

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING  
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR  
THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 5406  
Order No. R-4986

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION ON ITS OWN MOTION  
TO PERMIT OIL EXPLORATION, INC., GENERAL CASUALTY  
COMPANY OF AMERICA AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES  
TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE IRWIN WELL NO. 1,  
LOCATED IN UNIT D OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH,  
RANGE 36 EAST, UNION COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AND THE  
IRWIN "A" WELL LOCATED IN UNIT D OF SECTION 29,  
TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 36 EAST, UNION COUNTY,  
NEW MEXICO, SHOULD NOT BE PLUGGED AND ABANDONED  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMMISSION-APPROVED PLUGGING  
PROGRAM.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on February 5, 1975, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 25th day of March, 1975, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, 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 Oil Exploration, Inc., is the owner and operator of the Irwin Well No. 1 and Irwin "A" Well, both located in Unit D of Section 29, Township 21 North, Range 36 East, NMPM, Union County, New Mexico.

(3) That both of said wells were drilled and abandoned prior to 1960.

(4) That the Commission records of said wells do not demonstrate that they were plugged and abandoned in such a manner as to confine any oil, gas, or water in said wells in the strata in which they were originally found.

(5) That the owner of the lands upon which the subject wells were drilled contends that said wells were properly plugged and abandoned, and that no further plugging operations are necessary.

(6) That the surface around said wells has been restored and that there is now no surface indication of the location or condition of said wells.

(7) That in order to prevent waste and protect fresh waters said Irwin Well No. 1 and Irwin "A" Well should be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a program approved by the Santa Fe District Office of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission on or before June 15, 1975, or any interested party should furnish proof that said wells have been properly plugged and abandoned.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Oil Exploration, Inc. and General Casualty Company of America are hereby ordered to plug and abandon the Irwin Well No. 1 and Irwin "A" Well, both located in Unit D of Section 29, Township 21 North, Range 36 East, NMPM, Union County, New Mexico, on or before June 15, 1975, provided however, that the Secretary-Director of the Commission may rescind this order upon a satisfactory showing of proof that said wells have been adequately plugged.

(2) That Oil Exploration, Inc. and General Casualty Company of America, prior to plugging and abandoning the above-described wells, shall obtain from the Santa Fe Office of the Commission, a Commission-approved program for said plugging and abandoning, and shall notify said Santa Fe Office of the date and hour said work is to be commenced whereupon the Commission may, at its option, witness such work.

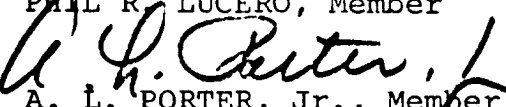
(3) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

  
I. R. TRUJILLO, Chairman

  
PHIL R. LUCERO, Member

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

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