

Case No.

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Application, Transcript,  
Small Exhibits, Etc.

BEFORE THE  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

CASE NO. 325

November 20, 1951

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ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

BEFORE THE  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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In Re:

In the Matter of the application of )  
Benson and Montin for approval of an )  
unorthodox location for its Benson- )  
Montin Well No. 6, Gallegos Canyon )  
Unit, 1340 feet N of the S line and )  
1110 feet E of the W line, 22-28N- )  
12W, San Juan County. )

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(Mr. Kellahin reads the notice of publication.)

MR. SETH: If the Commission please, this is an application for an unorthodox location of a well already completed in the Gallegos Canyon Unit.

Mr. M. W. Campbell, having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

(Direction examination by Mr. Seth.)

Q Please state your name.

A M. W. Campbell.

Q Where do you live?

A Oklahoma City.

Q By whom are you employed?

A Benson and Montin.

Q Are you familiar with the Benson and Montin Well No. 6 in the Gallegos Canyon?

A Yes, I am.

Q Please state the facts to the Commission.

A Well No. 6 in the Gallegos Canyon Unit was originally surveyed April 28, 1951. At that time the stake was placed 990 feet from the west line and certified. It was so indicated on our notice of intention to drill. Drilling operations commenced September 16, 1951. Shortly thereafter a shallow normal pressure gas sand was encountered at the 500 feet mark, which lead to the decision to attempt completion in the pictured cliffs. This had been originally started

as a Dakota test. The decision was made to complete it in the pictured cliffs at 1400 feet rather than continue drilling to the Dakota. The location was re-surveyed for the new Dakota test, which would utilize an intermediate string of casing. At that time Well No. 6 was found to be 1340 feet of the south line and 810 feet from the west line. This could only have been caused by an error in the original survey or movement of the stake by meddlers. The entire area surrounded is unitized and it is believed that no rights will be damaged by the location. The present status is that the casing is set on the pictured cliffs 1423 feet and operations have been suspended since October 13th pending approval.

Q Benson-Montin are the operators of the Gallegos Canyon Unit?

A That's right.

Q All the land surrounding it is within that unit, and there will be a new well in that vicinity as a Dakota test.

A That's right.

CHAIRMAN SPURRIER: Any questions of this witness? If not, the witness will be excused. The case will be taken under advisement and we will proceed to Case No. 326.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO )  
COUNTY OF BERNALILLO ) ss

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached Transcript of Proceedings in Case. No. 325, before the Oil Conservation Commission, taken on November 20, 1951, is a true and correct record of the same to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

DATED at Albuquerque, New Mexico, Dec 5 1951.

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BEN **B&M** MONTIN

OIL PRODUCERS AND OPERATORS

EARL A. BENSON  
WM. V. MONTIN

October 22, 1951

Mr. R. R. Spurrier, Director  
Oil Conservation Commission  
P. O. Box 871  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

Re: Benson-Montin Well # 6 Gallegos Canyon Unit.  
SW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 22, T. 28N., R. 12 W. San Juan  
County.

Request is hereby made for approval of an unorthodox location for subject well. During the drilling of this well, a blowout and fire were suffered which led to the decision to complete the well in the Pictured Cliffs formation, and to skid the rig and case off the blowout zone in the new well which is projected to the Dakota formation.

1340  
correct  
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At this time the location was resurveyed and was found to be 1320' north of the south line and 1110' east of the west line of Sec. 22, instead of 990' north of the south line and 990' east of the west line, as was thought.

The entire area surrounding this well is unitized, and in view of this and the circumstances stated above, it is believed that no rights will be damaged as a result of the location of this well. The U.S.G.S. has stated it would approve the location subject to your approval.

Very truly yours,

BENSON & MONTIN

*Jack London*  
Jack London

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO.

