<u>CASE 2988:</u> OCC on its own motion to permit <u>GEORGE E. WILLETT</u> to appear regarding plugging well.





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JMD/esr March 17, 1964

# 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:

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CASE No. 2988 Order No. R-268

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION ON ITS OWN MOTION TO PERMIT GEORGE E. WILLETT AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE SDD HARE WELL NO. 7, LOCATED 600 FEET FROM THE SOUTH LINE AND 1360 FEET FROM THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 14, TOWN-SHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, SHOULD NOT BE PLUGGED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMMISSION-APPROVED PLUGGING PROGRAM.

## ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

#### BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on March 11 \_\_\_\_\_\_, 1964 \_\_\_\_\_\_, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before <u>Daniel S. Nutter</u>, <u>Examiner-duly-appointed-by-the-Oil-Conservation Commission of New</u> <u>Mexico,-hereinafter-referred-to-as-the-"Commission," in accordance</u> with-Rule-1214-of-the-Commission-Rules-and Regulations.-

#### 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 George E. Willett is the owner and operator of the SDD Hare Well No. 7, located 600 feet from the South line and 1360 feet from the East line of Section 14, Township 29 North, Range 11 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

(3) That the subject well is dry and abandoned and should be plugged in order to confine the crude petroleum oil, natural gas, or water in the strata originally containing them and to otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That George E. Willett is hereby ordered to plug the SDD Hare Well No. 7, located 600 feet from the South line and

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1360 feet from the East line of Section 14, Township 29 North, Range 11 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico, in a manner that will prevent crude petroleum oil, natural gas, or water from escaping from the strata in which they are found into another stratum or strata.

(2) That George E. Willett shall complete plugging operations on or before May 15, 1964; that said plugging operations shall be conducted in accordance with a minimum plugging program submitted to and approved by the Commission's Aztec District Office; and that George E. Willett shall notify the District Supervisor, Oil Conservation Commission, District 3, Aztec, New Mexico, of the exact date and time plugging operations are to commence.

(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.

# 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 GEORGE E. WILLETT AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE SDD HARE WELL NO. 7, LOCATED 600 FEET FROM THE SOUTH LINE AND 1360 FEET FROM THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 14, TOWN-SHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, SHOULD NOT BE PLUGGED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMMISSION-AFPROVED PLUGGING PROGRAM.

> CASE No. 2988 Order No. R-2681

#### ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

#### BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on March 11, 1964, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this <u>31st</u> day of <u>March</u>, 1964, the Commission, 3 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 Maxico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

> STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Chairman CAMPBERL,

E. S. WALKER, Member

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Docket No. 7-64

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - MARCH 11, 1964

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

CASE 2988 (Continued from the February 5, 1964 Examiner Hearing)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit George E. Willett and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the SDD Hare Well No. 7, located 600 feet from the South line and 1360 feet from the East line of Section 14, Township 29 North, Range 11 West, San Juan County, New Mexico, should not be plugged in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.

CASE 2998 (Continued from the February 19, 1964 Examiner Hearing)

Application of Tenneco Oil Company for a gas well-water injection well, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dually complete its Central Totah Unit Well No. 24 located in Unit O of Section 11, Township 28 North, Range 13 West, San Juan County, New Mexico, to produce gas from the Basin-Dakota Gas Pool through 1 1/2 inch tubing and to inject water into the Gallup formation, Totah-Gallup Oil Pool, through 2 1/16 inch tubing with separation of the zones by a packer set at 5766 feet.

- <u>CASE 3001</u>: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit O. A. Peters and all interested parties to appear and show cause why the Peters State Well No. 1, located 860 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line of Section 2, Township 1 North, Range 20 East, De Baca County, New Mexico, should not be plugged in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.
- <u>CASE 3002</u>: Application of Pan American Petroleum Corporation for the creation of a new gas pool and for special pool rules, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the creation of a new Lower Paddock Gas Pool for its SMU Well No. 16, located in Unit 0 of Section 15, Township 24 South, Range 37 East, and the establishment of special pool rules therefor, including a provision for 320-acre spacing. Lea County, New Mexico.
- CASE 2737 (Reopened): In the matter of Case No. 2737 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-2429-A, which order established temporary 640-acre spacing units for the White City-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, for a period of one year. All interested parties may appear and show cause why said pool should not be developed on 160-acre spacing units.
- CASE 3003: Application of Cabot Corporation for the creation of a new oil pool and for special pool rules, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the abovestyled cause, seeks the creation of a new Bough "C" Oil Pool for its Signal State Well No. 1, located in Unit A of Section 29, Township 8 South, Range 33 East, Chaves County, New Mexico, and for the establishment of temporary pool rules therefor, including a provision for 80-acre proration units.

