CASE 2997: Application of SOCONY MOBIL OIL CO. for abolishment of existing pool and creation of two —new oil pools and rules therefor.

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### 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:

CASE No. 2997 Order No. R-<u>267</u>7

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APPLICATION OF SOCONY MOBIL OIL COMPANY, INC., FOR THE ABOLISHMENT OF AN EXISTING POOL, THE CREATION OF TWO NEW OIL POOLS/ AND FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY POOL RULES, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

### ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

### BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on February 19, 1964, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A.Utz. Examiner -duly -appointed -by -the -Oil -Conservation-Commission-cf-New Mexico, -hereinafter-referred-to-as-the-"Commission, "-in-accordance with Rule -1214 -of the Commission -Rules - and -Regulations.

, 19<u>64</u>, the Commission, day of March NOW, on this a quorum being present, having considered thexappixexexexexexet 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.

(2) That the applicant, Socony Mobil Oil Company, Inc., seeks the abolishment of the Vacuum-Pennsylvanian Pool in Township 17 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, and the creation of the Vacuum Upper-Pennsylvanian Pool in Sections 25 and 36, and the Vacuum Lower-Pennsylvanian Pool in Section 26, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That the applicant also seeks the promulgation of special pool rules for the Vacuum Lower-Pennsylvanian Pool establishing 80-acre spacing and a limiting gas oil ratio of 6,000 to 1.

(4) That the Vacuum-Pennsylvanian Pool encompasses more than one separate common source of supply and should therefore be abolished.

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(5) That the Socony Mobil State Bridges Well No. 96 located in Unit H of Section 26, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, was completed March  $\frac{3}{12}$ , 1963, and encountered a separate common source of supply which should be designated the Vacuum Lower-Pennsylvanian Pool; that the vertical limits of said pool should be the zone encountered in said well and between 11,292 feet and 11,492 feet;/that the horizontal limits of said pool should be the  $\frac{5}{2}$  of Section 26, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

(6) That the Texaco Inc. State "O" Well No. 17 located in Unit N of Section 36, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, was completed June 18, 1963, and encountered a separate common source of supply which should be designated the Vacuum Upper-Pennsylvanian Pool; that the vertical limits of said pool should be that portion of the Pennsylvanian formation above the marker found at 10,324 feet in the above-described Socony Mobil State Bridges Well No. 96; and that the horizontal limits of said pool should be the SE/4 of Section 25 and the N/2 and SW/4 of Section 36, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

(7) That in order to prevent the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, to avoid the augmentation of risk caused from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, to prevent reduced recovery which might result from the drilling of too few wells, and to otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights, temporary special rules and regulations providing for 80-acre spacing units should be promulgated for the Vacuum Lower-Pennsylvanian Pool.

(8) That the temporary special rules and regulations should provide for limited well locations in order to assure orderly development of the pool and protect correlative rights.

(9) That the temporary special rules and regulations should provide for a limiting gas-oil ratio of 6,000 to 1 in order to allow each operator in the pool the opportunity to use his just and equitable share of the reservoir energy. -3-CASE No. 2997

(10) That the temporary special rules and regulations should be established for a one-year period in order to allow the operators in the subject pool to gather reservoir information to establish the area that can be efficiently and economically drained and developed by one well.

(11) That this case should be reopened at an examiner hearing in April, 1965, at which time the operators in the subject pool should be prepared to appear and show cause why the Vacuum Lower-Pennsylvanian Pool should be developed on 40-acre spacing units.

# IT IS THE REFORE ORDERED:

That a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for Pennsylvanian production is hereby created and designated the Vacuum Lower-Pennsylvanian Pool with vertical limits comprising the zone encountered in the Socony Mobil State Bridges Well No. 96, located in Unit H of Section 26, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, between the interval from 11,292 feet to 11,492 feet and horizontal limits comprising the 12/2 of Section 26, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

That a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for Pennsylvanian production is hereby created and designated the Vacuum Upper-Pennsylvanian Pool with vertical limits comprising that portion of the Pennsylvanian formation above the marker found at 10,324 feet in the Socony Mobil State Bridges Well No. 96 located in Unit H of Section 26, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, and horizontal limits comprising the SE/4 of Section 25 and the N/2 and SW/4 of Section 36, Township 17 South, Range 34 East.

(1) That the Vacuum-Pennsylvanian Pool is hereby abolished.
 (4) That Special Rules and Regulations for the Vacuum
 Lower-Pennsylvanian Pool are hereby promulgated as follows,
 effective April 1, 1964.

SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE VACUUM LOWER-PENNSYLVANIAN POOL -4-CASE No. 2997

RULE 1. Each well completed or recompleted in the Vacuum one mile of the Vacuum Lower-Pennsylvanian Pool, and not nearer Lower to or within the limits of another designated Pennsylvanian oil pool, shall be spaced, drilled, operated, and produced in accordance with the Special Rules and Regulations hereinafter set forth.

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RULE 2. Each well completed or recompleted in the XXXX BOODER Pennsylvanian Active Pool shall be located on a standard unit containing 80 acres, more or less, consisting of the N/2, S/2, E/2, or W/2 of a single governmental quarter section; provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall be construed as prohibiting the drilling of a well on each of the quarter-quarter sections in the unit.

> of the Commission <u>RULE 3</u>. The Secretary-Director/may grant an exception to the requirements of Rule 2 without notice and hearing when an application has been filed for a non-standard unit comprising a single quarter-quarter section or lot. All operators offsetting the proposed non-standard unit shall be notified of the application by registered or certified mail, and the application shall state that such notice has been furnished. The Secretary-Director may approve the application upon receipt of written waivers from all offset operators or if no offset operator has entered an objection to the formation of the non-standard unit within 30 days after the Secretary-Director has received the application.

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RULE 5. The Secretary-Director may grant an exception to the requirements of Rule 4 without notice and hearing when an application has been filed for an unorthodox location necessitated by topographical conditions or the recompletion of a well previously drilled to another horizon. All operators offsetting the proposed unorthodox location shall be notified of the application by registered or certified mail, and the application shall state that such notice has been furnished. The Secretary-Director may approve the application upon receipt of written waivers from all offset operators or if no offset operator has entered an objection to the unorthodox location within 20 days after the Secretary-Director has received the application.

RULE 6. A standard proration unit (79 through 81 acres) in the Vacuum Lower-Pennsylvanian Pool shall be assigned an 80-acre

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proportional factor of 6.67 for allowable purposes, and in the event there is more than one well on an 80-acre proration unit, the operator may produce the allowable assigned to the unit from the wells on the unit in any proportion.

The allowable assigned to a non-standard proration unit shall bear the same ratio to a standard allowable in the Vacuum Lower-Pennsylvanian Pool as the acreage in such nonstandard unit bears to 80 acres.

<u>RULE 7</u>. The limiting gas-oil ratio in the Vacuum Lower-Pennsylvanian Pool shall be 6,000 cubic feet of gas for each barrel of oil produced.

# IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

(1) That any well presently drilling to or completed in the Pennsylvanian formation within the Vacuum Lower-Pennsylvanian Pool or within one mile of the Vacuum Lower-Pennsylvanian Pool that will not comply with the well location requirements of Rule 4 is hereby granted an exception to the requirements of said rule. The operator shall notify the Hobbs District Office of the Commission in writing of the name and location of the well on or before April 1, 1964.

(2) That any operator desiring to dedicate 80 acres to a well presently drilling to or completed in the Vacuum Lower-Pennsylvanian Pool shall file a new Form C-128 with the Commission on or before April 1, 1964.

