CASE 4639: Application of GREAT WESTERN DRLG. TO DIRECTIONALLY DRILL, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

### Case Number 4639

Application
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BEFORE THE
NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO
January 5, 1972

### EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of Great Western )
Drilling Company to directionally)
drill, Lea County, New Mexico. )

Case 4639

BEFORE: Daniel S. Nutter,
Alternate Examiner.

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

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MR. NUTTER: Case No. 4639.

MR. HATCH: Case 4639: Application of Great Western Drilling Company, seek permission to re-enter the State C Lea No. 1.

(Whereupon Applicant's exhibits were marked for identification.)

MR. JENNINGS: I am James T. Jennings, Roswell, New Mexico, appearing for the Applicant, Great Western Drilling Company, and we have one witness, Mr. Russell Comstock.

### RUSSELL I. COMSTOCK

a witness, having been first duly sworn according to law, upon his oath, testified as follows:

### DIRECT EXAMINATION

### BY MR. JENNINGS

- State your name and occupation, please, sir.
- Α My name is Russell Comstock.
- Whom are you employed by?
- Great Western Drilling Company, chief engineer.
- Mr. Comstock, could you state your educational qualifica-Q tions in the engineering field?
- I received a degree in petroleum engineering from the University of Southern California in 1952. I was subsequently employed by Phillips Petroleum Company until 1955 as a production engineer, and since that time I have been employed by the Great Western Drilling Company.

Q In what general capacity with Great Western Drilling Company?

- As a drilling engineer from 1955 through 1958, and as a production engineer since that time.
- Are you in charge of Great Western's operations in Lea County, New Mexico?
- Yes, sir.

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- Mr. Comstock, are you familiar with the Application which has been filed herein?
- Yes, I am.
- Just relate generally what you propose to do in this connection with this Application?
- We are requesting permission to re-enter the State Lea C, No. 1, clean out the No. 1 well, clean it out to approximately 8,200 feet, and top of five--directly drilled to a depth of approximately 11,900 feet, and test the Marrow Formation.

This well is located 330 feet from the north and east lines of Section 17, Township 16, South, Range 35 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

The hole will be deviated to the south. It will be no closer to the lease line than the surface location, the bottom of the hole, the angle of deviation will be maintained sufficiently large to prevent rementry into the old hole below the point of initial new drilling the location of the

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present well bore at 8,200 feet, with respect to the lease lines, is not known, this will be determined by a directional survey after cleaning out and prior to setting the first whipstock.

- Mr. Comstock, I hand you what has been marked as Exhibit
  No. 1 and ask you if you will identify that and identify
  your well as located thereon?
- A The well is located in the northeast corner of the lease in Section 17.

That is bordered in yellow.

- Q That well was 330 location, was it not?
- 2 A That is right.
- 13 Q And who are the offset operators?
  - A Advance Petroleum to the north, Humble to the northeast and to the east--and Skelly is located to the west of our lease, and I believe the southwest quarter is unleased.
  - Q Skarber-Edison lease is in the southwest quarter of Section 7?
  - A Correct.
  - Q What pool is that well, the proposed well located in; is it a defined pool?
  - A It is a Townsend-Marrow gas.
  - Q Where are the other offsets, the other gas wells in that pool located?
- 25 A There is one in Section 8 to the north of us; one in section

they?

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6	Q Now, Mrexcuse me, Mr. Hatch.
7	I am confused with my exhibits. Could you just tell
8	me which is No. 2?
9	MR. NUTTER: We have identified the well history as
10	Exhibit No. 2.
11	The schematic diagram is 3 and the economics are No. 4.
12	Q (By Mr. Jennings) Fine. Mr. Comstock, have you gone into or
13	looked into the record in connection with the well which
14	you propose to re-enter?
15	A Yes, I have.
16	Q Have you prepared a summary reflecting the data concerning
17	this well?
18	A Yes.
19	Q Is that incorporated in Exhibit 2?
20	A Yes.
21	Q Just briefly, what does that reflect as to the casing and
22	depth, etc.?
23	A The total depth of the well is 10,566 feet.
24	It had 11 3/4 in casing set at 367 feet; comented with
25	850 sacks, and the cement circulated.
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9, to the northeast; and then one in Section 15,

How far are the wells to the north; how far distant are

approximately a mile and a half to the east.

Approximately a half a mile.

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8 5/8" intermediate casing was set at 4,649 feet; cemented with 2,200 sacks, and the cement circulated to the cellar; 5 1/2" casing was set at 15.565 feet; cemented with 375 sacks, and the top of the cement by temperature survey was 8,195.

