

Case Number

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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
Norman R. Jones and all other interested
persons to appear and show cause why his
State A Well No. 1 located in the North-
east quarter Southeast quarter 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.

Case No. 4492

BEFORE: Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

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1 MR. NUTTER: We will call Case 4492 which is in
 2 the matter of the hearing called by the O. C. C. to permit
 3 Norman R. Jones and all other interested persons to appear
 4 and show cause why his State A Well No. 1 located in the
 5 Northeast quarter Southeast quarter of Section 16, Township 30
 6 South, Range 14 West, Hidalgo County, New Mexico, should not
 7 be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-
 8 approved plugging program.

9 MR. HATCH: I'd like for the record to show that
 10 Mr. Gressett has already been sworn.

11 W. A. GRESSETT

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

14 DIRECT EXAMINATION

15 BY MR. HATCH:

16 Q And would you identify yourself for the record
 17 again, Mr. Gressett.

18 A I am W. A. Gressett, District Supervisor of
 19 District Two of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
 20 located in Artesia, New Mexico.

21 Q And you reside in Artesia?

22 A Yes, sir. That's correct.

23 Q And as supervisor of District Two, do you have duties
 24 concerning approval or disapproval of drilling programs and
 25 plugging programs in District Two?

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1 A Yes, sir, I do.

2 Q Are you familiar with the purpose of Case 4492?

3 A Yes, sir.

4 Q Are you also familiar with the well that is the
 5 subject of Case 4492?

6 A Yes, sir, I am.

7 Q And how are you familiar with that well?

8 A I have here the Commission records from this well.

9 Q Have you also visited this well site?

10 A No, sir, I haven't. However, Mr. Dick Stamets,
 11 O. C. C. Oil and Gas Inspector located in District Two has
 12 inspected it.

13 Q He is one of the employees in your office?

14 A Yes, sir, that's correct.

15 Q Has he made either written reports to you or oral
 16 reports?

17 A Oral reports, yes, sir.

18 Q You said you have in your possession today the
 19 official records?

20 A Yes, sir, I do.

21 Q Would you refer to those official records and give
 22 the Examiner the location of the well, the name of the
 23 operator.

24 A All right, sir. It's Norman R. Jones, State A Well
 25 No. 1 located 1650 feet from the south line and 758 feet from

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1 the east line of Section 16, Township 30 South, Range 14 West,
2 Hidalgo County, New Mexico.

3 Q All right. Would you also give the Examiner a
4 history of the well from the time of spudding down to the
5 present.

6 A Commission Form C-101, Application for Permit to
7 Drill, was approved on December the 18th, 1969.

8 On March the 13th, 1970, we received a report stating
9 that they spudded the seven and seven-eighths inch hole with
10 a small rotary rig and drilled down to 1415 feet. Then they
11 reamed this hole out to twelve and three-quarters inch down
12 to 256 feet, and they were having a lot of problems so they
13 moved in a cable tool rig and then they state here that they
14 encountered no water sands from surface to 1415 feet.

15 They bailed the hole dry and would continue reaming
16 with cable tools.

17 Then we received progress report dated 6/18/70
18 stating that they had reamed this seven and seven-eighths inch
19 hole to an eight-inch hole from 256 feet to 1500 feet with
20 cable tools and that they ran seven-inch casing down to 1500
21 feet and then they drilled a six-inch hole down to 2350 feet
22 in volcanics and that they were now shut down to study the
23 feasibility of pulling the seven-inch casing and reaming the
24 holes around ten-inch casings, moved in a rotary and drilled
25 5000 feet.

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1 And I approved this report on July the 1st, 1970
 2 with the stipulation that drilling operations must be resumed
 3 within sixty days or the well properly plugged and abandoned.

4 I believe that's in accordance with Rule 202C.

5 Then having not heard anything from the operator in
 6 September, Mr. Stamets was in this area inspecting other
 7 locations and he went by this well and the rig was still over
 8 the hole and no one was around, so he didn't find out a great
 9 deal at the rig. However, he did get a report from a
 10 ranch foreman in the area that contradicts what the operator
 11 recorded, in that he stated they had water in this well at
 12 300 feet and at 1200 feet, and that the water stood about
 13 300 feet from the surface and, also, on a field trip report
 14 in that area, he heard other comments that the well had
 15 actually been drilled deeper than it had been stated, you
 16 know, that had been reported to us.

17 So then we wrote a letter to the operator asking
 18 that he commence operations, drilling operations or plug
 19 the well, and he didn't answer this. So it was referred to
 20 the Commission to advertise it for hearing.

21 Q All right. Then it's been more than sixty days
 22 since any drilling activities have taken place on this well,
 23 as far as you can determine from the investigation by Mr.
 24 Stamets or by official forms filed with you?

25 A Yes, sir, that's correct.

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1 Q Was there some report that also indicated that this
2 well may have encountered water at even a deeper depth than
3 the 300 feet or the 1200 feet?

4 A Yes, sir. We heard, also, that they had drilled
5 down to around 2600 feet and that they encountered water at
6 2400, and the hole started caving, and they stuck a string
7 of tools at total depth, and the tools are still in the hole.

8 Q But nothing has been filed to indicate that?

9 A No, sir. No report.

10 Q Where did that information come from?

11 A That was from a scout with a major company.

12 Q You've already said that you have made a demand
13 that drilling activity be resumed or the well be plugged?

14 A Yes, sir.

15 Q And from your investigation of the well records, it
16 would not indicate that this well has encountered any water,
17 gas or oil sands, is that right?

18 A That's right.

19 Q But from these rather outside information, there has
20 been something reported that there were water sands that were
21 encountered?

22 A Yes, sir.

23 Q Would you say that this, in your opinion, is an
24 abandoned well at this time?

25 A Yes, sir, I would.

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1 Q The rig is there?

2 A The rig was there in September, and whether or not
 3 it's still there, I don't know.

4 Q Since September. If the subject well is left in
 5 its present condition, is there any danger that crude oil,
 6 natural gas or water might escape from that strata into other
 7 strata?

8 A Yes, sir, I believe there is.

9 Q You've not received any response from Mr. Jones then?

10 A No response at all.

11 Q And in your opinion, should the subject well be
 12 plugged?

13 A Yes, sir, it should.

14 Q Do you have a recommended plugging program?

15 A Yes, sir. I would recommend that we check the total
 16 depth on it by running in tubing or running in wire line or
 17 something to check the total depth and if it is found to be
 18 drilled below this 2350 as recorded in our records, that we
 19 then get down below this water at 2400 that has been reported
 20 to us and spot a 25-sack plug at 2450, that the hole be filled
 21 with mud and the seven-inch casing be pulled and spot 50-sack
 22 plug at 1300 feet and a 35-sack plug at 350 and a 20-sack plug
 23 at the surface with properly inscribed marker.

24 Q Do you have anything further you'd like to add to
 25 your testimony?

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1 A No, sir. I believe that's all.

2 MR. PORTER: I have one question, Mr. Nutter.

3 CROSS EXAMINATION

4 BY MR. PORTER:

5 Q Mr. Stamets, I believe, made that on-the-site
 6 inspection in September.

7 A Yes, sir.

8 Q And it was after his return that you wrote the
 9 operator a letter?

10 A Yes, sir.

11 Q And you never had any response whatever from him?

12 A That's correct.

13 MR. PORTER: That's all.

14 MR. HATCH: A copy of Mr. Gressett's letter to
 15 Mr. Jones is in the case file there.

16 THE WITNESS: That's the letter.

17 MR. NUTTER: That's the letter of November 6, 1970,
 18 I presume.

19 THE WITNESS: I might say, further, that the agent
 20 for these people, for Mr. Jones, is Oil Reports and Gas
 21 Services, Box 763 in Hobbs, New Mexico.

22 MR. NUTTER: So all of your correspondence has been
 23 with this agency?

24 THE WITNESS: Right. And in talking to those people,
 25 they say, "Well, we can send this on to him," but they never

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1 even answer us.

2 MR. PORTER: Is that Mr. Smith that operates that,
 3 Willis Smith?

4 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

5 MR. NUTTER: So they don't hear from him, either?

6 THE WITNESS: They don't hear from him either.

7 MR. NUTTER: Was that all you had, Mr. Hatch?

8 MR. HATCH: That's all I have, Mr. Nutter.

9 CROSS EXAMINATION

10 BY MR. NUTTER:

11 Q Now, Mr. Gressett, this plugging program that you
 12 are proposing there, is this taking into consideration the
 13 string of tools that may be down in there?

14 A Well, I was just --

15 Q You heard that there was a string of tools?

16 A Right. I would just propose to leave them in there.

17 Q And clean out as far as you can go, clean out, make
 18 sure that you can get below this water reported at 2400 if,
 19 you know, the well was actually drilled below 2400.

20 A Yes.

21 Q Was there any estimate as to where this string of
 22 tools was stuck?

23 A I would assume they are on bottom, at 2600.

24 Q At the bottom. And so your lowermost plug would be
 25 at what point, Mr. Gressett?

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1 A At 2450.

2 Q So that would be above the tools?

3 A That would be above the tools. We would just be
 4 trying to protect that water that was reported at 2400.

5 Q I see.

6 MR. HATCH: Mr. Examiner, I have another question
 7 of Mr. Gressett.

8 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

9 BY MR. HATCH:

10 Q Mr. Gressett, what other efforts have you made to
 11 find where the water sands appear in this area?

12 A Well, we had checked the technical bulletins from
 13 the State Engineer's Office and we can't find anything in
 14 this particular area that shows where the water is.

15 Q Did you also visit the State Engineer's Office here
 16 in Santa Fe seeking assistance from the State Engineer's
 17 Office?

18 A Yes, sir, we did, yesterday.

19 Q And they did not have any records of water formations
 20 in this area?

21 A That's correct.

22 MR. NUTTER: Thank you. If there's no further
 23 questions from Mr. Gressett, he may be excused. Do you have
 24 anything further, Mr. Hatch?

25 MR. HATCH: That's all I have.

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MR. NUTTER: Does anyone have anything else to
 add in Case 4492? We'll take the case under advisement
 and recess the hearing until one o'clock.

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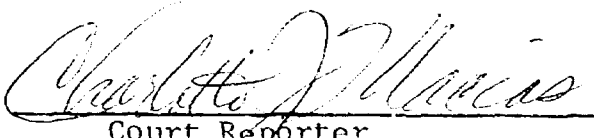
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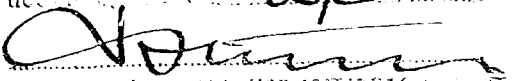
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4 I, CHARLOTTE J. MACIAS, Court Reporter in and for the
5 County of Bernalillo, State of New Mexico, do hereby certify
6 that the foregoing and attached Transcript of Hearing before
7 the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission was reported by
8 me 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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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
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Case No.
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BEFORE: Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner.

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

MR. NUTTER: We will now call Case 4492.

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Mr. Bill Gressett, District Supervisor, Oil Conservation Commission, has requested that this case be continued to February 3rd, as he will be appearing in both of the plugging cases.

MR. NUTTER: Case No. 4492 is continued to the 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
Ethel S. Romero

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a complete record of the presentation of the following exhibits of Case No. 44-92 issued by me on June 13, 1911.

[Signature], Examiner
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HIDALGO COUNTY

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO,

Plaintiff,

vs.

NORTHWESTERN NATIONAL INSURANCE
COMPANY OF MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN,

Defendant,

and

NORMAN R. JONES,

Third-Party Defendant

ORDER

Whereas the Plaintiff in the above-entitled cause commenced an action against the above-named Defendant praying that an injunction issue ordering the Defendant to plug the well which is the subject of this suit or for judgement against the Defendant in the sum of \$10,000 plus interest; and

Whereas the Plaintiff in this cause has informed the court that the subject well has been plugged in a satisfactory manner by parties other than the above-named Defendants and has moved that this cause be dismissed with prejudice, now therefore,

IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:

That this cause is hereby dismissed with prejudice, each party to bear his own costs.

W. Norman Hedges
DISTRICT JUDGE

APPROVED:

Thomas W. Berryberry
THOMAS W. BERRYBERRY
Special Assistant Attorney General
Oil Conservation Commission of the
State of New Mexico, P.O. Box 1032
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Vance Mauney
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Attorney for Defendant
Suite 520, Simms Building
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87101

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LAW OFFICES OF
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PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

SUITE 520
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ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87102
505-247-4137

February 18, 1974

Honorable Norman Hodges
District Judge
PO Box 390
Silver City, NM 88061

RE: Oil Conservation Comm. V. Northwestern National Ins. Co.
Hidalgo Co. No. 3130

Dear Judge Hodges:

In response to your letter dated February 11, 1974 I herewith
enclose an order submitted to me by Mr. Derryberry, Special
Assistant Attorney General.

I apologize to you both for not having approved this and
forwarded it on to you sooner, in having become buried in
some papers on my work table and it was overlooked. I appreciate
your "smoking" it out.

Best personal regards.

Truly yours,

Vance Mauney

VM/lg

cc/ Thomas W. Derryberry, Esq.
PO Box 2088
Santa Fe, NM 87501

PS Might I impose on you to hand this letter to the clerk of the
court and ask that a copy of the order be mailed to me
when it is entered.



STATE OF NEW MEXICO
SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

February 11, 1974

NORMAN HODGES
DISTRICT JUDGE
P. O. BOX 390
SILVER CITY, N. M. 88061
A. A. RIVERA
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

COUNTIES OF
GRANT
LUNA
HIDALGO

Mr. Vance Mauney
Attorney at Law
Suite 520, Simms Building
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87101

Re: Oil Conservation Comm. v. Northwestern
National Ins. Co.
Hidalgo Co. No. 3130

Dear Vance:

Reference is made to Mr. Derryberry's letters of
December 10th to you and me, copies of which are enclosed.

I still hold Plaintiff's Motion to Dismiss, but
have not received an Order of Dismissal.

Please advise.

With my best regards, I am

Sincerely,

NH:ez

cc: Mr. Thomas A. Derryberry



STATE OF NEW MEXICO
SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

NORMAN HODGES
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February 19, 1974

Mrs. Petra D. Estrada
District Court Clerk
P. O. Box 308
Lordsburg, New Mexico 88045

Re: Oil Conservation Comm.
v. Northwestern National Ins., Co.
Hidalgo Co. No. 3130

Dear Petra:

Enclosed for filing are a Motion to Dismiss and
Order of Dismissal.

Please send:

1. Certified Copy of the Order to Mr. Derryberry,
without charge.
2. A photocopy of the Order to Mr. Mauney.

Sincerely,

Norman Hodges
District Judge

cc: Mr. Thomas W. Derryberry
P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Mr. Vance Mauney
Suite 520, Simms Building
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Judge Hodges. - Clarksburg.

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Mr. Vance Manning - 247-4137
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he can get a stipulated
judgment - if not
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order to dismiss -
to the lawyer
to Judge

Mr Mauney - will rough a judgment
when this comes in I
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about an order and motion
to dismiss — This must
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
\$10,000.00 BLANKET PLUGGING AND INDEMNITY BOND

BOND NO. 1-557423
(For Use of Surety Company)

(Note: File with Oil Conservation Commission, Santa Fe, New Mexico.)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That Norman R. Jones, (an individual) (~~agent of~~)
(~~agent of~~) Northwestern National Insurance Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with its principal office in the city of Kansas City, State of Missouri, and authorized to do business in the State of New Mexico), as PRINCIPAL, and Northwestern National Insurance Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Wisconsin, and authorized to do business in the State of New Mexico with duly appointed resident agent licensed in the State of New Mexico to execute this bond on behalf of the surety company, as SURETY, are held firmly bound unto the State of New Mexico, for the use and benefit of the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico pursuant to Section 65-3-11, New Mexico Statutes Annotated, 1953 Compilation, as amended, and for the use and benefit of purchasers holding purchase contract or deed to State lands, with minerals reserved, their grantees or successors in interest, pursuant to Section 7-11-20, New Mexico Statutes Annotated, 1953 Compilation, as amended, in the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars lawful money of the United States, for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, said PRINCIPAL and SURETY hereby bind themselves, their successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

The conditions of this obligation are such that:

WHEREAS, The above principal has heretofore or may hereafter enter into oil and gas leases, or carbon dioxide (CO₂) gas leases, or helium gas leases with the State of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Said leases were entered into by the said principal, subject to the requirements of the provisions of Section 7-11-20, New Mexico Statutes Annotated, 1953 Compilation, as amended; and

WHEREAS, All or part of the lands embraced in said leases have been sold, with minerals reserved to the State of New Mexico, from the State of New Mexico or State purchase contracts; and

WHEREAS, The above principal, individually, or in association with one or more other parties, has commenced or may commence the drilling of wells to prospect for and produce oil or gas, or carbon dioxide (CO₂) gas or helium gas, or does own or may acquire, own or operate such wells, or such wells started by others on land embraced in said State oil and gas leases, or carbon dioxide (CO₂) gas leases, or helium gas leases, and on lands patented by the United States of America to private individuals, and on lands otherwise owned by private individuals, the identification and location of said wells being expressly waived by both principal and surety hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, If the above bounden principal and surety or either of them or their successors or assigns, or any of them, shall plug all of said wells when dry or when abandoned in accordance with the rules, regulations, and orders of the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico in such way as to confine the oil, gas, and water in the strata in which they are found, and to prevent them from escaping into other strata;

AND FURTHER, If the above bounden principal and surety or either of them or their successors or assigns, or any of them, upon demand shall make good and sufficient recompense, satisfaction or payment unto the holders of State purchase contracts or holders of patents for State lands, with minerals reserved to the State, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, for all damages to the livestock, range, water, crops, or tangible improvements on such lands as may be suffered by such purchasers or their successors in interest, by reason of such development, use or occupancy of such lands by such lessee or principal, or for such damages as a court of competent jurisdiction may determine and fix in any action brought on this bond;

THEN, THEREFORE, This obligation shall be null and void; otherwise and in default of complete compliance with any and all of said obligations, the same shall remain in full force and effect.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That thirty (30) days after receipt by the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico of written notice of cancellation from the surety, the obligation of the surety hereunder shall terminate as to property or wells acquired, drilled, or started after said thirty (30) day period but shall continue in effect, notwithstanding said notice, as to property or wells theretofore acquired, drilled, or started.

Signed and sealed this _____ day of _____, 19____.

Norman R. Jones
PRINCIPAL
By [Signature]
Signature Title
(Note: Principal, if corporation, affix corporate seal here.)

NORTHWESTERN NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY
OF MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
SURETY
By Patricia A. Montag
Attorney-in-Fact
(Note: Corporate surety affix corporate seal here.)

(Note: If corporate surety executes this bond by an attorney-in-fact not in New Mexico, the resident New Mexico agent shall countersign here below.)

Countersigned by:

X W. [Signature]
New Mexico Resident Agent

503 Simms Bldg., 203 4th St., Albuquerque, N. M.
Address

***** Acknowledgment Form for Natural Persons *****

STATE OF MISSOURI)
COUNTY OF JACKSON) ss.

On this 4th day of December, 1969, before me personally appeared Norman R. Jones, to me known to be the person (persons) described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he (they) executed the same as his (their) free act and deed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on the day and year in this certificate first above written.

My Commission expires 8-11-73
Sarah Katherine Jackson
Notary Public

***** Acknowledgment Form for Corporation *****

STATE OF _____)
COUNTY OF _____) ss.

On this _____ day of _____, 19____, before me personally appeared _____, to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn, did say that he is _____ of _____ and that the foregoing instrument was signed and sealed on behalf of said corporation by authority of its board of directors, and acknowledged said instrument to be the free act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on the day and year in this certificate first above written.

My Commission expires _____ Notary Public

***** Acknowledgment Form for Corporate Surety *****

STATE OF Wisconsin)
COUNTY OF Milwaukee) ss.

On this 4th day of December, 1969, before me appeared Patricia A. Montag, to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn, did say that he is Attorney-in-Fact of Northwestern National Insurance Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and that the foregoing instrument was signed and sealed on behalf of said corporation by authority of its board of directors, and acknowledged said instrument to be the free act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on the day and year in this certificate first above written.

My Commission expires 1/14/73
Frank P. Uebel
Notary Public
(Note: Corporate surety attach power of attorney.)

APPROVED BY:

[Signature]
Commissioner of Public Lands

APPROVED BY:

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO

By A. G. Carter



NORTHWESTERN NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY

OF MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

A STOCK COMPANY

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That NORTHWESTERN NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, a Wisconsin corporation, does hereby make, constitute and appoint

- - - - - Patricia A. Mortag, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin - - - - -

its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, with full power and authority for and on behalf of the company as surety, to execute and deliver and affix the seal of the company thereto if a seal is required, bonds, undertakings, recognizances or other written obligations in the nature thereof, as follows:

- - - - - Any and all bonds, undertakings, recognizances or other written obligations in the nature thereof - - - - -

and to bind NORTHWESTERN NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN thereby, and all of the acts of said Attorneys-in-Fact, pursuant to these presents, are hereby ratified and confirmed. This appointment is made under and by authority of the following provisions of the By-Laws of the company, which are now in full force and effect:

Article II, Section 1. The business and property of the company shall be managed and controlled by the board of directors.

Article III, Section 1. ... The board of directors may appoint additional officers and agents to perform such duties as may be assigned by the board of directors.

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following resolutions adopted by the board of directors of the NORTHWESTERN NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN at a meeting duly held on May 14, 1963.

RESOLVED that the president, any vice-president or assistant vice-president, in conjunction with the secretary or any assistant secretary, may appoint attorneys-in-fact or agents with authority as defined or limited in the instrument evidencing the appointment in each case, for and on behalf of the company to execute and deliver and affix the seal of the company to bonds, undertakings, recognizances, and suretyship obligations of all kinds; and said officers may remove any such attorney-in-fact or agent and revoke any power of attorney previously granted to such person.

RESOLVED FURTHER that any bond, undertaking, recognizance, or suretyship obligation shall be valid and binding upon the company

(i) when signed by the president, any vice-president or assistant vice-president, and attested and sealed (if a seal be required) by any secretary or assistant secretary; or

(ii) when signed by the president, any vice-president or assistant vice-president, secretary or assistant secretary, and countersigned and sealed (if a seal be required) by a duly authorized attorney-in-fact or agent; or

(iii) when duly executed and sealed (if a seal be required) by one or more attorneys-in-fact or agents pursuant to and within the limits of the authority evidenced by the power of attorney issued by the company to such person or persons.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the signature of any authorized officer and the seal of the company may be affixed by facsimile to any power of attorney or certification thereof authorizing the execution and delivery of any bond, undertaking, recognizance, or other suretyship obligations of the company; and such signature and seal when so used shall have the same force and effect as though manually affixed.

This Power of Attorney revokes the Power of Attorney issued to Patricia A. Mortag of Milwaukee, Wisconsin dated December 1, 1966 in an unlimited amount

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, NORTHWESTERN NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN has caused these presents to be signed by its proper officer, and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed this 9th day of August, 1967.



NORTHWESTERN NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY
OF MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Kent M. Quantius
Vice President
Arthur F. Hart
Secretary

STATE OF WISCONSIN, COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE--ss

On this 9th day of August, A.D., 1967, personally came before me, Kent M. Quantius and Arthur F. Hart, to me known to be the individuals and officers of the NORTHWESTERN NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, who executed the above instrument, and they each acknowledged the execution of the same, and being by me duly sworn, did severally depose and say: that they are the said officers of the corporation aforesaid, and that the seal affixed to the above instrument is the seal of the corporation, and that said corporate seal and their signatures as such officers were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority of the board of directors of said corporation.



John G. Odey
Notary Public
My Commission Expires September 29, 1968

STATE OF WISCONSIN, COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE--ss

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, assistant secretary of the NORTHWESTERN NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, a Wisconsin corporation, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached Power of Attorney remains in full force and has not been revoked; and furthermore, that the provisions of the By-Laws of the company and the Resolutions of the board of directors set forth in the Power of Attorney, are now in force.

Signed and sealed at the City of Milwaukee this 4th day of December, 1967

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G.B. Phillips
Assistant Secretary
G.B. Phillips

Norman R. Jones

PRINCIPAL

By

Signature

Title

(Note: Principal, if corporation, affix corporate seal here.)

(Note: If corporate surety executes this bond by an attorney-in-fact not in New Mexico, the resident New Mexico agent shall countersign here below.)

Countersigned by:

X W. M. [Signature]
New Mexico Resident Agent

NORTHWESTERN NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY
OF MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

SURETY

By

Attorney-in-Fact

Patricia A. Mortag
(Note: Corporate surety affix corporate seal here.)

503 Simms Bldg., 203 4th St., Albuquerque, N. M.
Address

***** Acknowledgment Form for Natural Persons *****

STATE OF MISSOURI)
COUNTY OF JACKSON) ss.

On this 4th day of December, 19 69, before me personally appeared Norman R. Jones, to me known to be the person (persons) described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he (they) executed the same as his (their) free act and deed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on the day and year in this certificate first above written.

My Commission expires 8-11-73

Sarah Katherine Jackson
Notary Public

***** Acknowledgment Form for Corporation *****

STATE OF _____)
COUNTY OF _____) ss.

On this _____ day of _____, 19 _____, before me personally appeared _____, to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn, did say that he is _____ of _____ and that the foregoing instrument was signed and sealed on behalf of said corporation by authority of its board of directors, and acknowledged said instrument to be the free act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on the day and year in this certificate first above written.

My Commission expires _____

Notary Public

***** Acknowledgment Form for Corporate Surety *****

STATE OF Wisconsin)
COUNTY OF Milwaukee) ss.

On this 4th day of December, 19 69, before me appeared Patricia A. Mortag to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn, did say that he is Attorney-in-Fact of Northwestern National Insurance Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and that the foregoing instrument was signed and sealed on behalf of said corporation by authority of its board of directors, and acknowledged said instrument to be the free act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on the day and year in this certificate first above written.

My Commission expires 1/14/73

Frank P. [Signature]
Notary Public

(Note: Corporate surety attach power of attorney.)

APPROVED BY:

APPROVED BY:
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO

Commissioner of Public Lands

By A. L. [Signature]

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
\$10,000.00 BLANKET PLUGGING AND INDEMNITY BOND

BOND NO. 8-661423
(For Use of Surety Company)

(Note: File with Oil Conservation Commission, Santa Fe, New Mexico.)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That Norman R. Jones, (an individual) (~~resident of~~) ~~(a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Missouri)~~, with its principal office in the city of Kansas City, State of Missouri, and authorized to do business in the State of New Mexico), as PRINCIPAL, and Northwestern National Insurance Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Wisconsin, and authorized to do business in the State of New Mexico with duly appointed resident agent licensed in the State of New Mexico to execute this bond on behalf of the surety company, as SURETY, are held firmly bound unto the State of New Mexico, for the use and benefit of the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico pursuant to Section 65-3-11, New Mexico Statutes Annotated, 1953 Compilation, as amended, and for the use and benefit of purchasers holding purchase contract or deed to State lands, with minerals reserved, their grantees or successors in interest, pursuant to Section 7-11-20, New Mexico Statutes Annotated, 1953 Compilation, as amended, in the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars lawful money of the United States, for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, said PRINCIPAL and SURETY hereby bind themselves, their successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

The conditions of this obligation are such that:

WHEREAS, The above principal has heretofore or may hereafter enter into oil and gas leases, or carbon dioxide (CO₂) gas leases, or helium gas leases with the State of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Said leases were entered into by the said principal, subject to the requirements of the provisions of Section 7-11-20, New Mexico Statutes Annotated, 1953 Compilation, as amended; and

WHEREAS, All or part of the lands embraced in said leases have been sold, with minerals reserved to the State of New Mexico, to various purchasers who hold limited patents from the State of New Mexico or State purchase contracts; and

WHEREAS, The above principal, individually, or in association with one or more other parties, has commenced or may commence the drilling of wells to prospect for and produce oil or gas, or carbon dioxide (CO₂) gas or helium gas, or does own or may acquire, own or operate such wells, or such wells started by others on land embraced in said State oil and gas leases, or carbon dioxide (CO₂) gas leases, or helium gas leases, and on lands patented by the United States of America to private individuals, and on lands otherwise owned by private individuals, the identification and location of said wells being expressly waived by both principal and surety hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, If the above bounden principal and surety or either of them or their successors or assigns, or any of them, shall plug all of said wells when dry or when abandoned in accordance with the rules, regulations, and orders of the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico in such way as to confine the oil, gas, and water in the strata in which they are found, and to prevent them from escaping into other strata;

AND FURTHER, If the above bounden principal and surety or either of them or their successors or assigns, or any of them, upon demand shall make good and sufficient recompense, satisfaction or payment unto the holders of State purchase contracts or holders of patents for State lands, with minerals reserved to the State, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, for all damages to the livestock, range, water, crops, or tangible improvements on such lands as may be suffered by such purchasers or their successors in interest, by reason of such development, use or occupancy of such lands by such lessee or principal, or for such damages as a court of competent jurisdiction may determine and fix in any action brought on this bond;

THEN, THEREFORE, This obligation shall be null and void; otherwise and in default of complete compliance with any and all of said obligations, the same shall remain in full force and effect.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That thirty (30) days after receipt by the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico of written notice of cancellation from the surety, the obligation of the surety hereunder shall terminate as to property or wells acquired, drilled, or started after said thirty (30) day period but shall continue in effect, notwithstanding said notice, as to property or wells theretofore acquired, drilled, or started.

Signed and sealed this 4th day of December, 19 69.



NORTHWESTERN NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY

OF MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

A STOCK COMPANY

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That NORTHWESTERN NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, a Wisconsin corporation, does hereby make, constitute and appoint

-----Patricia A. Mortag, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin-----

its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, with full power and authority for and on behalf of the company as surety, to execute and deliver and affix the seal of the company thereto if a seal is required, bonds, undertakings, recognizances or other written obligations in the nature thereof, as follows:

-----Any and all bonds, undertakings, recognizances or other written obligations in the nature thereof-----

and to bind NORTHWESTERN NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN thereby, and all of the acts of said Attorneys-in-Fact, pursuant to these presents, are hereby ratified and confirmed. This appointment is made under and by authority of the following provisions of the By-Laws of the company, which are now in full force and effect:

Article II, Section 1. The business and property of the company shall be managed and controlled by the board of directors.

Article III, Section 1. ...The board of directors may appoint additional officers and agents to perform such duties as may be assigned by the board of directors.

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following resolutions adopted by the board of directors of the NORTHWESTERN NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN at a meeting duly held on May 14, 1963.

RESOLVED that the president, any vice-president or assistant vice-president, in conjunction with the secretary or any assistant secretary, may appoint attorneys-in-fact or agents with authority as defined or limited in the instrument evidencing the appointment in each case, for and on behalf of the company to execute and deliver and affix the seal of the company to bonds, undertakings, recognizances, and suretyship obligations of all kinds; and said officers may remove any such attorney-in-fact or agent and revoke any power of attorney previously granted to such person.

RESOLVED FURTHER that any bond, undertaking, recognizance, or suretyship obligation shall be valid and binding upon the company

(i) when signed by the president, any vice-president or assistant vice-president, and attested and sealed (if a seal be required) by any secretary or assistant secretary; or

(ii) when signed by the president, any vice-president or assistant vice-president, secretary or assistant secretary, and countersigned and sealed (if a seal be required) by a duly authorized attorney-in-fact or agent; or

(iii) when duly executed and sealed (if a seal be required) by one or more attorneys-in-fact or agents pursuant to and within the limits of the authority evidenced by the power of attorney issued by the company to such person or persons.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the signature of any authorized officer and the seal of the company may be affixed by facsimile to any power of attorney or certification thereof authorizing the execution and delivery of any bond, undertaking, recognizance, or other suretyship obligations of the company; and such signature and seal when so used shall have the same force and effect as though manually affixed.

This Power of Attorney revokes the Power of Attorney issued to Patricia A. Mortag of Milwaukee, Wisconsin dated December 1, 1966 in an unlimited amount

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, NORTHWESTERN NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN has caused these presents to be signed by its proper officer, and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed this 9th day of August 1967.



NORTHWESTERN NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY
OF MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Kent M. Quantius
Vice President

Arthur F. Hart
Secretary

STATE OF WISCONSIN, COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE--ss

On this 9th day of August A.D., 1967, personally came before me, Kent M. Quantius and Arthur F. Hart, to me known to be the individuals and officers of the NORTHWESTERN NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, who executed the above instrument, and they each acknowledged the execution of the same, and being by me duly sworn, did severally depose and say: that they are the said officers of the corporation aforesaid, and that the seal affixed to the above instrument is the seal of the corporation, and that said corporate seal and their signatures as such officers were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority of the board of directors of said corporation.



Kent M. Quantius
Notary Public
My Commission Expires September 29, 1968

STATE OF WISCONSIN, COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE--ss

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, assistant secretary of the NORTHWESTERN NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, a Wisconsin corporation, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached Power of Attorney remains in full force and has not been revoked; and furthermore, that the provisions of the By-Laws of the company and the Resolutions of the board of directors set forth in the Power of Attorney, are now in force.

