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EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of Rex Alcorn for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 6031

BEFORE: Richard L. Stamets, Examiner

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

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MR. STAMETS: Call next case, Case Number 6031.

MS. TESCHENDORF: Case 6031, application of Rex Alcorn for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox location, Lea County, New Mexico.

MR. STAMETS: Call for appearances in this case.

MR. CARR: William F. Carr, Catron, Catron & Sawtell, appearing on behalf of Mr. Alcorn.

MR. HINKLE: Clarence E. Hinkle, Hinkle, Cox, Eaton, Coffield & Hensley, appearing on behalf of Mesa Petroleum and we will have one witness.

MR. CARR: We will have one witness.

MR. STAMETS: Will the witnesses please stand and be sworn.

(THEREUPON, the witnesses were sworn.)

REX ALCORN

was called as a witness on his own behalf, and having been first duly sworn, testified upon his oath as follows, to-wit:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

21 BY MR. CARR:

Q. Will you state your name and place of residence, please?

A. Rex Alcorn, Roswell, New Mexico.

Q. Mr. Alcorn, by whom are you employed and in what

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- A. Self-employed as a geologist.
- Q. Have you previously testified before the Commission and had your credentials accepted and made a matter of record?
 - A. Yes, many years ago.
- 0. We will requalify the witness. Would you please summarize for the examiner your educational background and work experience?
- A. I received a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Texas in 1941, and after World War II joined Sun Oil Company as a geologist for fifteen years. The succeeding two years was with a smaller independent and since 1965 I have been self-employed as a geologist in Roswell.
 - Q. Are you familiar with the application in this case?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. Please state briefly what the applicant seeks?
- A. Seeks an unorthodox location and compulsory pooling for the location under eighty acres in the West Knowles-Drinkard Field, Lea County.

MR. CARR: Are the witness' qualifications acceptable?

MR. STAMETS: Your degree in '41 was in geology?

A. Yes, sir, Bachelor of Science.

MR. STAMETS: Yes, the witness' is considered qualified as a geologist.

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	Mr. Alcorn, have you
	Q. (Mr. Carr continuing.)
	prepared and has there been property for introduction in this
3	Q. (Mr. Carr continuing.) Mr. Alcorn, have you prepared and has there been prepared under your direction and supervision certain exhibits for introduction in this
4	case?

- I would ask you to refer what has been marked as Yes. A. Exhibit Number One and explain to the Examiner what it is and 8
 - Exhibit Number One is the Commission's Form C-101, what it shows? Application for Permit to Drill an oil well to the depth of approximately eighty-five hundred feet in Section 35, Township 16 S, Range 37 E, twenty-three hundred ten feet from the south line and nineteen hundred and eighty feet from the west side of the section. 14
 - And the second page of that exhibit?
 - Attached to that is the Commission's Form C-102, 15 Well Location and Acreage Dedication showing that location 16 which has been staked for reasons of time. 17
 - I would ask you to refer to what has been marked as Exhibit Number Two and explain what it is and what it shows?
 - Exhibit Number Two is a letter dated August 18, of this year from me to Mr. Ramey and the Commission and serves as an application requesting this hearing for an unorthodox location and compulsory pooling. Attached to that shows the ownership which indicates that I have the leasehold interest

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under sixty-nine of the eighty acres and the other six owners have the eleven acres which is held by production. There is Mesa which is seven plus acres, Heritage Resources is one acre, PETCO is one point three three-five acres, Tom Brown is point five three three-oh acres, H. L. Brown, Junior is point two six six-five acres, and Elizabeth M. Brown is point two six six-five acres and it totals eighty acres.

Following that is a page showing the addresses of the owners of the eleven acres in question and following that are the receipts for certified mail and the receipts showing that the letter was received by those parties.

- Q How much of the working interest has been committed to the producing unit which you are putting together?
 - A. Sixty-nine acres at this point.
- Q. Do you anticipate that any other working interest owner will join in the drill of the well?
 - A. No.
- 0. Now, I ask you to refer to what has been marked as Exhibit Number Three and explain to the Examiner what this is?
- A. Exhibit Number Three is an A.F.E., Detail Well

 23 Estimate, showing the cost of a producer and a dry hole at

 24 this location.
 - Q. What are those costs?

the well and one hundred seventy-five dollars for monthly administrative overhead costs and one hundred and twenty-five for pumper's costs totaling three hundred dollars per month.

- Q. Are these recommendations in line with what has been charged by other operators in the area?
 - A. Yes, certainly, to my knowledge.
- Now, I ask you to refer to what has been marked as Exhibit Number Five and explain to the Examiner what that is?
- A. Exhibit Number Five is a letter carrying my signature dated May 13, 1977, addressed to Mr. Northington of Mesa Petroleum Company, requesting a farm-out of the eleven acres under the eighty acre proposed unit.

Attached to my letter is a response from Mr. Northington declining that request.

- Q. Refer to Exhibit Number Six and explain that, please?
- A. My letter dated July 25, 1977, and addressed to Mesa Petroleum Company, Petroleum Corporation of Texas and Horitage Resources owners of the acres that is held by production and part of the eleven acres requesting them to join in the drilling of the well.

Attached to my letter are responses from each of those parties declining to join. Also attached are certified mail receipts.

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- Please explain Exhibit Number Seven?
- This is a letter to a Mr. Williams of Sun Oil Company who has between one and two acres under the location that has been farmed out to Mesa and the West Knowles Unit. The farm-out agreement calls for an option by Sun whereby they could convert their override to a twenty-five percent working interest --- rather fifty percent working interest or increase the override.

This letter requests that Mr. Williams advise me of their decision. Attached to my letter is a response from Mr. Williams of Sun advising me that they elect rather than taking a working interest to increase their override from a quarter to a five-sixteenths.

The question of that override determines the interest of the other working interest owners.

- Now, refer to Exhibit Number Eight and explain Q. that, please?
- A similar letter as Exhibit Number Six addressed to H. L. Brown, Junior, and Tom Brown, Inc., and Elizabeth M. Brown who are working interest owners of part of the eleven acres held by production requesting that they join in the 20 21 drilling of the test.

Attached to that shows the interest, again, in two ways; one, in the event that Sun Oil Company increases their override and the other in the event they choose to exercise

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their option to take a working interest. Also attached to that are letters from those three parties responding unfavorably to my request to join.

- Q. Would you please explain Exhibit Number Nine?
- A. Exhibit Number Nine is my letter dated August 26, to the six owners of the eleven acres advising them of the date and time and place of this particular hearing.

Attached to that are copies of receipts of certified mail and the return receipt as requested showing that that letter was received.

- Q Mr. Alcorn, do you request that you be designated as the operator of this well?
 - A. Yes.
- Q Now, does this well offset production in the West Knowles-Drinkard Pool, is that correct?
 - A. Yes. It would be a field development well.
- Q. I would ask you to refer to what has been marked as Exhibit Number Ten and explain to the Examiner what that is?
- A. Exhibit Ten is a copy of the field rules for the West Knowles-Drinkard Pool.
 - Q. What are the spacing requirements for this pool?
- A. Eighty acre spacing -- Rule 4 states that each well must be located not more than one hundred and fifty feet from the center of a governmental guarter-quarter

section or lot.

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- Q. And you are seeking an exception to this Rule 4 here today?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. How many feet to the north are you moving this particular well from a standard location?
- A. From a standard location, one hundred and eighty feet from what would be called an acceptable location in accordance with the rules.
 - Q. And you are moving this to the north?
 - A. Yes, sir.
 - Q. And who owns the acreage to the north?
 - A. Mesa and partners of the West Knowles Unit.
- Q. And how many feet from the north boundary of your unit are you proposing to drill this well?
 - A. Three hundred and thirty feet.
- Q. Now, in looking at this in terms of movement from east to west how far have you deviated this location in an east-west direction from what would be considered a standard or orthodox location?
- A. East-west, not at all, it's nineteen hundred eighty feet from the west.
- Q. Please refer to Exhibit Number Eleven and explain to the Examiner what it shows?
 - A. Exhibit Number Eleven is a geological map showing

the structure and thickness of the Drinkard B Bank pay zone. The source of this map is the publication of the Symposium of Oil & Gas Fields of the Roswell Geological Society.

It was prepared by reputable and qualified geologists, a man by the name of Crowley.

It is being used and submitted because I feel it does present an unbiased picture of this particular field.

- Q. Why are you seeking this particular location?
- A. There are two reasons that have been demonstrated.

 One, is conditions of porosity and permeability and the

 other is the oil water contact which is somewhat questionable.

Wells on the updip edge as well as the downdip south edge of the field have demonstrated problems with porosity and permeability. For instance, the dry hole we spoke of earlier being a half mile to the southwest encountered water on a drill stem test of the pay zone but during the three-hour test it encountered only six hundred feet of water which would indicate to me that that well has a porosity problem and permeability and also is below the oil-water contact. The two dry holes which are certainly prior to drilling on the updip edge of the field and had permeability problems.

The oil-water contact is somewhat debatable. The operators of the field in its early history used a figure of minus forty-six thirty-two. The bottom perforation in the west offset and the producer to the proposed location is at

minus forty-six twenty-one. A core analysis of the pay zone of that particular well one could interpret the oil-water contact as high as a minus forty-six fourteen.

On the other hand the discovery well which is perforated at a minus forty-six thirty-two, which is the lowest perforation, for all practical purposes is water free. So, I think there has been demonstrated as far as production and history of both dry holes and producing wells that there is some sort of relationship between water production and porosity and permeability. It is a similar situation that is sometimes found along the Abo reef to the south.

But to summarize and not be too lengthy, I think that it is somewhat obvious that a prudent operator would have to achieve the maximum structural location in order to reduce what already appears to be a somewhat risky location.

- 0 Mr. Alcorn, how would drilling this well at an orthodox location effect your plans?
- A. It would be very detrimental and I doubt very much that the well would be drilled at a location other than the one we are requesting and certainly would increase the risk, considerably.
 - Q. Is this location offset by producing wells?
 - A. Yes, to the north and to the west.
 - Q In your opinion is the acreage in this tract presently

being drained?

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- A. Yes.
- Who controls the offsetting acreage in all directions
 in the unorthodox well location?
 - A. Mesa and its partners of the West Knowles.
- Q And they have received notice of your application and hearing today?
 - A. Yes, sir.
- Q Would granting this application enable you to recover oil in paying quantities from this well?
- A. I certainly feel so. There is one thing I failed to mention and should, the west offset in May produced from thirteen to fourteen barrels of oil per day and from one hundred and one hundred and twenty-five barrels of water a day which had been its history for several months prior to May.

It has not produced since that time because of mechanical difficulties. That water has not been reported.

It is the only well that is making appreciable water and it is the lowest well, structurally, in the field.

- Q. In your opinion would approval of this application be in the interest of conservation and the prevention of waste?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. Would granting the application protect correlative

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A. Very definitely, not only the working interests under, owners, under the location but also the royalty owners, two of which, representing some twenty-three acres requested late last year that the location be developed but it has not been.

- Q. Do you have anything that you would like to add to your testimony at this time?
 - A. Only that time is of the essence.
- Q. Were Exhibit One through Ten prepared by you or under your direction?
- A. They were prepared by me with the exception of the map.
 - 0. And that is Exhibit Eleven?
 - A. Yes.
- Q Have you reviewed that and from your own knowledge can you testify to its accuracy?
 - A. Yes, very definitely.
- MR. CARR: At this time I would offer Applicant's Exhibits One through Eleven.
 - MR. STAMETS: These exhibits will be admitted.
 - MR. CARR: I have nothing further on direct.
 - MR. STAMETS: Are there questions of the witness?
 - MR. HINKLE: I have a few here.
 - MR. STAMETS: Please proceed, Mr. Hinkle.

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CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. HINKLE:

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Q Mr. Alcorn, referring to your Exhibit Number Eleven, which is a structural map there -- I believe that your testimony shows that the water-oil contact has been determined to be either forty-six twenty-one or forty-six thirty-two?

- A. Or possibly as high as forty-six fourteen.
- Q Then, your contour that you show just below your proposed well, forty-six hundred, is pretty close to the water-oil contact is it not?
- A. I would say close, yes, even though it was minus five thousand.
- Q If that is the case what is your estimate of how much of the eighty acres that you are going to dedicate to this well is productive?
- A. That is the question that has been in my mind, Mr. Hinkle, and I certainly cannot answer it accurately because of the difficulty in determining what could be called an accurate oil-water contact.

I am certainly hoping for something like forty to sixty acres. I wouldn't be surprised if there were only, say, thirty-five. But I really can't answer that question with accuracy.

O It would all depend on just where the oil-water

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- A. And the conditions of permeability, yes.
- Q. If I understand it you are only moving this well one hundred and eighty feet to the north from the standard location, is that right?
 - A. Yes.

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- O. If you drill it at a standard location your testimony is that you think that you will get a water well?
- A. I think the chances of doing so would be greatly increased.
- Q There is a good probability that it would be, water, according to your plat?
- A. Well, again, it depends on where that oil-water contact is. I would say a possibility, but of course, us geologists like the word possible.

MR. HINKLE: That's all.

MR. STAMETS: Are there any further questions of the witness?

He may be excused.

(THEREUPON, the witness was excused.)

DENNIS E. CROWLEY

was called as a witness, and having been first duly sworn, testified upon his oath as follows, to-wit:

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- State your name, residence, and by whom you are BY MR. HINKLE: Q.
- Dennis E. Crowley, Division Geologist, Midland, employed? Texas, employed by Mesa Petroleum Company.
 - And have you made a study of the area that is Q. involved in this particular case?

 - Have you previously testified before this Commission? Yes, I have. A. Q.
 - Yes, I have. A.
 - And have qualified as a Petroleum Geologist? Q.
 - A.

MR. HINKLE: Are the witness' qualifications

MR. STAMETS: The witness is considered qualified. acceptable?

- (Mr. Hinkle continuing.) You have heard the testimon of Mr. Alcorn in this case and have you prepared any exhibits in connection with this case?
- 18 19
 - Yes, I have. Α.
- What is the position of Mesa with respect to this 20 0.
- application, what do you want to --21 22
 - What interest do we have in it? A.
 - Well, Mesa has about a fifty-three percent working Yes. Q. 25

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interest in the unit consisting of the east half of Section 34 and the west half of the southeast quarter of Section 35, Township 16 S, Range 37 E, and also some adjoining acreage to the south in the township to the south.

In the east half of the southwest quarter of Section 35 at the present time we have an interest in approximately eight point six acres.

- Q. And you are familiar with the special pool rules under which this case comes are you not?
 - A. Yes, I am.
- Q What do these rules provide as far as spacing is concerned?
 - A. They provide for eighty acre spacing in the unit.
 - Q As far as the location --
- A. As far as the location they can be located in either the north half or the south half, the east half or the west half of a governmental quarter section.
 - Q. And what about the tolerance there?
- A. The rules -- each well, it says it should be located within one hundred and fifty feet of the center of a governmental quarter section or lot.
- Q. Now, I believe you stated that you had prepared under your direction certain exhibits for introduction in this case?
 - A. Yes, sir.

Q. Refer to Exhibit Number One and explain what it shows?

M. This is a structure map on top of the Drinkard B Bank Porosity zone. It shows in heavy outline to the north and south, there, the Drinkard Bank Trend and the way it trends through the West Drinkard Pool, Knowles Pool, and the structure contours are on top of the porosity in the B Bank Trend.

Now, the B Bank, if you look at Exhibit Number Two, which is the log of the Knowles Number One Well -- the B Bank is the central portion of the Drinkard. It is arbitrarily named by Mesa Petroleum and this structure map is on top of this porosity.

- Q. Does this map show the oil-water contact?
- A. Yes, sir, it does. We show an oil-water contact of a minus forty-six thirty-two, sub-sea. This is based primarily on production testing in the Number One West Knowles Well and the Number Two West Knowles Well.

The Number One is shown on Exhibit Number Two was perforated from eighty-four twenty to thirty-two. The top of the perfs there would be at a minus forty-six forty. We acidized that zone and it made about fifty percent water and fifty percent oil. We squeezed it and then went up the hole and perforated the other two zones at eighty-three thirty to fifty-eight and eighty-three ninety to eighty-four

twelve. The well was subsequently I.F.'d for six hundred and six barrels a day and three hundred and seventy-one M.C.F. It is not making any water now.

The number two well that shows to be a direct west offset to Mr. Alcorn's proposed location encountered water and we moved the retrievable bridge plug up above the lower set of perfs and for about two days after doing this the well produced mostly oil, very little water, and then the water started coming again and we felt that we had communications, you know, between the well bore there. But the well was I.P.'d for two hundred and seventy-nine barrels of oil and one hundred and fiften barrels of water a day and one hundred and nineteen M.C.F.

It is still making about one hundred barrels, one hundred to one hundred and ten barrels, of water and the water cut has not risen in the well.

MR. STAMETS: What is the oil production on that well currently?

M. On the Number Two it is currently shut in due to mechanical problems. It has a collapsed tubing on it but the cum on it was from 3/10/75 to 6/30/77 was fifty-one thousand and thirty-seven barrels of oil and twenty-four point eight M.M.C.F. gas.

