

Case Number

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IN THE MATTER OF:

Edward M. Kriss to appear and show cause why Little Chama Valley Company Well No. 1 should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.

Case No. 4267  
(Reopened)

BEFORE: Elvis A. Utz, Examiner

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

MR. UTZ: Case 4267.

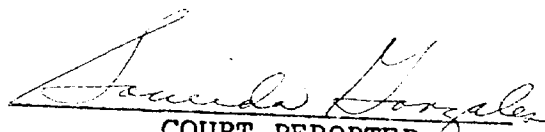
MR. HATCH: Case 4267 (Reopened). In the matter of Case No. 4267 being reopened by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Edward M. Kriss and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Edward M. Kriss Little Chama Valley Company Well No. 1, a wildcat well, located 545 feet from the North line and 1530 feet from the West line of Section 2, Township 1 North, Range 2 East, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.

The Supervisor of the Aztec District, Mr. Henry Arnold, has notified the Commission that the well has been plugged properly and recommends dismissal in the case.

MR. UTZ: Case will be dismissed.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO )  
 ) ss  
COUNTY OF BERNALILLO )

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BEFORE THE  
NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Santa Fe, New Mexico  
November 25, 1969

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

The hearing called by the Oil Conservation  
Commission on its own motion to permit  
Edward M. Kriss and all other interested  
parties to appear and show cause why the  
Edward M. Kriss Little Chama Valley Company  
Well No. 1, a wildcat well, located 545 feet  
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West line of Section 2, Township 1 North,  
Range 2 East, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico,  
should not be plugged and abandoned in ac-  
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Case No.  
4267

BEFORE: Elvis A. Utz, Examiner.

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

MR. UTZ: Case 4267.

MR. HATCH: Case 4267. In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Edward M. Kriss and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Edward M. Kriss Little Chama Valley Company Well No. 1, a wildcat well, located 545 feet from the North line and 1530 feet from the West line of Section 2, Township 1 North, Range 2 East, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.

MR. HATCH: George Hatch, appearing on behalf of the Commission Staff, and I have one witness to be sworn.

(Witness sworn).

MR. MORRIS: Mr. Examiner, I would like to enter my appearance in this case, please.

I am Dick Morris, of Montgomery, Federici, Andres, Hannahs and Morris, appearing on behalf of Edward M. Kriss.

We have Mr. O'Dell here, Mr. C. L. O'Dell, who is an agent for Mr. Kriss, and who will be available for questioning.

MR. UTZ: You may proceed.

E. C. ARNOLD

called as a witness, having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. HATCH:

Q Will you state your name and position for the record?

A E. C. Arnold, supervisor of District Three of the Oil Conservation Commission.

Q As supervisor of District Three, Mr. Arnold, do you make recommendations to the Commission concerning the plugging of wells in this district?

A Yes, sir.

Q What wells do you make recommendations concerning plugging of and why?

A Any well that is drilled which doesn't secure production is ultimately plugged and abandoned in such manner as to confine any fluid to force zones in the well bore.

Q Are you familiar with the purpose of Case 4267?

A Yes, sir, I am.

Q Did you ask that the case be set?

A Yes, sir.

Q Are you familiar with the well that is the subject of this case?

A Yes, this is the Edward M. Kriss Little Chama Valley Company Well No. 1, which is located 545 feet from the north line and 1530 feet from the west line of Section 2, Township 1 North, Range 2 East, Martin and Border Survey Area, Rio Arriba County --

MR. UTZ: What survey areas?

THE WITNESS: Martin and Border's.

MR. UTZ: All right. Proceed.

Q (By Mr. Hatch) Do you have with you the official records concerning the subject well?

A Yes, sir.

Q And who does that show as the operator of the well?

A Edward M. Kriss.

Q Would you, referring to your official records that you have, give a brief history of the well?

A Yes. Notice of intention to drill was filed on October 14, 1968. This original notice showed that the well was located six hundred sixty feet from the north

line, nineteen hundred and ninety feet from the west line of Section 2 -- this location was later corrected also on October 14, 1968, a one well bond, in the name of Edward M. Kriss was approved.

No further information was received by the Commission concerning the operation and on December 27, 1968, the file reflects that I wrote a letter to Edward M. Kriss stating that the Commission was aware that a well had been drilled at a total depth of twenty-five hundred and seventeen feet, a reported depth of twenty-five hundred and seventeen feet -- and had been temporarily abandoned with a fish in the hole -- a string of drill pipe, actually.

As of that date, no reports of any kind have been filed with the Commission, indicating that the well had been spudded.

As I requested of Mr. Kriss that delinquent reports be filed. On January 16, 1968, form C 103, sundry report form was filed, or was received, showing that the drill pipe had been twisted off by the operator.

It didn't indicate what the total depth of the hole was -- the operator stated that the well had been temporarily abandoned, and that it was their intention to reenter and whit stock it in the spring of 1969.

And on March 17, 1969, another sundry notice was received, which stated that the well had been drilled to a total depth of twenty-five hundred and twelve feet, and a drill stem had been twisted off at a depth of eleven hundred and seventy-four feet.

In other attempts that had been made over a five-week period, recovered a stuck drill pipe, and these efforts were unsuccessful.

This report also stated that the well had been temporarily abandoned. At the same time, a resurvey was filed, showing that the location, the corrected location to be five hundred and forty-five feet from the north line, fifteen hundred and thirty feet from the west line, of Section 2, 1 North, 2 East.

On September 11, 1969, the file contains another letter, which I wrote to Edward M. Kriss, advising that the delinquent reports had not been recieved, and advising that a hearing would be set to have the operator show cause why the well should not be plugged and abandoned.

That pretty well covers the history of the operation.

Q Mr. Arnold, the last activity then, that you know of, was prior to March, 1969?

A It was in or about March, 1969.

Q Approximately ten months ago?

A Yes, sir.

Q Have you received or has the Commission received a notice of intention to plug this well?

A No, sir.

Q Has the Commission received a report that the well has been plugged?

A No.

Q Have you or anyone from your office witnessed the plugging of the subject well?

A No.

Q Is it your opinion that this is an abandoned hole?

A I believe the evidence would seem to point in that direction.

Q Is it your opinion that if the subject well is left in its present condition that crude oil, natural gas or water will escape into other strata?

A Certainly, if oil or gas were present at this well when it was drilled, well, this danger would exist. I have no information that oil or gas was encountered or water either, for that matter.

I would rather suspect that the porous zones in

the Dakota Formation and possibly, the Entrada, did contain water.

Q In your opinion, if the well were drilled to a depth of approximately twenty-five hundred feet, that it would penetrate certain zones?

A Yes --- and actually, by conversation, this morning, and also looking at some electric logs, which Mr. O'Dell has brought with him, I have determined that the well did penetrate the Entrada sandstone.

Q You have no information other than what you have discussed this morning?

A That's right.

Q Is it your opinion that the well should be plugged?

A Yes, it's my opinion that the well should be plugged.

Q Do you have a recommended plugging program?

A Well, actually, the fact that there is drill pipe in the hole, which the operators, after a five-week period, was unable to recover, I would imagine that we will have to amend the plugging program.

Q Excuse me ---

A Somewhat.

MR. HATCH: May I ask Mr. Morris if he plans for Mr. O'Dell to testify --

MR. MORRIS: Mr. Hatch, what I wanted to do, at some point here, was to offer form C 103, which Mr. O'Dell prepared just this morning, that shows and states on it the manner in which this well has been plugged, and we would like to get it straight if we can, whether this form of plugging is acceptable to the Commission, and I would like to tender these forms at this time.

It might expedite this --

MR. HATCH: Well, I was going to suggest stopping the questions of Mr. Arnold at the present time, and allow Mr. Morris to put his witness on.

MR. ARNOLD: I believe I could answer your other question a little more fully at the moment, which might help -- I believe, from the present condition of the well, that I would accept a plugging job -- we had approximately one hundred feet of cement set on top of the fish -- and I don't believe it will be possible to get cement below that point, anyway -- and that a top plug, with a marker set, in that location -- properly leveled and cleaned.

MR. HATCH: That would be your recommendation now?

THE WITNESS: Yes. In view of the present condition of the hole.

Q (By Mr. Hatch) I think, perhaps to have it in the record a little clearer what the present condition of the hole is, it might be well to have Mr. Morris to put his witness on.

MR. MORRIS: Mr. O'Dell has not been sworn.

(Witness sworn).

GERALD L. O'DELL

called as a witness, having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. MORRIS:

Q Mr. O'Dell, state your name and where you live.

A My name is Gerald O'Dell, and I live in Newport Beach, California.

Q What is your relationship to Mr. Edward M. Kriss?

A I acted as an agent for him in this subsequent work. This well was originally drilled by Mr. Kriss, with a gentleman by the name of Paul Harr.

As Mr. Arnold has testified, the well was abandoned and in the same section, they reentered an old well that Mr. Harr had drilled, I believe, in 1959, known as the Rhine

Petroleum No. 1 Well.

The ownership of the lease changed during that period of time, and I was requested to come to New Mexico, and a twin well was drilled to the Kriss No. 1 Well, which I believe was approximately one hundred and sixty-five feet from the Kriss No. 1.

And I believe it was at that time, it was possibly marked -- I don't recall the dates, actually, that we filed, but it was brought up to date, the forms that had not been filed prior to the time that that has been filed.

We did discuss plugging the Kriss No. 1 Well and the conditions, and actually, I thought the form had been filed to plug, since this well was only to be one hundred and sixty-five feet from the Kriss No. 1 Well.

We did drill the other well, which was known as Rio Trust Little Chama Valley Company Well No. 1, set approximately at fifteen hundred and some feet.

The hole was drilled to twenty-one hundred and thirty-nine feet by the driller, and twenty-one hundred and thirty-one feet by Welex, and we encountered no productive zones.

In the lower zones, we thought possibly we had a show in the upper Dakotas -- pipe was set -- four and

a half inch casing was set. It was subsequently tested and we recovered no oil or gas shows, some water, and plugs were set.

And during this time, during the period that the drilling was taking place, on the Rio Trust Little Chama Valley Company Well No. 1, the Kriss Well was plugged, which I believe was in May -- no, April, because we logged this well in April, but the well was plugged with ten sacks of cement on top of the fish, and then the hole was loaded with mud, topped with ten sacks of cement, and a four-inch marker placed on top of the Kriss Well.

Q Have you prepared form C 103, reflecting the plugging information you have just related?

A Yes, sir.

Q Was the location and pits cleaned up?

A Yes, sir. The location of pits were cleaned up on all three of these wells in the same section, prior to the time the rig was moved.

In the intent to file -- or, as of yesterday, we discussed with the Commission to plug the other two wells that are in that section.

MR. MORRIS: Mr. Examiner, we would like to tender to the Commission at this time, even though it's not in

typewritten form, it's handwritten, but the form C 103, reflecting the manner in which the subject well has been plugged.

MR. HATCH: Do you wish that marked as an exhibit?

MR. MORRIS: No, I don't think it needs to be marked as an exhibit.

Q (By Mr. Morris) How many feet of cement would that ten sacks of cement place above the fish?

A In figuring with Mr. Kendrick, yesterday, in Aztec, approximately eighty feet.

Q In your opinion, would that adequately seal off the zone as best as can be done with the fish in the hole?

A In my opinion, it would -- in comparing it with the induction electric log on the twin well, which was one hundred and sixty-five feet away.

Q Do you have anything further you care to add at this time?

A No, sir. I might say that Mr. Arnold had not seen the induction log or the electric log on this offset well until this morning -- and I had to steal it from Welex to get it over here.

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. UTZ:

Q Mr. O'Dell, when was this plugging done; in

April, you say?

A I really can't remember the exact date, but it was plugged when we moved the rig in to drill the Little Chama Valley Company Well No. 1, Rio Trust.

And the log date, the date that we logged this well, the Little Chama Valley Company Well No. 1, which was the twin, was 4-5-69.

So, I know we stayed here because we were waiting to get the blanket bond -- after we had filled the forms out. So, when we moved the rig in, is when we did the plug-in -- I don't really remember the exact date.

Q Who was in charge of the operation at that time?

A Actually, I was -- on the Little Chama No. 1 -- The only excuse I have was that I thought that the day that we filed all the forms, which there was some back forms to fill in on the reentry well and so forth, and we had the locations resurveyed -- I thought that I had filled out in his office an intention to plug, which obviously I didn't.

But, I believe you will agree with me that we did a back log of work that day, because -- the reentry well, and so forth -- there were forms to be filled in on that that no one had filled in on -- and submit it to the state.

Q Did you witness this plugging yourself?

A No. G. O. Packer, our tool pusher, witnessed it.

Q He's the one that told you how to put the well --

A Well, we told him -- I had discussed this with Mr. Arnold, and that's why I thought that we had filed this. And he said, in discussing it, that due to the fish in the hole, we thought approximately one hundred feet of cement on top of the fish and one hundred feet at the top of the hole would be sufficient, and this was the instructions that I did give to Mr. Packer, who was our tool pusher.

Q And you feel that he plugged it in accordance with your instructions?

A Yes, sir, I do.

Q Do you say you still have two wells in this section to take care of?

A Yes, sir.

Q And you will notify Mr. Arnold on these two wells, so he can go on with the plugging, if necessary?

A Yes, sir. In fact, I was with Mr. Kendrick in Mr. Arnold's office yesterday, to work out the plugging program, and also with Halliburton, and we plan to plug

the two wells tomorrow.

