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October 31, 1939

Honorable J. O. Seth Attorney at Law Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Case So. 15, for the purpose of adopting certain rules and regulations, recessed on the 21st day of July, 1939, until the Committee on Rules is ready to report.

My dear Judge Seth:

In its executive meeting today, the Commission set December 6, 1939, at eleven o'clock mission set December 6, 1939, at eleven o'clock i. M., as the date for receiving the Committee's report on rules in the above captioned matter.

Very truly yours,

OIL CONSERVATION COUNTSSION

Carl B. Livingston Attorney

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November 15, 1939

Mr. J. W. Emison Texas-New Mexico Pipe Line Company P. O. Box 2332 Houston, Texas

Case No. 15: (a) Adoption of Rules for issuance of certificates as to legality of oil run, etc.; (b) Adoption of rules relating to the making up of shortage or back allowable.

Dear Mr. Emisons

In reply to your letter of November 13, on December 6 at eleven o'clock A. M., at Santa Fe, the Commission will receive the report of the Committee on Proposed Rules. The hearing on this case with evidence adduced was held The hearing on this case with evidence and report Rules July 21, 1939, at which time a Committee on Proposed Rules was designated and instructed to report to the Commission was designated and instructed to report to the Commission at the call of the Commission. All of those who entered their appearance at the hearing on July 21 were notified their appearance at the hearing on July 21 were notified by personal letter. In the register of appearances for that hearing on that day, neither you nor the Texasthat hearing on that day, neither you nor the Texasthat hearing on the Company are registered, which fact secounts for the reason of your not having a personal letter.

Inasmuch as the evidence had already been taken and the meeting at eleven o'clock A. M. on December 6 is merely for the purpose of the Commission receiving the report of the Committee on Rules, no re-publication of the Notice of the Committee on Rules, no re-publication of the Notice of the Hearing was necessary as a matter of law. However, all interested parties are especially welcome and their attendance of this meeting will be appreciated by the Commission, for their suggestions may be of infinite value.

Very truly yours,

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

By Frank Worden, Secretary

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#### TEXAS-NEW MEXICO PIPE LINE COMPANY

P. O. BOX 2332 HOUSTON, TEXAS

November 13, 1939.

State of New Mexico, Oil Conservation Commission, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Gentlemen:

Attention of Mr. Frank Worden, Commissioner of Public Lands

We have received notice of public hearing to be held at Santa Fe on December 6, 1939, for the purpose of considering the revising, modifying and amending the existing proration plan designated as Order No. 48, and Order No. 33, Lea County, New Mexico.

We had previously been advised by New Nexico Oil and Gas Association that Case No. 15, quoted below, would be considered for hearing.

"Case No. 15 - (a) The adoption of rules, regulations and orders as may be necessary to make effective the prohibitions contained in Section 13, Chapter 72, Laws of New Mexico 1935, and for the issuance of certificates of clearance or tenders, or some other method, so that any person may have an opportunity to determine whether any contemplated transaction of sale or purchase or acquisition, or of transportation, refining, processing, or handling in any other way, involves illegal oil or illegal oil product.

(b) The adoption of rules, regulations and orders relating to the making up of shortage or back allowable."

State of New Mexico

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We will appreciate your advising if it is the intention to consider Case No. 15, as outlined above, at the hearing to be held on December 6, 1939.

Yours very truly,

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June 29, 1939

Mr. George W. Selinger Skelly Oil Company Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Selinger:

As requested in your letter of June 27, enclosed please find copy of the notice of hearing upon Case No. 15 for July 21, which notice is self-explanatory.

The question was raised at the meeting of the Commission with the pipe line officials as to the legal character of oil run as back allowable or shortage in those meritorious cases where such runs were permitted.

There appears to be no express provision whatever in any rules or regulations, or in any proration order adopted by the Commission so far, regarding the running of shortage. To the end of removing any doubt as to the legal character of oil run as back allowable or shortage, the Commission at its meeting on the afternmon of June 22 called a hearing for the purposes named in said notice.

In order to cover the gap between the 1st of July and the effective date of any permanent order that the Commission may adopt pursuant to said hearing, the Commission on June 22 adopted Emergency Order No. 152 authorizing the running of shortage or back allowable, within the discretion of the Commission, in meritorious cases such as mechanical trouble and the like being because of failure to run the allowable in its proper period, and providing for the evidence of the legality of such runs by a letter covering a specific producing unit and period signed by the Commission or its authorized representative.

Emergency orders require no hearing and, as the name implies, are for emergencies. They endure for a fifteen-day period only, as provided by law. The intention is to renew this Emergency Order No. 182 upon the eve of its expiration, until the matter embraced in the call can be heard and a permanent order of some kind adopted.

The hearing on July 21 affects pipe lines and purchasers of oil and, in a measure, producers of oil, but principally I would say pipe lines and the purchasers of oil.

The Interstate Compact Meeting is to be held at Santa Fe on the 19th and 20th of July. Those in interest attending the Compact Meeting may find it convenient to attend the formal hearing of July 21.

Very truly yours,

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Carl B. Livingston Attorney

CBL:ik Enc. cc - Mr. A. Andreas State Geologist.



# SKELLY OIL COMPANY

TULSA, OKLAHOMA

PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT H. M. STALCUP, VICE PRESIDENT J. S. FREEMAN, ASSISTANT

June 27, 1939

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Mr. Frank Worden Land Commissioner Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

that the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission have in the local Santa Fe paper of a hearing to be hald. In Santa Fe, with reference to the matter of tenders as applied to pipe lines, and the question of back allowable.

Will you kindly advise whether or not this hearing concerns pire lines and purchasers only, or whether the question of back allowable will involve the producers as well. If it involves producers, then I would appreciate a copy of this notice.

An early reply would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours

CMS/mb cc - Mr. Dunlavey

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June 28, 1939

Mr. Helph DeWoody Oil Conservation Commission Hobbs, New Mexico

Re: Authorization for the running of shortage.

Dear Mr. Dewoody!

Enclosed please find suggested form letter authorizing the running of shortage. I am not as familiar with fact matter regarding oil runs as I might be and you, no doubt, may be able to make valuable suggestions for improvement of such form letter.

In that there was some question as to the legality of the running of any shortage, the Commission met in the afternoon of June 22 and promulgated Emergency Order No. 182 authorizing the running of shortage in meritorious cases such as mechanical trouble and the like, within the discretion of the Commission, to endure for the first bimontaly period of July. The intention is to renew this emergency order until formul hearing can be held on July 21 to consider the adoption of a formal and permanent order establishing rules and regulations for the running of shortage and the providing for certificates of clearence.

Enclosed please find copy of such notice of hearing.

Very truly yours,

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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June 28, 1939

Mr. W. E. Hubbard Humble Oil & Refining Co. Houston, Texas

Re: Authorization for the running of shortage.

Dear Mr. Rubbard:

Regarding the running of shortage in a meritorious case such as mechanical trouble and the like, enclosed please find a suggested form letter for authorization of running of such shortage. I shall be profoundly grateful to you for any suggestions you may have.

In order to remove doubt as to the legality of running such shortage, the Commission held a meeting on the afternoon of June 22 and promulgated Emergency Order No. 182 authorizing the running of shortage within the discretion of the Commission in certain meritorious cases, to endure for the first bimonthly period of July, with the intention of renewing said emergency order until formal hearing for the purpose of adopting a permanent order. By law, emergency orders can only endure fifteen days at a time.

At the same said meeting, the Commission ordered a hearing upon Case 15 for the purpose of adopting rules and regulations regarding the running of shortage and for the further purpose of providing for certificates of clearance in order to carry out the provisions of Sections 13 and 14, Chapter 72, Laws of 1935, our Conservation Law. A copy of notice of hearing is enclosed for your information.

Very truly yours,

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Carl B. Livingston Attorney

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June 24, 1939

Mr. A. M. McCorkle Stanolind Oil Company Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. McCorkle:

Enclosed please find the Commission's order for dismissal of case No. 13, and the Commission's order for recessing the hearing in case No. 14 until September 18.