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- CASE 3004: Application of Ambassador Oil Corporation for a unit agreement Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Pearsall Queen Sand Unit comprising 960 acres of State and Federal land in Townships 17 and 18 South, Range 32 East, Lea County, New Mexico.
- <u>CASE 3005</u>: Application of Ambassador Oil Corporation for a waterflood project, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project in the Pearsall (Queen) Pool, Lea County New Mexico, by the injection of water into the Queen formation through 5 wells, located in Sections 4 and 5 Township 18 South, Range 32 East.
- CASE 3006: Application of Continental Oil Company for a waterflood project, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project in the Pearsall (Queen) Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, by the injection of water into the Queen formation through one well located in Unit M of Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 32 East.
- CASE 3007: Application of Consolidated Oil & Gas, Inc. for a triple completion, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the triple completion (conventional) of its Hoyt Well No. 2-5, located in Unit L of Section 5, Township 26 North, Range 4 West, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, to produce gas from the Basin-Dakota and Blanco Mesaverde Gas Pools and oil from an undesignated Gallup oil pool through parallel strings of 2 1/16 inch, 1 1/2 inch, and one inch tubing, respectively.
- CASE 3008: Application of Phillips Petroleum Company for a triple completion, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the triple completion (conventional) of its Santa Fe Well No. 87, located in Unit L of Section 31, Township 17 South, Range 35 East, Lea County, New Mexico, to produce oil from the North Vacuum-Abo, Vacuum-Wolfcamp and Vacuum-Glorieta Pools through parallel strings of 2 3/8-inch OD tubing.
- CASE 3009: Application of Cities Service Oil Company for a dual completion, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the dual completion (conventional) of its Owen No. 1 Well located in Unit P of Section 35, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico, to produce oil from the Blinebry and Drinkard Oil Pools through parallel strings of 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>inch and 2 1/16-inch tubing, respectively.
- <u>CASE 3010</u>: Application of R. C. Davoust for the expansion of a waterflood project, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, as successor to Stanton Oil Company, Ltd., seeks to expand the Turkey Track Pool Waterflood Project authorized by Order No. R-1524. Said expansion would be effected by the drilling of 11 water injection wells to the Queen formation at certain unorthodox locations no nearer than 5 feet distance from any 40acre loi line in Section 34, Township 18 South, Range 29 East, and Section 3, Township 19 South, Range 29 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.

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Continental Casualty Company DOCKET MAILED Claim Department 310 South Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois

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Re: George E. Willett, \$10,000 Blanket Well Plugging Bond

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith a docket of a hearing concerning your principal, George E. Willett, under your \$10,000 Blanket Well Plugging Bond on file with the Commission.

Very truly yours,

J. M. DURRETT, Jr. Special Assistant Attorney General

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cc: Daniels Insurance, Inc. DOCKET MAILED (with enclosure) P. O. Box 10 Farmington, New Mexico

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State of New Mexico





1000 RID BRAZOS ROAD

January 7, 1964

Cil Conservation Commission Box 871 Santa Fe, New Mexico

Attn: Mr. A. L. Porter, Secretary-Director

Re: Plugging and Abandonment, George K. Willett #7 SDD Hare, 0-14-29N-11W

Dear Mr. Porter:

The above well was drilled to a total depth of 900 feet in the Kirtland Shale formation. The operator perforated the Farmington Sandstone from 708 to 723 feet and attempted to complete as a gas well. The well was never connected to the pipeline nor produced and early in 1963 we notified the operator that the well should be either plugged and abandoned or placed on production. Subsequent to this the operator did move a small workover rig on the well and performed swab tests in an effort to make the well produce. These attempts were unsuccessful and the well is presently shut in and logged off with water. Potential tests on the well were witnessed by personnel from this office.

I would like to request that a case be docketed for an early examiner hearing to have the operator and bonding company show cause why the well should not be plugged and abandoned.