(3) That this case shall be reopened at an examiner hearing in April, 1965, at which time the operators in the subject pool may appear and show cause why the Vacuum Lower-Pennsylvanian Pool should not be developed on 40-acre spacing units.

(4) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem neces-

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated. GILBERT, WHITE AND GILBERT ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELOF AND OFFICE OCC BISHOP BUILDING

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March 9, 1964

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Mrs. Ida M. Rodriguez New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission P. C. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Ida:

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Very truly yours,

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# BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

APPLICATION OF SOCONY MOBIL OIL COMPANY, INC. FOR THE CREATION OF A NEW OIL POOL, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, TO BE DESIGNATED AS THE VACUUM (LOWER) PENN POOL AND FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TEMPORARY SPECIAL POOL RULES FOR THE POOL.

### APPLICATION

 Applicant is the owner and operator of wells designated as the State Bridges No. 98 Well located within the NW/4 of SE/4 of Section 26 and of the State Bridges No. 96 Well located in Unit H of said Section
 Township 17 South, Range 34 East, within the horizontal limits of the Vacuum Pennsylvanian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

2. The wells of applicant are producing from a reservoir which is outside and below the vertical limits of the presently designated Vacuum Pennsylvanian Pool, and that no other wells within the Vacuum Pennsylvanian Pool, as presently designated, are producing from this reservoir.

3. That the reservoir or pool from which the above identified wells are producing should be designated and classified as a separate pool from the presently designated Vacuum Pennsylvanian Oil Pool with a suggested designation of Vacuum (Lower) Pennsylvanian Pool, with present horizontal limits to be established comprising the E/2 of said Section 26, with vertical limits of the pool to be established after hearing on this Application.

4. That special pool rules should be adopted applicable to the proposed pool providing for temporary well spacing on 80-acre units and providing for limiting gas-oil ratio of 6000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil produced, and that economic and physical waste will result if such rules are not adopted.

5. That the granting of this Application will not impair correlative rights and will prevent waste.

WHEREFORE, Applicant prays that the Commission set this matter for hearing as provided by the rules and regulations of the Commission and upon hearing enter its Order establishing a new pool to be designated as the Vacuum (Lower) Pennsylvanian Pool and that horizontal and vertical limits of the field be established and special rules be adopted and prescribed in accordance with this Application.

> SOCONY MOBIL OIL COMPANY, INC. BY MODRALL SEYMOUR SPERLING ROEHL & HARRIS By James E. Sperling 1200 Simms Building P. O. Box 466 Albuquerque, New Mexico

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DEARNLEY, MEIER, V General Co	Suite 1120 Simms Building Alb	<pre>MR. UTZ: Case 2997. MR. DURRETT: Application of Socony Mobil Oil Company, Inc., for the abolishment of an existing pool and the creation of two new oil pools, and for special temporary pool rules, Lea County, New Mexico. MR. SPERLING: Jim Sperling of Modrall, Seymour, Sperling Roehl &amp; Harris, Albuquerque, appearing for the applicant. We have one witness, Mr. Examiner. MR. UTZ: Are there other appearances?</pre>
		(Witness sworn)



-		R. L. FLOWERS, JR.,
		called as a witness herein, having been first duly sworn, was
		examined and testified as follows:
	16	DIRECT EXAMINATION
R	243-6691	BY MR. SPERLING:
NE	e 24	Q State your name, please?
NC	Phone	A R. L. Flowers, Jr.
MO	I	Q Where do you live and by whom are you employed and in
CR	Mexico	what capacity, Mr. Flowers?
and ervice	o Me	A Hobbs, New Mexico, employed by Socony Mobil Oil, Inc.
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KII), Report	Albuquerque,	A Production Engineer.
WII Durt A	onbne	Q Have you testified on previous occasions before the
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EII Gene	6	A Yes.
, M	ildin	Q All right.
LEY	$B_{IS}$	MR. SPERLING: Are his qualifications acceptable?
DEARNLE	Simms	MR. UTZ: Yes, sir, they are.
EA		Q (By Mr. Sperling) Mr. Flowers, are you familiar with the
D	Suite 1120	application filed in this case on behalf of Socony Mobil Oil
	Su	Company, Inc.?
		A Yes, I am.
		Q What is proposed by the application?
		A Socony Mobil wishes to establish a Vacuum Lower Penn
		field, which will have horizontal limits of the East Half of

Section 26, Township 17 South, Range 34 East. The subject East Half of Section 26 contains Socony Mobile's State Bridges Number 96 and Number 98 weils, which produce from a lower Penn reservoir, and approximately 11,400 feet in depth.

Now, Mr. Flowers, would you please refer to what has ລ been marked as Exhibit Number One, and tell us what that portrays? Phone . Exhibit Number One is a base map which shows all wells Α producing from the Vacuum Penn Field. To enumerate these wells,

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the ones marked in blue are the Penn producers, and there is quite a difference in horizontal extent between the State Bridges lease and the other three producers, which are owned by Texaco. Texaco State "Q" Number 4 and their Number 0-18 and their 0-17 are the Penn producers there. Number 11 tested this zone at an initial potential, but it was then plugged back and did not have any other production. Other wells which have penetrated this zone are Continental's Number Seven in Section 35, 17-34, and Marathon's Number Five and Seven in Section 25, 17-34, and Tidewater's Number 6-F in Section 36, 17-34, and Texaco's State "M" Five and Seven in Section One of 17-35, and Number State L-6, Texaco, in the same section. Number One, 17-35- - 18-35. If I stated 17, I am sorry.

Well, now, Mr. Flowers, the wells which are described Q. in the application are shown, I believe, in the East Half of Section 26 and are designated respectively as Mobil State Bridges Number 96 and 98; is that correct?



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And these wells are currently producing from the Vacuum ର Penn Field as presently designated; is that right?

Yes. Exhibit Number Two is a cross section which shows Α 243-6691 all wells presently completed in the Vacuum Penn Pool. You will note the section covered here in the lower right-hand corner is Phone an AA Prime cross section. This cross section shows three producing wells from an Upper Penn just below the base of the Wolfcamp These are Texaco's State "O" Number 17, reservoir. And this- -Μεχικο "O" Number 18, and State "Q" Number 4. And on the left-hand New side, we have State Bridges Number 98, producing from a zone below 11,400, and State Bridges Number 96, producing from the same zone ð, lbuquerqi at a little different depth, somewhere below 11,300.

Well, then, as I understand it, there is approximately <sub>ର</sub> 1,000 feet of vertical separation between the Texaco wells to Building which you have referred, and which are shown on the cross section, and the Mobil State Bridges Number 98 and 96; is that correct?

smm Yes. Our State Bridges Number 95 has been used as a А ŝ type log for this area. However, because Well Number 95 does not have a full section of the lower Penn, Socony Mobil wishes to submit Well Number 96 as a type log for this reservoir. Socony Mobil recommends that the vertical limits of the lower Penn Field be defined at an interval of 11,292 feet to 11,492 feet, which is the top of the Mississippi.

From the type log of the State Bridges Number 96, this

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log is submitted as Exhibit Number Three, I wish to point out here that Socony Mobil has attempted to limit the vertical limits of this lower reservoir as much as possible. The member we are interested in is a fairly clean section. It is not clean in lithology, but in character. And you can see from the full cross section, it is correlated, I believe, through this area, however, the sand that is a producing member is not present in all wells. There has been no other production developed in Texaco's leases, or other operators, and there have been 15 wells penetrated this zone.

Q Now, as I understand your testimony, only the two Mobil wells,which you described in the application, that is, the Bridges 96 and 98, those are the only wells in this lower section which is some 1,000 feet below the other Penn section, from which the other wells that you have referred to are producing?

A Yes.

Q Now, would you refer to Exhibit Number Four, and tell us what that is?

A Exhibit Number Four is reservoir data on the Vacuum Penn lower Penn. I should qualify that as the lower Penn. The formation is Morrow, the net pay is approximately 28 feet, and the estimated formation volume factor is 2.7. Estimated solution gas-oil ratio is 3900 to one, the formation temperature is 140 degrees, the oil gravity is 50 degrees API, the estimated bubble point pressure is <u>6,450 PSI</u>, the crude being produced is a high gravity. It is

saturated crude, which means that the pressure is below the bubble point. The initial GOR is believed to be 3900 to one. Exhibit Five and Six will show that the GOR is increasing Number One- at a rapid rate. And the wells will be penalized throughout the remaining life if the 6,000 to one ratio is not permitted. The GOR is expected to climb, thus continually reducing the oil allowable. Socony Mobil is permitted the top allowable at the present time of 222 barrels of oil per day. The State Bridges Number 96 has top allowable because of the 5,000 to one GOR, limited, which is effective February 5, 1964. The well is not capable of New producing top allowable at this time. Exhibit Five is test summary. You will note the special test at the bottom dated lbuquerque, 2-14-64. This well flowed- - 96 flowed 113 barrels new oil, no water, in 24 hours, on a 13/64ths choke, and a GOR was 9740 to one Exhibit Number Six shows the only two tests we have

on State Bridges Number 98, which is a fairly recent completion. The date of the last test was the 2-10-64. This well flowed 156 barrels of new oil and no water in 24 hours on a 16/64ths choke. The GOR was 8,551 to one. There is no evidence of gas cap at this time.

What is the reservoir mechanism? Q

А It is solution gas.

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Q Now, would you please refer to Exhibit Number Seven and tell us what that indicates?

Exhibit Number Seven shows first of all that the reservoir A



is not rate conditive. The on put coable this data with a later whibit, this end it. The end deven, shows pressure versus comulative prostation for the Vienna Jean reservoir. This shows the anticipated resonant from the rework can reprevente. This type of plot has been used successform in the realisting recovery which is small. Recover, which we a function of the receivery which the rate at which this reservoir is produced with not affect the oil or gas recovery.

Mexico Exhibit Musber Eight covers the same data, due it does New include the date at which the pressure measurements were made abong with the accumulative production. It is to be noted that ĩc, iproi during the period of 4-19-63 to 6-1-63, approximately one and one Bu half months, 9,200 barrels of oil were produced. During the period of 6-1-63 to 7-19-63, approximately one and one half months, 9,000 barrels of oil were produced. During the last period from Buildin 7-19-63 to 1-6-64, approximately eight months -- six months, Simms only 20,300 barrels of oil were produced. Therefore, although the rate of production was approximately one half the rate during 1120 the previous two periods, the rate on decline on the pressure versus accumulative, plotted on Eshibit Seven, did not improve. Thus, showing that the reservoir is not rate sensitive. Socony Mobil will suffer economic waste if a 5,000 to one GOR limit is not permitted, because of the prolonged producing life due to a penalized allowable, which is caused by limited gas allowable.



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Q Now, Mr. Flowers, we have already established that the two Mobil wells are the only wells which are producing from this particular reservoir that you have been discussing and that you have explained. What do you anticipate so far as extension of the horizontal limit is concerned in view of the unsuccessful attempt to test this particular formation in the other wells that you have referred to?

A I don't think I got all your question there. I am sorry.

Q Well, do you think that the horizontal limits which you describe now as encompassing the East Half of Section 26, are going to be expanded any or is this the reservoir that we are concerned with in this hearing?

A Well, our plot here shows the two wells which already are in this zone, are draining the reservoir in its entirety. The feasibility of drilling another well is very questionable.

Q What recommendations are you making with reference to the special rules which you have requested be adopted as a result of this application and hearing?

A Socony Mobil requests special pool rules be adopted for the proposed pool providing for a limiting GOR of 6,000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil produced. We are also proposing 80 acre spacing. It is requested for the lower Penn reservoir because the reservoir does not have sufficient reserves to justify drilling a single lower Penn well, it is apparent, from the



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initial bottom hole pressure of the State Bridges Number 98, which is given as 105 hour bottom hole pressure, entry of 1-1-64, Exhibit Number Eight. This pressure was 4,680. This was the original pressure on 98. The drainage of the reservoir was taking 243-6691 place with the Well Number 96, and no reserves were added by drill ing the second well. Therefore, Socony Mobil requests 80 acre Phone . spacing units for the proposed Vacuum Lower Penn Pool. I assume from your testimony, Mr. Flowers, that in your Q opinion, the reservoir which you have described as the Lower Penn Mexico Reservoir is a separate and distinct reservoir from that from Service New . which the Texaco wells, that appear on your cross section, Exhibit General Court Reporting Number Two, are producing? Albuquerque, Yes, they are. А Do you have anything further you wish to add? ରୁ I would like to add that waste should not occur due to A Building this 6,000 to one GOR limit. All the gas is being sold to Phillips' Buckeye Plant. I believe that is all. Simms Were Exhibits One through Eight, I believe, prepared Q by you or under your supervision? Suite 1120 А Yes. MR. SPERLING: We offer One through Eight at this time, Mr. Examiner. MR. UTZ: Without objection, Exhibits One through Eight will be entered into the record of this case. That is all we have at this time. MR, SPERLING:

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# CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. UTZ:

Q Mr. Flowers, your Echibit Number Four shows an estimated solution gas-oil ratio of 3900 to one. Now, is that from a reservoir sample?

A No, sir, it is not. It is from the original measurements which were - on our potential test on Exhibit Number Five of this well.

Q Exhibit Number what?

A Number Five. The potential test on the 4-15-63. This well had a GOR of 3876.

Q Isn't it true that producing GORs are usually higher than solution GORs?

A In this- - Due to our data here, we looked at all the zones, or all the tests, I am sorry, and derived that approximately 3900 fit our data the best. Now, in reference to the bottom hole sample, surface samples are sometimes used in the surface measurements, they are used normally for the solution GOR.

Q But, the reservoir or solution GORs usually are lower than producing GORs, are they not?

A Possibly.

Q What is your, or what was your initial bottom hole pressure on this well?

A I believe Exhibit Eight shows the original pressure we



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	took from the DST, on Well 96, and the plot, Exhibit N mber Seven	•
3	will show that there is a possibility of some error there because	
	the DST extrapolating backward looks like it might be a little	
	high. It should be approximately in the neighborhood of 6500,	
691	perhaps 6450.	
243-6691	Q So, the reservoir, even at the initial stages, are	
ne 2	practically at the bubble point?	
Phone	A Yes, sir.	
New Mexico	Q So, any pressure reduction from now on will tend to	
	increase GORs and would you attribute that to the reason why your	•
ew N	GORs are going up as the reservoir is produced?	
Albuquerque, N	A Yes, it is. It would be physically impossible, I	
	believe, to lower the GOR.	
Ibuq	Q What size tubing are you producing these wells through?	>
$\mathbf{V}$	A I believe that 98 is producing from a string of 2 3/8th	າຮ
ilding	tubingless well. 96 I am not sure. I believe it is in the	
Build	neighborhood of two inch tubing.	
Suite 1120 Simms H	Q So, as far as flow efficiency is concerned, there is no	)t
	too much you can do to help that either, is there?	
	A No, sir.	
Suite	Q Now, you made a recommendation as to the type log and	
~1	vertical limits, is the Lower Penn	
	A Yes, sir.	
	Qthat you asked to be designated? How about the Uppe	er
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nd C vice	Mexico		A Both wells are multiple computions. Number 90 is a scol
S and g Service	New .	with	the Wolfcamp. Number 96 is a trivit in the fower Abe, and
<b>UN</b> , orting			amp, as well as the Lower Penn.
WILKINS Court Reporting	lbuquerque,		Q Does the present Vacuum Fenn Peok encompass the East
U U		Halli	or Section 26 horizontally?
MEIER, Gereral	ľ		A I don't know.
MEG	Building		MR. SPERLING: Yes, A think so.
Xu	Buil		A I don't bolleve I have the data on that.
DEARNLH	Simms		Q (By Mr. Stz) Well, if it does, you are requesting that
AR		that	portion be deleted from the present pool limits; is that right
DE	Suite 1120		A Yes.
	Suite		Q And that new horizontal limits be established for a Lower
		Penn	Pool?
			A Yes, sir.
			MR. UMZ: Are there other questions of the witness?
			MR. DURRETT: Yes, sir, I have a overvion.



### CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. DURRETT:

Now, Mr. Flowers, what you are really seeking to do is Q abolish the Vacuum Penn Pool as it now exists; is that correct, 243-6601 and to redesignate what is now the Vacuum Penn Pool as the Vacuum Upper Penn Pool, deleting from that pool the East Half of Section Phone 26, and creating a new pool comprising the East Half of Section 26 you desire to be designated as the Vacuum Lower which is - ~ Penn?

Mexico I believe it is a little fuzzy as to the definitions А New of the dividing line. The old Vacuum Penn was determined and the Albuquerque, type log Number 95, which did not cover the entire Penn section, the entire section of the Penn was not in that well. Therefore- . On the horizontal limits as determined from that log, Q your two wells in the East Half of Section 26 were included? Building

MR. SPERLING: They were in the Vacuum Penn.

(By Mr. Durrett) Well, am I correct in stating that Q you don't care what anything else is called except the East Half of 26, you would like it called the Lower Penn, Vacuum Lower Penn, correct?

Yes, I would. А

And you would like the Commission to designate the rest ରୁ of the area that was formerly the Vacuum Penn as something that won't be confused with your new pool?



DEARNLEY, MEIER, WILKINS and CROWNOVER General Court Reporting Service

Simms

Suite 1120

		A	Yes, sir.
		ବ	All right.
			MR. SPERLING: Just so they are designated as separate
		pools.	
	1099	Α	We have tried to keep the limits as small as possible,
DEARNLEY, MEIER, WILKINS and CROWNOVER	243-6601	the vert	ical limits as well as horizontal.
VO <sup>7</sup>	Phone 2		(By Mr. Durrett) You desire to pick the vertical
NA	ph	limits o	f your new pool off the cross section?
'RO	ç	A	Or the type log as marked.
id C	nce Movic	Q	One additional question, are you familiar with this
S an	General Court Reporting Service Albusisticana Now Movico	entire a	rea here, the three or four sections offsetting the
IN	oring V ori		26?
ILK	dex 1	A	Fairly well.
A	1 Соите Кероти А Призиотано	Đ.	Didn't we just recently grant a GOR exception for some
IER	neral	וי	that area?
ME	en de	A	Well Number 96.
Υ,	Pidi.ea		MR. SPERLING: Order Number 2647.
NLE			(By Mr. Durrett) 2647.granted an exception?
ARI	i. V	A	Yes, sir, 5,000 to one limit.
DE	Sum S 011 of	Q	And that was for your Well Number 96, which is also the
	ст. "С	subject	matter of this case?
	-	A	Yes.
		ର୍	5,000 to one?
		A	Granted. We asked for six.
		ତ	You asked for six, we gave you five?



		Γ	A Yes, sir.
			MR. DURRETT: Thank you.
			. * * *
•		243-0001	RECROSS EXAMINATION
/ER		243-	BY MR. UTZ:
VOI		Рнопе.	Q You have already proven, have you not, through the
VANO	{	4 <u>4</u>	drilling of Number 96 and Number 98 that the Upper Penn is not
CROWNOVER		00	productive in the East Half of Section 26; is that true?
	vice	New Mexico	A Is not productive in the Upper Penn? No, I don't believe
EY, MEIER, WILKINS and	General Court Reporting Service	New	it is.
KIN	portin		Q Did you DST it, try to complete it?
	rt Re	Albuquerque,	A We did not try any completions.
S 18	l Cou	Albu	Q So, actually, you are not sure?
IEI	ienera		A We are not sure, but we tried 98 pretty thoroughly in
ME	6	Building	everything that had shows, we ended up with a dual, and it was
EY,		· · ·	originally planned as a triple.
DEARNLI		Simms	Q Now, you asked for the East Half of Section 26 to be
AR	ì	30 Si	designated as the Lower Penn Pool and you are also asking for 80
Π		Suite 1120	acre spacing. You have stated that you didn't intend to drill
		Swit	any more wells in the East Half of Section 26, so is there any
			good reason why the North Half of the Northeast Quarter and the
			South Half of the Southeast Quarter should be included in the pool?
			A No.
		l	MR. UTZ: Other questions? The witness may be excused.

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		Are there other statements in this case?
Service		MR. WHITE: Charles White of Gilbert, White & Gilbert
		of Santa Fe, appearing on behalf of the Texaco, Inc., as one of
		the interested operators in the subject area, and they fully suppor
	1690	Socony Mobil's application, and further concur in the proposed
	Phone 243-6691	rules.
	me 2	MR. UTZ: You didn't ever give a recommendation, did
	Pho	you, for a pool name?
		A Lower.
	Mexico	MR. SPERLING: Lower.
	New M	MR. DURRETT: Vacuum Lower.
rting		MR. UTZ: Take the case under advisement.
Kepo	Albuquerque,	* * * *
ourt	ıbnqı	
General Court Reporting Service	Ah	STATE OF NEW MEXICO
	9	COUNTY OF PERNALILLO
	Building	I, ROY D. WILKINS, Notary Public in and for the County
		of Bernalillo, State of New Mexico, do hereby certify that the
	Simms	foregoing and attached Transcript of Hearing before the New
		Mexico Oil Conservation Commission was reported by me, and that
	Suite 1120	the same is a true and correct record of the said proceedings, to
	Sui	the best of my knowledge, skill, and ability.
		WITNESS MY Hand and Seal of Office, this 29th day of
		February, 1964.
	1	I do hereby sertify that the foregoing is
	1	My Commission Explanate record of the proceedings in the cut of september 6, life Texation hearing of case to The Fullic
		heard by we on DAT 9 19 64.
		New Mexico Oil Conservation, Commission

DEARNLEY, MEIER, WILKINS and CROWNOVER General Court Reporting Service QOVERNOR JACK M. CAMPBELL CHAIRMAN

State of New Mexico

# **Bil Conserbation Commission**



SANTA FE

ALL PORTER, JR. BEORSTARY - DIRECTOR

March 18, 1964

 Mr. James Sperling
 Re:
 Case No.
 2997

 Modrall, Seymour, Sperling, Rochl
 Order No.
 R-2677

 & Harris
 Applicant:

 Attorneys at Law
 Socony Mobil Oil Company

 Suite 1200 - Simms Building
 Socony Mobil Oil Company

 Albuquerque, New Mexico
 DOCKET MAILED

Dear Sir:

LAND DOMMINISTRATE

E. S. JOHNNY WALKER

MEMORE

Date 4-15-65

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

Very truly yours, Inter

A. L. PORTER, Jr. Secretary-Director

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Carbon copy of order also sent to:

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OTHER Mr. Charlie White

Docket No. 12-65

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - APRIL 28, 1965

9 A. M. - OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING - SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

