

CASE 3294: Hearing on motion of
OCC. Permit HAROLD J. SECHLER,
dba S & S Oil Prod. to plug well.

*Cont to Sept 8th
-then to Sept 22nd.*

CASE NO.

3294

Application,
TRANSCRIPTS,
SMALL Exhibits
ETC.

Leonard Heard = Dowell Well

325-5096 Farmington

Has a plugging contract
for Volusia ~~well~~ Co well.
He wants to know what
procedure to follow.

Memo

From

JAMES M. DURRETT JR
GENERAL COUNSEL

To *Niel Good,*
Lakewood Colo

Atty

Mr. Lickler

3370 Independence

(New Address)

Memo

From

I. R. TRUJILLO

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

To

Merged w/ Reliance
Insurance Group.

320 California St.

San Francisco, Calif.

Memo

From
IDA RODRIGUEZ
Secretary to Director

To Jim

The attached card came
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Sechler - I found it in
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BEFORE THE
NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Santa Fe, New Mexico
August 25, 1965

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Harold J. Sechler, d/b/a S. & S. Oil Producers, and all other interested parties to show cause why the Bond Well No. 1 located in the SW/4 NE/4 of Section 17, Township 9 North, Range 14 West, Valencia County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission approved plugging program.

Case No. 3294

BEFORE: Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner

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MR. NUTTER: The hearing will come to order, please.
The first case this morning will be Case No. 3294.

MR. DURRETT: In the matter of the hearing called
by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit
Harold J. Sechler, dba S. & S. Oil Producers, and all other
interested parties to show cause why the Bond Well No. 1
located in the SW/4 NE/4 of Section 17, Township 9 North,
Range 14 West, Valencia County, New Mexico, should not be
plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved
plugging program.

If the Examiner please, I would like to state for the
record that I have been contacted by Mr. Neal Good who is
attorney for Mr. Sechler. He has requested over the telephone
that this case be continued to September 8, 1965, and I have
received a telegram from Mr. Good stating that Mr. Sechler
requests continuance to September 8 and that he will be
present at that hearing.

MR. NUTTER: Case No. 3294 will be continued to
9:00 A.M., September 8 at this same place.

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COUNTY OF BERNALILLO) ss

I, ADA DEARNLEY, Notary Public in and for the County of Bernalillo, State of New Mexico, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached Transcript of Hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission was reported by me; and that the same is a true and correct record of the said proceedings, to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

Witness my Hand and Seal this 2nd day of September, 1965.

Ada Dearnley
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

June 19, 1967.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a complete record of the proceedings in the Examiner hearing of Case No. 3294 heard by me on 8/25, 1965.
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New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission

NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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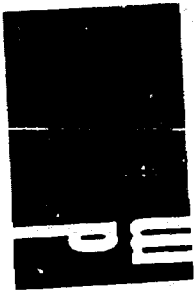
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Santa Fe, New Mexico
September 8, 1965

EXAMINER HEARING

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located in the SW/4 NE/4 of Section 17,
Township 9 North, Range 14 West, Valencia
County, New Mexico, should not be plugged
and abandoned in accordance with a Commission
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Case No. 3294

BEFORE: Elvis A. Utz, Examiner

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MR. UTZ: The hearing will come to order. The first case on the docket is a continued case, Case 3249; the hearing on the motion of the Oil Conservation Commission to permit Harold J. Sechler, d/b/a S & S Oil Producers to log a well.

This case was omitted from the hearing docket today, therefore it will be continued to September 22nd.

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certify that the foregoing and attached transcript of
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have affixed my hand and notarial
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Lenny Watts
Notary Public - Court Reporter

My Commission Expires:

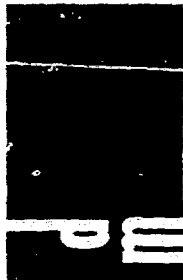
I do hereby certify that the foregoing is
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Santa Fe, New Mexico
September 22, 1965

Examiner HEARING

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E. & S. Oil Producers, and all other interested)
parties to show cause why the Bond Well No. 1)
located in the SW/4 NE/4 of Section 17, Township)
9 North, Range 14 West, Valencia County, New)
Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in)
accordance with a Commission-approved plugging)
program.)

Case No. 3294

BEFORE: n. S. Nutter - Chief Engineer

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NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Examiner Hearing

Santa Fe, NEW MEXICO

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MR. NUTTER: The hearing will come to order, please. The Commission will take up Case 3294 which is in the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on it's own motion and to permit all other parties to show cause why Bond Well Number 1 in Section 17, Township 9 North, Range 14 West should not be ordered plugged.

MR. DURRETT: If the Examiner please, Jim Durrett appearing on behalf of the Commission and it's staff. We're prepared to present a witness in this case concerning the plugging of the well, but I'm advised that Mr. Sechler may be present and would like to make a statement.

MR. NUTTER: Is there anyone present who would like to make an appearance in this case?

MR. DURRETT: We have no objection to Mr. sechler being sworn to present testimony or just to give a statement concerning this matter if he would like, Mr. Examiner.

MR. NUTTER: Would you care to make a sworn statement in this regard?

MR. SECHLER: Well--

MR. NUTTER: What is your position?

MR. SECHLER: You might say I'm the comptroller and I wish to make a statement, I wish to make a sworn statement that we intend to go ahead with this well and complete it.

MR. NUTTER: Raise your hand please. You solemnly

swear that the statement you're about to make in this case will be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth so help you God?

MR. SECHLER: I do.

HAROLD J. SECHLER

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

BY MR. NUTTER:

Q Mr. Sechler, you're Harold J. Sechler doing business as an oil producer, is that correct?

A Yes, sir.

Q And you or your company drilled or caused to be drilled, the Bond Well Number 1 in the Southwest Quarter, Northeast Quarter of Section 17, Township 9, 14 West?

A Yes, sir.

Q When was this well commenced?

A In '63.

Q And to what depth has the well been drilled?

A Well, it was drilled to approximately twenty-five hundred feet.

Q When was active work discontinued?

A Well, it was in October or the first part of November, it was right in there. We had a Kelly Swivel Friction Freeze on it. I have a photograph of the operation. The rig is still on

the lease, still over the well. This was a picture of the operation at that time and it stands except for the drill pipe going in the derrick, stands in the derrick.

Q Now, this active operation was discontinued in October or November of 1963?

A That's right.

Q Well, now we're in the latter part of September of 1965, which is almost two years later. What is the reason for the lag in continuing the active operation?

A Well, we had some trouble and difficulty in locating a swivel of the type that we needed for this rig and this operation to match the rig and so forth. We have procured this swivel and I would like to proceed with the operation if the weather permits. I mean this is something--we're about six miles from, give or take a mile or two, from the highway and it poses a problem getting in and out of the lease. It's in a mountainous area.

Q What is the nearest town to this location, Mr. Sechler?

A Gallup, New Mexico.

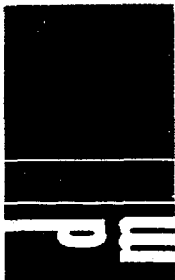
Q What direction from Gallup is this well?

A Southeast.

Q It's out there south of Highway 66, then?

A Yes, sir.

Q Well, now, Mr. Sechler, we've got winter coming up



again. If the well isn't taken care of soon, why, it's going to be a matter of being held up for another six months on account of weather, won't it be? You mentioned weather conditions.

A Yes, I understand this. We did not encounter any water zones or anything or any zone that might be contaminated or that we might contaminate in drilling this well. I don't think it's hurting anything. It has a bottom plug and it's full of bentonite to surface and there's a cover over the well.

Q What is your actual position in the case, are you requesting that the case be continued to a later date or just what--

A Well, I would like to have permission to go ahead with the well. I don't know what your procedure is in this ^{manner} manner.

MR. DURRETT: Maybe I can be of assistance, Mr.

Examiner.

MR. NUTTER: Mr. Durrett, would you relate the staff's position in this matter?

MR. DURRETT: Yes, I certainly will. Mr. Sechler, I propose to present a witness here today, Mr. Kapteina, who is the District Supervisor of the District in which your well is located, who will testify that in his opinion this well should be plugged in order to prevent waste.

Now, in the past we have had similar situations of this nature where an operator did desire to go ahead and rework

the well, but I would suggest that you make a specific request to the Examiner and give him some supporting statements to show your intentions along that line.

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. DURRETT:

Q Let me ask you this. You do intend to go ahead with the well, you would like to do so?

A Definitely.

Q How long do you think it would take you to complete it, it is not completed, is that correct?

A That's right. Well, depending naturally upon weather conditions, this is one of the main factors. It is a long ways from town. This makes it difficult for crews getting in and out. In as much as it has been open this long I would like to have it set over until May.

Q Until May?

A Yes.

MR. NUTTER: Mr. Sechler, I might point out here we have a letter from you dated May 14, of 1965, in which you state, "It is our plan to resume operation on the well on or before June 10, 1965".

A This is true.

Q (By Mr. Durrett) When could you commence operations again, Mr. Sechler, barring weather? How long will it be before

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you start working on the well again?

A In October.

Q In October?

A Yes.

Q So, we're talking about a month or so?

A That's right.

Q Then you feel that due to the weather conditions and the problems encountered in drilling, that you would probably be until May before you had it completed?

A Well, no. If we get in and are able to, without any interruption as far as weather is concerned, I believe we could be out of there within forty-five days.

Q But, at any rate you feel you could start work on the well again, active work on the well, within a period of thirty or forty-five days, would that be correct?

A Yes.

MR. NUTTER: Mr. Sechler, we'll continue this Case Number 3294 to the Examiner Hearing which will be held at 9:00 o'clock a.m. at this same place on November 23rd. Now, this is going to give you sixty days in which you can resume your operations. At that hearing in November on the 23rd, if we don't have evidence that the well is again activated, I think Mr. Durrett will go ahead and present his case then, for the plugging of the well. He's going to defer his case at this time.



A Thank you.

MR. IRBY: Mr. Examiner, may I ask this witness a couple of questions, please?

MR. NUTTER: Yes, sir.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

BY MR. IRBY:

Q I'm Frank Irby, State Engineer's Office. You said this well has a plug in it and that it's filled with bentonite?

A Right.

Q This is a cement plug. Is there any casing in the hole or is it an open hole all the way?

A It has some casing, yes.

Q How much?

A Oh, oh, several hundred feet.

Q What is the total depth of the well; twenty-five hundred, you said, approximately?

A Approximately.

Q Well, do you have twenty-five hundred feet of casing in it?

A No.

Q Well, you say several hundred, do you know how much within a hundred feet?

A Well, say a couple hundred feet, yes.

Q Is this at the surface as you say, or is it down

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where the plug is?

A No, no, it's at the surface, near the surface.

MR. NUTTER: Mr. Irby, I believe that the well file reflects that one hundred feet of 8" casing was cemented. The total depth at the time was 105 feet. The casing was cemented with 25 or more sacks of cement according to the well file.

MR. IRBY: I won't offer any objection to the tentative ruling of the Examiner. I will appear at the November 23rd hearing on this matter.

MR. NUTTER: Case Number 3294 is continued to November 23rd.

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) SS
COUNTY OF BERNALILLO)

I, ADA DEARNLEY, Court Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached transcript of proceedings before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission at Santa Fe, New Mexico, is a true and correct record to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have affixed my hand and notarial seal this 28th day of September, 1965.

Ada Dearnley
Notary Public-Court Reporter

My Commission Expires June 19, 1967

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a complete record of the proceedings in the Examiner hearing of Case No. 3294 heard by me on 9/22, 1965.

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Santa Fe, New Mexico
November 23, 1965

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

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Case No. 3294

BEFORE: DANIEL S. NUTTER, Examiner

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MR. NUTTER: This hearing with come to order. The first case is 3294 in the matter of the hearing called by the Commission on its own motion to permit Harold J. Sechler, dba S&S Oil Producers, and all other interested parties to show cause why the Bond Well No. 1 located in the Southwest 4, Northeast 4, of Section 17, Township 9 North, Range 14 West, Valencia County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program. Are there any appearances in Case Number 3294?

MR. DURRETT: If the Examiner please, Jim Durrett appearing on behalf of the Commission and its staff. I would like to state for the record at this time to refresh the Examiner's memory concerning some of the procedural background in this case. This case was originally docketed for the August 25, 1965, hearing. At that time it was continued until September, 1965. On September 8, 1965, at the request of Mr. Sechler's attorney it was continued to the September 22nd hearing and on September 22nd Mr. Sechler did appear and made his statement to the Examiner and the case was continued to the hearing today. I believe if the Examiner will refer to the transcript of the September 22nd hearing, he will find that Mr. Sechler stated that he had had a well in production by this hearing date and that he would appear at this hearing and so advised the Examiner.

MR. NUTTER: And that was the occasion of the 60-day continuance, is that correct?

MR. DURRETT: Sir, I believe that is correct from September 22nd to November 23rd. Since this is a show cause hearing and since Mr. Sechler has not decided to appear and show cause, I would propose to present a witness to the Examiner to establish that this well should be plugged.

MR. NUTTER: Would you go ahead and proceed with your case Mr. Durrett.

MR. DURRETT: I would like to have Mr. Kapteina sworn, please.

(Witness sworn.)

JAMES E. KAPTEINA, having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. DURRETT:

Q Will you please state your name and position for the record?

A James E. Kapteina, petroleum engineer, for the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission.

Q Mr. Kapteina, are you familiar with the Bond Well Number 1 which is the subject matter of this hearing?

A Yes, sir. I am.

Q Is that well located in Southwest quarter of the

northeast quarter of Township 9 north, Range 14 west, Valencia County, New Mexico?

A It is.

Q And is that area within your jurisdiction as a supervisor of District 4 of the Oil Conservation Commission?

A Yes.

Q Do you have in your position the Commission's official well file concerning this case?

A I do.

Q Will you please refer to that well file, Mr. Kapteina, and state to the Examiner when this well was drilled according to your official records?

A C-10, Notice of Intention to Drill, dated July 19, 1963, was approved by me on July 25, 1963.

Q Do you have a Report of Completion on this well?

A I have a Form C-103 stating the work performed on July 19, 1963, drilled to 105 feet and set a 100 foot of eight inch casing with 25 or more sacks of cement. He was planning then to pressure test to see that he had cement to surface.

Q And that was in July of 1963?

A Yes.

Q What's your next report?

A The next report is dated November 15, 1963, and approved December 26th. This was a request for temporary

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abandonment because of weather conditions.

Q Was that approved by you at that time?

A It was approved December 26, 1963. His total at that time 2482.

Q Is that your last report, Mr. Kapteina?

A That's the last report filed by Mr. Sechler and I wrote a letter to Mr. Sechler on May 10, 1965: "After two years, or almost two years, I consider the well to be abandoned and ask that it be plugged." And on May 14, 1965, a reply from Mr. H. J. Sechler: "In answer to your letter dated May 10, 1965, it is our plan to resume operations on the well on or before June 10, 1965. We have the necessary money and equipment to go ahead with the operation to a completion. Thanking you in advance for your cooperation in this matter, Yours very truly."

Q Do you know, Mr. Kapteina, whether or not operations were resumed in June of 1965?

A I believe Mr. Sechler testified when he appeared here at the hearing that he had -- no operations has been started at that time.

Q And you have had no subsequent reports?

A No reports.

Q Is it Mr. Kapteina, is it your opinion that this well had been abandoned and it should be plugged in order to prevent

waste?

A Well, since we haven't had subsequent reports, it appears that Mr. Sechler doesn't intend to do anything further with this well.

Q Now, you have no knowledge as far as your official well file goes, Mr. Kapteina, to whether or not this well actually had ever been completed, is that correct? In other words, is it a producer or is it not?

A No, it's no producer.

Q So, there would have been no production report of any type?

A No.

Q Do you feel, Mr. Kapteina, that this well should be plugged in order to confine oil, gas and other hydrocarbons in the strata in which they were originally contained?

A Well, since he has no reports, I feel that no report of any oil or gas it should be plugged in order to protect any water that may be in the area.

Q And what about any hydrocarbons that he may have passed through that he didn't report, Mr. Kapteina, if that was the case?

A Well, in that case they should be confined to the strata in which they presently are located.

Q Do you have a plugging program at this time to

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recommend to the Examiner?

A We have no C-105 which would report any formations that were carrying any hydrocarbons or any water, why I would recommend that the -- he reported that he had placed a plug at the total depth and one at the surface. If that interval is filled with heavy mud that surface plug should be drilled out and replaced and a marker, regulation marker be placed in the well.

Q Mr. Kapteina, for the purpose of the record, will you please state what the C-105 is. Is that the well log?

A C-105 is a well log showing tops of formations passed through.

Q So, this had not been filed with you and we, from the Commission's standpoint, would have no way of knowing what formations were drilled through?

A That's correct.

Q Is that correct?

A That's right.

Q So, you have no way of knowing whether or not there were oil or gas bearing formations or water bearing formations within the well, is that correct?

A That's correct.

Q So, you feel that the plugging program which you have outlined would confine oil, gas, water and any other hydrocarbons

within the strata in which they were originally contained, is that correct?

A I believe so.

Q Now, you are recommending that the surface plug be drilled out, the hole be filled with heavy mud to the surface and a surface plug be reinstalled --

A With a permanent marker.

Q -- with a permanent marker?

A A 35 foot cement plug.

Q A 35 foot cement plug at the surface?

A That's right.

MR. DURRETT: If the Examiner please, I will move that the Commission take an official administrative notice of its official well file in this case and that will conclude my direct examination of Mr. Kapteina.

MR. NUTTER: We will take notice of the file pertaining to this well on the case. Are there any questions of Mr. Kapteina? Mr. Kapteina, this program that you are recommending here today is being recommended only in the absence of further knowledge that work was done on the well, is that correct?

MR. KAPTEINA: Correct.

MR. NUTTER: In the event that we can determine that other conditions are such that would require another plugging

program, you wouldn't want us to be bound by filling the hole with heavy mud?

MR. KAPTEINA: No.

MR. NUTTER: And putting a 35 foot --

MR. KAPTEINA: In case any other cement plugs are necessary for any pore or permeable formations, I believe they should be added.

MR. NUTTER: I see.

MR. PORTER: I have one question. Mr. Kapteina, have you made a trip to this location?

MR. KAPTEINA: I made a trip to this location just prior to its temporary abandonment.

MR. PORTER: And when was that, sir?

MR. KAPTEINA: That was in December of 1963.

MR. PORTER: Which is almost two years ago?

MR. KAPTEINA: Yes, sir.

MR. PORTER: You have had no subsequent forms filed on that well?

MR. KAPTEINA: No.

MR. PORTER: What does our rule provide as far as temporary abandonment is concerned? Does it require subsequent forms to be filed after the first form is filed showing that the well is temporarily abandoned or periodic forms that should be filed after that time?

MR. KAPTEINA: I don't think the rule --- I don't think we have any rule that applies to this.

MR. PORTER: That's all I have.

MR. NUTTER: What was that again Mr. Kapteina, was that 35 sacks or 35 feet?

MR. KAPTEINA: 35 feet.

MR. NUTTER: Are there any other questions of Mr. Kapteina? You may be excused. I will call again for any appearances in case 3294 or does anyone have anything to offer in this case? We will take the case under advisement and call case 3333.

(Whereupon, Case Number 3294 was concluded.)

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I, DEAN A. ROBINSON, Notary Public in and for the County of Bernalillo, State of New Mexico, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached Transcript of Hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission was reported by me; and that the same is a true and correct record of the said proceedings, to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

Witness my Hand and Seal this 29th day of November, 1965.

Dean A. Robinson
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

October 16, 1969.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is
a complete record of the proceedings in
the Executive Hearing of Case No. 3294,
heard by me on 11/23, 1965.

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September 2, 1966

Mr. Allen Antwil
Box 2010
Hobbs, New Mexico

RE: Standard Accident Bond No. B 127223 -
Harold J. Sechler d/b/a S & S Oil Producers -
State of New Mexico Oil Conservation
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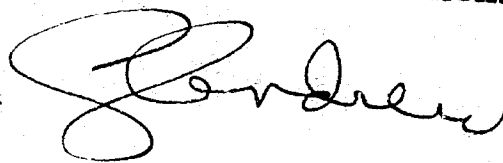
Dear Mr. Antwil:

I tried to reach you by telephone but was informed that you would be out of your office until Tuesday, September 6, 1966. I am hoping that when you return you will forward to me the information concerning the plugging of the well referred to in Oil Conservation Commission Order No. R-3009.

Yours very truly,

WELLER, FRIEDRICH AND HICKISCH

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cc: George Hatch, Esquire
cc: Reliance (3)

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 2088

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September 7, 1971

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Mr. Robert M. Conklin
Reliance Insurance Companies
Insurance Exchange Building
910 15th St.
Denver, Colorado 80202

Re: Status of the S & S Oil
Producers' Well No. 1,
Section 17, Township 9
North, Range 14 West, NMPM,
Valencia County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Conklin:

In response to your letter of August 12, 1971, concerning the status of the above-described well, I wish to inform you that an inspection of the well will be conducted within a short time. After the inspection is conducted, I will forward certain recommendations to you.