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Very truly yours,

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Carl B. Livingston
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June 24, 1939

Colonel J. D. Atwood Roswell, New Mexico

Dear Colonel Atwood:

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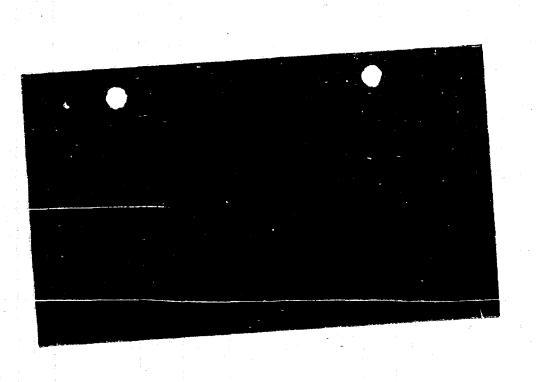
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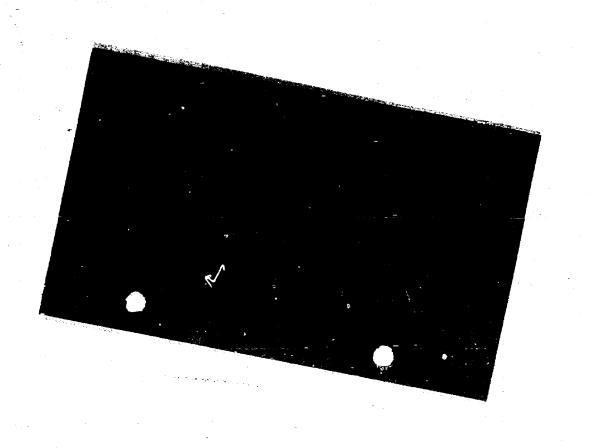
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June 22, 1939

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Astec Independent Review Astec, New Mexico

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Upon sending to the Commission your affidavit of publication, please send your statement in duplicate and enclosed purchase voucher, also in duplicate.

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Honorable Al Greer Aztec, New Mexico

My dear Mr. Greens

Enclosed please find Notice of Hearing. A copy of this Notice has gone forward to the Aztec Independent Review for publication. I wish you would be good enough to call this matter to their attention in order that that paper will be certain to run the advertisement, and please remind the publisher to send to the Commission at Santa Pe immediately upon publication the publisher's affidavit, which is of an imperative nature for jurisdiction by the Commission sitting in its quasi-judicial capacity.

Very truly yours,

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Very truly yours,

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Honorable Roy Yarbrough Oil Conservation Commission Hobbs, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Yarbrought

Enclosed is a notice of hearing to be held at Santa Fe. Please call at the Hobbs Daily News-Sun to see that that paper publishes the notice which I am today sending it and to urge them to be sure to return their publisher's affidavit. I have had considerable difficulty in getting that paper to send the publisher's affidavit promptly. It is all important for jurisdiction of the Commission sitting in its quasi judicial capacity, so please keep an eye on this paper to see that publication is made and the publisher's affidavit made and forwarded to Santa Fe.

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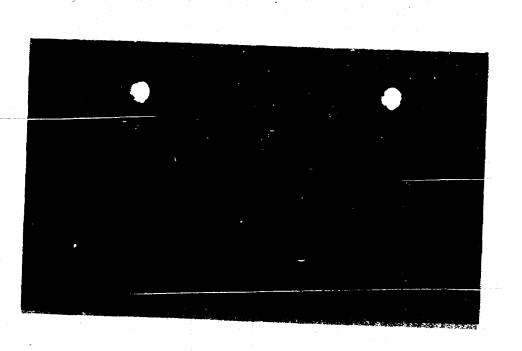
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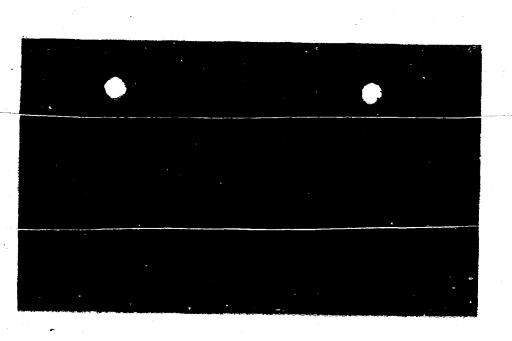
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OIL CONSERVATION COMMIS-

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1, Geo. B. Bowrs., heing first duly sworn, upon my oath depose and say: That during the time of the publication of this notice hereinaster mentioned, I was the

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#### Public Hearing

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### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Any person having any interest in the subject of the said hearing shall be entitled to be heard.

Given under the seal of said Commission at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on June 22, 1939.

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

By Zackle order Commissioner of Public Lands

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(a) Signed Order # 235

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# BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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

CASE NO. 15.

ORDER NO. 235.

(a) THE ADOPTION OF RULES, REGULATIONS AND ORDERS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO MAKE EFFECTIVE THE PROHIBITIONS CONTAINED IN SECTION 13, CHAPTER 72, LAWS OF NEW MEXICO 1935, AND FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF CLEARANCE OR TENDERS, OR SOME OTHER METHOD, SO THAT ANY PERSON MAY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY CONTEMPLATED TRANSACTION OF SALE OR PURCHASE OR ACQUISITION, OR OF TRANSPORTATION, REFINING, PROCESSING, OR HANDLING IN ANY OTHER WAY, INVOLVES ILLEGAL OIL OR ILLEGAL OIL PRODUCT.

(b) THE ADOPTION OF RULES, REGULATIONS AND ORDERS RELATING TO THE MAKING UP OF SHORTAGE OR BACK ALLOWABLE.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION PROMULGATING RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE ISSUANCE OF THE MONTHLY PRORATION SCHEDULE AND SUPPLEMENT THERETO, THE CERTIFICATE OF THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE PRODUCTION, PURCHASE AND TRANSPORTATION OF OIL PRODUCED UNDER SUCH SCHEDULES AND THE MAKING UP OF CERTAIN SHORTAGES.

#### BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at nine o'clock A. M. on the 21st day of July, 1939, at Santa Fe, New Mexico.

NOW, on this 13th day of January, 1940, the Commission having perore it for consideration the evidence adduced at the hearing in said case and being fully advised in the premises, the Commission adopted the order promulgating rules and regulations governing the issuance of the monthly proration schedule and supplement thereto, one certificate of the Commission authorizing the production, purchase and transportation of oil produced under such schedules and the making up of certain shortages, as follows:

1. The New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission will meet monthly, as soon as practicable after the announcement of the

Bureau of Mines of the market demand for New Mexico, and at such meeting will consider the announcement of the Bureau of Mines and other evidence of market demand, and will determine the amount of oil to be produced from all pools in the State of New Mexico during the following calendar month. The amount so determined will be allocated among the various pools in the State in accordance with existing regulations and among the various units in each pool, in accordance with the regulations governing each pool. The Commission will thereupon issue a proration schedule which will specify the amount of oil each unit in the State may produce each day during the following calendar month, including shortages which may be made up and lawful overages. Allowables for wells completed between the first and sixteenth of each month shall be included in a supplementary proration schedule to the current monthly proration schedule. This supplement shall be issued on the sixteenth of each month. Such monthly proration schedule and such supplementary proration schedule shall each constitute the certificate of the Commission authorizing thereunder:

- (1.) The production of oil from the various units in accordance with such respective schedules;
- (2.) The purchase of oil so produced by the purchasing companies; and,
- (3.) The transportation of oil so produced by the various pipe line companies.
- 2. The monthly schedule provided for in paragraph "1" hereinapove shall show accrued shortages for two succeeding months and such shortages shall be made up within the same period of time; or if overage occurs, which is unavoidable and lawful, then such overage should be compensated by reduced allowable within a like period of time. After two succeeding months, shortages shall be

eliminated from the schedule unless the operator furnishes a written statement to show that he could not sell, or the pipe line would not run the allowable, or that remedial work for the purpose of conserving reservoir energy had caused the shortage.

- 3. Shortage incurred prior to October 1, 1939, due to lack of pipe line connection or the inability to sell the allowable, shall be cumulative and allowed. Such shortages shall be snown in the cumulative column on the proration schedule and the amount of cumulative shortage authorized to be run shall be added to the current allowable and total shown as net allowable.
- 4. In no event should shortages when authorized, be produced in such manner or in such daily amounts as to constitute waste.

For the purpose of taking under further advisement, the Commission reserves herein for a supplemental order the matters in this case in so far as they relate to the transportation of oil and the products thereof by means other than by pipe line.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 13th day of January, 1940.

NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

By Reack Worden
Commissioner of Public Lands

By R. Andrews
State Geologist.

#### HEARING

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

Held in Room 130 at La Fonda Hotel, Santa Fe, New Mexico, at nine o'clock, A. M., July 21, 1939.

PRESENT: GOVERNOR JOHN E. MILES, Chairman; FRANK WORDEN, State Land Commissioner, Secretary; A. ANDREAS, State Geologist; CARL B. LIVINGSTON, Attorney for Oil Conservation

Commission;
J. O. SETH, Santa Fe, New Mexico;

A. M. McCORKLE of Stanolind Oil Co., Houston, Texas;

T. R. FREEMAN of Atlantic Rfg. Co., Magnolia Bldg.,

Dallas, Texas; EDGAR KRAUS of Atlantic Rfg. Co., Carlsbad, New Mexico;

O. D. CRITES of Shell Oil Co., Houston, Texas;

GUY L. TATE of Magnolia Petroleum Co., Dallas, Texas;

W. E. HUBBARD of Humble Oil Co., Houston, Texas;

R. S. DEWEY of Humble Oil Co., Midland, Texas; JAMES FITZGERALD, JR. of Skelly Oil Co., Midland,

GEORGE W. SELINGER of Skelly Oil Co., Tulsa, Oklahoma; N. E. BARNETT of Tide Water Assoc. Oil Co., Tulsa,

Oklahoma; P. H. BOHART of Gulf Oil Corp., Tulsa, Oklahoma;

S. E. SANDERSON of Gulf Oil Corp., Tulsa, Oklahoma; LLOYD L. GRAY of Gulf Oil Corp., Tulsa, Oklahoma; R. B. F. HUMMER of Phillips Pet. Co., Bartlesville,

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D. R. McKEITHAN of Phillips Pet. Co., Bartlesville,

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D. D. BODIE of Cities Service Oil, Hobbs, New Mexico;
ROY YARBROUGH of Oil Conservation Commission, Hobbs,

New Mexico; RUSH GREENSLADE of Gulf Oil Corp., Tulsa, Oklahoma;

HARRY LEONARD of Leonard Oil Co., Roswell, New Mexico; A. J. HOLLAND of The Texas Company, Hobbs, New Mexico; A. E. WILLIG of The Texas Co., Fort Worth, Texas;

R. S. CHRISTIE of Amerada Petroleum Corp., Fort Worth, Texas; GLENN STALRY, Proration Umpire, Hobbs, New Mexico.

The hearing was opened by Governor Miles.

THEREUPON, at the request of Mr. Worden, the Notice for Publication for the hearing was read by Mr. Livingston, as follows:

> "NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

"Pursuant to Chapter 72, Session Laws of 1935, State of New Mexico, by which Act the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico was created, investing said Commission

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allowable.

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"Given under the seal of said Commission at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on June 22, 1939.

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

By (Sgd.) FRANK WORDEN Commissioner of Public Lands

(SEAL)

By (Sga.) A. ANDREAS State Geologist

BY MR. WORDEN:

Gentlemen, we are now ready to proceed, and anybody wishing to express himself, either by his attorney or representative, may now do so. We would like to put Mr. Glenn Staley on the

EY MR. SETH:

Thereupon, Mr. Glenn Staley was called and duly sworn by the

Land Commissioner. Mr. Staley testified as follows:

EXAMINATION BY MR. SETH.

State your name, please. Cuestion:

stand.

Glenn Staley. Answer:

- Q. What position do you occupy in New Mexico, Mr. Staley?
- A. Proration Umpire.
- Q. In Lea County?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And how long have you held that position?
- A. For over nine years.
- Q. Are you familiar with the present procedure in handling the current allowable, that is, what documents are given the operators, or to anyone else in interest?
- A. I am.
- Q. Will you please state the present practice.
- A. The present procedure is that of having the company who has shortage -
- Q. I am not speaking about back allowable just the current allowable.
- A. The Oil Conservation Commission of the State of New Mexico issues an order at the beginning of each month, stating the amount of oil that shall be allocated to each field and the wells within the field, and this total amount is taken and divided according to the proration scheme used within each field by our office and which is approved by the Commission.
- Q. And is anything issued to the producer or anyone after the proration schedule is made up?
- A. Only the proration schedule, which is an order to the operators and the pipe lines (we have always considered it as such) that so much oil could be produced from each well.
- Q. Do you issue a separate letter to anyone?
- A. No.
- Q. Just the proration schedule?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And is that furnished the purchaser, transporter and everyone interested?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Now, has that proration schedule been accepted generally as the necessary authority to produce and transport the oil?
- A. Yes, sir.

- Coming to the back allowable, how has this back allowable originated, or what are the reasons for it?
- A. There are a number of reasons. One reason is, say a well is being worked over for the purpose of producing or operating the well more efficiently from the standpoint of gas/oil ratio, and the setting of packers to eliminate water and for various mechanical reasons, and while this work is being done the well naturally cannot produce its allowable. Another reason is wells that are off to one side in some of the fields and difficult to get a pipe line connection, that is, the pipe lines gathering excesses, extended to this new completion, sometimes it will take a while for the pipe lines to make this connection, or it may be that the battery for a well (a newly completed well) is so situated that pumping equipment will have to be installed; it is not convenient for the pipe line to set this pump or for the operator to set the pump, and that long a period), but causes a shortage for that connection. Another cause of shortage is what we call marginal wells, small wells that are erratic in their production; we will say a well that can output forty barrels a day and, say, that it will only produce thirty-six or thirty, consequently the connection will run short due to the inability of the well to produce the amount of oil allocated to it. Another reason is what we term as pipe line proration due to economic and mechanical conditions. The pipe line is unable to take that the total amount allocated through all of its connections. That causes a shortage in all the connections.
- Then back allowable is due to the inability to get a connection, to mechanical difficulties, with pipe lines and due to the refusal of purchasing companies to buy?
- At the present time.
- Are there any large back allowables in Lea County at this
- There are.
- Will you please state one of them, the Shell, for instance?
- The Shell, in April, 1938, had some refinery trouble in Texas regarding the market for the majority of the oil coming from Southeastern New Mexico and it became impossible for them to take their full allowable, so they prorated all of their takes twenty per cent.
- And about now much did that amount to?
- Perhaps three-cuarters of a million barrels.
- Are they making up that allowable?
- A. Yes, they are.

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### Q. At what rate?

- A. They first started making it up at the rate of five barrels a day and at the present time they are making it up at the rate of 10 barrels.
- Q. Is there another large back allowable in the Vacuum Field?
- A. There is.
- Q. Will you state the approximate amount?
- A. The amount is approximately one-half million barrels. The cause is the area is served by one pipe line, the Texas-New Mexico Pipe Line, and due to the size of the line serving this area and connected with the main trunk line, it is impossible for them to get out the full amount that is allocated to the Vacuum area. Therefore, they are taking approximately seventy-five per cent of the total amount.
- Q. Are there some prospects of relief?
- A. There are.
- Q. Now, when these back allowables in large amounts are to be made up, should there be a limit on the rate at which they should be made up?
- A. I think so, yes.
- Q. What would you say the effect of making up the allowable without limiting it would be?
- A. It would tend to upset the market conditions, as a general rule. The market is, say for a period of thirty days, distributed among all of the fields within an area and to suddenly throw upon the market, say, one-half million barrels, it would tend to upset the market for that area and for the nation as a whole.
- Q. Wouldn't it tend to upset the production of oil in the pool, also?
- A. Yes. I doubt very much whether the average operator would be in favor of producing a well in that manner.
- Q. Would you say there should be a limit of, say, fifteen to twenty per cent of the regular allowable?
- A. It would depend upon the number of wells within the area, because it would make a difference in the total amount.
- Q. Are there any back allowables on the record?
- A. Yes, on the records. And surveys are being made at the present time by our office and the office of the Commission to determine just where those shortages are.

- Q. And what is the purpose of the survey?
- A. The purpose of the survey is to drop from our records all shortages that in the opinion of the Commission are impossible to make up, as they just cloud the record.
- Q. What is the practice of handling these back allowables in the matter of giving authority at the present time?
- The producer is required to furnish a letter with enough additional copies to be furnished all parties concerned, setting out the cause of the shortage, the amount, the unit in which the shortage occurred, together with a request that the pipe line be given authority to produce this amount of shortage in excess of their current allowable. This is sent at the present time in five copies. One copy goes to the marketer or the purchaser of the oil, giving him authority to purchase this excess oil; one copy goes to the pipe line, giving authority to transport the excess; one copy goes to the producer, giving him authority to produce this excess oil. In this letter they must set out by the producing units the amount of shortage, the month in which it occurred, that is, set out the amount allocated to the unit, amount run and if over or short. The figures must correspond to the over and short figures of each month of the proration office and the Conservation Commission, and if the figures correspond to the figures as issued in the over and short statement, and in the opinion of the Proration Office and the Commission the shortage is legitimate, an order is given the pipe line - not an order, but permission - to purchase this amount of shortage.
- Q. Does this letter state the reason for the shortage?
- A. It does.
- Q. And the order is approved by a representative of the Commission?
- A. It is.
- Q. And properly kept on file?
- A. There is one copy in the files of the Proration Office, one copy in the files of the Commission office, besides a blue copy sent back to the operator nimself and the purchaser and transporter.
- Q. In the doing of corrective work, is there any limit at the present time on the amount of time that an operator may take in doing the work and still save the back allowable?
- A. No, not at present.
- Q. In your opinion, should there be a limit?
- A. I think that it is a matter that should be left to the judgment of the men in the field who know all the conditions, because conditions would have a bearing on the length of time.

- Q. But this should be given attention?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Now, do you know any reason why any change should be made in the present procedure for handling these matters?
- A. I, of course, am not familiar with any legal phase, but from the standpoint of a thorough check on the reasons for the shortage and the feasibility of making it up at the rate made up, I can't see any reason for any change.
- Q. Couldn't the back allowable, if you may call it that, be combined in some way with the current allowable and all included in one document?
- A. That procedure is being followed in some of the states, and the members of the Commission talked about a combination of that kind sometime ago and the matter is being considered now very seriously. I believe it can be done.
- Q. Wouldn't it be more convenient for all concerned in one sheet?
- A. It would make a much nicer record.
- Q. Mr. Staley, there has been some delay in getting the final check on these shortages. Will you state just how the matter is handled and the reason for this delay? It has been for two months, at least, I believe.
- A. Yes, it is about two months, and the reason for this delay is that at the end of each month the pipe lines make their corrections and furnish net pipe line figures to the operators as to the amount of oil being run in each connection. The operators in turn under the Laws of the State of New Mexico furnish to the Oil Conservation Commission what is known as Form 104-A, Monthly Report of Proration, and the amount of oil run from each forty-acre unit is set out. This is a sworn statement furnished the Commission and the figures from the pipe line do not reach the office of the company until between the 12th and 15th of the month following in which the oil was run by the pipe line. Then the operator in turn makes up Form 104-A and by the time it reaches the Commission and a copy reaches our office it is approximately two months. Then, of course, we cannot make up our reports until all these reports are in.
- Q. In other words, if a man in the month of July should shut down for corrective work, you would not have the pipe lines! figures and report until the end of the month?
- A. It would be included in the proration schedule issued as of September 1.
- O. In other words, in order that a proper check may be made, there must be a lag of from one and one-half to two months?
- A. That is true.

BY GOVERNOR MILES: Being so unfamiliar with the procedure, now in the back allowable, is that amount not run during that month?

- A. It is the amount, Governor, that has previously been allocated to a producing unit, but due to one or another cause it was not run, and then at a later date the operator makes application to have it included, that is, he wants the right to run it in addition to the current allowable.
- Q. For current allowable, for that period is it that much less?
- A. That much more than the current allowable.
- Q. For that period if one does not run the amount allowed, does the total amount run during that period made up amount to more, or is it less?
- A. Oh, I see what you mean. It is less. The total amount is less.
- Mh. SETH: In your judgment, Mr. Staley, is it advisable as a prevention of waste to encourage corrective measure in wells by allowing them to save this so-called back allowable?
- A. I think it is, for the reason that it doesn't seem reasonable to require a man to so produce his well that he must set a packer or do corrective work knowing that while that well is shut down he will never be able to get that production. And I think that the operators should be encouraged from every standpoint to so produce their wells that the reserve energy, the gas energy, control of water, etc. be handled in the best manner possible. That has been the procedure in the past. In fact, that is the thing that caused the making up of back allowables in the beginning.
- Q. In other words, you think they should be encouraged to do things that tend to increase ultimate production?
- A. Yes, sir.
- MR. WORDEN: Do any of you gentlemen present wish to ask any cuestions? Mr. Livingston?
- MR. LIVINGSTON: I think Judge Seth covered the matter very thoroughly with the witness and I can't think of anything to be added to the interrogations.
- MR. WILLIG OF THE TEXAS COMPANY: We think Form c-104-A is a very comprehensive form and we have had considerable experience in Texas with a maze of forms. There might be some additional information upon Form 104-A that would help the Commission in making up the back allowable. The form has a place on it to show whether or not a well was operated thirty days

or thirty-one days or all the days in the month, and I think the operator should also be required to show the reason why the well was not producing. That could be used as a prerequisite for operators making application to make up back allowable. In other words, when a well is off, it should be indicated on the form. If that were done, whenever a well is off, it must be shown on the form and that would give the Commission a check at the time the well was off. I am just making this suggestion in the event the Commission requires information, because I believe it could be furnished on the form now in use. We would like to see the form now in use remain without any further additions.

MR. WORDEN: Mr. Staley is excused from the witness stand.

UPON EXAMINATION BY MR. SETH, Mr. O. D. Crites testified as follows:

- Q. State your name, please.
- A. O. D. Crites.
- Q. And what company are you connected with?
- A. Shell Oil Company.
- Q. Do you buy oil in Lea County?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. You heard the testimony of ar. Staley?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Do you think a system along the lines of this testimony if adopted would meet all the requirements of purchasers and transporters of oil?
- A. I think it would.
- Q. Do you think it would meet the requirements of other companies?
- A. I think so.
- MR. ANDREAS: I think your company has already successfully been making up their back allowable?
- A. At the present time we are taking it at the rate of ten barrels per well per day.
- Q. How many connections?
- A. Off-hand I don't know, but we estimate that that will be about four thousand to five thousand barrels a day in wells that are making it.

6. That would be at the rate of about 120,000 barrels a month?

- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. That would merely be sixteen per cent of all accumulated shortage to be absorbed in one month?
- A. Yes.
- Q. With the companies absorbing the back allowable, do you think they might be able to take it up in ninety days?
- A. I can't speak for the other companies. The back allowable on our shortage will take about ninety days.
- MR. WORDEN: The witness is excused.
- MR. HUBBARD OF THE Humble Oil & Rfg. Co.: Mr. Staley, you were asked the cuestion of whether or not the back allowable could be included with the current allowable, and your answer was "yes", was it not?
- MR. STALEY: I stated that the procedure was being followed by other states and they might be consolidated in the proration schedule which sets out the current allowable with the over and short statement for the previous month, that is, the over and short statement coming up at approximately the same time which has a lag of about two months, could be included on the same form setting out the amount of oil allocated to the connection for current allowable and the amount of oil that was run on the proration schedule two months prior and whether it was over or short the shortage added to the amount of oil set out in the current allowable and the overage deducted. Now, a symbol could be used to indicate whether shortage was being allowed or not. Due to various reasons, the Commission might see fit not to allow it, and a symbol could be used to show anyone interested in the report whether the shortage was being allowed or not.
- Q. You were also asked, were you not, if it would be convenient to submit this on one form which would make a better record, and you answered "yes"?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Would you include on the schedule the total amount of the previous shortage, or just previous shortage for certain months?
- A. I think that we worked up a sample to see what it would look like, but we didn't include a column for accumulative shortage, but I think that should be done.
- Q. I take it, Mr. Staley, that you would recommend that that change be made?
- A. After a study. Yes, I think there are a number of angles to be considered and think after study by representatives of the operators and the Conservation Commission so that the Commission would have all the facts, that it enter

into whether we should make these changes.

- MR. SETH: I would like to recommend that before a final order is drawn, a committee consisting of Mr. Crites, Mr. Hubbard, Mr. Staley and Mr. Livingston draw up a tentative order and submit it to the other purchasing pipe lines to be submitted to the Commission for action. It might expedite matters. Mr. Staley knows about getting up reports and Mr. Livingston, as Attorney for the Commission, is familiar with these matters.
- WR. WORDEN: I think it is an excellent suggestion, Judge Seth.
- WR. SETH: The committee can take this under advisement and can then go into it and every person and company should have a chance to see it before it is finally adopted.
- GOVERNOR MILES: Unless there is some objection to this suggestion, I think it should be adopted.
- MR. WORDEN: Mr. Kraus, I think you should be included on the committee.
- MR. KRAUS: I am sure if it is followed, it would be satisfactory to the Atlantic.
- WR. WORDEN: I think it will be agreeable with the Commission. We will at this time appoint these gentlemen as named by Judge Seth. I think perhaps it would be well to include Edgar Kraus on this committee. Does anyone else present have anything to offer or any suggestions to make? We will then ask the committee as named to get together and work out their plans. I think it would be a good suggestion for you gentlemen to get together and make all your plans as to just how you want to handle it and then report to the Commission. Apparently that covers everything that is before us at this time. I want to announce at this time that this meeting will be recessed and we will await the report from that committee at such time as they have apparently solved their problems. When they have notified the Conservation Commission, we in turn will notify you the Conservation Commission, iving you an opportunity to people and your companies, giving you an opportunity to meet and ways out further problems that might arise. meet and work out further problems that might arise.