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

- CASE 3217: (Continued from the March 10, 1965 examiner hearing) In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission upon its own motion to permit S. S. Sutton, dba Eddy Oil Company and all other interested parties to show cause why the Eddy Oil Company Stanolind-State Wells Nos. 1 and 2, located in Units G and J, respectively, of Section 36, Township 19 South, Range 30 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, should not be plugged in accordance with a Commission approved plugging program.
- CASE 3240: Application of Gulf Oil Corporation for a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Central Drinkard Unit Area comprising 2,600 acres, more or less, of State and Fee lands in Township 21 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico.
- CASE 3241: Application of Gulf 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 Drinkard Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, in its Central Drinkard Unit Area by the injection of water into the Drinkard formation through six wells in Sections 28, 29, and 32, Township 21 South, Range 37 East.
- CASE 2676: In the matter of the application of Gulf Oil Corporation to (Reopened) reopen Case No. 2676 to reconsider applicant's request that a full 80-acre proration unit comprising the S/2 NW/4 of Section 23, Township 24 South, Range 37 East, Fowler Ellenburger Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, be approved for applicant's Lillie Well No. 3 located 2310 feet from the North line and 330 feet from the West line of said Section 23.
- <u>CASE 3242:</u> Application of Austral Oil Company Incorporated, for an unorthodox location, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an exception to the well location requirements for the Blanco-Mesaverde Gas Pool for its Bunny et al Well No. 1 at an unorthodox location 1040 feet from the South line and 1190 feet from the East line of Section 10, Township 27 North, Range 9 West, San Juan County, New Mexico.

### Examiner Hearing - April 28, 1965

- CASE 3243: Application of Monsanto Company for special pool rules, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the promulgation of special pool rules for the Dagger Draw-Strawn Gas Pool and the Dagger Draw-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, including a provision for 640-acre gas well spacing units.
- CASE 3003: In the matter of Case No. 3003 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-2685, which order established temporary 80-acre proration units for the Tobac-Pennsylvanian Pool, Chaves 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 40-acre spacing units.
- CASE 2997: In the matter of Case No. 2997 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-2677, which order established 80-acre spacing units for the Vacuum-Lower Pennsylvanian Pool, Lea 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 40-acre spacing units.
- CASE 3244: Application of James E. Logan for a unit agreement, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Rain Spring Unit Area comprising 10,542.00 acres, more or less, of State, Federal and Fee lands in Townships 22 and 23 South, Ranges 24 and 25 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.

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# 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:

> CASE NO. 2997 Order No. R-2677 NOMENCLATURE

APPLICATION OF SOCONY MOBIL OIL COMPANY, INC., FOR THE ABOLISHMENT OF AN EXISTING POOL, THE CREATION OF TWO NEW OIL POOLS, AND FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY POOL RULES, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

### ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

### BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on February 19, 1964, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this 18th day of March, 1964, 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:

(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, Socony Mobil Oil Company, Inc., seeks the abolishment of the Vacuum-Pennsylvanian Pool in Township 17 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, and the creation of the Vacuum-Upper-Pennsylvanian Pool in Sections 25 and 36, and the Vacuum-Lower-Pennsylvanian Pool in Section 26, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That the applicant also seeks the promulgation of special pool rules for the Vacuum Lower-Pennsylvanian Pool establishing 80-acre spacing and a limiting gas oil ratio of 6,000 to 1.

(4) That the Vacuum-Pennsylvanian Pool encompasses more than one separate common source of supply and should therefore be abolished.

(5) That the Socony Mobil State Bridges Well No. 96 located in Unit H of Section 26, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, -2-CASE NO. 2997 Order No. R-2677

Lea County, New Mexico, was completed March 3, 1963, and encountered a separate common source of supply which should be <u>designated</u> the Vacuum-Lower/Pennsylvanian Pool; that the vertical limits of said pool should be the zone encountered in said well between 11,292 feet and 11,492 feet; and that the horizontal limits of said pool should be the E/2 of Section 26, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

(6) That the Texaco Inc. State "O" Well No. 17 located in Unit N of Section 36, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, was completed June 18, 1963, and encountered a separate common source of supply which should be designated the Vacuum-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool; that the vertical limits of said pool should be that portion of the Pennsylvanian formation above the marker found at 10,324 feet in the above-described Socony Mobil State Bridges Well No. 96; and that the horizontal limits of said pool should be the SE/4 of Section 25 and the N/2 and SW/4 of Section 36, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

(7) That in order to prevent the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, to avoid the augmentation of risk caused from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, to prevent reduced recovery which might result from the drilling of too few wells, and to otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights, temporary special rules and regulations providing for 80-acre spacing units should be promulgated for the Vacuum Lower-Pennsylvanian Pool.

(8) That the temporary special rules and regulations should provide for limited well locations in order to assure orderly development of the pool and protect correlative rights.

(9) That the temporary special rules and regulations should provide for a limiting gas-oil ratio of 6,000 to 1 in order to allow each operator in the pool the opportunity to use his just and equitable share of the reservoir energy.

(10) That the temporary special rules and regulations should be established for a one-year period in order to allow the operators in the subject pool to gather reservoir information to establish the area that can be efficiently and economically drained and developed by one well.

(11) That this case should be reopened at an examiner hearing in April, 1965, at which time the operators in the subject pool should be prepared to appear and show cause why the Vacuum Lower-Pennsylvanian Pool should not be developed on 40-acre spacing units. -3-CASE No. 2997 Order No. R-2677

### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the Vacuum-Pennsylvanian Pool is hereby abolished.

(2) That a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for Pennsylvanian production is hereby created and designated the Vacuum-Lower-Pennsylvanian Pool with vertical limits comprising the zone encountered in the Socony Mobil State Bridges Well No. 96, located in Unit H of Section 26, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, between the interval from 11,292 feet to 11,492 feet and horizontal limits comprising the E/2 of Section 26, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for Pennsylvanian production is hereby created and designated the Vacuum-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool with vertical limits comprising that portion of the Pennsylvanian formation above the marker found at 10,324 feet in the Socony Mobil State Bridges Well No. 96 located in Unit H of Section 26, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, and horizontal limits comprising the SE/4 of Section 25 and the N/2 and SW/4 of Section 36, Township 17 South, Range 34 East.

(4) That Special Rules and Regulations for the Vacuum-Lower Pennsylvanian Pool are hereby promulgated as follows, effective April 1, 1964.

### SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE VACUUM-LOWER PENNSYLVANIAN POOL

<u>RULE 1.</u> Each well completed or recompleted in the Vacuum Lower-Pennsylvanian Pool or in the Lower Pennsylvanian formation within one mile of the Vacuum Lower-Pennsylvanian Pool, and not nearer to or within the limits of another designated Lower Pennsylvanian pool, shall be spaced, drilled, operated, and produced in accordance with the Special Rules and Regulations hereinafter set forth.

<u>RULE 2.</u> Each well completed or recompleted in the Vacuum -Lower/Pennsylvanian Pool shall be located on a standard unit containing 80 acres, more or less, consisting of the N/2, 5/2, E/2, or W/2 of a single governmental quarter section; provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall be construed as prohibiting the drilling of a well on each of the quarterquarter sections in the unit.

<u>RULE 3.</u> The Secretary-Director of the Commission may grant an exception to the requirements of Rule 2 without notice and hearing when an application has been filed for a non-standard unit -4-CASE No. 2017 Ordor No. Reput

comprising a single queressequents a sublement left. All operators offsetting the properties of each with thell as not black of the application by registered or contributed well, and the application shall state but such notices has been furnished. The Secretary-Director may approve the application upon receipt of written waivers from all effect operators or if no effect operator has entered an objection to the formation of the non-standard wait within 30 days after the Secretary-Director has received the lapplication.