Yours very truly

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Emery C. Arnold Supervisor, District #3

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cc: Lee W. Kilgore 410 East Hopi Farmington, N.M.

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March 2, 1964

Continental National Insurance Group 310 South Michigan Avenue Chicago 1, Illinois

Attention: Mr. Wayne B. Anderson, Supervisor Surety Claims

> Re: Case No. 2988 - Your Bond No. 1621484, Principal--George E. Willett

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to our letter of February 10, 1964, concerning the subject case.

I am enclosing herewith a docket of the March 11, 1964, Examiner Hearing.

Very truly yours,

J. M. DURRETT, Jr. Attorney

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February 10, 1964

Continental National Insurance Group 310 South Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois

Attention: Mr. Wayne B. Anderson, Supervisor Surety Claims

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Re: Case No. 2988 - Your Bond No. 1621484, Principal--George E. Willett

#### Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter of February 3, 1964. Although your principal did not appear in person at the hearing on February 5, 1964, one of Mr. Willett's employees appeared and testified that they were ready to plug the well. At the request of another party who claims an interest in the well, the case has been continued to the examiner hearing to be held on March 11, 1964.

We will keep you further advised.

Very truly yours,

J. M. DURRETT, Jr. Attorney

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CASUALTY, FIRE AND SURETY CLAIM DEPARTMENT 310 SOUTH MICHIGAN AVENUE CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604 AREA CODE 312 • 822-5000

February 3, 1964

State of New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission P. O. Box 871 Santa Fe, New Mexico

Attention: Mr. J. M. Durrett, Jr. Special Assistant Attorney General

Gentlemen:

Our Bond #1621484 George E. Willett -to- State of New Mexico \$10,000 Well Plugging Bond

Thank you for your letter of the 23rd of January, received in this office on the 27th.

We assume that our principal has been notified of and will attend the hearing listed on the docket for February 5.

We will appreciate a report of what transpires at that hearing.

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Continental National Insurance Group 310 South Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois

Attention: Mr. Wayne B. Anderson, Supervisor Surety Claims

> Re: Case No. 2988 Order No. R-2681

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith a certified copy of the above order concerning Mr. George E. Willett, your principal under your \$10,000 Well Plugging Bond No. 1621484 on file with the Commission.

Very truly yours,

J. M. DURRETT, Jr. Special Assistant Attorney General

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cc: Mr. E. C. Arnold Supervisor, District 3 Oil Conservation Commission 1000 Rio Brazos Road Aztec, New Mexico

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Mr. George E. Willett P. O. Box 507 Lemoore, California

> Re: Case No. 2988 Order No. R-2681

Dear Mr. Willett:

I am enclosing herewith a certified copy of the above order which requires you to plug your SDD Hare Well No. 7 on or before May 15, 1964, in accordance with a minimum plugging program submitted to and approved by the Commission's Aztec District Office.

Please note that plugging operations must be completed on or before May 15, 1964, and that you must notify the District Supervisor, District 3, 011 Conservation Commission, Aztec, New Mexico, of the exact date and time plugging operations are to commence.

Very truly yours,

J. M. DURRETT, Jr. Special Assistant Attorney General

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cc: Mr. Lee W. Kilgore 410 East Hopi Farmington, New Mexico (with enclosure) Mr. E. C. Arnold Supervisor, District 3 Oil Conservation Commission 1000 Rio Brazos Road Aztec, New Mexico



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April 8, 1964

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

Gentlemen:

Bond No: 1621484 George E. Willett -to-State of New Mexico Case No: 2988 Order No: R-2681

Thank you for your letter of March 31, to which was attached a certified copy of Order No. R-2681.

We believe that our good principal will comply in all respects with that order, and will appreciate receiving your advices upon completion of the work in question.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours very truly, und

Wayne B. Anderson, Supervisor

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May 18, 1964

Mr. George E. Willett P. O. Box 507 Lemoore, California

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Re: Case No. 2988 Order No. R-2681

Dear Mr. Willett:

We have received an approved plugging report from our Astec District Office concerning your SDD Hare Well Mo. 7. We therefore are closing the above case.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

J. M. DURRETT, Jr. Attorney

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cc: Mr. Lee Kilgore 410 East Hopi Farmington, New Mexico

> Oil Conservation Commission 1000 Rio Brazos Road Aztec, New Mexico

# May 18, 1964

Continental National Insurance Group 310 South Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois

Attention: Mr. Wayne B. Anderson

Re: Bond No. 1621484 Case No. 2988, Order No. R-2681

Gentlemen:

We have now received an approved plugging report concerning the George B. Willett SDD Hare Well Ho. 7. We therefore are closing the above case.