Signed and sealed at the City of Milwaukee this 8th day of December, 1967

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G.B. Phillips
Assistant Secretary
G.B. Phillips

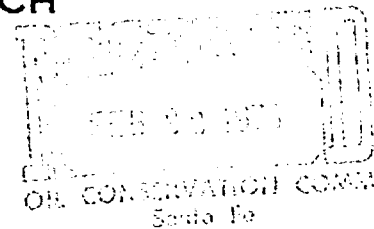
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THE HATCHET RANCH

M. T. Everhart
HACHITA, N. M. 88040
Phone 548-2322

February 19, 1973



Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr., Sectreary-Director
Oil Conservation Commission
State of New Mexico
P. O. Box 2038
Santa Fe, N. M. 87501

Dear Mr. Porter:

The Norman A. Jones State "A" Well number 1 has now been plugged with thirty sacks of hydroplastic cement placed directly on the 1000' plug, as undertaken in my letter of the 12th.

The work was done February 15-16 by the A. J. Wright Drilling Co. of Hachita, N.M.. I was personally present through a substantial part of the operation, so can state of my own knowledge that it was properly done.

I have much appreciated your patience and consideration throughout the matter.

Very truly yours,

M. T. Everhart

M. T. Everhart

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
P. O. BOX 2085
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

February 23, 1973

The Honorable Norman Hodgas
District Judge
Sixth Judicial District
P. O. Box 390
Silver City, New Mexico 88061

Re: Cause No. 3130

Dear Judge Hodgas:

This letter is to inform you that the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico is satisfied that the Norman R. Jones State "A" Well No. 1, located in Unit I of Section 16, Township 39 South, Range 14 West, Hidalgo County, New Mexico, has been satisfactorily plugged back to the water zone. It is, therefore, the Commission's intention not to pursue Cause 3130 set for hearing in District Court of Hidalgo County at 1:30 p.m., March 2, 1973, and we request that this action be dismissed.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM F. CARR
Special Assistant Attorney General
Oil Conservation Commission

WFC/dr

cc: Mrs. Petra D. Estrada
Clerk of the District Court
 Lordsburg, New Mexico 88045

Mr. Vance Mauney
Dotts, Dotts & Mauney
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87101

Mr. M. T. Everhardt
Bachita, New Mexico 88040

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
P. O. BOX 2088
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

October 5, 1972

The Honorable Norman Hodges
District Judge
Sixth Judicial District Court
P. O. Box 390
Silver City, New Mexico

Re: Hidalgo County Cause No. 3130
Oil Conservation Commission
of New Mexico vs.
Northwestern National Insurance
Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Sir:

In accordance with our telephone conversation of
October 5, 1972, please find enclosed the original order
granting a continuance of the above-described cause.
Also enclosed please find a copy of the Motion for
Continuance which has been mailed to the District Court
Clerk in Lordsburg, New Mexico, for filing in said cause.

I would appreciate your filing the order as soon as
you have taken action upon the matter.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE M. HATCH
Special Assistant Attorney General
representing the Oil Conservation
Commission of New Mexico
P. O. Box 2088, Santa Fe, New Mexico

GMH/dr

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HIDALGO COUNTY
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF NEW MEXICO,

Plaintiff,

vs.

NORTHWESTERN NATIONAL INSURANCE
COMPANY OF MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN,

Defendant.

No. 3130

MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission, Plaintiff herein, by and through its attorney, George M. Hatch, respectively moves the court to grant a continuance of the above-entitled cause until some time in the latter part of November, 1972, the cause having been set for trial on October 13, 1972, on the ground that good faith efforts are being made to resolve the problem without the necessity for trial and the attorneys of record and other interested persons have agreed to such continuance.

DAVID L. NORVELL
Attorney General for the
State of New Mexico

S/ George M. Hatch
GEORGE M. HATCH
Special Assistant Attorney General
representing the Oil Conservation
Commission of New Mexico
P. O. Box 2088, Santa Fe, New Mexico

I hereby certify that on the 5th day of October, 1972, a copy of the foregoing Motion for Continuance was mailed to Mr. Vance Mauney, Suite 520, Simms Building, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Mr. Burch Downman, 1200 Houston First Savings Building, Houston, Texas 77002, and Mr. Norman R. Jones, 1200 Houston First Savings Building, Houston, Texas 77002.

S/ George M. Hatch
GEORGE M. HATCH

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HIDALGO COUNTY
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF NEW MEXICO,

Plaintiff,

vs.

No. 3130

NORTHWESTERN NATIONAL INSURANCE
COMPANY OF MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN,

Defendant.

ORDER

The court being advised that the attorneys of record and other interested persons have agreed that this case may be continued for a period of time, it is therefore:

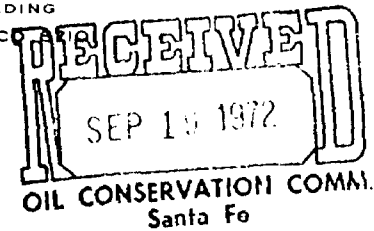
Ordered, adjudged, and decreed that the hearing of this action be and the same hereby is continued to _____ o'clock
_____ m. on _____, 1972.

Dated _____, 1972.

NORMAN HODGES
District Judge
Sixth Judicial District Court

C. M. BOTTS (1881-1963)
ROBERT W. BOTTS
VANCE MAUNEY
GERALD R. COLE
RONALD T. TAYLOR

BOTTS, BOTTS & MAUNEY
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
SUITE 520 SIMMS BUILDING
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO



TELEPHONE
247-4137
AREA CODE 505

September 18, 1972

George M. Hatch, Esq.
P.O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501


Dear Mr. Hatch:

RE: Norman R. Jones, State A. Well No. 1,
located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 16
Township 30 South, Range 14, West
N.M.P.M., Hidalgo County, New Mexico
Northwestern National Insurance Company
of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, \$10,000.00
Blanket Plugging Bond No. S-661423

We have now talked with Mr. Jones concerning the proposed stipulations which we discussed on the telephone on September 12, 1972 and he has asked that we enter into no stipulations in the case at this time. He proposes to file an Answer to the Third-Party Complaint and possibly plead to the Complaint itself in an effort to effect a disposition of the case favorable to him.

Very truly yours,

BOTTS, BOTTS & MAUNEY


Vance Mauney

VM:ar

cc: Mr. Norman R. Jones

DOWNMAN, JONES & SCHECHTER

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

1200 HOUSTON FIRST SAVINGS BUILDING

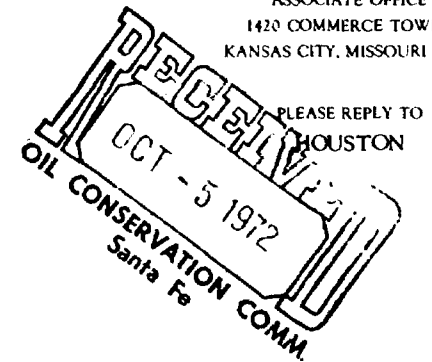
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002

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October 2, 1972

GALVESTON OFFICE
2206 MECHANIC
GALVESTON, TEXAS 77550

ASSOCIATE OFFICE
1420 COMMERCE TOWER
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI 64105



Oil Conservation Committee
State Land Office
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Attn: Mr. Porter

Dear Mr. Porter:

I am directing this letter to you personally as Mr. Hatch informed me that he would not be in Santa Fe the week of October 2.

I talked by phone with Mr. Hatch and informed him that there was some chance that we could work out a deal with Mr. M. T. Everhart of Hachito, New Mexico, with regard to converting the abandoned well into a much needed fresh water well. I have talked at length with Mr. Everhart and he is in accord but he does specifically insist and specify that if he is to be involved, he does not want to put himself under any form of obligation to any government agency. In other words, he is a rancher and while he is interested in obtaining a valuable source of water he does not want to be involved in it if there is any conflict between him and the State of New Mexico.

It is, of course, impossible for us to accomplish all of this between now and October 13th, which is the date on which the pending case is set for trial in Lordsburg. I do hope that on the strength of this letter, and my assurances to you on the content of my talk with Mr. Everhart, that you will see to it that this case is postponed. If the case will not be postponed I do hope that you will let me know immediately and we will employ

October 2, 1972

an attorney and try to get a continuance for us as both Mr. Jones and I have cases already set for trial in the Federal Court on that date and I imagine that a State judge would grant us a continuance as it is customary.

Mr. Porter, if you will send me the proper application for a re-hearing before the Commission or an application to make a water well, I would very much appreciate it and we will promptly have it filled out and returned to you.

In anticipation of some day meeting you, I am

Very truly yours,


Burch Downman

BD/cf

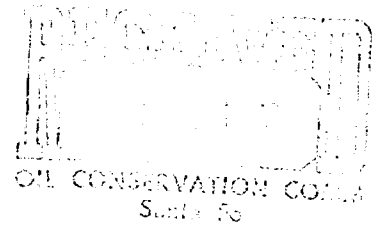
NORMAN HODGES
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COUNTIES OF
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August 4, 1972



Mr. George M. Hatch
Special Ass't Attorney General
Post Office Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Botts, Botts and Mauney
Attorneys at Law
520 Simms Building
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Re: Oil Conversation Commission
vs Northwestern National Insurance
Hidalgo County #3130

Gentlemen:

The above case is set for trial in Lordsburg
on Friday, October 13th at 1:30 P.M.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Norman Hodges in cursive script.

NORMAN HODGES
District Judge

DOWNMAN, JONES & SCHECHTER

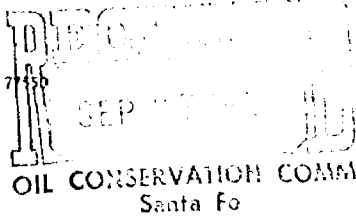
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September 25, 1972

ASSOCIATE OFFICE
1420 COMMERCE TOWER
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI 64105

PLEASE REPLY TO
HOUSTON

George Hatch, Esq.
Special Assistant Attorney General
P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico

RE: Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico vs. Northwestern
National Insurance Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Hatch:

Enclosed is a copy of a Pro Se pleading filed by my law partner,
Norman R. Jones. Norman is in trial away from the City and that is
why I am personally writing you this letter.

I am sure you wish to deal with Norman in a just manner. The
history of this unfortunate affair is that he almost bankrupted himself
in the futile drilling of the well in question. Naturally, he was aware
that the abandoned well should be plugged and was assured by the driller
that this had been done in conformity with the rules and regulations
of the Commission.

When it was learned this was being questioned inquiry was made
of persons familiar with the well. His information was that if the well
was imperfectly plugged the fact would certainly not constitute any ecological
or other damage to the State. His understanding has been that the sole
result of an outlay of many thousands of dollars was the production of a
fresh water well. If, in fact, however real damage was done or threatened
to the State of New Mexico, there is nothing for the guy to do but yield to
your wishes.

Mr. George Hatch

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September 25, 1972

I am just wondering if it wouldn't be possible for us to agree on some independent geologist who could go to the well, at our expense, and in the company of one of your people or you personally, if you wish, and ascertain if any damage is really being done. In other words, as Norman has taken a pretty serious financial bath already he sure isn't anxious to be saddled with any more additional expense than really necessary. In any event, however, if you feel that you cannot agree to this, please let me know right away as he will then have to employ counsel in Las Cruces or Lordsburg.

As the insurance company was notified of the date of the hearing before the Commission but failed to notify Norman, he is hesitant about retaining the insurance company counsel as this very easily could develop into a conflict of interest. In fact, Mr. Mauney has made it clear he does not wish to be retained by Mr. Jones.

If convenient, please reply real soon and thanks for your courtesy, I am

Very truly yours,


Burch Downman

BD/cf

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PLEASE REPLY TO
HOUSTON

Mrs. Petra Estrada
Clerk of the District Court
Hidalgo County Courthouse
 Lordsburg, New Mexico

RE: NO. 3130
Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico vs. Northwestern
National Insurance Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Madam:

Enclosed herewith please find Pro Se Pleading In Intervention
of Norman R. Jones in the above captioned case. A copy of same has
been sent to George M. Hatch and Vance Mauney.

Very truly yours,

Norman R. Jones

NRJ/cf
Encl.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HIDALGO COUNTY

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF NEW MEXICO

VS.

NO. 3130

NORTHWESTERN NATIONAL
INSURANCE COMPANY OF
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

PRO SE PLEADING IN INTERVENTION OF
NORMAN R. JONES

Comes now, Norman R. Jones, herein designated as
Intervenor, and, as permitted by law, files this pleading in Intervention
directed to the above Complaint, respectfully stating as follows:

I.

Intervenor's intervention herein is predicated on the fact
that though the general tenor of the Complaint is that the Northwestern
National Insurance Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is the sole debtor
or obligor, if any, to the State of New Mexico, the actuality is that Intervenor
is morally and legally bound to personally pay the judgment sought against
said insurance company should a final judgment be rendered against it.

II.

Intervenor does not deny that he procured the surety bond
described in the complaint but he does specifically deny the following
allegations in the Complaint and demands strict proof thereof by Plaintiff.

a. That the plugging of the abandoned well (dry hole) was
not done in adequate compliance with the rules, regulations and orders of
Plaintiff.

b. The allegations contained in paragraph 12 of Plaintiff's Complaint that the "SPECIFIC COMPLIANCE WITH THE PRESCRIBED PLUGGING PROGRAM IS NECESSARY TO PREVENT THE WASTE OF CRUDE PETROLEUM OIL, OR NATURAL GAS, PROTECT AGAINST CONTAMINATION OF FRESH WATER SUPPLIES, AND TO OTHERWISE PRESERVE THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF NEW MEXICO."

To the contrary, as Intervenor has reason to sorrowfully know quite well indeed, there is no crude petroleum oil or natural gas to be wasted as a result of the drilling of the well, any contamination of the natural resources of the State nor contamination of fresh water supplies.

The reality is that the only result of the drilling of the well in question is to make available a fine, fresh water well in the middle of a desert. Though many months have elapsed since the abandonment of the well in question there has been no indication to the contrary.

III.

Intervenor specifically denies the allegations in paragraph 13 of the Complaint. In this connection, Intervenor affirmatively asserts that no "IRREPARABLE HARM, DAMAGE AND INJURY WILL OCCUR TO THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO AND TO THE CRUDE PETROLEUM OILS OR NATURAL GAS OR FRESH WATER SUPPLIES AND OTHER NATURAL RESOURCES OF NEW MEXICO", if the well in question be not again plugged.

IV.

As heretofore indicated, Intervenor does not deny that he paid the premiums for and procured the performance surety bond under the basis of Plaintiff's Complaint and that Intervenor was instrumental in leasing the acreage upon which the wild cat oil well was drilled.

Therefore, it is only right that Intervenor, if it be legally determined on the trial hereof, that in truth and fact the imperfectly plugged well (which is not admitted but is specifically denied by Intervenor) and damage is really being done to the State of New Mexico, Intervenor

at his own expense.

V.

It is not clear to Intervenor whether it is the intent of the Plaintiff's Complaint to collect both the sum of \$10,000.00 from Intervenor and, in addition to require Intervenor to pay the expense of replugging the abandoned well.

Probably this is a matter of semantics and not the actual intent of Plaintiff.

But if the intent is otherwise, Plaintiff would respectfully represent unto the Court that such a judgment for damages plus the additional cost of replugging the well in question would be most inequitable as well as illegal.

VI.

Intervenor would further show unto the Court that he was never notified of a date for hearing on this matter before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico and in all equity Intervenor respectfully alleges that the proceeding before this Honorable Court should be stayed and abated until there can be a full hearing before said Commission.

VII.

Intervenor further would show that though Plaintiff was notified of the date and time the plugging of the non producing well would be done, Plaintiff failed to dispatch a representative to supervise the plugging or otherwise determine its adequacy as is customary Intervenor's driller plugged said well as best he knew how, and did so in such manner that neither damage nor threat of damage was done to the lease hold premises.

WHEREFORE Intervenor prays this Honorable Court abate Plaintiff's petition until a further hearing before Plaintiff in which Intervenor

may participate, or in the alternative that Plaintiff take nothing by its Complaint and that Intervenor be permitted to go hence with his costs, without day or further in the alternative, should it be established by a preponderance of the evidence that in truth and fact the well drilled and plugged constitutes damage to the State of New Mexico, that the judgment rendered herein be limited to a replugging of the well by Plaintiff, under the supervision of Plaintiff at such cost as will not exceed the amount mentioned in Intervenor's bond.

Respectfully submitted,

By
NORMAN R. JONES
1200 Houston First Savings Building
Houston, Texas 77002

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

A true and correct copy of the foregoing Intervention was mailed by U.S. mail to George M. Hatch, Esq., Special Assistant Attorney General, P. O. Box 2088, Santa Fe, New Mexico and to Vance Mauney, Esq., Suite 520, Simms Building, Albuquerque, New Mexico, on this the 15th day of September, 1972.