Yours very truly,

GEORGE M. HATCH
Attorney

GME/dr

cc: Mr. H. J. Sechler, Wheat Ridge, Colorado

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 2088

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

April 12, 1968

Mr. H. J. Sechler
3330 Garland Street
Wheat Ridge, Colorado

Dear Mr. Sechler:

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Very truly yours,

A. L. PORTER, Jr.
Secretary-Director

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cc: Reliance Insurance Companies - Denver, Colorado
Mr. James E. Kapteina, Oil Commission - Santa Fe, New Mexico

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August 12, 1971

Mr. J. E. Kapteina, Engineer
State of New Mexico
Oil Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 2008
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Kapteina:

I am writing you regarding the status of the S & S Oil Producers' well number 1, section 17, township 9N, range 14W, NMPM, Valencia County, New Mexico. As you know, we have had a bond on this well for many years; and, of course, would like to retire from it since we have not been able to collect any premiums. I did get in touch with Mr. Harold Sechler by phone yesterday, and he stated that the well had been plugged, but no marker put up. He further stated that he is very ill and believes himself to be dying, he stated that in this year he had gone down from 195 pounds to 117 pounds and doubted that he would ever be able to do anything again.

Since this is a long way from us, I would appreciate your help and advice as to what needs to be done and the most economical way to accomplish this. Please use the self-addressed, stamped envelope for your convenience.

Yours very truly,

Robert M. Conklin
Bond Manager

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February 22, 1967

New Mexico Gas and Oil Commission
c/o Mr. D. S. Nutter

Dear Sir;

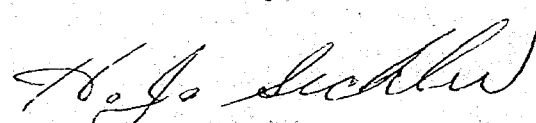
Enclosed find legal description and plugging instructions as per December, 1966, telephone conversation.

No. 1A Bond well, located in SW 1/4, NE 1/4 of section 17, Township 9N, Range 14W, NMPL, Valencia County, New Mexico.

The bottom plug was placed at 1,935 feet, 80 sacks of cement were placed, and another at 200 feet, 20 sacks of cement were placed, the surface plug was placed in the surface casing to surface, 10 sacks of cement were placed. A pipe marker giving the location and legal description was placed at surface. These plugs were placed for temporary abandonment.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours truly,



H. J. Sechler
DBA S and S Drilling Co.
3330 Garland
Wheat Ridge, Colorado



P. O. BOX 1217

FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO

PH. 325-6997

December 16, 1966


Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Attention: Dan Nutter

Dear Mr. Nutter:

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of our Cementing
Service Ticket No. 3439 for work done for S & S Oil Producers.
Mr. Arnold at your Aztec office requested we mail this to you.

Yours truly,


W. W. Blackmon

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DATE 11-15-66

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WELL OWNER *S & S Oil Producers*LEASE WELL NO *Ex 100 #1 A*CHARGE TO *Same*COUNT *Valencia* STATE *N.M.*ADDRESS *2330 Garden*CONTRACTOR *S & S Oil Co*CITY & STATE *Wheatridge*PRESSURE MINIMUM MAXIMUM *200*TYPE JOB *Plug*

CEMENT LEFT IN PIPE

FT. CASING SIZE

JOB BEGAN JOB COMPLETED *6:15*HOLE SIZE *2 7/8* DEPTH PLUGCEMENTER *Blackmon*

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*180.00*DRIVER *Hustin*MILEAGE - *115* Miles @ Per Mile*52.50*REMARKS *Spot 80 lbs cement from*ADDITIONAL CHARGE *1300.00**19.25 to 14.50 Spot 10 lbs**@ 10¢ Per ft**130.00**Cement from 700 to 165**367.50**Spot 10 lbs in surface*

SALES TAX

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Kind

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 2088

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Mr. George Hatch

FROM: J. E. Kapteina

SUBJECT: S & S Producers' Bond No. 1

On May 25, 1966, a field inspection was made of S & S Oil Producers' Bond No. 1 located in the SW/4 NE/4 of Section 17, Township 9 North, Range 14 West, NMPM, Valencia County, to determine whether or not the subject well had been properly plugged as reported by Harold Sechler. A rotary rig is in position over the hole, a steel drum has been placed over the hole and a stand of drill pipe run through the rig floor to rest on the drum to prevent its removal. It is estimated that approximately 2500 feet of drill pipe is standing in the derrick.

An interview with a Park Service employee at the El Morro National Monument shed some light on Mr. Sechler's activities. The drilling sight is about four miles from the Monument and with water being scarce in the area; while he was engaged in his drilling activities, Mr. Sechler made it a habit to procure about ten gallons, or so, of water per day from the Park Ranger to be used as drinking water at the well site. The Ranger advised the last occasion of such procurement of water occurred about 1 1/2 years ago or about November, 1964. He had not seen Sechler since that date, nor had he heard of any operations being carried out at the well during that period. It is worth noting that the drilling of

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the well created much interest among the inhabitants of the area and it is felt that any activity, whether drilling or plugging operation, would have become known.

May 26, 1966

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12-15-66

11:30 AM

Sechler called and wants to plug
now - will want to re-enter later.

DSN to Sechler - temp. plugging
program (should be adequate
if well is permanently abd)

TD 1935 (never could get to
old TD of 2482(?) in
fact strayed off hole and
got into new rock.

Plugging prog:

80 SK @ TD

10 SK @ 200

10 SK w/ marker @ top of hole

asked Emery to plug plugging w/ plugging contractor

12-16-66

3:30 pm

Emery Arnold called had checked
with Woody Blackman of Blackman
Cmty Serv (Ph 325 6997) and
asked how well had been plugged.
Blackman advised method of plugging
as follows.

Set 80 SK at TD

Set 10 SK at 200

Left 10 SK w/ Sechler which will be
hand mixed and dumped in at surface
with marker. Left copy of ticket w/
Sechler and will also send us one
direct.

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 2088
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

November 15, 1966

Mr. H. J. Sechler
General Delivery
Ramah, New Mexico

Re: Bond Well No. 1-A, SW/4 NE/4, Section 17,
Township 9 North, Range 14 West, Valencia
County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Sechler:

We are in receipt of your letter of November 8, 1966,
advising that you had twisted off and were attempting to
recover your drill pipe and collars before completing your
well.

We trust that you will not encounter undue difficulties
in pursuing this project to its conclusion at an early date.
For your convenience we are enclosing a small supply of our
Well Progress Report Cards. We will appreciate your keeping
us advised of the status of this well by mailing one of
these cards to us each week.

Very truly yours,

DANIEL S. NUTTER
Chief Engineer

DSN/esr
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Nov. 8, 1966

Dear Sir: Mr. D.S. Mutter

We have agreed to
pursue the well which
we are presently
working, and have diligent
at and in accordance

with your agreement
the Chief Engineer that
we would be through
by 11-15-66. But we
have turned off and
have been fishing for
several days, too deep
to recover our drill pipe
& collar. So you can
see we are anxious to
recover before we can
plug the well in
for approval of re-entry
at later date. Please advise
by return mail.

Location
SW 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 17 T. 2 S. R. 10 E.
Township 2 North Range 10 East
Valencia County New Mexico

Sincerely Yours
D. J. Sepp

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We may need an additional
thirty days to recover
drill pipe & collar in
the well bore.

We are presently working
down to the top of
our fish.

We would have been

through 15 days ago
if we hadn't had
this trouble.

Sincerely:

H. J. Secker

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SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

LEGAL DIVISION
PHONE 827-2741

September 21, 1966

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Mr. Martin J. Andrew
Weller, Friedrich and Hickisch
Attorneys at Law
900 Capitol Life Center
Denver, Colorado 80203

Re: Standard Accident - Harold J. Sechler, d/b/a S & S Oil
Producers - State of New Mexico - Bond B 127223

Dear Mr. Andrew:

This letter is to confirm our telephone conversations of
September 15 and 16, 1966.

On September 12, 1966, Mr. D. S. Nutter, Chief Engineer
of the Commission, and I visited with Mr. Harold J. Sechler
at the site of the S & S Oil Producers Bond Well No. 1.

At the time of the visit, drilling operations were going
on and Mr. Sechler told us that he was cleaning out the well
in preparation for plugging operations.

Later in the conversation, Mr. Sechler indicated that it
was his intention to drill deeper.

The Commission had not given its approval or consent to
the operations of Mr. Sechler. However, the Commission does
not like to shut in a well where actual drilling operations
are taking place and per our telephone conversation of
September 15, 1966, asked for assurance that your client,

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September 21, 1966

Mr. Martin J. Andrew
Weller, Friedrich and Hickisch
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900 Capitol Life Center
Denver, Colorado 80203

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Standard Accident Insurance Company, recognized that its obligation and liability on the bond remained the same as when the bond was originally given if Mr. Sechler was allowed to continue drilling operations. On September 16, 1966, per telephone conversation of that date, you stated your client would be willing to give such assurance provided Mr. Sechler would not be operating in violation of Commission rules. Therefore, on September 20, 1966, Mr. Nutter and I again visited with Mr. Sechler and at that time Mr. Sechler filed a notice of intention, a copy of which is enclosed. The proposed operations of Mr. Sechler, evidenced by the enclosed copy, have been approved by the Commission.

For the purpose of assurance that your client recognizes its continued obligation and liability, I have prepared the enclosed agreement. If there is any question, please call me.

Thank you for your cooperation in this difficult matter.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE M. HATCH
Special Assistant
Attorney General

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Enclosures

State of New Mexico
Oil Conservation Commission
Post Office Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Standard Accident Bond No. B 127223
Principal: Harold J. Sechler
d/b/a S. & S. Oil Producers
Surety: Standard Accident Insurance Company
Obligee: State of New Mexico
Bond No.: B 127223

A G R E E M E N T

Standard Accident Insurance Company, the undersigned,
hereby promises, covenants, and agrees, without in any man-
ner claiming there has been any breach of duty or obligation
on the part of the obligee, that its obligation and liability
on said Standard Accident Insurance Company Bond No. B 127223
shall be and remain the same as when the bond was originally
given.

DATED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 19____.

Surety

By

Sept. 15, 1966 - I later called Mr. Martin J. Andrew the attorney representing the surety on the Seckler well. I advised Mr. Martin that Mr. Mutter and I had visited the well site, that Mr. Seckler had told us that he was cleaning out the well so that he could plug the well, that we were under the impression that Mr. Seckler planned to drill deeper and to test the well. I told Mr. Martin that the Commission did not like to shut in a well that was drilling, but the Commission ~~did not want to give any indication~~ it wanted to be assured that the surety would not claim a release from liability.

Mr. Martin said that he would advise the surety to agree that it would remain liable on the bond and that he would expect a letter from me outlining the proposal of the Commission.

George M. Hatcher

September 9, 1966

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AIR MAIL

Mr. Marty Andrew
Weller, Freidrick & Hickcherst
900 Capitol Life Bldg.
Denver, Colorado

Dear Mr. Andrew:

Our Mr. Stanley Saikin returned this morning from the
Sechler location in Valencia County, New Mexico. He
found that the Company had commenced drilling operations.

Therefore, it was necessary to return as per our telephone
conversation with you this morning.

We will forward our invoice for expenses, and if you find
it nexessary for us to give you a bid in the future; please
advise.

Yours very truly,

Alan Antweil
Alan Antweil

AA/cs

cc: Mr. J.E. Kapteina

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900 CAPITOL LIFE CENTER
DENVER, COLORADO 80203

TELEPHONE 222-4725
AREA CODE 303

August 24, 1966

LSA
Mr. Allen Antwil
Box 2010
Hobbs, New Mexico

RE: Standard Accident Bond No. B 127223 -
Harold J. Sechler d/b/a S & S Oil Producers -
State of New Mexico Oil Conservation
Commission

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Dear Mr. Antwil:

Confirming our telephone conversation of August 24, we have agreed on behalf of Standard Accident to pay your expenses in giving us an estimate for completing the work in connection with Oil Conservation Commission Order No. R-3009 on the following basis:

1. Payment to be at the rate of \$50.00 a day plus 10 cents a mile for your man to go from Hobbs, New Mexico to Valencia County to inspect the said well, not to exceed three days or \$150.00 plus the mileage expense.
2. In the event you are awarded the contract for this completion work, you will not be entitled to the payment set forth in the preceeding paragraph but will simply absorb this expense as the cost of procuring the work.

It is my understanding that your man will probably go over the coming weekend and that you will be in position to give us a written estimate for full compliance with Order No. R-3009 as soon as your man returns. I will await your advices in this regard.

Yours very truly,

WELLER, FRIEDRICH AND HICKISCH

By *Andrew*

MJA/ef
cc: George Hatch, Esquire ✓
cc: Mr. J. E. Kapteina
cc: Reliance (8)

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August 23, 1966

Handwritten signature
SPECIAL DELIVERY

Mr. Allen Antwil
814 West Marland
Hobbs, New Mexico

RE: Standard Accident Bond No. B 127223 -
Harold J. Sechler d/b/a S & S Oil Producers -
State of New Mexico Oil Conservation
Commission

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Dear Mr. Antwil:

I have been trying to reach you by telephone and still may be able to do so. However I am going to get this letter off to you regardless of whether I reach you or not.

We represent Standard Accident which is surety on the captioned bond. I am enclosing copy of New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission Order No. R-3038 concerning Bond Well #1 and the plugging thereof. From the best information I have, Mr. Sechler is not presently complying with this said Order and I must obtain an estimate for the cost of complying with this Order in order to advise my client, Standard Accident.

Standard Accident is willing to pay a reasonable sum to you for giving an estimate for doing this work, such sum to be credited against your bid in the event you are awarded the job. I would advise you that I am also procuring another competitive estimate.

If you are interested in submitting an estimate and performing this work in the event of Mr. Sechler's default, please call me immediately collect in order that we may discuss this situation.

Yours very truly,

WELLER, FRIEDRICH AND HICKISCH

By

MJA/ef - encl cc: George Hatch, Esquire cc: Reliance (S)

Mr. Allen Antwil
August 23, 1966
Page Two

P.S. Confirming our telephone conversation since the above was dictated, you have indicated that you will discuss the situation with Mr. Kapteina of the Commission and give us an estimate. I will await your advice.

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MJA/ef

Aug. 19, 1966

I talked to Martin J. Andrew,
att'y. ~~for~~ for Standard Accident.
He said he would make additional
effort to get bids and would call
me back on Mon. or Tues (22 or 23)
and give me more definite information
as to when the well will be
plugged.

Georg M. Hatcher

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W. P. MARSHALL, President

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NEW MEXICO GAS AND OIL COMMISSION=

CARE MR HACK SANTA FE NMEX=

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU, WILL NOTIFY YOU 24 HOURS BEFORE
PLUGGING DO YOU CAN ASSIST=

HAROLD J SECHLER 3330 GARLAND WHEATRIDGE COLO=

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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ALL ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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August 11, 1966

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SPECIAL DELIVERY

Mr. Lonnie Kramer
Grants
New Mexico

RE: Standard Accident Bond No. B 127223 -
Harold J. Sechler d/b/a S & S Oil Producers -
State of New Mexico Oil Conservation
Commission

Dear Mr. Kramer:

Mr. Larry Bedford of Farmington, New Mexico furnished me with your name in connection with a problem in our office. We represent Standard Accident which is surety on the captioned bond. I am enclosing copy of New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission Order No. R-3009 concerning Bond Well #1 and the plugging thereof.

I must be in a position to advise Standard Accident as to the cost of plugging this well in accordance with the said Order if Mr. Harold J. Sechler, the original operator, fails to perform this work. If you are interested in performing this work in the event of Mr. Sechler's default, I would invite you to submit a written estimate as to the cost of performing this work in strict compliance with Order No. R-3009. I would advise you that I am also procuring another competitive estimate.

If you have any questions or information in this regard, please do not hesitate to call me collect. I would of course need this estimate as promptly as possible.

Yours very truly,

WELLER, FRIEDRICH AND HICKISCH

By 

MJA/ef cc: George Hatch, Esquire cc: Reliance (3)
encl.

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August 9, 1966

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State of New Mexico
Oil Conservation Commission -
Legal Division
Post Office Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Attention: George M. Hatch, Esquire,
Special Assistant Attorney General

RE: Standard Accident Bond No. B 127223 -
Harold J. Sechler d/b/a S & S Oil Producers -
State of New Mexico Oil Conservation
Commission - \$5,000.00

Dear Mr. Hatch:

In attempting to locate Mr. Sechler, I learned that he has been in Ramah, New Mexico for the past week, apparently to commence plugging operations in the well involved in this matter. Mr. Sechler is aware of the provisions of the Commission Order No. R-3009 requiring him to notify the Commission when the operation is to begin. I sincerely trust that this is being done.

Any information you have in this regard will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

WELLER, FRIEDRICH AND HICKISCH

By

Martin J. Andrew

MJA/ef

cc: Mr. A. H. McLeod, Esquire
cc: Reliance (3)

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August 9, 1966

SPECIAL DELIVERY

Bedford, Inc.
503 East Broadway
Farmington, New Mexico

Attention: Mr. Larry Bedford

RE: Standard Accident Bond No. B 127223 -
Harold J. Sechler d/b/a S & S Oil Producers -
State of New Mexico Oil Conservation
Commission

Dear Mr. Bedford:

I have been trying to reach you by telephone and may still be able to do so. However, I am going to get this letter off to you regardless of whether I reach or not.

We represent Standard Accident which is surety on the captioned bond. I am enclosing copy of New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission Order No. R-3009 concerning Bond Well #1 and the plugging thereof. I have no way of knowing whether Mr. Sechler is presently complying with the said Order or not; however, I must be in a position to advise Standard Accident as to the cost of plugging this well in accordance with the said Order if Mr. Sechler fails to do so by August 15. If you are interested in performing this work in the event of Mr. Sechler's default, I would invite you to submit a written estimate as to the cost of performing this work in strict compliance with Order No. R-3009. I would advise you that I am procuring another competitive estimate.

If you have any questions or information in this regard, please do not hesitate to call me collect.

Yours very truly,

WELLER, FRIEDRICH AND HICKISCH

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MJA/of
encl.

cc: George Hatch, Esquire

cc: Reliance (3)

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August 9, 1966

SPECIAL DELIVERY

Mr. Jim Copeland
303 Gladeview Drive
Farmington, New Mexico

RE: Standard Accident Bond No. B 127223 -
Harold J. Sechler d/b/a S & S Oil Producers -
State of New Mexico Oil Conservation
Commission

Dear Mr. Copeland:

Confirming our telephone conversation, we represent Standard Accident which is the surety on the captioned bond. I am enclosing copy of New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission Order No. R-3009 pertaining to Bond Well #1 and the plugging thereof.

At this point, I have no way of knowing whether or not Mr. Sechler is carrying out the provisions of the above order. I have, however, asked if you would be able to furnish me a written estimate of your charge to complete the plugging of the said well in full compliance with Order No. R-3009. As I also advised you, I must get one other competitive estimate on this operation and did not want to withhold this fact from you.

If you have any questions or information, please do not hesitate to call me collect. I will await your response in this regard.

Yours very truly,

WELLER, FRIEDRICH AND HICKISCH

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cc: George Hatch, Esquire cc: Reliance (3)

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August 5, 1966

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State of New Mexico
Oil Conservation Commission -
Legal Division
Post Office Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Attention: George M. Hatch, Esquire,
Special Assistant Attorney General

RE: Standard Accident Bond No. B 127223 -
Harold J. Sechler d/b/a S & S Oil Producers -
State of New Mexico Oil Conservation
Commission - \$5,000.00

Dear Mr. Hatch:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 1, 1966 which I am handling in Mr. Hickisch's absence from the city. I have this date written to Mr. Sechler and intend to hand carry my letter to him in order to ascertain his exact intentions. I have noted the deadline date of August 15, 1966 and will seek to impress this date upon Mr. Sechler.