RULE 4. Each well projected to or completed in the Vacuus. Lower-Pennsylvanian Pool shall be located within 150 fact of the center of a single opvernmental quarter-quarter section.

<u>RULE 5.</u> The secretary-Director may grant an exception to the requirements of Rule 4 without notice and hearing when an application has been filed for an unorthodox location necessitated by topographical conditions or the recompletion of a well proveously drilled to another horizon. All operators offsetting the proposed unorthodox location shall be notified of the application by registered or certified mail, and the application shall state that such notice has been furnished. The Secretary-Director may approve the application upon receipt of written waivers from all offset operators or if no offset operator has entered an objection to the unorthodox location within 20 days after the Secretary-Director has received the application.

<u>RULE 6.</u> A standard proration unit (79 through 81 acres) in the Vacuum-Lower-Pennsylvanian Pool shall be assigned an 80-acre proportional factor of 6.67 for allowable purposes, and in the event there is more than one well on an 80-acre proration unit, the operator may produce the allowable assigned to the unit from the wells on the unit in any proportion.

The allowable assigned to a non-standard protation unit shall bear the same ratio to a standard allowable in the Vacuum Lower-Pennsylvanian Pool as the acreage in such nonstandard unit bears to 80 acres.

<u>RULE 7.</u> The limiting gas-oil ratio in the Vacuum-Lower-Pennsylvanian Pool shall be 5,000 cubic feet of gas for each barrel of oil produced.

### IT IS FURTHER ORDER 10:

(1) That any well presently drilling to or completed in the Lower Pennsylvanian formation within the Vacuum-Lower-Spennsylvanian Pool or within one mile of the Vacuum-Lover-Pennsylvanian Pool that will not comply with the well location requirements of Rule 4 is hereby granted an exception to the requirements of said rule. The
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operator shall notify the Hobbs District Office of the Commission in writing of the name and location of the well on or before April 1, 1964.

(2) That any operator desiring to dedicate 30 acres to a well presently drilling to or completed in the Vacuum Lower-Pennsylvanian Pool shall file a new Form C-128 with the Commission on or before April 1, 1964.

(3) That this case shall be reopened at an examiner hearing in April, 1965, at which time the operators in the subject pool may appear and show cause why the Vacuum-Lower@Pennsylvanian Pool should not be developed on 40-acre spacing units.

(4) 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.

> STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

JACK M. CAMPBELL, Chairman

WALKER, Member



W. L. Center, fr.

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A. L. PORTER, Jr., Menber & Secretary

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GOVERNOR JACK M. CAMPBELL CHAIRMAN

# State of New Mexico **Bil Conservation Commission**

LAND COMMISSIONER GUYTON B. HAYS MEMBER P. O. BOX 2088 SANTA FE

STATE GEOLOGIST A, L, PORTER, JR, SECRETARY • DIRECTOR

May 10, 1965

Mr. James E. Sperling Modrall, Seymour, Sperling, Rochl & Harris Attorneys at Law P. O. Box 466 Albuquerque, New Mexico

Socony Mobil

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R-2677-A

Dear Sir:

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

Very truly yours,

A. L. PORTER, Jr.

Re: Case No.\_

Order No.

Applicant:

Secretary-Director

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Carbon copy of order also sent to:

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## BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION CONMISSION 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:

> CASE No. 2997 Order No. R-2677-A

APPLICATION OF SOCONY MOBIL OIL COMPANY, INC., FOR THE ABOLISHMENT OF AN EXISTING POOL, THE CREATION OF TWO NEW OIL POOLS, AND FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY POOL RULES, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

## ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

# BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on April 28, 1965, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this <u>10th</u> day of May, 1965, 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:

(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 by Order No. R-2677, dated March 18, 1964, temporary Special Rules and Regulations were promulgated for the Vacuum-Lower Pennsylvanian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-2677, this case was reopened to allow the operators in the subject pool to appear and show cause why the Vacuum-Lower Pennsylvanian Pool should not be developed on 40-acre spacing units.

(4) That no additional wells have been drilled in the subject pool since the issuance of Order No. R-2677 and the drilling of additional wells in the future is not anticipated.

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(5) That the wells in the subject pool are approaching the economic limit of production and that no necessity exists for the continuation of the Special Rules and Regulations promulgated by Order No. R-2677.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the Special Rules and Regulations governing the Vacuum-Lower Pennsylvanian Pool promulgated by Order No. R-2677 are hereby abolished.

(2) 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.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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A. L. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary

CAMPBELL Chairman

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# EXHIBIT S

# PRESSURE AND PRODUCTION DATA VACUUM PENN STATE BRIDGES NO. 96 & NO. 98

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Pressure	Cum. Prod.	Source of Pressure
6,534	G	DST #3 from Well No. 96
6,368	1,858	24 Hr. Build-up from Well No. 96 Extrapolated
5,941	11,045	92 Hr. Build-up from Well No. 96 Extrapolated
5,469	20,036	72 Hr. BH Pressure from Well No. 96
4,680	40,315	105 Hr. BH Pressure from Well No. 98
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All pressures corrected -7373 datum.

# EXHIBIT NO.

# RESERVOIR DATA VACUUM PENN STATE BRIDGES NO. 96

	Morrow
Formation	28 Feet
Net Pay Estimated Formation Volume Factor	2.7
Estimated Formation Gas-Oil Ratio	3900/1
Formation Temperature	140° F
0il Gravity	50° API
Estimated Bubble Point Pressure	6,450 psi

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Jan.				
Feb.				
Mar.	200			
Apr.	4,464		13,495	3,025
May	6,725		27,133	4,035
June	5,920		28,027	4,734
July	6,849		34,055	4,972
Aug.	3,234		19,012	5,879
Sept.	3,255		17,160	5,272
Oct.	3,247		16,515	5,086
Nov.	3,109	~ ~ ~	13,679	4,400
Dec.	6,142		27,199	4,428
Total	43,145		196,275	
1964 Jan.	9,862		65,682	6,660
Feb.	7,599		75,177	9,893
Mar.	4,356		64,724	14,859
Apr.	4,002		64,836	16,200
May	4,344		64,836	14,925
June	3,094		90,677	29,307
July	2,418		82,750	34,222
Aug.	1,610		76,651	47,609
Sept.	1,302		68,301	52,458
Oct.	1,131		56,548	50,000
Nov.	970		52,456	54,078
Dec.	875		51,097	58,397
Total_	41,563		748,899	
			140,077	
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Jan.	684	***	47,994	70,166
Feb.	450	***	40,749	90,553
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PRODUCTION HISTORY - VACUUM LOWER PENN FIELD LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO - SOCONY MOBIL OIL COMPANY, INC. STATE BRIDGES LEASE, WELLS NO. 96 AND 98

JMMcGee/jlh 4/23/65 EXHIBIT NO. 6

# GOR TESTS VACUUM PENN STATE BRIDGES NO. 98

Potential:

12-18-63	Flo 228 BNO + 0 Wtr., 24 Hrs. 14/64" Ch., GOR 5197
	Flo 156 BNO + 0 Wtr. 24 Hrs., 16/64" Ch., GOR 8551

BEFORE EXAMINER UTZ
OIL CONSERVATION MAISSION
EXHIBIT NO: 6
CASE NO. 2997

# GOR TESTS VACUUM PENN STATE BRIDGES NO. 96

Test after perforating:

Flo 157 BNO + 0 Wtr. 14 hrs., 14/64" ch., GOR 2871 3-11-63

Potential:

