OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION P. O. BOX 871 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

May 5, 1953

Mr. B. F. Bess Box 2061 - Roxalana Road Dunbar, West Virginia

> Re: Bess-Rick Bros. No. 1 NESW Sec. 10-16N-35E Quay County

Dear Sir:

As yet this office has received no plugging bond to cover the operations of A. J. Harlowe & Associates, who we assume are still destined to take over the above captioned well. As you know we are still holding your plugging bond consequently you are still responsible.

Operations at this well during the past two months have been nil. I have visited Nara Visa on several occasions and find that Harlowe's tool pusher Mr. Garland Steele, has been there at Nara Visa all this time idle and waiting on orders which I presume will be the resumption of activity at this well. As you probably realize, all of this is highly irregular and I hope the stalemate can be remedied as soon as possible.

Any assistance which you or Otto can render us will be greatly appreciated as we have no way of contacting the proposed new operators. I assume that you too are anxious to see this well carried to eventual completion.

Kindest personal regards,

Sa.C.

EUGENE A. CHAVEZ, Geologist