As soon as I have additional information, either this office or Mr. McLeod's office will be in touch with you in regard to this matter.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Yours very truly,

WELLER, FRIEDRICH AND HICKISCH

By

[Handwritten signature: Martin J. Andrew]

MJA/ef cc: A. H. McLeod, Esquire cc: Reliance (3)

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 8711 BOX 2088
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

LEGAL DIVISION
PHONE 827-2741

June 28, 1966

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Mr. A. H. McLeod
Keleher & McLeod
Attorneys at Law
First National Bank Building West
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Mr. McLeod:

In response to a telephone conversation of June 27, 1966, the following plugging program for the Bond Well No. 1, located in the SW/4 NE/4 of Section 17, Township 9 North, Range 14 West, NMPM, Valencia County, New Mexico, was given to Mr. Leonard Heard, Dowell, Farmington, New Mexico:

1. Clean out hole to total depth.
2. Plug as follows:
 - a. 10 sacks of cement at surface.
 - b. a 15-sack plug with top of plug at 200 feet.
 - c. 35 sacks of cement from total depth up.
3. All intervals between cement plugs should be filled with heavy mud. These weighing at least 10 pounds per gallon.
4. A regulation 4" x 4" marker installed showing the name and number of the well and its location.

Please notify the Commission in sufficient time to allow the Commission to have an inspector at the well site at the time of plugging.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE M. HATCH
Special Assistant Attorney General

GMB/esr

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
P. O. BOX 2088
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

LEGAL DIVISION
PHONE 827-2741

June 28, 1966

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Mr. A. H. McLeod
Keleher & McLeod
Attorneys at Law
First National Bank Building West
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Mr. McLeod:

In response to a telephone conversation of June 27, 1966, the following plugging program for the Bond Well No. 1, located in the SW/4 NE/4 of Section 17, Township 9 North, Range 14 West, NMPL, Valencia County, New Mexico, was given to Mr. Leonard Heard, Dowell, Farmington, New Mexico:

1. Clean out hole to total depth.
2. Plug as follows:
 - a. 10 sacks of cement at surface.
 - b. a 15-sack plug with top of plug at 100 feet.
 - c. 35 sacks of cement from total depth up.
3. All intervals between cement plugs should be filled with heavy mud. These weighing at least 10 pounds per gallon.
4. A regulation 4" x 4' marker installed showing the name and number of the well and its location.

Please notify the Commission in sufficient time to allow the Commission to have an inspector at the well site at the time of plugging.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE M. HATCH
Special Assistant Attorney General

GME/esr

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Keller, Friedrich and

Attorney at Law

900 Capitol Life Center

Denver, Colorado 80243

Attn: Mr. T. R. Hirsch

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Letter 8-1-66, Case 3009

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Received the numbered article described below.

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INSURED NO.	SHOW WHERE DELIVERED (only if req. tested)
DATE DELIVERED 9/4/66	<i>Lochman Full</i>

65-12-1348-7 GPO

1. Plugging must be witnessed
2. If well has been plugged this week it will have to be drilled out and re-plugged with a witness there.
3. What is your connection with Weller, Friedrich and Hickisch?
4. We have to know on what date and time the plugging is to take place and in time to have our inspector there.

= 24 hr. notice needed =

7-20-66 - Called Mr. Murrey of Method - he said he would call Hickisch -

7-20-66 - Called Mr. Hickisch -
Mr. Hickisch said that he would inform Mr. Sechler that a witness must be present + that we must have 24 hr. notice.

Hatch

No. 635764

RECEIPT FOR CERTIFIED MAIL—20¢

WELT () Friedrich and Hickisch
Attorneys at Law

900 Capitol Life Center

Denver, Colorado 80203

Attn: Mr. J. R. Hickisch

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
P. O. BOX 8208
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LEGAL DIVISION
PHONE 827-2741

August 1, 1966

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Weller, Friedrich and Hickisch
Attorneys at Law
900 Capitol Life Center
Denver, Colorado 80203

Attention: Mr. J. R. Hickisch

Re: Standard Accident - Harold J. Sechler, d/b/a S & S Oil
Producers - State of New Mexico - Bond No. B 127223

Gentlemen:

As of August 1, 1966, Mr. Harold J. Sechler has not notified the Commission of any plugging operation concerning the Bond Well No. 1, located in the SW/4 NE/4 of Section 17, Township 9 North, Range 14 West, NMPM, Valencia County, New Mexico. Your letter of July 22, 1966, indicated that such information would be given.

The Commission wishes to inform you that your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. However, it is necessary, and the Commission so informs you, that the plugging of the subject well be completed by August 15, 1966, or the Commission will file suit under the provisions of the above bond.

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 936x 2088
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

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August 1, 1966

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Please note that Order No. R-3009 requires that the
Santa Fe Office of the Commission be notified of the exact
date and time plugging operations are to begin.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE M. HATCH
Special Assistant
Attorney General

GME/esr

cc: Mr. Harold Sechler
d/b/a S & S Oil Producers
3330 Garland
Wheatridge, Colorado

Mr. A. H. McLeod
Keleher & McLeod
First National Bank Building
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Reliance Insurance Company
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320 California Street
San Francisco, California

Mr. J. E. Kapteina
Engineer & Oil & Gas Inspector
Oil Conservation Commission
Santa Fe, New Mexico

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WILLIAM E. BRAYSHAW

TELEPHONE 222-4725
AREA CODE 303

July 22, 1966

State of New Mexico, Oil Conservation Commission
Post Office Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Attention: Mr. George M. Hatch
Special Assistant Attorney General

Re: Standard Accident - Harold Sechler d/b/a S & S Oil Producers
State of New Mexico Bond No. B 127223

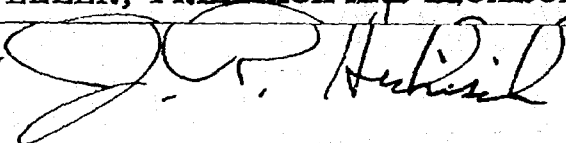
Gentlemen:

We have conferred with Mr. Sechler and have been informed by him that it will take him some time after he has arrived at the well site to prepare his equipment for plugging the well. He has promised this office that he will notify the Commission at least 24 hours before any action is taken to plug the well. Mr. Sechler indicated to this office that the actual plugging operation will probably not take place until some time in the middle or the latter part of the week of July 25, 1966.

Yours very truly,

WELLER, FRIEDRICH AND HICKISCH

By



JRH:ljg

cc: Mr. Harold Sechler
d/b/a S & S Oil Producers
3330 Garland
Wheatridge, Colorado

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DENVER, COLORADO 80203

TELEPHONE 222-4725
AREA CODE 303

July 20, 1968

Mr. Harold Sechler
d/b/a S & S Oil Producers
3330 Garland
Wheatridge, Colorado

Re: Standard Accident - Harold Sechler d/b/a S & S Oil Producers -
State of New Mexico Bond No. B-127223

Dear Mr. Sechler:

We have been notified by Mr. George M. Hatch, Assistant Attorney General for the State of New Mexico, that it will be necessary that an engineer from the Oil Conservation Commission be present at the plugging of the well. If an engineer is not present, this will not satisfy the regulations of the Commission. It will be necessary that you give the Commission at least 24 hours notice so that they may make arrangements to be present.

Yours very truly,

WELLER, FRIEDRICH AND HICKISCH

By 

JRH:ljx

cc: State of New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
Post Office Box 3088
Santa Fe, New Mexico
Attention: Mr. George M. Hatch

Mr. A. H. McLeod
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TELEPHONE 222-4725
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July 18, 1966

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State of New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
Post Office Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Attention: Mr. George M. Hatch, Special Assistant Attorney General

Re: Standard Accident - Harold Sechler d/b/a S & S Oil Producers -
State of New Mexico Bond No. B 127223

Gentlemen:

Your letter of June 28, 1966 has been received. We have conferred with Mr. Harold J. Sechler and he has informed us that he has made arrangements to be at the site of the well during the week of July the 18th, and that at this time he will plug the well according to the requirements of the State of New Mexico.

It would be appreciated if you would have an inspection made after that date to ascertain if in fact it has been accomplished and notify this office.

Yours very truly,

WELLER, FRIEDRICH AND HICKISCH

By 

cc: Mr. Harold Sechler
d/b/a S & S Oil Producers
3330 Garland
Wheatridge, Colorado

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STATE GEOLOGIST
A. L. PORTER, JR.
SECRETARY - DIRECTOR

MEMORANDUM

TO: CASE FILE NO. 3294

FROM: A. L. PORTER, Jr., Secretary-Director

SUBJECT: Plugging of the Bond Well No. 1 located in the
SW/4 NE/4 of Section 17, Township 9 North, Range
14 West, Valencia County, New Mexico.

Mr. Sechler called me on June 29, 1966, relative to the many difficulties connected with his efforts in drilling this well and requesting another extension of time for plugging. I refused the extension of time on the grounds that we did not have any more assurance this time than we had at the time of the first hearing when Mr. Sechler assured us that he would have the work done in 45 days. I further reminded Mr. Sechler that on the date of the second hearing we received a telegram from him stating that the well had been plugged, but that a subsequent field inspection revealed that there was no evidence that the well had been plugged.

JUNE 29, 1966

GOVERNOR
JACK M. CAMPBELL
CHAIRMAN

State of New Mexico
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LEGAL DIVISION
PHONE 827-2741

December 3, 1965

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Mr. Harold J. Sechler
dba S. & S. Oil Producers
3730 Independence
Wheatridge, Colorado

Re: Case No. 3294
Order No. R-3009

Dear Mr. Sechler:

I am enclosing a certified copy of the above order concerning
your Bond Well No. 1.

If the Bond Well No. 1 has been properly plugged and Mr. J. E.
Kapteina, Oil and Gas Inspector, Oil Conservation Commission, Santa
Fe, New Mexico, is satisfied with the plugging program, it will only
be necessary for you to file the required reports with the Commis-
sion to comply with the provisions of the order. However, if
Mr. Kapteina is not satisfied with the manner in which the well was
plugged, it will be necessary to plug the well in accordance with
his requirements on or before January 1, 1966.

Very truly yours,

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

JMD/esr
Enclosure

cc: Mr. Harold J. Sechler
dba S. & S. Oil Producers
3370 Independence
Denver, Colorado

Mr. J. E. Kapteina
Oil and Gas Inspector
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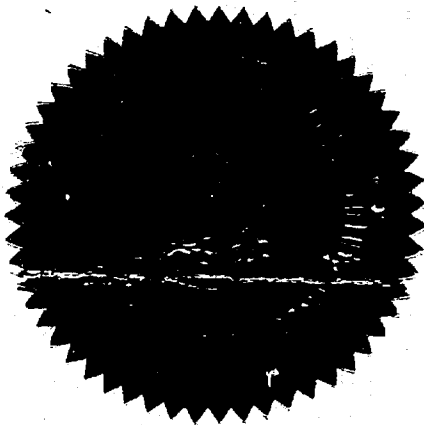
STATE GEOLOGIST
A. L. PORTER, JR.
SECRETARY - DIRECTOR

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, A. L. PORTER, Jr., Secretary-Director of the New Mexico
Oil Conservation Commission do hereby certify that the attached
is a true and correct copy of Commission Order No. R-3009.

A. L. Porter, Jr.
A. L. PORTER, Jr.
Secretary-Director

December 3, 1965



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have affixed my hand and notarial seal
this 3rd day of December, 1965.

Eda Rodriguez
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

September 22, 1969

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION ON ITS OWN MOTION TO PERMIT HAROLD J. SECHLER, DBA S. & S. OIL PRODUCERS, AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO SHOW CAUSE WHY THE BOND WELL NO. 1 LOCATED IN THE SW/4 NE/4 OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST, NMPM, VALENCIA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, SHOULD NOT BE PLUGGED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMMISSION-APPROVED PLUGGING PROGRAM.

CASE No. 3294
Order No. R-3009

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on November 23, 1965, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 3rd day of December, 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 Harold J. Sechler, dba S. & S. Oil Producers, is the owner and operator of the Bond Well No. 1 located in the SW/4 NE/4 of Section 17, Township 9 North, Range 14 West, NMPM, Valencia County, New Mexico.

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

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Harold J. Sechler, dba S. & S. Oil Producers, is hereby ordered to plug the Bond Well No. 1 located in the SW/4 NE/4 of Section 17, Township 9 North, Range 14 West, NMPM, Valencia

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CASE No. 3294

Order No. R-3009

County, New Mexico, in a manner that will prevent crude petroleum oil, natural gas, and water from escaping from the strata in which they are found into another stratum or strata.

(2) That Harold J. Sechler, dba S. & S. Oil Producers, shall complete plugging operations on or before January 1, 1966; that said plugging operations shall be conducted in accordance with a minimum plugging program submitted to and approved by the Commission's Santa Fe District Office; and that Harold J. Sechler shall notify the Oil and Gas Inspector, Oil Conservation Commission, P. O. Box 2088, Santa Fe, New Mexico, of the exact date and time plugging operations are to commence.

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

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

/s/ Jack M. Campbell
JACK M. CAMPBELL, Chairman

/s/ Guyton B. Hays
GUYTON B. HAYS, Member

/s/ A. L. Porter, Jr.
A. L. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
P. O. BOX 2088
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

LEGAL DIVISION
PHONE 827-2741

December 3, 1965

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RECEIPT REQUESTED

Reliance Insurance Group
Surety Claim Department
320 California Street
San Francisco, California

Re: Principal: Harold J. Sechler
dba S. & S. Oil Producers
Surety: Standard Accident Insurance Company
Obligee: State of New Mexico

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing a certified copy of Order No. R-3009
which concerns the above-described One-Well Plugging Bond
No. B 127223.

Very truly yours,

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

JMD/esr
Enclosure

cc: Mr. Harold J. Sechler
dba S. & S. Oil Producers
3730 Independence
Wheatridge, Colorado

Mr. Harold J. Sechler
dba S. & S. Oil Producers
3370 Independence
Denver, Colorado

Mr. J. E. Kapteina
Oil and Gas Inspector
Oil Conservation Commission
Santa Fe, New Mexico

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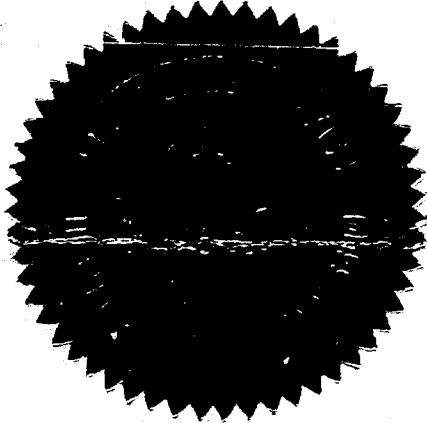
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, A. L. PORTER, Jr., Secretary-Director of the New Mexico
Oil Conservation Commission do hereby certify that the attached
is a true and correct copy of Commission Order No. R-3009.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "A. L. Porter, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

A. L. PORTER, Jr.
Secretary-Director

December 3, 1965



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have affixed my hand and notarial seal
this 3rd day of December, 1965.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, written over a horizontal line.
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

September 22, 1969

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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CASE No. 3294
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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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GUYTON B. HAYS, Member

/s/ A. L. Porter, Jr.
A. L. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary

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dba S. & S. Oil Producers
3730 Independence
Wheatridge, Colorado

Mr. Harold J. Sechler
dba S. & S. Oil Producers
3370 Independence
Denver, Colorado

Mr. J. E. Kapteina
Oil and Gas Inspector
Oil Conservation Commission
Santa Fe, New Mexico

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE		RECEIVED FOR THE DIRECTOR BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION JAN 10 1965	
TO : Mr. Harold J. Gehler c/o E. & S. Oil Producers 3370 Independence Denver, Colorado		FROM : SAC, NEW MEXICO DATE: 11-10-65	
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November 10, 1965

VIA AIR MAIL
CERTIFIED - RETURN
RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Harold J. Sechler
dba S. & S. Oil Producers
3370 Independence
Denver, Colorado

Re: Case No. 3294

Dear Mr. Sechler:

I am enclosing a copy of the November 23, 1965, Examiner Hearing Docket. As the Examiner stated at the September 22, 1965, hearing, you will be expected to appear on November 23, 1965, and establish that the Bond Well No. 1 has been placed on production.

Very truly yours,

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

JMD/esr
Enclosure

cc: Mr. Neil Good
Attorney at Law
Lakewood, Colorado

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DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 23, 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 3294 (Continued from the September 22, 1965, Examiner Hearing)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Harold J. Sechler, dba S. & S. Oil Producers, and all other interested parties to show cause why the Bond Well No. 1 located in the SW/4 NE/4 of Section 17, Township 9 North, Range 14 West, Valencia County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.

CASE 3333: Application of William A. and Edward R. Hudson for a waterflood project, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project in the Queen formation through six wells in Sections 10, 11, and 15, Township 18 South, Range 31 East, Shugart Yates-Seven Rivers-Queen-Grayburg Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

CASE 3334: Application of Felmont Oil Corporation for an unorthodox location, Roosevelt County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to drill its Federal 9 Well No. 1 at an unorthodox location 660 feet from the North and East lines of Section 9, Township 8 South, Range 37 East, Bluitt-San Andres Gas Pool, Roosevelt County, New Mexico.

CASE 3335: Application of Monsanto Company for an unorthodox location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox oil well location 1200 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 32, Township 16 South, Range 33 East, West Kemnitz-Lower Wolfcamp Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 3336: Application of Shell Oil Company for special rules for the East Hightower-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the promulgation of special pool rules for the East Hightower-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool in Section 25, Township 12 South, Range 33 East, Lea County, New Mexico, including a provision for 80-acre proration units.

CASE 3337: Application of Shell Oil Company for the creation of a new gas pool and for special pool rules, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the creation of a new gas pool for Morrow production in Sections 3 and 4, Township 22 South, Range 34 East, and Section 34, Township 21 South, Range 34 East, Lea County, New Mexico, and the establishment of special pool rules, including a provision for 640-acre spacing units.

November 23, 1965, Examiner Hearing

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DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 23, 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 3294 (Continued from the September 22, 1965, Examiner Hearing)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Harold J. Sechler, dba S. & S. Oil Producers, and all other interested parties to show cause why the Bond Well No. 1 located in the SW/4 NE/4 of Section 17, Township 9 North, Range 14 West, Valencia County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.

CASE 3333: Application of William A. and Edward R. Hudson for a waterflood project, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project in the Queen formation through six wells in Sections 10, 11, and 15, Township 18 South, Range 31 East, Shugart Yates-Seven Rivers-Queen-Grayburg Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

CASE 3334: Application of Felmont Oil Corporation for an unorthodox location, Roosevelt County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to drill its Federal 9 Well No. 1 at an unorthodox location 660 feet from the North and East lines of Section 9, Township 9 South, Range 37 East, Bluit-San Andres Gas Pool, Roosevelt County, New Mexico.

CASE 3335: Application of Monsanto Company for an unorthodox location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox oil well location 1200 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 32, Township 16 South, Range 33 East, West Kemnitz-Lower Wolfcamp Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 3336: Application of Shell Oil Company for special rules for the East Hightower-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the promulgation of special pool rules for the East Hightower-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool in Section 25, Township 12 South, Range 33 East, Lea County, New Mexico, including a provision for 80-acre proration units.

CASE 3337: Application of Shell Oil Company for the creation of a new gas pool and for special pool rules, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the creation of a new gas pool for Morrow production in Sections 3 and 4, Township 22 South, Range 34 East, and Section 34, Township 21 South, Range 34 East, Lea County, New Mexico, and the establishment of special pool rules, including a provision for 640-acre spacing units.

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING CARE MR J M

DURRETT JR SANTA FE NMEX=

DEAR SIR: FOLLOWING THE REQUEST OF COMMISSION BOND WELL

NO. 1 SW/4 NE/4 SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 9/N RANGE 14, WEST

VALENCIA COUNTY, IS PLUGGED AND ABANDONED=

HAROLD J SECHLER 3730 INDEPENDENCE WHEATRIDGE

COLO=

[Handwritten signature]

=1 SW/4 NE/4 9/N 14 3730=

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

Notes Rept. 1
formation - cementing, etc.

well complete information



1. all formation
2. all pieces of porous & permeable
3. any water table encountered
4. all casing strings in hole
5. How cemented or sealed

6.

982-0757

Mo. C-105

Heckler called
one night (June 17, 1966)

ad called Heckler
to give info. re
requested doc,
night (June 18, 1966)

DRAFT

JMD/esr

Dec. 2, 1965

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

CF Subj. _____

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

CASE No. 3294

Order No. R- 3009

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION ON ITS OWN MOTION TO PERMIT HAROLD J. SECHLER, DBA S. & S. OIL PRODUCERS, AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO SHOW CAUSE WHY THE BOND WELL NO. 1 LOCATED IN THE SW/4 NE/4 OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST, NMPM, VALENCIA 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 November 23, 1965, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this _____ day of December, 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 Harold J. Sechler, dba S. & S. Oil Producers, is the owner and operator of the Bond Well No. 1 located in the SW/4 NE/4 of Section 17, Township 9 North, Range 14 West, NMPM, Valencia County, New Mexico.