Its daily production when it was taken off production due to mechanical difficulties was about fifteen barrels of

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A. The cost for a producer including the pump jack
and all surface equipment is three hundred twenty thousan
nine hundred and sixty-three dollars; and the dry hole is
two hundred seventeen thousand six hundred and twenty-nin
dollars.

- Q Mr. Alcorn, are these costs in line of the costs of drilling and completing similar wells in the area?
- A. Yes, the other A.F.E.'s that I have seen are slightly higher than these figures.
 - Q. Who operates other wells in the area?
- A. Mesa Petroleum Company is the operator of the West Knowles Unit and C & K Petroleum Company.
- Q Please refer to what has been marked as Exhibit Number Four and explain what it is and what it shows?
- A. Exhibit Number Four is an ownership plat outlining the eighty acres to be dedicated to the well.

It also shows the well location and the producing wells and dry holes in the field and the particular area in question.

- O Okay. Do you consider this well to be a high risk endeavor on your part?
 - A. Yes.
- Q Would you indicate where the dry holes are that are wells that are drilled to the Drinkard that were dry holes in the immediate area?

oil per day and one hundred barrels of water and forty M.C.F. of gas.

Q (Mr. Hinkle continuing) Does Mesa have an interest in the well offset to the north, Number Six?

A. Yes, sir, we do. The Number Six was completed in 8/7/75, and has up until 6/30/77 has made sixty-six thousand one hundred and forty barrels of oil and forty-four point eight M.M.C.F. of gas.

Its daily production rate right now is seventytwo barrels of oil and five barrels of salt water a day and fifty-eight M.C.F. of gas.

Q. From your Exhibit Number One and your study in this area how much of the proposed eighty acres to be dedicated to the subject well in your opinion is productive?

A. I would estimate ten percent or less based on my study of the structure map here.

Q. If the well was drilled at the standard location which would be one hundred and eighty feet south of the proposed location in your opinion would it be a producing well?

A. No, sir, I believe it would be wet. It would be structurally located unfavorably.

Q Do you have any recommendation to be made to the Commission with respect to this matter?

A. Yes, sir. I would recommend that the subject well

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A. In the immediate area there is one dry hole
approximately half a mile southwest of the proposed location
and another approximately a half mile to the northeast of
the location. The one to the northeast having no porosity
or permeability and the one to the southwest was with a
permeability problem but recovered water on a test of the
producing zones.

- Q. Is the proposed location in your opinion better or worse from a structural point of view with the dry holes drilled in the immediate area?
- A. From a structural point of view it's more favorable than the dry hole to the southwest and less favorable than the dry hole to the northeast. The structural position is more favorable. It's on the north edge of the producing field and has permeability problems.
- Q. Do you have a recommendation to make to the Commission as to what risk factor should be assigned to this well?
- A. In view of the risk involved I would request maximum penalties.
- Q. Do you have a recommendation to make to the Commission for overhead and administrative costs for drilling and producing a well if, in fact, it is a producer?
- A. Yes. The operating agreement and the accounting procedure would call for fifteen hundred dollars for drilling

at Mr. Alcorn's location be restricted to a standard spacing within the unit as per field rules.

Q. In your opinion will the granting of this application violate correlative rights?

A. Yes.

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MR. HINKLE: We would like to offer Exhibits One and Two.

MR. STAMETS: These exhibts will be admitted.

MR. HINKLE: That's all I have.

MR. STAMETS: Are there questions of Mr. Crowley?
Mr. Carr --

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. CARR:

0 Mr. Crowley, you indicated that you were familiar with the special pool rules for the West Knowles-Drinkard Pool, is that correct?

A. Yes, sir.

Q And the pool rules, I understand, were adopted pursuant to an application of Mosa, is that also correct?

A. Yes, about two or two and a half years ago.

Q Is it safe to say that eighty acres was adopted because it was Mesa's feeling that one well could drain eighty acres?

A. Yes, sir. We have proven pretty much that we have

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communication throughout the field. One way we have shown that, of course, that as the wells were drilled and put on stream as we drilled subsequent wells we found that the formation pressures, reservoir pressure, was declining as we drilled these wells. We found this throughout. Then, we run bottom hole pressure tests, too, so we feel that our field is in communication and that our eighty acre spacing is adequately draining these wells.

We have drilled them, as you will notice, on the alternate forty's within the eighty acre block. We have a regular spacing pattern established.

- Q. Now, you testified, I believe, that Mesa has wells both to the north and the west of Mr. Alcorn's proposed location?
 - A. Yes, sir.
- Q. In your opinion are these wells to the north and west draining the acreage immediately under the proposed location?
- A. Yes, sir, we feel in due time that these wells will produce and they are structurally high to this proposed location they would drain any oil under the proposed location.
- Q And really isn't the only reason you are opposing this today is that you believe that you have wells that are draining the acreage?
 - A. Yes, sir, it is.

Q.	Okay.	Do the	people	who have	a working	or over-
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- A. I am not a land man so I couldn't answer that question.
- Q If they did not would you believe that the denying the application or forcing this well to be drilled at a location where a commercial well could not be obtained would violate those individuals! correlative rights?
- A. I think it is a very, very risky location where it is.
- A But my question was, the people who have an interest in the northern part of the unit that Mr. Alcorn is attempting to obtain approval for here today, if they do not share in the production from the Mesa wells that are being drained do you believe that adopting your recommendation would be in the best interest of their correlative rights?
 - A. No.
- Q Okay. Now, Mr. Crowley, when you deal with an unorthodox well location do you believe that the number of productive acres in the tract is the proper basis for the Commission to base it's decision on?
- definitely.

Q If this well were drilled at a standard location
and a commercial producer was obtained no penalty need be
assigned in that case for a non-productive acreage would
it?

- A. I don't know. I wouldn't say so, no.
- Q. Isn't, in fact, the reason for the spacing requirements to keep a well back from the boundary of the producing units so that it does not unfairly crowd adjoining acreage?
 - A. Yes.
- Q Don't you believe that a proper matter for the Commission to consider is the amount of advantage obtained by moving to an unorthodox location?
 - A. Not necessarily, no.
- Q. You don't think that its a proper matter for the Commission's concern?
 - A. State your question again.
- Q My question is -- what I am really getting at here is don't you believe that the real concern that the Commission has here in the spacing rules is to see that the wells are not drilled in such a fashion to unfairly take advantage of production on the tracts?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. And their legitimate concern with an unorthodox location is to consider how much of an advantage it would

gain?

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A. Yes.

Q. And not just productive acres in a drilling unit?

A. Yes.

MR. CARR: I have no further questions.

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. STAMETS:

Mr. Crowley, do you know what the current status
 of this pool is as far as productive capacity? Are there
 any top allowable wells left?

A. I don't believe there is now. In the beginning we had a number of them or some of these would make the full three hundred and ten barrels a day which was the top allowable at that time.

I think that all of them are pumping now and about one hundred barrels a day to one hundred and twenty barrels a day seem to be about the rate that they are producing from.

Q. If this well that is being considered here today is close to the oil-water contact as both you and Mr. Alcorn think that it is, do you believe that the well will produce enough oil before it's watered out to injure Mesa?

A. It could. It could take some oil that normally would be drained by the Number Two and Number Six wells, yes.

Q. Would this be oil drained off of Mesa's lease or

oil that would be recovered by Mr. Alcorn on his lease that Mesa would recover if his well wasn't drilled?

- A. That's right.
- On The second part of that is what it is so you don't really feel that he is going to be draining any oil from Mesa before the well is watered out? I am talking about oil from across the lease line from Mesa's lease to his well?
 - A. That's true.

MR. STAMETS: Are there any other questions of this witness? He may be excused.

(THEREUPON, the witnes was excused.)

MR. STAMETS: Is there anything further in this case?

MR. CARR: I have a brief statement.

MR. STAMETS: Mr. Carr --

MR. CARR: Mr. Examiner, we believe here that the real issue before the Commission is not the number of productive acres in the proposed unit but the issue is what advantage is gained by moving from a standard or orthodox location to an unorthodox location and we believe the Commission has adopted a formula in Order R-5461 which appropriately handles this type of a situation.

We would emphasize that if Mr. Crowley's recommendation is adopted and the well is drilled at a standard location

order.

the risk of getting a water well is increased.

If Mr. Alcorn's group is forced to drill at that location they will probably have to decide not to go ahead with it, the project. This creates a serious problem for those individuals who own a working interest or a royalty interest in the northern portion of the tract which Mr. Alcorn is attempting to compulsory pool today where they would be in a position where they are being drained and they are not able to, within reasonable economic constraints, to drill a well to protect their interests.

MR. STAMETS: I presume you are only asking for the acreage factor to be applied if the Commission deems that is necessary?

MR. CARR: That's correct.

MR. HINKLE: We do not object to the compulsory pooling. All we are objecting to is the location and we think we ought to stick by the special pool rules that have been adopted.

MR. STAMETS: Is there anything further in this case? The case will be taken under advisement and we will take about a fifteen nimute recess.

(THEREUPON, the hearing was in recess.)

MR. STAMETS: The hearing will please come to

MR. BARTON: Mr. Examiner, my name is Roy Barton, Junior from Hobbs and I would like to make a statement in Case 6031.

MR. STAMETS: From what respect?

MR. BARTON: A royalty owner.

MR. STAMETS: Okay.

MR. BARTON: As a royalty owner I would like to support Mr. Alcorn's application in this case and state that I feel like my correlative rights would not be protected properly in denying this application.

MR. STAMETS: Thank you. That will be incorporated in the record of Case 6031.

(THEREUPON, the hearing in Case 6031 was concluded.)

REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

I, SIDNEY F. MORRISH, a Certified Shorthand Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached Transcript of Hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission was reported by me, and the same is a true and correct record of the said proceedings to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

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Mr. Joe D. Ramey NMOCC Box 2088 Santa Fe. New Mexico 87501 Re:

Escrow Agent, NMOCC Case No. 6031, Order No. R-5533, West Knowles-Drinkard Field, Sec. 35, T16S, R37E, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

In compliance with provision (12) of the NMOCC case and order described above, this is to advise that proceeds from the Rex Alcorn No. 1 Shipp well which are not disbursed will be placed in escrow with the Liberty National Bank, PO Box 1627, Lovington, New Mexico 88260, escrow agent.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Rex Alcorn, Operator

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Mr. Joe Ramey New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission PO Box 1980 Santa Fe, New Mexico 88240

Santa Fe

Re: Case No. 6031, Order No. 5533, West Knowles-Drinkard Field, Lea County, New Mexico

Stamets

Dear Sir:

The attached is pursuant to the requirements of the above described $\ensuremath{\mathsf{NMOCC}}$ order.

Thank you kindly.

very truly yours

Rex Alcorn

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October 5, 1977

Mesa Petroleum Company,
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Tom Brown, Inc.,
H. L. Brown, Jr.,
Petroleum Corporation of Texas, &
Elizabeth M. Brown

Re: NMOCC Case No. 6031,
Order No. 5533,
Compulsory Pooling and
Unorthox Location,
West Knowles-Drinkard Field,
NE/4 SN/4 Sec. 35, T16S, R37E,
Lea County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the requirements of the above described order, attached please find a copy of the order, description of division of interests, and AFE (detail cost estimate).

In accordance with the order each non-consenting party has 30 days from receipt of this notification in which to express their desire to join to the extent of their interest in the drilling of the approximate 8500' Drinkard test.

If you wish to join, your early response will be appreciated.

Thank you kindly.

Very truly yours,

Rex Alcorn

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. BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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

CASE NO. 6031 Order No. R-5533

APPLICATION OF REX ALCORN FOR COMPULSORY POOLING AND AN UNORTHODOX LOCATION, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on September 14, 1977, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 27th day of September, 1977, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

- (1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicant, Rex Alcorn, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests underlying the E/2 SW/4 of Section 35, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, West Knowles-Drinkard Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the applicant has the right to drill and proposes to drill a well at an unorthodox location 2310 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line of said Section 35.
- (4) That approval of the aforesaid unorthodox location will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce his just and equitable share of the oil and gas in the subject pool, will prevent the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, avoid the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, and will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.
- (5) That there are interest owners in the proposed proration unit who have not agreed to pool their interests.

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- (6) That to avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, to protect correlative rights, and to afford to the owner of each interest in said unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense his just and fair share of the oil and gas in said pool, the subject application should be approved by pooling all mineral interests, whatever they may be, within said unit.
- (7) That the applicant should be designated the operator of the subject well and unit.
- (8) That any non-consenting working interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production.
- (9) That any non-consenting working interest owner that does not pay his share of estimated well costs should have withheld from production his share of the reasonable well costs plus an additional 200 percent thereof as a reasonable charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well.
- (10) That any non-consenting interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to object to the actual well costs but that actual well costs should be adopted as the reasonable well costs in the absence of such objection.
- (11) That following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner that has paid his share of estimated costs should pay to the operator any amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and should receive from the operator any amount that paid estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.
- (12) That \$1500.00 per month while drilling and \$175.00 per month while producing should be fixed as reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates); that the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charges attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating the subject well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.
- (13) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason should be placed in escrow to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership.
- (14) That upon the failure of the operator of said pooled unit to commence drilling of the well to which said unit is dedicated on or before December 31, 1977, the order pooling said unit should become null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That all mineral interests, whatever they may be, in the Drinkard formation underlying the E/2 SW/4 of Section 35, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, West Knowles-Drinkard Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, are hereby pooled to form a standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 2310 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line of said Section 35.

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the operator of said unit shall commence the drilling of said well on or before the 31st day of December, 1977, and shall thereafter continue the drilling of said well with due diligence to a depth sufficient to test the Drinkard formation;

PROVIDED FURTHER, that in the event said operator does not commence the drilling of said well on or before the 31st day of December, 1977, Order (1) of this order shall be null and void and of no effect whatsoever; unless said operator obtains a time extension from the Commission for good cause shown.

PROVIDED FURTHER, that should said well not be drilled to completion, or abandonment, within 120 days after commencement thereof, said operator shall appear before the Commission and show cause why Order (1) of this order should not be rescinded.

- (2) That Rex Alcorn is hereby designated the operator of the subject well and unit.
- (3) That after the effective date of this order and within 30 days prior to commencing said well, the operator shall furnish the Commission and each known working interest owner in the subject unit an itemized schedule of estimated well costs.
- (4) That within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him, any non-consenting working interest owner shall have the right to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production, and that any such owner who pays his share of estimated well costs as provided above shall remain liable for operating costs but shall not be liable for risk charges.
- (5) That the operator shall furnish the Commission and each known working interest owner an itemized schedule of actual well costs within 90 days following completion of the well; that if no objection to the actual well costs is received by the Commission and the Commission has not objected within 45 days following receipt of said schedule, the actual well costs shall be the reasonable well costs; provided however, that if there is an objection to actual well costs within said 45-day period the Commission will determine reasonable well costs after public notice and hearing.

- (6) That within 60 days following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner that has paid his share of estimated costs in advance as provided above shall pay to the operator his pro rata share of the amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and shall receive from the operator his pro rata share of the amount that estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.
- (7) That the operator is hereby authorized to withhold the following costs and charges from production:
 - (A) The pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.
 - (B) As a charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well, 200 percent of the pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.
- (8) That the operator shall distribute said costs and charges withheld from production to the parties who advanced the well costs.
- (9) That \$1500.00 per month while drilling and \$175.00 per month while producing are hereby fixed as reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates); that the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charges attributable to each nonconsenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating such well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each nonconsenting working interest.
- (10) That any unsevered mineral interest shall be considered a seven-eighths (7/8) working interest and a one-eighth (1/8) royalty interest for the purpose of allocating costs and charges under the terms of this order.
- (11) That any well costs or charges which are to be paid out of production shall be withheld only from the working interests share of production, and no costs or charges shall be withheld from production attributable to royalty interests.

- (12) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason shall be placed in escrow in Lea County, New Mexico, to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership; that the operator shall notify the Commission of the name and address of said escrow agent within 90 days from the date of this order.
- (13) 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

PHIL R. LUCERO, Chairman

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JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Secretary

SEAL

Ownership of acreage and division of working interests for proposed $8,500^{\circ}$ Drinkard test, West Knowles Field, under the 80 acres described as E/2 SW/4 Sec. 35, T 16 S, R 37 E, Lea County, New Mexico:

(Sun Oil Company ownes 2.665 acres under the proposed location which are farmed-out to Mesa Petroleum Company and included in the West Knowles Unit. The farm-out agreement carries the provision that on each well drilled subsequent to the initial test, Sun has the option to increase their ORRI from 1/4 to 5/16 or to convert the ORRI to a 50% working interest. Owners of the working interest under Sun's 2.665 acres are Mesa (60%), Tom Brown (20%), H. L. Brown, Jr. (10%), and Elizabeth M. Brown (10%).

Sun has elected to increase their ORRI, thus the following ownership applies:

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Elizabeth M. Brown	.2665 80.0000	.00333125 (10% of 2.665 acres) 1.00000000

A.F.E. REX ALCORN Detail Well Estimate

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DIRECTOR JOE D. RAMEY

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO P. O. BOX 2088 - SANTA FE 87501

LAND COMMISSIONER PHIL R. LUCERO January 6, 1978



EMERY C. ARNOLD

Rex Alcorn Ingram Building 100 S. Kentucky Roswell, New Mexico 88201

Dear Mr. Alcorn:

For the reasons set out in your letter of January 4, 1978, you are hereby granted an additional 30 day period in which to complete your Shipp Well No. 1 in Section 35, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico, said well being drilled on acreage pooled under the provisions of Commission Order No. R-5533.

Yours very truly,

JOE D. RAMEY Director

JDR/RLS/fd

REX ALCORN INGRAM BUILDING 100 BOUTH KENTUCKY ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO 88201

PHONE 505 622-4596

January 4, 1978

Mr. Joe D. Ramey NMOCC Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re:

Request for Extension, Case No. 6031, Order No. R-5533: Rex Alcorn No. 1 Shipp, Sec. 35, T16S, R37E, West Knowles-Drinkard Field, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

Order No. R-5533 provides that the above described test must be completed within 120 days after commencement of drilling operations. This test was spudded on September 30, 1977, with cable tools, drilled to 350' and 13/3/8" surface casing set. Therefore, in accordance with the Order, the well should be completed on or before January 28, 1978.

Lack of availability of rotary rigs delayed this venture for a period of 64 days from October 24, 1977, when cable tools moved off location until December 28, 1977, when rotary tools commenced operations. Tahoe Drilling Company is now engaged in drilling operations with a rig which is 80-90% new, and it has become obvious that time will be lost due to repairs, most of which are and hopefully will be of a minor nature.

It appears most probable that this test will not be completed by the required date, thus it is respectfully requested that an extension of time be granted by the NMOCC for a period of 30 days, and the order be amended accordingly.

Inclosed for your information are copies of Order No. R-5533, Drilling Contract, invoices pertaining to cable tool operations, letters from several drilling contractors indicating the status of rotary rig availability, NMOCC Forms C-101 and C-103, drilling prognosis, and daily report of the progress of drilling operations to date.

If further information is required to support this request, please advise.

Thank you kindly for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Rex Alcorn, Operator

RA:b Inclosures

. BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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

> CASE NO. 6031 Order No. R-5533

APPLICATION OF REX ALCORN FOR COMPULSORY POOLING AND AN UNORTHODOX LOCATION, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on September 14, 1977, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 27th day of September, 1977, the Commission, a guorum being present, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

- (1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicant, Rex Alcorn, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests underlying the E/2 SW/4 of Section 35, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, West Knowles-Drinkard Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the applicant has the right to drill and proposes to drill a well at an unorthodox location 2310 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line of said Section 35.
- (4) That approval of the aforesaid unorthodox location will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce his just and equitable share of the oil and gas in the subject pool, will prevent the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, avoid the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, and will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.
- (5) That there are interest owners in the proposed proration unit who have not agreed to pool their interests.

- (6) That to avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, to protect correlative rights, and to afford to the owner of each interest in said unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense his just and fair share of the oil and gas in said pool, the subject application should be approved by pooling all mineral interests, whatever they may be, within said unit.
- (7) That the applicant should be designated the operator of the subject well and unit.
- (8) That any non-consenting working interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production.
- (9) That any non-consenting working interest owner that does not pay his share of estimated well costs should have withheld from production his share of the reasonable well costs plus an additional 200 percent thereof as a reasonable charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well.
- (10) That any non-consenting interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to object to the actual well costs but that actual well costs should be adopted as the reasonable well costs in the absence of such objection.
- (11) That following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner that has paid his share of estimated costs should pay to the operator any amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and should receive from the operator any amount that paid estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.
- (12) That \$1500.00 per month while drilling and \$175.00 per month while producing should be fixed as reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates); that the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charges attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating the subject well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.
- (13) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason should be placed in escrow to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership.
- (14) That upon the failure of the operator of said pooled unit to commence drilling of the well to which said unit is dedicated on or before December 31, 1977, the order pooling said unit should become null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That all mineral interests, whatever they may be, in the Drinkard formation underlying the E/2 SW/4 of Section 35, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, West Knowles-Drinkard Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, are hereby pooled to form a standard 80-acre oil spacing and provation unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 2310 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line of said Section 35.

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the operator of said unit shall commence the drilling of said well on or before the 31st day of December, 1977, and shall thereafter continue the drilling of said well with due diligence to a depth sufficient to test the Drinkard formation;

PROVIDED FURTHER, that in the event said operator does not commence the drilling of said well on or before the 31st day of December, 1977, Order (1) of this order shall be null and void and of no effect whatsoever; unless said operator obtains a time extension from the Commission for good cause shown.

PROVIDED FURTHER, that should said well not be drilled to completion, or abandonment, within 120 days after commencement thereof, said operator shall appear before the Commission and show cause why Order (1) of this order should not be rescinded.

- (2) That Rex Alcorn is hereby designated the operator of the subject well and unit.
- (3) That after the effective date of this order and within 30 days prior to commencing said well, the operator shall furnish the Commission and each known working interest owner in the subject unit an itemized schedule of estimated well costs.
- (4) That within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him, any non-consenting working interest owner shall have the right to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production, and that any such owner who pays his share of estimated well costs as provided above shall remain liable for operating costs but shall not be liable for risk charges.
- (5) That the operator shall furnish the Commission and each known working interest owner an itemized schedule of actual well costs within 90 days following completion of the well; that if no objection to the actual well costs is received by the Commission and the Commission has not objected within 45 days following receipt of said schedule, the actual well costs shall be the reasonable well costs; provided however, that if there is an objection to actual well costs within said 45-day period the Commission will determine reasonable well costs after public notice and hearing.

- able well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner that has paid his share of estimated costs in advance as provided above shall pay to the operator his pro rata share of the amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and shall receive from the operator his pro rata share of the amount that estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.
- (7) That the operator is hereby authorized to withhold the following costs and charges from production:
 - (A) The pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.
 - (B) As a charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well, 200 percent of the pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.
- (8) That the operator shall distribute said costs and charges withheld from production to the parties who advanced the well costs.
- (9) That \$1500.00 per month while drilling and \$175.00 per month while producing are hereby fixed as reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates); that the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charges attributable to each nonconsenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating such well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each nonconsenting working interest.
- (10) That any unsevered mineral interest shall be considered a seven-eighths (7/8) working interest and a one-eighth (1/8) royalty interest for the purpose of allocating costs and charges under the terms of this order.
- (11) That any well costs or charges which are to be paid out of production shall be withheld only from the working interests share of production, and no costs or charges shall be withheld from production attributable to royalty interests.

- (12) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason shall be placed in escrow in Lea County, New Mexico, to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership; that the operator shall notify the Commission of the name and address of said escrow agent within 90 days from the date of this order.
- (13) 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

PHIL R. LUCERO, Chairman

EMERY EL ARNOLD Member

DOE D. RAMEY, Member & Secretary

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REX ALCORN INGRAM BUILDING 100 BOUTH KENTUCKY ROBWELL, NEW MEXICO 88201 PHONE 505 622-4596

RIG PHONE

Caprock Answering Service

PROGRESS REPORT

Hobbs : 397-3291 Unit 8491

Rex Alcorn No. 1 Shipp Sec. 35, T16S, R37E 2310' FSL & 1980' FWL West Knowles-Drinkard Field Lea County, New Mexico

Elevations: 3762' GR: 3772' DF: 3773' KB

8-30-77 : West Engineering surveyed location.

9-27-77: Received results of NMOCC Case No. 6031, Order No. R 5533.

9-28-77

9-29-77 : C & O Services prepared road, location and cellar.

9-30-77 : Glenn's Water Well Service spudded with cable tools, and

drilled 16" hole to 350 feet. Top Red Beds 217'.

10-4-77 : C & O prepared working pit.

10-21-77: Ran 10 joints 13 3/8", 61# & 68#, H-40, 8RD, ST&C, Rg 3 casing to 345', bottom joint welded, collar set 39" below

ground level.

Halliburton cemented with 225 sax Class C cement with 2% CaCl,

circulated 25 sax of clean cement to pit, 30' left inside

casing. NMOCC representative on location.

10-22-77

MOC 10-23-77:

Released casing, bailed cellar, capped casing, moved off 10-24-77:

Cable Tools.

10-25-77

12-12-77: Waiting on availability of rotary rig.

12-12-77: Signed drilling contract with Tahoe Drilling Co., Midland, Texas.

12=16-77: Abbott Bros., Hobbs, NM, installed pump and engine at location of

water well just west of pad for Mesa Petroleum Co. No. ! West Knowles Unit. Rapid Flo, Inc., Lovington, NM, ran 2" plastic

line from water well to location.

12-17-77 : C & O Services moved on to dig and line mud pits.

12-18-77 : Link Rat Hole Service drilled rat hole and mouse hole.

12-19-77: Tahoe Drilling Co. Rig No. 1 moving on location.

12-20-77 : Tahoe Rigging Up which will require several days inasmuch as

rig is 80%-90% new.

12-21-77 : Rigging Up.

12-22-77 : Rigging Up.

12-23-77 : Rigging Up. Mud delivered to location by Marrs Mud. Inc., Lovington.

12-24-77: Rigging Up. Tested surface casing with 1000# for 45 minutes; no decline in pressure. Shut-down for Christmas holidays.

12-25-77 : A very Merry Christmas to all:

12-26-77 : Completed rigging up.

12-27-77: Started in hole with 11" Reed Y-11 bit. Spool would not accommodate bit even though specifications were correct. Spool rented from Land & Marine delivered from Odessa. Two-States Tank Rental Co. delivered 500 barrel tank to location for brine water to drill salt section. Permian Corporation delivered brine water. Cement @ 315'.

12-28-77: Completed change-out of spool, nippled-up, started in hole with Bit #1 as above to drill out from under surface casing.

12-29-77: Drl'g. at 500", red beds, Dev. @ 500' 1/4 degree. Halliburton delivered float equipment for 8 5/8" casing to location. Gandy delivered fresh water to location: Engine and pump on water well malfunctioned and well could not deliver sufficient water to location for beginning of drilling operations.

12-30-77: Drl'g. at 1907' in red beds, Dev. @ 945' 3/4 degrees, Dev. @ 1500' 1/4 degrees. Abbott Brothers repaired water well pump and engine. Drilling with fresh water. Vis. 33.

12-31-77: Drl'g. 2153' anhydrite. Trip for Bit #2, Reed 11" Y-13, 0 1965'. Dev. 0 1965' 3/4 degrees. Rig shut-down for 2' 15" for repairs. Water well not pumping capacity. Abbott Bros. to monitor. Vis. 33.

1-1-78: TD 2572' in salt and anhydrite. Making trip for Bit No. 3, Reed S62J. Drilling with Brine, Vis. 32. Dev. @ 2572' 1 degree.

1-2-78 : Drī'g. 2857', salt. Vis. 33.

1-3-78 : TD 3158", salt and anhydrite. Vis. 33. Dev. @ 3150' I degree.
Loss of pump pressure, making trip to locate cracked drill collar.

(EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$117,396.04 including \$90,000 prepayment of rig and bits. Three invoices outstanding: Gandy for water and Land & Marine Rental Co. for spool rental and reaming of of spool. Expenditures to date paid in 1977.)

1-4-78: TD 3158'. Found cracked drill collars, laid down. Ran in hole, bit plugged. Pulled bit and found rubber from inside kelly hose. Pump malfunctioned. Repairing pump (replaceing bearings), replaced kelly hose with new hose. New drill collars delivered to location. Should be drilling late today. Approximately 12 hours lost due to pump repair at this writing. All but two hours of this time is at expense of drilling company.

Tahoe Drilling Co. Rig No. 1

RIG PHONE: Caprock Ans. Ser.

Hobbs 397-3291 Unit 8491

REX ALCORN INGRAM BUILDING 100 SOUTH KENTUCKY ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO 88201 PHONE 505 622-4396

NOTE: ANHYDRITE STRINGERS NEAR BASE OF SALT MAY CAUSE DEVIATION AND KEY SEAT PROBLEMS. DO NOT CARRY TOO MUCH WEIGHT FROM 2800-3200.

DRILLING PROGNOSIS

Rex Alcorn No. 1 Shipp: West Knowles Field, Sec. 35, T16S, R37E, Lea Co.

Projected Total Depth: 8,500 feet, Drinkard Formation

Casing: Surface set; 13 3/8" at 345'.

Intermediate; 8 5/8" at approx. 4200'. Production; 4 1/2" at approx. 8,500'.

Circulate 3-4 hours prior to running casing and logging. WOC 18 hours, pressure-up 1000# for 30-45 minutes

Bit Sizes: 11" from underneath surface casing to 4200'. 7 7/8" from 4200' to total depth.

Drilling Fluids: Fresh water from surface to 2100': Brine from 2100' to 4200': Mud 8100' to total depth.

Fresh Water: From water well at Mesa No. 1 W. Knowles Unit well.

Engine and pump supplied and maintained by Abbott

Bros., Hobbs 392-5806.

Brine Water: Permian Corporation, Hobbs 392-6559.

Mud : Marrs Mud, Inc. (Nayne Marrs), Lovington 396-4876.

Brine Tank: Two-State Tank Service, Inc. Hobbs

Cementing: Halliburton 393-3651

(Drilprodco to run fluid caliper survey prior to running intermediate casing to determine minimum amount of cement

required to circulate).

: 10 foot samples from 3200' to 8200'. Samples

5 foot samples from 8200' to total depth.

Drilling Time: Record 10 foot time from 3200' to 8200'.

Record 1 foot time from 8200' to total depth.

Deviation Surveys: Every 500 feet.

DST's : Halliburton as per operator.

Logging: Schlumberger as per operator.

Estimated Formation Tops: Rustler Anhydrite 2070, Top Salt 2200, Base Salt

3170, Yates 3250, Queen 4160, San Andres 4935, Glorieta 6400, Paddock 6490, Tubb 8065, Drinkard 8260, Drinkard "B" Zone (Pay) 8360.

Notification: Rex Alcorn, Office, Roswell 622-4396 : Residence, Roswell 622-7474.

(Hobbs Holiday Inn 393-7771 on occasions)

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CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL, IF ANY

Orville Whited 398-4833 " Day or Night

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C&O SERVICES, INC. P. O. Box 994 - Tatum, N.M. 88267

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Roustabouts & Winch Trucks Sterling City, Texas 76951 Phone (915) 378-5121

Date 9-29-77

Rex Alcorn
Box 1757
Roswell, New Mexico 88201

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Inv. # 3762

Shipp # 1

Build road and location and put in cellar

\$4700.Q0

4% tax Total

188.00 4888.00

Thank You

11/2% per cent will be added to accounts over 30 days.

GLENN'S WATER WELL SERVICE

Corky Glenn - Owner

BOX 692

TATUM, N. M. 88267

Phone 398-2424

Customer's Order No.	s Shipp Lease Date Oct.	24, 197	77	19
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If under the above column "With Drill Pipe" no day work rate is specified, then the day work rate per 24-hour day when drill pipe is in use shall be the applicable day work rate specified above under the column "Without Drill Pipe" plus compennation for additional expense in an amount equal to (a) _____cents per foot per day on____ (b) _____cents per foot per day on ____inch drill pipe, computed on the basis of the maximum drill pipe in use at any time during each 24-hour day.

Drill pipe shall be considered in use not only when in actual use but also while it is being picked up or laid down. When drill pipe is standing in the derrick it shall not be considered in use, provided, however, that if Contractor furnishes special strings of drill pipe, drill collars, and handling tools as provided for in Par. 7.13 and 7.14 of Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part hereof, the same shall be considered in use at all times when on location or until released by Owner. If Contractor is drilling with Owner's tubing or drill pipe, the charge on the day work rate basis shall be construed as without drill pipe unless otherwise specified in Par. 25. In no event shall fractions of an hour be considered in computing the amount of time drill pipe is in use but such time shall be computed to the nearest hour, with thirty minutes or more being considered a full hour and less than thirty minutes not to be counted.

- 4.3 In the event it is necessary to shut down Contractor's rig for repairs or maintenance while Contractor is performing day work hereunder, Contractor shall be allowed compensation at the applicable day work rate for such shut down time up to a maxihours for any one repair or maintenance job.
- 4.4 Standby time shall be defined as the time when the rig is shut down although in readiness to begin or resume operations but Contractor is waiting on orders of Owner or on materials, services or other items to be furnished by Owner.
- 4.5 Owner shall reimburse Contractor for the costs of material, equipment, work, or services which are to be furnished by Owner as provided for herein but which for convenience are actually furnished by Contractor at Owner's request.
- 4.6 The term day work shall apply to the work performed by the Contractor at a stipulated sum per day as distinguished from work for which the Contractor is compensated at a stipulated price per foot of hole drilled. Unless otherwise provided herein, the term day work shall include the following work performed by the Contractor: (a) All drilling below the contract footage depth as provided in Par. 3.1, including the setting of any string of casing below such depth; (b) All work performed by the Contractor, whether or not prior to reaching the contract footage depth, in an effort to restore the hole to such condition that further drilling or other operations may be conducted, in the event of loss of or damage to the hole as a result of the failure of Owner's casing or cauipment either during or after the running and setting of such casing or as a result of the subsequent failure of the cementing job resulting in parted casing; (c) All other work performed by Contractor at the request of Owner, regardless of depth, which is not within the scope of the work to be performed on a footage basis, including all coring, drill stem testing, bailing, gun or jet perforating, electric logging, acid treatment, shooting, cleaning out, hydraulic fracturing, plugging, running tubing, setting liners, squeeze cementing, abandoning well and installation of well head equipment.
- 4.7 In determining the amount of day work time for which the Contractor is to be compensated at the applicable day work rate, it is agreed that such day work time shall begin when Contractor at the request of Owner suspends normal drilling operations being conducted on a footage basis for the purpose of conducting operations to be performed hereunder on a day work basis. There shall be included in day work time any time required to condition the hole preparatory to performing such day work and also the time required to restore the hole to the same drilling conditions which existed when operations were suspended for the purpose of beginning day work, in order to again resume normal drilling operations.

5. TIME OF PAYMENT:

Subject to Owner's right to require that Contractor furnish him with satisfactory evidence that Contractor has paid all labor and material claims chargeable to Contractor, payment becomes due by Owner to Contractor as follows:

- 5.1 If the well is drilled to total depth on a footage basis, payment becomes due when Contractor completes the performance of the services which he agrees to perform under this contract and the acceptance thereof by the Owner; provided, however, that if Contractor prior to the completion of the contract performs a substantial amount of day work, payment for such day work shall become due and payable within twenty days after the end of the month in which such day work was performed.
- 5.2 If the entire hole or the bottom section of the hole is drilled on a day work basis, payment shall become due as follows:

 Upon Contractor's completion of the footage basis drilling to the depth specified above and upon acceptance by Owner of the hole as drilled to such depth in accordance with this agreement, payment becomes due for all footage drilled and for all work performed on a day work basis to the date of completion of the footage drilled. Payment for drilling and other work performed at day work rates below the depth specified at which day work basis drilling commences shall become due upon acceptance by Owner of the work performed in accordance with this contract within twenty days after the end of the month in which such day work was performed.
- 5.3 Late Payment: Any sum or sums not paid within 15 days after the due date specified shellorica or Work as owner 105 per annum or the maximum legal rate, whichever is less, from

Notwithstanding the provisions of Par. 3 with respect to the dipth to be drilled, the Owner shall have the right to direct the stoppage of the work to be performed by Contractor hereunder at any time prior to reaching the specified depth, and even though Contractor has made no default hereunder, and in such event Owner shall be under no obligation to Contractor except as follows:

- 6.1 If such work stoppage occurs prior to the spudding of the well, Owner shall pay to Contractor the sum of the following:
 (a) all expenses reasonably and necessarily incurred and to be incurred by Contractor by reason of the contract and by reason of the premature stoppage of the work, excluding, however, expenses of normal drilling crew and supervision; (b) ten percent (10%) of the amount of such reimbursable expenses; and (c) a sum calculated at the standby rate for all time from the date upon which Contractor commences any operations hereunder down to such date subsequent to the date of work stoppage as will afford Contractor reasonable time to dismantle his rig and equipment.
- 6.2 If such work stoppage occurs after the spudding of the well, Owner shall pay the Contractor (a) the amount owing Contractor at the time of such work stoppage under the footage rate, applicable day work rate, and standby rate; but in such event reason of the premature stoppage of work plus the sum of \$.

7. OPTIONAL RIGHT OF OWNER IN THE EVENT OF DEFAULT BY CONTRACTOR:

In the event Owner is dissatisfied with the performance of Contractor hereunder on account of unreasonably slow progress or incompetency in the performance of the contract as a result of causes reasonably within the control of Contractor, Owner shall give Contractor written notice in which Owner shall specify in detail the cause of his dissatisfaction. Should Contractor fail or refuse to remedy the matters complained of within five days after the written notice is received by Contractor, Owner shall have the right at his option to take over the operation of Contractor's equipment for the purpose of completing the drilling of the well. Should such drilling operation be taken over by the Owner, the cost of the operations conducted by Owner, without any allowance to Contractor for the use of the drilling tools, machinery, and appliances of Contractor, shall be deducted from the contract calculated in accordance with the terms of this contract as though Contractor had completely performed said contract; and the balance, if any, shall be paid to Contractor. Owner shall return such drilling tools, machinery, and appliances to Contractor when the drilling of said well has been completed in as good condition as when taken over by Owner, normal wear and tear excepted. In the event the drilling operations are taken over by Owner as herein provided, all operations thereafter conducted shall be at the risk of Owner and the indemnity provisions of this contract shall not apply to such operations by Owner.

E. CASING PROGRAMI

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8.1 The casing program to be followed in the drilling of said well is set forth in Exhibit "A", and the Contractor shall drill a well sufficient in size to set at the approximate depth therein indicated the size of casing so specified. The exact setting depths for each string of casing shall be specified by the Owner. The Owner may modify said easing program provided any modification thereof which materially increases the Contractor's hazards or costs of performing his obligations hereunder can only be made by a string consent of Contractor and Owner.

8.2 The setting of any string of casing within the footage contract depth shall be performed by Contractor and the compensation payable to Contractor at the footage rate shall cover such work, which work shall include rig time for cementing casing, testing ement jobs on each string of casing, and the time required by governmental regulatory authorities having jurisdiction thereof or string directed by Owner for allowing cement to set. If, however, the time so required is in excess of the "allowed cement time" as pecified in Par. 1 of Exhibit "A", all work performed and time consumed in cementing or recementing and for allowing cement to set shall be paid for at the applicable day work rate. Allowed cement time will start at the time the plug hits bottom.

8.3 The setting of any string of casing below the footage contract depth shall be performed by Contractor under the direction of Owner but Owner shall pay Contractor for all time so consumed at the applicable day work rate.

8.4 Before each string of casing is run, Contractor agrees to condition the walls of the hole if necessary, so that the hole is free from obstructions which might impede the lowering of the casing. Contractor agrees to keep thread protectors on the casing until it is run and to grease the threads as it is made up with a suitable pipe lubricant furnished by Owner.

8.5 Owner reserves the right to require Contractor to set strings of casing or liners in addition to those listed (subject to the limitations upon Owner's right to modify the casing program as provided for in Par. 8.1) and in such event Contractor agrees to provide rig time for comenting and testing cement on such liners and strings of casing and to provide rig time for performing cement squeezing jobs as required by Owner. Owner shall pay Contractor for time consumed by such work at the applicable day work rate.

9. LABOR, EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, AND SERVICES:

The furnishing of labor, equipment, appliances, materials, supplies, and services of whatever character necessary or proper in the drilling and completion of said well and not otherwise specifically provided for herein shall be furnished by Contractor or Owner as specified in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

10. DRILLING METHODS AND PRACTICES:

10.1 Contractor agrees to perform all work to be conducted by him under the terms of this contract with due diligence and care and in a good and workmanlike manner and shall provide a competent superintendent to supervise the work.

10.2 Contractor shall maintain well control equipment in good condition at all times and shall use all reasonable means to control and prevent fires and blow-outs and to protect the hole.

10.3 Subject to the terms hereof, at all times during the drilling of the well, Owner shall have the right to control the mud program, and the drilling fluid must be of a type and have characteristics acceptable to Owner and be maintained by Contractor in accordance with the specifications shown in Par. 2 of Exhibit "A". No change or modification of said specifications which materially increases the Contractor's hazards or costs of performing his obligations hereunder shall be made by Owner without consultation with and consent of the Contractor. Owner shall have the right to make any tests of the drilling fluid which may be necessary. Should no mud control program be specified by Owner in Exhibit "A", Contractor shall have the right to determine the mud program and the type and character of drilling fluid during the time that Contractor is performing work upon a footage basis under the terms of this contract.

10.4 Contractor shall measure the total length of drill pipe in service with a steel tape at the point where the contract footage depth has been reached; and when requested by Owner, before setting casing or liner and after reaching final depth.

10.5 Contractor agrees to furnish equipment, workmen and instruments acceptable to owner and to make slope tests as provided in the Exhibit "A". Unless operations are on a day-work basis, all such slope tests shall be made at contractor's sole risk, cost and expense. It, in the opinion of the owner, it becomes advisable to obtain the use of an additional slope test instrument and accessory equipment for the purpose either of checking previous readings or of determining the direction of the drift, the rental charges therefore shall be paid by owner, and the running of same shall be on a day-work basis. Should the hole at any depth have either a deviation from vertical or change in over-all angle in excess of the limits prescribed in Exhibit "A", contractor agrees that during the time contractor is performing work on a footage basis, contractor shall at his expense restore the hole to a condition suitable to the owner either by conventional methods and procedures while drilling ahead or by cementing off and redrilling."

11. COMPLETION TESTS AND INSTALLATION OF WELL CONNECTIONS OR ASAHDONMENT:

Contractor will cities complete the well and install well head equipment and connections or plug and abandon same, in accordance with Owner's install ctions, at the applicable rates set forth in Par. 4 above, using equipment, materials and services to be furnished and paid for it either Owner or Contractor as specified in Exhibit "A".

12. CORING AND CUTTINGS:

12.1 As directed by Owner and utilizing the type of coring equipment specified and furnished as shown in Exhibit "A" Contractor agrees at any time to take either rat-hole or full-hole conventional or wire line cores in the manner requested by Owner. Regardless of denth, all coring shall be paid for at the applicable day work rate. All coring footage shall be deducted from the total footage charge if the well is being drilled on scotage basis at that depth. Reaming of the rat-hole shall be paid for at the applica-

12.2 When requested by Owner, Contractor shall save and identify the cuttings and cores, free from contamination, and place them in separate containers which shall be furnished by the Owner; such cuttings and cores shall be made available to a representative of Owner at the location.

13. FORMATIONS DIFFICULT OR HAZARDOUS TO DRILL

13:1 In the event chert, nyrite, quartzite, granite, igneous rock or other impenetrable substance, is encountered while drilling on the footage basis and the footage drilled during each twenty-four (24) hour period multiplied by the footage rate does not equal the applicable day work rate plus cost of bits, all drilling operations shall be conducted on a day work basis at the applicable day work rate, with Owner furnishing the bits, until normal drilling operations and procedures can be resumed. The footage drilled on day work rate shall be deducted from the footage charge.

13.2 In the evert of loss of circulation, partial loss of circulation, water flow, domal formation, abnormal pressures, heaving shale, or similar formation, salt or other similar condition, is encountered which makes drilling abnormally difficult or hazardous, causes sticking of drill pipe or casing, or other similar difficulty which procludes drilling ahead under reasonably normal procedures, Contractor shall, in all such cases, without undue delay, exert every reasonable effort to overcome such difficulty. When such condition is encountered, Owner shall assume risk of loss of or damage to the hole and to Contractor's equipment in the hole. Should such condition or conditions persist in spite of Contractor's efforts to overcome them, then after a period of twenty-four (24) hours time consumed in such efforts, further operations shall be conducted on a day work hasis at the applicable day work rate until such conditions have been overcome and normal drilling operations can be resumed. The total time furnished by Contractor under the terms of this paragraph shall be limited to twenty-four (24) hours. The footage drilled while on day work hasis shall be deducted from the footage charge.

14. REPORTS TO BE FURNISHED BY CONTRACTOR:

14.1 Contractor shall keep and furnish to Owner an accurate record of the work performed and formations drilled on the AAODC-API Daily Drilling Report Form or other form acceptable to Owner. A legible copy of said form signed by Contractor's representative shall be furnished by Contractor to Owner.

14.2 Delivery tickets covering any material or supplies furnished by Owner shall be turned in each day with the daily drilling report. The quantity, description, and condition of materials and supplies so furnished shall be checked by Contractor and such tickets shall be properly certified by Contractor.

15. INGRESS AND EGRESS TO LOCATION:

Owner hereby assigns to Contractor Owner's rights of ingress and egress with respect to the tract of land where the well is a located for the performance by Contractor of all work contemplated by this contract. Should the Contractor be denied free to the location for any reason not reasonably within the Contractor's control, any time lost by the Contractor as a result of idenial shall be paid for at a reasonable rate in hereby with the cture of operations at that time In the event there are any rections, conditions, or heatificial in Contractor is a very last attack to the free right of its configuration in Contractor are agrees as a last polytic Contractor in the property of the first polytic contractor in the contractor are reasonable. victions, conditions, or limitations, and Contractor agrees to observe rame.

16. INSURANCE:

During the life of this contract, Contractor shall at Contractor's expense maintain, with an insurance company or companies authorized to do business in the state where the work is to be performed and satisfactory to Owner, insurance coverages of the kind and in the amounts set forth in Exhibit "A". Contractor shall, if requested to do so by Owner, procure from the company or companies writing said insurance a certificate or certificates satisfactory to Owner that said insurance is in full force and effect and that the same shall not be cancelled or materially changed without Ten (10) days prior written notice to Owner.

17. PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Contractor agrees to pay all claims for labor, material, services, and supplies to be furnished by Contractor hereunder, and agrees to allow no lien or charge to be fixed upon the lease, the well, or other property of the Owner or the land upon which said well is located.

18. RISPONSIBILITY FOR LOSS OR DAMAGE:

- 18.1 Contractor's Surface Equipment: Contractor shall assume liability at all times, regardless of whether the work is being performed on a foolage basis or day work basis, for damage to or destruction of Contractor's surface equipment, including but not limited to all drilling tools, machinery, and appliances, for use about the surface, regardless of when or how such damage or destruction occurs, and Owner shall be under no liability to reimburse Contractor for any such loss except loss or damage thereto caused by gross negligence or willful acts or omissions of Owner or Owner's agents, servants, or employees or any loss or damage thereto occurring during the time that the operation of Contractor's equipment has been taken over by Owner as provided for in Par. 7 hereof.
- 18.2 Contractor's In-Hole Equipment—Foolage Basis: Contractor shall assume liability at all times while work is being performed on a foolage basis for damage to or destruction of Contractor's in-hole equipment, including but not limited to, drill pipe, drill collars, and tool joints, and Owner shall be under no liability to reimburse Contractor for any such loss except loss or damage thereto caused by gross negligence or willful acts or omissions of Owner or Owner's agents, servants, or employees or any loss or damage thereto occurring during the time that the operation of Contractor's equipment has been taken over by Owner as provided for in Par. 7, and except as provided for in Par. 13.2 hereof.
- 18.3 Contractor's In-Hole Equipment—Day Work Basis: Owner shall assume liability at all times while work is on a day work basis for damage to or destruction of Contractor's in-hole equipment, including but not limited to, drill pipe, drill collars, and tool joints; and Owner shall reimburse Contractor for the actual cash value of any such loss or damage provided such loss or damage is not due to the negligence of Contractor, his agents, servants or employees.
- 18.4 Owner's Equipment: Owner shall assume liability at all times for damage to or destruction of Owner's equipment, including but not limited to casing, tubing, well head equipment, and tankage, and Contractor shall be under no liability to reimburse Owner for any such loss or damage except that due to negligence of Contractor, his agents, servants and employees.
- 18.5 The Hole—Footage Basis: Subject to the provisions of Par. 13 hereof (relating to formations difficult or hazardous to drill and to loss of circulation) should a fire or blow-out occur or should the hole for any cause attributable to Contractor's operations be lost or damaged while Contractor is engaged in the performance of work hereunder on a footage basis, all such loss of or damage to the hole shall be borne by the Contractor; and if the hole is not in condition to be carried to the contract depth as herein provided, Contractor shall, if requested by Owner, commence a new hole without delay at Contractor's cost; and the drilling of the new hole shall be conducted under the terms and conditions of this contract in the same manner as though it were the first hole. In such case Contractor shall not be entitled to any payment or compensation for expenditures made or incurred by Contractor on or in connection with the abandoned hole, except for day work earned in coring, testing, and logging said well for which Contractor would have been compensated had such hole not been junked and abandoned.

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Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, if the hole is lost or damaged without negligence on the part of the Contractor but as a result of the failure of Owner's casing or equipment either during or after the running and setting of such casing, or as a result of subsequent failure of the cementing job resulting in parted casing, such loss shall be borne by the Owner and Contractor shall nevertheless be paid: (a) For all footage drilled and other work performed by Contractor prior thereto; (b) For work performed in an effort to restore the hole to such condition as that further drilling or other operations may be conducted at the applicable day work rate; and (c) The cost of dismantling the rig and moving to and rigging up Contractor's equipment prior to starting the drilling of a new hole at a location designated by Owner if such be required. The work of drilling the new hole shall be performed by the Contractor under the terms and conditions of this contract.

- 18.6 The Hole—Day Work Basis: In the event the hole should be lost or damaged while Contractor is working on a day work hasis or as a result of work performed on a day work basis unless such loss or damage is caused by negligence of Contractor, his agents, servants, or employees, Owner shall be responsible for any such loss of or damage to the hole.
- 18.7 Underground Damage: Owner agrees to indemnify Contractor for any and all sums which Contractor shall become liable by final judgment to pay for damages resulting from operations under this contract on account of injury to, destruction of, or loss or impairment of any property right in or to oil, gas, or other mineral substance or water, if at the time of the act or omission causing such injury, destruction, loss, or impairment, said substance had not been reduced to physical possession above the surface of the earth, and for any loss or damage to any formation, strata, or reservoir beneath the surface of the earth.
- 18.8 Inspection of Materials Furnished by Owner: Contractor agrees to inspect all materials furnished by Owner before using same and to notify Owner of any apparent defects therein; and Contractor's use of such materials without notifying Owner thall be conclusive evidence that such materials were free from apparent defects. Contractor shall not be liable for any loss or damage resulting from the use of materials furnished by Owner containing latent defects.
- 18.9 Indemnity by Contractor: Contractor agrees to protect, indemnify, and save harmless the Owner from and against all claims, demands, and causes of action in favor of Contractor's employees or third parties on account of personal injuries or death or on account of property damages (other than property damages as hereinabove in this Par. 18 specifically provided for) arising out of the work to be performed by Contractor hereunder and resulting from the negligent acts or omissions of Contractor, Contractor's agents, employees, and subcontractors.

19. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR RELATIONSHIP:

- 19.1 In the performance of the work herein contemplated, Contractor is an independent contractor, with the authority to control and direct the performance of the details of the work, Owner being interested only in the results obtained. But the work contemplated herein shall meet the approval of Owner and be subject to the general right of inspection and supervision herein provided to Owner to secure the satisfactory completion thereof. Contractor agrees to comply with all laws, rules, and regulations, federal, state, and municipal, which are now, or may in the future become, applicable to Contractor, Contractor's business, equipment, and personnel engaged in operations covered by this contract or accruing out of the performance of such operations.
- 19.2 The actual performance and superintendence of all work hereunder shall be by Contractor, but Owner shall be privileged o designate a representative or representatives who shall at all times have access to the premises for the purpose of observing ests or inspecting the work performed by Contractor, in order to judge whether, in Owner's opinion, such work is being performed y Contractor in accordance with the provisions of this contract. Such representative or representatives shall be empowered to act or Owner in all matters relating to Contractor's performance of the work herein undertaken.

D. NO WAIVER EXCEPT IN WRITING:

It is fully understood and agreed that none of the requirements of this contract shall be considered as waived by either party the same is done in writing, and then only by the persons executing this contract, or other duly authorized agent or apprecentative of the party.

I. FORCE MAJEURES

Neither Owner nor Contractor shall be liable to the other for any delays or damage or any failure to act due, occasioned or med by reason of federal or state laws or the rules, regulations, or orders of any public body or official purporting to exercise fority or control respecting the operations covered hereby, including the procurance or use of tools and equipment, or due,

occasioned or caused by strikes, action of the elements, or causes beyond the control of the party affected thereby; and any delay due to the above causes or any of them shall not be deemed to be a breach of or failure to perform this contract of any part thereof.

22. INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL

All information obtained by the Contractor in the conduct of drilling operations on this well, including, but not limited to, depth, formations penetrated, the results of coring, testing, and surveying, shall be considered confidential and shall not be divulged by Contractor, or his employees, to any person, firm, or corporation other than Owner's designated representatives.

23. ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACTI

Contractor agrees not to sublet or assign this contract except for work normally performed by subcontractors without the written consent of the Owner.

24. NOTICES AND PLACE OF PAYMENT:

All notices to be given with respect to this contract unless otherwise provided for shall be given to the Contractor and to the Owner respectively at the addresses hereinabove shown. All sums payable hereunder to Contractor shall be payable at his address hereinabove shown unless otherwise specified herein.

25. ARBITRATION:

Every controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Contract, or the alleged breach thereof, will be settled by whitration according to the law pursuant to the rules then obtaining of the American Arbitration Association, and judgment upon the award so rendered may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

26. SPICIAL PROVISIONS:

All claims will be prepaid before moving on location

	Owner
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until Owner has noted its acceptance, and with ful	and provisions, with the understanding that it will not be binding upon Owner within the understanding that unless said contract is thus executed by Owner within in no manner bound by its signature thereto.
	Contractor
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To Drillin	g Contract dated	·		, 196		
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5.3	Drilling bits, reamers, stabilizers, reamer cutters,				
5.4	Contract fishing tool services and fishing tool rent				•
5.5	Derrick timbers.				
5.6	Normal strings of drill pipe and drill collars speci	ified above.			
5.7	Conventional drift indicator.				•
5.8	Steel or earthen mud pits and reserve pits.				
5.9	Services in connection with erection and dismantli	ing of Contrac	tor's derrick.		•
5.10	Necessary pipe racks and rigging up material.				
5.11	Normal storage for mud and chemicals.				
5.12	Necessary spools, flanges and fittings to connect bl	lowout prevent	ers to Owner's well }	iead equipment.	
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6.1	Furnish and maintain adequate roadway and/or c	anal to location	on, rights-of-way, inc	cluding rights-of-w	av for fuel and
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6.2	Stake location, clear and grade location, and provide	de turnaround,	, including surfacing	when necessary.	
6.3	Test tanks with pipe and fittings.				
6.4	Mud storage tanks with pipe and fittings.				
6.5	Separator with place and fittings.				
6.6	Labor to connect and disconnect mud tank, test tan		or.		
6.7	Labor to disconnect and clean test tanks and separ				
6.8	Drilling mud, chemicals, lost circulation materials a	and other addit	ives.		
6.9	Pipe and connections for oil circulating lines.				
	Labor to lay, bury and recover oil circulating lines.				•
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6.13	Wire line core bits or heads and wire line core catch Conventional core bits and core catchers.	ners II required	a.		
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	Electrical and Gamma-Neutron logging services.				
	Directional, caliper, or other special services.				
	Gun or jet perforating services.				•
	Explosives and shooting devices.		•		
	Formation testing, hydraulic fracturing, acidizing as	nd other relate	ed services.		
	Equipment for drill stem testing.	Junio relate			

6.23 Mud logging services.

6.24 Sidewall coring service.

- 6.25 Welding service for welding bottom joints of casing, guide shoe, float shoe, float collar and in connection with installing of well head equipment if required.
- 6.26 Casing, tubing, liners, screen, float collars, guide and float shoes and associated equipment.
- 6.27 Casing scratchers and centralizers.
- 6.28 Well head connections and all equipment to be installed in or on well or on the premises for use in connection with testing, completion and operation of well.
- 6.29 Special or added storage for mud and chemicals.

UIPMENT, MATERIALS AND SERVICES TO BE TURNISHED BY DESIGNATED PARTY

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		Owner	Contractor	
7.1	Cellar and runways.			
7.2	Fuel (located st)			
·7.8	Fuel Lines (length)	Ÿ	^	
7.4	Water at source			
7.5	Water well		•	
7.6	Water lines	Y	/	
7.7	Water storage tanks capacity (Brine Only)			
7.8	Labor to operate water well or water pump		XX	
7.9	Maintenance of water well, if required			
7.10	Mats for engines and boilers, or motors and mud pumps			
7.11	Transportation of Contractor's property:	v		
	Move in.	λ		
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7.12	Materials for "boxing in" rig and derrick.			
7.13	Special strings of drill pipe and drill collars as follows:	v	7	
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7.14	Kelley joints, subs, elevators and slips for use with special drill pipe			
	Drill pipe protectors for Kelly joint and each joint of drill pipe running inside of			
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7.16	Drill pipe protectors for Kelly joint and each joint of drill pipe running inside of			
	casing for use with special strings of drill pipe	X		
7.17	Coring reel with wire line of sufficient length for coring at maximum depth			
*	specified in contract	X		
7 13	Wire line core barrel		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
	Conventional core barrel			
7 20	Rate of penetration recording device		X	
7 21	Extra labor for running and cementing casing			
	Casing tools			
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Initialed by the Parties as correct:
For Owner
For Contractor

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FORSTER DRILLING CO., INC.

697-3166 563-0221

5502 W. INDUSTRIAL P. O. BOX 3526 MIDLAND, TEXAS 79702

September 22, 1977

Rex Alcorn
P. O. Box 1757
Roswell, New Mexico 88201

Dear Mr. Alcorn;

We were pleased to have been invited to bid on the drilling of your 8700' well near Humble City, New Mexico. Unfortunately, we will not have a rig available before February 20, 1977.

We do appreciate the opportunity to bid and hope to be of service in the near future.

Very truly yours,

L. E. Grimes Vice-President

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RIAL DRILLING COMPANY, INC.

P. O. DRAWER 3068
MIDLAND, TEXAB 797D2

915/683-5271

October 19, 1977

Mr. Rex Alcorn
Ingram Building
100 South Kentucky
Roswell, New Mexico 88201

Dear Mr. Alcorn:

Your request for a bid to drill your Shipp #1 in Lea County, New Mexico, is very much appreciated. Thank you!

In declining to bid on this well, let me explain. The only rig I have capable of drilling your well is currently running on an extended daywork contract and will not be released in the fore-seeable future, certainly not before February 1, 1978. You can see that this will not meet your January 1, deadline.

Certainly we want to work for you whenever we have equipment available. Perhaps you would care to be added to our drilling list and take the rig when your time comes up.

Very truly yours,

RIAL DRILLING COMPANY, INC.

Frank Swinehart

FS: jp

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DRILLING CO., INC. - OIL WELL DRILLING CONTRACTORS

P. D. BOX 2055 ROBWELL, NEW MEXICO 88201
TELEPHONES: ARTESIA 505/746-6757
ROBWELL 505/623-5070

October 31, 1977

Mr. Rex Alcorn Ingran Bldg. 1000 S. Kentucky Roswell, New Mexico 88201

Re: Drilling your No. 1 Shipp Well

Dear Mr. Alcorn:

We thank you for the opportunity to bid on your 8500' No. 1 Shipp well in the West Knowles-Drinkard Field in Lea County, however, at this time we must decline to bid your well as it is impossible with our present schedule to accomplish spudding on or before January 1, 1978. The nearest date we would have a rig available would be in the later part of February 1978. With this in mind, we must no bid this project.

Hope you will retain us on your bidders list for any future wells.

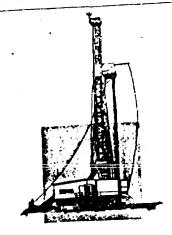
Thank you.

Sincerely,

WEK DRILLING CO., INC.

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P. O. BOX 1860

HOBBS, NEW MEXICO 88240

(505) 397-3511

(915) 563-0562

October 14, 1977

Mr. Rex Alcorn Ingram Building 100 South Kentucky Roswell, New Mexico 88201

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your bid request on your 3,500' Drinkard Test, located in Section 35, T16S, R37E, Lea County, New Mexico.

We reluctantly have to "No Rig" your bid request. Our rigs are presently committed until the middle of February, 1978.

Yours very truly,

MORANCO

K. D. McPeters

KDM/s



The More Hole Per Dollar People!

McVay Drilling Company

308 PHILTOWER

TULSA, OKLAHOMA 74103

C. R. MCVAY
J. C. MCVAY

TULSA TELEPHONES
LU 7-2213
LU 4-5472
HOBBS TELEPHONE
503 393-3744

September 29, 1977

Rex Alcorn
Ingram Building
100 South Kentucky
Roswell, New Mexico 88201

Dear Mr. Alcorn:

Thank you for the opportunity to bid on drilling of your 8500 foot Shipp Well #1, located in Lea County, New Mexico. Unfortunately, we do not have a rig available at this time, nor do we anticipate having one available prior to early 1978.

If we may be of service at some time next year, please do not hesitate to call.

Yours truly,

Jim McVay

MCVAY DRILLING COMPANY

JCM/aj



Seventh Floor • Vaughn Building • P. O. Box 5766 • Midland, Texas 79701 • (915) 684-7173 October 6, 1977

Mr. Rex Alcorn Ingram Building 100 South Kentucky Roswell, New Mexico 88201

Subject: Your Well: No. 1 Shipp, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Alcorn:

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the drilling of the above subject well. We are unable to submit a bid as our Rigs of this depth rating are currently under contract and we do not anticipate their being available until the latter part of January, 1978.

We look forward to your future inquires and trust we may be of service to you in the near future.

Very truly yours,

John M. Wester, Contracts Manager

JMW/vld

Capitan Drilling Company, Inc.

W. NELSON REES, PRES. MARVIN L. SMITH, V. PRES. W. C. SMITH V. PRES. PHONE 362-2323 -- 563-2086 P. O. BOX 6725
ODESSA. TEXAS 79762



October 3, 1977

Mr. Rex Alcorn Ingram Bldg. 100 S. Kentucky Roswell, NM 88201

> Re: Well Sec. 35, T-16-S, R-37-E Lea County #1 Shipp

Gentlemen:

We would like to drill your well; however, it will be about January 20, 1978 before our rig would be ready.

Thanking you for the opportunity of bidding on this well, we are

Very truly yours,

CAPITAN DRILLING CO., ANC.

Marvin L. Smith

MLS/nk

THE ARD DRILLING COMPANY, INC.

P. O. BOX 1030

MIDLAND, TEXAS 70702

September 20, 1977

308 WALL TOWERS EAST 915-684-5716

Mr. Rex Alcorn
Ingram Building
100 South Kentucky
Roswell, New Mexico 88201

Dear Mr. Alcorn:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a bid on your prospect. The Ard Drilling Company, Inc. does not have the equipment available at this time to drill your prospect, and we do not expect to have a rig available before February 1978.

If we may be of service at any other time, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Very truly yours,

THE ARD DRILLING COMPANY, INC.

DS:bt

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P. O. Box 952, Odessa, Texas 79760 (915) 381-0910 or 563-2023

October 12, 1977

Mr. Rex Alcorn
Ingram Building
100 South Kentucky
Roswell, New Mexico 88201

Re: Shipp #1
Section 35, 65/37

Section 35, 65/37E Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Alcorn:

Thank you very much for the opportunity to quote on the captioned well. However, our rig schedule precludes us from making a responsive bid, as we will not have equipment available until the last of January.

Yours truly,

VERNA DRILLING COMPANY

W. C. Hooper, Jr.

WCH/dp



DIRECTOR

JOE D. RAMEY

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO P. O. BOX 2088 - SANTA FE 87501

LAND COMMISSIONER
PHIL R. LUCERO
September 27, 1977



STATE GEOLOGIST EMERY C. ARNOLD

Mr. William F. Carr Catron, Catron & Sawtell	Re: CASE NO. 6031 ORDER NO.R-5533
Attorneys at Law Box 788 Santa Fe, New Mexico	Applicant:
	Rex Alcorn
Dear Sir:	
	two copies of the above-reference tly entered in the subject case.
Yours very truly, JOE D. RAMEY	
Commission order recen Yours very truly,	
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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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

> CASE NO. 6031 Order No. R-5533

APPLICATION OF REX ALCORN FOR COMPULSORY POOLING AND AN UNORTHODOX LOCATION, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on September 14, 1977, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 27th day of September, 1977, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

- (1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicant, Rex Alcorn, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests underlying the E/2 SW/4 of Section 35, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, West Knowles-Drinkard Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the applicant has the right to drill and proposes to drill a well at an unorthodox location 2310 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line of said Section 35.
- (4) That approval of the aforesaid unorthodox location will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce his just and equitable share of the oil and gas in the subject pool, will prevent the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, avoid the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, and will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.
- (5) That there are interest owners in the proposed proration unit who have not agreed to pool their interests.

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- (6) That to avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, to protect correlative rights, and to afford to the owner of each interest in said unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense his just and fair share of the oil and gas in said pool, the subject application should be approved by pooling all mineral interests, whatever they may be, within said unit.
- (7) That the applicant should be designated the operator of the subject well and unit.
- (8) That any non-consenting working interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production.
- (9) That any non-consenting working interest owner that does not pay his share of estimated well costs should have withheld from production his share of the reasonable well costs plus an additional 200 percent thereof as a reasonable charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well.
- (10) That any non-consenting interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to object to the actual well costs but that actual well costs should be adopted as the reasonable well costs in the absence of such objection.
- (11) That following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner that has paid his share of estimated costs should pay to the operator any amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and should receive from the operator any amount that paid estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.
- (12) That \$1500.00 per month while drilling and \$175.00 per month while producing should be fixed as reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates); that the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charges attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating the subject well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.
- (13) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason should be placed in escrow to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership.
- (14) That upon the failure of the operator of said pooled unit to commence drilling of the well to which said unit is dedicated on or before December 31, 1977, the order pooling said unit should become null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That all mineral interests, whatever they may be, in the Drinkard formation underlying the E/2 SW/4 of Section 35, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, West Knowles-Drinkard Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, are hereby pooled to form a standard 80-acre oil spacing and proration unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 2310 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line of said Section 35.

