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May 28, 1948

Mr. Chuck Aston  
102 Barker Building  
Alameda, New Mexico

RE: Case No. 147

Dear Chuck:

With reference to the application of Franklin, Aston & Fair for approval of weathered location in SE/4 NW/4 of section 7, T.18 S., R.30 E., the above captioned case will be heard on June 15, 1948 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the Senate Chamber.

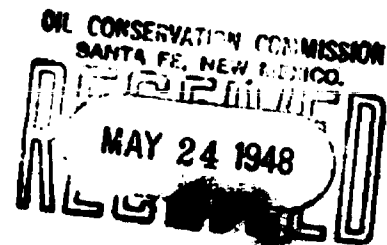
Very truly yours,

Spr

cc: Bart Aston, Russell

**CHUCK ASTON**  
CONSULTING  
PETROLEUM GEOLOGIST  
SUITE 302, BOCKEN BLDG.  
ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO

May 21, 1948



Mr. R. R. Spurrier  
State Geologist  
Oil Conservation Commission  
Capital Office Building  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Dick:

Enclosed you will find three copies of a petition from Franklin, Astor & Fair covering the unorthodox location we discussed with Buck on April 30. As exhibit "A" you will find a signed copy of a letter from the U. S. G. S. stating their position, as exhibit "B" you will find a map of the section which I am sure you will find self explanatory.

Please let me know at your very earliest convenience the date of hearing so that I may make plans accordingly.

With kindest personal regards to you and Naomi, I remain

Sincerely,

  
Chuck Aston

WERT FRANKLIN

BERT ASTON

R. W. FAIR

FRANKLIN, ASTON & FAIR

A PARTNERSHIP

OIL PRODUCERS

321 WHITE BLDG.

ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO

April 23, 1948

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO.

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*Dick - this is a request  
for you to consult with  
them in Roswell at Buck's  
office - - you check this  
is a petition for hearing*

Mr. R. R. Spurrier  
State Geologist  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Spurrier:

Wish to advise that we would like to have consultation with you and the U.S.G.S. concerning a special location, being as near the center of the west half of Section 7, T. 18 S., R. 30 E., as is possible.

SW SE NW

*25' out of  
corner*

*U.S.G.S. approves -  
now pending  
hearing*

*RS*

*30/4*

The reason for this request is that we believe the water table on the Loco Hills Field is approximately in the middle of the east half of Section 7, running in a general north to south direction. And due to the fact that this water table is to all intents and purposes static, the oil trapped up against the water will never be recovered unless wells are drilled on the west half, as nearly as possible to the line between the west row of forties, and the east row of forties on the west half of Section 7. This is all one lease, and the wells would be approximately in the center of the lease and would affect no one but ourselves.

Trusting you will give this matter your consideration and advise us as promptly as possible when it would be convenient for you to confer with us at the U.S.G.S. office in Roswell, we are

Yours truly

FRANKLIN, ASTON & FAIR

By

*[Signature]*

BA:LL

cc:Foster Morrell  
Chuck Aston

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY  
THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 147

ORDER NO. 778

APPLICATION OF FRANKLIN, ASTON & FAIR  
FOR APPROVAL OF AN UNORTHODOX WELL  
LOCATION 2590 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTH  
LINE AND 1370 FEET EAST OF THE WEST LINE  
(IN SE $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) OF SECTION 7, T.18 S, R.30 E,  
N.M.P.M. IN THE LOCO HILLS POOL, EDDY  
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 10:00 o'clock a.m., June 15, 1948,  
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of the State  
of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 12th day of July 1948, the Commission having before it for  
consideration the testimony adduced at the hearing of said case, and being  
fully advised in the premises;

**FINDS:**

1. That due public notice having been given, pursuant to law, the  
Commission has jurisdiction of this case.
2. That the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of section 7, T.18 S, R.30 E, N.M.P.M., is Federal  
acreage, and the Federal Oil & Gas Supervisor has approved the application  
for the unorthodox well location.
3. That a regular and orthodox location on this acreage would be  
uneconomic, as the evidence shows that the oil-water contact of the pool, as  
indicated on map (Exhibit "A"), would interfere with or prevent production.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