(3) That the subject well is dry and abandoned and should be plugged ^{in order to} ~~in a manner that will~~ confine ^{any} the crude petroleum oil, natural gas, and water in the strata originally containing them, and to otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Harold J. Sechler, dba S. & S. Oil Producers,

is hereby ordered to plug the Bond Well No. 1 located in the SW/4 NE/4 of Section 17, Township 9 North, Range 14 West, NMPM, Valencia County, New Mexico, in a manner that will prevent crude petroleum oil, natural gas, and water from escaping from the strata in which they are found into another stratum or strata.

(2) That Harold J. Sechler, dba S. & S. Oil Producers, shall complete plugging operations on or before January 1, 1966; that said plugging operations shall be conducted in accordance to with ^a ~~the~~ minimum plugging program submitted/and approved by the Commission's Santa Fe District Office; and that Harold J. Sechler, shall notify the Oil and Gas Inspector, Oil Conservation Commission, ~~District 4~~, P. O. Box 2088, Santa Fe, New Mexico, of the exact date and time plugging operations are to commence.

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

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

Leonard Heard
Dawell?

3255096 Farmington

Clean out to total depth, plug as follows

10 sk @ Surf (cover approx 37 ft)

15 sk @ 100' (cover approx 56 ft to 156')

(the above two plugs should cover the alluvium which bears potass water)

35 sk from TD up. TD is reported as 2482. 35 sk in $6\frac{3}{4}$ " hole should come up maybe 155' ^{to 2327} and cover the San Andres which bears potass water 4 to 7 miles north of El Marro. It is thought the well is ~~presently~~ ^{bottomed} in the lower San Andres ~~off~~ or the upper Yesso.

All intervals between cement plugs should be filled with heavy mud (at least 10#/gal) and a regulation 4" x 4" marker installed.

Mr. George M. Hatch
Special Assistant
Attorney General.

June 23, 1966

Dear Sir:

This letter contains the information you requested per our telephone conversation of June 21, 1966. In reference to a well drilled in Valencia County, New Mexico.

The well was cased in the Dakota, the first ten feet were rotted shale and sand stone.

Morrison Formation, variegated shale, red green to gray.

Salt Wash sand stone,
Summerville Formation,
Entrada sand stone, cross

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bedded orange and white
sand stone, no water.

Kayenta Formation and
Wingate sands, irregular
bedded and mud stone.

Chinle Formation, buff
to red shale mud stone. No
water.

Shinarump Conglomerate,
light brown to gray.

Moenkopi Formation,
chocolate brown shale, Kibabeh
lime stone.

No water surfaced.

The total depth drilled
was 2,258 ft. and plugged at
that depth.

No testing was done while
drilling - or has been done.

This covers the "Information"
on all zones encountered.
Permeability and porosity -
and water encountered.

If any further information
is required, please let me
know and I will be happy
to supply you with it.

Thank you for your
kindness and consideration.

Sincerely -
Mr. H. J. Sechler
3330 Garland
Wheat Ridge, Colo.
237-5974

[Faint handwritten text, mostly illegible]

MAIN OFFICE OGC

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[Handwritten notes and signatures]
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H.P.E. - T.C.

file
Case no. 3294

Mon., June 13, 1966

Received a telephone call from
A.H. McLead, Atty.

Mr. McLead advised me that he
had been in communication with
the Reliance Ins. Co. concerning
the plugging of the Seabrook
well (S. & S. Oil Producers). He
asked that action be put off
until he has had an opportunity
to investigate; that he would
be sending a Mr. Holland up
to see Mr. Kaptein in a few days.

George M. Hatch

Kelcher
Keller and McLead Law Offices
First National Bank Bldg, West
Albuquerque, N.M.

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 2088

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

LEGAL DIVISION
PHONE 827-2741

June 28, 1966

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Y
Mr. J. R. Mickisch
Weller, Friedrich and Mickisch
Attorneys at Law
900 Capitol Life Center
Denver, Colorado 80203

Re: Principal: Harold J. Sechler
d/b/a S. & S. Oil Producers
Surety: Standard Accident Insurance Company
Obligee: State of New Mexico

Dear Mr. Mickisch:

In reference to your letter of June 27, 1966, the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission has made no agreement with Mr. Harold J. Sechler.

By letter of January 3, 1966, demand was made upon the Reliance Insurance Group to fulfill its obligations under the terms of the Standard Accident Insurance Company One-Well Plugging Bond No. 2127223.

The Commission expects the Reliance Insurance Group to fulfill its obligations by obtaining the plugging of the Bond Well No. 1, located in the SW/4 NE/4 of Section 17, Township 9 North, Range 14 West, NMPN, Valencia County, New Mexico.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE M. HATCH
Special Assistant
Attorney General

GME/esr

cc: Mr. A. H. McLeod
Kelsner & McLeod
Attorneys at Law
First National Bank Building
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Mr. Harold J. Sechler
d/b/a S. & S. Oil Producers
3330 Garland
Wheat Ridge, Colorado

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WELLER, FRIEDRICH AND HICKISCH

900 CAPITOL LIFE CENTER
DENVER, COLORADO 80203

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WILLIAM E. BRAYSHAW

June 27, 1966

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State of New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
Post Office Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Attention: Mr. George M. Hatch
Special Assistant Attorney General

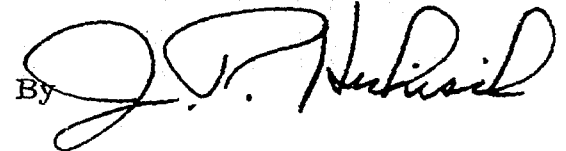
Re: Standard Accident - Harold Sechler d/b/a S & S Oil Producers -
State of New Mexico

Gentlemen:

This office, as attorneys for the Standard Accident Insurance Company, has been requested by the said surety company to confer with the principle in the above captioned matter as regard to the claim being made by the State of New Mexico. We have just been informed by Mr. Sechler that he talked by telephone with you on Saturday, June 18, 1966 when he was unable to confer with the engineer for the Commission; and that you had informed him that no suit had been brought and that he would be given an opportunity to plug the well. We are at this time inquiring as to what agreement was reached by you with Mr. Sechler, particularly with regard to a pending claim on the bond. Since this is actually a claim against Mr. Sechler, as he is primarily liable for any claim which may result; but in view of the fact that you have notified the bonding company of the possibility of a claim, we want to do all that is possible to affect a settlement in this matter.

Yours very truly,

WELLER, FRIEDRICH AND HICKISCH

By 

JRH:lj k

cc: Mr. Harold Sechler
3730 Independence
Wheatridge, Colorado

No. 635962

RECEIPT FOR CERTIFIED MAIL—20¢

SENT TO Reliance Insurance Grc

Surety Claim Department

STREET AND NO. 320 California Street

CITY, STATE, AND ZIP CODE San Francisco, California

6-2-66

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Copy of Letter 6-2-66 - Order R-3009

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d/b/c S. & S. Oil Producers		
STREET AND NO. 3730 Independence		
CITY, STATE, AND ZIP CODE Wheat Ridge, Colorado 6-2-66		
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Surety Claim Department
320 California Street
San Francisco, California

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Letter 6-2-66 - Order R-3009

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
P. O. BOX ~~XXX~~ 2088
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

June 2, 1966

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RECEIPT REQUESTED

O
Reliance Insurance Group
Surety Claim Department
320 California Street
San Francisco, California

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Re: Letter of January 3, 1966
Principal: Harold J. Sechler
d/b/a S. & S. Oil Producers
Surety: Standard Accident Insurance Company
Obligee: State of New Mexico

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Gentlemen:

By letter of January 3, 1966, a certified copy of New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission Order No. R-3009 which concerned the above-described One-Well Plugging Bond No. B 127223 was sent to you.

The letter of January 3, 1966, also:

1. Gave notice to your company that your principal was then in default under the provisions of the order.
2. Made demand upon your company to comply with the provisions of Order No. R-3009.
3. Advised your company that if the provisions of Order No. R-3009 were not met by February 1, 1966, the Commission would file suit under the provisions of the above bond.

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
P. O. BOX ~~877~~ 2088
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

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June 2, 1966

Reliance Insurance Group
Surety Claim Department
320 California Street
San Francisco, California

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A field inspection of the well by Mr. J. E. Kapteina, Engineer, Oil Conservation Commission, on May 25, 1966, indicates that the well is not plugged in accordance with the provisions of Order No. R-3009. Therefore, preparations are being made to file suit under the provisions of the above-described bond.

If you have cause that the suit should not be filed, the Commission would appreciate hearing from your company.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE M. HATCH
Special Assistant
Attorney General

cc: Governor Jack M. Campbell
State of New Mexico
Capitol Building
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Mr. Ralph F. Apodaca
Superintendent of Insurance
State Corporation Commission
P. O. Box 1269
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Mr. J. E. Kapteina
Engineer & Oil & Gas Inspector
Oil Conservation Commission
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Mr. Harold J. Sechler
d/b/a S. & S. Oil Producers
3730 Independence
Wheat Ridge, Colorado
(Certified - Return
Receipt Requested)

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 2088

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

March 22, 1966

MEMORANDUM

TO: WELL FILE

FROM: J. M. DURRETT, Jr., ATTORNEY

SUBJECT: S & S OIL PRODUCERS BOND WELL NO. 1, UNIT G,
SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST

Harold J. Sechler, dba S & S Oil Producers, has
advised that this well has been plugged. See case file,
Case 3294.

J. M. DURRETT, Jr.

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Mr. Harold Sechler
dba S. & S. Oil Producers

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Wheat Ridge, Colorado

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 2088

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

LEGAL DIVISION
PHONE 827-2741

January 17, 1966

VIA AIR MAIL
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RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Harold J. Sechler
dba S. & S. Oil Producers
3730 Independence
Wheat Ridge, Colorado

Re: Case No. 3294
Order No. R-3009

Dear Mr. Sechler:

In reply to your letter of January 14, 1966, I am enclosing a copy of my letter of December 3, 1965, and a certified copy of Order No. R-3009.

My letter of December 3, 1965, with a certified copy of the order, was mailed to you at the above address by certified mail and returned to this office unclaimed.

Very truly yours,

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

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Jan. 14, 1966
Cal Conservation Commission
P.O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico
Attn: Mr. J. M. Durrett

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Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of the copy
of the letter you send on Jan. 3, 1966
to Reliance Insurance Group,
San Francisco, California.

I would appreciate it, if you
would explain the meaning
of it. as it is not clear to me
and I would like to take
the necessary measures that
would be needed.

Please either write or call me
so I can proceed, when I know
what is required.

Sincerely,
H. J. Seckler

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H. J. Sechler
3730 Independence
Wheat Ridge, Colo.
422-0843

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P. O. BOX 2088
SANTA FE

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Mr. George Hatch
FROM: J. E. Kapteina
SUBJECT: S & S Producers' Bond No. 1

On May 25, 1966, a field inspection was made of S & S Oil Producers' Bond No. 1 located in the SW/4 NE/4 of Section 17, Township 9 North, Range 14 West, NMPM, Valencia County, to determine whether or not the subject well had been properly plugged as reported by Harold Sechler. A rotary rig is in position over the hole, a steel drum has been placed over the hole and a stand of drill pipe run through the rig floor to rest on the drum to prevent its removal. It is estimated that approximately 2500 feet of drill pipe is standing in the derrick.

An interview with a Park Service employee at the El Morrow National Monument shed some light on Mr. Sechler's activities. The drilling sight is about four miles from the Monument and with water being scarce in the area; while he was engaged in his drilling activities, Mr. Sechler made it a habit to procure about ten gallons, or so, of water per day from the Park Ranger to be used as drinking water at the well site. The Ranger advised the last occasion of such procurement of water occurred about 1½ years ago or about November, 1964. He had not seen Sechler since that date, nor had he heard of any operations being carried out at the well during that period. It is worth noting that the drilling of

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the well created much interest among the inhabitants of the area and it is felt that any activity, whether drilling or plugging operation, would have become known.

May 26, 1966

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January 3, 1966

VIA AIR MAIL

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Reliance Insurance Group
Surety Claim Department
320 California Street
San Francisco, California

Re: Principal: Harold J. Sechler
dba S. & S. Oil Producers
Surety: Standard Accident Insurance Company
Obligee: State of New Mexico

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing a certified copy of Order No. R-3009 which concerns the above-described One-Well Plugging Bond No. B 127223. As your principal is now in default under the provisions of this order, demand is hereby made upon your company to comply with the provisions of Order No. R-3009.

If the provisions of this order have not been fully met by February 1, 1966, the Commission will file suit under the provisions of the above bond.

Very truly yours,

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

JMD/esx

cc: Mr. Harold J. Sechler
dba S. & S. Oil Producers
3730 Independence
Wheatridge, Colorado

Mr. Harold J. Sechler
dba S. & S. Oil Producers
3370 Independence
Denver, Colorado

Mr. J. E. Kapteina
Oil and Gas
Inspector
Oil Conservation
Commission
Santa Fe, New Mex.

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Harold J. Sechler

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December 3, 1965

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Mr. Harold J. Sechler
dba S. & S. Oil Producers
3730 Independence
Wheatridge, Colorado

Re: Case No. 3294
Order No. R-3009

Dear Mr. Sechler:

I am enclosing a certified copy of the above order concerning your Bond Well No. 1.

If the Bond Well No. 1 has been properly plugged and Mr. J. E. Kapteina, Oil and Gas Inspector, Oil Conservation Commission, Santa Fe, New Mexico, is satisfied with the plugging program, it will only be necessary for you to file the required reports with the Commission to comply with the provisions of the order. However, if Mr. Kapteina is not satisfied with the manner in which the well was plugged, it will be necessary to plug the well in accordance with his requirements on or before January 1, 1966.

Very truly yours,

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

JMD/esr
Enclosure

cc: Mr. Harold J. Sechler
dba S. & S. Oil Producers
3370 Independence
Denver, Colorado

Mr. J. E. Kapteina
Oil and Gas Inspector
Oil Conservation Commission
Santa Fe, New Mexico

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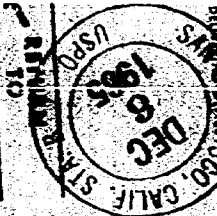
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December 3, 1965

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Reliance Insurance Group
Surety Claim Department
320 California Street
San Francisco, California

Re: Principal: Harold J. Sechler
dba S. & S. Oil Producers
Surety: Standard Accident Insurance Company
Obligee: State of New Mexico

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing a certified copy of Order No. R-3009
which concerns the above-described One-Well Plugging Bond
No. B 127223.

Very truly yours,

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

JMD/esr
Enclosure

cc: Mr. Harold J. Sechler
dba S. & S. Oil Producers
3730 Independence
Wheatridge, Colorado

Mr. Harold J. Sechler
dba S. & S. Oil Producers
3370 Independence
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November 10, 1965

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Mr. Harold J. Sechler
dba S. & S. Oil Producers
3370 Independence
Denver, Colorado

Re: Case No. 3294

Dear Mr. Sechler:

I am enclosing a copy of the November 23, 1965, Examiner Hearing Docket. As the Examiner stated at the September 22, 1965, hearing, you will be expected to appear on November 23, 1965, and establish that the Bond Well No. 1 has been placed on production.

Very truly yours,

J. M. DURRETT, Jr.
Special Assistant
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cc: Mr. Neil Good
Attorney at Law
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November 10, 1965

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320 California Street
San Francisco, California

Re: Harold J. Sechler, dba S. & S. Oil Producers

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing a copy of the November 23, 1965, Examiner Hearing Docket. Case No. 3294 concerns the Standard Accident Insurance Company One-Well Plugging Bond No. B 127223 and the Bond Well No. 1 located in the SW/4 NE/4 of Section 17, Township 9 North, Range 14 West, NMPM, Valencia County, New Mexico.

Very truly yours,

J. M. DURRETT, Jr.
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO

STATE ENGINEER OFFICE

SANTA FE

S. E. REYNOLDS
STATE ENGINEER

November 5, 1965

ADDRESS CORRESPONDENCE TO:
STATE CAPITOL
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr.
Secretary-Director
Oil Conservation Commission
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Porter:

Reference is made to Oil Conservation Commission Case 3294 on which a hearing was held on September 22, 1965. I examined the witness, Mr. Sechler, concerning the casing and cement in this well and was not very well satisfied with his answers. However, the Commission's Examiner stated that the case would be continued to 9 A.M., November 23, 1965 at the Oil Conservation Commission conference room, to which I had no objection. I stated, at the time, that I would appear at the November 23rd hearing on this matter, but due to a conflict, I will not be able to attend.

This office has no objection to Mr. Sechler's going ahead with the drilling and completion of the well in a diligent manner. If drilling operations have not commenced prior to November 23rd, it is my opinion the well should be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission approved plugging program.

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Yours truly,

S. E. Reynolds
State Engineer

By: *Frank E. Irby*
Frank E. Irby
Chief
Water Rights Div.

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**P. O. BOX 2088
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

**LEGAL DIVISION
PHONE 827-2741**

September 10, 1965

**Reliance Insurance Group
320 California Street
San Francisco, California**

Re: Harold J. Sechler, dba S. and S. Oil Producers

Gentlemen:

**Reference is made to our letter of September 1,
1965, concerning the above principal and the Standard
Accident Insurance Company One-Well Plugging Bond No.
B 127223.**

**I am enclosing herewith a docket of the September
22, 1965, Examiner Hearing.**

Very truly yours,

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

**JMD/esr
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**cc: Mr. Harold J. Sechler
dba S. and S. Oil Producers
3370 Independence
Denver, Colorado**

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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September 10, 1965

Mr. Harold J. Sechler
c/o S. and S. Oil Producers
3370 Independence
Denver, Colorado

Re: Case No. 3294

Dear Mr. Sechler:

Reference is made to our letter of September 1,
1965, concerning the subject case.

I am enclosing herewith a docket of the September
22, 1965, Examiner Hearing.

Very truly yours,

J. M. DURRETT, Jr.
Special Assistant
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PHONE 827-2741

September 1, 1965

**Reliance Insurance Group
320 California Street
San Francisco, California**

Re: Harold J. Sechler, dba S. & S. Oil Producers

Gentlemen:

By letter dated August 12, 1965, I advised you of an Examiner Hearing to be held on Wednesday, August 25, 1965, concerning the above principal and the Standard Accident Insurance Company One-Well Plugging Bond No. B 127223.

Please be advised that on August 25, 1965, Case No. 3294 was continued to September 8, 1965, at the request of Mr. Sechler's attorney who advised the Commission that Mr. Sechler would be present on that date. As this case was inadvertently omitted from the September 8, 1965, docket, it has been continued to September 22, 1965, and will be heard on that date. A copy of the September 22, 1965, docket will be forwarded to you prior to the hearing.

Very truly yours,

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

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**cc: Mr. Harold J. Sechler
dba S. & S. Oil Producers
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CONFIRMING CONVERSATION TODAY MR SECHLER REQUESTS
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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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P. O. BOX 871

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

August 12, 1965

VIA AIR MAIL

Mr. Harold J. Sechler
dba S. and S. Oil Producers
138 Garfield
Denver, Colorado

Dear Mr. Sechler:

I am enclosing a copy of the docket of the Examiner Hearing that will be held on Wednesday, August 25, 1965, at 9 a.m., in the Oil Conservation Commission Conference Room, State Land Office Building, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Case No. 3294 concerns your Well No. 1 located in Section 17, Township 9 North, Range 14 West, NMPM, Valencia County, New Mexico.

Very truly yours,

J. M. DURRETT, Jr.
Special Assistant
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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

August 12, 1965

VIA AIR MAIL

Reliance Insurance Group
320 California Street
San Francisco, California

Re: Harold J. Sechler, dba S. & S. Oil Producers

Gentlemen:

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Very truly yours,

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May 14, 1965

State of New Mexico
Oil Conservation Commission
c/o Mr. J. E. Kapteina, Engineer

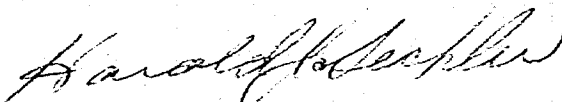
Dear Sir:

In answer to your letter dated May 10, 1965.

It is our plan to resume operations on the well, on or before June 10, 1965. We have the necessary monies and equipment to go ahead with the operation to a completion.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours very truly,



Mr. H. J. Sechler
138 Garfield
Denver, Colorado

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
P. O. BOX 2088
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

May 10, 1965

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Mr. Harold J. Sechler
138 Garfield
Denver, Colorado

Dear Sir:

You are hereby called upon to plug and abandon 8 and
S Oil Producers Well No. 1A located in the SW/4 NE/4
of Section 17, Township 9 North, Range 14 West, NMPM,
Valencia County, New Mexico. You have until June 1, 1965,
to complete this work or the matter will be turned over
to the Legal Department for appropriate action.

Very truly yours,

J. E. KAPTEINA
Engineer

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cc: Mr. J. M. Durrett ✓
Assistant Attorney General
Santa Fe, New Mexico

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