CASE 5770: OCC PLUGGING CASE GEORGE H. KRAUSE, THE HARTFORD ACCIDENT & INDEMNITY COMPANY

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4. That operator and landowner have made an agreement whereby operator (is not) to back fill pits, level location, and clear it of all junk. The agreement further provides that operator is to plug said well back to a plugged-back total depth of <u>400'</u> feet and transfer well to landowner for his use as a water-well. Operator will leave casing in the well as follows: 5/2''

5. That when operator has complied with the provisions of Paragraph 4 above it will so notify the Oil Conservation Commission of the State of New Mexico on Commission Form C-103, together with a signed statement from the landowner that the provisions of Paragraph 4 above have been complied with to his satisfaction.

| | Estate of George H. Krause, Deceased |
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| | (Operator) |
| | By Alphayn B Manue, Executrix |
| Subscribed and sworn to before me this $\underline{/}$ | |
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| complied with, he will accept the above-de | escribed well for his use as a water-well, and |
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| well to a water-well. | Chalm Killert |
| | (Landowner) |
| Subscribed and sworn to before me this / | 11/day of Nour 6A. DA 1977 . |
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December 10, 1976

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Mr. Joseph F. Burns Attorney at Law 109 South Mesa Verde Aztec, New Mexico 87410

Re: George H. Krause Krause Beck #1 J-10-29N-12W San Juan County

Dear Mr. Burns:

The required date of abandonment of December 1, 1976, as required by Order R-5308 for the subject well may be delayed to January 15, 1977, per your request dated December 7, 1976.

Please keep us advised of any development toward plugging the well.

Yours very truly,

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A. R. Kendrick Supervisor, District #3

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JOSEPH F. BURNS Attorney-At-Law

AZTEC, NEW VEXICO

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Mr. Alton R. Kendnick New Mexico Oil Conservation Cormission 1000 Pio Brazos Awtec, New Mexico 87410

> Po: Krause Beck Moll No. 1 (Estate of George H. Krause, Deceased)

Dear Mr. Kendrick:

In the early part of November, 1976, I received from Ruth Rouss, attorney for the Estate of George H. Krause, Deceased, in the State of Colorado, a copy of latter from the Hartford Bond Department, together with copy of Oil Conservation Cormission Order entered on October 27, 1976 wherein Hr. Krause and the Harford Accident and Indemnity Corpany were ordered to plug and abanden the Krause Eeck Well No. 1 located in Unit J of Section 10, Township 29 North, Range 12 West, N.M.P.M., San Juan County, New Mexico on or before December 1, 1976.

Shortly after receipt of these documents from Ruth Rouss, I talked to you and you furnished me information from your office files establishing the fact that Mr. Krause, who died on October 23, 1966, is the operator of record for that well.

Since that phone call with you, I have pursued, as attorney for the ancillary probate of Kr. Krause's Estate in the State of New Mexico, information concerning the procedures and the estimated cost for plugging the well. From all of the information received, the estimated price for plugging (although I have not yet received a detailed bid) indicates that the cost of plugging the well is one that the Krause Estate will find difficult to pay.

We realize, of course, inasmuch as Mr. Krause is apparently the operator of record of the well and there is little likelihood, as we understand it, of the necessary work being done to reactivate the well, that the plugging must be completed by either the Bonding Company or the Krause Estate.

Because we have to obtain some Curther information in order to determine how this work will be accomplished, I called you at Ms. Rouss' request last week and verbally asked for an extension of time in which to comply with the Order of the Oil Conservation Commission entered on October 27, 1976.

You indicated in our tole down on the that granting an extension for a perpendike period of the workingt present a problem, providing that assumned was note that this work would be completed in the near future. You further recommended that the request for the extension of time be reduced to writing so that your office and the undersigned would have a record of the request for extension.

Therefore, please accept this letter as a written request for an extension of time in which to comply with the Oil Conservation Commission Order referred to above. In making this request, I assure you that we will pureve to a new out of each, data request, a assure you that we will pureve the completion of this matter and try to accomplish the plugging, or at least the initiating of steps to have the well plugged, on or before Jenuary 15, 1977.

I did not make a request for a specific date in my telephone conversation with you, but this written request is that we have until January 15, 1977 in which to pursue the steps necessary to initiate plugging of this well.

If you have any question concerning this request, please write or call me.

Very truly yours, penh F. Bune JOSEPH (. BURNS Atworney at Law

JFB:sd

cc: Ms. Ruth Rouss

Denver Regional Office 800 Grant Street Denver, Colorado 80203 Telephone: (303) 837-1515



November 15, 1976

Mr. Phil R. Lucero, Chairman Oil Conservation Commission State of New Mexico P.O. Box 2088 Sante Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re: Case No. 5770 Order No. 4-5308 George H. Krause - Krause Beck Well No. 1

Gentlemen:

We have received a copy of the Order of the Commission dated October 27, 1976 requesting that the above described well located in Unit J of Section 10, Township 29 N. Range 12 W, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico be plugged. We have forwarded a copy of this order to Mrs. Ruth Rouss who is the attorney responsible for the Estate of Mr. George Krause. We have asked that she handle this matter since she is handling the estate. It is my understanding that there are items in the State of New Mexico which are part of this estate and for which a New Mexico attorney has been hired.

