

BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Roswell, New Mexico
May 15, 1963

IN THE MATTER OF:)

)
The hearing called by the Oil Conser-)
vation Commission on its own motion to)
consider a revision of Rule 1301 of)
the Commission Rules and Regulations to)
include Grant, Sierra, Hidalgo, and)
Luna Counties in Oil Conservation Com-)
mission District No. 2, headquarters)
Artesia, New Mexico.)

) Case 2807

BEFORE: Honorable Jack M. Campbell
Mr. A. L. "Pete" Porter
Mr. E. S. "Johnny" Walker

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

MR. PORTER: The hearing will come to order, please.
The next five cases have to do with proposed rule changes. All
of the proposed rule changes have been printed and have been
distributed. We'll take up Case 2807 first.

MR. DURRETT: In the matter of the hearing called by
the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to consider a
revision of Rule 1301 of the Commission Rules and Regulations to
include Grant, Sierra, Hidalgo, and Luna Counties in Oil Conser-
vation Commission District No. 2, headquarters Artesia, New
Mexico.

If the Commission please, I am J. M. Durrett, Junior

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appearing on behalf of the Commission and its staff. I will have one witness, Mr. Daniel S. Nutter, who I'll swear in at this time.

(Witness sworn.)

MR. PORTER: You may proceed, Mr. Durrett. Remember to talk directly into the microphone.

DANIEL S. NUTTER

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

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. DURRETT:

Q Mr. Nutter, would you please give us a brief background of this rule and its purpose, and the proposed change?

A Rule 1301 divides the State into four districts insofar as Oil Conservation Commission activities are concerned. District 2 at the present time takes care of that portion of Southwest New Mexico which is not covered by the Hobbs Office. District 2's headquarters are in Artesia. There's a certain amount of wildcat activity in Southwest New Mexico. By the actual calculation of the mileage involved we find it's sixty miles closer from Artesia to a typical well site than it is to Santa Fe, and for that reason I recommend that it be taken out of the Artesia District.



Q Have you prepared the proposed rule in the form of an exhibit?

A Yes. It provides that Eddy, Otero, Dona Ana, Lincoln and De Baca Counties and a portion of Chaves County would be in District No. 2. We have suggested and recommend that Luna, Hidalgo, Grant and Sierra Counties be added to that, and it's depicted on Exhibit A of this case.

Q Was this Exhibit A prepared by you or under your direct supervision?

A Yes, sir.

Q Mr. Nutter, do you feel that the adoption of this proposed Rule 1301 will provide more efficient and effective administration of the laws of the State of New Mexico pertaining to conservation of oil and gas?

A Upon development of oil and gas in Grants, Sierra, Hidalgo and Luna Counties, yes, sir.

MR. DURRETT: Thank you, Mr. Nutter. If the Commission please, I move the introduction of Exhibit A in this case, and that concludes my examination of this witness.

MR. PORTER: Without objection the exhibit will be admitted.

(Whereupon, Commission's Exhibit A was introduced and admitted in evidence.)



BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

CASE No. 2807
Order No. R-2488

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
COMMISSION ON ITS OWN MOTION TO
CONSIDER A REVISION OF RULE 1301
OF THE COMMISSION RULES AND REG-
ULATIONS.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on May 15, 1963, at Roswell, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 28th day of May, 1963, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony presented and the exhibits received at said hearing, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

(1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That there is need to delete Grant, Sierra, Hidalgo, and Luna Counties from Oil Conservation Commission District No. 4, headquarters at Santa Fe, New Mexico, and to include said counties in Oil Conservation Commission District No. 2, headquarters at Artesia, New Mexico.

(3) That approval of the proposed rule change will enable the Oil Conservation Commission to more efficiently administer the laws of the State of New Mexico as they relate to conservation of oil and gas.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Rule 1301 of the Commission Rules and Regulations be and the same is hereby revised to read in its entirety as follows:

RULE 1301. DISTRICT OFFICES

To expedite administration of the work of the Commission and the enforcement of its rules and regulations, the State shall

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be divided into four districts as follows:

- DISTRICT 1 Lea, Roosevelt, and Curry Counties, and that portion of Chaves County lying East of the North-South line dividing Ranges 29 and 30 East, NMPM, with office at Hobbs.
- DISTRICT 2 Eddy, Otero, Dona Ana, Luna, Hidalgo, Grant, Sierra, Lincoln, and De Baca Counties, and that portion of Chaves County lying West of the North-South line dividing Ranges 29 and 30 East, NMPM, with office at Artesia.
- DISTRICT 3 San Juan, Rio Arriba, McKinley, and Sandoval Counties, with office at Aztec.
- DISTRICT 4 Remainder of state, office of the Oil Conservation Commission, Santa Fe.

Each district office shall be under the charge of an oil and gas inspector, a deputy oil and gas inspector or a member of the Commission. Unless otherwise specifically required, all matters pertaining to the Commission shall be taken care of through the district office of the district in which the land that is affected lies.

(2) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION


JACK M. CAMPBELL, Chairman


E. S. WALKER, Member


A. L. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary

