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<u>DRAFT</u> JMD/esr March 18, 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:-

3001 CASE No. Order No. R- 2683

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.

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>, Braminer duly appointed by the Oil-Conservation Commission-of-New Mexico, - hereinafter referred to as the "Commission," - in-accordance with Rule -1214 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.-

NOW, on this <u>day of March</u>, 1964, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the **APPIKANETOR**, **AND COMMISSION**, the record, **AND CONSTRUCTOR** and the recommendations of the Examiner, _______, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

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(2) That O. A. Peters is the owner and operator of 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, NMPM, De Baca County, New Mexico.

(3) That the subject well is dry and has been abandoned, and should be plugged in order to confine permanently all oil, gas, and water in the separate strata originally containing them and to otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That O. A. Peters is hereby ordered to plug the Peters State Well No. 1, located 860 feet from the South line and 660 feet

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- 4. Fill the interval between plugs with mud weighing not less than ten younds per gallon.
- 5. Set in the surface plug a regulation steel marker not less than four inches in diameter and extending at least four feet above mean ground level.

(2) That O. A. Peters shall complete plugging operations on or before May 15, 1964, and shall notify the District Supervisor, District 2, Oil Conservation Commission, Artesia, New Mexico, of the exact time and the 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.

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> STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Chairman CAMPBELL.

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January 31, 1964

Nr. H. L. Armstrong Supervisor, District 2 Oil Conservation Commission Drawer DD Artesia, New Mexico

> Re: Dwight L. Smith Walker Well No. 1, and O. A. Peters State Well No. 1

Dear Mose:

We have placed the Dwight L. Smith Walker Well No. 1 on the February 19th examiner hearing dockst and will need either you or Bill to testify in the case.

I am a little confused concerning the O. A. Peters State Well No. 1. This should be the well that was involved in Case No. 2780, Order No. R-2464. I have a C-102 in the file from Petroleum Consultants indicating they intend to skid the rig with a note from you that the well was plugged. However, we have no C-103 but we do have a C-102 from O. A. Peters indicating that he would like to use the well for a water well; therefore, I am not sure what the status of this well is and probably should wait until I can discuss the matter with you in person before docketing a plugging case.

Very truly yours,

J. M. DURRETT, Jr. Attorney

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American Employers' Insurance Company Artesia Claims Department F. O. Box 437 Aftesia, New Mexico

Attention: Mr. Doyle Cole, Superintendent

Re: O. A. Peters, \$5,000 One-Well Plugging Bond

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith a docket of a hearing concerning your principal, O. A. Peters, under your \$5,000 One-Well Plugging Bond on file with the Commission.

Very truly yours,

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

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March 2, 1964 504 S. Flower MAIH UPTTE Arm, Calif.

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Oil Conservation Commission P. 0. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

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Conserning leaving it as a water well I agree to leave all casing in hole and fix the top how ever you want it, If this is satisfactory let me know what you require of me to do.

If you want it plugged I will do so immediately.

Your very truly O.C. Peters

CC. To Oil Conservation Commission Artesia, New Mexico

> To J. S. Ward & Son, Inc. Artesia, New Mexico

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Re: Case No. 3001 Order No. R-2683

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith a certified copy of the above order concerning Mr. O. A. Peters, Principal, under the American Employers' Insurance Company \$5,000 One-Well Plugging Bond on file with the Commission.

Very truly yours,

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

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cc: Mr. M. L. Armstrong Supervisor, District 2 Oil Conservation Commission Drawer DD Artesia, New Nexico

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION P. O. BOX 871 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

March 31, 1964

CERTIFIED - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. O. A. Peters 504 South Flower Santa Ana, California

> Re: Case No. 3001 Order No. R-2683

Dear Mr. Petars:

I am enclosing herewith a certified copy of the above order which requires you to plug your Paters State Well No. 1 on or before May 15, 1964, in accordance with the minimum plugging requirements set out therein.

Please note that plugging operations must be completed on or before May 15, 1964, and that you must notify the District Supervisor, District 2, Oil Conservation Commission, Artesia, New Mexico, of the exact date and time plugging operations are to commence.

Very truly yours,

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

JMD/esr Inclosure

cc: Mr. M. L. Armstrong Supervisor, District 2 Oil Conservation Commission Drawer DD Artesia, New Mexico

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Mr. O. A. Peters 504 South Flower Street Sants Ana, California

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RE: Bond HD. SY-311027 O. A. Peters, (5,000.00 One boll Plueging Hond

Deer Mr. Poters:

I su ettaching a copy of letter and Order of the Oil Conservation Commission of the State of New Nextco of March 31, 1960.

