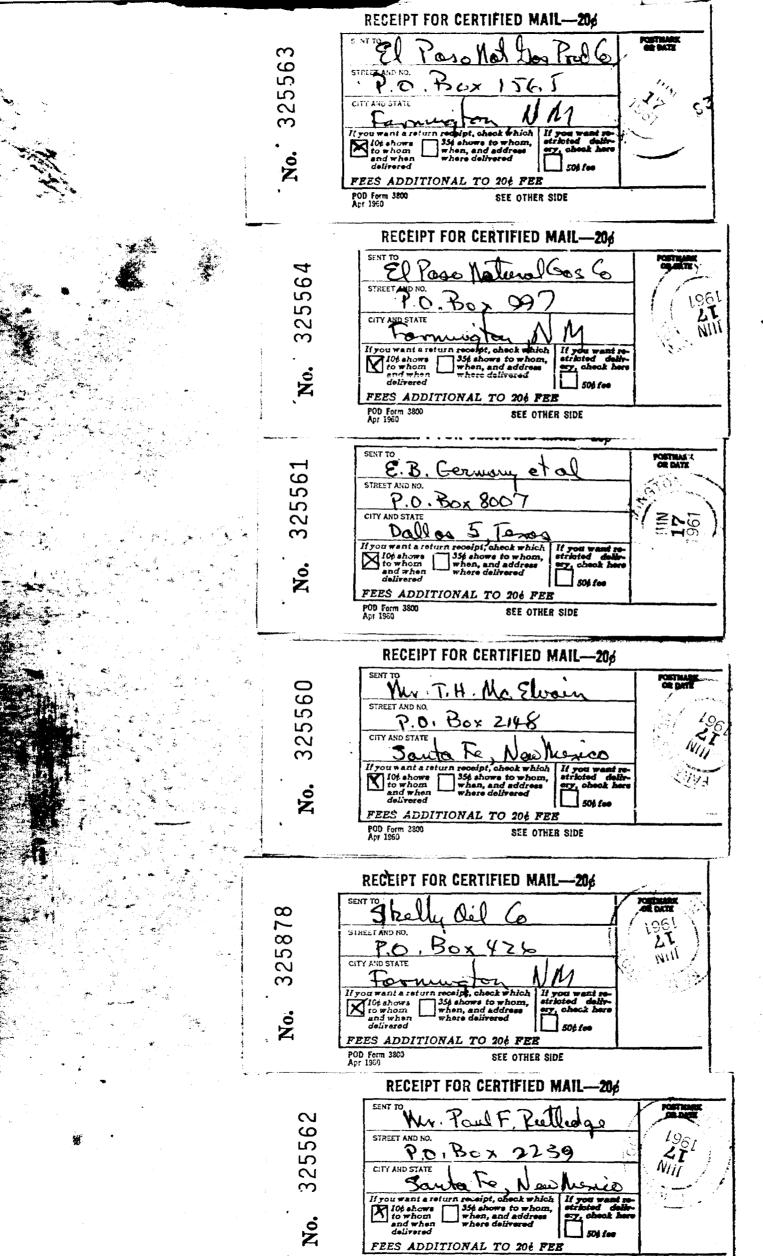
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July 26, 1961

Mr. George Verity Attorney at Law 152 Petroleum Center Building Parmington, New Mexico	CASE NO. 2339 ORDER NO. R-2038
	APPLICANT: J. Gregory Merrion & Associates

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

A. L. PORTER, Jr.
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DEFORE THE OIL COMSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL COMBERVATION CONCESSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR THE FURPOSE OF COMBIDERING:

> CASE No. 2339 Order No. R-2038

APPLICATION OF J. GREGORY MERRION 6 ASSOCIATES FOR A GAS-OIL DUAL COMPLEYION, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on July 19, 1961, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Elvis A. Utx, Examiner duly appointed by the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission," in accordance with Rule 1214 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

NOW, on this $26 \, \mathrm{th}$ day of July, 1961, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the application, the evidence adduced, and the recommendations of the Examiner, Blvis A. Uts, and being fully advised in the presises,

PIMDS:

- (1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicant, J. Gregory Merrion & Associates, seaks permission to complete its Edna Well No. 2, located in Unit G, Section 7, Township 24 North, Range 6 West, HMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, as a gas-oil dual completion with production of gas from the Ballard-Pictured Cliffs Gas Pool through 2 7/8-inch casing and production of oil from the Devils Fork-Gallup Oil Pool through 2 3/8-inch tubing installed within a string of 4 1/2-inch casing, with the casing strings comented in a common well bore.
- (3) That the mechanics of the proposed dual completion are feasible and in accord with good conservation practices.
- (4) That approval of the subject application will meither cause waste nor impair correlative rights.