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Company Benson-Montin

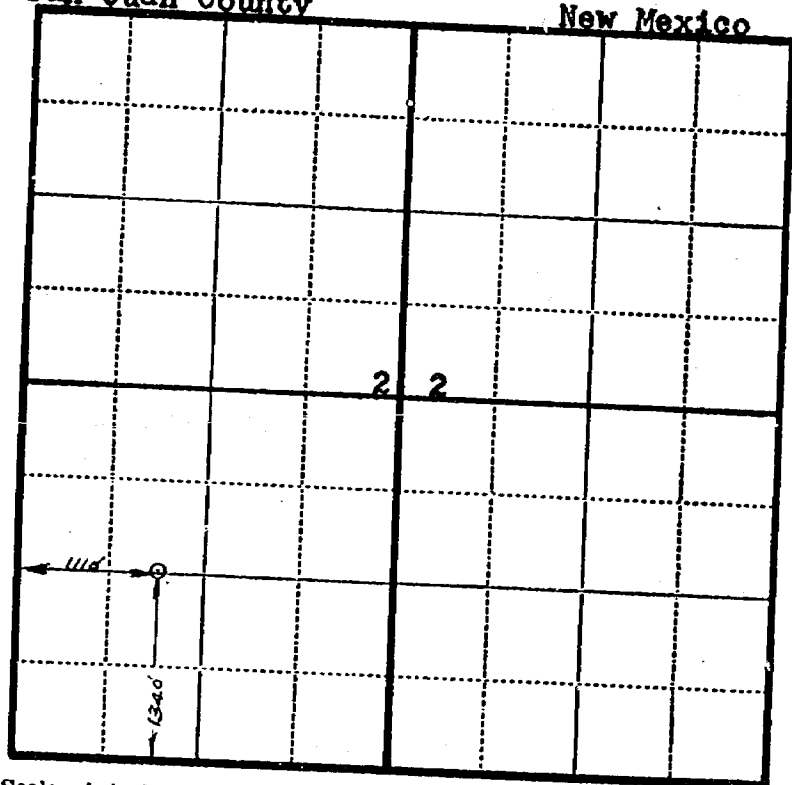
Lease Gallegos Canyon Unit Well No. 6

Sec. 22 T. 28 N., R. 12 W., N.M.P.M.

Location 1340' from the South line and 1110' from the West line.

San Juan County

New Mexico



Scale—4 inches equals 1 mile.

This is to certify that the above plat was prepared from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision and that the same are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

*Charles J. Finklea*

Seal:

Registered Professional Charles J. Finklea  
Engineer and Land Surveyor. N. Mex. Reg. No. 1302

Surveyed October 20, 19 51



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 CON-  
SIDERING:

CASE NO. 325  
ORDER NO. R-119

THE APPLICATION OF BENSON & MONTIN  
FOR APPROVAL OF AN UNORTHODOX WELL  
LOCATION FOR ITS BENSON-MONTIN WELL  
NO. 6, GALLEGOS CANYON UNIT, 1340 FEET  
NORTH OF THE SOUTH LINE AND 1110 FEET  
EAST OF THE WEST LINE, SECTION 22,  
TOWNSHIP 28 N., RANGE 12 W., NMPM,  
SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 10 a. m. November 20, 1951,  
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New  
Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this ~~20~~<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1951, the Commission, having  
considered 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 during the course of drilling it was discovered  
that the Benson-Montin well No. 6 was improperly located, due to inadvert-  
ence, or a surveyor's error.

(3) That the entire area surrounding the Benson-Montin  
Well No. 6 has been unitized and correlative rights of adjoining lessees  
will not be impaired or infringed, and

There appearing no objection thereto,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That the location of Benson & Montin's Benson-Montin Well No. 6,  
1340 feet north of the south line and 1110 feet east of the west line of Section  
22, Township 28 North, Range 12 West, NMPM, San Juan, County, New  
Mexico, be, and the same hereby is approved.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
*Edwin L. Mechem*  
EDWIN L. MECHEM, Chairman  
*Guy Shepard*  
GUY SHEPARD, Member  
*R. R. Spurrer*  
R. R. SPURRIER, Secretary

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