As you can see by the Order of the Condission you have until May 15, 196h, to do the necessary outline work is plugging the Peters State well No. 1, located 860 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the last line of Section 2, Township 1 Forth, Range 20 last, De Bace County, New Mexico.

If you have not blugged this well by May 15, 196h, it will be necessary for us, as your Bonding Comesny, to do the necessary plugging, and in turn we will look to you for our costs.

If it is necessary for us to plug this well it will netwelly jeoperdize your bonding in this state, and it is our suggestion that you make the necessary argumenents to have this well plugged as soon as possible.

Please advise us of your intentions as soon as possible so that we may take the necessary action providing you do not intend to comply with the Order of the Dil Conservation Commission.

Sincerely, Sierple Cole

Doyle/Cole Superintendent Artesia Cleid Deut.

cc: J. N. Durnett, dr. / Oil Conservation Commission

> N. L. Armstrong District 2, 011 Conservation Com.

Enclosures

The Employers' Group OF INSURANCE COMPANIES

ARTESIA CLAIM DEPARTMENT ward building, artesia, new mexico

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

May 14, 1964

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

RE: YOUR CASE NO. 3001 YOUR ORDER NO. R-2683 BOND NO. SY-311027 - O. A. PETERS \$5,000.00 ONE-WELL PLUGGING BOND

Gentlemen:

Please find the enclosed letter received from Mr. O. A. Peters alone with a copy of a agreement that he has signed with Steinberger Drilling Company, of Roswell, New Mexico where they agree to plug well in your order number listed above, which probably has already been done by the Steinberger Drilling Company.

At this time I would like to hear from you as to whether or not our Assured has done the necessary required plugging of this well so that we may retire our file.

Thanking you for your cooperation.

Sincerely, Doylq Cole

Superintendent Artesia Claim Dept.

DC/st Eacls. cet: Mr. M. L. Armstrong



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Steinberger Drifting Company will abide by all Federal, be furnished upon request. Original to be delivered to office on date of State

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April 28, 1964 504 S. Flower Saxta Ama, Galif.

The Employers Group Of Insurence Company P. O. Bex 457 Artesia, New Mexico

Dear Str

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In regards to pluging my I have mad a deal with Steinberger Drilling Company to plug it, and I will pay all the bills on it, serry I was so long pluging the well, we was plaining to youse it to drill a mother well.

O.a. Piters



OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION P. O. BOX 871 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

May 25, 1964

The Employers' Group of Insurance Companies Artesia Claim Department Ward Building Artesia, New Mexico

Attention: Mr. Doyle Cole

Re: Case No. 3001 - Order No. R-2683 Bond No. SY-311027 - Peters State Well No. 1

Gentlemen:

We have now received an approved plugging report from our Artesia Office concerning the above well. This will close the case.

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

Very truly yours,

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

JMD/esr

cc: Oil Conservation Commission Drawer DD Artesia, New Mexico

> Mr. O. A. Peters 504 South Flower Street Santa Ana, California

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION P. O. BOX 871 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

May 18, 1964

The Employers' Group of Insurance Companies Artesia Claim Department Ward Building Artesia, New Mexico

Attention: Mr. Doyle Cole

Re: Case No. 3001 - Order No. R-2683 Bond No. SY-311027 - Peters State Well No. 1

Gentlemen:

We have your letter of May 14, 1964, requesting information on plugging of the above well. Although we have not received a plugging report from our Artesia office, if the well has been plugged the report should be forwarded in the near future.

We will advise you when we have received the required plugging report.

Very truly yours,

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

JMD/esr

cc: Mr. M. L. Armstrong Supervisor, District 2 Oil Conservation Commission Drawer DD Artesia, New Mexico



MR. NUTTER: We will call Case 3001. PAGE 2 MR. DURRETT: 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 Phone 243.6691 DEARNLEY, MEIER, WILKINS and CROWNOVER 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 Nexico, should not be plugged in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program. New Mexico If the Examiner please, Jim Durrett appearing on behalf of General Court Reporting Service the Commission and its Staff, and I will have one witness, Hr. Albuquerque,] Amstrong. (Witness sworn.) M. L. ARMSTRONG called as a witness, having been first duly sworn, testified as Suite 1120 Simms Building follows: DIRECT EXAMINATION BY LR. DURRETT: Will you please state your name and position for the Q record? N. L. Armstrong, New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission, A supervisor of District 2. Are you a supervisor of District No. 3 in Artesia? Q <u>Â</u> No, District 2.



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	Q District 2?
	A Yes.
	Q As a part of your official duties as a supervisor of
11	District No. 2 in Artesia, do you supervise the plugging of wells
3-669	in your district and make recommendations to the Commission con-
e 24.	cerning the same?
Phon	A I do.
	Q Are you familiar with the O. A. Peters State Well No. 1
exico	which is the subject matter of this case?
ew M	A Yes, sir.
ie, N.	Q Do you have the official file of the Commission with
nerqı	you, the official file?
Ilbug	A Ido.
Ŧ	Q Would you please refer to that file and give us the
ding	location of the well?
v.	A The well is located in the Southeast of the Southeast of
	N
20 Si	Q Is it 860 from the South line and 660 from the East line
te 112	A That is right.
Sui	Q And referring to your official file that you have there,
	Mr. Armstrong, the official well file, will you please state to
	the Examiner the name of the operator as it appears in your file?
	A O.A. Peters.
	Suite 1120 Simms Building Albuquerque, New Mexico Phone 243-6691



			Q What specific form are you referring to to get that		
			information?		
		243-6691	A C-109.		
ŝR			Q Would you please refer again to the file and give us a		
			short history of the well as reflected in our well file?		
JVE			A This well was started, they got into a bunch of fishing		
NA		Phone	jobs, I don't know just what all they did do, but then they		
RO			abandoned it and skidded over and started another well, completed		
C T	e,	Mexico	it and plugged it.		
EY, MEIER, WILKINS and CROWNOVER	Service	lew	Q When was it started, can you tell from your forms there		
IN	orting		Hr. Armstrong?		
ILK	t Rep		A This well was, I don't have much on it, I couldn't get		
A d	General Court Reporting		it, I couldn't say the date it was started.		
IEK	enera	lding .	Q Do you have the completion?		
ME	G		lding	Building	u Iding
EY,			what he intends to do is all that I ever received from him. I		
		Simms	received one C-103 stating that he ran 545 foot of $10-3/4^{\text{H}}$ casing		
DEARNL		20 Si	with 75 sacks of cement.		
IQ		Suite 1120	Q We have never received a form stating that the well had		
		Sui	been completed, is that correct?		
			A That's right.		
			Q When was the last correspondence that you received from		
			this operator?		



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				A It was on April the 22nd, 1963.	
				Q Mas that a form?	
ER				A That was Form C-102 telling me if in case that this well,	
	2		chis	No. 1-X was a producing well, he would like to keep this	
	, 44 , 4	1000-042	vell	for a water well or either turn it to the ranch. That's the	
OVE	č	9 7 7 1	last	report I have had from hin.	
NC	ľ.	Phone .		Q Would it be your opinion, based upon your testimony that	
DEARNLEY, MEIER, WILKINS and CROWNOVER			vou r	nave given here today, that the well has been abandoned?	
	v	Mexico		A Yes, sir, it must have been.	
	Court Reporting Service	New M		Q And can you tell from the file as to whether or not the	
	nting		vell	is dry?	
	Repo	Albuquerque,		A The well is dry. This last letter it was a, this	
	Court	Ilbuq	last	form, no, it doesn't say it's dry, but he's abandoned it.	
	General			Q We have no indication that any production was encounter-	
	ů -	ding e	ed?		
EY,	ب ب	Building		A No, I think not.	
NLJ		Simms	smm		Q Would it be your opinion that this well should be
AR	i		lugg	ged in a manner that will confine oil, gas and water in the	
IQ	1	Suite 1120	origi	inal strate containing them?	
	2	Sui		A Yes, I think it should be.	
				Q Do you have some indication that there's fresh water in	
_	۲	t	the a	area?	
-				A Yes. According to this C-102 he wanted to use it for a	
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water well, if the other well was productive he wanted to use it for a water well for his other well if it was productive, but it wasn't productive.

Q Then it would also be your opinion that the well should be plugged in order to protect the fresh water in the area?

A Yes.

Q Do you have a minimum plugging program, Mr. Armstrong, that you can give to the Examiner?