There being no further business to come before the hearing, the hearing adjourned.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO \ss. County of Santa Fe

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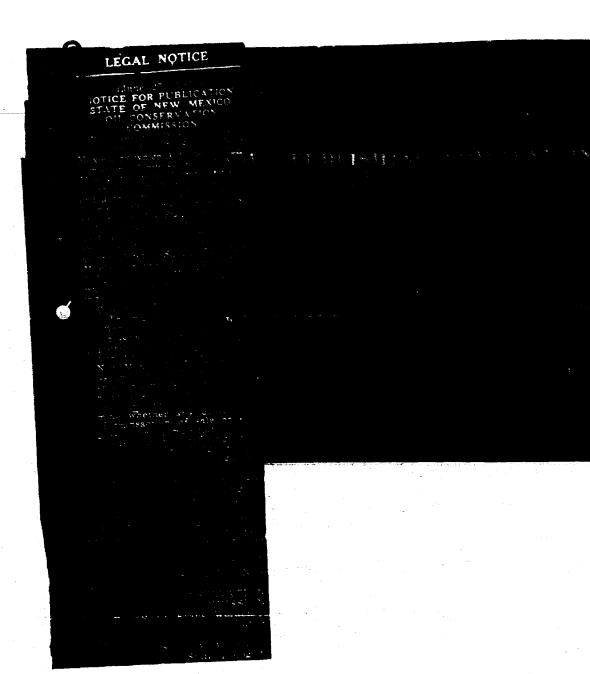
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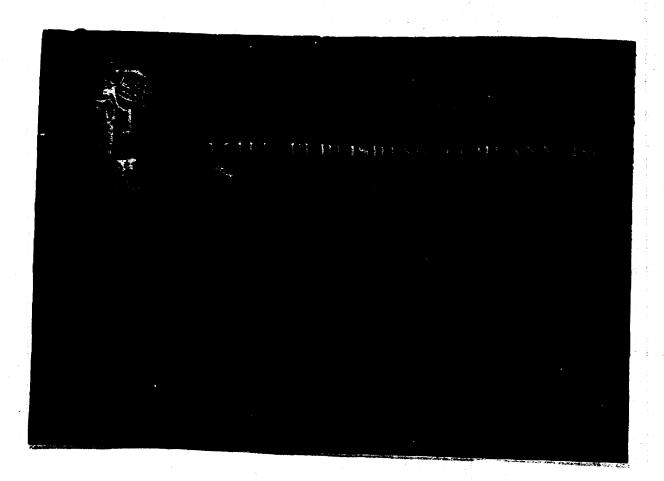
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November 13, 1939

Honorable J. O. Seth Attorney at Law Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Case No. 15, for the purpose of adopting certain rules and regulations, recessed on the 21st day of July, 1939, until the Committee on Rules is ready to report.

My dear Judge Seth:

Enclosed please find letter dated November 9 from Glenn Staley to some of the members of the Committee on Rules with regard to the above captioned matter. Mr. Staley has set December 5, 7:30 P. M., at La Fonda, as the date for the Committee to convene, to get into final draft the Committee's report to be presented before the Commission the following day at 11:00 A. M.

It is to be noted in the proposed draft, Rule 4, that the Commission is not to go back and permit the runs of shortage any further than October 1, 1939. It would please me much if you would give this some thought and give your views to the Commission. The Commission has heretofore hoped to be able to get the pipe line companies to run a material part of the vast accumulated shortage. This opportunity appears to be on the verge of presenting itself, in that there are now inquiries for and requests for more oil than the Bureau of Mines is recommending, and the repeal of the Embargo. Apparently, the only way the absence of further increase by the Bureau of Mines, would be to October 1, 1939, which Mr. Staley suggests in proposed Rule 4, would eliminate fully ninety-nine per cent of all back allowable.

The suggested draft as represented in Mr. Staley's letter is still lacking in one essential particular - which is to say, to provide for a rule as to certification by the Commission in the introductory portion of the monthly provation schedule that

Honorable J. O. Seth

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the production of oil represented in the schedule, both current and back allowables, is authorized. This is for the sake of simplicity. This very thing is being done in the current proration schedule under temporary rules, but, of course, we must have some authorization in the permanent rules to be established. In this respect, the introductory portion of the monthly proration schedule for the current month, among other things, provides:

"This is to certify as to authorization of the production of oil both for current allowable and back allowable in the proration schedule attached hereto and made a part hereof.

"Allowables for wells completed during the first bimonthly period are not shown in the proration schedule attached hereto and made a part hereof, but are shown in a supplemental proration schedule for the second bimonthly period; and when said supplemental proration schedule is identified as a supplement to the proration schedule attached hereto and signed by the Commission as hereinbelow, sais supplemental proration schedule shall have the same legal effect as to authorization of production as though originally a part of the proration schedule attached hereto and made a part hereof."

Very truly yours,

Carl B. Livingston Attorney

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Mr. W.S. Hubbard Hubble Oil & Rfg. Co. Houston, Texas

Mr. Don Crites Shell Pet. Corp. Houston, Texas

Er. Edgar Kraus Atlantic Rfg. Co. Carlsbad, N.M.

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Mr. Carl Livingston, attorney for the Oil Conservation Commission of the State of New Mexico has suggested that your committee meet with him at 7:30 P.M. December 5 at the La Fonda, Santa Fa, New Mexico to discuss rules governing the running of oil shortage from fields in Southeastern New Mexico. A rough draft of suggested rules is as follows:

1. That the Proration Schedule be issued on the first of each month for the full month instead of bi-monthly as in the past. Over and Short Statement to be combined with the monthly Fromation Schedule.

2. Wells completed between the first and sixteenth of asch month shall be included in a supplemental popular to the monthly schedule. Produce This supplemental be issued on the sixteenth of each month.

3. The combined schedule suggested in paragraph "1" above shall show account shortages for two succeeding months and such shortages shall be used up within the same namical of times.

The combined schedule suggested in paragraph "I" above shall show account shortages for two succeeding months and such shortages shall be unde up within the same period of time; or if everage occurs, which is unavoidable and lawful, then such everage should be compensated by reduced allowable within a like period of time. After two succeeding months shortages shall be eliminated from the schedule unless the operator furnishes a written statement to show that he could ever sell, or the pipe line would not run the allowable, or that remedial work for the purpose of conserving reservoir energy had caused the shortage.

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- 34. Shortage incurred prior to October 1, 1939 due to lack of pipe line connection or the inability to sell the allowable, shall be cumulative and allowed. Such shortages shall be shown in the cumulative column on the Propation Schedule and the amount of cumulative shortage authorized to be run shall be added to the current allowable and total shown as net allowable.
- 45. In no event should shortages when authorized, be produced in such manner or in such daily amounts as to constitute waste.

Yours very truly,

Glenn Staley, Chairman

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> A.N. McCorkle Chairman Lea County Operators Committee Ft. Forth, Texas

Carl B. Livingston
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November 4, 1939

Mr. Carl B. Livingston, Attorney, Oil Conservation Commission, State of New Mexico, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

In Re: Case No. 15, for the purpose of adopting certain rules and regulations, recessed on the 21st day of July, 1939, until the Committee on Rules is ready to report.

Dear Mr. Livingston:

I sincerely thank you for your letter of October 31st, advising me that in an executive meeting held on that date, the Commission set December 6, 1939, at eleven o'clock A. M., as the date for receiving the Committee's Report on Rules in the above matter.

Yours, yery truly,

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cc- Mr. C. P. Dimit

November 13, 1939

Honorable Glenn Staley Proration Umpire Hobbs, New Mexico

My dear Olenns

With reference to the two-page heading of the November Proration Schedule just received, your attention is directed to the last line of the heading, which reads:

\*DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 31st day of August, 1939.\*

Under our revised schedule and heading, that date line should carry the date the Commission met and ordered the allowable, which date is always the date on the telegram sent you, and should have therefore read:

\*DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 27th day of October, 1939.\*

The reason the heading should take a new date each time is because in its revised form and under emergency rules the heading, among other things, is not only an allowable for a specific amount of oil for specific half-monthly periods, but also the Commission's certificate of legal authorization. Therefore, the matter of change of date line at the bottom of the heading each month is of paramount importance.

At the very top of the heading, the last order listed, "Order No. 219A", should have read, "Order No. 219."

I wish to thank you heartily for putting me on the mailing list to receive the monthly provation schedule. It is most convenient to me for its immediate informative matter.

With kindest personal regards,

Cordially yours,

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cc - Honorable J. O. Seth.

Carl B. Livingston Attorney

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November 10, 1939

Hon. Carl B. Livingston Oil Conservation Commission Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Carl:

By telephone call wednesday and copy of letter sent to the members of the committee which should reach you by this time you will have been advised of the plan whereby the committee including yourself can discuss and eventually crystallize rules and regulations which can be recommended to the Commission. By meeting on the evening of December 5, we will have an opportunity to exchange views. Up to now, only written discussions have been exchanged.

Looking forward to seeing you at that time if not sooner, and trusting that the present very evident political difficulties do not interfere with the usual efficient and business-like operations of the land office, I am

Yours very truly,

Edgar Kraus

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### November 6, 1939

Honoreble Edgar Kraus Atlantic Rofining Company P. O. Box 808 Carlsbad, New Mexico

> He: Case No. 15, for the purpose of adopting certain rules and regulations, recessed on the 21st day of July, 1939, until the Committee on Rules is ready to report.

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My dear Edgar:

In response to your letter of November 3, I concur with you in your view that the Consittee should meet for a session prior to the actual hearing in the above care, in order to have something in the way of rules definitely crystellized into proposed rules to report to the Commission.

I hope we can seet sometime before around the period for hearing, for this reason: Around the period of important hearings (and there are three hearings set for December 6), there are always several people in town, many of whom at the same time bring their business to the State Land Office. Among this business are always a lot of legal matters which take up virtually all of my time except when I am actually sitting in a hearing. If the Committee could simply convene for a session in peace and quiet, we could work effectively in a comparatively short time. I shall be happy to adjust my time with the meeting of the Committee at whatever time or place the Chairman may name. The foregoing matter is merely a suggestion.

In setting the meeting for hearing on December 6, it was assumed that the Committee would be ready by that time. If, of course, the Condittee is not ready at that time, no doubt the Cosmission would grant further time, but it would seem to me that the Committee by December 6 would have ample time.

Very truly yours,

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Carl B. Livingston Attorney





### THE ATLANTIC REFINING COMPANY PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

P. O. Box 808 Carlsbad, New Mexico

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November 3, 1939

Hon. Carl B. Livingston Attorney for Oil Conservation Commission Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

Your letter with its notification of a hearing on December 6, at which time the report of the committee on rules and regulations concerning overages and shortages will be heard, is before me.

With special reference to the appended note, I think it might be advisable to call the committee for a short session prior to the actual hearing, since we have had no opportunity to meet together, our only contact being by correspondence with Mr. Staley. I would suggest that he call a meeting of the committee at such a time as is convenient to you so that we can all discuss the matter prior toaformal report.

Yours very truly,

EK:T CC: Mr. C. G. Staley

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MEETING OF THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION HELD IN THE OFFICE OF THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION ON THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1939.

The matter of temporary authorization of the running of shortage was considered and the Commission thereupon ordered through Emergency Order No. 182, effective from July 1st to July 15th, that shortage in a meritorious case, such as for mechanical difficulties, lack of market or pipe line facilities in the discretion of the Commission may be authorized and such authorization may be evidenced to the purchaser, pipe line company or other party in interest by a letter from the Commission, signed by the Commission, or an authorized agent.

### OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION GENERAL STATE PROBATION ORDER

FOR THE MONTH OF SANTA FE, N. M.

ORDER NO. 198. Domestic, First Bimonthly Period, No. of Barrels
ORDER NO. 199, Domestic, Second Bimonthly Period, No. of Barrels
ORDER NO. 200, Export Purposes Only, First Bimonthly Period, No. of barrels
ORDER NO. 200-A, Export Purposes Only, Second Bimonthly Period,
No. of Barrels\_\_\_\_\_\_.

WHEREAS, on the 31st day of August, 1939, the Oil Conservation Commission ordered there shall be produced not more than the numbers of barrels of oil daily in bimontally periods as noted in the caption from the various fields of the State until changed by order of the Commission. Periods begin at 7:00 o'clock A. M. on the first and sixteenth of each month.

WHEREAS, by various orders heretofore made, after notice and hearing, methods of allocating the production in the various fields of the State and among the wells in such fields has been fixed by the Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to said orders, the production daily in the various fields and from various wells in such fields in bi-monthly periods and until further ordered shall be as noted in the caption.

The term "unit" as used herein shall mean 40 acres on which there is at least one producing well, and the term "marginal unit" is a unit which will not produce the top unit allowable for the field.

This is to certify as to authorization of the production of oil both for current allowable and back allowable in the proration schedule attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Allowables for wells completed during the first bimonthly period are not shown in the proration schedule attached hereto and made a part hereof, but are shown in a supplemental proration schedule for the second bimonthly period; and when said supplemental

proration schedule is identified as a supplement to the proration schedule attached hereto and signed by the Commission as herein-below, said supplemental proration schedule shall have the same legal effect as to authorization of production as though originally a part of the proration schedule attached hereto and made a part hereof.

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DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 31st day of August, 1939.

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

By Frank Worden, Secretary.

October 11, 1939

Honorable J. O. Seth Attorney at Law Santa Fe, New Mexico

My dear Judge Seth:

Referring to your telephone call regarding the October proration schedule, enclosed please fine a curbon copy of letter which I have just written to Mr. Glenn Staley regarding some suggested changes necessary each month.

Very truly yours,

Carl B. Livingston Attorney

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Honorable Glenn Staley Proration Umpire Hobbs, New Mexico

My dear Glenn:

In further answer to your letter of October 9, regarding the proration heading which is for the month of October, the order numbers in the first paragraph should be changed each month to correspond with the orders of the Commission. Therefore, at the top of this proration order:

Instead of Order No. 198 it should be Order No. 208; Instead of Order No. 199 it should be Order No. 209; Instead of Order No. 200, it should be Order No. 210; Instead of Order No. 200-A, it should be Order No. 211.

Now, in the second paragraph, first line instead of "Whereas, on the 31st day of August, 1939", the date should be changed to "Whereas, on the 25th day of September, 1929."

Also, on the last line, second page, the date there likewise should be changed to correspond with the date the Commission issued the four orders for October, which date was September 25 instead of August 31.

In other words, the flumbers of the orders and the date in which such orders were promulgated by the Commission change each month. Obviously, the errors in the heading for the October proration schedule were oversights and are natural things to occur in getting a revision of the heading and proration schedule into smooth working order.

I am returning the proration schedule heading which you enclosed to me, with the suggested corrections.

Very truly yours,

Carl B. Livingston Attorney

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October 11, 1939

Honorable Glenn Staley Proration Umpire Hobbs, New Mexico

My dear Clenn:

Thank you for your letter of October 9, enclosing mimeographed form of heading for the monthly proration schedule, with the amendment suggested by the addition to the first paragraph of the phrase: "periods begin at 7 o'clock A. M. on the lst and loth of each month." Your suggestion is well taken.

With kindest personal regards,

Very truly yours,

Carl B. Livingston Attorney

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### LEA COUNTY OPERATORS COMMITTEE

HOBBS, NEW MEXICO

October 9, 1939

Mr. Carl Livingston Attorney at Law, Santa Fe, N.M.

Dear Carl:

In making up the heading for the monthly Proration Schedule we neglected to include the time in which the Proration Schedule would be effective, so I took theliberty of adding to the first paragraph this sentence: "periods begin at 7 o'clock A.M. on the 1st. and 16th. of each month."

Our mutual friend, Charlie Cochran, was in the office a few days ago inquiring as to when you expected to be in this part of the country. I informed him that I was writing you and would ask you to let him know when you expected to be down. He stated that you would know what he wished to see you about.

With best personal regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

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#### September 7, 1939

Honorable Glenn Staley Preration Umpire Hobbs, New Mexico

Res Case No. 15, Committee on Rules, for the purposes of working out suggested rules to be presented to the Commission relating to:

(a) Certification of legality of production of oil: (b) back allowables.

My dear Glenns

Pursuant to the conference held Sunday in your office with regard to the proration schedule of the Commission, herewith please find a suggested revision of the first two pages of the monthly proration schedule in the form of a preface, signed as the Oil Conservation Commission by the Secretary, the Honorable Frank Worden, setting forth the substance of orders of the Commission for bimonthly allewables and making reference to other orders which have been passed by the Commission and still other orders promulgating rules or similar rules that will be necessary to adopt, for which purpose Case 15 was initiated and the hearing thereupon recessed pending a report to the Commission by the Committee on suggested rules.

The revision of those first two pages assumes as follows: That instead of issuing a new schedule for each bimonthly period, one schedule will be issued for both bimonthly periods for the purposes of simplification, and further assumes for its legal basis the adoption by order of the Commission under Case 15 in recess of pertinent rules referred to hereinbelow. Allowables for wells completed during the second bimonthly period are included in a separate proration sheet.

Heretofore the allowable for export purposes only for the Artesia-Grayburg-Jackson-Maljamar area has been by one order for the whole month. This is really not in strict conformity with General State Proration Order No. 1, which provides:

MAt the end of each half month period thereafter, the distribution in each field shall be changed in order to take into account all new wells which have been completed and were not in the schedule during the previous half month period."

Therefore, I have suggested the breaking up of the Artesia-Grayburg-Jackson-Maljamar export order, if and when used, into bimonthly periods.

All that goes in the profess to the monthly proration schedule must have for sound legality the basis of an order legality suppled by the Commission, as, for instance, paragraph 1 on the third page of the suggested revised preface is authorized by General State Proration Order No. 1, in this:

"In these provisions, the term "Unit" shall mean forty acres upon which there is at least one producing well, and the term "Marginal Unit" is a Unit that will not produce the top unit allowable for the field."

Paragraph No. 2 on the third page of the suggested revised preface to the monthly proration schedule must have as a basis a rule adopted by an order of the Commission under Case 15 in recess. The recessed hearing of Case No. 15, Division (a) thereof, authorizes the adoption of the rule wherein the Commission may certify as to the authorization of the rule wherein the Commission of the bimonthly proof production. The adoption by the Commission of the bimonthly proration schedule as the authorization of production therein shown ration schedule as the ratter and should be established by order as a greatly simplifies the ratter and should be established by order as

The amount of back allowables to be run during the two current bimonthly periods should be shown in a separate column in the monthly preration schedule, which likewise should be adopted as a rule of the provided for current commission. In other words, a column is to be provided for current allowables and a separate column for back allowables for use when allowables are permitted. That brings we down to the matter of legally authorizing back allowables in the rules which the Committee on such rules is in the process of devising as suggestions to the commission when it resumes its hearing from the recessed hearing in Commission when it resumes its hearing from the recessed hearing in Case 15, Division (b) thereof, pertaining to the adoption of rules relating to the making up of back allowables.

Inasmuch as the plan of a combined monthly proration schedule, embracing both the first and second bimonthly periods, is being worked on for purposes of simplification, obviously the allowables for those wells completed during the first bimonthly period cannot be shown in the current monthly proration schedule. As discussed with you in the recent conference at Hobbs, the allowables for such wells can in the recent conference at Hobbs, the allowables for such wells can in the recent conference at Hobbs, the allowables for such wells can be shown in a supplemental proration schedule. Therefore, paragraph on the third page of the suggested revised preface to the monthly

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Honorable Glenn Staley

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proration schedule becomes necessary and should be authorized by a rule adopted by order of the Commission in recessed Case No. 15.

In logical sequence, there should be a suitable preface, signed by the Commission, to accompany the supplemental proration schedule in question, a suggested form of which is also enclosed.

Yery truly yours,

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Carl B. Livingston Attorney

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September 8, 1939

Honorable J. O. Seth Santa Fe, New Mexico

Res Case No. 15, Committee on Rules, for the purposes of working out suggested rules to be presented to the Commission relating to:

(a) Certification of legality of production of oil; (b) back allowables.

My dear Judge Seth:

Regarding rules being worked upon by the Committee on Rules in the above captioned matter, enclosed please find carbon copy of the letter of even date to Mr. Glenn Staley, Proration Umpire, at Hobbs, together with a copy of suggested revised preface to the bimonthly proration schedule. The preface presumes the adoption of certain rules by order of the Commission as a legal basis for the preface. These matters are more fully explained in the carbon copy of the letter to Mr. Staley.

It was desired by Mr. Staley to have the suggested revised preface to accompany the set of rules which he is to draft and submit to the various members of the committee for study. Fearing that some of the fundamental points might possibly be overlooked, I have therefore taken the liberty to point out some of these to Mr. Staley in the letter to him.

The preface as suggested may need further revision. Your suggestions will be infinitely valuable and profoundly appreciated.

As soon as Mr. Staley sends me a dopy of his draft of the rules, they will be submitted to you for your suggestions.

Very truly yours,

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Carl B. Livingston
Attorney

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Mr. Glenn Staley Proration Umpire Hobbs, New Mexico

My dear Glenn:

Mr. A. Andreas, State Geologist, showed me your letter of August 5 to him, enclosing rough draft of back allowable rules and sample proration schedule sheet.

This matter will require some discussion. When Mr. Andreas returns from the Interstate Oil Compact meeting, he will take the matter up with you for the purpose of discussion.

With best good wishes,

Cordially yours,

Carl B. Livingston Attorney

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GLENN STALEY, CHAIRMAN ENGINEERING COMMITTEE

# LEA COUNTY OPERATORS COMMITTEE

HOBBS, NEW MEXICO

August 5, 1939

Mr. A.A. Andreas, State Geologist, % State Land Office, Santa Fe, N.M.

Dear Andy:

Enclosed herewith you will find suggestions pertaining to the making up of back allowable production or shortage. I will appreciate it very much if you will make such changes as you see fit; also take the matter up with Carl Livingston and get his views in the matter, and return the enclosed suggestions as soon as possible so that I can submit them to the committee appointed in Santa Fe on July 21.

You will note that the accumulative over and short is not added or subtracted to or from the current allowable on the sample combination over and short-proration schedule. My reason for not doing this is that it would be quite a task to know in months following, whether overage was due to making up back allowable or whether the well was being produced in excess of the current allowable for other reasons. Your suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

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Glenn Staley

The following is a suggested procedure for use by the Conservation Commission of New Mexico in dealing with the matter of making up oil previously allocated to producing 40 acre units. Shortage, or back allowable should be allowed, where an operator has not had an opportunity to produce the total number of barrels allocated to a producing unit in any given proration period, for the following reasons:

- 1. When a pipe line, for mechanical or other reasons, does not purchase the total number of barrels allocated to a producing unit for the current proration period.
- 2. Lack of pipe line connection. When for mechanical or other reasons a producing unit does not receive a pipe line connection during the proration period following the completion of a well.
- 3. Remedial work. Production lost during that period in which a well is shut in while setting packer or doing other remedial work that tends to conserve reservoir energy and prevent waste.

Shortage caused by inability of a well to produce the amount allocated should be cancelled. All shortage incurred prior to date and the cause of such shortage being in accordance with the reasons set out above, the producer, the producer be required to write a letter in the form of an affidavit, together with a tabulation, showing the name of the company, lease, well number and unit letter, setting out by months the amount allocated, amount produced and the shortage up to date as indicated above. This letter and tabulation should be submitted to the Hobbs Proration Office in quintuplicate. These figures should conform to the figures shown on monthly over and short statements issued by the Proration Office. They should then be checked by the Proration Office and the Oil Conservation Commission and if found to be correct the following form of authorization be issued to all parties:

Mobbs, New Mexico Reg Company Date Lease Well No. 8.7. O R COLLYCINGILLY TO PRODUCING COMPANY \_\_\_\_Oil Company AUTUORIZATION TO PURCH SING CONFAMY from the above designated unit. This oil is in excess of the shortage of allowable of Cruce Oil Purchasing Co. current daily allowable but is accumulated shortage of allowable oil AUTHORILATION TO TRANSFORTING COMPANY This letter is your authority to transport This letter is your authority to transport oil from the above designated unit. This oil is in excess of crude current daily allowable but is accumulated shortage of allowable oil Pipe Line Company as shown by the attached letter. OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEA COUNTY OFERATORS COMPITTEE Roy Yarbrough Oil & Gas Inspector Glenn Staley, Representat.

It is also suggested that subsequent to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ date the proration schedule for the various fields and the monthly over and short statement be combined so that the current allowable and the over and short figures can be shown on the same tabulation. The schedule attached hereto (with minor alterations) is suggested as a guide.

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April 12, 1939

Honorable J. O. Seth Attorney at Law Santa Fe, New Mexico

My dear Judge Seth:

Your letter of March 21 addressed to Mr. Carl Livingston, enclosing carbon copy of letter by you to Mr. Glenn Staley dated March 21 proposing certain modifications in the semi-monthly proration schedule based upon the Commission's semi-monthly orders for allocation of oil to be preduced, has come to my attention.

In so far as I can see, the suggested changes in the heading of the proration schedule are well taken.

Very truly yours.

Frank Worden, Secretary

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March 23, 1939

Hon. J. O. Seth Attorney at Law Santa Fe, New Mexico

My dear Judge Seth:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 21, enclosing copy of letter written to Mr. Glenn Staley. This will be brought to the attention of Mr. Worden upon his return.

Tou are correct in your suggestion of leaving out reference to the Hobbs Pool Agreement, for in the allocation order form as it stands up to now, in next to the last paragraph, specific reference is made to the ratification by the Commissioner of the Hobbs Operators Agreement dated January 1, 1938. That was true at one time. The ratification of the Hobbs Operators Agreement therein referred to was in General Proration Order No. 1, adopted June 29, 1935, pursuant to public hearing on June 28, 1935. However, Order No. 48, Proration Plan for Hobbs Field, adopted December 29, 1936, pursuant to hearing of December 11, 1936, takes the place of the Hobbs Proration Plan ratified in Order No. 1. Section 22, Order No. 48, provides: "This order supersedes any provision of Order No. 1 with which it is in conflict."

Since there are now a number of operators' agreements in effect, adopted by the Commission upon hearing as orders of the Commission, there would be no more use to refer to one than the other. Originally, of sourse, there was only the Hobbs Proration Agreement, and I presume reference to the Hobbs Agreement in the monthly orders was merely carried over from usage of those days.

Very truly yours.
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Carl B. Living ston Attorney

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SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO
March 21, 1939.

Honorable Carl Livingston, State Land Office, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Dear Carl:

I enclose a copy of a letter I have just written Glenn Staley at the request of him and Mr. McCorkle, which I believe should receive your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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J. O. SETH
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW
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March 21, 1939.

Mr. Glenn Staley, Umpire, Lea County Operators Committee, Hobbs, New Mexico.

Dear Glenn:

I have your letter of the 1826 and a copy of proration schedule order No. 164.

In my judgment, the whole form of the order appearing on the first two pages of the propation schedule is exponeous and has been erroneous for a long time, though I have never given the matter any thought until I received your letter.