We appreciate the cooperation that you and your principal have shown in this matter.

Very truly yours,

J. M. DURRETT, Jr. Attorney

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cc: Mr. George E. Willett P. O. Box 507 Lemoore, California

> Mr. Lee Kilgore 410 East Hopi Farmington, New Mexico

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Mr. James M. Durrett, Jr. 0il Conservation Commission Box 2088 Sonta Fe, New Mexico

> Re: Case No. 2988, Order No. A-2681, George E. Willett #7 SDD Hare, 0-14-29N-11W

Dear Mr. Durrett:

On May 12, 1964 I witnessed the plugging operation of the subject well.

The attached approved Form 0-103 indicates the results of the operation. This should close subject case.

Yours very truly

A. R. Kenarick Engineer, Listrict #3

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		George E. Willett and all other interested parties to appear and
		show cause why the SDD Hare Well No. 7, should not be plugged in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.
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will be appearing on behalf of the Commission, and its staff. I will have two witnesses to present to the Examiner at this time. Mr. George Verity is here and has informed me that he represents an interested party and that he would like to move to continue this case at the close of the testimony that I plan to present here today.

With the Examiner's permission, we do not desire to resist his motion to continue to a later date, as long as it is not too late, but we do request permission of the Examiner to go ahead and present the Commission's testimony at this time and I believe Mr. Verity will probably have no objection to that.

MR. VERITY: We have none, Your Honor.

Albuquerque. MR. NUTTER: In other words, you want to call two witnesses at this time, and Mr. Verity, you propose to ask for a continuance of the case?

MR. VERITY: Correct.

MR. NUTTER: Would the witnesses please stand?

(Witnesses sworn)

#### EMERY ARNOLD,

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

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. DURRETT:

Will you please state your full name and position for 0



PAGE 4 the record? Emery Arnold, Supervisor of District Three of the New А Mexico Oil Conservation Commission. Mr. Arnold, as part of your official duties, do you Q 243-660 supervise the plugging of wells and do you make recommendations to DEARNLEY, MEIER, WILKINS and CROWNOVER the Commission concerning the same? Phone А Yes, sir. Are you familiar with the well that is the subject of Q this case that George E. Willett is operator of, the SDD Hare Well New Mexico No. 7? General Court Reporting Service Yes. А And is that well located 660 from the south and 1360 Albuquerque, Q from the east line of Section 14, Township 29 North, Range 11 West? That's correct. А Now, Mr. Arnold, would you please give us a little back-Q Building ground concerning this well; do you have in your possession your official file, the official record of the Commission concerning Simms this well? Yes, I do. А Suite 1120 Will you please refer to those official records and give Q us the history, briefly, of this well? This well was drilled in July of 1962, a total depth of А 900 feet in the Farmington Sandstone formation, 8 5/8th inch casing was cemented at 300 feet with 50 sacks of cement to circulate it.



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 $4\frac{1}{2}$  inch casing set at 900 feet and cemented with 400 sacks. This was also circulated. The well was then perforated at 708 to 713 in the Farmington Sandstone and completion was attempted and was reported at that time to have made a little bit of gas, natural. They stated that they expected to complete the well sometime early in 1963. Then, in the spring of 1963, when no further work had been undertaken at the well, I wrote the operator and asked that they give us a status report and that we were requesting that the well either be completed or plugged and abandoned in accordance with our rules. At that time, or shortly after that, we were contacted by Mr. Lee Kilgore of Farmington, who was acting for Mr. Willett and he informed us that he had been authorized to move onto λê, querq the well and attempt a completion in the well. In the event he wasn't successful, then, they would later plug the well and this Bı work was done.

> Will you go into some detail? ۵

In October, 1963, at that time, a swobbing unit was A moved on the well, the hole was circulated clean with tubing and the well was then swobbed for a period of over a several day period. The hole commenced filling with water, made very little oil. We estimated about five gallons of oil in four hours; based upon that, the operator decided that the well was not a commercial venture and I think that it is their intention to plug and abandon the well.

Now, Mr. Arnold, the information that you have been Q testifying to concerning the work that was done on the well, are you



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getting that information from an official report that you have, Commission report? Yes, Form C-103 filed on November 12, 1963. A That is part of your official file? Q 243-6691 А That's right. Signed by Lee Kilgore as agent for George Willett. **Phone** Was this test witnessed by a Commission representative? Q Yes, this was witnessed by Mr. Al Kendrick of our office. А 0 Did he report to you or confirm this Form C-103 report Mexico to you as part of his official duties? General Court Reporting Service New . Yes, sir, that is correct. А Now, I am correct that as a result of the swobbing job, Q Albuquerque, that they recovered five gallons in four hours; is that correct? That's right. Along with a great deal of water, and a А small amount of gas. Building Do you feel that this well is presently watered out? ର I feel that it definitely doesn't appear to be a commercial А Simms producer of any kind. Q Now, is it your opinion that this well is dry as far as Suite 1120 the ordinary use of the word in the industry? А Yes, I believe so. Q And do you also feel that this well has been abandoned, at least as far as any future production, by Mr. Willett? Yes. This test that was conducted would seem to indicate А this

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PAGE 7 Now, is Mr. George E. Willett the official operator of Q this well, as far as the Commission records are concerned? Yes, that's correct. Α Do you recommend to the Examiner that the well be plugged ର 243-660 in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program? Well, I think the well should certainly be plugged unless А Phone it is to be successfully completed. The well is to be plugged, Mr. Arnold, do you have a Q program that you could recommend to the Examiner, a minimum plugging Mexico program? **General Court Reporting Service** New I haven't worked out a plug program that I could give you А here, however, I can work one out. Albuquerqu You would then recommend that if the well is to be Q plugged, that the operator be required to submit a proposed minimum plugging program to you for your approval? Building That's correct. А If the Examiner please, I would like to first move the Q SMM Examiner to take administrative notice of the Commission's official Ś record concerning this well, the George E. Willett Hare SDD Well Suite 1120 No. 7, and that will conclude my examination of Mr. Arnold. MR. NUTTER: The Commission will take administrative notice of the records in the files. CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. NUTTER:

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Now, Mr. Arnold, you testified that a C-103 had been Q filed November 12th reporting this moving of the swobbing unit and the attempt to put the well on production. Now, does the C-103 actually state that the well was swobbed for four hours and re-243-600 covered five gallons of oil? Yes, a final swob test estimated five gallons of oil in А Phone. four hours. It was shut in, the casing pressure was 150 pounds after five days, and the casing pressure decreased to 140 pounds after six days. Hole filled with water. Mexico Now, when they swobbed the well, did they swob water also; Q New was that reported on the 103? Yes, he says, "Circulated sand out of hole to 750 feet, A Albuquerque, set tubing at 720 feet and swobbed water and small amount of oil for three days." He doesn't give any actual quantity there on that? Q. Building Not on that particular one. I can read the entire А report if you would like to, however, I think it --Suite 1120 Simms This is part of the well file, is it not? ତ୍ А Yes. All right. Q MR. NUTTER: Mr. Durrett, do we have a copy of that same C-103? MR. DURRETT: Yes, sir, there is a copy of the C-103 in the Santa Fe file. MR. NUTTER: The one dated November 12th?

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PAGE 9 MR. DURRETT: That was approved on November 12th, 1963, and the work was performed on October 23, 1963. (By Mr. Nutter) Now, this well is completed with four Q. and a half inch casing; is that correct, Mr. Arnold? Phone 243-669 Yes, sir, that's correct. A DEARNLEY, MEIER, WILKINS and CROWNOVER And it was cemented with sufficient cement to circulate? 0 А Yes. So, in all probability, on a plugging operation, it would 0 be impossible to retrieve any of the pipe that is in the hole? New Mexico No, I am sure it wouldn't. А General Court Reporting Service It would also render this well rather difficult to drill 0 to any deeper formation than this Farmington sand at 900 feet with Albuquerque, the  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inch pipe in there. Probably so with that small pipe. Α On the original completion when they reported a little Q Suite 1120 Simms Building bit of gas, natural, before treatment, did they give any quantity of the gas? No, it just says, "a little gas, natural." A Would you care to elaborate, Mr. Arnold, on your state-Q ment that you believe it is the operator's intention to plug the well? MR. DURRETT: I believe, if the Examiner please, of course, Mr. Arnold will be happy to tell you exactly what he knows about it, but Mr. Kilgore might be able to help us. MR. NUTTER: Your other witness. All right. Are there