A I have one that I think will do, but we'll be on the job and it may need, he hasn't reported anything on this well. I don't know just exactly what condition it is in and when they go to plug it. Well, I think a 50-sack plug at TD, which is 845 and a 25-sack plug in and out of the 10-3/4, and with heavy mud between each plug and then his regular marker at the top.

A Five sacks is all right.

Q (By Mr. Durrett) You want to specify mud weighing not less than ten pounds?

A Right.

Q Would it be your opinion, Mr. Armstrong, that this plugging program, this minimum plugging program that you have outlined to the Examiner would prevent waste and protect correlative rights in this area if adopted?



DEARNLEY, MEIER, WILKINS and CROWNOVER General Court Reporting Service 243-660

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		A Yes, I'm sure it will.
		MR. DURRETT: If the Examiner please, I would request
		the Examiner to take administrative notice of the official well
	Ιó	file of the Commission in this case and all of the forms and all
iR	243-6691	correspondence contained therein. That will conclude my examina-
JVE	Phone 24	tion of Mr. Armstrong.
ONA		MR. NUTTER: We will take administrative notice of the
ROV		official well file of the Commission in this case and all of the
d Cl	Mexico	forms and all correspondence contained therein.
EY, MEIER, WILKINS and CROWNOVER General Court Reporting Service	New M	CROSS EXAMINATION
INS prting	Albuquerque,	BY MR. NUTTER:
ILK t Repu		Q As I understand it, this is a tentative plugging pro-
, W Cour		gram that you offer with the idea that when actual work commences
'IÉR eneral		it might have to be modified?
ME G	Building	A Might have to be modified. I am not too sure, not
EY,		having any records, wildcat area.
	mms	Q How did you establish that the T.D. is 845 feet?
DEARNL	Suite 1120 Simms	A I believe it was through a scout report. Of course, it
IQ	te 11.	could be deeper than that.
	Sui	MR. NUTTER: Are there any other questions of Mr. Arm-
		strong?
		MR. PORTER: I have one.
		BY MR. PORTER:
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I believe you said that there was another well drilled Q and plugged? Yes. Å Has the plugging of that well been approved? Q Phone 243-6691 Yes. DEARNLEY, MEIER, WILKINS and CROWNOVER A Was that well designated as the No. 1 and this well 1-X? Q The first well was, yes, No. 1, this well that we are A talking about now is No. 1. New Mexico Q No. 1. General Court Reporting Service And the other well is 1-X that they skidded. They A skidded the rig over and drilled right close to it. Albuquerque, Is 1-X the one that needs to be plugged? Q Α The No. 1 is the one that needs to be plugged. MR. PORTER: That's all I have. Building BY MR. NUTTER: Mr. Armstrong, have you or any of your inspectors ever Q Suite 1120 Simms discussed this well with the rancher, Mr. Overton? А Yes. What is the rancher's reaction to plugging this well? Q At one time I believe he wanted it as a water well. He said he would like to have it as a water well, but he A didn't want to take the responsibility of maybe getting contamination.



		Q	So he won't take the responsibility for the well?
		A	That's right.
		ৃ	You are recommending that it be plugged instead?
	Ibi	Α	Yes.
DEARNLEY, MEIER, WILKINS and CROWNOVER General Court Reporting Service	Phone 243-6691		MR. NUTTER: Any other questions? He may be excused.
ΓΛΟ	ne 24		(Witness excused.)
NA	Pho		MR. NUTTER: Do you have anything further, Mr. Durrett?
RO			HR. DURRETT: No, sir, we do not have anything further.
d d C d	Aexic		MR. HUTTER: Does anyone have anything they wish to
EIER, WILKINS and General Court Reporting Service	New Mexico	offer in	Case 2001? We will take the case under advisement.
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO SS COUNTY OF BERNALILLO) I, ADA DEARNLEY, Court Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached transcript of proceedings before the New , 243-6691 Mexico Oil Conservation Commission at Santa Fe, New Mexico, is a DEARNLEY, MEIER, WILKINS and CROWNOVER true and correct record to the best of my knowledge, skill and Phone : IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have affixed my hand and notarial seal ability. Albuquerque, New Mexico this 23rd day of Harch, 1964. General Court Reporting Service Notary Public-Court My commission expires: June 19, 1967. Suite 1120 Simms Building I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a complete recard of the 00/ the Example? 64 102.3 heard by Examiner New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission