

Entered June 28, 1973
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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. 4992
Order No. R-4567

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED
BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION ON
ITS OWN MOTION TO PERMIT CORINNE GRACE
AND THE TRAVELERS INDEMNITY COMPANY AND
ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO APPEAR
AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE RANGER LAKE WELLS
NOS. 1 AND 3 LOCATED IN UNIT N OF SECTION 11,
TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, LEA COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO, SHOULD NOT BE PLUGGED AND
ABANDONED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMMISSION-
APPROVED PLUGGING PROGRAM.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on June 20, 1973, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 28th day of June, 1973, 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 Corinne Grace is the owner and operator of the Ranger Lake Wells Nos. 1 and 3, located in Unit N of Section 11, Township 12 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That the operator of said wells has failed to file proper forms with the Commission concerning said wells and has not responded to repeated inquiries from the Commission concerning the status of these wells.

(4) That a hearing was held before the Commission on June 20, 1973, to permit any interested party to appear and show cause why said wells should not be plugged and abandoned.

(5) That the operator appeared before the Commission and requested a reasonable time within which to test said wells and attempt to put them on commercial production.

(6) That as a condition precedent to granting said request for an extension of time all Commission forms concerning said wells should be promptly filed with the Commission.

(7) That the operator should report to the Hobbs office of the Commission in writing on Form C-103 every 30 days outlining what progress has been made toward placing said wells on commercial production.

(8) That 90 days from the date of the hearing on this matter, September 20, 1973, should afford the operator sufficient opportunity to test said wells and determine their potential for economic production.

(9) That should said wells not be placed on production within 90 days, or should not a satisfactory showing be made to the Commission within 90 days that said wells are capable of commercial production and will be placed in production, at a definite time, said wells should be plugged and abandoned.

(10) That in order to prevent waste and protect correlative rights said Ranger Lake Wells Nos. 1 and 3 should be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a program approved by the Hobbs District Office of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission on or before September 30, 1973, unless said wells have been placed on commercial production by that date, or the time for plugging said wells has been extended by order of the Commission.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Corinne Grace and Travelers Indemnity Company are hereby ordered to plug and abandon the Ranger Lake Wells Nos. 1 and 3, located in Unit N of Section 11, Township 12 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, on or before September 30, 1973, if said wells have not been placed on commercial production by that date or the time for plugging said wells has not been extended by order of the Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

(1) That Corinne Grace promptly file all Commission forms and file a written report on Form C-103 with the Hobbs office of the Commission every thirty days outlining what progress has been made toward placing said wells on commercial production.

(2) That Corinne Grace and Travelers Indemnity Company, prior to plugging and abandoning the above-described wells, shall obtain from the Hobbs Office of the Commission a Commission-approved program for said plugging and abandoning, and shall notify said Hobbs Office of the date and hour said work is to be commenced whereupon the Commission may, at its option, witness such work.

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

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION



I. R. TRUJILLO, Chairman

ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member



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

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