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the operator of said unit shall commence the drilling of said well on or before the 31st day of December, 1977, and shall thereafter continue the drilling of said well with due diligence to a depth sufficient to test the Drinkard formation;

PROVIDED FURTHER, that in the event said operator does not commence the drilling of said well on or before the 31st day of December, 1977, Order (1) of this order shall be null and void and of no effect whatsoever; unless said operator obtains a time extension from the Commission for good cause shown.

PROVIDED FURTHER, that should said well not be drilled to completion, or abandonment, within 120 days after commencement thereof, said operator shall appear before the Commission and show cause why Order (1) of this order should not be rescinded.

- (2) That Rex Alcorn is hereby designated the operator of the subject well and unit.
- (3) That after the effective date of this order and within 30 days prior to commencing said well, the operator shall furnish the Commission and each known working interest owner in the subject unit an itemized schedule of estimated well costs.
- (4) That within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him, any non-consenting working interest owner shall have the right to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production, and that any such owner who pays his share of estimated well costs as provided above shall remain liable for operating costs but shall not be liable for risk charges.
- (5) That the operator shall furnish the Commission and each known working interest owner an itemized schedule of actual well costs within 90 days following completion of the well; that if no objection to the actual well costs is received by the Commission and the Commission has not objected within 45 days following receipt of said schedule, the actual well costs shall be the reasonable well costs; provided however, that if there is an objection to actual well costs within said 45-day period the Commission will determine reasonable well costs after public notice and hearing.

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- (6) That within 60 days following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner that has paid his share of estimated costs in advance as provided above shall pay to the operator his pro rata share of the amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and shall receive from the operator his pro rata share of the amount that estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.
- (7) That the operator is hereby authorized to withhold the following costs and charges from production:
 - (A) The pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.
 - (B) As a charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well, 200 percent of the pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.
- (8) That the operator shall distribute said costs and charges withheld from production to the parties who advanced the well costs.
- (9) That \$1500.00 per month while drilling and \$175.00 per month while producing are hereby fixed as reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates); that the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charges attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating such well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.
- (10) That any unsevered mineral interest shall be considered a seven-eighths (7/8) working interest and a one-eighth (1/8) royalty interest for the purpose of allocating costs and charges under the terms of this order.
- (11) That any well costs or charges which are to be paid out of production shall be withheld only from the working interests share of production, and no costs or charges shall be withheld from production attributable to royalty interests.

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- (12) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason shall be placed in escrow in Lea County, New Mexico, to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership; that the operator shall notify the Commission of the name and address of said escrow agent within 90 days from the date of this order.
- (13) 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 herein-above designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PHIL R. LUCERO, Chairman

EMERY C. ARNOLD, Member

JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Secretary

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August 18, 1977

Very truly yours,

Rex Alcorn

Mr. Joe Ramey New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission PO Box 1980 Santa Fe, New Mexico 88240 Application for Compulsory Pooling, West Knowles-Drinkard Field, Sec. 35, T16S, R37E, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

The undersigned proposes to drill an 8500' Drinkard test in Section 35, T 16 S, R 37 E, 2310 feet from the south line and 1980 feet from the west line of section 35. Acreage to be dedicated to this test is described as E/2 SW/4 of section 35. The undersigned is the owner of the leasehold interest under 69 of the 80 acres with the remaining 11 acres held by production and owned by Mesa Petroleum Company, Heritage Resources, Petroleum Corporation of Texas, Tom Brown, Inc., H. L. Brown, Jr., and Elizabeth M. Brown.

The various interests owned by the aforementioned are shown on the attached sheet. These owners have declined an offer to farmout their interests, and have also declined to join to the extent of their individual interest in the drilling of the proposed test.

This is to request a hearing before the Commission members for the purpose of compulsory pooling the owners of the 11 acres, and for approval of the proposed location. The structural position and performance of the west offset to the proposed test as well as the dry hole two locations south and west indicate that considerable risk is involved even though the aforementioned location is believed to offer the most favorable structural advantage. Therefore, it is further requested that the working interest owners be permitted to recuperate 300% of all drilling, completion, and operating costs prior to participation in any revenue by the owners of the 11 acres.

Leases owned by the undersigned expire as early as October 1st of the current year, therefore it would be appreciated if this matter could be placed on your docket at the carliest possible date. Copies of this letter have been forwarded to the owners of the 11 acres by certified mail with return receipt requested. The attorney representing the undersigned is Mr. W. F. Carr of Santa Fe.

Thank you most kindly.

RA:b Attachments

Copies: (attached sheet)

Ownership of acreage and division of working interests for proposed 8,500 Drinkard test, West Knowles Field, under the 80 acres described as E/2 SW/4 Sec. 35, T 16 S, R 37 E, Lea County, New Mexico:

(Sun Oil Company ownes 2.665 acres under the proposed location which are farmed-out to Mesa Petroleum Company and included in the West Knowles Unit. The farm-out agreement carries the provision that on each well drilled subsequent to the initial test, Sun has the option to increase their ORRI from 1/4 to 5/16 or to convert the ORRI to a 50% working interest. Owners of the working interest under Sun's 2.665 acres are Mesa (60%), Tom Brown (20%), H. L. Brown, Jr. (10%), and Elizabeth M. Brown (10%).

Sun has elected to increase their ORRI, thus the following ownership applies:

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H. L. Brown, Jr.	.2665	.00333125 (10% of 2.665 acres)
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(Ltr. dated August 18, 1977, to Mr. Joe Ramey, NMOCC, re compulsory pooling, West Knowless-Drinkard Field, Lea County, New Mexico.)

copies: Mesa Petroleum Company 1000 Vaughn Building Midland, Texas 79701

Heritage Resources PO Box 777 Davis, Oklahoma 73030

Petroleum Corporation of Texas PO Box 911 Breckenridge, Texas 76024

Tom Brown, Inc. PO Box 2608 Midland, Texas 79702

H. L. Brown, Jr. PO Box 2237 Midland, Texas 79702

Elizabeth M. Brown 2407 Ft. Worth National Bank Building Ft. Worth, Texas 76/02

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REX ALCORN INGRAM BUILDING 100 BOUTH KENTUCKY ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO BB201 PHONE 505 622-4396

May 13, 1977

Mr. Robert H. Northington Mesa Petroleum Company Vaughn Building, Suite 1000 Midland, Texas 79701

Request for Farmout, HBP Acreage, T 16 S, R 37 E, Sec. 35, E/2SW/4 & W/2SE/4; and NE/4 Sec. 35, T 16 S, R 37 E, Lea County, N. Mex.

Dear Bob:

In accordance with past communications, this is to advise that the undersigned has acquired leases underlying some 138 acres under the 160 acres described as T 16 S, R 37 E, Sec. 35, E/2SH/4 & W/2 SE/4. It is my understanding that the remaining 22 acres is currently Held by Production. It is requested that Mesa and other owners of the West Knowles Unit farmout the HBP acreage retaining an overriding royalty interest equal to the difference between 25% and the existing leasehold burden on the relative leases. The undersigned will drill or cause to be drilled an approximate 8,400 foot test to determine the productive possibilities of the Drinkard formation in the NE/4SW/4 Section 35.

Re:

It is further requested that Mesa farmout to the undersigned the 160 acres described as T 16 S, R 37 E, Section 35, NE/4 for the purpose of drilling a Drinkard test in the SW/4 NE/4 Section 35. Under this proposal Mesa to retain an overriding royalty interest equal to the difference between 25% and the existing leasehold burden on the state lease, and have the option of converting this ORRI to a 50% Working Interest after payout of all drilling, completion, and operating costs.

Under the above two proposals the undersigned would be obligated to the drilling of a minimum of two tests regardless of the results of the first test.

I wish to thank you and Mrs. Hambright for supplying information that was most helpful in expediting the acquisition of the aforementioned leases.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Rex Alcorn

RA:b



June 13, 1977

Rex Alcorn Ingram Building 100 South Kentucky Roswell, New Mexico &8201

Re: Your request for Farmout T-16-S, R-37-E Lea County, New Mexico Mesa OP 05-NM-0843

Dear Mr. Alcorn:

Your letter of May 13, 1977 has been carefully considered by Mesa individually and on behalf of our partners in the West Knowles Unit.

We respectfully decline your request for a farmout of either acreage owned by Mesa and others within the West Knowles Unit or acreage outside the Unity owned by Mesa.

Sincerely yours,

Robert H. Northington

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Copies: West Knowles Unit Partners

REX ALCORN INGRAM BUILDING 100 SOUTH KENTUCKY

ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO 88201 PHONE 505 622-4396

Re:

July 25, 1977

Mesa Petroleum Company, Petroleum Corporation of Texas, & Heritage Resources, Inc. Proposed West Knowles-Drinkard test, Sec. 35, 116S, R37E, 2130 FSL & 1980 FWL, Lea County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

The undersigned proposes to drill an 8500' Drinkard test as described above, with 80 acres located E/2 SW/4 Section 35, T16S, R37E, allocated to this test. Eleven acres underlying the 80 acres is held by production and assigned to the West Knowles Unit. Ownership of the 11 acres is as follows:

Mesa Petroleum Company: 6 acres plus 1.5990 acres acquired by farmout from Sun Oil Company;

total 7.5990 acres or .09498750.

Petroleum Corporation

of Texas

: 1.335 acres or .0166875 WI.

Heritage Resources Inc.: 1 acre or .01250 WI.

The undersigned owns the leasehold interest under the remaining 69 acres.

Mesa Petroleum Company, operator of the West Knowles Unit, has declined my request for farmout of the 11 acres on behalf of Mesa, PETCO, and Heritage.

It is requested that the owners listed above join in the drilling of the proposed test to the extent of their individual interest. If agreeable, please execute the attached AFE and return to the undersigned. The element of time is critical, therefore please note that it will be considered that approval is granted if the AFE form is not returned within fifteen (15) days of the date hereon.

Thank you kindly.

Very truly yours, Warn

Rex Alcorn

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P. O. BOX 911

BRECKENRIDGE, TEXAS 76024

August 8, 1977

Mr. Rex Alcorn
Ingram Building
100 South Kentucky
Roswell, New Mexico 88201

Re: Proposed West Knowles-Drinkard Test Sec. 35, T16S, R37E, 2130 FSL & 1980 FWL, Lea County, New Mexico (Hightower 3255) (West Knowles Unit 8178)

Dear Mr. Alcorn:

Petroleum Corporation of Texas does not care to participate in the captioned well. Our interest is committed to the West Knowles Unit so any farmout arrangements should be negotiated with Mesa, the unit operator.

Yours very truly,

Marie Branham

(Mrs.) Marie Branham Landman

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cc: Mr. Burke Healey
Heritage Resources, Inc.
P. O. Box 777
Davis, Oklahoma 73030

Mesa Petroleum Co, Vaughn Building, Suite 1000 Midland, Texas 79701



817-559-3355



HERITAGE RESOURCES

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August 8, 1977

Mr. Rex Alcorn
Ingram Building
100 South Kentucky
Roswell, New Mexico 88201

Re: Proposed West Knowles-Drinkard Test Sec. 35, T16S, R37E, 2130 PSLS 1980 FWL, Lea County, New Mexico R-705 (MN3255)

Dear Mr. Alcorn:

Heritage Resources declines to participate in your above captioned well. Our interest like that of Petroleum Corporation of Texas is dedicated to the West Knowles Unit and any farmout arrangements should be negotiated with Mesa, the unit operator.

Sincerely,

HEKITAGE RESOURCES

Burké Healey, a deneral Partner

Bh/cd

cc: Mr. Jimmy Phillips
Petroleum Corporation of Texas
P. 0. Box 911
Breckenridge, Texas 76024

Mr. Robert Northington Mesa Petroleum Co. Vaughn Building, Suite 1000 Midland, Texas 79701

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REXALCORN
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PHONE 505 622-4386

August 2, 1977

Mr. Mr. Milliams
Sun Oil Company
12850 Hillcrest Road
Dallas, Texas 75230

Re:

Request for Exercise of Option, West Knowles-Drinkard test, Sec. 35, T16S, R37E, 2130' FSL & 1980' FWL, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Williams:

The undersigned proposes to drill an 8500' Drinkard test as described above, with 80 acres located E/2 SW/4 Section 35, T16S, R37E, allocated to this test. The undersigned owns the leasehold interest under 69 acres of the 80 acre tract. The remaining 11 acres is held by production with ownership divided among Mesa Petroleum Company, Petroleum Corporation of Texas, Heritage Resources Inc., and Sun Oil Company. The 2.665 acres owned by Sun was farmed-out to Mesa Petroleum Company and included as a part of the West Knowles Unit. Ownership of the working interests under the 2.665 acres consists of Mesa Petroleum Company, Tom Brown Inc., H. L. Brown, Jr. and Elizabeth M. Brown. Sun retains a 25% ORRI under the 2.665 acres.

The Farmout Agreement between Sun and Mesa carries a provision whereby for each well drilled subsequent to the initial test Sun has the option to increase their ORRI from 1/4 to 5/16 or to convert the ORRI to a 50% working interest. Thus, insofar as the proposed test is concerned and as related to the 80 acre proration unit, Sun has the option to increase the ORRI from .8328125 % of 8/8ths. to 1.041015625 % of 8/8ths. or convert the ORRI to a 1.6656250 % working interest.

The time element relative to the proposed test is most critical, therefore it will be appreciated if you would advise which option Sun chooses to exercise at the earliest possible date.

If Sun prefers converting the ORRI to a working interest, the attached AFE is submitted for your attention. Also attached is a more detailed list of ownership with interests shown under the 80 acres which may be helpful in reaching your decision.

Thank you kindly.

RA:b

AFE attached

cc: Mesa Petroleum Company,

Tom Brown, Inc., H. L. Brown, Jr. & Elizabeth M. Brown Very truly yours, Oleann



SUN PRODUCTION COMPANY

HILLCHEST 635 OFFICE PARK, 12850 HILLCHEST ROAD, DALLAS, TEXAS 75230 (214) 744-4411

August 12, 1977

Mr. Rex Alcorn Ingram Building 100 South Kentucky Roswell, New Mexico 88201

Shipp #1 West Knowles-Drinkard Test

Sec. 35, T16S, R37E Lee County, New Mexico

In response to your letter of August 2, 1977, requesting Sun's decision to join in the above-referenced test well, this is to advise that we are electing to take our 5/16 overriding royalty interest. Gentlemen:

Yours very truly,

V. M. Williams Regional Manager Unitization & Joint Operations

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cc: E. R. McManus - Misc #7741 w/ attachments

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REX ALCORN INGRAM BUILDING 100 SOUTH KENTUCKY ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO BB201 PHONE 505 622-4386

August 4, 1977

H. L. Brown, Jr., Tom Brown, Inc., & Elizabeth M. Brown Re:

Proposed West Knowles-Drinkard test, Sec. 35, T16S, R37E, 2130 FSL & 1980 FWL, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Working Interest Owners:

The undersigned proposes to drill an 8500' Drinkard test as described above, with 80 acres located E/2 SW/4 Section 35, T16S, R37E, allocated to this test. Eleven acres underlying the 80 acres are held by production and assigned to the West Knowles Unit, and the remaining leasehold interest of sixty-nine acres is owned by the undersigned.

The addressees own working interests under 2.665 acres of the 11 acres as a result of a farmout of the 2.665 acres by Sun Oil Company and subsequent inclusion in the West Knowles Unit. Sun has the option of increasing their override or converting to a 50% working interest for each well drilled follow-completion of the initial test in the unit.

The ownership under the 80 acre tract is detailed on the attached page for each of the options held by Sun Oil Company. Your individual interests may be applied to the figures appearing on the inclosed AFE.

It is requested that the addressees join in the drilling of the proposed test to the extent of their individual interests. If agreeable, please execute the inclosed AFE and return to the undersigned.

The element of time is critical, therefore please note that it will be considered that approval is granted if the AFE form is not returned within fifteen (15) days of the date hereon.

Thank you kindly.

Very truly yours,

Rex Alcorn

Attachments

cc: Mr. Bob Northington, Mesa Petroleum Company

Ownership of acreage and division of working interests for proposed 8,500' Drinkard test, West Knowles Field, under the 80 acres described as E/2 SW/4 Sec. 35, T 16 S, R 37 E, Lea County, New Mexico:

(Sun Oii Company ownes 2.665 acres under the proposed location which are farmed-out to Mesa Petroleum Company and included in the West Knowles Unit. The farm-out agreement carries the provision that on each well drilled subsequent to the initial test, Sun has the option to increase their ORRI from 1/4 to 5/16 or to convert the ORRI to a 50% working interest. Owners of the working interest under Sun's 2.665 acres are Mesa (60%), Tom Brown (20%), H. L. Brown, Jr. (10%), and Elizabeth M. Brown (10%).