MR. UTZ: Any other questions of the witness?

MR. ARNOLD: There is one other thing that I would like to mention, and that is if form C 105, Well Record Form, should also be filed on this well, because we still, even with this form, have nothing in the file which shows exactly everything that was done in the well.

For instance, we have no surface pipe report.

THE WITNESS: I can furnish that -- I can furnish all of the information that's possible that I can gather, but I was not on the well, and as I understand from the drillers, they had no samples.

All I know is that there was a log run to the top of the fish, which is still in shale.

MR. ARNOLD: Well, of course, a sample log is not so important, if we have an electric log, but at least the C 105 should be --

THE WITNESS: Right -- well, they did run an electric log to the top of the fish, which was approximately eleven hundred and seventy-two feet, I believe.

MR. UTZ: It's your testimony, Mr. Arnold, that this plugging program is shown on the form 103 presented at this hearing and is satisfactory?

MR. ARNOLD: Yes, sir -- if it's plugged in that way, I believe I would accept it.

MR. UTZ: Well, there's no much of any way to determine whether it's plugged in this way or not, except what the drillers told Mr. O'Dell, unless you want to uncover it --

THE WITNESS: Well, I will say this -- that we certainly wanted the well plugged correctly because we were so close with the other well that we were drilling -- that we would not want to take the chance of channeling or --

MR. UTZ: Any other questions of either witness?  
You may be excused.

(Witnesses excused).

MR. UTZ: Statements? The case will be taken under advisement.

We will adjourn the hearing until one-thirty.

(Whereupon, a recess was held until one-thirty

P.M.)

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I, CA FENLEY, Court Reporter in and for the County of Bernalillo, State of New Mexico, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached Transcript of Hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission was reported by me; and that the same is a true and correct record of the said proceedings to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

*Blair Fenley*

Court Reporter

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a complete record of the proceedings in the Interior hearing of Case No. 4267 heard by me on May 25, 1968.  
*[Signature]*  
 Secretary  
 New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF CASE NO. 4267 BEING REOPENED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION ON ITS OWN MOTION TO PERMIT EDWARD M. KRISS AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE EDWARD M. KRISS LITTLE CHAMA VALLEY COMPANY WELL NO. 1, A WILDCAT WELL, LOCATED 545 FEET FROM THE NORTH LINE AND 1530 FEET FROM THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, MNPM, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, SHOULD NOT BE PLUGGED AND ABANDONED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMMISSION-APPROVED PLUGGING PROGRAM.

CASE No. 4267  
Order No. R-4004

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on August 5, 1970, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this 12th day of August, 1970, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

- (1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the subject well has been plugged and abandoned to the satisfaction of the Commission.
- (3) That the subject case should be dismissed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That Case No. 4267 is hereby dismissed.

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CASE No. 4267

Order No. R-4004

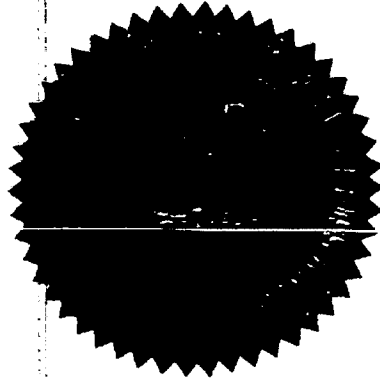
DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

  
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**OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

P. O. BOX 2088

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

August 12, 1970

**Mr. Edward M. Kriss  
3333 W. Coast Highway, Suite 504  
Newport Beach, California**

**Re: Case 4267 (Reopened) - Edward M. Kriss Little Chama  
Valley Company Well No. 1, located 545 feet from the  
North line and 1530 feet from the West line of Section  
2, Township 1 North, Range 2 East, NMPN, Rio Arriba  
County, New Mexico - General Insurance Company of  
America \$5,000 One-Well Plugging Bond No. 621637**

**Dear Mr. Kriss:**

**I am enclosing a copy of Order No. R-4004 entered by the  
Commission in the subject matter.**

**Very truly yours,**

**GEORGE M. HATCH  
Attorney**

**GMM/esr  
Enclosure**

**cc: General Insurance Company of  
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Re: Oil Well Plugging Bond 621637  
Principal: Edward M. Kriss  
Subject: Docket No. 18-70  
Hearing August 5, 1970  
Case 4267

Oil Well Plugging Bond 729561  
Principal: Rio Trust  
Subject: Docket No. 18-70  
Hearing August 5, 1970  
Case 4397

Gentlemen:

In response to your letters of August 5, 1970, concerning the above-described cases, I wish to inform you that the subject cases were dismissed by Orders Nos. R-4004 and R-4006, dated August 12, 1970, upon the recommendation of the Supervisor of the Aztec District Office of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission. Copies of the orders are enclosed.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE M. HATCH  
Attorney

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August 5, 1970

Oil Conservation Commission  
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Attention Mr. G. M. Hatch, Attorney

Oil Well Plugging Bond 621637  
Prin: Edward N. Kriss  
Subject: Docket No. 18-70-  
Hearing August 5, 1970  
Case 4267

Gentlemen:

We have received a copy of your notice of July 27, 1970 relative to the above case No. 4267 which it is indicated is to be heard relative to the question of plugging and abandonment. The notice is somewhat confusing to us as some time ago we were furnished with a copy of Commission form C 103, dated November 1969 and signed by a Mr. G. L. O'Dell. The form reports what appears to be the plugging and abandonment of the wells which are the subject of case 4267.

It may be that the Commission records are still open and we would appreciate receiving confirmation that the records have now been cleared and that our bond is exonerated.

Yours very truly,

General Insurance Company of America

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Little Chama Valley Co. Well No. 1  
located 660 feet from the North line  
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and the S/2 of Section 2, Township 23 South, Range 26 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, to form two 320-acre proration units for the production of gas from any or all zones of the Pennsylvanian formation. Said N/2 and S/2 to be dedicated to wells to be drilled respectively, at unorthodox locations 2500 feet from the North line and 330 feet from the East line of said Section 2 and 990 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line of said Section 2.

Also to be considered will be the costs of drilling said wells, a charge for the risk involved, provisions for the allocation of actual operating costs, and the establishment of charges for supervision of said wells.

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Dear Mr. Kriss:

I am enclosing a copy of the docket of the Examiner Hearing that will be held on Wednesday, August 5, 1970, at 9 a.m., in the Oil Conservation Commission Conference Room, State Land Office Building, Santa Fe, New Mexico, concerning the subject matter.

Very truly yours,

*George M. Hatch*

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I pointed out in the letter of February 6, 1970, that upon receipt of the requested information the Commission could dismiss Case 4267 and it would be unnecessary to set cases for the plugging of the Rio Trust Sargent Well No. 1 and Rio Trust Little Chama Valley Company Well No. 1. As the requested information has not been received, it appears that the Commission will have to reopen Case 4267 and set cases for the plugging of the Rio Trust wells.

You will be notified of any further action the Commission takes.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE M. HATCH  
Attorney

GMH/esr  
Enclosure

cc: Mr. Richard S. Morris  
Montgomery, Federici, Andrews,  
Hannahs and Morris  
P. O. Box 2307  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

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Albuquerque, New Mexico

*use this  
address for  
Kriss*  
Mr. Gerald L. O'Dell  
3333 W. Coast Highway, Suite 504  
Newport Beach, California

Oil Conservation Commission  
1000 Rio Brazos Road  
Aztec, New Mexico

7-2-1970.

Mr. Arnold:

Here is the info. from Halliburton on Rhine #1 <sup>PARCENT</sup> Re-entry by Rio Trust:

O'Dell told the writer when they discontinued working on this well that he (O'Dell) put a plug <sup>in</sup> at 1600'; PERF. 1650-1651'. Halliburton records show PERF. 1650-1651'. 4 1/2" 9.5" esq at 2580'.

Halliburton pumped 35 SC cement through PERF. 1650-1651' + left plug 1650-1400'. Top of casing - 10 SX. cement.

This left the Todito-Entrada zone wide open to the water sand (probably the "Salt Wash") above the Todito-Entrada, and this water is going into the Todito-Entrada oil & gas zones as O'Dell did not do any good with the squeeze job in attempting to squeeze off this water. The "TRACER" showed the water coming from above the "pay" and not from the Todito-Entrada.

A Rig should be moved in on this well, the plug drilled out and the job done right at the oil zone or immediately above to protect this oil & gas zone.

Now on Rio Trust - Little Chama Valley Co. #1 - O'Dell left this well when they quit it with perforations 1353'-1364', top perf., but with perfs. + plugs on down the hole. 4 1/2" esq. at 2139'. Halliburton pumped 38 SC. cement through perf. 1353'-1364' + top of plug then at 1380' (5 SX. AT TOP.)

Mr. Arnold #2 -

Halliburton ~~did~~ nothing on  
Edw. M. Kreis #1 or have any records.

You stated to me that O'Sell  
testified under oath that he had  
placed a "plug" on top of the "Fish"  
at 1170.

Mr. Arnold, this is not the  
truth. A rig was never over  
this hole after I filed the report  
in late 1968.

There is no plug on this fish,  
although O'Sell asked me to  
mix 5 Pk. of cement and dump it  
in the hole. This, I would not do  
& to my knowledge, no body else  
has done it unless O'Sell did it  
himself after the meeting at  
Santa Fe, which I doubt happened.

Anyhow, a rig should be placed  
over this hole, and the hole  
conditioned to set a "retainer" on  
top of fish & well properly abandoned.  
(O'Sell simply "lied" about this well.)

In case you want to talk to me  
or appear at anytime, I will be  
at the Dan Juan Motel on East Main  
St. Farmington, until further notice.

I am writing this on my knee so  
please excuse.

Welex did not  
go over when  
Halliburton pumped  
cement in the hole.

Cordially,  
Paul Harr



Floor \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. \_\_\_\_\_ 4/9/70

Name \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS:

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May we have a reply?  
We understand well has  
been plugged.

By \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. \_\_\_\_\_ *PC*



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March 17, 1970

Oil Conservation Commission  
State of New Mexico  
P. O. Box 2088  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Attention Legal Division

Gentlemen:

Oil Well Plugging Bond  
621637  
Prin Edward M. Kriss  
Subject: Edward M. Kriss  
Little Chama Valley Co. Well No 1  
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

*Case 4267*

*Case #4267*

Late in 1969 your office sent correspondence and notification of hearing relative to the question of plugging the above well.

There has been some regrettable delay in having your correspondence called to the attention of the claim office which would handle the problem and this letter is written to inform you that if further notification or claim is to be made by your department that it be directed to this office and to the attention of the writer as such direct communication will greatly expedite the handling of the problem.

At this time we would like to know the present status of the question and possibly the result of the hearing which was scheduled for November 25, 1969 and identified as case No. 4267.

Yours very truly,

General Insurance Company of America

R. W. Clayton  
Division Claims  
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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 2088

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

February 6, 1970

Mr. Gerald L. O'Dell  
3333 W. Coast Highway, Suite 504  
Newport Beach, California

Re: Case 4267

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Dear Mr. O'Dell:

At the hearing, November 25, 1969, you introduced as an exhibit a Form C-103 as a subsequent report of plugging and abandoning the Edward M. Kriss Little Chama Valley Company Well No. 1. Unfortunately, I am unable to locate that form now. If you will complete and return to this office the enclosed Forms C-103 and C-105 for said well, Case 4267 can then be dismissed.

It also appears that Forms C-103, as subsequent reports of plugging and abandoning have not been filed for the Rio Trust Sargent Well No. 1 and Rio Trust Little Chama Valley Company Well No. 1. If you will complete and return to this office the enclosed Forms C-103 for said wells, it will make it unnecessary to set cases for the plugging of these wells.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE M. HATCH  
Attorney

GMH/esr  
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard S. Morris  
Montgomery, Federici, Andrews, Hannahs and Morris  
Attorneys at Law  
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Mr. George Hatch  
Oil Conservation Commission  
P. O. Box 2088  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

*Case 4267*

Dear George:

I have been unable to locate any C-103 reporting plugging on any of the Rio Trust or Kriss wells. Below is a summary of what we need:

Edward M. Kriss, Little Chama Valley #1, 545/N; 1530/W, Sec. 2-1N-2E

1. Form C-105, Well Record Form
2. Form C-103, Sundry Notice and Report on Wells for subsequent report of plugging and abandonment

Rio Trust, Sargent #1, 1445/S; 925/W, L-2-1N-2E

1. Form C-103, Sundry Notice and Report on Wells for subsequent report of plugging and abandonment

Rio Trust, Little Chama Valley Co. #1, 660/N; 1380/W, Sec. 2-1N-2E

1. Form C-103, Sundry Notice and Report on Wells for subsequent report of plugging and abandonment

Yours very truly,

*Emery C. Arnold*

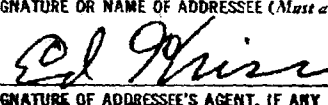
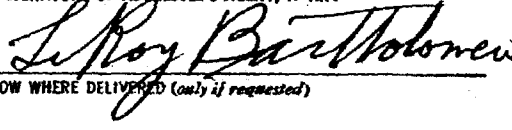
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*Case 4267*

November 14, 1969

**CERTIFIED - RETURN  
RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Mr. Edward M. Kriss  
3355 Via Lido  
Newport Beach, California

Dear Mr. Kriss:

I am enclosing a copy of the docket of the Examiner Hearing that will be held on Tuesday, November 25, 1969, at 9 a.m., in the Oil Conservation Commission Conference Room, State Land Office Building, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Case 4267 concerns the Edward M. Kriss Little Chama Valley Company Well No. 1, located 545 feet from the North line and 1530 feet from the West line of Section 2, Township 1 North, Range 2 East, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE M. HATCH  
Special Assistant Attorney General

GMB/esr  
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cc: General Insurance Company of America  
Surety Claim Department  
Clinton P. Anderson Agency, Inc.  
P. O. Drawer A  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

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*Case 4267*

Re: General Insurance Company of America \$5,000 Blanket  
Plugging Bond No. 621637 — Edward M. Kriss Little  
Chama Valley Company Well No. 1, located 545 feet  
from the North line and 1530 feet from the West line  
of Section 2, Township 1 North, Range 2 East, NMPM,  
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

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621637.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE M. HATCH  
Special Assistant Attorney General

GMR/ear  
Enclosure

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October 15, 1969

Mr. George Hatch, Assistant Attorney General  
Oil Conservation Commission  
P. O. Box 2088  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Edward M. Kriss  
Little Chama Valley Co. #1  
545 feet from the North line and 1530 feet from the West line  
Section 2, Township 1 North, Range 2 East  
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Hatch:

Please refer to my letter of September 11, 1969, addressed to Mr. Edward M. Kriss concerning the above well. My letter to Mr. Kriss was sent by registered mail with a return receipt requested and was received by Mr. Kriss on September 13, 1969. I have had no response from the letter.

I am therefore requesting that you set a case for hearing on the earliest docket possible to have Mr. Kriss and his bonding company show cause why the above well should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission approved plugging program.

Thank you.

Yours very truly,

*Emery C. Arnold*  
Emery C. Arnold  
Supervisor, District #3

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cc: Mr. Edward M. Kriss  
3355 Via Lido  
Newport Beach, California

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September 11, 1969

*SM*

Edward M. Kriss  
3355 Via Lido  
Newport Beach, California

*Case 4267*

Re: Edward M. Kriss, Little Chama Valley Co. #1  
545 feet from the North line and 1530 feet from the West line  
Section 2, Township 1 North, Range 2 East, Rio Arriba County

Dear Sir:

Our records indicate that the above well was drilled by your company in the fall of 1968 to a total depth of 2512 feet and was temporarily abandoned with a fish in the hole at a depth of 1170 feet.

In March, 1969, a Sundry Notice was filed indicating your intention to conduct further operations at this well. We have received no further report of operations on the well. Commission form C-105, Well Record Form, has not been filed showing a record of formations penetrated and casing installed as required by Commission rules.

I am advising our attorney to set a case before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission within the next thirty days to have your company and the bonding company show cause why this well should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission approved plugging program.

Yours very truly,

*Emery C. Arnold*  
Emery C. Arnold  
Supervisor, District #3

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cc: Mr. George Hatch, Assistant Attorney General  
Oil Conservation Commission  
Box 2088  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

General Insurance Company of America  
Denver, Colorado  
Attn: Mr. William A. Mooring

NOTE: DUE TO THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY, THIS HEARING IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY RATHER THAN WEDNESDAY AS CUSTOMARY.

Docket No. 32-69

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 25, 1969

9 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM,  
STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING - SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

The following cases will be heard before Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner, or Elvis A. Utz, Alternate Examiner:

- CASE 4259: Application of Aztec Oil & Gas Company for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the San Andres formation in the perforated interval from 5112 feet to 5138 feet in its State "SS" Well No. 1 located in Unit F of Section 24, Township 17 South, Range 36 East, Spencer-San Andres Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.
- CASE 4260: Application of Tamarack Petroleum Company, Inc. for a waterflood expansion, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to expand its Northeast Pearl Queen Unit Waterflood Project, Pearl-Queen Pool, by the conversion to water injection one additional injection well, its Unit Well No. 18, located in Unit L of Section 23, Township 19 South, Range 35 East, Lea County, New Mexico.
- CASE 4261: Application of Pennzoil United, Inc., for special pool rules and unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the promulgation of special pool rules for the Quail Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, including a provision for 320-acre spacing units. Applicant further seeks approval of the unorthodox location in said pool for its Mescalero Ridge Well No. 1 at a location 660 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 20, Township 19 South, Range 34 East.
- CASE 4262: Application of Plains Radio Broadcasting Company for an exception to Order No. R-3221, as amended, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an exception to Order No. R-3221, as amended, which order prohibits the disposal of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil on the surface of the ground in Lea, Eddy, Chaves, and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico. Said exception would be for the applicant's White Ranch Well No. 1 located in Unit E of Section 34, Township 11 South, Range 29 East, White Ranch Siluro-Devonian Pool, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks authority to dispose of salt

water produced by said well in an unlined surface pit located in the vicinity of said well. In the alternative, applicant seeks authority to dispose of said produced water into the Siluro-Devonian formation in the perforated interval from 8743 feet to 8750 feet in its White Ranch Well No. 3 located in Unit M of said Section 34.

- CASE 4263: Application of Wynn & Brooks for an unorthodox gas well location, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its Federal "E" Well No. 3, to be located 590 feet from the South line and 1590 feet from the West line of Section 13, Township 27 North, Range 8 West, Blanco-Mesaverde and Basin-Dakota Pools, San Juan County, New Mexico.
- CASE 4264: Application of Wynn & Brooks for an unorthodox gas well location, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its Federal "J" Well No. 1, to be located 2390 feet from the South line and 2410 feet from the East line of Section 11, Township 27 North, Range 8 West, Blanco-Mesaverde and Basin-Dakota Pools, San Juan County, New Mexico.
- CASE 4265: Application of Union Oil Company of California for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Yates, San Andres and other formations in the open-hole interval from approximately 4450 feet to 5890 feet in its Midway State Well No. 3 located in Unit J, Section 12, Township 17 South, Range 36 East, Lovington Field, Lea County, New Mexico.
- CASE 4245: (Continued from the November 5, 1969, Examiner Hearing) Application of Texas Pacific Oil Company, Inc., for several non-standard gas proration units, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the dedication and rededication of certain acreage and the establishment of the following non-standard gas proration units in Townships 22 and 23 South, Range 36 East, Jalmat Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico:

(Case 4245 continued)

A 160-acre unit comprising the W/2 SE/4 and the E/2 SW/4 of Section 8, Township 22 South, Range 36 East, to be dedicated to the State "A" a/c-2 Well No. 56 located in Unit J of said Section 8;

A 200-acre unit comprising the NW/4 and the NW/4 SW/4 of Section 11, Township 22 South, Range 36 East, to be dedicated to the State "A" a/c-2 Well No. 42 located in Unit E of said Section 11;

A 280-acre unit comprising the SE/4, S/2 SW/4, and the NE/4 SW/4 of Section 11, Township 22 South, Range 36 East, to be dedicated to the State "A" a/c-2 Well No. 36 located in Unit M of said Section 11;

A 200-acre unit comprising the N/2 NE/4, the SE/4 NE/4, and the NE/4 NW/4 of Section 15 and the SE/4 SW/4 of Section 10, Township 23 South, Range 36 East, to be dedicated to the State "A" a/c-1 Well No. 31 located in Unit H of said Section 15;

A 160-acre unit comprising the S/2 NW/4, SW/4 NE/4 and the NW/4 NW/4 of Section 15, Township 23 South, Range 36 East, to be dedicated to the State "A" a/c-1 Well No. 33 located in Unit F of said Section 15;

A 240-acre unit comprising the SW/4 of Section 3, and the N/2 NW/4 of Section 10, Township 23 South, Range 36 East, to be dedicated to the State "A" a/c-1 Well No. 35 located in Unit L of said Section 3;

A 160-acre unit comprising the S/2 NW/4 and N/2 SW/4 of Section 10, Township 23 South, Range 36 East, to be dedicated to the State "A" a/c-1 Well No. 37 located in Unit F of said Section 10.

CASE 4266: Application of Texas Pacific Oil Company, Inc., for several non-standard gas proration units, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the dedication and rededication of certain acreage and the establishment of the following non-standard gas proration units in Township 22 South, Range 36 East, Jalmat Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico:

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(Case 4266 continued)

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9 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM,  
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- CASE 4261: Application of Pennzoil United, Inc., for special pool rules and unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the promulgation of special pool rules for the Quail Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, including a provision for 320-acre spacing units. Applicant further seeks approval of the unorthodox location in said pool for its Mescalero Ridge Well No. 1 at a location 660 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 20, Township 19 South, Range 34 East.
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(Case 4245 continued)

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

CASE No. 4267

Order No. R- 4004

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This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on August 5, 1967,  
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this        day of August, 1967, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

(1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That the subject well has been plugged and abandoned to the satisfaction of the Commission.

(3) That the subject case should be dismissed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That Case No. 4267 is hereby dismissed.

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