			other questions of Mr. Arnold? He may be excused.
MEIER, WILKINS and CROWNOVER			LEE KILGORE,
			called as a witness herein, having been first duly sworn on oath,
		243.6691	was examined and testified as follows:
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			BY MR. DURRETT:
	a	Phone	Q Mr. Kilgore, would you please state your full name for
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nd C			A Lee W. Kilgore.
an	Servi	New N	Q And where do you live, Mr. Kilgore?
INS	rting		A Farmington, New Mexico.
LK.	Repo	uerqı	Q Who are you employed by?
ER, WI	General Court Reporting Service	ns Building Albuquerque,	A I am a consultant employed by Mr. George E. Willett in
			this particular case.
<b>AEI</b>			Q Now, you also do consulting on your own; is that correct?
			A Yes.
ЦЕ			Q But, you have worked with Mr. Willett or for Mr. Willett
RN		Simms	concerning this particular well that we are talking about today?
DEARNLEY		120	A Yes, sir.
D		Suite 1120	Q And you are the same Lee W. Kilgore that has signed
	บ้	$S_{i}$	several of the forms that we have in our official files?
		-	A Yes.
			Q Now, Mr. Kilgore, you were present here a moment ago,
			you did hear Mr. Arnold testify concerning the history of this well
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A Yes, sir. Do you substantially agree with his testimony? ନ୍ Yes, sir, I was in charge of that work. Δ You were in charge of the well at that time? ର Phone 243-6691 Yes, sir. A Were you in charge of the well on the date of the Q original completion? What date was that may I ask? А Just a minute, I will see if I can find that. July, 1962. ର New Mexico No, I was not. А General Court Reporting Service Do you know how soon after that that you started to work 0 for Mr. Willett concerning this well? lbuquerque, On that particular well, about October 17th of 1963. А So, that would be approximately nine months later, some-Q  $\checkmark$ thing like that? Building Yes. А After the well was completed? Q Suite 1120 Simms А Yes. What was the status of this well, to your knowledge, at Q the time that you took it over? Shut in. А It was shut in when you went to work for Willett? Q Yes, sir. Actually, the well, there had been some А at a frac job on this well, and when I took attempt in making- it, or started to work on this particular well, there was a frac

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head, there was no well head on the well, the frac head had been left on the well. There was no tubing in the hole when I took the well over, and I had no more records than the record in the Commission files, and - - as to the operations prior to that 243-669. time. DEARNLEY, MEIER, WILKINS and CROWNOVER All right, sir. Now, am I correct that after you went to 0 Phone work for Mr. Willett, when the well was shut in, and Mr. Arnold contacted either you or Mr. Willett, concerning the well, and that you dd do that work; is that correct? Mexico That is correct, yes, sir. А General Court Ruporting Service New And is the information substantially correct that Mr. Q Arnold has testified to today concerning the way that well was re-Albuques que, worked? A Yes. This was witnessed by Mr. Kendrick? ତ୍ର Building Yes, sir, Mr. Kendrick. А Am I correct that your final test was five gallons Q Simms approximately in four hours? А Yes, sir. Suite 1120 Is that an estimate? Q That is an estimate. We merely swobbed through a flow А line into the pits. We didn't gauge it or catch the flow. We were swobbing through 2 3/8ths tubing. Now, are you still in charge of this well as far as Mr. Q Willett is concerned. Mr. Kilgore?



Have you received any instructions from him concerning ର this well, particularly, I am interested to know whether, or not Mr. Willett has instructed you to get the well back on production 243-669 or has he instructed you to do what, or what has he instructed you to do with it?

Well, all right. Now, we are- we have the well shut А in with the object in mind to plug the well. That is, not to put it on any commercial production or attempt another commercial completion on it.

New Mr. Willett at this moment, at least, as far as he has Q instructed you, is not to do any further reworking operations on uquerque, the well; is that correct?

That's right. He has told me not to do anything more to А the well.

All right. Q

Yes, sir.

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I believe that is all I have. MR, DURRETT: Thank you.