The well was plugged and abandoned on October 20, 1974, and the five and a half inch casing was shot and pulled at 8,200 feet.

No attempt was made to salvage any of the intermediate casing. That casing string is intact.

The cementing record indicates that 25 sack plugs were set at 10,552; 8,200; 6,200; 4,649, and a 10 plug sack set at the surface.

- Have you prepared a schematic sketch of the well bore as you see it?
- Yes, I have. Α
- That is marked as Exhibit A? Exhibit 3, I am sorry.
- Yes.
- That briefly shows where the casing sets and the open hole in the area?
- That is true, as well as where the cement plugs are located.
- Have you been able to locate any surveys of the hole?
- None directional; inclination surveys only.

The maximum deviation was to 3 3/4° at a depth of 9,712 feet.

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		what depth do you propose to deviate?
i	A	We propose to drill out the cement plugs at the surface at
		4,649 feet, and 6,200 feet, and clean out down to the
		cement plug at 8,200 feet.
	=	At that point we would set a whitstock; prior to
	-	setting the whipstock we would run a directional survey to
		locate the position of the hole at 8,200 feet; then set an
		A-oriented whipstock and continue drilling to approximately
		11,900 feet.
	Q	Now, your deflection to the southwest will be away from the
		lease line and toward the center of your lease?
	A	That is correct.
	Q	Are you familiar with the provisions of Commission Rule 111,
		and you propose to comply with that rule in your operations?
	A	That is right.
	Q	Mr. Comstock, have you made an economic evaluation of the
		re-entry as proposed to a new well?
	A	Yes, I have.
	Ö	Referring to what has been marked as Exhibit 4, would you
		say that is the evaluation that you made?
	A	Yes.
	Q	Briefly would you state to the Commission what that reflects
	A	Well, this is a comparative cost estimate to the casing
		I .

point for an 11,900A foot Marrow test, and it is estimated

How do you propose to re-enter this, and just what do you,

The cost of re-entry of the old well would be \$644450 a saving of \$74,573.

that to the casing point a new well would cost \$139,023.

In your opinion, Mr. Comstock, will the re-entry of this well be in the interest of conservation and prevent waste, and result in the more efficient recovery of hydro-carbons underlying this tract?

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Were Exhibits No. 1 to 4 prepared by you or under your Q supervision?

Α Yes, they were.

We offer Exhibits No. 1 to 4.

MR. NUTTER: Great Western Exhibits Nos. 1 to 4 will be admitted in evidence.

MR. JENNINGS: We would also offer, like to offer at this time return receipts reflecting that the offset operators were notified, were sent copies of the Application.

MR. NUTTER: Who do you have receipts from?

MR. JENNINGS: We have receipts from Skarber-Edison VF Petroleum; Union Oil, Skelly Oil, Humble Oil, and Shell Oil Company, and we have the Xerox copies --

MR. NUTTER: Mr. Comstock, who owns the lease immediately north in Section 8?

THE WITNESS: The Marrow completion there is Advance Petroleum.

Did you have a notification from them?

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MR. JENNINGS: No. We notified the record owners, Union Oil Company of California. THE WITNESS: For Section 8? MR. JENNINGS: Shell Oil Company, they are the record owners of that, and we notified the Shell Oil Company. That is the south half of Section 8. MR. NUTTER: Okay.

MR. NUTTER:

### CROSS-EXAMINATION

### BY MR. NUTTER

Mr. Comstock, you have mentioned that you had set your whipstock and deviated in a southwesterly direction, you said only enough to keep the bottom hole location, that being closer than the surface location of the well, 330, wouldn't that constitute a standard location for gas well? That is true.

- In effect, what you are seeking is a non-standard location for your bottom hole; is that right?
- That would be a part of this Application, yes, sir.
- You didn't give us a bottom hole location to put in the notice.

The only thing we advertised was that it would be a bottom hole location in the northeast quarter.

I think if it had been stated that it was going to be a non-standard location we would have preferred to have

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known so we could have put that in the ad.

Now, the notice that you gave to these offset operators, did you specify where you bottomed the hole there?

MR. JENNINGS: No, sir. They were furnished with copies of the Application, and the Application didn't set forth the location of the bottom hole.

MR. NUTTER: Then they may not be aware you are proposing a non-standard bottom hole location; that may be why they are not here today.

Is it possible to deviate the well southwesterly sufficient to have a standard location, Mr. Comstock?

THE WITNESS: I think that would be very possible.