-2-CASE No. 2339 Order No. R-2038

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, J. Gregory Merrion & Associates, is hereby authorized to complete its Edna Well Ho. 2, located in Unit O, Section 7, Township 24 North, Ennge 6 West, EMPN, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, as a gas-oil dual completion with production of gas from the Ballard-Pictured Cliffs Gas Pool through 2 7/8-inch easing and production of oil from the Devils Fork-Gallup Oil Pool through 2 3/8-inch tubing installed within a string of 4 1/2-inch casing, with the casing strings cemented in a common well bore.

PROVIDED MONTONER, That the applicant shall complete, operate, and produce said well in accordance with the provisions of Rule 112-A.

PROYIDED FURTHER, That communication tests shall be taken upon completion and annually thereafter during the Deliverability Test Period for the Ballard-Pictured Cliffs Gas Pool.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

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

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

> STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION CONGISSION

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Should waivers from all offset operators not accompany an application for administrative approval, the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission will hold the application for a period of twenty (20) days from date of receipt by the Commission's Santa Fe office. If, after said twenty-day period, no protest nor request for hearing is received by the Santa Fe office, the application will then be processed.

NOTE: If the proposed dual completion will result in an unorthodox well location and/or a non-standard provation unit in either or both of the producing zones, then separate application for approval of the same should be filed simultaneously with this application.

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Names + Addresses of Operators

EPNG Co. - P.O. Box 997, Farmington, N.M.

EPNG Products Co-P.O. Box 1565, Formington, N.M.

Skilly Oil Co., P.O. Box 426, Farmington, N.M.

E.B. Germany - P.O. Box 9007, Dellas, Texas

Paul F. Ruttedge - P.O. Box 2239, Sanda Fe, N.M.

T.H. McElvein, P.O. Box 214B, Sanda Fe, N.M.

J. Gregory Merrion + Assoc. #2 Edna

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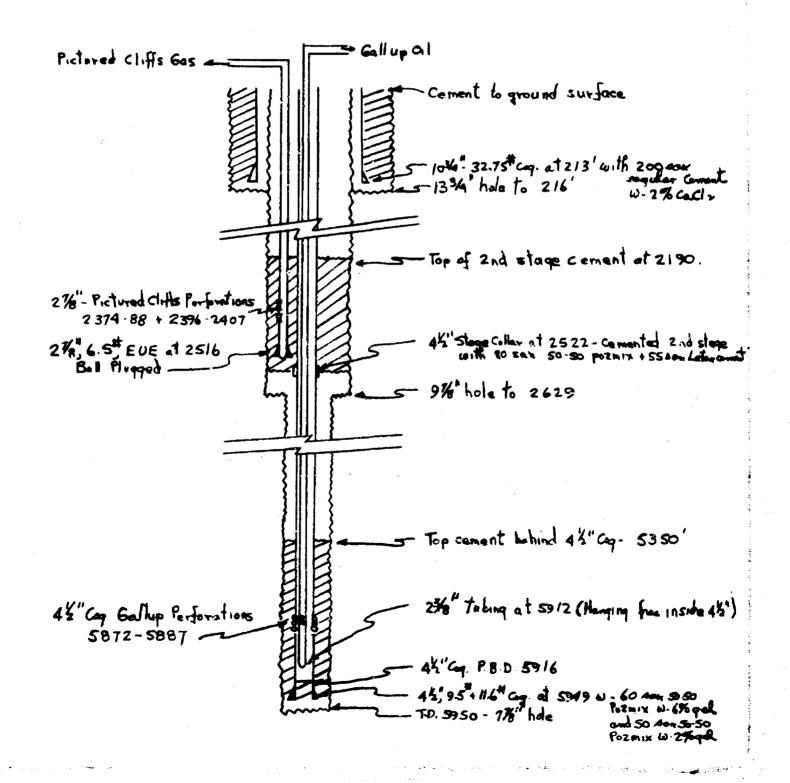
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DIAGRAMATIC SKETCH OF DUAL COMPLETION