Each of the orders appearing on the first two pages bears the original date of June 29 1935, although order No. 164, for instance, covers distributions for the period Earch 16th to 31st, 1939.

This, of dourse, is an awkward arrangement and does not clearly express what is intended.

the complesion, my suggestion is that the first two pages read something like the following:

WHEREAS, my the day of February, 1939, the oil Conservation Commission ordered that beginning at seven o'clock A. M. March 1, 1939, and until changed by order of the commission, not more than 109,700 barrels of oil daily shall be produced in the various fields of the State; and,

WHEREAS, by various orders heretofore made, after notice and hearing, methods of allocating the production in the various fields of the State and among the wells in such fields has been fixed by the commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to said orders, the production in the various fields and from wells in such fields for the period beginning at seven o'clock A. M., March 16th, 1939, and continuing until seven o'clock A. M., April 1, 1939, and until further ordered, shall be as follows:

Then you should follow with the allocation shown on pages 1 and 2 of the order. I would omit all references in these monthly allocations to the Hobbs Pool Agreement, and then follow with

the last paragraph appearing on page 2 of order 164 and with the following sentence:

"The term 'unit' as used herein shall mean 40 acres on which there is at least one producing well, and the term 'marginal unit' is a unit which will not produce the top unit allowable for the field."

And then follow with:

"Done at Santa Fe this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 1939.

Oil Conservation Commission
Frank Worden. Secretary."

As above stated, I believe this should be submitted to the Cil Conservation Commission and to Mr. Livingston, and I am taking the liberty of sending Mr. Livingston a copy of this letter, as Mr. Worden is out of town for a week or ten days. I believe you are correct in omitting the last paragraph appearing on page 2 of the former orders with reference to yourself. The matter I think should be put out under the name of the Secretary of the Commission.

Very truly yours,

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- cc Mr. A. M. McCorkle, Stanolind Oil and Gas Company, Houston, Texas.
- oc Honorable Carl Livingston, State Land Office, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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## New Mexico

Oil Conservation Commission Santa Fe, New Mexico

GOVERNOR JOHN E. MILES, Chairman STATE GEOLOGIST A. ANDREAS, Member STATE LAND COMMISSIONER FRANK WORDEN, Sec'y



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Mominations for oil to be taken during the following month.

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Request is hereby made of all pipe line companies and purchasers of oil that each of them please make each month their nominations for the oil which they expect to take for the following month. Such mominations will serve to aid the Commission in issuing its orders of allowable for the month in which the oil is to be run.

You may send your nominations to the Santa Fe office of the Commission and as early as possible in order that the Commission will be sure to have all this information before it in issuing the monthly orders for allowable.

Your cooperation will be profoundly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

By

Mr. Ralph DeWoody Oil Conservation Commission Hobbs, New Mexico

Ret Authorisation for the running of shortage,

Dear Mr. DeWoody:

Enclosed please find suggested form letter authorising the running of shortage. I am not as familiar with fact matter regarding oil runs as I might be and you, no doubt, may be able to make valuable suggestions for improvement of such form letter.

In that there was some question as to the legality of the running of any shortage, the Commission met in the afternoon of June 22 and promulgated Emergency Order No. 152 authorizing the running of shortage in meritorious cases such as mechanical trouble and the like, within the discretion of the Commission, to endure for the first bimonthly period of July. The intention is to renew this emergency order until formal hearing can be held on July 21 to consider the adoption of a formal and permanent order establishing rules and regulations for the running of shortage and the providing for certificates of clearance.

Enclosed please find copy of such notice of hearing.

Very truly yours,

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Carl B. Livingston Attorney

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Mr. W. E. Hubbard Humble Oil & Refining Co. Houston, Texas

Re: Authorization for the running of shortage.

Dear Mr. Hubbard:

Regarding the running of shortage in a weritorious case such as mechanical trouble and the like, enclosed please find a suggested form letter for authorization of running of such shortage. I shall be profoundly grateful to you for any suggestions you may have.

In order to remove doubt as to the legality of running such shortage, the Commission held a meeting on the afternoon of June 22 and promulgated Emergency Order No. 182 authorizing the running of shortage within the discretion of the Commission in certain meritorious cases, to endure for the first bimonthly period of July, with the intention of renewing said emergency order until formal hearing for the purpose of adopting a permanent order. By law, emergency orders can only endure fifteen days at a time.

At the same said meeting, the Commission ordered a hearing upon Case 15 for the purpose of adopting rules and regulations regarding the running of shortage and for the further purpose of providing for certificates of clearance in order to carry out the provisions of Sections 13 and 14, Chapter 72, Laws of 1935, our Conservation Law. A copy of notice of hearing is enclosed for your information.

Vely truly yours,
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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#### TO ALL OPERATORS:

Beginning October 1, 1939, the proration schedule and the monthly over-and-short statement will be combined and issued as one report. The State Oil Conservation Commission is requesting that all companies submit their monthly report of operations (Form C-1044) on or before the 20th of the month following the month in which the oil was run to the pipe line. This report must be submitted in quadruplicate and distributed as follows:

l copy to the Proration Office, Hobbs, New Mexico; 2 copies to the Oil Conservation Commission, Hobbs, New Mexico; 1 copy to the pipe line purchasing the oil.

It is necessary that the monthly run to the pipe line be shown by individual wells and not by leases. Failure to comply with this order may result in the well being left off the proration schedule and being assigned no allowable.

This letter applies to both Eddy and Lea County operators.

OIL CONSERVATION COUNISSION

Ву

#### STATE OF NEW NEXICO SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

ORDER MO. 198, Domestic, First Bimonthly Period.
ORDER MO. 199, Domestic, Second Bimonthly Period.
ORDER MO. 200, Export Purposes Only, First Bimonthly Period.

ORDER NO. 200-A, Export Purposes Only, Second Bimonthly Period.

WHEREAS, on the 31st day of August, 1939, the Oil Conservation Commission ordered there shall be produced not more than the following numbers of barrels of oil daily in bimonthly periods from the various fields of the State until changed by order of the Commission, as follows:

> Order No. 198, 97,000 barrels for domestic markets for the first bimonthly period beginning at seven o'clock A. M., September 1, 1939, and ending at seven o'clock A. M., September 16, 1939.

> Order No. 199, 97,000 barrels for domestic markets for the second bimonthly period beginning at seven o'clock A. M., September 16, 1939, and ending at seven d'clock A. M., October 1, 1939.

> Order No. 200, 3,000 barrels for export purposes only for the first bimonthly period beginning at seven o'clock A. H., September 1, 1939, and ending at seven o'clock A. M., September 16, 1939.

Order No. 200-A, 3,000 barrels for export purposes only for the second bimonthly period beginning at seven o'clock A. M., September 16, 1939, and ending at seven o'clock A. M., October 1, 1939.

WHEREAS, by various orders heretofore made, after notice and hearing, methods of allocating the production in the various fields of the State and among the wells in such fields has been fixed by the Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to said orders, the production deily in the various fields and from various wells in such fields in bimonthly periods and until further ordered shall be as follows:

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TOTAL ALLOCATION 371 marginal units = 7,978
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- 1. The term Wunit as used herein shall mean 40 acres on which there is at least one producing well, and the term "marginal unit is a unit which will not produce the top unit allowable for the field.
- 2. This is to certify as to authorization of the production of cil both for current allowable and back allowable in the proration schedule attached hereto and made a part hereof.
- 3. Allowables for wells completed during the first bimonthly period are not shown in the proration schedule attached hereto and made a part hereof, but are shown in a supplemental proration schedule for the second bimonthly period; and when said supplemental proration schedule is identified as a supplement to the proration schedule attached hereto and signed by the Commission as hereinbelow, said supplemental proration schedule shall have the same legal effect as to authorization of production as though originally a part of the proration schedule attached hereto and made a part hereof.

DONE at Santa Pe, New Mexico, this 31st day of August, 1939.

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

By Frank Worden, Secretary.

#### STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

SUPPLEMENTAL PRORATION SCHEDULE OF ALLOWABLES FOR WELLS COMPLETED DURING THE SECOND BIMONTHLY PERIOD AND NOT SHOWN IN THE PRORATION SCHEDULE FOR THE CORRESPONDING MONTH.

ORDER NO. 199, Domestic, Second Bimonthly Period. ORDER NO. 200-A, Export Purposes Only, Second Bimonthly Period.

allowables for wells completed during the second bimonthly period and not shown in the proration schedule for the corresponding month and is made a part of the said monthly proration schedule as much as though originally a part thereof. For identification of the attached supplemental proration as a part of the corresponding monthly proration schedule, the attached supplemental proration schedule, the attached supplemental proration schedule is within the authority of the above captioned orders for showables promulgated by the Oil Conservation Commission on the 31st day of August, 1939.

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Frank Worden, Secretary.