NORMAN R. JONES

NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

FIELD TRIP REPORT

Date 9/21 & 22

Name of Employee R. L. Stamets

Time of Departure 6:45 a.m. 9/21 Time of Return 5:20 p.m. 9/22

Miles Travelled 890

In the space below please indicate purpose of trip and duties performed, listing wells or leases visited.

To Luna, Grant, Hidalgo and Lincoln Counties to check drilling, shut-in and dry and abandoned holes. Also checked on depths to fresh water and location of farms.


Luna County: Cockrell Corp. SL 1349 #1-E, 7-23S-10W. P&A 11/6/69 location & marker o.k.

Hidalgo County: Mac T. Hall, N. M. State #1-B, 25-32S-16W. Re-entry of old Humble deep test. Well is shut-in at plug back depth of 4300' with Christmas tree on well head. All valves shut-in. Small pit at location.

Norman R. Jones, State A #1-I, 16-30S-14W. Shut down at TD 2350' with 1500' of 7" casing at 1500'.

Cockrell Corp. Playas #1-B, 14-30S-17W. P&A 6/10/70. Location not to neat. Understand work done to landowners specifications. We will check.

Continued


Employee's Signature
District # 2

Field trip 9/21 & 22 Continued

Hidalgo County Continued:

Cockrell Corp. State 1170 #1-O, 16-29S-17W, strat test drilling at 2275'.

Grant County:

Cockrell Corp. #1-M, 14-25S-16W, P&A 8/24/69. Location not properly cleaned up. Will write.

Lincoln County: Bryve Duggar, Edna Gallagher #1-M, 26-6S-10E. Location not cleaned up to well. Will check with operator.

C. M. BOTTS (1881-1963)
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March 20, 1972

Oil Conservation Commission
State Capitol
Santa Fe, New Mexico

ATTENTION: George M. Hatch, Esq.

Gentlemen:

RE: Norman R. Jones State A Well No. 1,
located in the NE/4 SE/4 of Section
16, Township 30 South, Range 14 West,
NMPM, Hidalgo County, New Mexico -
Northwestern National Insurance
Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin,
\$10,000 Blanket Plugging Bond No.
S-661423

We are in touch with Messrs. Jones and Downman in connection with the obligation imposed by the State to plug the abandoned oil well which I discussed with you on March 10, 1972.

Mr. Jones was recently involved in an automobile collision which has incapacitated him temporarily. Mr. Downman stated that he and Mr. Jones would be willing to come to Santa Fe to provide sufficient information which would permit the Commission an opportunity to re-evaluate the requirements established for plugging the well so that some mutual ground could be reached pursuant to which adequate plugging could be accomplished.

As I understand the Commission's position, it is to take whatever steps are required to protect the subsurface at the well site from contamination, based upon the best geological information available. Our position is to comply with the orders of the

Oil Conservation Commission
March 20, 1972

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Commission at the minimum cost possible to Mr. Jones
and Mr. Downman and Northwestern National Insurance
Company.

Please advise the information required by the Com-
mission to accomplish the foregoing in the most
expeditious manner possible.

Very truly yours,

BOTTS, BOTTS & MAUNEY


Vance Mauney

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cc: Northwestern National Insurance Co.
 Mr. Norman R. Jones

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February 8, 1972

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Mr. Vance Mauney
Botts, Botts & Mauney
Suite 520, Simms Building
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87101

Northwestern National Insurance Company
c/o Mr. W. W. Turbett, Agent
503 Simms Building, 203 4th St.
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Northwestern National Insurance Co.
Claims Department
P. O. Box 9370
Little Rock, Arkansas 72209

Re: Norman R. Jones State A Well No. 1, located in
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Bond No. S-661423
Case No. 4492
Order Nos. 4104 and 4104-A

Gentlemen:

After notice and hearing, Norman R. Jones was ordered, by
Orders Nos. R-4104 and R-4104-A, to plug the above-described well
in accordance with a plugging program set forth in said orders on
or before March 15, 1971.

Mr. Jones was given notice by publication in accordance with
the statutory requirements of Section 65-3-6 N.M.S.A., 1953 Comp.
that Case 4492 would be heard January 13, 1971. On January 13, 1971,

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The Commission has cooperated fully with every request made by Northwestern National Insurance Company in this matter and neither Northwestern National Insurance Company nor any other party has complied with the above-described valid orders, though nearly one year has elapsed since demand was first made upon Northwestern National Insurance Company.

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission hereby renews its demand upon Northwestern National Insurance Company, as surety on the above-described \$10,000 Blanket Plugging and Indemnity Bond, to plug the subject well in accordance with said Orders Nos. R-4104 and R-4104-A and demands that said plugging be done on or before March 15, 1972, or to pay to the State of New Mexico for the use and benefit of the Oil Conservation Commission the sum of \$10,000 and demands that said sum be paid on or before March 15, 1972.

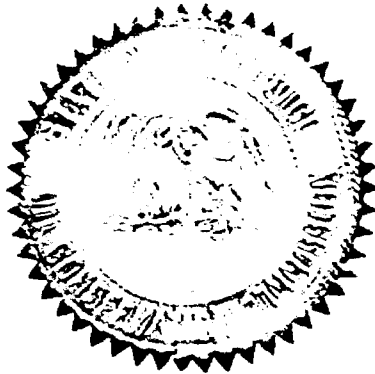
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION



BRUCE KING, Chairman

February 8, 1972



Alex J. Armijo
ALEX J. ARMILLO, Member

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

cc: Mr. Ralph Apodoca
Superintendent of Insurance
P. O. Box 1269
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Mr. Norman R. Jones
c/o Oil Reports and Gas Services
P. O. Box 763
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

Northwestern National Insurance Company
731 N. Jackson
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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

Make notation as to the date each commissioner
signs letters.

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BRUCE KING, Chairman

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ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member

By February 8, 1972
A. L. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary

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cc: Mr. Ralph Apodoca
Superintendent of Insurance
P. O. Box 1269
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Mr. Norman R. Jones
c/o Oil Reports and Gas Services
P. O. Box 763
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

Northwestern National Insurance Company
731 N. Jackson
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

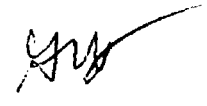
Mr. Bill Gressett
Supervisor, District 2
Oil Conservation Commission
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Artesia, New Mexico

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TELEPHONE
247-4137
AREA CODE 505

January 21, 1972



George M. Hatch, Esq.
Attorney at Law
Oil Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

RE: Norman R. Jones State A Well No. 1, located in the
NE/4 SE/4 of Section 16, Township 30 South, Range
14 West, NMPM, Hidalgo County, New Mexico - North-
western National Insurance Company of Milwaukee,
Wisconsin, \$10,000 Blanket Plugging Bond No. S-661423

Dear Mr. Hatch:

We have completed our review of the file furnished us by
Northwestern National Insurance Group and by you and have
reported to our client our findings and conclusions.

Section 65-3-6 N.M.S.A. 1953 Comp. requires notice of
hearings to be conducted by the OCC to be given by
personal service on the person affected or by publica-
tion once in a newspaper of general circulation published
at Santa Fe, New Mexico and once in a newspaper of general
circulation published in the county where the oil or gas
property affected is situated. Personal service is
required to be made by an agent of the OCC or by a person
over the age of 18 years in the same manner as provided
by law for the service of summons in civil actions in
the district court. The publication referred to above
must contain the following: the seal or the OCC and
signature of the secretary; the number and style of the
case; the time and place of hearing; and the general
nature of the order or orders, rules or regulations to
be considered.

George M. Hatch, Esq.
January 21, 1972

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The publication in the Hidalgo county newspaper gave notice that the hearing would be on January 13, 1971. There is no evidence of personal service on Norman R. Jones or anyone else involved in this particular well. It appears that a certified letter was mailed to Jones and to Northwestern National Insurance Company dated December 31, 1970 stating that the matter would be heard on January 13, 1971. The hearing was actually held on February 17, 1971.

In our opinion, there was a failure on the part of the OCC to comply with the requirements of Section 65-3-6 N.M.S.A. 1953 Comp. and that this failure deprived Norman R. Jones of due process of law. It is our further opinion that the order of the OCC entered on February 17, 1971 as modified by the nunc pro tunc order entered on March 2, 1971 were not lawful orders of the OCC.

The blanket plugging and indemnity bond, a copy of which you have furnished us, affords indemnity to the State of New Mexico if the principal or surety fail to plug wells when dry or abandoned "in accordance with the rules, regulations and orders of the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico. . ." In our opinion, this language refers only to the lawful orders of the Oil Conservation Commission and not orders entered by the Commission when the Commission has failed to comply with the law of New Mexico.

It is our opinion that if Northwestern National Insurance Company were to proceed to plug State A Well No. 1 at this time, it would be acting beyond the obligation of the blanket plugging and indemnity bond no. S-661423. Although we do not have a copy of the application form or other agreement entered into between Northwestern National and Norman R. Jones, presumably the agreement requires both parties to comply with the laws of the state of New Mexico

George M. Hatch, Esq.
January 21, 1972

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and the terms of the bond. If all of the foregoing facts and circumstances were disclosed, it is our opinion that any expense incurred by Northwestern National in plugging State A Well No. 1 would be a voluntary act on its part and could not be recovered from Norman R. Jones.

In view of the foregoing, it is our conclusion that Northwestern National Insurance Company is not liable to the State of New Mexico under its bond in accordance with the terms of the bond as outlined above.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, we will be pleased to discuss it with you further.

Very truly yours,

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Vance Mauney

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cc: Northwestern National Insurance Company

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December 17, 1971

Oil Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

ATTENTION: George M. Hatch, Esq.
Attorney at Law

RE: Norman R. Jones State A Well No. 1, located in the
NE/4 SE/4 of Section 16, Township 30 South, Range
14 West, NMPM, Hidalgo County, New Mexico - North-
western National Insurance Company of Milwaukee,
Wisconsin, \$10,000 Blanket Plugging Bond No. S-661423

Gentlemen:

We have reviewed the file furnished us by your office
and that which we obtained from our client in connection
with the above claim. As soon as we have detailed instruc-
tions from our client as to further action to be taken by
us, we will notify you. I will be away for a short vaca-
tion over the Christmas holiday and therefore will not be
in touch with you until I return.

Your kind cooperation in furnishing us portions of the file
in this case has been very much appreciated.

Our best wishes for a pleasant holiday season.

Very truly yours,

BOTTS, BOTTS & MAUNEY

Vance Mauney

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cc: Northwestern National Insurance Co.

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 2088

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

December 6, 1971

Mr. Vance Mauney
Botts, Botts & Mauney
Suite 520 Simms Building
Albuquerque, New Mexico 37101

Re: Norman R. Jones State A Well No. 1, located in the
NE/4 SE/4 of Section 16, Township 30 South, Range 14
West, NMPM, Hidalgo County, New Mexico - Northwestern
National Insurance Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin,
\$10,000 Blanket Plugging Bond No. S-661423

Dear Mr. Mauney:

In response to your letter of December 1, 1971, I am
enclosing xerox copies of notices of publications and affidavits
of publications for the counties of Santa Fe and Hidalgo. I am
also enclosing xerox copies of a letter and docket sent by certi-
fied mail to Mr. Jones' New Mexico address.

The enclosed letter of 6-1-71 addressed to "George" was
written by Mr. W. A. Gressett, Supervisor and Oil & Gas Inspector
of District II of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission.
Attached to the letter are xerox copies of Forms C-103 and C-105
filed by Mr. Burch Downman, Jr. I believe that a comparison of
the method of plugging submitted by Mr. Downman on Form C-103
and the method required by Orders Nos. 4104 and 4104-A, copies of
which are also enclosed, you will find that the well has not been
plugged in accordance with the Commission's order.

I believe neither the bond nor Rule 101 requires that
Mr. Jones be the owner of the above-described well.

If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE M. HATCH
Attorney

GMH/dr

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CONSERVATION COMM

December 1, 1971

George M. Hatch, Esq.
Attorney at Law
P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

RE: Norman R. Jones State A Well No. 1, located in the NE/4
SE/4 of Section 16, Township 30 South, Range 14 West,
NMPM, Hidalgo County, New Mexico - Northwestern National
Insurance Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, \$10,000
Blanket Plugging Bond No. S-661423

Dear Mr. Hatch:

Thank you for your letter dated November 12, 1971 with
enclosures.

We have reviewed all of the enclosures including the file
forwarded to us by the bonding company and we are unable
to find in either file any evidence that Norman R. Jones
was notified of the hearing held before Examiner, Daniel
S. Nutter on February 3, 1971. The Commission's Rule 1204
requires personal service or service by publication.
Perhaps the file which you have in your office will reflect
personal service on Mr. Jones which we understand, although
the file does not disclose, was a resident of Hobbs, New
Mexico.

We can also find no report of a geologist or other qualified
person that the well in question was not plugged in accord-
ance with the Commission's order. The files we have also
contain no determination by the Commission of the failure
to plug.

George M. Hatch, Esq.
December 1, 1971

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We can also find no basis for the Commission's determination that Norman R. Jones was the owner of Norman R. Jones State A Well No. 1. All of the information indicates that he was the operator but nothing to show that he was the owner other than the recital of that fact in the Commission's order.

If we can obtain the above data, we should be in a position to recommend to our client the action which it should take regarding the plugging bond.

Your kind cooperation in connection with this matter in the past has been very much appreciated by us.

Very truly yours,

BOTTS, BOTTS & MAUNEY



Vance Mauney

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cc: Northwestern National Insurance Group

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P. O. BOX 2088

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

November 22, 1971

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Mr. Vance Mauney
Botts, Botts & Mauney
Attorneys at Law
Suite 520, Simms Building
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87101

Re: Claim No. 79-6080-D
Norman R. Jones

Dear Mr. Mauney:

In response to our telephone conversation of November 22, 1971, I am enclosing a copy of Rules and Regulations that have since been revised and are presently undergoing another revision. However, the section on Rules of Procedure, Rules 1201 through 1223 have only undergone one change.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE M. HATCH
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November 18, 1971

George M. Hatch, Esq.
P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Mr. Hatch:

RE: Claim No. 79-6080-D
Norman R. Jones

We have received file concerning the above matter which I discussed with you on the telephone several days ago. Would you be so kind as to forward a copy of the commission regulations applicable to this situation for our examination. If the regulations are not available for distribution to the public, we will return it to you when it has met our needs.

As soon as we have the regulations, we should be in a position to discuss the matter further with you.

Very truly yours,

BOTTS, BOTTS & MAUNEY

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P. O. BOX 2088

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

November 12, 1971

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Mr. Vance Mawney
Attorney
520 Sims Building
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87101

Re: Norman R. Jones State A Well
No. 1, located in the NE/4 SE/4 of
Section 16, Township 30 South,
Range 14 West, NMPM, Hidalgo
County, New Mexico - Northwestern
National Insurance Company of
Milwaukee, Wisconsin, \$10,000
Blanket Plugging Bond No. S-661423

Dear Mr. Mawney:

In connection with the above-described matter, I
am enclosing copies of various documents that you may
not have. If there is any other information you wish
to receive from this office, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE M. HATCH
Attorney

GMH/dr

enclosures:

Rules 101, 201, 202
Forms C-101, C-102, C-103 and C-105
Various letters and attachments
Order R-4104 and R-4104-A

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

August 13, 1971

L. C. Jones
403 West Pine
Doming, New Mexico 88030

Re: Claim No. 79-6080-D
Norman R. Jones State A. Well No. 1, located in
the NE/4 SE/4 of Section 16, Township 30 South,
Range 14 West, NMPH, Hidalgo County, New Mexico
Northwestern National Insurance Company of Mil-
waukee, Wisconsin, \$10,000 Blanket Plugging Bond
No. S-661423

Dear Mr. Jones:

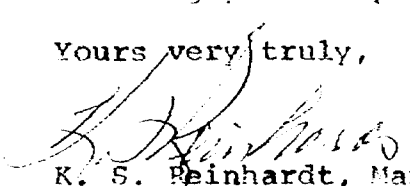
We provide a plugging bond for Mr. Norman R. Jones who
has plugged a well in New Mexico in a manner which is
not acceptable to the Oil Conservation Commission.

We are enclosing herewith a copy of the Order from the
Oil Conservation Commission dated March 23, 1971, in-
cluding specifications for proper plugging of this
well. We also enclose photo copies of Well Completion
Report dated May 25, 1971 indicating how the dry hole
was actually plugged.