J. GREGORY MERRION AND ASSOCIATES

NO. 2 EDNA 990'FSL AND 1650'FEL, SECTION 7 T-24 NORTH, R-6 WEST, RIO ARRIBA

BALLARD - PICTURED CLIFFS & DEVILS FORK-GALLUP



DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - JULY 19, 1961

9 A.M. - Oil Conservation Commission Conference Room State Land Office Building, Santa Fe, New Mexico

The following cases will be heard before Elvis A. Utz, Examiner, or Daniel S. Nutter, as Alternate Examiner:

CONTINUED CASE

CASE 2298:

Application of Chambers & Kennedy for a gas-oil dual completion, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order authorizing the dual completion of its Monument State Well No. 1, located in Unit J, Section 34, Township 19 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico, in such a manner as to permit the production of gas from the Eumont Gas Pool and the production of oil from the Eunice-Monument Pool through the 5½-inch by 2½-inch casing-tubing annulus and through 2½-inch tubing respectively.

NEW CASES

CASE_2338:

Application of Continental Oil Company for two non-standard cil proration units and for an exception to Rule 309 (a), Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the establishment of two non-standard oil proration units in the Empire Abo Pool, consisting of the following-described acreage in Section 30, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, Eddy County, New Mexico:

- (1) Lots 1 and 2 comprising 55.65 acres.
- (2) Lots 3 and 4 comprising 56.61 acres.

Applicant further proposes to commingle the Empire-Abo Pool production from the portions of its State S and State P leases located in said Section 30 and to allocate production on the basis of periodic well tests.

CASE 2339:

Application of J. Gregory Merrion & Associates, for a gas-oil dual completion, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks permission to complete its Edna Well No. 2, located in Unit O, Section 7, Township 24 North, Range 6 West. Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, as a

gas-oil dual completion with production of Pictured Cliffs gas through 2 7/8 inch casing and production of Gallup oil through 2 3/8 inch tubing installed within a string of 4½ inch casing, with the casing strings cemented in a common well bore.

CASE 2340:

Application of Pan American Petroleum Corporation for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox gas well location in the Red Lake-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool for its Malco "M" Well No. 1, located 2310 feet from the North line and 1650 feet from the East line of Section 4, Township 18 South, Range 27 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.

CASE 2341:

Application of Pan American Petroleum Corporation for an exception to Rule 303 (a) and 309 (a), Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks permission to commingle the production from the Hobbs, Bowers, and Hobbs-Drinkard Pools from a number of leases in Sections 3, 4, 5, 9, and 10, in Township 19 South, Range 38 East, and Sections 33 and 34 in Township 18 South, Range 38 East, Lea County, New Mexico, after separately metering the production from each lease and from each pool prior to commingling.

CASE 2342:

Application of Western Natural Gas Company for a non-standard gas proration unit and for an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the establishment of a 320-acre non-standard gas proration unit in the Jalmat Gas Pool comprising the SW/4 of Section 14 and the SE/4 of Section 15, all in Town-ship 23 South, Range 36 East, Lea County, New Mexico. Said unit is to be dedicated to the Matkins Well No. 1 at an unorthodox location 660 feet from the South and East lines of said Section 15.

CASE 1843:

Application of Southwest Production Company for an order force pooling a 300-acre non-standard gas proration unit, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order force pooling all mineral interests in a 300-acre gas preration unit in the Basin-Dakota Gas Pool, consisting of the E/2 of Section 7, Township 30 North, Range 11 West, excepting the S/2 SW/4 SE/4 thereof, San Juan County, New Mexico. Interested parties include John J. (Juan J) Moya and Helen Moya.

CASE 2344:

Application of The Ohio Oil Company for an order force-pooling a 317-acre gas proration unit, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order force-pooling all mineral interests in a 317-acre gas proration unit comprising the S/2 of Section 30, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Atoka-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO
JULY 19, 1961

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF: CASE 2339

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING



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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION Santa Fe, New Mexico July 19, 1961

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of J. Gregory Merrion & Associates, for a gas-oil dual completion, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks permission to complete its Edna Well No. 2, located in Unit O, Section 7, Township 24 North, Range 6 West, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, as a gas-oil dual completion with production of Pictured Cliffs gas through 2 7/8 inch casing and production of Gallup oil through 2 3/8 inch tubing installed within a string of 4 1/2 inch casing, with the casing strings cemented in a common well bore.

Case 2339

BEFORE:

Elvis A. Utz, Examiner

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

MR. UTZ: Case 2339.

MR. MORRIS: Application of J. Gregory Merrion & Associates, for a gas-oil dual completion, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

MR. UTZ: What are the Appearances in this case?

MR. VERITY: George L. Verity for the Applicant.

MR. UTZ: Are there any other Appearances? You may



proceed.