- Q (By Mr. Nutter) I presume you are dedicating the east half of Section 17; that is the location you have outlined on Exhibit No. 1?
- Yes.
- A standard location for a well to which the east half would be dedicated would be one that would be at least 1,980 feet from the north line of that section; 660 from the east line, or 1,980 feet from the north, and 1,980 from the east; in other words, the approximate center in either unit G or H there?
- Could we see that order?
- The well would be bottomed within 330 feet of the center of

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either of those 240's?

- Yes, that would be satisfactory.
- A multi-point directional survey made upon completion of the well to determine the bottom of the perforation, was it made?
- Correct.
- Fine.

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Are there any further questions?

MR. JENNINGS: I would like--I didn't get clear as to where it was bottomed?

MR. NUTTER: Well, it would specify that the perforations would be located within 330 feet of the center of those 240's, Mr. Jennings, Unit G or Unit H, see, that would be a standard location, because the standard location is specified as being at least 1,980 from the north line or 1,980 from the east line, and 660 from the side line of a unit, but you are allowed a deviation of 330 feet in any direction, so it would be in the center with a 330 feet tolerance in any direction. That would give you a 660 foot circle as your target area, Mr. Comstock.

MR. JENNINGS: Does that present problems?

THE WITNESS: I don't know at this time.

MR. NUTTER: If we enter an order approving the Application, we will specify some target area. If it is not satisfactory, why you have got further recourse.

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MR. JENNINGS: I think the problem that is there now is to insure where the hole is bottomed out.

MR. NUTTER: That well may have deviated down there, and all they have got to do is miss this old pipe.

The alternative to that, the Applicant will have to give notice the case be re-advertised as a non-standard location.

This would be probably the next alternative, a non-standard location.

Are there any further questions of Mr. Comstock? He may be excused.

Do you have anything further, Mr. Jennings?

MR. JENNINGS: No, sir.

MR. KELLAHIN: Jason Kellahin, Kellahin & Fox, appearing for Reid and Stevens, who own an 80 acre tract in the west half of Section 17.

We don't need any notice. We are here.

Reid and Stevens has no objection if the order contains a provision for the multi-point bottom directional survey as outlined by Mr. Nutter.

If it is not going to be at an orthodox well location, we would voice our objection.

MR. NUTTER: Thank you, Mr. Kellahin.

In Case 4639, we will take the case under advisement.

Then we will call Case No. 4640.

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	Lea County, New Mexico	
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SURVEY BY Jerry Scheafer

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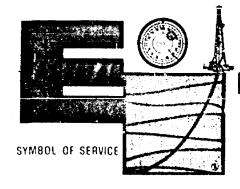
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### **EASTMAN OIL WELL SURVEY COMPANY**

P. O. BOX 1112

ODESSA, TEXAS 79760

Area Code 915 - 337-3515

February 16, 1972

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF ECTOR

Jerry Scheafer, being duly sworn, deposes and says that: He is employed by the Eastman Oil Well Survey Company, as well bore surveyor, in charge of the following described survey; and that a Gyro Survey was run, from surface to 4640 feet, measured depth.

Said well more particularly described by operator, as follows:

GREAT WESTERN DRILLING COMPANY LOWE STATE NUMBER ONE (1) LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

That the attached documents, namely title sheet, computation sheets, and one plan showing the True Vertical Depth of 4640 feet, the well to be 18.5 feet, in a direction of North 60 degrees, 16 minutes West.

This is a full, true and correct representation of the said survey, to the best of his knowledge.

Jerry Scheafer

Subscribed and sworn to, before me

this 28 day of 12/2, 1972.

Dorothy Conklin, Notary Public in and for

the County of Ector, State of Texas.



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## REPORT of SUB-SURFACE DIRECTIONAL SURVEY

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COMPANY	*
Lowe State Number One WELL NAME	
Lea County, New Mexico LOCATION	

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February 7, 1972

SURVEY BY Ray Warner

OFFICE Odessa, Texas

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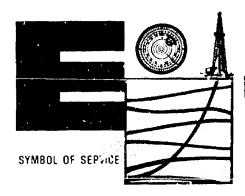


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### EASTMAN OIL WELL SURVEY COMPANY

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CABLE ADDRESS "EASTCO" HOUSTON

April 13, 1972

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF ECTOR

Ray Warner, being duly sworn, deposes and says that: He is employed by the Eastman Oil Well Survey Company, as a well bore surveyor, in charge of the following described survey; and that a Magnetic Multiple Shot Survey was run from 4640 feet to 7792 feet, measured depth.