Flo 271 BNO + 0 Wtr. 24 hrs., 10/64" ch., GOR 3876 4-15-63

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

- **CASE 2991:** In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Dwight L. Smith and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Walker Well No. 1, located 2290 feet from the South line and 500 feet from the East line of Section 21, Township 15 South, Range 11 East, Otero County, New Mexico, should not be plugged in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.
- CASE 2992: Application of Co solidated Oil & Gas, Inc., for an unorthodox location, Rio Arrioa County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the unorthodox location of their Hoyt Well No. 3-5, located 1850 feet from the North line and 11 0 feet from the West line of Section 5, Township 26 North, Range 4 West, Blanco Me averde Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.
- CASE 2993: Application of Sinclair Cil & Gas Company for a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Southwest Jal Unit Area comprising 6401 acres, more or less, of State, Federal and fee lands in Townsnips 25 and 26 South, Range 36 East, Lea County, New Mexico.
- CASE 2994: Application of Skelly Oil Company for a pressure maintenance project, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the abovestyled cause, seeks authority to institute a pressure maintenance project in the Gallup formation underlying its Navajo "P" and "M" leases in Sections 25, 26, 33, 34, 35, and 36, Township 32 North, Range 17 West, Many Rocks-Gallup Oil Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico. Initial injection will be through applicant's Navajo "P" Well No.6 located in Unit P of said Section 35. Applicant further seeks the promulgation of special rules governing the operation of said project.
- CASE 2995: Application of Deane H. Stoltz for two non-standard oil proration units, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the abovestyled cause, seeks approval of two 80-acre non-standard oil proration units in the North Bagley-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, the first to comprise the SE/4 NE/4 and NE/4 SE/4 of Section 22, Township 11 South, Range 33 East, to be dedicated to a well completed in the SE/4 NE/4 of Section 22; the second to comprise the SW/4 NE/4 and the NW/4 SE/4 of

<u>CASE 2995:</u> said Section 22 to be dedicated to a well to be re-entered (Cont.) in the SW/4 NE/4 of said Section 22.

#### CASE 2984: (Continued from the February 5th Examiner Hearing)

Application of The Pure Oil Company and Continental Carbon Company to utilize natural gas in a carbon black plant, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicants, in the above-styled cause, seek authority to utilize approximately 7 million cubic feet of Morrow gas per day in the Continental Carbon Company carbon black plant near Eunice, New Mexico, said gas to be produced from The Pure Oil Company Wilson Deep Unit Well No. 1, located in the SE/4 NW/4 of Section 13, Township 21 South, Range 34 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 2996: Application of Nearburg & Ingram for the creation of a new gas pool and for special temporary pool rules, Roosevelt County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the creation of a new gas pool for San Andres production in Sections 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, Township 8 South, Range 37 East, Roosevelt County, New Mexico, and for the establishment of temporary rules therefor, including provisions for 320 acre spacing.

### CASE 2739: (Reopened)

In the matter of Case No. 2739 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-2421, which order established temporary 80-acre proration units for the North Vacuum-Abo Pool, Lea 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 40-acre proration units.

#### CASE 2740: (Reopened)

In the matter of Case No. 2740 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-2422, which order established temporary 80-acre proration units for the Vacuum-Wolfcamp Oil Pool, Lea 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 40-acre proration units.

#### CASE 2741: (Reopened)

In the matter of Case No. 2741 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-2423, which order established temporary 80-acre proation units for the Vacuum-Devonian Oil Pool, Lea 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 40-acre proration units.

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## CASE 2742: (Reopened)

In the matter of Case No. 2742 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-2424, which order established temporary 80-acre oil promation units for the Fowler-Blinebry Oil Pool, Lea 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 40-acre proration units.

## CASE 2743: (Reopened)

In the matter of Case No. 2743 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-2425, which order established temporary 320-acre spacing units for the Fowler-Tubb Gas Pool, Lea 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 2744: (Reopened)

In the matter of Case No. 2744 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-2426, which order established temporary 320-acre spacing units for the Fowler-Paddock Gas Pool, Lea 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 2997: Application of Socony Mobil Oil Company, Inc., for the abolishment of an existing pool and the creation of two new oil pools, and for special temporary pool rules, Lea County, New Mexico, Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the creation of a new oil pool for lower Pennsylvanian production in Section 26, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Lea County, New Mexico, and for the establishment of temporary rules therefor, including provisions for 80-acre units and for the establishment of a gas-oil ratio limitation of 6000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil produced. Said pool would be created by the abolishment of the Vacuum-Pennsylvanian Pool in Township 17 South, Range 34 East, and the subsequent creation of the Vacuum Upper Pennsylvanian and Vacuum Lower Pennsylvanian Pools.

CASE 2998: Application of Tenneco Oil Company for a gas well-water injection well, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the abovestyled 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 ½ 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.

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CASE 2999: Application of Phillips Petroleum Company for two nonstandard oil proration units, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the approval of an 80-acre non-standard oil proration unit for each of two pools, the Vacuum Wolfcamp Pool and the North Vacuum Abo Pool, said units to comprise the NW/4 SW/4 and the SW/4 NW/4 of Section 31, Township 17 South, Range 35 East, Lea County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to applicant's Santa Fe Well No. 87, located 2310 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of said Section 31.

CASE 3000: Application of Franklin, Aston & Fair Inc. for the creation of a San Andres Gas Pool and for special pool rules. Roosevelt County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the abovestyled cause, seeks the creation of a new San Andres Gas Pool comprising all or portions of Sections 22, 23, 25, 26, 27 and 28, Township 7 South, Range 35 East, and the establishment of special pool rules, including 320 acre spacing and fixed well locations, Roosevelt County, New Mexico.

CASE 2979: (Continued from February 5, 1964, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Pan American Petroleum Corporation for salt water disposal, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Abo formation through its U.S.A. Malco Refineries 'G' Well No. 13, located 2302 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the West line of Section 10, Township 18 South, Range 27 East, Empire Abo Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

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> 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. 2997

Order No. R-2677-A

APPLICATION OF SOCONY MOBIL OIL COMPANY, INC., FOR THE ABOLISHMENT OF AN EXISTING POOL, THE CREATION OF TWO NEW OIL POOLS, AND FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY POOL RULES, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

#### ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

#### BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on <u>April 28</u>, 196<u>5</u>, at Santa Fe. New Mexico, before Examiner <u>Daniel S. Nutter</u>.

NOW, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ May \_, 196\_5, the Commission, a guorum 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.

(2) That by Order No. R-2677, dated March 18, 1964, tem-

porary Special Rules and Regulations were promulgated for the Vacuum-Lower Pennsylvanian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-2677, this case was reopened to allow the operators in the subject pool to appear and show cause why the Vacuum-Lower Pennsylvanian Pool should not be developed on 40-acre spacing units.

(4) That no additional wells have been drilled in the subject pool since the issuance of Order No. R-2677 and the drilling of additional wells in the future is not anticipated. -2-CASE No. 2997 Order No. R-2677-A

(5) That the applicant has not established that one well can efficiently and economically drain and develop 80 acros in.

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(a) That the wells in the subject pool are approaching and the economic limit of production, that no necessity exists for the continuation of the Special Rules and Regulations promulgated by Order No. R-2677, and that caid rules should therefore be aboliched.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the Special Rules and Regulations governing the Vacuum-Lower Pennsylvanian Pool promulgated by Order No. R-2677 are hereby abolished.

(2) 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.

