

Case No.

311

Application, Transcript,
Small Exhibits, Etc.

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. 311
ORDER NO. R-105

THE APPLICATION OF EL PASO
NATURAL GAS COMPANY FOR APPROVAL
OF AN UNORTHODOX LOCATION 486 FEET
FROM THE NORTH LINE AND 323 FEET FROM
THE WEST LINE, SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 30N.,
RANGE 9W., SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO,
AND FOR CHANGE IN DESIGNATED NAME OF THE
WELL.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at Santa Fe, New Mexico, at 10 a.m., on October 23, 1951, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission", upon petition of El Paso Natural Gas Company for approval of an unorthodox location of a well drilled upon lands in San Juan County, New Mexico.

NOW, on this 31st day of October, 1951, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered all of the testimony adduced and exhibits received at said hearing, 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 Delhi Oil Corporation drilled its Florance-Federal No. 1-15 on acreage held by applicant, due to a mistake by the surveyor.

(3) That Delhi Oil Corporation believed the well was located 990 feet from the north line and 990 feet from the east line of Section 5, Township 30 North, Range 9 West, San Juan County, New Mexico, whereas, in fact the well was located 486 feet from the north line and 323 feet from the west line of Section 4, Township 30 North, Range 9 West, San Juan County, New Mexico.

(4) That applicant has purchased this well from Delhi Oil Corporation.

(5) That the well was erroneously designated as Delhi Oil Corporation's Florance-Federal No. 1-15, and for good and sufficient reason the designation should be changed to San Juan Production Company H. K. Riddle No. 1.

(6) That offset operators have approved actual location of the well and correlative rights will be protected.

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There appearing no objection thereto.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

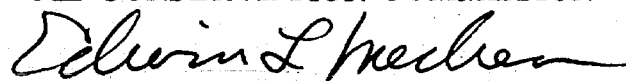
(1) That location of the well erroneously drilled by Delhi Oil Corporation 486 feet from the North line and 323 feet from the west line in Section 4, Township 30 North, Range 9 West, San Juan County, New Mexico, be, and the same hereby is approved.

(2) That commission C-101 form showing location of the well be corrected to show the true location, and as corrected, be, and the same hereby is approved.

(3) That the name of the well be, and the same hereby is changed from Delhi Oil Corporation, Florance-Federal No. 1-15 to San Juan Production Company H. K. Riddle No. 1.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION



EDWIN L. MECHEM, Chairman

GUY SHEPARD, Member



R. R. SPURRIER, Secretary

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

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Mr. W. T. Hollis
El Paso Natural Gas Co.
102-1/2 North Court Avenue
Farmington, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Hollis:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 5 in which you ask for an unorthodox location for a well known as Florence-Federal No. 1-15 and for the name to be changed to San Juan Production Co. H. K. Riddle No. 1. This matter will be set down for hearing on October 23, at which time you should have an expert witness to testify on the matters which you claim in your application.

Very truly yours,

R. R. Spurrier

RRS:mr

cc: Mr. Al Greer
Oil Conservation Commission
Aztec, N. M.

EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY

102 $\frac{1}{2}$ North Court Avenue
Farmington, New Mexico

September 5, 1951

Case 311

October hearing

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Sirs:

Please consider this letter as a petition for an unorthodox location covering the well and situation discussed below.

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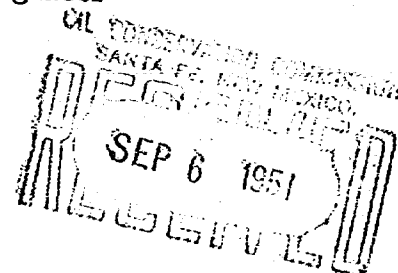
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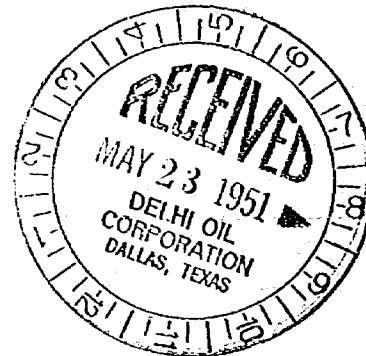
Enclosures



EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY *Case 211*

102½ North Court Avenue
Farmington, New Mexico

May 16, 1951



Delhi Oil Corporation
305 West Main Street
Farmington, New Mexico

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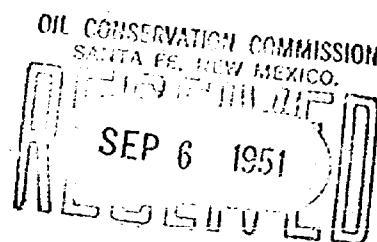
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EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY

By W. T. Hollis
W. T. Hollis
Chief Petroleum Engineer

APPROVED:

W. C. Smith



Case 311

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102 $\frac{1}{2}$ North Court Avenue
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1453 Esperson Building
Houston, Texas

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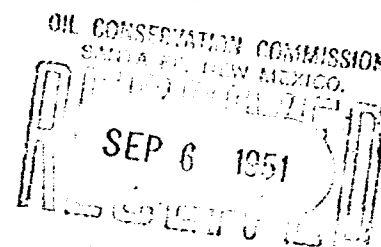
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9469 1st Natl Bldg
Okla City Ok.



(SUBMIT IN TRIPLICATE)

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEYLand Office Santa Fe
Lease No. 081098
Unit H. K. Riddle
(Formerly Florence-Federal)

SUNDRY NOTICES AND REPORTS ON WELLS

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July 13, 1951

Well No. 1 is located 486 ft. from N line and 323 ft. from E line of sec. 4

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The elevation of the derrick floor above sea level is 6233 ft.

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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The 1/4 consisting of 322.7 acres dedicated to this well.
I understand that this plan of work must receive approval in writing by the Geological Survey before operations may be commenced.

Company SAN JUAN PRODUCTION COMPANYAddress 102 1/2 North Court AvenueFarmington, New Mexico

By

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N. M. OIL & GAS ENGINEERING COMMITTEE

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HOBBS, NEW MEXICO

November 28, 1951

Mr. R. R. Spurrier
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P. O. Box 871
Santa Fe, New Mexico

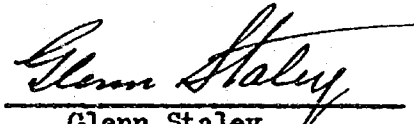
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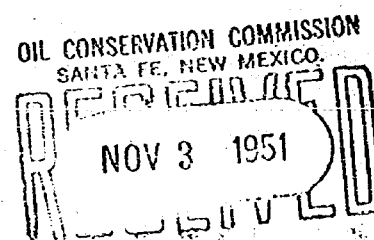
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Thank you very much..

Yours very truly,


Glenn Staley

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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Transcript of Hearing

Case No. 311
October 23, 1951

E. E. GREEBON
ADA DEARNLEY
COURT REPORTERS
BOX 1303
PHONES 5-9422 AND 5-9546
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

MR. SPURRIER: We will go on to Case 311.

(Mr. Kellahin reads the Notice of Publication.)

MR. HOLLIS: My name is W. T. Hollis with the El Paso Natural Gas Company. I would like to submit the testimony for this case.

(Witness sworn.)

MR. HOLLIS: I have a letter here I would like to read which I believe will cover this case 311 as far as we are concerned.

"Please consider this letter as a petition for an unorthodox location covering the well and situation discussed below.

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We submit this data as pointed out in this letter and respectfully request approval for this unorthodox location.

MR. SPURRIER: Does anyone have any questions or comment? Is there any objection to the El Paso proposal. If not, we will take the case under advisement and proceed to Case No. 312.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
: SS
COUNTY OF BERNALILLO)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached transcript of hearing before the Oil Conservation Commission in Case No. 311, taken on October 23, 1951, is a true and correct record to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

DATED at Albuquerque, New Mexico, this 19 day of November 1951.

E. G. Lueson
REPORTER

102 $\frac{1}{2}$ North Court Avenue
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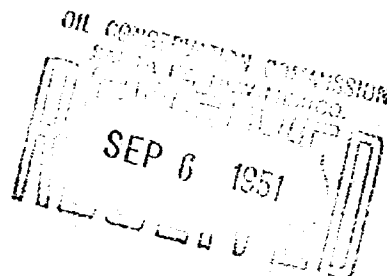
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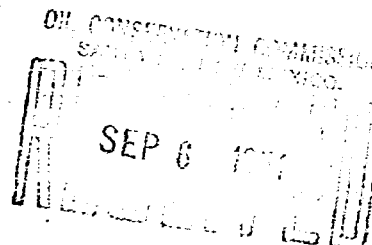
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