I presume that you will hear from either Mrs. Rouse or the attorney handling the estate in New Mexico in a short time.

Sincerely. Kay Kelly Underwfiter Bond Department

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DIRECTOR

JOE D. RAMEY

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO P. O. BOX 2088 - SANTA FE 87501 LAND COMMISSIONER PHIL R. LUCERO

October 28, 1976



Mr. George H. Krause 405눌 W. Broadway

Farmington, New Mexico

| CASE NO. | 5770 |
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| ORDER NO. | R-5308 |

Applicant:

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced Commission order recently entered in the subject case.

Yours very truly, JOE D. RAMEY Director

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Copy of order also sent to:

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Other Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company

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ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on September 29, 1976, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this <u>27th</u> day of <u>October</u>, 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,

FINDS:

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

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| | Service vice v Mexico 8 | 10 | Call for appearances in this case. |
| . с . | 5.2 | 11 | MR. CARR: William F. Carr appearing for the |
| ۲ | r eporting r <i>Reporting</i> Se Santa Fe, Ne 505) 982-9212 | 12 | Commission, I have one witness, Al Kendrick, and let the |
| · · | 1 3 2 3 | 13 | record show that he is under oath. |
| ι. | morrish General Co Mejia, No. 12 Phone | 14 | MR. NUTTER: Mr. Kendrick is under oath. Are there |
| | sid n Calle Me | 15 | any other appearances in Case 5770? |
| | 825 (| 16 | Mr. Carr? |
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| ٠ | | 18 | A. R. KENDRICK |
| + | | 19 | called as a witness, having been previously sworn, was |
| • | | 20 | examined and testified as follows: |
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| · # | | 22 | DIRECT EXAMINATION |
| ÷ | | 23 | BY MR. CARR: |
| | | 24 | 0. For purposes of the record will you state your name, |
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| | | 1 | A. A. R. Kendrick, District Supervisor for District |
| | x | 2 | Three of the Oil Conservation Commission. I reside at Aztec, |
| | ¢ | 3 | New Mexico. |
| | | 4 | 0 Does District Three include that part of San Juan |
| | • | 5 | County involved in this case? |
| | • | 6 | A. Yes, sir. |
| | | 7 | 0. Do your duties as District Supervisor include making |
| | • • | 8 | recommendations to the Commission as to when wells should be |
| | e 87501 | 9 | plugged and abandoned? |
| | service | 10 | A. Yes, sir. |
| • | g Bel Service 12 | 11 | Q. Are you familiar with the subject matter of this |
| | , Orting poring 14a Fe, 1 982-92 | 12 | case? |
| | n rep ourr Re 22, Sar e (505) | 13 | A. Yes, sir. |
| | , morrisl <i>General C</i> (ejia, No. 1 Phon | 14 | Q. What is the purpose of this case? |
| | s id mo <i>Gen</i> Calle Mejä, | 15 | A. To allow all interested parties to appear and show |
| | , 825 Ca | 16 | why this well should not be properly plugged and abandoned. |
| | x | 17 | Q. Are you familiar with this well? |
| | 8 | 18 | A. Yes, sir. |
| | 5 | 19 | Q. Have you reviewed all reports filed with the |
| | r t | 20 | Commission concerning the well? |
| | ¢ | 21 | A. Yes, sir. |
| | ş | 22 | 0. Do you have the records with you? |
| | | 23 | A. Yes, sir. |
| | | 24 | 0. Will you please refer to these and give the Examiner |
| 1 | 2 | 25 | a brief history of the well as reflected on the official recor |
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| sid morrish reporting service General Court Reporting Service Calle Mejia, No. 122, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501 Phone (505) 982-9212 | 1 | A. The well was drilled in 1946. It was reworked in | | | | | | | | | |
| | 2 | 1957. The production during 1959 was forty-three MCD, during | | | | | | | | | |
| | 3 | 1960 a hundred and twenty MCF, during 1961 forty-two MCF, | | | | | | | | | |
| | 4 | during 1962 one hundred and five MCF. The well has not | | | | | | | | | |
| | 5 | produced since. | | | | | | | | | |
| | 6 | The gathering line to take gas from this well has | | | | | | | | | |
| | 7 | corroded in two between the wellhead and the ground. We have | | | | | | | | | |
| | 8 | no record of any production or indication of any activity | | | | | | | | | |
| | 9 | since 1962. | | | | | | | | | |
| | 10 | Ω In your opinion could failure to plug this well | | | | | | | | | |
| | 11 | cause waste? | | | | | | | | | |
| | 12 | A. Yes. | | | | | | | | | |
| | 13 | 0. What type of a plugging program would you recommend | | | | | | | | | |
| | 14 | for this well? | | | | | | | | | |
| | 15 | A. We prefer to work that program out as time progres | | | | | | | | | |
| sid 825 Calle | 16 | at the time the well is plugged. | | | | | | | | | |
| - | 17 | Q. How much time do you think an operator should be | | | | | | | | | |
| | 18 | allowed to complete this well? | | | | | | | | | |
| | 19 | A. Thirty days, I think, should be sufficient. | | | | | | | | | |
| | 20 | MR. CARR: I have nothing further at this time. | | | | | | | | | |
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| | 22 | CROSS EXAMINATION | | | | | | | | | |
| | 23 | BY MR. NUTTER: | | | | | | | | | |
| | 24 | 0. Mr. Kendrick, the well at one time did have a gas | | | | | | | | | |
| | 25 | connection to a pipeline? | | | | | | | | | |
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| | 1 | A. Tes, sir, it was a gas well and produced from 1947 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 2 | until 1962. | | | | | | | | | |
| · • | 3 | 0 With those small amounts of gas? | | | | | | | | | |
| | 4 | A Well, those small amounts of gas were in the latter | | | | | | | | | |
| | 5 | years, from 1959 through 1962 it only produced about four | | | | | | | | | |
| 、 | 6 | hundred MCF of gas. | | | | | | | | | |
| | 7 | Q Has the meter run been removed from the well? | | | | | | | | | |
| ٠ | 8 | A. Yes, sir. | | | | | | | | | |
| 87501 | 9 | Q And what would be your recommendation as to the time | | | | | | | | | |
| Bervice Wice Mexico 8 | 10 | schedule for action on this well? | | | | | | | | | |
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| " DOTTIT Porting nta Fe,) 982-95 | 12 | to town, it's in good sandy soil. | | | | | | | | | |
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| sid mo Gen Calle Meja | 15 | A. We haven't received any response from the operator | | | | | | | | | |
| 825 C | 16 | since 1962 so I assume the operator is probably dead. | | | | | | | | | |
| ÷ | 17 | Q And you would work out a plugging program with the | | | | | | | | | |
| ٤ | 18 | company that was doing the work at the time the work was being | | | | | | | | | |
| i | 19 | done? | | | | | | | | | |
| • | 20 | A. Yes, sir. | | | | | | | | | |
| - n | 21 | MR. NUTTER: Are there any further questions of | | | | | | | | | |
| · • 1 | 22 | Mr. Kendrick? He may be excused. | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | 23 | (THEREUPON, the witness was excused.) | | | | | | | | | |
| ţ | 24 | MR. NUTTER: Do you have anything further, Mr. Carr? | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 * | 25 | MR. CARR: Nothing further. | | | | | | | | | |
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2 I, SIDNEY F. MORRISH, a Certified Shorthand Reporter, 3 do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached Transcript of Hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission 4 was reported by me, and the same is a true and correct record 5 of the said proceedings to the best of my knowledge, skill and 6 ability. 7

