

BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

April 16, 1953

CASE 530: In the matter of the application of the Oil Conservation Commission upon its own motion for an order (a) extending existing pools in San Juan and Rio Arriba Counties, New Mexico, and (b) changing certain existing pool names; and giving notice to all persons and parties interested in the subject matter thereof to appear and show cause why such extensions and pool name changes should not be made.

(a) Change the name of the Dogie Canyon-Pictured Cliffs Pool to the Ergan-Pictured Cliffs Pool, and extend the Ergan-Pictured Cliffs Pool in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, to include

Twp 26 N., Rge 6 W., NMPM
N/2 Section 26

(b) Change the name of the Pettigrew-Tecite Pool to the Ergan-Tecite Pool.

(c) Extend the Artec-Pictured Cliffs Pool in San Juan County, New Mexico, to include therein:

Twp 29 N., Rge 11 W., NMPM
All Section 2,
N/2 Section 11

Twp 30 N., Rge 11 W., NMPM
E/2 Section 21

(d) Extend the Blanco-Mesaverte Pool in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, to include therein:

Twp 29 N., Rge 6 W., NMPM
All Sections 2, 3 and 4

ELVIS A. UTZ.

having first been duly sworn, testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. WHITE:

Q. Will you repeat your name and your position for the record?

A. Elvis A. Utz, Engineer with the Oil Conservation Commission.

Q. Have you had an opportunity as engineer for the Oil Conservation Commission to make a study of the proposed extensions and the pool name change as advertised in Case 530?

A. Yes, I have.

Q. Will you give your report to the Commission, please?

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A. As to pool recommendations, I recommend that the Dogie Canyon-Pictured Cliffs at the block of the Mesaverte be extended as advertised and I submit here an exhibit which designates these extensions together with the producing wells which these extensions are based on.

MR. SPURRIER: Without objection, it will be received.

A. As to name change, I have no personal recommendation but I would like to remind the Commission that the south block of the Pictured Cliffs -- Dogie Canyon-Pictured Cliffs are now only one mile apart and for all practical purposes, they are the same pool.

MR. SPURRIER: Will this clarify it -- the proposed change of name?

A. The proposed change of name is a name which is not common to either of the three pools in question. I have, in my possession here, a number of letters, I don't know whether you want to read them into the record or not --

MR. GRAHAM: Will you state briefly what they contain?

A. Well, they vary. Generally, however, they are contesting the name Ekan and suggesting mostly that it be called South Blance.

MR. SPURRIER: What is your reaction to that proposed change?

A. Oh, I think possibly it might be a little less confusing. Rather than picking a new name entirely to stick to some name that is now common to at least one reservoir. However, I personally, have no objection to Ekan.

MR. GRAHAM: Have you had any discussion with the federal authorities as to how their records might be set up?

A. No, I have not. These letters are from Four Corner Geological Society, Gulf Oil Corporation, Continental Oil Company, Cities Service Oil Company, Durango Petroleum Club and the Carter Oil Company.

MR. SPURRIER: Are these all objections to this name change?

A. Virtually, they are all. Yes, sir.

MR. SPURRIER: Are they all recommending South Blance?

A. No. They are not all recommending South Blance. Four Corners Geological Society recommends South Blance-Pictured Cliffs, South Blance-Tecite, and recognizes the fact that the present South Blance is actually part of the present Dogie Canyon. Gulf Oil Corporation recommends that the name South

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Blance Pool be given to Dogie Canyon and Pettigrew-Tecite Pool as logical and acceptable.

MR. SPURRIER: I would suggest that the letters be introduced as evidence and the Commission could read them through.

A. The consensus is that the pools should be named after geological or surface conditions.

MR. SPURRIER: Are there any questions of the witness?

VOICE: What about subparagraph (c)?

A. I don't have my docket here, I don't know what you're talking about.

MR. GRAHAM: Aztec?

A. Well, I recommend that that be extended as advertised. I have presented an exhibit here, I believe it includes that extension.

VOICE: And do you recommend that the extension, as advertised, cover that field?

A. Yes, I do.

MR. WHITE: In other words, you recommend the proposed changes and extensions as advertised in (a), (b), (c), and (d)?

A. That is correct.

MR. WHITE: As to change of name of extension?

A. That's correct, yes.

MR. MENCHER: A. Hamilton Mencher representing Kingsley-Locke Oil Company. Kingsley-Locke Oil Company feels that the South Blance and the present Dogie Canyon-Pictured Cliffs Pool will eventually hook up and they will require a single name and if this name is the name of a camp or a person, it will reflect prejudicially against the other lease holders and producers in the area. And that, as far as sales of the acreage, reserves prestige, etc. We are in favor of geographical names or structural names but if they are going to name pools after people, we recommend that the South Blance field which was discovered by Kingsley-Locke and named by Kingsley-Locke be named the Joe Kingsley-George Locke-Frank C. Barnes-Pettigrew Cliffs Pool.

