

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 871

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

July 29, 1954

Mr. Emery Arnold
Oil Conservation Commission
Box 697
AZTEC N M

Dear Emery:

RE: Case 748

The Commission, as you know, has directed that a dismissal order be issued in Case 748, which dealt with the "show cause" action directed to Paul Palmer and Associates relative to the plugging of the No. 1 Hutton Well, SW/4 SE/4 Section 17, Township 29 North, Range 13 West, San Juan County. The order is now being prepared for signature.

We note in your letter of July 1, 1954, to Paul Palmer that you were waiting for him to file Form C-103 showing results of plugging, and that you also asked that the landowner submit an affidavit showing acceptance of the water well which was completed after the lower sands were plugged off. Will you please let us know the current status of this situation? We would like to release the plugging bond covering the tract, but this cannot be done until the C-103 has been approved.

Very truly yours,

W. B. Macey
Secretary and Director

WBM:nr

cc: Mr. Paul B. Palmer
Box 295
FARMINGTON N M

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New Mexico
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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SECRETARY AND DIRECTOR



P. O. BOX 871
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

June 28, 1954

Mr. Paul B. Palmer
Box 295
Farmington, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

RE: OCC Case 748

We attach a copy of the legal notice transmitted under date of June 25, 1954, for legal publication in Santa Fe and San Juan County papers, as prescribed by statute, in Case 748, which is scheduled for hearing on July 15, 1954.

You will note that a "show cause" hearing is set before the Commission to consider an order directed to Paul B. Palmer Associates and to Western Casualty and Surety Company declaring the No. 1 Hutton Well, SW SE Section 17, Township 29 North, Range 13 West, NMPM, abandoned, and ordering it plugged.

This notice is being sent to you in your dual capacity as principal on the \$5,000.00 one-well plugging bond covering the subject well, and as agent for The Western Casualty and Surety Company, for whom you have countersigned the bond as attorney-in-fact.

Very truly yours,

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

W. B. Macey, Chief Engineer

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REGISTERED - RETURN CARD:

cc: Western Casualty and Surety Company
Fort Scott, Kansas

Oil Conservation Commission
Box 697, Aztec, N M

MAIN OFFICE OCC

1954 JUL 12 AM 11:46

July 1, 1954

Mr. Paul B. Palmer
Box 295
Farmington, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Palmer:

I recently learned from your telephone message to our office that you had completed plugging operations and abandonment on your #1 Hutton well in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 17-29N-13W.

On June 29, 1954 I made an inspection trip to this well and from all outward appearances I see no reason why your plugging operation was not satisfactory. However, no form C-103 has been filed indicating that the cement plug was set below the water sand, at which point you were completing the well as a water well. I believe this depth was around 55 feet. Before this office will be able to approve the plugging, Form C-103 must be filed, showing exactly what work was done, and the present condition of the well. It will also be necessary to have Mr. Hutton sign an affidavit accepting responsibility for the water well. As this case has been advertised for open hearing for the regularly scheduled hearing on July 15, 1954, I would advise you to attempt to comply with the above as soon as possible and if this is done I believe I would be able to write a letter to the Oil Conservation Commission which would make it unnecessary for you to appear in Santa Fe on July 15.

Yours very truly,

Emery C. Arnold
Oil & Gas Inspector
District #3

ECA:ks

cc: Mr. James Hutton, Farmington, N.M.

Mr. W.B. Macey, OCC, Santa Fe, N.M. ✓

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cc: Western Casualty and Surety Company
Fort Scott, Kansas

Oil Conservation Commission
Box 697, Astec, N M

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GOVERNOR EDWIN L. MECHEM
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SECRETARY AND DIRECTOR

New Mexico
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION



July 15
MAIN OFFICE OCC
1954 JUN 8 AM 8:21

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June 7, 1954

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Oil Conservation Commission
Box 871
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Subject: Paul B. Palmer & Associates
#1 Hutton; NWSE 17-29N-13W

Att: Mr. W. B. Macey

Dear Mr. Macey:

We have just received the docket and notice of advertisement of the cases to come up before the Commission and I notice that the case regarding plugging on the above captioned well has not been included. You will remember I discussed this with you when I was in Santa Fe at the last hearing.

The purpose of this letter is to remind you that I would like to have this case advertised as I have had no success whatsoever in negotiating with the interested parties.

Yours very truly,

Emery C. Arnold
Emery C. Arnold
Oil & Gas Inspector
District #3

ECA:ks

cc: Ritter General Agency, Denver 2, Colorado
Paul B. Palmer, Farmington, N.M.
Mr. James Hutton, Farmington, N.M.

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MAIN OFFICE OCC

1954 MAY 10 AM 6:25

May 7, 1954

Mr. Paul B. Palmer
Farmington, N.M.

Re: Palmer Associates #1 Hutton
SWISE, Sec. 17-29N-13W

Dear Mr. Palmer

I would like to briefly review the situation concerning the plugging of the above captioned well, and point out to you the necessity of immediately completing the plugging of this well.

In August, 1953, you were notified by R. R. Spurrier, Director of the Oil Conservation Commission in Santa Fe to immediately take steps to plug this well or the Oil Commission would take steps to call an open hearing for the purpose of having both you and the bonding company show cause why the well should not be plugged. A notice of intention to do this work had been filed with our office on December 22, 1952 by Mr. Sam J. Carson, who signed as your agent. The plugging program was approved by this office on December 22, 1952. Finally, late in August, 1953, Mr. Carson moved a crew to the rig and cement with which to do the plugging job. I made a personal inspection of the lease at that time and saw that preparations were being made to plug. This 25-sack plug was cemented in the Pictured Cliffs formation, extending into the production casing. However, this information has never been formally filed with this office. It was learned by personal inspection and conversation with Mr. Carson. Mr. Carson also stated that he wished to release the well to Mr. Hutton, the landowner, as a water well. This could be done, providing form C-103 was filed showing that the Pictured Cliffs sandstone was plugged and providing Mr. Hutton accepts responsibility for the well in writing. In the event that he will not accept responsibility, then a cement plug must be placed in the surface with heavy mud between plugs and a 4" marker left extending four feet above ground level.

Unless some action is taken within the next 7 days we will take steps to initiate a hearing before the Oil Conservation Commission in Santa Fe to have you and the bonding company show cause why the well should not have the plugging job finished.

Yours very truly,

ECA:ks

cc: Ritter General Agency
310 South 3rd St., Albuquerque, N.M.

Oil Conservation Commission, Santa Fe, N.M.

Mr. Sam Carson, Farmington, N.M.
Mr. Jas. Hutton, Farmington, N.M.

Emery C. Arnold
Oil & Gas Inspector, Dist. #3

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 871

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

August 10, 1953

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REGISTERED
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Paul B. Palmer
Box 295
Farmington, New Mexico

Re: Paul P. Palmer and Associates
#1 Hutton SWSE Sec. 17-29N-13W

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the above captioned well operated by you and located in San Juan County, New Mexico. The above captioned well is covered by a one well bond executed by the Western Casualty and Surety Company of Kansas.

According to information available to this Commission, the well was drilled to a total depth of 1,086'. According to a Form C-102, executed December 19, 1952, approval was granted by this office for you to plug the well. Our Astec representative, Mr. Emery C. Arnold, has advised us that as yet you have not done any of the work as proposed on your Form C-102.

Please take immediate action to plug the well properly and upon completion of the work file a Form C-103, outlining the work done in plugging the well and also a Form C-105, Well Log. In the event satisfactory steps are not undertaken immediately, it will be necessary for the Commission to hold an open hearing, citing both you and the Insurance Company to Show Cause why the well should not be properly plugged.

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Mr. Paul B. Palmer, p. 2
August 10, 1953

Please contact Mr. Arnold immediately and advise him of your plans in the matter.

Very truly yours,

R. R. SPURKER
Secretary and Director

RRS:vc

cc: Western Casualty and Surety Company
Fort Scott, Kansas

Mr. Emery Arnold
Oil Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 697
Aztec, New Mexico

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Farmington N M

August 17, 1953.

New Mexico Oil and Gas Commission
Santa Fe N M

Dear Mr Spurrier: Re. Hutton No 1

Your letter of the 10th at hand and Mr Carson who is the main owner advises me that work will proceed at once to properly plug the well.

I think he has contacted your Mr Arnold and the forms required will be filed properly

Very truly yours

Paul B. Palmer



CC

Western Casualty And Surety Co.
Fort Scott. Kansas

OIL FIELD DIVISION
SANTA FE COUNTY
AUG 19 1953

Form 3811
Rev. 1-52

RETURN RECEIPT

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the number of which appears on the face of this Card.

Western Casualty and Surety Company
OF FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

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(Signature or name of addressee)

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Edward Jant

(Signature of addressee's agent—Agent should enter addressee's name on line ONE above)

Date of delivery 6-30, 1954

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

June 1, 1950

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Mr. Paul B. Palmer
Box 295
Farmington, New Mexico

RE: Paul B. Palmer Associates, a co-partnership -
\$5,000 one-well bond - SW/4 SE/4 17-29N-13W

Dear Sir:

The bond mentioned in the caption conforms with the requirements of the Oil Conservation Commission and is today filed.

Very truly yours,

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Secretary and Director

cc: OCC, Aztec ✓
OCC, Artesia
OCC, Hobbs