We are advised that it will be necessary to replug this
well in accordance with the Order, and we would apprec-
iate your advice as to whether or not you can handle
this matter for us, and if so, what the cost will be.

Thanking you for your early attention, we are

Yours very truly,


K. S. Reinhardt, Manager
Arkansas Branch Claims

KSR/jc

cc: George M. Hatch, Attorney
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission

cc: Norman R. Jones

August 13, 1971

Rayford Guffey
Route #2, Box 18
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001

Re: Claim No. 79-6080-D
Norman R. Jones State A. Well No. 1, located in
the NE/4 SE/4 of Section 16, Township 30 South,
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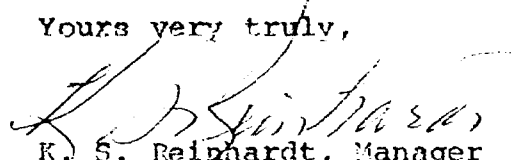
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K. S. Reimhardt, Manager
Arkansas Branch Claims

KSR/jc

cc: George M. Hatch, Attorney
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission

cc: Norman R. Jones

August 13, 1971

Layne-Texas Company
P. O. Box 9469
Houston, Texas 77011

Re: Claim No. 79-6080-D
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the NE/4 SE/4 of Section 16, Township 30 South,
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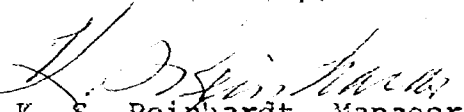
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Thanking you for your early attention, we are

Yours very truly,


K. S. Reinhardt, Manager
Arkansas Branch Claims

KSR/jc

✓cc: George M. Hatch, Attorney
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission

cc: Norman R. Jones

Northwestern National Insurance Co.

August 13, 1971

K. C. Wheeler
408 Carey
El Paso, Texas 79915

Re: Claim No. 79-6080-D
Norman P. Jones State A. Well No. 1, located in
the NE/4 SE/4 of Section 16, Township 30 South,
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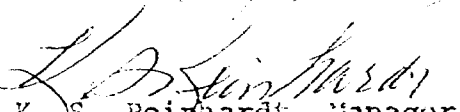
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K. S. Reinhardt, Manager
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✓ cc: George W. Hatch, Attorney
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission

cc: Norman P. Jones

August 13, 1971

Jim Mc Bee
P. O. Box 643
Safford, Arizona 85546

Re: Claim No. 79-6080-D
Norman R. Jones State A. Well No. 1, located in
the NE/4 SE/4 of Section 16, Township 30 South,
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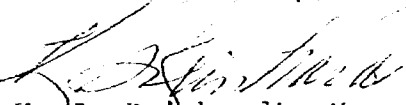
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Yours very truly,


K. S. Reinhardt, Manager
Arkansas Branch Claims

KSR/jc

cc: George M. Hatch, Attorney
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission

cc: Norman R. Jones



STATE OF NEW MEXICO

STATE ENGINEER OFFICE

DEMING
August 4, 1971

S. E. REYNOLDS
STATE ENGINEER

ADDRESS CORRESPONDENCE TO:
P. O. BOX 844
DEMING, N. M.

Northwestern National Insurance Group
P. O. Box 9370,
Little Rock, Arkansas 72209

ATTN: K. S. Reinhardt, Manager
Arkansas Branch Claims

RE: Claim No. 79-6080-D

Dear Mr. Reinhardt:


Reference is made to your letter of July 29, 1971, in regard to replugging an oil test well described as Norman P. Jones State A. Well No. 1, located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 16, Township 30 South, Range 14 West, N.M.P.M., Hidalgo County, New Mexico.

The State Engineer does not do this type of work, however I am sending you a list of well drillers, in alphabetical order, who work in this area and suggest you contact them in regard to replugging the well in question:

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|---|--|
| 1. Rayford Guffey
Route 2, Box 18,
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001 | 4. Jim McBee
P. O. Box 643,
Safford, Arizona 85546 |
| 2. L. C. Jones
403 West Pine,
Deming, New Mexico 88030 | 5. K. C. Wheeler
408 Carey,
El Paso, Texas 79915 |
| 3. Layne-Texas Company
P. O. Box 9469,
Houston, Texas 77011 | |

If I can be of any further assistance to you in this matter, please advise.

Yours truly,


L. T. Putnam
Supervisor, District III

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cc: State Engineer
Oil Conservation Commission ✓

NORTHWESTERN NATIONAL INSURANCE GROUP

LITTLE ROCK BRANCH: P.O. BOX 9370 / LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72209 / PHONE (501) 562-5880

July 29, 1971

L. T. Putnam
State Engineer's Office
P. O. Box 844
Deming, New Mexico

Re: Claim No. 79-6080-D
Norman R. Jones State A. Well No. 1, located in
the NE/4 SE/4 of Section 16, Township 30 South,
Range 14 West, NMPH, Hidalgo County, New Mexico
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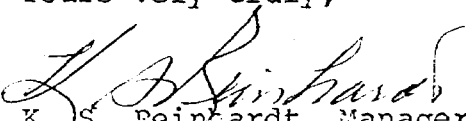
Dear Mr. Putnam:

Mr. George M. Hatch, Attorney for the Oil Conservation
Commission, has given us your name with regard to a
problem we have in getting an improperly plugged well
plugged in accordance with the Order of the Oil Con-
servation Commission.

We are enclosing herewith a copy of the Order which in-
cludes specifications for proper plugging of this well.
We also enclose photocopies of Well Completion Report
dated May 25, 1971 indicating the manner in which the
dry hole was actually plugged. We are advised that it
will be necessary to replug this well in accordance
with the Order, and we would appreciate your advice as
to whether or not you can handle this matter for us, and
if so, what the cost would be.

Thanking you for your early attention, we are

Yours very truly,


K. S. Reinhardt, Manager
Arkansas Branch Claims

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Enclosures

cc: Bill Gressett, Supervisor, Oil Conservation Commission
cc: George M. Hatch, Attorney, Oil Conservation Commission
cc: Norman R. Jones

HOME OFFICE: 731 NORTH JACKSON STREET / MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53202 / PHONE (414) 271-8570

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 2088

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

July 23, 1971

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Mr. K. S. Reinhardt
Arkansas Branch Claims
Northwestern National Insurance Co.
P. O. Box 9370
Little Rock, Arkansas 72209

Re: Claim No. 79-6080-D
Norman R. Jones State A Well No. 1,
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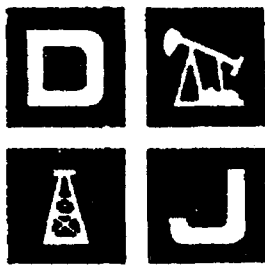
Dear Mr. Reinhardt:

In regard to the plugging of the above-described well, Mr. L. T. Putnam with the State Engineer's Office, Post Office Box 844, Telephone # 546-2851, Deming, New Mexico, should be able to give you the name of a water-well driller that would be equipped to do the job.

Yours very truly,

GEORGE M. HATCH
Attorney

GMH/dr



DOWNMAN JONES
OIL OPERATORS

920 HOUSTON FIRST SAVINGS BLDG.

HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002

(713) 225-0265

(713) 225-3017

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June 22, 1971

B. C. C.
ARTESIA, OFFICE

Mr. Bill Gressett
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Norman R. Jones (Exploration
Funds, Inc.) 1-A State Well,
Section 16, Township 30 South,
Range 14 West

Dear Mr. Gressett:

This is the sample log of the 1-A State Well in Hidalgo County,
New Mexico. As you can see the well never left volcanics and
no brine, oil or gas was encountered.

Yours very truly,

Burch Downman, Jr.

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ARTESIA, OFFICE

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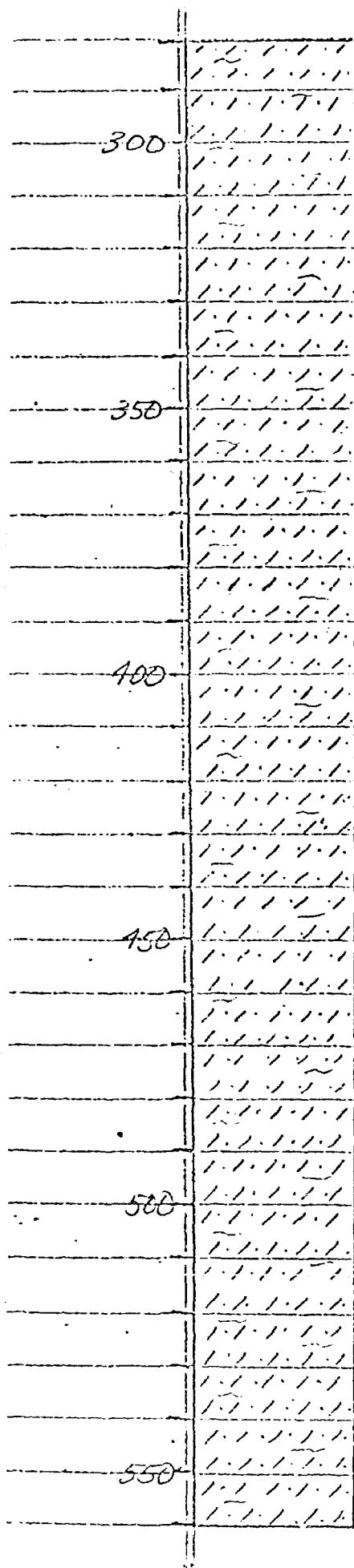
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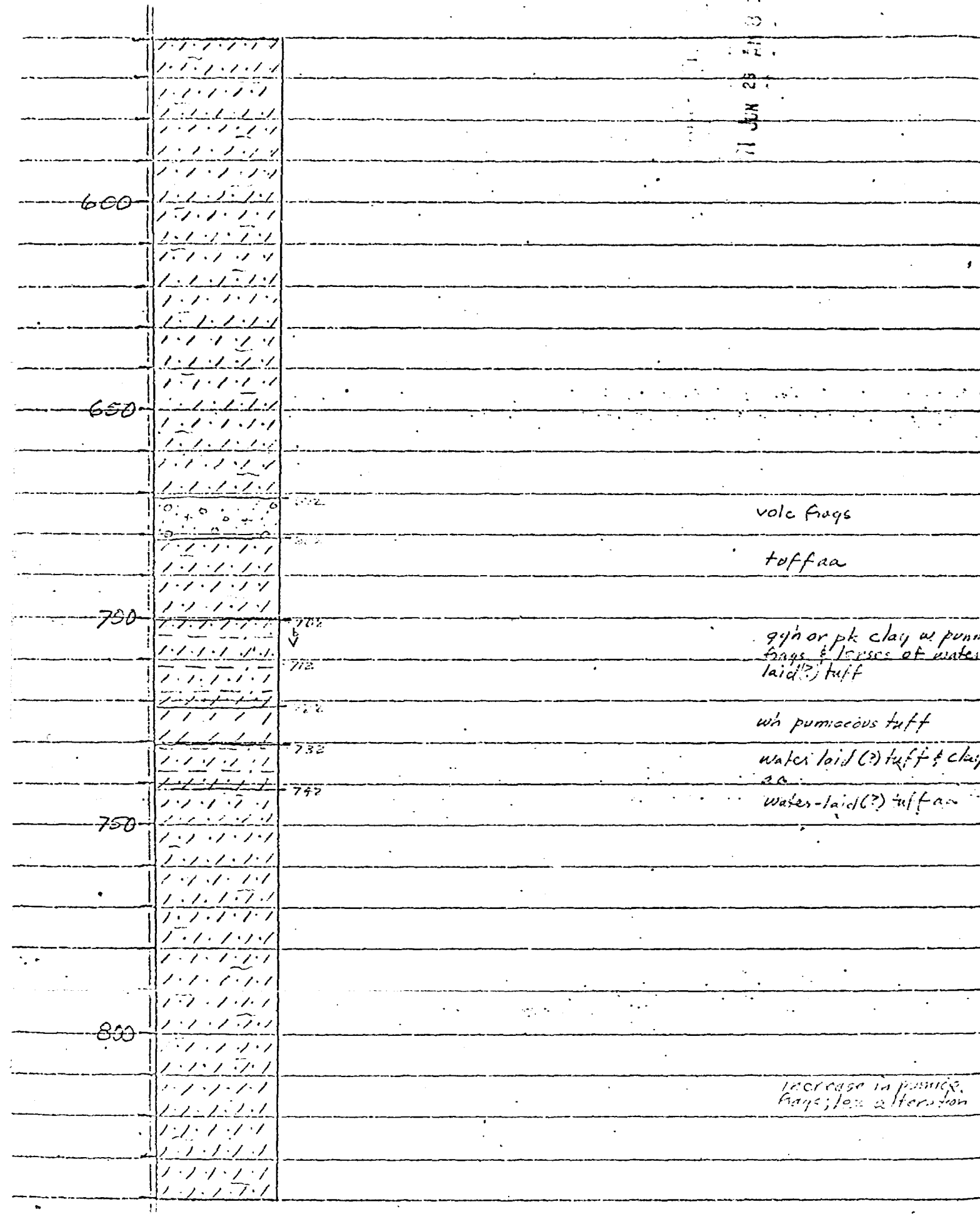
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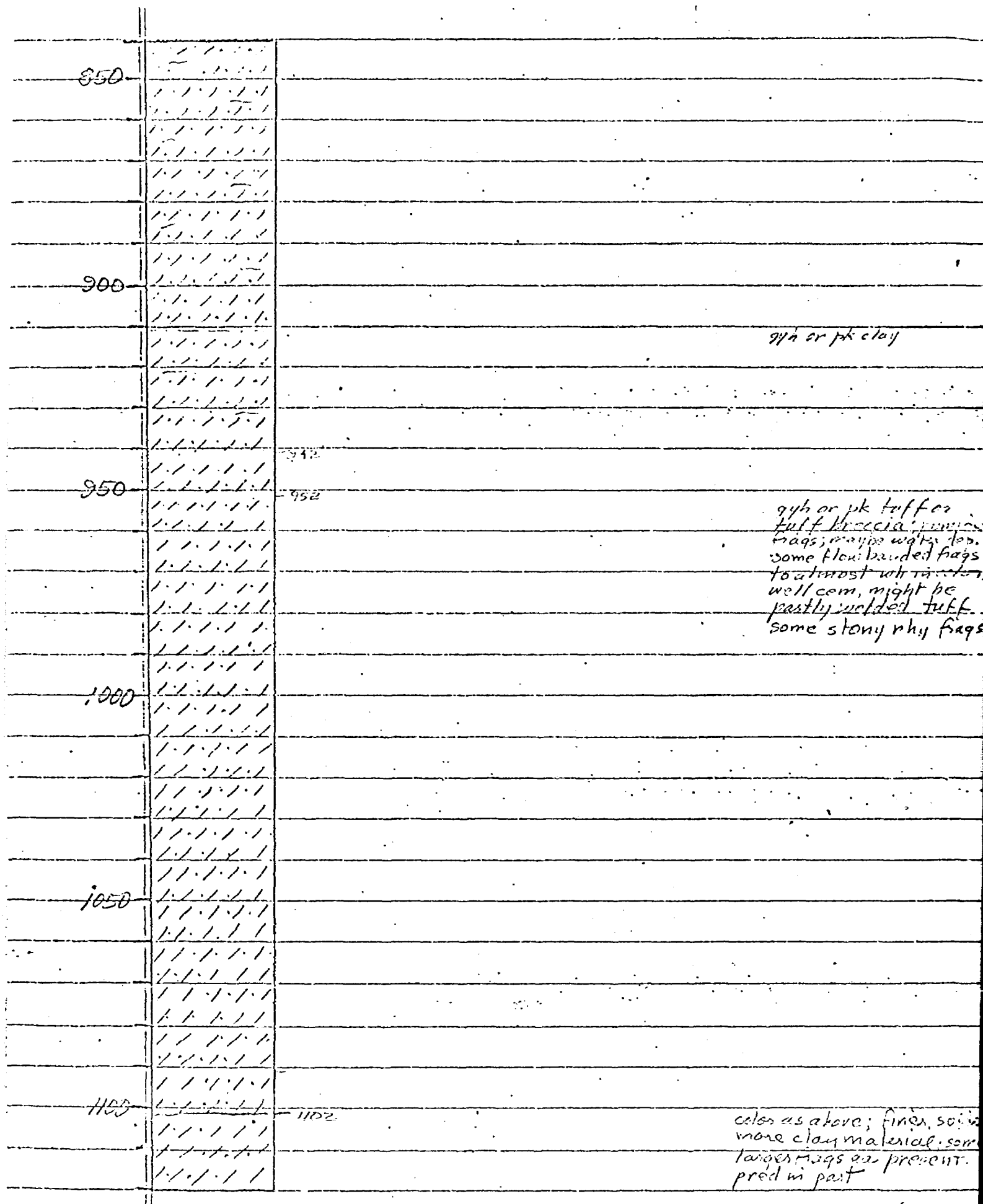
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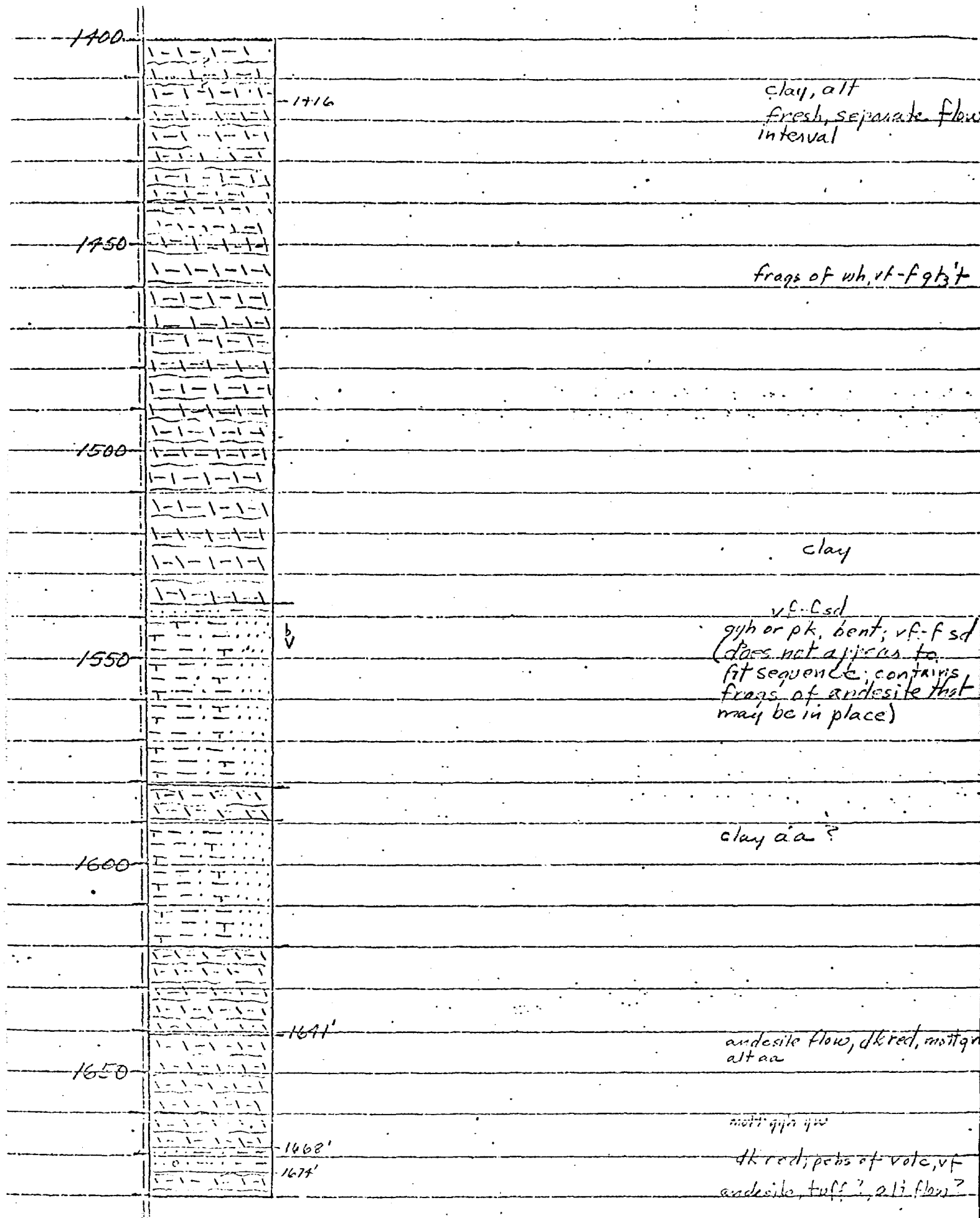
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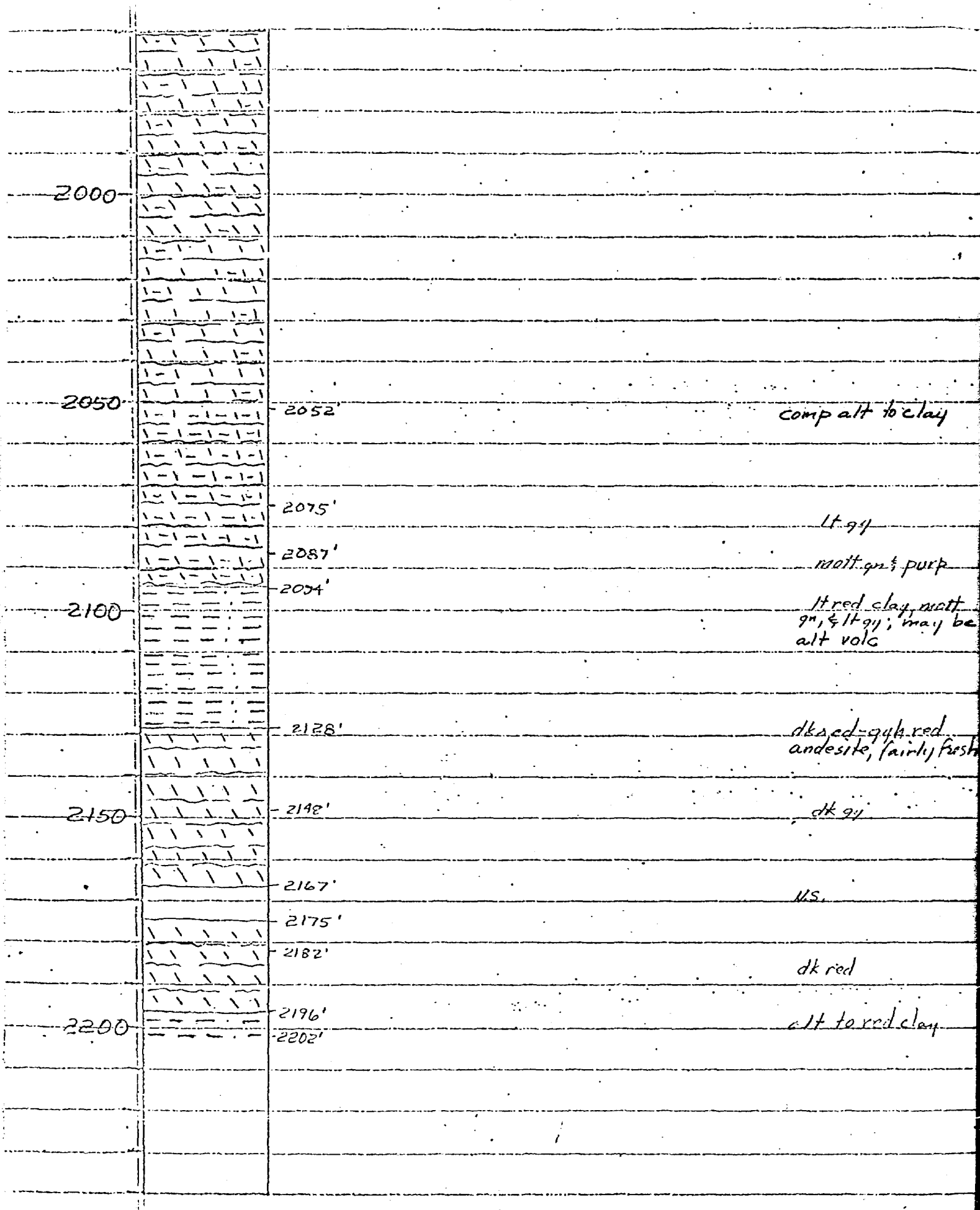
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Elevation	Stratigraphic Unit / Lithology	Notes
1150		
1200		
	1216	Vlt grey rhy tuff, porphyritic compact, small pores, phen of qtz and sanidine; discrete ash fall.
	1236	lt grey & pale red, welded
1250	1246	greyish-wh v.f. soft tuff, rh.
	1256	Lthn, spt dk on & red clayey breccia. On spols prob all andesite; very little qtz; mostly alt to mont.
	1276	mott wh, an & red; frags of andesite, chl w/wh alt sdy clay on tuff beds
	1286	dk on & red andesite flow; prtlly alt. Some clayey interbeds as in 1256-76'
1300		
	1326	Sim to 1256-76'; may be v alt andesite flow, calc
1350		
		gy-gyh yw, & red
1400	1396	m-dk grey, uniform; prob alt flow





OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 2088

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

June 14, 1971

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Mr. Burch Downman, Jr.
Downman Jones Oil Operators
920 Houston First Savings Bldg.
Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Mr. Downman:

In response to our telephone conversation of June 14, 1971, I am sending you copies of the orders issued by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission concerning the Norman R. Jones State A Well No. 1, located in the NE/4 SE/4 of Section 16, Township 30 South, Range 14 West, NMPM, Hidalgo County, New Mexico.

In case you wish to reopen the case concerning the subject well, I am enclosing a copy of Rule 1203, which rule sets forth the requirements for initiating a hearing. The application should be addressed to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission, Box 2088, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE M. HATCH
Attorney

GME/dr



NORTHWESTERN NATIONAL INSURANCE GROUP

LITTLE ROCK BRANCH: P.O. BOX 9370 / LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72209 / PHONE (501) 562-5880

June 3, 1971

SM

A. L. Porter, Jr.
Secretary-Director
Oil Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

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Re: Claim No. 79-6080-D
Norman R. Jones State A. Well No. 1, located in the
NE/4 SE/4 of Section 16, Township 30 South, Range
14 West, NMPH, Hidalgo County, New Mexico-
Northwestern National Insurance Company of Milwaukee,
Wisconsin, \$10,000 Blanket Plugging Bond No. S-661423

Dear Mr. Porter:

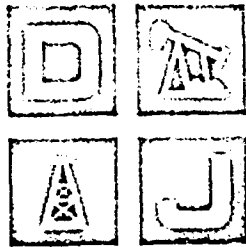
Burch Downman, Jr. advises that he has furnished your office with copy of verification of proper plugging of a well on the 1-A State well, Hidalgo County, New Mexico. We shall appreciate your advice as to whether or not these forms will satisfactorily conclude this matter to your Commission.

Yours very truly,

K. S. Reinhardt
K. S. Reinhardt, Manager
Arkansas Branch Claims

KSR/jc

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



DOWNMAN JONES
OIL OPERATORS

920 HOUSTON FIRST SAVINGS BLDG.

HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002

(713) 225-0265

(713) 225-3017

1420 COMMERCE TOWER BLDG.

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI 64105

(816) 421-6788

May 13, 1971

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

D. C. C.
ARTESIA, OFFICE

Re: Claim No. 79-6080-D
Norman R. Jones State A Well
No. 1, NE/4 SE/4 of Section 16,
Township 30 South, Range 14
West, NMPM, Hidalgo County,
New Mexico

Dear Mr. Gressett:

I have found a note concerning the original intention to plug
the I-A State Well in Hachita, New Mexico. I am enclosing a
copy of this for your general information.

Yours very truly,

Burch Downman, Jr.

BD:dab

CC: Mr. K. S. Reinhardt
Northwestern National Insurance Group

Mr. Norman R. Jones

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Exploration Fund DATE-10-1-70 MAY 19 1971
Mr. Buck Dawson:

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ARTESIA, OFFICE

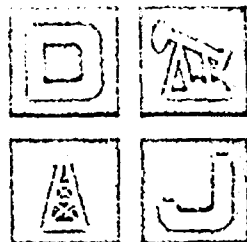
In agreement with Buck
Dawson J.O. and C.T. Hammond
have agreed to pull 7" pipe and
plug well located in Hatchita
New Mexico.

For payment we agree to collect in the
following manner.

1. J.O. and C.T. Hammond declare owner-
ship of the first three hundred feet
of 7" pipe.
2. All remaining pipe "approx 1648'"
J.O. and C.T. Hammond declare ownership
for 50%.
3. J.O. and C.T. Hammond agree to pay
50% of all transportation costs from
this date for delivery of 7" casing after
receipt of Bill of Sale from Buck Dawson

Sig:

C.T. Hammond



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ARTESIA, OFFICE

New Mexico Bureau of Mines and Minerals
Socorro, New Mexico

Re: Norman R. Jones (Exploration
Funds, Inc.) 1-A State Well,
Section 16, Township 30 South,
Range 14 West

Gentlemen:

Your office has received cuttings and samples at regular intervals throughout the drilling of this well and you prepared a sample log with due notations as to water points, etc.

Our firm has been unable to locate the file containing this data, and we would appreciate it if you would furnish our Houston office with copies of the aforementioned sample log.

The well was abandoned approximately one year ago. This is of the utmost importance to us and your prompt attention would be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Burch Downman, Jr.

CC: Mr. Bill Gressett
Oil Conservation Commission



NORTHWESTERN NATIONAL INSURANCE GROUP

LITTLE ROCK BRANCH: P.O. BOX 9370 / LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72209 / PHONE (501) 562-5880

May 11, 1971

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

Re: Claim No. 79-6080-D
Norman R. Jones State A. Well No. 1, located in the
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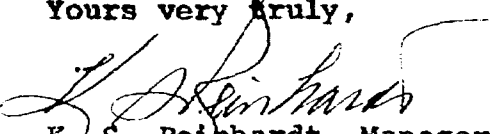
Dear Mr. Gressett:

This will confirm our telephone conversation wherein we reviewed this problem of verification that the well involved has been plugged in accordance with your order, and will also confirm your thirty day extension to allow us additional time to locate Charles and J. O. Hammond for an affidavit regarding the manner in which they plugged the well.

We understand that any affidavit will not satisfy the order implicitly, but will give you a basis on which to consider whether or not the plugging order has been complied with to your satisfaction.

We sincerely appreciate your consideration.

Yours very truly,


K. S. Reinhardt, Manager
Arkansas Branch Claims

KSR/jc

✓cc: A. L. Porter, Jr., Secretary-Director
Oil Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

cc: Burch Downman, Jr.
Downman Jones Oil Operators
920 Houston First Savings Building
Houston, Texas 77002

HOME OFFICE: 731 NORTH JACKSON STREET / MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53202 / PHONE (414) 271-8570

This letter refers
to a bond - in
this case you see
it and pass it on
to Geo. He probably
write a letter on it.



NORTHWESTERN NATIONAL INSURANCE GROUP

LITTLE ROCK BRANCH: P.O. BOX 9370 / LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72209 / PHONE (501) 562-5880

April 29, 1971

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A. L. Porter, Jr.
Secretary-Director
Oil Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re: Claim No. 79-6080D
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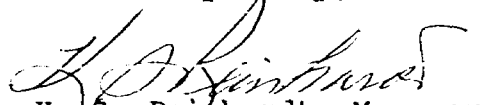
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We would appreciate your calling the writer collect at area code 501, 562-5880, in order that we might discuss what can possibly be done regarding the Order issued by your Commission.

Yours very truly,


K. S. Reinhardt, Manager
Arkansas Branch Claims

KSR/jc

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

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Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

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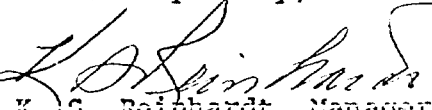
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Arkansas Branch Claims

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HOME OFFICE: 731 NORTH JACKSON STREET / MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53202 / PHONE (414) 271-3570



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LITTLE ROCK BRANCH: P.O. BOX 9370 / LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72209 / PHONE (501) 562-5880

April 1, 1971

~~Mr. Norman E. Jones
P. O. Box 1683, Downtown Station
Corpus Christi, Texas~~

REGISTERED MAIL

Re: Claim No., 79-6080 D
D/D 2/17/71

Norman E. Jones State A Well No. 1, located in the
NE/4 SE/4 of Section 16, Township 30 South, Range
14 West, NMPM, Hidalgo County, New Mexico - North-
western National Insurance Company of Milwaukee,
Wisconsin, \$10,000 Blanket Plugging Bond No. S-661423

Dear Mr. Jones:

We enclose herewith letter from the Oil Conservation Com-
mission of the State of New Mexico together with an Order
of the Commission issued effective February 17, 1971,
calling for the plugging of the well at the location in-
dicated in the caption.

Inasmuch as our bond was cancelled as of March 12, 1971,
three days prior to the final date for compliance of March
15, 1971, there could be some question as to whether or
not our bond would be affected. However, I have discussed
this matter with your agent, Mr. Jim Pulliam, and he
advises that he has discussed this matter with you by tele-
phone and that you are in the process of making arrangements
to comply with the plugging order.

