Mr. John A. Aday Mr. George A. Sweetman March 23, 1956

It is the opinion of the engineering staff of this Commission that due to the present mechanical condition of the hole and the equipment in the hole, there is no practical manner in which this hole can be economically completed. Your actions in long delaying any attempt to complete the well confirm this opinion.

In view of the above facts, this office is of the opinion that you or the Surety Company bonding your performance in the drilling of this well should take immediate action to plug and abandon the well. An alternate to plugging is to plug the well back to a point just below productive water sand and transfer the well to the landowner for his use as a water-well, providing he is agreeable to such transfer and will assume future responsibility for the well.

If no action to dispose of the well in one of the above described methods has been taken on or before April 23, 1956, this Commission will advertise a case for its regular May 18th hearing at which time you shall be required to show cause why the subject well should not be ordered plugged.

Very truly yours,

W. B. Macey Secretary-Director

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