That application of Franklin, Aston & Fair, for an order is hereby  
approved for an unorthodox well location 2590 feet south of the north line  
and 1370 feet east of the west line of section 7, T.18 S, R.30 E, N.M.P.M.,  
in the Loco Hills pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT:**

Should production be had at the location aforesaid, the well, by itself  
or in conjunction with other wells on the 40-acre tract, shall not be produced  
in excess of the allowable now fixed, or which may hereafter be fixed by the  
Commission for the Loco Hills pool.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

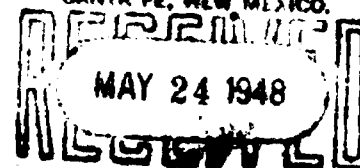
  
THOMAS J. MATRY, Chairman

  
JOHN E. MILES, Member

  
R. R. SPURR, Secretary

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE  
OF NEW MEXICO

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO.



IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION  
OF FRANKLIN, ASTON & FAIR FOR  
APPROVAL OF AN UNORTHODOX WELL  
LOCATION IN THE LOCO HILLS POOL,  
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

# 147

TO THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

The petitioner hereby makes application for approval of an  
unorthodox well location in the SW SE NW Section 7, T. 18S, R. 30E,  
NMPM.

The petitioner presents the following data:

1. That this application covers the SE of the NW same being Las Cruces  
Lease No. 047269-A and is off-set on both sides by the same federal lease.  
All 40 acre units, as shown on the accompanying map, are under oil and  
gas leases assigned to the petitioner.
2. Said 40 acre tracts are subject to the rules and regulations of the  
United States Geological Survey of the Department of Interior and that  
said Department makes no objection to this request as shown by the attached  
letter.
3. Petitioner desires permission to drill well as follows:
  - a. Well to be located 2590' from the North line and 1370' from  
the West line of Section 7, T. 18S, R. 30E, to test the Loco  
Hills pay sand at the approximate depth of 2850'.
4. The dashed line on the accompanying exhibit "A", map, is the water-  
oil contact which makes an orthodox location economically unsound.
5. Petitioner further requests that Loco Hills top allowable be granted  
to this 40 acre unit in order to make it an economic venture.

Respectfully submitted this 21 day of May 1948.

FRANKLIN, ASTON & FAIR

*Chuck Aston*

Chuck Aston, Agent.

*In the matter of the Application of  
Franklin, Aston & Fair for Approval  
of an Unorthodox well location, 2590'  
south of the North line and 1370'  
east of the West line of Section 7, Twp.  
18 S. R. 30 E. NMPM.*

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

P. O. Box 997  
Roswell, New Mexico  
May 17, 1948

Mr. Chuck Aston  
Booker Building  
Artesia, New Mexico

Lease Las Cruces 047269(a)

Dear Mr. Aston:

Reference is made to your letter of May 13 transmitting copy of a petition prepared by you as agent for Franklin, Aston and Fair, which you intend to file with the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico for permission to drill an unorthodox well location in sec. 7, T. 18 S., R. 30 E., Loco Hills pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

The land involved in the application is embraced in Federal oil and gas lease Las Cruces 047269(a), now operated by Franklin, Aston and Fair.

The unorthodox well location set forth in the application is 2990 feet from the north line and 1370 feet from the west line of section 7, or 50 feet from the common intersections of the boundaries of 40-acre legal subdivisions. No encroachment of the outer boundaries of the leasehold is involved as the proposed location would be approximately 1270 feet from the nearest lease boundary.

No objection is offered by this office to the well spacing plan providing for the drilling of a well to test the producing reservoir of the Loco Hills pool expected at an approximate depth of 2850 feet at the location specified in the application. The drilling of this well may afford opportunity for additional recovery of oil and gas from the producing reservoir.

Approval to drill a well at the unorthodox location will be contingent upon approval of such location by the Oil Conservation Commission of the State of New Mexico for proration purposes.

Very truly yours,

*Foster Morrell*

Foster Morrell,  
Supervisor, Oil and Gas Operations.

*Exhibit "A"*

- Water-Oil Contact
- Unorthodox Location
- Producing Well
- Dry Hole

**Chaston Petroleum Geologist Consulting**

Exhibit "B"