CASE 5745: OCC PLUGGING CASE H. AXELROD

CASE NO.

5745

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO P. O. BOX 2088 - SANTA FE 87501

LAND COMMISSIONER DIRECTOR PHIL R. LUCERO JOE D. RAMEY

August 6, 1976



STATE GEOLOGIST EMERY C. ARNOLD

CERTIFIED - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

H. Axelrod Amarillo Building Amarillo, Texas

Maryland Casualty Company P. O. Box 1228 Baltimore, Maryland 21203

Re:

Beller Well No. 1 located in Unit 0 of Section 1, Township

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Harding County Plugging Bond

Gentlemen:

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BEFORE: Richard L. Stamets, Examiner

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

APPEARANCES

For the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission:

William F. Carr, Esq.
Legal Counsel for the Commission
State Land Office Building
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Direct Examination by Mr. Carr

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Call for appearances in this case.

MR. CARR: William F. Carr appearing for the Commission and I have one witness who has previously been sworn.

MR. STAMETS: The record should reflect that the witness has previously been sworn.

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called as a witness, having been previously sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. CARR:

- Q. For purposes of the record will you state your full name and position?
- A. Yes, sir, Carl Ulvog, Senior Geologist for the Oil Conservation Commission and Supervisor of District Four.

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Q.	Mr.	Ulvog,	does	District	Four	include	that	part	of.
Harding	County	' invol	ved in	n this ca	se?				

- A. Yes, it does.
- Q. Do your duties as District Supervisor include making recommendations to the Commission as to when a well should be plugged and abandoned?
 - A. Yes, sir.
 - Ω Are you familiar with the subject matter in Case 5745
 - A. Yes, I am.
 - Q. And what is the purpose of this case?
 - A. The purpose of this case is to determine whether or not this well should be plugged and abandoned in accordance with the Commission regulations.
 - Q. Are you familiar with the well file in this case?
 - A. Yes, I am.
 - Q. Have you reviewed all reports filed with the Commission concerning the well?
 - A. I have.
 - Q. Do you have these records with you?
 - A. I do.
 - Would you refer to these records and summerize for
 the Examiner the information contained therein?
 - A. Yes, sir. This well is known as the H. Axelrod

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Danube Oil Company. However, we have nothing signed by a representative of the Danube Oil Company and the bond is in the name of Axelrod who originally filed the application.

The only reports in the file are the application for the permit to drill the well, Form C-101, dated November 4th, 1936 which was received in this office May 28th, 1937. There is a well record, C-105, which is dated June 21st, 1937, received in this office the same day.

The well obviously was drilled and completed before any records were received and from these reports I concluded that there were four hundred and twenty-eight feet of ten-inch casing set without being cemented and after encountering water at approximately four hundred to four hundred and twenty-five and the reports say that there was a hole full of water. It doesn't say what kind. That is when the casing was set, apparently. Then a total depth of eight hundred and seventy-seven was reported and eight hundred and twenty-nine feet of eight-and-a-fourth-inch casing set, which would be a little difficult. However, this is supposedly cemented with twenty-five sacks. The initial potential was reported as either two million, six hundred thousand cubic feet of carbon dioxide or two million and sixty thousand feet of carbon dioxide per day. Those are the only reports in the file.

I inspected that location on July 15th of this year and found that it is a shut-in gas well. There is eight-inch

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casing showing above the surface of the ground, it is equipped with valves and a two-and-a-fourth-inch standpipe which rises about ten feet into the air. There is no indication that this well was ever connected to a pipeline. There is some drilling line on the location and the well is now situated in a depression which has become a mud wallow.

- Q. Would failure to plug this well result in waste?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Are you prepared to recommend a plugging program to the Commission?

A. Yes, I am prepared to recommend a very definite plugging program based on the data that's in the file but again I feel that we should wait until we enter the well to find out what's there. There are obviously some inconsistencies in the report.

- Q. Do you have anything further to add to your testimony?
 - A. No, sir.

MR. CARR: We have nothing further.

MR. STAMETS: Are there any questions of the witness?
He may be excused.

(THEREUPON, the witness was excused.)

MR. STAMETS: Anything further in this case? We will take the case under advisement.

REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

I, SIDNEY F. MORRISH, a Certified Shorthand Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached Transcript of Hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission was reported by me, and the same is a true and correct record of the said proceedings to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

Sidney F. Morrish, C.S.R.

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PHIL R. LUCERO September 1, 1976 STATE GEOLOGIST
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Re H. Axelrod Amarillo Building Amarillo, Texas	e: CASE NO. 5745 ORDER NO. R-5265 Applicant:
Dear Sir:	(OCC) H. Axelrod
	copies of the above-referenced entered in the subject case.
Yours very truly, JOE D. RAMEY Director	
JDR/fd Copy of order also sent to	o:
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Other Maryland Casualty	y Company

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CASE NO. 5745 Order No. R-5265

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

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NOW, on this <u>31st</u> day of August, 1976, 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,

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	Beller Well	No. 1
located in	Unit 0	of Section 1 , Township 20 North
Range 30	East	, NMPM, Harding County, New Mexico, on or
before	4	November 1, 1976.