

CASE 4305: Application of CACTUS  
DRILLING CORP. FOR A NON-STANDARD  
LOCATION AND POOL EXTENSION.

Case Number

4305

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BEFORE THE  
NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Santa Fe, New Mexico  
February 18, 1970

REGULAR HEARING

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IN THE MATTER OF: )  
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Application of Cactus Drilling )  
Corporation for a non-standard )  
location and pool extension, Lea )  
County, New Mexico. )  
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Case No. 4305

BEFORE: A. L. Porter, Examiner.

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

MR. HATCH: Case 4305. Application of Cactus Drilling Corporation for a non-standard location and pool extension, Lea County, New Mexico.

If the Commission please, we have received a letter from the attorney for the Applicant requesting that the case be dismissed, as the subject well has been plugged and abandoned.


MR. PORTER: The Commission will dismiss Case 4305 in accordance with the request by counsel for the Applicant.

Case 4306 is the final case on the docket. The attorney for the Applicant, Mr. Kellahin, had to make a Court appearance this morning and he is expected to be here by nine-thirty; so, we had better take a five-minute break.

(Whereupon, a short break was taken).

STATE OF NEW MEXICO )  
 ) ss  
COUNTY OF BERNALILLO )

I, GLENDA BURKS, 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.

  
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Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

March 12, 1973



# OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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March 2, 1970

Mr. Jason W. Kellahin  
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Attorneys at Law  
Post Office Box 1769  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Case No. 4305  
Order No. R-3924  
Applicant:  
CACTUS DRILLING CORP.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced Commission order recently entered in the subject case.

Very truly yours,

A. L. PORTER, Jr.  
Secretary-Director

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Copy of order also sent to:

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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 NEW MEXICO FOR  
THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE No. 4305  
Order No. R-3924

APPLICATION OF CACTUS DRILLING CORPORATION  
FOR A NON-STANDARD LOCATION AND POOL EXTEN-  
SION, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on February 18, 1970,  
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of  
New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 2nd day of March, 1970, the Commission, a  
quorum being present, having considered the record, and being  
fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

That the applicant's request for dismissal should be  
granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That Case No. 4305 is hereby dismissed.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

DAVID P. CARGO, Chairman

ALEX G. ARMILLO, Member

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

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Feb. 6, 1970

Mr. A. L. Porter, Director  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission  
P. O. Box 2088  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

*YMA*  
*file - Case*  
*4305*

Dear Mr. Porter:

This is to request that the application of Cactus Drilling Corporation for approval of a non-standard well location and pool extension, presently set for hearing before the Commission on February 18, 1970, as Case No. 4305, be dismissed.

The well involved in this application was completed as a dry hole, and has been plugged and abandoned.

Yours very truly,

*Jason W. Kellahin*

JASON W. KELLAHIN

JWK:ss



DOCKET: REGULAR HEARING - WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 18, 1970

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION - 9:00 A.M. - MORGAN HALL, STATE LAND OFFICE  
BUILDING, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

- ALLOWABLE: (1) Consideration of the oil allowable for March, 1970;
- (2) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for March, 1970, from fifteen prorated pools in Lea, Eddy, Roosevelt and Chaves Counties, New Mexico. Consideration of the allowable production of gas from nine prorated pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico, for March, 1970.

CASE 4305: Application of Cactus Drilling Corporation for a non-standard location and pool extension, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to complete an oil well at an unorthodox location 330 feet from the South line and 1651 feet from the West line of Section 17, Township 13 South, Range 33 East, North Baum-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 4306: Application of Cities Service Oil Company for a non-standard gas proration unit and unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of a 298-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising Lots 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15 and 16 of Section 3, Township 21 South, Range 25 East, Springs-Upper Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to its Springs Unit Well No. 4 at an unorthodox location 1000 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the East line of said Section 3.

CASE 4307: Southeastern New Mexico nomenclature case calling for an order for the creation, extension and abolishment of certain pools in Eddy, Chaves and Lea Counties, New Mexico.

(a) Create a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Strawn production and designated as the South Carlsbad-Strawn Gas Pool. The discovery well is the Superior Oil Company's Collatt Estate Com No. 1 located in Unit J of Section 1, Township 23 South, Range 26 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 1: E/2

(Case 4307 continued)

(b) Create a new pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for Queen production and designated as the Round Tank-Queen Pool. The discovery well is Elk Oil Company's J. W. State Well No. 1 located in Unit K of Section 30, Township 15 South, Range 29 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 30: NE/4 SW/4

(c) Abolish the Forest-San Andres Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, described as:

TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 26: S/2  
SECTION 27: S/2  
SECTION 34: All  
SECTION 35: W/2 and SW/4 SE/4

(d) Extend the Square Lake Grayburg-San Andres Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 27: S/2 SE/4  
SECTION 34: All  
SECTION 35: W/2 and SW/4 SE/4

(e) Extend the Blinebry Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 8: NE/4

(f) Extend the Cato-San Andres Pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 6: SE/4

(g) Extend the Carca-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 14 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 8: SE/4

(h) Extend the Lusk-Delaware Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 28: SW/4

(i) Extend the Shugart Yates Seven Rivers Queen-Grayburg Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 24: SE/4 SW/4

(j) Extend the Spencer-San Andres Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 24: SW/4 SW/4

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

Re: Cactus Drilling Corporation

Gentlemen:

Enclosed you will find the original and two copies of  
an application for hearing with regard to the above  
corporation.

Please advise us of hearing date as soon as it is set.

Very truly yours,

KELLAHIN & FOX

*Kellahin & Fox*

BY: Janelle Hass, Secretary

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DOCKET MAILED

Date 2-5-70

BEFORE THE  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION  
OF CACTUS DRILLING CORPORATION OF  
TEXAS FOR APPROVAL OF EXTENSION OF THE  
NORTH BAUM-UPPER PENNSYLVANIAN POOL,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AND FOR APPROVAL  
OF AN UNORTHODOX WELL LOCATION.

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A P P L I C A T I O N

Comes now Cactus Drilling Corporation of Texas, and applies to the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico for approval of an extension of the pool boundaries of the North Baum-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool to include the southwest quarter of Section 17, Township 13 South, Range 33 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico, and for approval of an unorthodox well location 1651 feet from the west line, and 330 feet from the south line of said Section 17, and in support thereof would show the Commission:

1. Applicant has drilled a well located at a point 1651 feet from the West line and 330 feet from the South line of Section 17, Township 13 South, Range 33 East.
2. Said well, on the notice of intention to drill, was inadvertently listed as being an extension of the Lazy J-Pennsylvanian pool, and its location was approved as such, when in fact it is located closer to, and is completed in the same formation as the North Baum-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool, and should be included in that pool.
3. Under the pool rules for the North Baum-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool, wells are required to be located on a tract consisting of 160 acres, more or less, comprising a governmental quarter section, with the well to be located within 150 feet of the center of any quarter-quarter section or lot within such unit.

WHEREFORE applicant prays that this application be set for hearing before the Commission or the Commission's duly appointed examiner, and that after notice and hearing as required by law the Commission enter its order extending the boundaries of the North Baum-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool to include the tract upon which applicant's well is located, and for the approval of an unorthodox well location for said well.

Respectfully submitted,

CACTUS DRILLING CORPORATION

BY Jason W. Kellahin  
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Attorneys for Applicant

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NOW, on this March day of February, 1970, the Commission, a  
quorum being present, having considered the record, and being  
fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

That the applicant's request for dismissal should be  
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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

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DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year herein-  
above designated.

CASE 4306: Application of CITIES  
SERVICE for a non-standard gas  
proration unit & unorthodox loc.