J. GREGORY MERRION.

called as a witness herein, having been first duly sworn on oath, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. VERITY:

- Will you state your name, please. Q
- J. Gregory Merrion.
- Mr. Merrion, what is your educational background? Q
- I received a Bachelor of Science in Petroleum Engineering from The University of Tulsa in 1951.
 - Where are you living at this time? Q
 - Farmington, New Mexico. A
- Q Are you familiar in the situation in San Juan Basin up there?
 - Α I am.

(Whereupon Petitioner's Exhibit 1 marked for identification.)

- (By Mr. Verity) Are you the Operator of the leases underlying Section 7 in Township 24 North, Range 6 West?
 - I am.
- Q Do you and your associates own all of the Southeast Quarter of Section 7?
 - We own the operating rights.
 - Have you drilled and completed the No. 2 Edna in the



Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 7?

- I have.
- What is the total depth to which it was drilled?
- 5,950 feet from the Kelly bushing.
- I hand you what the reporter has marked as Exhibit 1. Will you tell us what it is, please?
- It's a diagramatic sketch of the dual completion showing all of the mechanical features thereof.
- Have you completed the well at the present time in the Gallup formation?
 - I have.
 - At what depth did you encounter the Gallup?
- Well, the zone of the Gallup was perforated from 5,872 to 5,887. That is roughly the better part of it.
 - Q Did you set casing to a total depth in the hole?
 - A We set casing of 1 foot of total depth.
 - Q What size casing did you set?
 - 4 1/2 inch.
 - Q And you submitted the bottom?
 - We did. A
 - Q Or one foot of the bottom?
 - A Yes.
 - Q Did you run a temperature survey on this cement?
 - Yes, we did. A
 - At what elevation did the cement come, or what depth



back of the hole?

- The top of the cement was found at 5,350 feet.
- Does this seal off the entire Gallup formation from any other formation?
 - Yes. it does.
- And, you have set tubing in the Gallup formation, have you, and perforated through the cement?
- We perforated through the 4 1/2-inch casing and then ran 2 1/2-inch tubing inside the formation.
- Have you, at this time, completed this well as shown in this diagramatic sketch set out as Exhibit 1?
 - I have.
- Will you explain how you have made your actual completion?
- After drilling to total depth and logging, after drilling a 7 7/8 hole, the total depth and logging the hole, was reached to 9 7/8-inch to a depth of 629 feet. And, the 4 1/2-inch casing was run with a stretch collar set at 2,524 feet, and a temperature survey run. The 2 7/8-inch tubing was run along the 4 1/2-inch casing and set at a depth of 2,516 feet. The 2 7/8 casing was cemented through a stage collar in the 4 1/2 casing and cement was brought up to 2,190 feet, some 184 feet above the top of the perforation in the Picture Cliff Zone.
 - Q Did you run a temperature survey on that cement?
 - A temperature survey was run on that stage of the job,



finding the top of the cement at 2,190 feet.

- Q What were the mechanics of completing in this zone after you ran the depth and temperature survey?
- The Picture Cliff Zone was perforated by the oriented Α perforating method used by Schlumberger Wells Surveying Corporation, and the Picture Cliff was sand-water fracted down to 2 7/8 casing.
- Now, at the present time you are producing the Gallup in your Lobe Zone?
 - That is correct.
- And, you propose, if granted permission, to produce the Picture Cliff by virtue of this dual completion method?
 - A Yes, sir.
- Q By the two cement jobs, have you effectively isolated both of these pay zones from any other pay zones in the well hole?
 - Yes, I have.
- In your opinion, can both of these zones be adequately Q produced by this method of dual completion?
 - A Yes, they can.
- Q And, can this be done without, in any way, damaging either the formation, or without, in any way, commingling the reservoir energy or hydrocarbons from either formation?
 - That is correct.
 - Did you prepare this diagramatic sketch?



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A I did.

MR. VERITY: We offer it in evidence.

Now, one other question. You can produce your lower zone here as effectively as if it was not dually completed, can't you? I mean, anything you could do --

- That is correct.
- And, the Pictured Cliff is gas productive?
- That is correct.
- So that it will be effectively produced through your dual completion?
 - Yes, sir.

MR. VERITY: We offer Exhibit 1 in evidence, and that is all I have of this witness.

MR. UTZ: Without objection, Exhibit 1 will be entered into the record.

> (Whereupon Petitioner's Exhibit 1 received in evidence.)