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION



CERTIFIED - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

George H. Krause 405월 W. Broadway Farmington, New Mexico

Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company Hartford Plaza Hartford, Connecticut 06115

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August 10, 1976

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

Re: One-well \$5000 bond George H. Krause Krause Beck #1, J-10-29N-12W Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company

Dear Waldo:

We have not been able to contact Mr. Krause for several years about the well for which the subject bond was written.

Please send me an address of the New Mexico resident agent of the Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company who executed the bond. Maybe they can locate Mr. Krause.

Otherwise, we will have to docket a case to allow all interested parties to appear and justify the well in its current status.

If there are questions please contact us.

Yours very truly,

A. R. Kendrick Supervisor, District #3

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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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CASE NO.

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is principal.

Order No. R- 5308 IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLEP BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION ON ITS OWN MOTION TO PERMIT GEORGE H. KRAUSE, THE HARTFORD ACCIDENT AND INDEMNITY COMPANY, AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE KRAUSE BECK WELL NO. 1, LOCATED IN UNIT J OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, SHOULD NOT BE PLUGGED AND ABANDONED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMMISSION-APPROVED PLUGGING PROGRAM.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on September 29 19 76, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter

, the , 19 76 NOW, on this day of October 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.

That George H. Krause _____is the owner and (2) operator of the ___Krause Beck Well No. 1

located in Unit ^J of Section ¹⁰, Township ²⁹ North

12 West , NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico. Range _

Company (3) That The Hartford Accident and Indemnity/ set is the

surety on the Oil Conservation Commission plugging bond on which

George H. Exua Krause

(4) That the purpose of said bond is to assure the state that the subject well (2) will be properly plugged and abandoned when not capable of commercial production.

(5) That in order to prevent waste and protect correlative rights said ____ Krause Beck Well No. 1 _____ should be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a program approved by the Aztec District Office of the New Mexico Oil December Conservation Commission on er before the Aztec 1975, or the well should be returned to active drilling

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(2) That <u>George H. Krause and The Hartford Accident and</u> Indemnity Company, prior to plugging and abandoning the abovedescribed well, shall obtain from the <u>Aztec</u> office of the Commission, a Commission-approved program for said plugging and abandoning, and shall notify said <u>Aztec</u> office of the date and hour said work is to be commenced whereupon the Commission may, at its option, witness such work.

(3) 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.