

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF the application of the National Surety Corporation for an order determining as abandoned Edward S. McAuliffe-Coates Well No. 1, SWNE 3-18S-23E, Eddy County, and to plug said well in accordance with the rules, regulations and laws of the Commission. This case is set for 10 A.M., August 4, 1944.

Pursuant to notice by the Commission, duly made and published, setting August 4, 1944, at ten o'clock a.m., for hearing in the above entitled matter, said hearing was convened on said day, at said hour, in the Coronado Room of the La Fonda, Santa Fe, New Mexico, the Commission sitting as follows:

HON. RAY ROGERS, State Land Commissioner, Member.
HON. JOHN M. KELLY, State Geologist, Secretary.
HON. CARL B. LIVINGSTON, Chief Clerk and Legal Adviser.

R E G I S T E R

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
J. O. Seth	Stanolind Oil Company	Santa Fe, N. M.
R. E. Nelson, Jr.	Stanolind Oil Company	Tulsa, Oklahoma
W. D. Henderson	Stanolind Oil Company	Midland, Texas
George W. Selinger	Skelly Oil Company	Tulsa, Oklahoma
D. W. Spence	Sinclair Prairie Oil Co.	Midland, Texas
H. B. Hurley	Continental Oil Company	Ft. Worth, Texas
R. Van A. Mills	Continental Oil Company	Ponca City, Okla.
J. W. Head	Head & Miller	Borger, Texas
K. H. Dally	Head & Miller	Borger, Texas
A. Krickerbocker	Fred Turner Jr.	Midland, Texas
J. M. Zachary	Neville G. Penrose, Inc.	Ft. Worth, Texas
Hamilton McRae	Fred Turner, Jr.	Midland, Texas
Frank D. Gardner	Sinclair Prairie Oil Co.	Midland, Texas
G. L. Shoemaker	Shell Oil Company, Inc.	Midland, Texas
S. W. House	Humble Oil Company	Midland, Texas
V. C. Maley	Humble Oil & Refining Co.	Midland, Texas
Hugh L. Sawyers	N. M. Oil & Gas Ass'n.	Roswell, N. M.
Claude E. Wood	State Land Office	Santa Fe, N. M.
Jesse Hildreth	General Crude Oil Company	Wink, Texas
Leo E. Schultz	Oil & Gas Dept., State Land Office	Santa Fe, N. M.
Jerry Curtis	Magnolia Petroleum Company	Roswell, N. M.
S. P. Hemmfin	Magnolia Petroleum Company	Midland, Texas
W. K. Davis	El Paso Natural Gas Company	Jal, New Mexico
R. L. Boss	Gulf Oil Corporation	Hobbs, New Mexico
E. J. Gallagher	Gulf Oil Corporation	Hobbs, N. M.
A. E. Willig	The Texas Company	Ft. Worth, Texas
Glenn Staley	Lea County Operators	Hobbs, New Mexico
Harvey Hardison	Standard of Texas	Houston, Texas
W. S. Patterson	Scouting Service	Santa Fe, N. M.
C. W. Faris	Shell Oil Company	Midland, Texas
John P. Healy	Colo-Mex	Santa Fe, N. M.
Weldon Brigance	Rowan Drilling Company	Ft. Worth, Texas
Roy O. Yarbrough	Oil Conservation Commission	Hobbs, N. M.
E. H. Foster	Phillips Petroleum Company	Amarillo, Texas
Mrs. Nettie Ogle		Santa Fe, N. M.
Fred Turner Jr.	Independent	Midland, Texas
D. R. McKeithan	Phillips Petroleum Company	Barbersville, Okla.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, and upon request of the Secretary, the Chief Clerk read the call of the meeting as follows:

"NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Oil Conservation Commission, by law invested with jurisdiction as the oil and gas regulatory body of the State of New Mexico, hereby gives notice of the following hearing to be held at Santa Fe, New Mexico:

CASE NO. 52

In the matter of the application of the National Surety Corporation for an order determining as abandoned Edward S. McAuliffe-Coates Well No. 1 SWNE 3-18S-23E, Eddy County, and to plug said well in accordance with the rules, regulations and laws of the Commission. This case is set for 10 A.M., August 4, 1944.

Any person having any interest in the subject of said hearing is entitled to be heard.

The foregoing Notice of Publication was made pursuant to the direction of the Commission at its Executive Meeting July 6, 1944.

Given under the seal of said Commission at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on July 7, 1944.

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

/s/ John M. Kelly

BY (SGD) JOHN M. KELLY
SECRETARY.

S E A L"

P R O C E E D I N G S

By Mr. Paul Forker - Attorney for National Surety Corporation.

This well was started back in 1937, I believe, and the last work done on it was in 1939. I have been serving the National Surety Corporation in this territory since 1941, and all during that time have been trying to locate Mr. McAuliffe. Have been unable to secure any information as to where he is, and communicating with the land owner, have been unable to receive any response from him. I did receive copy of a letter from Mr. Coates, in which he has indicated he would like to have the well turned into a water well. There has not been any production on the well, and I think the driller and contractor has apparently left these parts and cannot be located. I think the well should be declared abandoned.

MR. KELLY: Mr. Yarbrough, please state to the Commission the condition of this well on your last visit there.

MR. YARBROUGH: My last visit there was July 30, 1943. I have not been to it this year. My last visit to the well, I have a record of what was there, I believe some 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and 10" pipe, couldn't see anymore.

MR. KELLY: The well never produced any oil or gas to your knowledge?

MR. YARBROUGH: No - I don't know if they ever got any showing of anything.

MR. KELLY: Was there a rig on the well?

MR. YARBROUGH: No - nothing there.

MR. FORKER: I suggest an order to plug the well be made, as Mr. Coates desires to have it made into a water well.

MR. KELLY: The Commission will order this well to be plugged and abandoned, it is up to the Surety Company and Mr. Coates regarding plans for turning the well into a water well.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I hereby certify that the foregoing and attached two and a fraction pages of typewritten matter constitute a true, correct and complete transcript of the shorthand notes taken by me in Case No. 52, on the 4th day of August, and by me extend into typewriting.

WITNESS my hand this 9th day of September 1944.


Vastie Fowler