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ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

BEFORE THE  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
STATE LAND OFFICE BLDG.  
Santa Fe, New Mexico  
November 30, 1960

IN THE MATTER OF:

APPLICATION OF TIDAL OIL COMPANY for an un-  
orthodox gas well location. Applicant, in the  
above-styled cause, seeks approval of an un-  
orthodox gas well location in an undesignated  
Pictured Cliffs pool at a point 1150 feet from the  
South line and 2040 feet from the West line of  
Section 21, Township 24 North, Range 1 West,  
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

CASE  
NO. 2126

BEFORE:

Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

MR. MORRIS: Application of Tidal Oil Company for an un-  
orthodox gas well location.

MR. COLBERG: Malcolm Colberg, First National Bank Bldg.,  
Albuquerque, New Mexico, I am an attorney representing Tidal Oil Company.  
We have one witness to testify in this case.

(Witness sworn.)

MORRIS B. JONES

a witness, called by and on behalf of the Applicant, having been duly sworn,  
testified as follows:



DIRECT EXAMINATIONBY MR. COLBERG:

Q Will you please state your name?

A Morris B. Jones.

Q By whom are you employed and in what capacity?

A Consulting Engineer and representing Tidal Oil Company in this case.

Q Have you previously testified before the Commission as a witness and were your qualifications accepted?

A Yes, sir, I have and they were accepted.

MR. COLBERG: Does the examiner accept the qualifications?

MR. NUTTER: Yes, sir.

Q (By Mr. Colberg) Would you explain what Tidal is seeking in this application?

A The present location of the well is unorthodox, the well has already been drilled and we would like to make this location legal.

Q Would you give your explanation of any exhibit you have to offer?

A Exhibit No. 1 shows the location in the Southwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 24 North, Range 1 West, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. It shows the location where the well should have been drilled, that would be orthodox, and also shows where the well was drilled. Exhibit No. 2 shows the survey plat for the original plat which was an orthodox location and Exhibit No. 3 shows the actual location of the drilled well.



Q Mr. Jones, did you notify the adjoining landowners?

A To the best of my knowledge the surrounding landowners were sent a notice and/or a copy of the letter to the Commission by registered mail.

MR. COLBERG: Tidal Oil Company would like to offer Exhibits 1, 2 and 3 into evidence at this time.

MR. NUTTER: Exhibits 1 through 3 will be admitted.

Q (By Mr. Colberg) Would the approval of this unorthodox location be beneficial and prevent waste?

A I really don't know on that.

Q Well, if you had to drill another well, that certainly would be wasteful.

A Yes.

Q You don't know for sure if you can complete another well?

A Two hundred feet off of orthodox because of terrain features.

Q Certainly would protect correlative rights in this situation, in your opinion?

A Yes. Do you want me to explain what happened on this?

Q Yes.

A We, Tidal Oil Company, staked their No. 14 Wertz Tidal, which was drilled, and it was staked as shown on the exhibit 185' from the west line and 99' from the south line of Section 21 and staked by Ernest Echohawk, and plats were submitted to us. The well was drilled and to the best of Tidal Oil Company's knowledge, the well was draining that location when the No. 2 Wertz Tidal-4 was drilled in the Southeast Quarter of Section 21. It was brought



to our attention that the No. 1 well or the No. 2 well was not in the right location, so I had Echohawk, registered surveyor, land surveyor out of Farmington, resurvey the No. 1-4 well which had already been drilled and we found it was drilled at 2440 from the west line and 1150 from the south line of Section 21 and that was the first time we knew that the well hadn't been drilled at the original staked location.

MR. NUTTER: Was the well drilled on the original staked location?

A No, sir, it was drilled at this, as shown in Exhibit No. 3.

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. NUTTER

Q In other words, Mr. Echohawk when he made his first survey, he had staked it as shown on Exhibit No. 2?

A Yes, sir.

Q When the rig was moved in, it wasn't moved in over the stake, it was moved in at the location shown on Exhibit No. 3?

A That seems to be correct, it was.

Q There is no explanation why the rig was placed where it was?

A We didn't know. Like I said, we didn't know at Tidal Oil that the well was drilled in that location till the No. 2 was staked. We assumed that the original stake was in the right place according to these measurements.

Q Does Magnolia or Mobil own the acreage all around this 160 acre tract?

A To the best of our knowledge, Mobil owns this surrounding



acreage in the 20 and 29.

Q Mobil Oil Company was sent copy of this application?

A By receipt of registered letter.

MR. NUTTER: Do you have anything further, Mr. Colberg?

MR. COLBERG: That is all we have.

MR. NUTTER: Does anyone have any questions of Mr. Jones?

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. PAYNE:

Q Mr. Jones, is this well producing from the Pictured Cliffs or completed from the Pictured Cliffs?

A Its completed in the Pictured Cliffs, at the present time its not tied to the line.

Q How about this Magnolia Wertz Federal No. 1, I guess it is in Section 21, is that a Pictured well?

A All of the wells on Exhibit No. 1 are Pictured Cliffs' wells.

MR. PAYNE: Thank you.

MR. NUTTER: Any further questions of Mr. Jones?

(No response.)

MR. NUTTER: You may be excused. Do you have anything further for this case?

MR. COLBERG: No.

MR. NUTTER: Does anyone have anything more to offer for case 2126? We will take the case under advisement and call 2127.

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No. 2	Plat	2	3	3
No. 3	Plat	2	3	3

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WITNESS my Hand this *10 day of Dec 1960*, in the City of Albuquerque, County of Bernalillo, State of New Mexico

*Lewellyn F. Nelson*  
Lewellyn F. Nelson, Court Reporter.

*My Commission Expires June 14, 1964*

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a complete record of the proceedings in the Ex. No. 2126, heard by me on 11/30, 1960.

*[Signature]*, Examiner  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission

