

BEFORE THE
Oil Conservation Commission
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

March 17, 1955

IN THE MATTER OF:

CASE NO. 864

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

ADA DEARNLEY AND ASSOCIATES
COURT REPORTERS
ROOMS 105, 106, 107 EL CORTEZ BUILDING
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ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Santa Fe, New Mexico
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Northwestern New Mexico nomenclature case,
calling for creations and extensions of pools,
as follows:

(a) Creation of the Gallegos-Fruitland Pool
in San Juan County for production of gas from
the Fruitland formation, as follows:

TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST
All Sections 21, 22, 27 and 28

(b) Creation of the North Aztec-Fruitland Pool
in San Juan County for production of gas from
the Fruitland formation, as follows:

TOWNSHIP 30 NORTH, RANGE 10 WEST
All Sections 17, 18, 19 and 20

(c) Creation of the Huerfanito-Dakota Pool in
San Juan County for production of gas from the
Dakota formation, as follows:

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TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST
NW/4 Section 2, NE/4 Section 3

TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST
SE/4 Section 34; SW/4 Section 35

(d) Creation of the Los Pinos-Dakota Pool in
San Juan County for production of gas from the
Dakota formation, as follows:

TOWNSHIP 31 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST
S/2 Section 22; SW/4 Section 23;
W/2 Section 26/ all Section 27

(e) Creation of the North Los Pinos-Dakota Pool
in San Juan County for production of gas from
the Dakota formation, as follows:

TOWNSHIP 32 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST
All of Sections 17 and 18

TOWNSHIP 32 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST
All Sections 10, 11, 13, 14 and 15

(f) Extension of the South Blanco-Dakota Pool
to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST
N/2 Section 5

TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST
W/2 Section 29; E/2 Section 30;
E/2 Section 31; W/2 Section 32;

(g) Extension of the Ballard-Pictured Cliffs Pool
to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST
SW/4 Section 17; S/2 Section 18;
W/2 Section 20; W/2 Section 27
all Section 28; N/2 Section 29;
N/2 Section 33/ NW/4 Section 34

TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST
All Section 9; N/2 Section 10;
N/2 Section 11; all Section 12;
N/2 Section 13; SE/4 Section 16;
NE/4 Section 21; N/2 Section 22;
NW/4 and SE/4 Section 23

(h) Extension of the Canyon Largo-Pictured
Cliffs Pool to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST
W/2 Section 18; W/2 Section 19

TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST
S/2 Section 24

TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST
SE/4 Section 32;
S/2 Section 33;
SW/4 Section 34

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

BEFORE:

Honorable John Simms, Jr.
Mr. E. S. (Johnny) Walker
Mr. William B. Macey

MR. MACEY: The next case on the docket is Case No. 864.

Before we start the case I'd like to read a telegram into the
record. The telegram is directed to the Oil Conservation

Commission from George W. Selinger, Skelly Oil Company, reads as follows: March 16th hearing includes Case No. 864, paragraph G, Ballard-Pictured Cliffs Pool nomenclature hearing to which we respectfully request a continuation and postponement. That matter involves a previous commission order No. R-80 in Case No. 296 issued July 24, 1951, Huerfanito unit, a unit operating agreement and the USGS. In addition to that fact we desire additional time to prepare ourselves when the matter is called for hearing.

E L V I S A. U T Z,

called as a witness, having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

By: MR. KITTS:

Q Would you state your name and position, please.

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

Q Mr. Utz, you have several recommendations I believe in this case, will you look at paragraph A and state the basis for that recommendation?

A Yes, sir, the paragraph A has reference to the Gallegos Fruitland Pool, Township 27 North, Range 11 West was recommended to include all of Sections 21, 22, 27 and 28. This extension is recommended on the basis of Western Development Company No. 2 Douthit.

Q Paragraph B, Mr. Utz, will you explain the basis for that recommendation.

A The recommendation has reference to a new creation called a North Aztec Fruitland Pool, Township 30 North, Range 10 West,

all of Sections 17, 18, 19 and 20. That recommendation is based on the El Paso Natural Gas Company No. 1 Gage, NW/20, Township 30 North, Range 10 West. This is a plug back well from the Pictured-Cliffs, recompleted in the Fruitland.

Q Paragraph C, Mr. Utz, will you explain that, please.

A That has reference to another new creation which is called the Huerfanito Dakota Pool, in Township 26 North, Range 9 West, northwest quarter of Section 2 and the northeast quarter of Section 3; in Township 27 North, Range 9 West, the southeast quarter of Section 34, and the southwest quarter of Section 35. This extension is based on a completed well known as the Magnolia Petroleum Company No. 1 Crandell-Federal in Section 3, Township 26 north, Range 9 west.

Q Did you state Section 11 was to be included?

A No, sir, I don't believe I did.

Q Would you repeat again the territory?

A The Huerfanito Dakota Pool is recommended to include in Township 26 north, Range 9 West, the northwest quarter of Section 2, the northeast quarter of Section 3 and in Township 27 north, Range 9 west, the southeast quarter of Section 34 and the southwest quarter of Section 35.