We shall greatly appreciate your assistance in confirming
your action toward complying with the order to the Oil
Conservation Commission of the State of New Mexico, with a
copy of your letter to our office.

Thanking you for your cooperation, we are

Yours very truly,

K. S. Reinhardt
K. S. Reinhardt, Manager
Arkansas Branch Claims

RSE/jc

Enclosures

cc: A. L. Porter, Jr., Secretary Director, Oil Conservation
Commission

HOME OFFICE: 731 NORTH JACKSON STREET / MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53202 / PHONE (414) 271-8570

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 2088

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

March 2, 1971

Mr. Norman R. Jones
c/o Oil Reports and Gas Services
P. O. Box 763
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

Re: Case No. 4492
Nunc pro tunc
Order No. R-4104-A

Dear Mr. Jones:

I am enclosing herewith a certified copy of the above nunc pro tunc order concerning your State A Well No. 1, located in the NE/4 SE/4 of Section 16, Township 30 South, Range 14 West, NMPM, Hidalgo County, New Mexico. This order corrects Item 6 in Order (1) of Order No. R-4104 sent to you with our letter of February 17, 1971.

The provisions of Order No. R-4104 in all other respects remain the same.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE M. HATCH
Special Assistant Attorney General

GML/esr
Enclosure

cc: Northwestern National Insurance
Company
731 E. Jackson
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Northwestern National Insurance
Company
c/o Mr. W. W. Turbett, Agent
903 Sims Bldg., 203 4th St.
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

February 17, 1971

Mr. Norman R. Jones
c/o Oil Reports and Gas Services
P. O. Box 763
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

Re: Case No. 4492
Order No. R-4104

Dear Mr. Jones:

I am enclosing herewith a certified copy of the above order which requires you to plug your State A Well No. 1, located in the NE/4 SE/4 of Section 16, Township 30 South, Range 14 West, HMPM, Hidalgo County, New Mexico.

Please note that the plugging operations must be completed on or before March 15, 1971, and that you must notify the District Supervisor, District 2, Oil Conservation Commission, Artesia, New Mexico, of the exact date and time plugging operations are to commence.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE M. HATCH
Special Assistant Attorney General

GME/esr
Enclosure

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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Drawer DD
Artesia, New Mexico

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 2088

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

January 22, 1971

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Mr. Norman R. Jones
c/o Mr. W. L. Smith
Oil Reports & Gas Services
P. O. Box 763
Hobbs, New Mexico

Northwestern National Insurance Company
731 N. Jackson
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Re: Case 4492
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14 West, NMPH, Hidalgo County, New Mexico —
Northwestern National Insurance Company of Milwaukee,
Wisconsin, \$10,000 Blanket Plugging Bond No. S-661423

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of the docket of the February 3, 1971,
Examiner Hearing. Case 4492, which was continued from the
January 13, 1971, Examiner Hearing, concerns the subject
matter.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE M. HATCH
Special Assistant Attorney General

GME/esr

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

Northwestern National Insurance Co.
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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 2088

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

January 11, 1971

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Hobbs, New Mexico

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Northwestern National Insurance Company
731 N. Jackson
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Northwestern National Insurance Company of Milwaukee,
Wisconsin, \$10,000 Blanket Plugging Bond No. S-661423

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Gentlemen:

This letter is to confirm our telephone conversation of
January 11, 1971, in which I advised you that the above-described
case would be continued to February 3, 1971, at the request of
Mr. W. A. Gressett, Supervisor of District 2 of the New Mexico
Oil Conservation Commission.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE M. HATCH
Special Assistant Attorney General

GMH/esr

cc: Mr. Bill Gressett	Northwestern National Insurance Co.
Supervisor, District 2	c/o Mr. W. W. Turbett, Agent
Oil Conservation Commission	503 Simms Bldg., 203 4th St.
Drawer DD	Albuquerque, New Mexico
Artesia, New Mexico	

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CERTIFIED NO. 635836	<i>Best Truck Service Co.</i>
INSURED NO.	SIGNATURE OF ADDRESSEE'S AGENT, IF ANY
DATE DELIVERED 3/24/71	<i>[Signature]</i>

Ltr 5-23-71 Orders R-4104 & 4104-A

RECEIPT FOR CERTIFIED MAIL—20¢

No. 635836

SENT TO NORTHWESTERN NATIONAL INS. CO.		POSTMARK OR DATE 3-23-71
STREET AND NO. 503 Simms Bldg, 203 4th St.		
CITY, STATE, AND ZIP CODE Albuquerque, New Mexico		
If you want a return receipt, check which <input type="checkbox"/> 10¢ shows to whom and when delivered <input type="checkbox"/> 35¢ shows to whom, when, at address where delivered		If you want delivery only to addressee, check here <input type="checkbox"/> 50¢ fee
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POD Form 3800 NO INSURANCE COVERAGE PROVIDED— (See other side)
Ltr 3-23-71 Orders R-4104 & 4104-A

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P. O. Box 2000
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

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Insurance (10¢ or 35¢)

Signature (10¢ or 35¢)

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 2088

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

March 23, 1971

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Northwestern National Insurance Company
c/o Mr. W. W. Turbett, Agent
513 Simms Building, 203 4th St.
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Re: Norman R. Jones State A Well No. 1, located in the
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14 West, NMPM, Hidalgo County, New Mexico - North-
western National Insurance Company of Milwaukee,
Wisconsin, \$10,000 Blanket Plugging Bond No. S-661423

Gentlemen:

After notice and hearing, Norman R. Jones was ordered, by Orders
Nos. R-4104 and R-4104-A, to plug the above-described well in accordance
with a plugging program set forth in said orders on or before March 15,
1971.

As Mr. Jones has not complied with said order, the New Mexico Oil
Conservation Commission hereby makes demand upon the Northwestern
National Insurance Company, as surety on the above-described plugging
bond, to plug the subject well in accordance with said Orders Nos. R-4104
and R-4104-A within a reasonable period of time.

Please notify the District Supervisor, District 2, Oil Conserva-
tion Commission, Drawer DD, Artesia, New Mexico, of the date and time
plugging operations are to commence so that he may witness same.

Very truly yours,

A. L. PORTER, Jr.
Secretary-Director

ALP/GMH/dr
Enclosure (Copy of
Orders Nos. R-4104 and R-4104-A)

cc: Mr. Norman R. Jones
c/o Oil Reports and Gas Services
P. O. Box 753
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

Mr. Bill Gressett
Supervisor, District 2
Oil Conservation Commission
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65-16-71548-10 GPO

No. 635831

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December 31, 1970

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C Mr. Norman R. Jones
c/o Oil Reports & Gas Services
P. O. Box 763
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

O Northwestern National Insurance Company
731 N. Jackson
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

P Re: Norman R. Jones State A Well No. 1, located in the
NE/4 SE/4 of Section 16, Township 30 South, Range
14 West, NMPM, Hidalgo County, New Mexico —
Northwestern National Insurance Company of Milwaukee,
Wisconsin, \$10,000 Blanket Plugging Bond No. S-661423

P Y Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of the docket of the Examiner Hearing
to be held on Wednesday, January 13, 1971, at 9 A.M., in the
Oil Conservation Commission Conference Room, State Land Office
Building, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Case 4492 concerns the subject
matter.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE M. HATCH
Special Assistant Attorney General

GMM/esr
Enclosure

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

Northwestern National Insurance Co.
c/o Mr. W. W. Turbett, Agent
503 Simms Bldg., 203 4th St
Albuquerque, New Mexico

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 835 1st. 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.

(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: 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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

DRAWER DD - ARTESIA

88210

GOVERNOR
DAVID F. CARGO
CHAIRMAN

LAND COMMISSIONER
ALEX ARMIJO
MEMBER

STATE GEOLOGIST
A. L. PORTER, JR.
SECRETARY - DIRECTOR

November 6, 1970

Norman R. Jones
Oil Reports & Gas Services
P. O. Box 763
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

Case 4492

*Set for
hearing on
Jan. 13,
1971*

Re: State A No.1,
NE SE, 16-30S-14W
Hidalgo County,
New Mexico

Dear Sir:

This office has received no report covering the subject well since Commission Form C-103 dated June 18, 1970. Said report was approved on July 1, 1970, with the provision that drilling operations must be resumed within sixty (60) days or the well must be properly plugged and abandoned. One hundred and twenty days (120) have now elapsed and with no indication that drilling activity has resumed. Therefore we are now calling upon you to immediately resume the drilling of this well or commence the plugging of the same. This office must be contacted prior to initiation of either of these operations.

Failure to comply with the above within twenty (20) days, will result in my requesting that the Commission docket a hearing to allow all interested parties to appear and show cause why the well should not be properly plugged and abandoned.

Very truly yours,

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

W. A. Gressett
Supervisor, District II

WAG:jw

cc: Mr. George Hatch
P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico



OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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December 8, 1970

Mr. George Hatch
Oil Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Case 4492
Re: Norman R. Jones,
State A #1, NE SE,
Sec. 16-30S-14W, Hidalgo
County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Hatch:

Notice of Intention to Drill the above well was approved on December 18, 1969, and the well was drilled to a depth of 2350' and shut down sometime in May or June, 1970, as per Form C-103 (copy attached) dated 6-18-70.

By letter dated 11-6-70, we requested that drilling be resumed immediately or that the well be plugged and that this office be contacted prior to initiation of either of these operations. To date the operator has not been in contact with this office.

Therefore, I am requesting that you Docket a Hearing to allow all interested parties to appear and show cause why the well should not be properly plugged and abandoned.

Very truly yours,

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

W. A. Gressett

W. A. Gressett
Supervisor, District II

WAG:jw

cc: Norman R. Jones
c/o Oil Reports & Gas Services
P. O. Box 763
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

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Form C-103
Supersedes Old
C-102 and C-103
Effective 1-1-65

5a. Indicate Type of Lease
State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee <input type="checkbox"/>
5. State Oil & Gas Lease No.
L-1855

SUNDY NOTICES AND REPORTS ON WELLS
(DO NOT USE THIS FORM FOR PROPOSALS TO DRILL OR TO DEEPEN OR PLUG BACK TO A DIFFERENT RESERVOIR.
USE "APPLICATION FOR PERMIT" (FORM C-101) FOR SUCH PROPOSALS.)

1. OIL WELL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GAS WELL <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>	7. Unit Agreement Name
2. Name of Operator Norman R. Jones	8. Farm or Lease Name State A
3. Address of Operator c/o Oil Reports & Gas Services, Box 763, Hobbs, New Mexico 88240	9. Well No. 1
4. Location of Well UNIT LETTER I 1650 FEET FROM THE South LINE AND 758 FEET FROM THE East LINE, SECTION 16 TOWNSHIP 30 S RANGE 14 W NMPM.	10. Field and Pool, or Wildcat Wildcat
15. Elevation (Show whether DF, RT, GR, etc.) 4460 GR	12. County Hidalgo

16. Check Appropriate Box To Indicate Nature of Notice, Report or Other Data			
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO:		SUBSEQUENT REPORT OF:	
PERFORM REMEDIAL WORK <input type="checkbox"/>	PLUG AND ABANDON <input type="checkbox"/>	REMEDIATION WORK <input type="checkbox"/>	ALTERING CASING <input type="checkbox"/>
TEMPORARILY ABANDON <input type="checkbox"/>	CHANGE PLANS <input type="checkbox"/>	COMMENCE DRILLING OPNS. <input type="checkbox"/>	PLUG AND ABANDONMENT <input type="checkbox"/>
PULL OR ALTER CASING <input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>	CASING TEST AND CEMENT JOB <input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Progress report

17. Describe Proposed or Completed Operations (Clearly state all pertinent details, and give pertinent dates, including estimated date of starting any proposed work) SEE RULE 1103.

Reamed 7 7/8" hole to 8" hole from 256 feet to 1500 feet with cable tools. Ran 7" 17# N-40 casing to 1500 feet 5/1/70. Drilled 6" hole to 2350 feet in volcanics. Now shut down to study feasibility of pulling 7" casing, reaming hole to run 10" casing, move in rotary and drill to 5,000 feet.

18. I hereby certify that the information above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SIGNED H. L. Smith TITLE Agent DATE 6/18/70

APPROVED BY W. R. Gressett TITLE OIL AND GAS INSPECTOR DATE JUL 1 1970

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL, IF ANY: Drilling operations must be resumed within 60 days or the well must be properly plugged and abandoned.

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 2088

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

October 26, 1972

Botts, Botts & Mauney
Suite 520
Simms Building
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87101

Attention: Mr. Vance Mauney

Re: Oil Conservation Commission v.
Northwestern National Insurance
Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin;
Hidalgo County Cause No. 3130

Dear Mr. Mauney:

Reference is made to your letter of October 17, 1972, to Mr. George M. Hatch, General Counsel for the Oil Conservation Commission, concerning Mr. M. T. Everhardt's plans to evaluate the Norman R. Jones State "A" Well No. 1, in Unit I of Section 16, Township 30 South, Range 14 West, Hidalgo County, New Mexico, as a possible water supply well.

I am replying to your letter inasmuch as we lost Mr. Hatch to his untimely death October 22.

The Oil Conservation Commission has no objection to Mr. Everhardt re-entering the subject well and drilling out such plugs as are necessary to test the potential water sands.

This authority is granted with the understanding that the consent of Northwestern National must also be given, and further, that such re-entry by Mr. Everhardt will in no way diminish the responsibility of the insurance company to secure the adequate plugging and abandonment of the well to the Commission's satisfaction in the event that Mr. Everhardt's attempts are not successful.

If it is determined that the well can be made into a water well, it shall be plugged back to the water zone, in accordance with such program as the Artesia office of the Commission may prescribe, by February 1, 1973.

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 2088

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

Mr. Vance Mauney

October 26, 1972

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In the event that the well has not been plugged back to the water zone to the Commission's satisfaction by February 1, 1973, the Commission intends to fully pursue Cause 3130, which has been reset for hearing in the District Court of Hidalgo County at 1:30 p.m. March 2, 1973.

Very truly yours,

A. L. PORTER, Jr.
Secretary-Director

ALP/dr

cc: Norman Hodges
District Judge
Sixth Judicial District
P. O. Box 390
Silver City, New Mexico 88061

Mrs. Petra D. Estrada
District Court Clerk
P. O. Box 308
 Lordsburg, New Mexico 88045

Mr. M. T. Everhardt
P. O. Box 44
Hachita, New Mexico 88040

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 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, NMPM, HIDALGO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, SHOULD NOT BE PLUGGED AND ABANDONED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMMISSION-APPROVED PLUGGING PROGRAM.

CASE No. 4492
Order No. R-4104

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 17th 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 Norman R. Jones is the owner and operator of the Norman R. Jones State A Well No. 1, located in the NE/4 SE/4 of Section 16, Township 30 South, Range 14 West, NMPM, Hidalgo County, New Mexico.

(3) That the Norman R. Jones State A Well No. 1 has been abandoned and should be plugged in order to confine permanently all oil, gas, and/or water in the separate strata originally containing them in order to prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Norman R. Jones is hereby ordered to plug the Norman R. Jones State A Well No. 1, located in the NE/4 SE/4 of

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CASE No. 4492

Order No. R-4104

Section 16, Township 30 South, Range 14 West, NMPM, Hidalgo County, New Mexico, in accordance with the following minimum plugging program:

1. Pull seven-inch casing.
2. Clean out hole to at least 2450 feet.
3. Set a 25-sack cement plug at 2450 feet.
4. Set a 50-sack cement plug at 1300 feet.
5. Set a 35-sack cement plug at 350 feet.
6. Set a 5-sack cement plug at the surface.
7. Fill the intervals between plugs with mud weighing not less than 10 pounds per gallon.
8. Set in the surface plug a regulation steel marker not less than 4 inches in diameter and extending at least 4 feet above mean ground level.

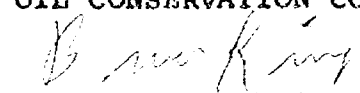
(2) That Norman R. Jones shall complete plugging operations on the above-described well on or before March 15, 1971, and shall notify the District Supervisor, District 2, Oil Conservation Commission, Drawer DD, Artesia, New Mexico, of the exact date and time plugging operations are to commence.

(3) That any deviation from the above plugging program shall be permitted only upon a showing of good cause therefor and with the written consent of the Secretary-Director of the Commission.