If Sun elects to increase their ORRI, the following ownership would apply:

	ACRES	WORKING INTEREST
Rex Alcorn	69.0000	.86250000
Mesa	7.5990	.09498750 (Mesa's 6 ac. plus 60% 2.665 ac.)
Heritage	1.0000	.01250000
PETCO PETCO	1.3350	.01668750
Tom Brown	.5330	.00666250 (20% of 2.665 acres)
H. L. Brown, Jr.	.2665	.00333125 (10% of 2.665 acres)
Elizabeth M. Brown	.2665	.00333125 (10% of 2.665 acres)
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If Sun elects to convert ORRI to 50% WI, the following ownership would apply:

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H. L. BROWN, JR. 323 WEST MISSOURI POST OFFICE BOX 2237 MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701 915 683-5216

August 9, 1977

Mr. Rex Alcorn 100 South Kentucky Roswell, New Mexico 88201

> Re: HLBJr. Ls, #1160-1; E/2 SW/4 Sec. 35, 16S, 37E, Lea Co., N. M.

Dear Mr. Alcorn:

In reference to your letter of August 4, 1977 proposing a Drinkard test on the captioned acreage, please be advised that I herewith decline to join in this proposal.

Very truly yours,

H. L. BROWN, JR.

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cc: Mesa Petroleum Company
Attn: Mr. Bob Northington

Tom Brown, Inc. Elizabeth M. Brown



TOM BROWN, INC. 315 MIDLAND TOWER BUILDING

P.O. BOX 2508 MIDLAND, TEXAS 79702 TELEPHONE AC 915-682-9715 AC 915-563-1926

August 19, 1977

Mr. Rex Alcorn
Ingram Bldg.
100 South Kentucky
Roswell, New Mexico 88201

RE: Proposed location NE SW Sec 35-16S 37E, Lea County, New Mexico

De Paul

Dear Mr. Alcorn:

In answer to your letter of August 4, 1977, be advised that Tom Brown, Inc. declines to join in the drilling of a Drinkard test in the above described location.

Yours truly,

TOM BROWN, INC.

R. J. De Paul

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REX ALCORN INGRAM BUILDING 100 SOUTH KENTUCKY ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO 88201 PHONE 808 622-4396

August 4, 1977

H. L. Brown, Jr., Tom Brown, Inc., & Elizabeth M. Brown

Proposed West Knowles-Drinkard test, Sec. 35, T16S, R37E, 2130 FSL & 1980 FWL, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Working Interest Owners:

The undersigned proposes to drill an 8500' Drinkard test as described above, with 80 acres located E/2 SW/4 Section 35, T16S, R37E, allocated to this test. Eleven acres underlying the 80 acres are held by production and assigned to the West Knowles Unit, and the remaining leasehold interest of sixty-nine acres is owned by the undersigned.

The addressees own working interests under 2.665 acres of the 11 acres as a result of a farmout of the 2.665 acres by Sun Oil Company and subsequent inclusion in the West Knowles Unit. Sun has the option of increasing their override or converting to a 50% working interest for each well drilled followcompletion of the initial test in the unit.

The ownership under the 80 acre tract is detailed on the attached page for each of the options held by Sun Oil Company. Your individual interests may be applied to the figures appearing on the inclosed AFE.

It is requested that the addressees join in the drilling of the proposed test to the extent of their individual interests. If agreeable, please execute the inclosed AFE and return to the undersigned.

The element of time is critical, therefore please note that it will be considered that approval is granted if the AFE form is not returned within fifteen (15) days of the date hereon.

Thank you kindly.

Very truly yours.

Rex Alcorn

Attachments

cc: Mr. Bob Northington, Mesa Petroleum

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REX ALCORN INGRAM BUILDING 100 SOUTH KENTUCKY ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO 80201

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Re:

August 26, 1977

Mesa Petroleum Company Heritage Resources Petroleum Corporation of Texas Tom Brown, Inc. H. L. Brown, Jr. Elizabeth M. Brown Examiner Hearing, NMOCC, Compulsory Pooling, E/2 SW/4 Sec. 35, T16S, R37E, West Knowles-Drinkard Field, Lea Courty, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Referring to my letter dated August 18, 1977, pertaining to the above subject, this is to advise that the undersigned has been notified that this matter has been docketed for the examiner hearing on September 14, 1977, at the NMOCC, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Thank you kindly.

Very truly yours,

Rex Alcorn

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WEST KNOWLES-DRINKARD POOL Lea County, New Mexico

Order No. R-5029, Creating and Adopting Temporary Operating Rules for the West Knowles-Drinkard Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, May 22, 1975.

Order No. R-5029-A, June 1, 1976, makes permanent the rules adopted in Order No. R-5029.

Application of Mesa Petroleum Co. for Pool Creation and Special Pool Rules, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE NO. 5473 Order No. R-5029

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION: This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on May 14, 1975, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 22nd day of May, 1975, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised

- (1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicant, Mesa Petroleum Co., seeks the creation of a new oil pool for Drinkard production in Lea County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the applicant also seeks the promulgation of special rules for said pool, including a provision for 80-acre proration
- (4) That the evidence presently available indicates that the West Knowles Well No. 1, located in Unit P of Section 34, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, has discovered a separate common source of supply which should be designated the West Knowles-Drinkard Pool; that the vertical limits of said pool should be the Drinkard formation as found on the log of said West Knowles Well No. 1 from 8200 to 8600 feet, and that horizontal limits of said pool should be as follows:

TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM Section 34: SE/4 Section 35: SW/4

- (5) That in order to prevent the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, to avoid the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, to prevent reduced recovery which might result from the drilling of too few wells, and to otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights, temporary special rules and regulations providing for 80-acre spacing units should be promulgated for the West Knowles-Drinkard Pool.
- (6) That the temporary special rules and regulations should provide for limited well locations in order to assure orderly development of the pool and protect correlative rights.

- (7) That the temporary special rules and regulations should be (7) That the temporary special rules and regulations should be established for a one-year period in order to allow the operators in the subject pool to gather reservoir information to establish the area that can be efficiently and economically drained and developed by one well.
- That this case should be reopened at an examiner hearing in May, 1976, at which time the operators in the subject pool should be prepared to appear and show cause why the West Knowles-Drinkard Pool should not be developed on 40-acre spacing units.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:
(1) That a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for Drinkard production, is hereby created and designated the West Knowles-Drinkard Pool, with vertical limits comprising the Drinkard formation as found on the log of the West Knowles Well No. 1, located in Unit P of Section 34, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, from 8200 feet to 8600 feet, and horizontal limits comprising the following-described area:

TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM Section 34: SE/4 Section 35: SW/4

(2) That temporary Special Rules and Regulations for the West Knowles-Drinkard Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, are hereby promulgated as follows:

SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE WEST KNOWLES-DRINKARD POOL

- RULE 1. Each well completed or recompleted in the West Knowles-Drinkard Pool or in the Drinkard formation within one mile thereof, and not nearer to or within the limits of another designated Drinkard oil pool, shall be spaced, drilled, operated, and produced in accordance with the Special Rules and Regulations between the special restrictions and secondaries. tions hereinafter set forth.
- RULE 2. Each well shall be located on a standard unit containing 80 acres, more or less, consisting of the N/2, S/2, E/2, or W/2 of a governmental quarter section; provided however, that nothing contained herein shall be construed as prohibiting the drilling of a well on each of the quarter-quarter sections in the unit.
- RULE 3. The Secretary-Director of the Commission may grant an exception to the requirements of Rule 2 without notice and hearing when an application has been filed for a non-standard unit comprising a governmental quarter-quarter section or lot, or the unorthodox size or shape of the tract is due to a variation in the legal subdivision of the United States Public Land Surveys. All operators offsetting the proposed non-standard unit shall be notified of the application by registered or certified mail, and the application shall state that such notice has been furnished. The Secretary-Director may approve the application upon receipt of written walvers from all offset operators or if no offset operator has entered an objection to the formation of the non-standard unit within 30 days after the Secretary-Director has received the application.
- RULE 4. Each well shall be located within 150 feet of the center of a governmental quarter-quarter section or lot.

(WEST KNOWLES-DRINKARD POOL - Cont'd.)

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

Top unit allowable for a standard proration unit (79 through 81 acres) shall be based on a depth bracket allowable of 310 barrels per day, and in the event there is more than one well on an 80-acre proration unit, the operator may produce the allowable assigned to the unit from the wells on the unit in any proportion.

allowable assigned to a non-standard proration unit shall bear the same ratio to a standard allowable as the acreage in such non-standard unit bears to 80 acres.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

- (1) That the locations of all wells presently drilling to or completed in the West Knowles-Drinkard Pool or in the Drinkard formation within one mile thereof are hereby approved; that the operator of any well having an unorthodox location shall notify the Hobbs District Office of the Commission in writing of the name and location of the well on or before July 1, 1975
- (2) That, pursuant to Paragraph A. of Section 65-3-14.5, NMSA 1953, contained in Chapter 271, Laws of 1969, existing wells in the West Knowles-Drinkard Pool shall have dedicated thereto 80 acres in accordance with the foregoing pool rules; or, pursuant to Paragraph C. of said Section 65-3-14.5, existing wells may have non-standard spacing or proration units established by the Commission and dedicated thereto.

Failure to file new Forms C-102 with the Commission dedi-Failure to file new Forms C-102 with the Commission dedicating 80 acres to a well or to obtain a non-standard unit approved by the Commission within 60 days from the date of this order shall subject the well to cancellation of allowable. Until said Form C-102 has been filed or until a non-standard unit has been approved, and subject to said 60-day limitation, each well presently drilling to or completed in the West Knowles-Drinkard Pool or in the Drinkard formation within one mile thereof shall receive no more than one-half of a standard allowable for the pool

- (3) That this case shall be reopened at an examiner hearing in May, 1976, at which time the operators in the subject pool should be prepared to appear and show cause why the West Knowles-Drinkard Pool should not be developed on 40-acre
- (4) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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

TOTAH-GALLUP POOL San Juan County, New Mexico

Order No. R-1882, Adopting Temporary Operating Rules for the Totah-Gallup Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico, April 1, 1961.

Order No. R-1882-A, March 14, 1962, makes permanent the rules adopted in Order No. R-1882.

Application of Tennessee Gas Transmission Company for the Promulgation of Special Rules and Regulations governing the Totah-Gallup Oil Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico.

CASE NO. 2184 Order No. R-1882

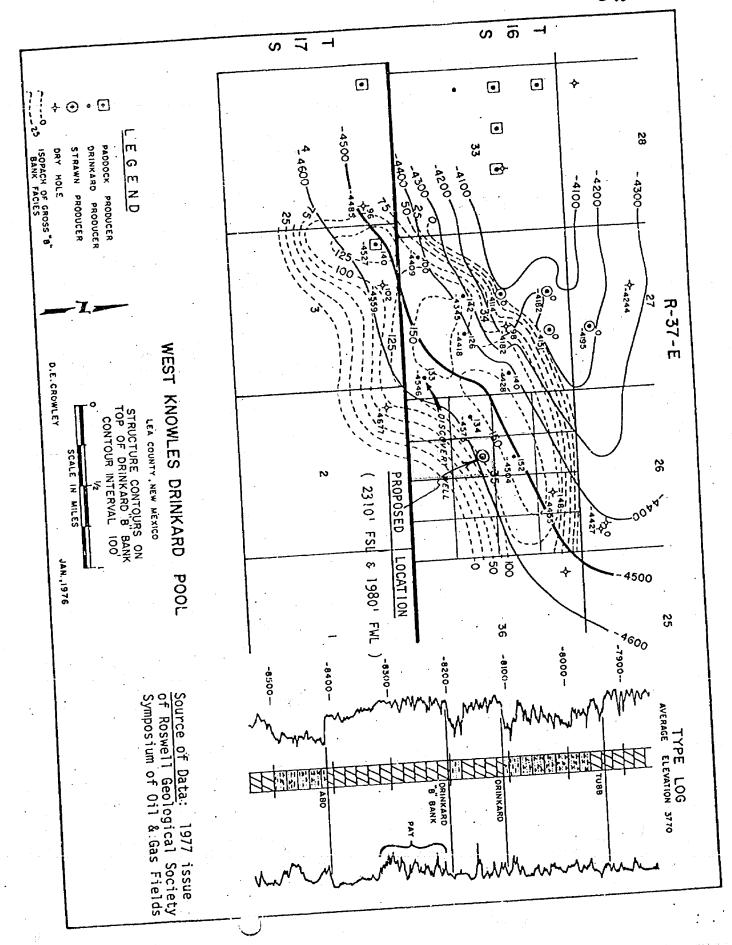
ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION: This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on February 15, 1961, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission".

NOW, on this 23rd day of February, 1961, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony presented and the exhibits received at said hearing, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

- (1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicant, Tennessee Gas Transmission Company, proposes that special rules and regulations be promulgated governing the Totah-Gallup Oil Pool, Township 29 North, Range 13 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico, including a provision for 80-acre oil proration units.
- (3) That the evidence available at this time indicates that the Gallup reservoir underlying the Totah-Gallup Oil Pool may be efficiently and economically drained and developed on 80-acre proration units and that it may be uneconomical to drill wells in said pool on 40-acre proration units.
- (4) That the evidence presently available does not justify permanent 80-acre rules and regulations in the Totah-Gallup Oil Pool, and, accordingly, a temporary one-year order should be entered.
- (5) That during the one-year period in which this order will be in effect, the applicant should gather all available information relative to drainage and recoverable reserves in the
- (6) That this case should be heard again during the month of March, 1962, at which time the applicant should be prepared to prove by a preponderance of the evidence why the subject pool should not be developed on 40-acre proration



Dockets Nos. 30-77 and 31-77 are tentatively set for hearing on September 28 and October 12, 1977. Dockets Nos. 30-77 and 31-77 are tentatively set for hearing on September 28 and Och Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date. Docket No. 28-77

EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 14, 1977

9 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM.

The following cases will be heard before Richard L. Stamets, Examiner, or Daniel S. Nutter, Alternate Examiner: ALLOWABLE: (1) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for October, 1977, from fifteen prorated

Consideration of the allowable production of gas for October, 1977, from four prorated CASE 6016: (Continued from August 31, 1977 Examiner Hearing)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Land Oil Company, American Employers, Insurance Company, and all other interested par In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to appear and show cause why the Garner Well No. 1 located in Unit D of Section 23, Township 14 a Commission approved plugging program.

CASE 5981: (Continued from July 6, 1977 Examiner Hearing)

Application of W. A. Moncrief, Jr., for pool creation and special pool rules, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the creation of an oil pool for Upper-Application of W. A. Moncrief, Jr., for pool creation and special pool rules, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the creation of rules, Lea County, New Mexico, Range 33 East, Lea County, New Mexico, and the promulgation of Section 26, Township special rules therefor,

CASE 5983: (Continued from July 20, 1977 Examiner Hearing) CASE 6024:

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for the amendment of Order No. R-5445, Eddy County, provide for a 200 percent risk factor for drilling the unit well rather than 20 percent. Said South, Range 25 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Application of Read & Stevens, Inc., for two unorthodox gas well locations, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of it Application of Read & Stevens, Inc., for two unorthodox gas well locations, Chaves County, Read East, and its Jackson Well No. 1 located in the center of Unit A of Section 20, Township 12 South, Range 30 East, Southeast Chaves-Queen Gas Area, Chaves County, New Section 20 and the S/2 of said Section 25, respectively, to be dedicated to the Wells.

CASE 6025:

Application of Roger C. Hanks for a special gas-oil ratio limitation, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Pennsylvanian Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, retroactive to August 22, 1977. CASE 6026:

Application of William G. Rabe and Alice P. Rabe for a non-standard gas provation unit, San Juan Blanco-Mesaverde Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico.

Standard gas provation unit comprising the above-styled cause, seeks approval for a 160-acre non-standard gas provation unit, San Juan County, New Mexico.

San Juan County, New Mexico. CASE 6027: Application of Great Lakes Chemical Corporation for a non-standard gas provation unit, San Juan Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for a 160-acre non-

Application of Great Lakes Chemical Corporation for a non-standard gas promation unit, San Juan Blanco-Mesaverde Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico.

Application of Great Lakes Chemical Corporation for a non-standard gas promation unit, San Juan Blanco-Mesaverde Pool, Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval on unit, San Juan County, New Mexico.

Township 27 North, Hange 8 West, CASE 6028:

Application of Union Cil Company of California for a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico.

Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for its Luzon Unit Area county, New Mexico.

Lea County, New Mexico.

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Lea County, New Mexico. CASE 6029:

Application of Phillips Petroleum Company for downhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico.

Drinkard, East Brunson-McKee, and East Brunson-Ellenburger production in the wellbore of Italy.

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Application of Phillips Petroleum Company for downhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico.

Sims Well No. 6 located for Indian Mexico.

New Mexico.

Section 24, Township 22 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

- CASE 6030: Application of Burleson & Huff for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests underlying the SE/4 SE/4 of Section 4, Township 25 South, Runge 37 East, Langlie-Mattix Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to its re-entered Smith Well No. 1 located in Unit P of said Section 4, or in the alternative, to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of re-entering and recompleting or of drilling and completing the unit well and the allocation of the cost thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in recompleting or drilling said well.
- CASE 6032: Application of Burleson & Huff for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests underlying the SW/4 SW/4 of Section 21, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, Langlie-Mattix Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to its re-entered Lanchart Well No. 1-Y located in Unit M of said Section 21, or, in the alternative, to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of re-entering and recompleting or of drilling and completing the unit well and the allocation of the cost thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in recompleting or drilling said well.
- Application of Rex Alcorn for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests underlying the E/2 SW/4 of Section 35, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, West Knowles-Drinkard Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 2310 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line of said Section 35. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- CASE 6033: Application of Basin Fuels, Inc., for salt water disposal, McKinley County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Mesaverde formation through the perforated interval from 1948 feet to 2755 feet in its Slick Well No. 1 located in Unit 0 of Section 7, Township 20 North, Range 5 West, Franciscan Lake-Mesaverde Pool, McKinley County, New Mexico.
- CASE 6034: Application of Flag-Redfern Oil Company for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the San Andres formation through the perforated interval from 4941 feet to 5022 feet in its Bilbrey "51" Well No. 1 located in Unit A of Section 23, Township 9 South, Range 37 East, Sawyer-San Andres Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.
- CASE 6035: Application of Southern Union Supply Co., for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.

 Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the San Andres formation underlying the N/2 NE/4 of Section 30, Township 9 South, Range 33 East, Flying M-San Andres Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- CASE 6017: (Continued from August 31, 1977 Examiner Mearing)

Application of E. L. Latham, Jr. and Roy G. Barton, Jr., for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests underlying the E/2 NE/4 of Section 30, Township 9 South, Range 33 East, Flying M-San Andres Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 6036: Application of E. L. Latham, Jr., and Roy G. Barton, Jr., for compulsory pooling of a standard or a non-standard oil proration unit and an unorthodox location, or in the alternative, 40-acre spacing, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicants, in the above-styled cause, seek an order pooling all mineral interests in the Flying M-San Andres Pool underlying the E/2 NE/4 of Section 30, Township 9 South, Range 33 East, Lea County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location for said pool within 200 feet of the center of the NE/4 NE/4 of said Section 30, or an order pooling only the NE/4 NE/4 of Section 30 to form a non-standard 40-acre unit to be dedicated to the aforesaid well. In the alternative, applicants seek the amendment of the Flying M-San Andres Pool Rules to provide for 40-acre spacing, and seek on order pooling the aforesaid NE/4 NE/4 of Section 30 as a standard unit for said pool to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling

and completing the proposed well and the allocation of the cost thereof, as well as natural operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicants as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 6037:

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission upon its own motion for the creation and extension of certain pools in Lea, Eddy, and Chaves Counties, New Mexico.

(a) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Delsware production and designated as the Combs-Delaware Gas Pool. The discovery well is the Penroc Oil Corporation Combs Federal Well No. 1 located in Unit P of Section 15, Township 20 Scuth, Range 27 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NAPM Section 15: SE/4

(b) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Morrow production and designated as the East Lake-Morrow Gas Pool. The discovery well is the Coquina Oil Corporation Gulf Federal Well No. 1 located in Unit A of Section 5, Township 19 South, Range 27 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NAPM Section 5: N/2

(c) CREATE a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for Cisco production and designated as the Hume-Cisco Pool. The discovery well is Vaquero Independent Producers, Inc. Jackrabbit Draw Com Well No. 1 located in Unit L of Section 15, Township 16 South, Range 33 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM Section 15: SW/4

(d) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Morrow production and designated as the West Malaga-Morrow Gas Pool. The discovery well is the HNG Oil Company Ogden 8 Com Well No. 1 located in Unit H of Section 8, Township 24 South, Range 28 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NMPM Section 8: E/2

(e) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Atoka production and designated as the Millman-Atoka Gas Pool. The discovery well is the Depco, Inc. DHY State B Well No. 1 located in Unit L of Section 11, Township 19 South, Range 28 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NMPM Section 11: W/2

(f) CREATE a new pool in Lea County, New Merico, classified as an oil pool for Abo production and designated as the Pearsall-Abo Pool. The discovery well is the Harvey E. Yates Company, Inc. South Maljamar Deep Well No. 1 located in Unit O of Section 30, Township 17 South, Range 32 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, NMPM Section 30: SE/4

(g) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for Bone Springs production and designated as the Penlon-Bone Springs Pool. The discovery well is the Penroc oil Corporation Allied B Well No. 1 located in Unit K of Section 27, Township 20 South, Range 27 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NAMPM Section 27: SW/4

(h) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Moxico, classified as a gas pool for Delaware production and designated as the Penlon-Delaware Gas Pool. The discovery well is the Penroc Oil Contraction Allied Com Well No. 2 located in Unit B of Section 27, Township 20 South, Rary East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NAPAN Section 27: NE/4

(1) CREATE a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as a gis pool for Morrow production and designated as the Rock Lake-Morrow Gas Pool. The discovery well is the Union Oil Company of California Northern Natural State Well No. 1 located in Unit O of Section 28, Township 22 South, Range 35 East, NAPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, NAPM Section 28: S/2

(j) EXTEND the Avalon-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM Section 22: 3/2
Section 27: All Section 34: N/2

(k) EXTEND the North Burton-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NAPM Section 32: SW/4

(1) EXTEND the Burton Flat-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM
Section 24: All
Section 25: E/2
Section 36: All

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NMPM
Section 16: All
Section 18: All
Section 19: All
Section 20: S/2
Section 21: All
Section 29: All
Section 30: All
Section 31: All
Section 33: W/2

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM
Section 4: Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, & 14
Section 8: S/2
Section 17: All
Section 20: All
Section 20: All

(m) EXTEND the East Carlsbad-Wolfcamp Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM Section 35: S/2

(n) EXTEND the South Carlsbad-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, NAMPM Section 13: N/2

(o) EXTEND the Cato-San Andres Pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, to include therein:

Section 29: W/2 Section 30: All Section 31: N/2 Section 32: W/2

TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM Section 1: NE/4

TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM Section 8: NE/4

(p) EXTEND the Flying "M"-San Andres Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM Section 19: SE/4

(q) EXTEND the Indian Draw-Delaware Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NMPM Section 7: SE/4 and N/2 SW/4 Section 18: W/2 SW/4

(r) EXTEND the South Leonard-Queen Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 26 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM Section 11: SW/4

(s) EXTEND the East Lusk-Bone Springs Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, NAMPM Section 16: SE/4

(t) EXTEND the West Tonto-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NAPM Section 7: S/2 and NE/4

(u) EXTRID the White City-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, NAPM Section 9: All Section 19: All

Docket No. 29-77

DOCKET: COMMISSION HEARING - TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 20, 1977

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

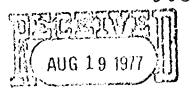
CASE 5961: (REHEARING)

Application of D. L. Hannifin for amendment of Order No. R-4432, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the amendment of Order No. R-4432 to remove the present operator of the pooled proration unit comprising the S/2 of Section 24, Township 22 South, Range 26 East, South Carlsbad-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, and to designate applicant as operator of said unit.

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August 18, 1977 CONSERVATION COMM. Santa Fe

Mr. Joe Ramey New Mexico 011 Conservation Commission PO Box 1980 Santa Fe, New Mexico 88240

Re: Application for Compulsory Pooling, West Knowles-Drinkard Field, Sec. 35, T16S, R37E, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

The undersigned proposes to drill an 8500' Drinkard test in Section 35, T 16 S, R 37 E, 2310 feet from the south line and 1980 feet from the west line of section 35. Acreage to be dedicated to this test is described as E/2 SW/4 of section 35. The undersigned is the owner of the leasehold interest under 69 of the 80 acres with the remaining 11 acres held by production and owned by Mesa Petroleum Company, Heritage Resources, Petroleum Corporation of Texas, Tom Brown, Inc., H. L. Brown, Jr., and Elizabeth M. Brown.

The various interests owned by the aforementioned are shown on the attached sheet. These owners have declined an offer to farmout their interests, and have also declined to join to the extent of their individual interest in the drilling of the proposed test.

This is to request a hearing before the Commission members for the purpose of compulsory pooling the owners of the 11 acres, and for approval of the proposed location. The structural position and performance of the west offset to the proposed test as well as the dry hole two locations south and west indicate that considerable risk is involved even though the aforementioned location is believed to offer the most favorable structural advantage. Therefore, it is further requested that the working interest owners be permitted to recuperate 300% of all drilling, completion, and operating costs prior to participation in any revenue by the owners of the 11 acres.

Leases owned by the undersigned expire as early as October 1st of the current year, therefore it would be appreciated if this matter could be placed on your docket at the earliest possible date. Copies of this letter have been forwarded to the owners of the 11 acres by certified mail with return receipt requested. The attorney representing the undersigned is Mr. W. F. Carr of Santa Fe.

Thank you most kindly.

RA:b Attachments

Copies: (attached sheet)

Rex Alcorn

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(Ltr. dated August 18, 1977, to Mr. Joe Ramey, NMOCC, re compulsory pooling, West Knowled-Drinkard Field, Lea County, New Mexico.)

copies: Mesa Petroleum Company 1000 Vaughn Building Midland, Texas 79701

Heritage Resources PO Box 777 Davis, Oklahoma 73030

Petroleum Corporation of Texas PO Box 911 Breckenridge, Texas 76024

Tom Brown, Inc. PO Box 2608 Midland, Texas

H. L. Brown, Jr. PO Box 2237 Midland, Texas 79701

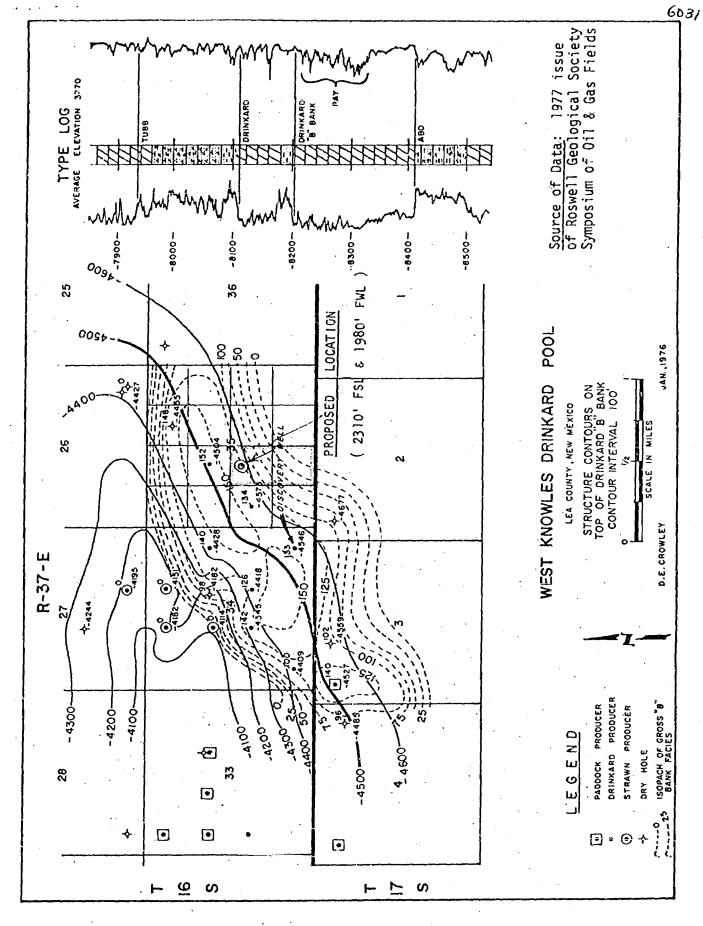
Elizabeth M. Brown 2407 Ft. Worth National Bank Building Ft. Worth, Texas Ownership of acreage and division of working interests for proposed 8,500' Drinkard test, West Knowles Field, under the 80 acres described as E/2 SW/4 Sec. 35, T 16 S, R 37 E, Lea County, New Mexico:

(Sun Oil Company ownes 2.665 acres under the proposed location which are farmed-out to Mesa Petroleum Company and included in the West Knowles Unit. The farm-out agreement carries the provision that on each well drilled subsequent to the initial test, Sun has the option to increase their ORRI from 1/4 to 5/16 or to convert the ORRI to a 50% working interest. Owners of the working interest under Sun's 2.665 acres are Mesa (60%), Tom Brown (20%), H. L. Brown, Jr. (10%), and Elizabeth M. Brown (10%).

Sun has elected to increase their ORRI, thus the following ownership applies:

	ACRES	WORKING INTEREST
Rex Alcorn	69.0000	.86250000
Mesa	7.5990	.09498750 (Mesa's 6 ac. plus 60% 2:665 ac.)
Heritage PETCO	1.0000 1.3350	.01250000 .01668750
Tom Brown	•5330	.00666250 (20% of 2.665 acres)
H. L. Brown, Jr.	.2665	.00333125 (10% of 2.665 acres)
Elizabeth M. Brown	.2665	.00333125 (10% of 2.665 acres)
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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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

Order No. R- 5533

APPLICATION OF REX ALCORN FOR COMPULSORY POOLING AND AN UNORTHODOX LOCATION, LEA COUNT, NEW MEXICO.

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ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on <u>September 14</u>, 1977 at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner <u>Richard L. Stamets</u>.

NOW, on this day of <u>September</u>, 1977, 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:

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(2)	That the applicant, Rex Alcorn
seeks an	order pooling all mineral interests
	underlying the E/2 SW/4
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to drill a well at an unorthodox location 2310 feet from the South
line and 1980 feet from the West line of said Section 35.
That there are interest owners in the proposed proration

That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce his just and equitable share of the gas in the subject pool, will prevent the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, avoid the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, and will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

- That the applicant should be designated the operator of the subject well and unit.
- That any non-consenting working interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production.
- That any non-consenting working interest owner that does not pay his share of estimated well costs should have withheld from production his share of the reasonable well costs plus an additional 200 percent thereof as a reasonable charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well.
- That any non-consenting interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to object to the actual well costs but that actual well costs should be adopted as the reasonable well costs in the absence of such objection.
- (16) That following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner that has paid his share of estimated costs should pay to the operator any amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and should receive from the operator any amount that paid estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.

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- able charges for supervision (combined fixed rates); that the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charges attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating the subject well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.
- (12) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason should be placed in escrow to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership.
- That upon the failure of the operator of said pooled unit to commence drilling of the well to which said unit is dedicated on or before <u>December 31, 1917</u>, the order pooling said unit should become null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:
(1) That all mineral interests, whatever they may be,
in the Drinkard formation underlying the E/2 SW/4
of Section 35 , Township 16 South , Range 37 East ,
NMPM, West Knowles- Drinkard Pool , Lea County, New Mexico,
dre hereby pooled to form a standard 80 - acre gas spacing
and proration unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled
at an unorthodox location 2310 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line of said Section 35. PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the operator of said unit shall
commence the drilling of said well on or before the 3/5 / day or
December, 1977, and shall thereafter continue the drilling
of said well with due diligence to a depth sufficient to test the
Drinkard formation;
PROVIDED FURTHER, that in the event said operator does not
commence the drilling of said well on or before the 3/st day of
December, 1972, Order (1) of this order shall be mill
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a time extension from the Commission for good cause shown.

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PROVIDED FURTHER, that should said well not be drilled to completion, or abandonment, within 120 days after commencement thereof, said operator shall appear before the Commission and show cause why Order (1) of this order should not be rescinded.

- (2) That Rex Alcorn is hereby designated the operator of the subject well and unit.
- (3) That after the effective date of this order and within 30 days prior to commencing said well, the operator shall furnish the Commission and each known working interest owner in the subject unit an itemized schedule of estimated well costs.
- estimated well costs is furnished to him, any non-consenting working interest owner shall have the right to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production, and that any such owner who pays his share of estimated well costs as provided above shall remain liable for operating costs but shall not be liable for risk charges.
- known working interest owner an itemized schedule of actual well costs within 90 days following completion of the well; that if no objection to the actual well costs is received by the Commission and the Commission has not objected within 45 days following receipt of said schedule, the actual well costs shall be the reasonable well costs; provided however, that if there is an objection to actual well costs within said 45-day period the Commission will determine reasonable well costs after public notice and hearing.
- (6) That within 60 days following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner that has paid his share of estimated costs in advance as provided

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above shall pay to the operator his pro rata share of the amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and shall receive from the operator his pro rata share of the amount that estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.

- (7) That the operator is hereby authorized to withhold the following costs and charges from production:
 - (A) The pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.
 - (B) As a charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well, 200 percent of the pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.
- (8) That the operator shall distribute said costs and charges withheld from production to the parties who advanced the well costs. The producing are
- charge; for supervision (combined fixed rates); that the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charge; attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating such well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.

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- (10) That any unsevered mineral interest shall be considered a seven-eighths (7/8) working interest and a one-eighth (1/8) royalty interest for the purpose of allocating costs and charges under the terms of this order.
- (11) That any well costs or charges which are to be paid out of production shall be withheld only from the working interests share of production, and no costs or charges shall be withheld from production attributable to royalty interests.
- (12) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason shall be placed in escrow in Lea County, New Mexico, to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership; that the operator shall notify the Commission of the name and address of said escrow agent within 90 days from the date of this order.
- (13) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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

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