Q Now on paragraph D, Mr. Utz, will you explain the basis of that recommendation?

A This is another new creation to be known as the Los Pinos Dakota Pool, which is located in Township 31 north, Range 7 West, and to include the south half of Section 22, the southwest quarter of Section 23, the west half of Section 26, and all of Section 27. The basis on which this new creation is established or is

recommended is a Blackwood and Nichols No. 1-27 northeast Blanco Unit in Section 27, Township 31 north and Range 7 West.

Q And passing down to paragraph E, will you state the basis of your recommendation there?

A This is another new creation to be known as the North Los Pinos Dakota Pool and is to include in Township 32 North, Range 6 West, all of Sections 17 and 18, and in Township 32 North, Range 7 West, all of Sections 10, 11, 13, 14 and 15. This is recommended on the basis of El Paso Natural Gas Company No. 1 Allison Unit and Section 17, Township 32 North, Range 6 West, and the El Paso Natural Gas No. 7 Allison Unit in Section 10, Township 32 North, Range 7 West.

Q Paragraph F, you recommend an extension of the South Blanco Dakota Pool, will you explain that?

A Yes, sir, that is an extension to an old pool and is to include Township 26 North, range 6 West, the north half of Section 5, and in Township 27 North, Range 6 West, the west half of Section 29, East half Section 30, East half Section 31, West half Section 32, and is recommended on the basis of the R. A. Johnston No. 1 Rincon Unit in Section 30, Township 27 North, Range 6 West.

Q Paragraph G, you made a further recommendation, I understand there, there has been a request for a continuance on the hearing.

A There has been an extension -- a request for a continuance?

MR. KITTS: You wish to proceed and hear that?

MR. MACEY: Well, we will continue this portion of the case until the April 20th hearing but I do believe, Mr. Utz, you ought to put into the record the exhibits and the reasons for the

extension.

MR. KITTS: Proceed, Mr. Utz.

A Yes, sir, this is an extension to an Old Pictured Cliffs Pool called the Ballard - Pictured Cliffs Pool. The extensions are to include the area as follows: Township 26 North, Range 8 West, Southwest quarter of Section 17, south half of Section 18, west half Section 20, west half Section 27, all of Section 28, north half of Section 29, north half of Section 33, northwest quarter of Section 34. Also, Township 26 North, Range 9 West, all Section 9, north half Section 10, north half Section 11, all Section 12, north half Section 13; and the southeast quarter of Section 16, northeast quarter of Section 21, north half Section 22, northwest quarter and southeast quarter of Section 23. This is based on, these extensions are based on the following wells: Southern Union Gas Company Newsom No. 2 in Section 17, Township 26 North, Range 8 West, the Southern Union Hodges No. 4 in Section 27, Township 26 North, Range 8 West, and the Southern Union Hodges No. 2 in Section 28, Township 26 North, Range 8 West.

Also, the Stanolind Huerfano No. 35 in Section 21, Township 26 North, Range 9 West and the Stanolind Huerfano No. 36 in Section 23, Township 26 North, Range 9 West, and the Stanolind Huerfano No. 32-A in Section 23, Township 26 North, Range 9 West.

Q Is that all in paragraph G?

A Yes, sir, I believe it is.

Q In passing on to paragraph H, what is the basis for your recommendation of that extension?

A That is an extension Canyon Largo-Pictured Cliffs Pool to include the area as follows: Township 25 North, Range 6 West,

west half of Section 18, west half of Section 19, and Township 25 North, Range 7 West, the south half of Section 24, and Township 26 North, Range 7 West, the southeast quarter of Section 32, south half of Section 33, and southwest quarter of Section 34. This recommendation is based on Superior Slagel 1-19 in Section 19, Township 25 North, Range 6 West; a Superior Hightower 2-24, Section 24, Township 25 North, Range y West, and the El Paso Natural Gas Company Hamilton State No. 5 in Section 32, Township 26 North, Range 7 West, and the Pubco-Hughes 34-3, in Section 34, Township 26 North, Range 7 West.

Q Mr. Utz, do you have any exhibit you have prepared in connection with this case?

A Yes, I do have. I have the exhibit which shows the recommended extensions and new creations together with the wells listed as a reason for these extensions.

MR. KITTS: Will you mark that Exhibit 1, please, and we will offer Exhibit 1 in evidence.

MR. MACEY: Without objection the exhibit will be received. Is that all you have, Mr. Kitts?

MR. KITTS: That is all.

MR. MACEY: Any questions of the witness? If not the witness may be excused.

(Witness excused.)

MR. MACEY: We will continue paragraph G, Case 864, to the April hearing and take the rest of the case under advisement.

STATE OF NEWMEXICO))
) SS.
COUNTY OF BERNALILLO))

I, MARGARET McCOSKEY, Court Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached transcript of proceedings before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission at Santa Fe, New Mexico, is a true and correct record to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have affixed my hand and notarial seal this 6th day of April, 1955.

Margaret McCoskey
Notary Public-Court Reporter

My commission expires
August 15, 1956.