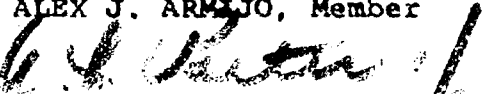
(4) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

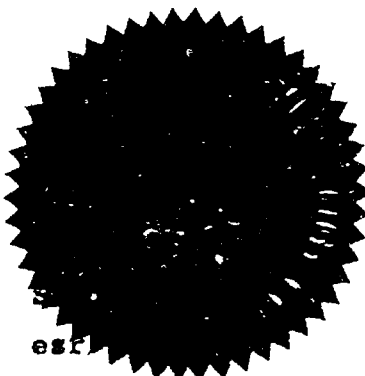
DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION


BRUCE KING, Chairman


ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member


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



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 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, MMPM, HIDALGO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, SHOULD NOT BE PLUGGED AND ABANDONED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMMISSION-APPROVED PLUGGING PROGRAM.

CASE No. 4492
Order No. R-4104-A

NUNC PRO TUNC ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

It appearing to the Commission that due to clerical error, Order No. R-4104, dated February 17, 1971, does not correctly state the intended order of the Commission in one particular,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Item 6 in Order (1) of Order No. R-4104, dated February 17, 1971, is hereby corrected to read as follows:

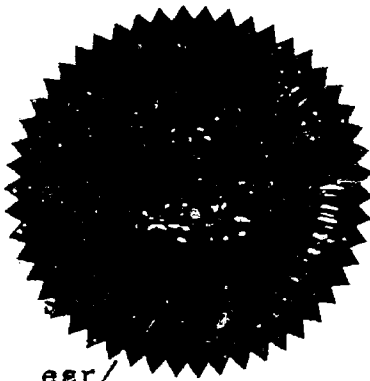
"6. Set a 20-sack cement plug at the surface."

rather than:

"6. Set a 5-sack cement plug at the surface."

(2) That the correction set forth above be entered nunc pro tunc as of February 17, 1971.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on this 2nd day of March, 1971.

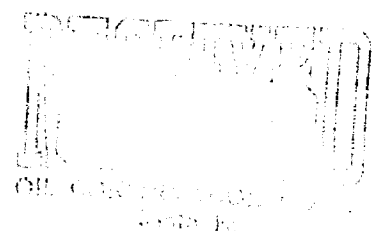


STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Bruce King
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A. L. Porter, Jr.
A. L. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary



STATE OF NEW MEXICO
SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

October 12, 1972

NORMAN HODGES
DISTRICT JUDGE
P. O. BOX 390
SILVER CITY, N. M. 88061
A. A. RIVERA
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

COUNTIES OF
GRANT
LUNA
HIDALGO

Mrs. Petra D. Estrada
District Court Clerk
P. O. Box 308
 Lordsburg, New Mexico 88045

Re: Oil Conservation v. Northwestern Insurance
Hidalgo Co. No. 3130

Dear Petra:

Enclosed for filing is an Order in the above
case.

Sincerely,

Norman Hodges
District Judge

NH:ef

cc: George M. Hatch
Special Assistant Attorney General w/copy of Order

Mr. Vance Mauney
Attorney at Law w/ copy of Order

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SANTA FE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HIDALGO COUNTY
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF NEW MEXICO,

Plaintiff,

vs.

No. 3130

NORTHWESTERN NATIONAL INSURANCE
COMPANY OF MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN,


Defendant.

ORDER

The court being advised that the attorneys of record and other interested persons have agreed that this case may be continued for a period of time, it is therefore:

Ordered, adjudged, and decreed that the hearing of this action be and the same hereby is continued to 1:30 o'clock P m. on Friday, March 2, 1973.

Dated Oct. 12, 1972.


NORMAN HODGES
District Judge
Sixth Judicial District Court

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HIDALGO COUNTY
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF NEW MEXICO,

Plaintiff,

vs.

No. 3130

NORTHWESTERN NATIONAL INSURANCE
COMPANY OF MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN,

Defendant.

MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission, Plaintiff herein, by and through its attorney, George M. Hatch, respectively moves the court to grant a continuance of the above-entitled cause until some time in the latter part of November, 1972, the cause having been set for trial on October 13, 1972, on the ground that good faith efforts are being made to resolve the problem without the necessity for trial and the attorneys of record and other interested persons have agreed to such continuance.

DAVID L. NORVELL
Attorney General for the
State of New Mexico

George M. Hatch
GEORGE M. HATCH
Special Assistant Attorney General
representing the Oil Conservation
Commission of New Mexico
P. O. Box 2088, Santa Fe, New Mexico

I hereby certify that on the 5th day of October, 1972, a copy of the foregoing Motion for Continuance was mailed to Mr. Vance Mauney, Suite 520, Simms Building, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Mr. Burch Downman, 1200 Houston First Savings Building, Houston, Texas 77002, and Mr. Norman R. Jones, 1200 Houston First Savings Building, Houston, Texas 77002.

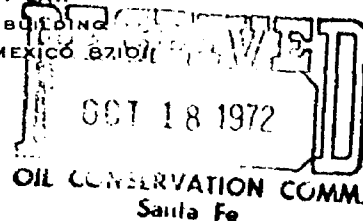
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SUITE 520 SIMMS BUILDING
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87101

TELEPHONE
247-4137
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October 17, 1972

George M. Hatch, Esq.
P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear George:

RE: OCC v. Northwestern National
Insurance Company of Milwaukee,
Wisconsin

Mr. Everhardt of Hachito called and stated that he didn't have authority from the OCC to test the well and needed some authority from you to permit the driller to go upon the well site and perform the test. I am not just sure just what he needs, but if you could permit him to proceed with the testing it will speed things along.

We note the Court has reset the case for 1:30 P.M. on March 2, 1972.

Should you require anything further, let us know.

Very truly yours,

BOTTS, BOTTS & MAUNEY


Vance Mauney

VM:ar

cc: Burch Downman, Esq.
Mr. M. T. Everhardt

DOWNMAN, JONES & SCHECHTER

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

1200 HOUSTON FIRST SAVINGS BUILDING

HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002

713 / 224-3366

October 5, 1972

GALVESTON OFFICE

2206 MECHANIC

GALVESTON, TEXAS 77550

ASSOCIATE OFFICE

1420 COMMERCE TOWER

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI 64105

PLEASE REPLY TO

HOUSTON

Mr. M. T. Everhart
P. O. Box 44
Hachito, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Everhart:

I am told that a water well driller by the name of A. J. Wright of Hachito, New Mexico has been contacted by you concerning the determination of whether a water well is feasible. Further, that the charge for making this determination will be between \$300-\$400.00.

I am leaving Houston in about 30 minutes to go to Lake Charles, Louisiana. I have been trying to reach Mr. Wright by phone at the number given me but have thus far been unsuccessful. Therefore Mr. Everhart, in order to expedite this matter I am sending you a check for \$400.00. You pay Mr. Wright the charge for making the investigation. The check places you under no obligation whatsoever.

Thanking you very much I am,

Very truly yours,

Burch Downman

BD/cf

Encl. check

cc: George Hatch

A. J. Wright

Vance Mauney

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TELEPHONE
247-4137
AREA CODE 505

October 6, 1972

Burch Downman, Esq.
1200 Houston First Savings Bldg.
Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Mr. Downman:

RE: Oil Conservation Commission of New
Mexico v. Northwestern National
Insurance Company of Milwaukee,
Wisconsin, et al.

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This will acknowledge our telephone conversation on
October 5, 1972 pursuant to which you are going to
contact a water well driller named A. J. Wright at
Hachita, New Mexico, telephone number (505) 548-2224,
Animas Exchange, and send him \$300.00 to test the
abandoned oil well to determine its feasibility as
a water well.

George Hatch has confirmed that the October 13, 1972
setting of the above case is vacated and will advise
us of the date it is reset, probably late in November.

Mr. Eberhardt, the rancher who is interested in the
well, states that he will reimburse you the cost
of testing if the well is ultimately determined to
be feasible as a water well. He will not pay any
of the cost of plugging the oil well required by
the OCC of New Mexico. He will pay the cost of
reconditioning the oil well for water purposes.

Mr. Hatch stated that he would try to get some infor-
mation concerning the location of the water strata
in the well so that you could have some advanced
information of the requirements for plugging should
the well be determined feasible as a water well

Burch Downman, Esq.
October 6, 1972

page 2.

Assuming all of the above is accomplished, we may be able to settle this thing without the necessity of trial.

Very truly yours,

BOTTS, BOTTS & MAUNEY

Vance Mauney

VM:ar

cc: George Hatch, Esq. ✓
Northwestern National Insurance Company

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 2088

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

October 5, 1972

Mrs. Petra Estrada
Clerk of the District Court
Hidalgo County Courthouse
 Lordsburg, New Mexico

Re: Hidalgo County Cause No. 3130
Oil Conservation Commission
of New Mexico vs.
Northwestern National Insurance
Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Mrs. Estrada:

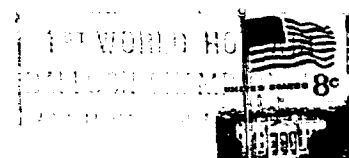
Enclosed please find Motion for Continuance for
filing in Hidalgo County Cause No. 3130.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE M. HATCH
Special Assistant Attorney General
representing the Oil Conservation
Commission of New Mexico
P. O. Box 2088, Santa Fe, New Mexico

GMH/dr

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SUITE 520 SIMMS BUILDING
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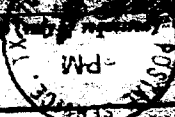
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Oil Conservation Commission
State Capitol
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

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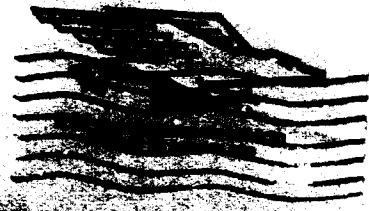
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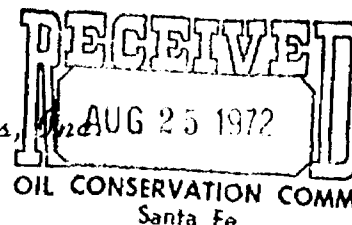


Wildlife Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Cause No. 3130

Oil Reports and Gas Services, Inc.

P. O. Box 763
HOBBS, NEW MEXICO 88240
August 24, 1972



Phone Numbers
393-2727 - 393-2017

Mr. George Hatch
Oil Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Mr. Hatch:

In an attempt to reconstruct the sequence and content of various telephone calls that would establish an authorization for my filing on the Norman R. Jones State "A" #1, and to establish a connection between Norman R. Jones and Burch Downman I have made a copy of our phone bill for the period ending January 25, 1970.

I note that all the phone calls billed to Mr. Downman were made on December 12, 1969. By taking the various dates I can conclude the following:

The Form C-101 was dated December 4th and stamped in at the Artesia office on December 8th. Hence my original phone call from Mr. Downman from Houston must have been on December 3rd or 4th, wherein we discussed the necessity of a bond and the fact that it would take approximately 10 days. The Form C-101 shows an approximate spud date of December 12th.

From this tentative spud date, the date of the phone calls and the fact that our invoice reads "phone calls to locate bond", I feel sure that I had instructions to call Silver City on the 12th if the Form C-101 had not been approved. A call was made to Mr. Gressett; the form was not approved as he had no bond. I called the OCC at Santa Fe; still no bond. This information was telephoned to Mr. Downman at Silver City who asked me to call Norman Jones in Kansas City to be sure the bond had been mailed. I would then have called Mr. Downman back to give him the information obtained from Mr. Jones. I have no explanation for the third call to Mr. Downman or the second call to Artesia unless Mr. Downman wanted verbal approval in advance of the bond, as I note the well was spudded on December 12th. Mr. Gressett maybe able to remember the purpose of the second call to Artesia.

I realize that "assumptions" have no meaning in a court of law, but the phone bill does establish the fact that I did call Norman R. Jones on December 12th; as I had no other business with him prior to the State "A" #1 location and have had no contact since that time, we could hardly have discussed anything else except the status of the bond and that Mr. Downman was on location ready to spud.

I hope that this will be of some help to you.

Sincerely,

OIL REPORTS AND GAS SERVICES, INC.


(Mrs.) Donna Holler

DH/as

**GENERAL TELEPHONE****COMPANY OF THE SOUTHWEST**OIL REPORTS &
GAS SERVICES
BOX 763
HOBBS N M

88240

CITY SERVED	TELEPHONE NO.	BILLING DATE
HOBBS	393-2727642727	DEC 25 69
PREV BILL		40.27
PYMT 12/02		40.27CR

REMAINING BALANCE AFTER PAYMENTS					1.00
DEC 25	LOCAL SERVICE TO JAN 25-70				31.60
	CALLS TO	TEL NO	MIN CT	FROM	
NOV 18	FLIDA	NMEX 505-2743960	5 S		1.00
NOV 19	HOBBS	NMEX 3943309	6 K4	EUNICE NM	.49
NOV 22	KINGSLAND TEX	915-3884262	7 0		1.20
NOV 25	HOBBS	NMEX 8244825	10 04	SANANT TX	1.65
DEC 02	LOVINGTON	NMEX 505-3962819	K		.25
DEC 08	ARTESIA	NMEX 505-7464861	4 K		.80
DEC 10	EUNICE	NMEX 505-3942914	10 0		.81
DEC 12	ARTESIA	NMEX 505-7464861	6 K		1.20
DEC 12	SILVERCITYNMEX	505-5305376	K		1.10
DEC 12	SANTA FE	NMEX 505-8272434	0 K		2.65
DEC 12	SILVERCITYNMEX	505-5385376	4 K		1.47
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OIL REPORTS & GAS SERVICES, INC.
P. O. BOX 763
HOBBS, NEW MEXICO 88240

July 31, 1970

I-70-563

Burch Downman
2929 Buffalo Speedway
Houston, Texas 77006

State A #1

File Drilling & Completion reports
45 New Mexico tax

35.00
1.10
36.10

Phone calls to locate bond & obtain approval on Location:
3 calls to Mr. Downman - mobil phone unit
Norman Jones @ Kansas City
Oil Commission @ Santa Fe
Oil Commission @ Artesia (2 calls)

4.05
2.30
2.90
2.10
\$48.05

Note: Additional reports to complete well will be filed
at no additional cost except out of pocket expense.

Thank you.

*pd 10/1/70
CHK # 10910
Exploration Funds, Inc.*

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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 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, NMPM, HIDALGO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, SHOULD NOT BE PLUGGED AND ABANDONED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMMISSION-APPROVED PLUGGING PROGRAM.

CASE No. 4492
Order No. R-4104-A

NUNC PRO TUNC ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

It appearing to the Commission that due to clerical error, Order No. R-4104, dated February 17, 1971, does not correctly state the intended order of the Commission in one particular,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Item 6 in Order (1) of Order No. R-4104, dated February 17, 1971, is hereby corrected to read as follows:

"6. Set a 20-sack cement plug at the surface."

rather than:

"6. Set a 5-sack cement plug at the surface."

(2) That the correction set forth above be entered nunc pro tunc as of February 17, 1971.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on this _____ day of February, 1971.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

BRUCE KING, Chairman

ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member

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

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GMH/esr

2-9-71

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. 4492

Order No. R- 4104

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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 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 Norman R. Jones is the owner and operator of the Norman R. Jones State A Well No. 1, located in the NE/4 SE/4 of Section 16, Township 30 South, Range 14 West, NMPM, Hidalgo County, New Mexico.

(3) That the Norman R. Jones State A Well No. 1 has been abandoned and should be plugged in order to confine permanently all oil, gas, and/or water in the separate strata originally containing them in order to prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Norman R. Jones is hereby ordered to plug the Norman R. Jones State A Well No. 1, located in the NE/4 SE/4 of Section 16, Township 30 South, Range 14 West, NMPM, Hidalgo County, New Mexico, in accordance with the following minimum plugging program:

1. Pull seven-inch casing.
2. Clean out hole to at least 2450 feet.
3. Set a 25-sack cement plug at 2450 feet.
4. Set a 50-sack cement plug at 1300 feet.
5. Set a 35-sack cement plug at 350 feet.
6. Set a 5-sack cement plug at the surface.
7. Fill the intervals between plugs with mud weighing not less than 10 pounds per gallon.
8. Set in the surface plug a regulation steel marker not less than 4 inches in diameter and extending at least 4 feet above mean ground level.

(2) That Norman R. Jones shall complete plugging operations on the above-described well on or before March 15, 1971, and shall notify the District Supervisor, District 2, Oil Conservation Commission, Drawer DD, Arcesia, New Mexico, of the exact date and time plugging operations are to commence.

(3)
(4) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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

That any deviation from the above plugging program shall be permitted only upon a showing of good cause herefor and with the written consent of the Secretary-Director of the Commission.

CASE 4493: Application of BELCO
PETROLEUM CORP. FOR COMPULSORY
POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.