

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. 277
ORDER NO. R-66

THE APPLICATION OF THE OIL CONSERVATION
COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO UPON ITS OWN
MOTION FOR AN ORDER DIRECTED TO T. W.
BAILES, ELIZABETH Y. SKETCHLEY, AND RIO
GRANDE COMMUNITY, TO SHOW CAUSE WHY THEY
SHOULD NOT PLUG THE RIO GRANDE COMMUNITY
SKETCHLEY WELL NO. 1 SW/4 SE/4 SECTION 5,
TOWNSHIP 6 N., RANGE 1 E., NMFM.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This case came on regularly for hearing at 10 o'clock a. m. on May 22, 1952, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 20th day of December, 1951, the Commission, a quorum being present, having fully considered all the testimony adduced and 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 case and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That inspection of the location of the Rio Grande Community Sketchley Well No. 1, SW/4 SE/4 Section 5, Township 6 N., Range 1 E., NMFM, by a representative of the Commission discloses the well bore has not been plugged, although the premises and pits clearly show long abandonment, and for the prevention of underground waste and for location cleanup, the well bore should be plugged as required by the Rules and Regulations of the Commission.

(3) That T. W. Bailes, Elizabeth Y. Sketchley, Rio Grande Community, or any other person, business association, or corporation asserting any interest, right, title, claim or demand in or to said well made no appearance in the case, either personally or by attorney, although properly served with notice in accordance with law and the Rules and Regulations of the Commission.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That T. W. Bailes, Elizabeth Y. Sketchley, the Rio Grande Community, and/or the United States Casualty Company, New York, New York, as surety for Elizabeth Y. Sketchley, and individual, and all persons claiming any right, title, or interest in or to that certain well bore located upon the SW/4 SE/4 Section 5, Township 6 N., Range 1 E., NMFM, Valencia County, New Mexico, are hereby declared to be in default.

(2) That said well bore upon SW/4 SE/4 Section 5, Township 6 N., Range 1 E., NMFM, is hereby declared abandoned and shall be plugged in accordance with the Rules And Regulations of the Commission; provided, however, that T. W. Bailes, Elizabeth Y. Sketchley, the Rio Grande Community, and/or any person claiming any right, title or interest in or to said well bore may have thirty (30) days from the date of this order within which to retrieve recoverable material from said well bore if any there be, casing now in the well excepted, and to properly plug said well bore in accordance with the rules of this Commission and to clear up the premises; upon failure hereunder within the time specified herein the Commission shall call upon the surety company, the United States Casualty Company, New York, New York, c/o Walter C. Berger, Albuquerque, New Mexico, resident agent, at its own expense, to immediately plug the said well bore in compliance with the Rules and Regulations of the Commission.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove written.
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION