

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

October 2, 1953

Mr. E. M. Stoll Western States Collection Agency 120 Sixth Street SW Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

Please rafer to your letter of September 29, 1953, with inquiry as to what attorney presented J. H. Blackstone's blanket plugging bond (with National Surety Corporation as surety) to this office.

We have no records which might show this. However, we have checked with the local agent, James Russell Agency, and Mr. R. E. Beardsley of that office says that Blackstone had no attorney in applying for the bond; he readily recalled that the bond was executed personally by Mr. Blackstone.

This is true in many cases. In other words, it is not necessary for an attorney to handle a bond application, but the surety and principal alone can handle it.

Very truly yours,

For H. R. Spurrier Secretary - Director

RRS:nr

Western States Collection Company 120 SIXTH STREET S. W. ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

September 29, 1953

State Oil & Gas Commission Santa Fe, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

We are interested in obtaining some pertinent information with reference to obtaining a bond - blanket - oil drilling and to whom we should contact for same.

If this is the correct office, we will list this information for you, and save time, otherwise you may disregard same.

The National Surety Corporation of New York was contacted for a Blanket Oil Drilling Bond in the amount of \$10,000.00 and the fee for same was \$100.00 and we would appreciate it if you can advise what attorney applied for this bond for one James Harry Blackstone. Bond #1219134. Applied for on May 24th 1952 approximately.

If you can advise us to whom we should contact other than yourselves, will you please use the enclosed envelope for your convenience?

Thanking you sincerely, Iremain,

Sincerely yours,

WESTERN STATES COLLECTION COMPANY

E. M. STOLL, MANAGER

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