

Hobbs, New Mexico  
March 29, 1949

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

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Thirty barrels of oil base mud was spotted from total depth to above the Byers formation and the casing was filled to the surface with salt water mud. The 7" casing was the perforated opposite the Byers section from 3650 - 75 feet, 3685 - 3700 feet, and 3715 - 3730 feet with 4 jet holes per foot. The tubing string was run in the well from bottom up as follows:

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The mud was then displaced with 195 barrels of oil and an Otis check valve and side door choke was run and set in landing nipple which shut-off the bottom formation, Hobbs lime. Swabbed load oil from tubing and casing and well flowed through the tubing from the Byers section to clean up. After shutting-in casing and tubing in order to reach maximum pressure, the Otis check valve and side door choke was pulled and, prior to this operation, the static bottom hole pressure of the Byers section after 99 hours shut-in was observed to be 702 psi. The side door choke was then re-run with upper and lower packing elements and the perforations in the side door choke shut-off. This enables the Byers gas to be flowed through the casing and the Hobbs lime oil to be flowed through the tubing without commingling of the fluids. The attached schematic drawing shows the producing equipment installed in West Grimes No. 15.

Attempts were made to obtain segregation tests but, after ten days testing, it was determined that segregation of the two above described zones was not complete. It is now planned to pull the tubing and packer and re-run dual completion equipment from bottom up as follows:

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- (2) Then the tubing will be shut-in and allowed to build-up to maximum pressure. The casing will be opened and the Byers gas section tested in the manner described above.
- (3) The results of these tests will be reported to the Oil Conservation Commission and these tests will be repeated at periodic intervals in accordance with previous orders of the Commission in order to assure that communication between the two zones does not exist.

The oil obtained from the Hobbs lime section will be stored on the lease and sold to the Shell Pipe Line Company. The available gas produced against 400 psi surface pressure will be utilized in the Gulf Hobbs gas lift system to produce the Bowers crude oil on the West Grimes Lease and the Hobbs lime crude oil on the North Grimes and Hardin Leases. Also, the well will provide gas for house consumption at the Gulf camp and Cities Service camp in Hobbs. There is no doubt that the two above described zones are definite and distinct reservoirs. The gas produced from the Byers section is classified as "sweet gas" and is non-corrosive while the oil produced from the Hobbs lime is sour and is slightly corrosive.

The Commission will recall that the Gulf obtained permission on July 16, 1947, to dually complete their West Grimes No. 4 in the Hobbs Pool. The Bowers oil zone is produced through the casing and the Byers gas zone is produced through the tubing. The same type of equipment was utilized in this completion as has been utilized in dually completing West Grimes No. 15. Subsequent segregation tests on West Grimes No. 4 have proven that to date an effective seal has been maintained between the tubing and casing.

The reasons that the Gulf Oil Corporation proceeded to dually complete this well without specific authority from the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission are as follows:

- (1) At the time this well was staked and drilling operations commenced, it was not definitely known that the Byers gas section would be productive on this 40 acre tract. Therefore, it was believed advisable and prudent to determine the productivity of this zone before requesting permission to dually complete West Grimes No. 15.
- (2) By the time the gas productivity of the Byers zone was determined, the New Mexico Legislature was in session and it was not planned to hold an Oil Conservation Commission hearing until March, 1949. Delaying the mechanics of dual completion at the time the rotary rig was in place until official approval was obtained would have entailed considerable extra expense. It is my estimate that the delay would have cost the Gulf Oil Corporation approximately \$7,500 in rig time and mud cost.
- (3) Due to the low productivity of the Byers gas section, it would not be economical to drill a separate well to this strata nor is it economical to delay operations so that completion expense will be increased.

Very truly yours,

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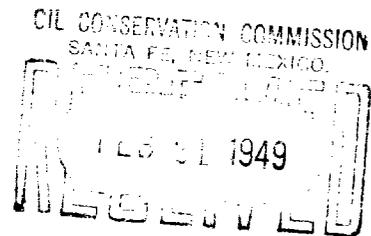
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GYPSY  
DIVISION

February 18, 1949



Mr. R. R. Spurrier  
Oil Conservation Commission  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

Please find attached three copies of an application which we wish to file in regard to dually completing Gulf-West Grimes No. 15, located 990' from south line and 2310' from west line, Section 32-18S-38E, Lea County, New Mexico. Our proposed plan is to produce the Byers gas sand through annular space between tubing and casing, and the Hobbs lime section through tubing by means of packer control.

Yours very truly,

S. G. Sanderson  
Manager of Production

ACG:JHR

Att. (3)

March 1, 1949

Mr. S. G. Sanderson  
Manager of Production  
Gulf Oil Corporation  
P. O. Box 661  
Tulsa 2, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Sanderson:

We have received your application for dual completion on your West Grimes lease.

Tentatively, we have in mind March 24th as a date for our next hearing which will include your application. We will advise you definitely as soon as the date is set.

Very truly yours,

R. R. Spurrier  
Secretary and Director

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**AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION**

State of New Mexico,  
County of Lea

I, Robert L. Sumner  
Publisher

Of the Hobbs Daily News-Sun, a daily newspaper published at Hobbs, New Mexico, do solemnly swear that the clipping attached hereto was published once a week in the regular and entire issue of said paper, and not in a supplement thereof for a

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beginning with the issue dated

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and ending with the issue dated

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Robert L. Sumner  
Publisher.

Sworn and subscribed to before me

this 11 day of

March, 1949.

Betty Beal  
Notary Public.

My commission expires

January 15, 1953

(Seal)

This newspaper is duly qualified to publish legal notices or advertisements within the meaning of Section 3, Chapter 167, Laws of 1937, and payment of fees for said publication has been made.

March 17, 1949  
LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION**

The State of New Mexico by its Oil Conservation Commission hereby gives notice, pursuant to law, of the following public hearings to be held March 31, 1949, beginning at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on that day in the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico, in the Senate Chambers.

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO:**  
All named parties in the following cases, and notice to the public:

**Case 175—**

In the matter of the application of Gulf Oil Corporation for an order to dually complete and produce from the Hobbs lime section and the Byers sand section from a single well bore in the West Grimes No. 15, located 990 feet north of the south line and 2310 feet east from the west line of section 32, Township 18S, Range 38E, Lea County, New Mexico.

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Given under the seal of the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on March 15, 1949.

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION** (Seal)  
R. R. SPURRIER, Secretary.

NEW MEXICO CLIPPING BUREAU  
Albuquerque, N. M.

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RE: Cases 175-176-177-178

Gentlemen:

Please publish the enclosed notice once, immediately. Please proofread the notice carefully and send a copy of the paper carrying such notice.

PLEASE PROOF READ AND UPON COMPLETION OF THE PUBLICATION SEND PUBLISHER'S AFFIDAVIT IN DUPLICATE.

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Very truly yours,

Secretary and Director

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