PAGE 1 EXPERT TESTIMONY, DAILY COPY, CONVENTIONS BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION Santa Fe, New Mexico April 28, 1965 HEARING EXAMINER · ALBUQUEROUE, NEW MEXICO dearnley-meier reporting service. IN THE MATTER OF: Case No. 2997 being reopened) pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-2677, which order established 80-acre HEARINGS, STATE MENTS. spacing units for the Vacuum-Lower Pennsylvanian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, for a 1120 SIMMS BLDG. . P. O. BOX 1092 . PHONE 243-6491 period of one year. All interested parties Case No. 2997 may appear and show cause why said pool ) (Reopened) should not be developed on 40-acre spacing units. SPECIALIZING IN DEPOSITIONS, BEFORE : Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

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# TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

MR. NUTTER: We will call Case 2997 (Reopened).

MR. DURRETT: In the matter of Case 2997 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-2677, which order established 80-acre spacing units for the Vacuum-Lower Pennsylvanian Pool, Lea 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 40-acre spacing units.

MR. SPERLING: Mr. Examiner, I am J. E. Sperling of Modrall, Seymour, Sperling, Roehl and Harris, Albuquerque, appearing on behalf of Socony Mobil Oil Company. I would not



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presume to take the witness chair, and with the Examiner's permission I'll remain in counsel's chair, and state for the record that I have certain information which has been prepared by the engineering staff of Mobil Oil Company, which reflects up to date data collected since the last hearing, which I believe was held in March of 1964.

The history or the anticipated history of the Vacuum-Lower Pennsylvanian Pool, as predicted by the expert witnesses that appeared at that time, has proven to be almost classic in the results obtained.

For the Commission's information I have a couple of, and I guess what would be termed exhibits, which are simply up-dated information continuing that presented at prior hearings; the first of which is the production history which reflects production as well as -- that is, oil production as well as gas production, and GOR rates which have been experienced in connection with the production in this field. As the Examiner is well aware, I'm sure the horizontal limits of this field, as originally designated, comprise the east half of Section 26 in Township 1/ South, Range 34 East, NMEN, Lea County.

(Whereupon, Exhibits Nos. 1 and 2 marked for identification.)

MR. SPERLING: It was predicted at the prior hearings that this reservoir would prove to be quite limited in its

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extent, and for that reason, in order to avoid unnecessary drilling, it was requested that this field be developed on temporary rules on the basis of 80-acre spacing. This request was granted and the production history which I have furnished the Examiner, along with the other exhibit that I mentioned as having available, which reflects bottomhole pressure as against cumulative production in this field, closely parallels the predictions which were made at the time of the prior hearings, except for the fact that the estimated ultimate recovery from the field as shown by the bottomhole pressure versus cumulative production graph is not proving to be as great as originally expected.

If the Examiner will note from the production history that the gas-oil ratio steadily increased to peak value of 90,553 cubic feet per barrel in February of 1965, and in the following month, March, there has been a very marked decrease in gas-oil ratio along with the production for that month. That all goes to show, as was predicted in the earlier hearings, that this is a reservoir of limited extent which is rapidly approaching its economic limit and is in advanced depletion stage.

There has been no additional drilling in the area since the, that is to this pool, since the last hearing in March of 1964. We feel that this reservoir has been developed and produced at its maximum efficient rate, and that the action which the

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that there will be no additional development in this particular reservoir area which will be affected one way or another. The bloom has gone from the rose, and it's been done efficiently, economically and with the hope that it won't be the last; we're convinced that it will not be the last example of spirit of cooperation which has been exemplified in this particular instance. That's all I have, Mr. Examiner.

MR. NUTTER: Now, Mr. Sperling, the pool at the present time comprises the east half of 26, is that correct?

MR. SPERLING: Yes, those were defined horizontal limits of the pool in Order Number 2677.

MR. NUTTER: Wasn't this the pool, Mr. Sperling, that was originally designated as the Vacuum Pennsylvanian Pool?

MR. SPERLING: Yes.

MR. NUTTER: Then it was split into an Upper and Lower Pennsylvanian?

MR. SPERLING: That is correct, this is the Lower Pennsylvanian.



MR. NUTTER: This is the Lower Pennsylvanian, and then the area to the southeast was designated as the Upper Pennsylvanian and the two pools did not overlap, as I recall.

MR. SPERLING: Yes, sir, there was some thousand feet of vertical separation as between the two, and I can give you the horizontal limits of the Upper Pennsylvanian, if that would SFECIALIZING IN: DEPOSITIONS, HEARINGS, STATEMENTS, EXPERT TESTIMONY, DAILY COPY,

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be of assistance to you.

MR. NUTTER: I have then in this exhibit which was offered a year ago at the hearing in this case.

MR. SPERLING: The Upper Pennsylvanian, very briefly, it's short, at least as of the day of this order, and I assume there has been no change in nomenclature, comprised the southeast quarter of Section 25, and the southwest quarter of Section 36.

MR. NUTTER: In the Lower Pennsylvanian Pool, Socony Mobil had their Number 96 Well and their Number 98 Well.

MR. SPERLING: That is correct.

MR. NUTTER: And those are still the only two wells completed in the Lower Pennsylvanian Pool?

MR. SPERLING: That is correct.

MR. NUTTER: And this is the production history of those wells on Exhibit 1?

MR. SPERLING: Yes, sir, as continued from a previous production history presented.

MR. NUTTER: And in March of 1965, the total production from the two wells combined was 387 barrels?

MR. SPERLING: Yes, sir.

MR. NUTTER: On your Exhibit Number 2, you show a point on this pressure decline curve, and it says estimated reserves at 4-22-'65, from a 48-hour hut-in tubing pressure of 1,300.



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Did they furnish you with that -- What did they do, just take a 48-hour shut-in pressure and extrapolate it into a bottom-hole pressure?

MR. SPERLING: That is correct. The advice from Mr. Baish, who is the producing superintendent for Mobil in Hobbs makes reference to the prior exhibit, which is that, essentially. We have added to the curve the estimated current bottom-hole pressure and extrapolated the curve, based on this pressure. As you can see, our ultimate primary recovery is drastically reduced.

MR. NUTTER: So by bending the curve down to accommodate that point, you have an economic limit there of 80,000 barrels at 250 pounds pressure, is that correct?

MR. SPERLING: Yes, sir.

MR, NUTTER: This moved your estimated cumulative recovery at abandonment from some 145,000 barrels back to 100,000 barrels?

MR. SPERLING: That is correct.

MR. NUTTER: And judging by the production report on Exhibit 1, it has almost reached its economic limit then?

MR. SPERLING: Yes, sir, I think the exhibit indicates that there's approximately 85,000 been produced.

MR. NUTTER: And to your knowledge, Mobil does not contemplate any additional drilling in this pool?



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1045	MR. SPERLING: They have so advised.
DEPOSITIONS, HEARINGS, STATEMENTS, EXPERT TESTIMONY, DAILY COPT, CONVENTIONS P. O. BOX 1092 • PHONE 243-6491 • ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO	MR. NUTTER: I see. Are there any other questions of Mr. Sperling? Do you have anything further, Mr. Sperling? MR. SPERLING: No, thank you. MR. NUTTER: Does anyone have anything they wish to
TE MENIS, EXPERT TESTIMONY, D	offer in Case 2997? MR. SPERLING: I should offer the exhibits as part of
5 FECIALIZING IN: DEPOSITIONS, HEARINGS, STAT	the record in this case. MR. NUTTER: Exhibits 1 and 2, dated 4-28-'65 will
	be admitted. (Whereupon, Mobil Exhibits 1 and 2 were admitted to the record.)
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	take it under advisement.
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I, ADA DEARNLEY, Court Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached transcript of proceedings before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission Examiner at Santa Fe, New Mexico, is a true and correct record to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have affixed my hand and notarial seal this 11th day of May, 1965.

My Commission Expires:

June 19, 1967.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a complate record of the proceedings in the Bard, or hearing of case No. 2997 haard by me on 9/28, 1965 1965 4 Petternes

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