#### CROSS EXAMINATION

Suite 1120 Simms Building BY MR. NUTTER:

Mr. Kilgore, on that test where you estimate five gallons Q. of oil do you have any estimate to the quantity of water that was swobbed with that oil?

I would say probably 25 to 30 barrels. It was merely Â



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a skim of oil. I would say the five gallons is purely an estimate of what you could see flowing into the pit along with the water. So, the water-oil ratio would be fairly high?

Extremely high, yes, sir. А

In your opinion, Mr. Kilgore, is this well commercially Q productive?

No, sir. А

Are there any other questions of Mr. Kilgore?

MR. DURRETT: Just one other question, Mr. Kilgore.

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BY MR. DURRETT:

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Albuquerque, Have you had considerable experience in the San Juan Q Basin?

> Yes, sir. А

How many years have you been working there? Q

14 years. А

And you have been engaged in the oil industry during Q that entire length of time?

Yes, sir, all that time. А

Is it your opinion that this well could be deepened or Q reworked to some other formation?

It would be difficult. I might say this: That Mr. А Willett does not have right below the Farmington in his lease, or his lease contract



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[	Q	Mr. Willett is not going to be in a position to attempt				
	to do it,at any rate?					
	A	No, sir, because the Pictured Cliff rights are held by				
	Pan Ame	rican and they are producing with a well within a hundred				
<i>16</i> 0	yards of	f this well.				
	Q	Then, I believe you have testified that you feel that the				
	well can	nnot be completed commercially in the Farmington sand?				
Phoi	А	Yes, sir, that is correct.				
	Q	You would feel that it is presently dry in the sense tha				
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ew M	A	Yes, sir.				
		MR. DURRETT: Thank you. That is all I have on direct.				
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$\boldsymbol{A}$		RECROSS EXAMINATION				
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uildi	Q	Mr. Kilgore, how about the Fruitland and the Ojo-Alamo?				
	A	The Fruitland is below and the Ojo is above it.				
Sim	Q	Do you know if shows of oil were encountered in the Ojo-				
Suite 1120	Alamo?					
	A	I sure don't.				
	Q	Is there any Ojo-Alamo production in the vicinity?				
	A	No, sir. It is usually a water bearing sand, and if the				
	is gas	in the Ojo, which you find occasionally, we think it is				
	contami	nation gas from one of the lower formations. I have run in				
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bad blows in the Ojo in this general area, which gave serious trouble in cementing your surface pipe. In your opinion, is there commercial production in the 0 Ojo-Alamo? Phone 243-6691 None whatsoever. А Any further questions of Mr. Kilgore? Q MR. NUTTER: He may be excused. MR. DURRETT: If the Examiner please, that will conclude the Commission's direct testimony in this case. Mexico MR. NUTTER: Does anyone have anything further they wish Newto offer in Case 2988? MR. VERITY: I would like to move the Commission to иe, lbuquerq continue the case for a period of six weeks. I believe that no harm or damage could be done. I have a client who would like an opportunity to make arrangements on it. He thinks he can make the well productive. Buildin MR. DURRETT: If the Examiner please, as I stated, at Simms the beginning of the hearing, we certainly do not intend to resist Mr. Verity's motion fora continuance, if the Commission would like 1120 to give everyone an opportunity to appear that is in any way inter-Suite ested in the well so that all parties have a chance to be heard. I would like to suggest to the Examiner that the Commission feels it would not like this case delayed too long and I would like to suggest that possibly the first hearing in March, which I think



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is for the 11th.

[	MR. NUTTER: would you settle for five weeks?						
	MR. VERITY: This would be satisfactory.						
	MR. NUTTER: This case will be continued to the Examiner						
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MR. NUTTER: The hearing will come to order, please. The first case this morning will be Case No. 2988.

MR. DURRETT: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit George E. Willett and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the SDD Hare Well No. 7, located 600 feet from the South line and 1360 feet from the East line of Section 14, Township 29 North, Range 11 West, San Juan County, New Mexico, should not be plugged in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.

MR. NUTTER: This case came on for hearing previously before the same Examiner on February 5th, 1964. At that time a record was made in the case relative to the plugging of the well, Mr. George Verity of Farmington requested continuance of the case. Is Mr. Verity here this morning? Does anyone have any appearance they wish to make in Case No. 2988 or anything to offer in this case? The case will be taken under advisement.

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