o Edwin H. Ward
Artesia, New Mexico

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 2088

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

January 22, 1971

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Mr. W. C. Welch
302 West Grand
Artesia, New Mexico

American Employers' Insurance Company
Surety Claim Department
c/o Edwin H. Ward, Resident Agent
Artesia, New Mexico

Re: W. C. Welch State Well No. 1, located 660 feet
from the South and West lines of Section 28,
Township 2 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, De Baca
County, New Mexico — American Employers'
Insurance Company \$10,000 Blanket Plugging Bond

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of the docket of the Examiner Hearing
to be held on Wednesday, February 3, 1971, at 9 a.m. in the
Oil Conservation Commission Conference Room, State Land Office
Building, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Case 4491, which was continued
from the January 13, 1971, Examiner Hearing, concerns the
subject matter.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE M. HATCH
Special Assistant Attorney General

GMM/esr
Enclosure

cc: Mr. James E. Kirk
Attorney at Law
401 San Pedro Drive, N.E.
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Mr. Bill Gressett
Supervisor, District 2
Oil Conservation Commission
Drawer DD
Artesia, New Mexico

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 2088

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

December 30, 1970

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Mr. James E. Kirk
Attorney at Law
401 San Pedro Drive, N.E.
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Re: Case 4491 - W. C. Welch State Well No. 1,
located 660 feet from the South and West
lines of Section 28, Township 2 South,
Range 26 East, De Baca County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Kirk:

Enclosed is a copy of the docket of the January 13,
1971, Examiner Hearing.

As Case 4491 was not advertised in De Baca County
for January 13, 1971, it will be necessary to continue
and readvertise the case for February 3, 1971. A
docket for February 3 will be sent to you as soon as
one has been printed.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE M. HATCH
Attorney

GMH/esr
Enclosure

cc: Mr. Bill Gressett
Supervisor, District 2
Oil Conservation Commission
Drawer DD
Artesia, New Mexico

(Case 4489 continued)

TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, NMPM
SECTION 32: SE/4

TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, NMPM
SECTION 22: SE/4

TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM
SECTION 12: NW/4

(g) Extend the Buffalo Valley-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NMPM
SECTION 6: W/2

(h) Extend the Double L-Queen Pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 14 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM
SECTION 25: SW/4 SE/4

TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM
SECTION 7: SW/4

CASE 4490:

Application of Texas Pacific Oil Company for an exception to Order No. R-3221, as amended, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an exception to Order No. R-3221, as amended, which order prohibits the disposal of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil on the surface of the ground in Lea, Eddy, Chaves, and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico. Said exception would be for the applicant's Wooley Federal Well No. 3 located in Section 21, Township 17 South, Range 30 East, Loco Hills-Abo Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

CASE 4491:

(This Case will be continued to 9:00 o'clock a.m. February 3, 1971)
In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit W. C. Welch and all other interested persons to appear and show cause why his State Well No. 1 located 660 feet from the South and West lines of Section 28, Township 2 South, Range 26 East, De Baca County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.

CASE 4492:

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Bill Gussett =

W. C. Welch
State II 1

660 FSZ & W lines 28, 28, 26E
Debra

July 29 - 1968 - Notice to drill approved

1140 feet → Feb 1969 -

Welch was going to have an interest in the well so
allowed to use

Jim Kirk - Oct. 1969

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Should set -

← Jim Kirk - atty - Alb -
255-8444

Set for hearing
Jan 13, 1971

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DRAFT

GMH/esr

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 W. C. WELCH AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY HIS STATE WELL NO. 1, LOCATED 660 FEET FROM THE SOUTH LINE AND 660 FEET FROM THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, NMPM, DE BACA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, SHOULD NOT BE PLUGGED AND ABANDONED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMMISSION-APPROVED PLUGGING PROGRAM.

CASE No. 4491

Order No. R-4096

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on February 3, 1971, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this _____ day of February, 1971, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered 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 the District Supervisor of the Commission's Artesia district office requested that Case No. 4491 be dismissed.

(3) That the request for dismissal should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That Case No. 4491 is hereby dismissed.

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

CASE 4492: MOTION OF THE OCC TO
PERMIT NORMAN R. JONES TO PLUG
HIS STATE A WELL NO. 1.

closed 2-22-74