- (By Mr. Morris) Mr. Merrion, did you give the characteristics of your Gallup production in your testimony?
 - No, I didn't.
 - Do you have those available?
- Yes. The Gallup side of the dual completion potential for 157 barrels per day, the gravity was 42. A subsequent test on the Gallup side on June 30, 1961 - Backtracking, the initial potential was run on May 26. More than a month later the Gallup



side was tested again at 95 barrels per day flowing. gas-oil ratio at that time of 1,452 feet gas per barrel.

- Do you anticipate that your GOR is going to rise rapid-Q ly in these completions?
 - In the Gallup side?
 - Yes.
- We are not too awfully far from a gas cap in the Gallup itself, possibly. We are not as close to the gas cap in this well as we were in the No. 1 Well on this lease. The GOR on the No. 1 Well has risen up to above 4,000 and backed! down, now, to 1,200; and possibly, eventually we could get a rapid rising GOR on the Gallup side. I don't anticipate it in the near future; and just when it might come about, I don't know, but I think we might look at the No. 1 Well as a case of -- If we do get a rapid rise in GOR, it will probably happen to the No. 1 Well first.
 - This No. 1 Well is between this well and the gas cap? Q
- Not exactly between, but a little bit closer to it, further on down the line.
 - Q Thank you, sir.
- (By Mr. Utz) Mr. Merrion, the top of the cement on the 4 1/2-inch 5,350, and your stage collar on your 4 1/2, which would be the bottom of the cement on the Pictured Cliff 2522; is that correct?
 - That is correct.
 - That is, 2,828 feet of open hole. What formations lie



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in that Area?

- The Mencus shale, the Mesa Verde formation, and the Lewis Shale.
 - Did you encounter any gas-oil zones in that interval?
 - No.
- The top of the Pictured Cliff cement is at 2,190, and the bottom of your surface is at 213; is that correct?
 - That is correct.
- That leave 1,977 feet of open hole there. What formations lie in that Area?
- The Fruitland, Farmington, Joho Abo, and several other sand formations which I don't know the name of. We encountered no oil or gas zones in those formations either.
 - Did you encounter much water in the Joho?
- It was drilled with mud and we didn't test it. We don't have any case of whether it had much water or not?
 - It wasn't enough to bother you?
 - That's right.
- Now, your Pictured Cliff completion is the nearest Pictured Cliff Pool to the south?
- No. This is in the Ballard Picture Cliff Pool. I don't know whether we are within a mile in the next section, in Section 12 of 247. The T. H. McElvain No. 1B Miller is a Ballard Picture Cliff completion. It is located 990 from the east line and 1650 from the north line to the best of my recollection, and



to the east in Section 17246 El Paso Natural Gas Company has some Ballard Pictured Cliff Wells.

- Have you tested the Pictured Cliff in this well? Q
- I have.
- What was the IP?
- The IP was three million nine hundred eight five, MCF per day through a 3/4-inch choke after three hours flowing through that choke.
 - And, what is your nearest Gallup pool?
 - We are in the Devil's Fork Gallup Pool.
 - You are actually in it?
- Well, it's within a mile of the limits and in the clarified limits for Gallup.
- And therefore, the zone you are completing here is one of the zones of the Devil's Fork Pool?
 - Yes, sir.
 - Does Pictured Cliff make any liquids?
- A very small amount of concentrate, and also, it was still making some frac water, it was brine water, and I hadn't entirely cleaned it up with the frac water.
- MR. UTZ: Are there other questions of the witness? The witness may be excused. Are there other statements in this case.
 - MR. VERITY: We have nothing further.
 - MR. UTZ: The case will be taken under advisement.



ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

STATE OF NEW MEXICO SS COUNTY OF BERNALILLO)

I, MICHAEL P. HALL, Court Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached transcript of proceedings before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission at Santa Fe, New Mexico, is a true and correct record to the best of ,u lmpw; edge, skill and ability.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have affixed my hand and notarial seal this 19th day of July, 1961.

My Commission expires: June 20, 1965.

> I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a complete record of the proceedings in the Examiner hearing of Case to . 2 3 3 9, heard by me on 2 3 3 9. heard by me on.

Examiner New Mexico Oil Conservation



DIAGRAMATIC SKETCH OF DUAL COMPLETION

J. GREGORY MERRION AND ASSOCIATES

NO. 2 EDNA 990'FSL AND 1650'FEL, SECTION 7 T-24 NORTH, R-6 WEST, RIO ARRIBA

BALLARD - PICTURED CLIFFS + DEVILS FORK-GALLUP