Said well more particularly described by operator, as follows:

GREAT WESTERN DRILLING COMPANY LOWE STATE NUMBER (1) ONE LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

That the attached documents, namely title sheet, computation sheets, and one plan, showing the True Vertical Depth of 7790.32 feet, the well to be 103.03 feet, in a direction of North 22 degrees, 12 minutes West.

This is a full, true and correct representation of the said survey, to the best of his knowledge.

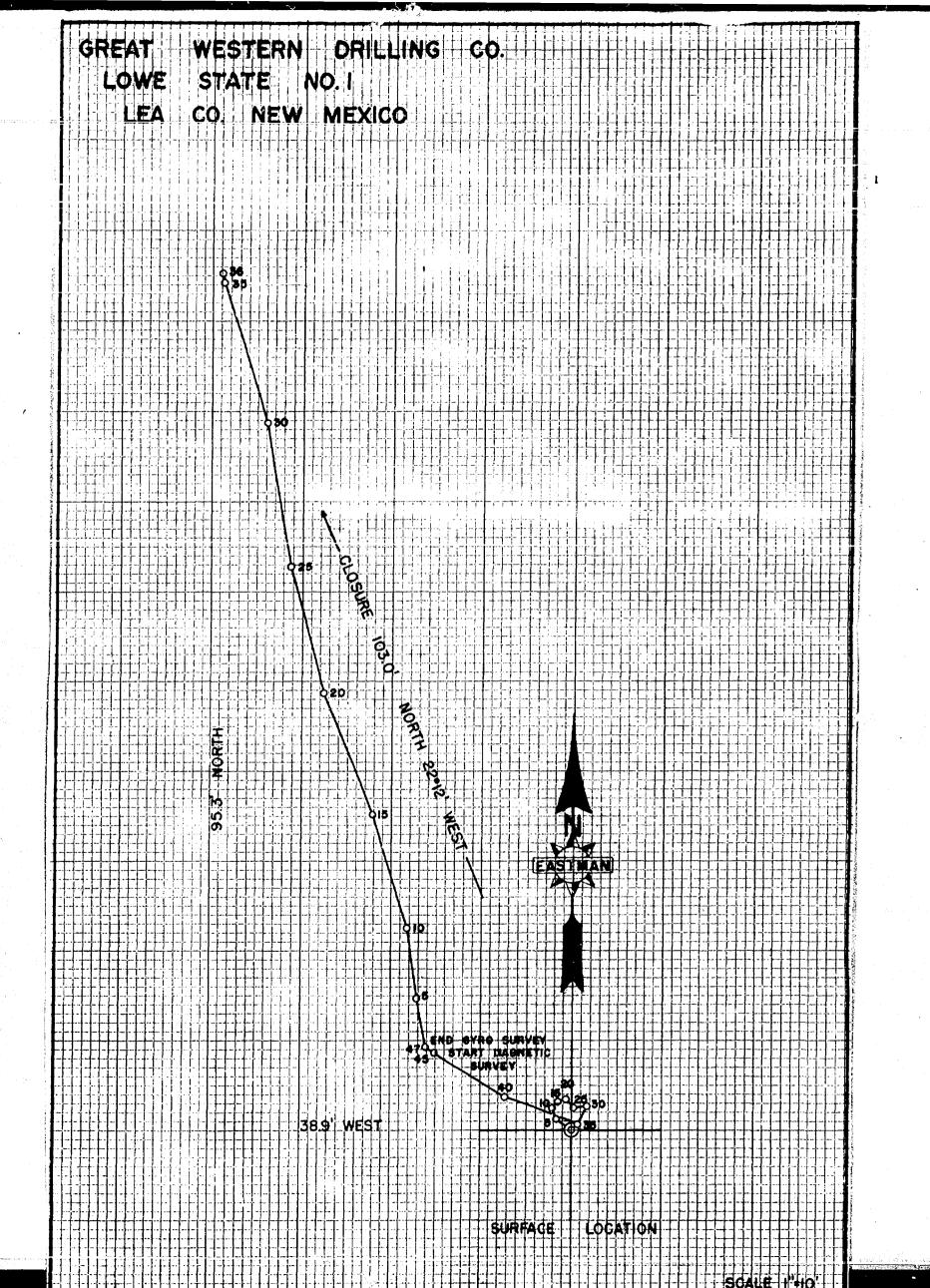
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Subscribed and sworn, to before me

this 13 7 day of april, 1972.

Dorothy Conklin, Notary Public in and

for the County of Ector, State of Texas.



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FOR

GREAT WESTERN DRILLING CO.



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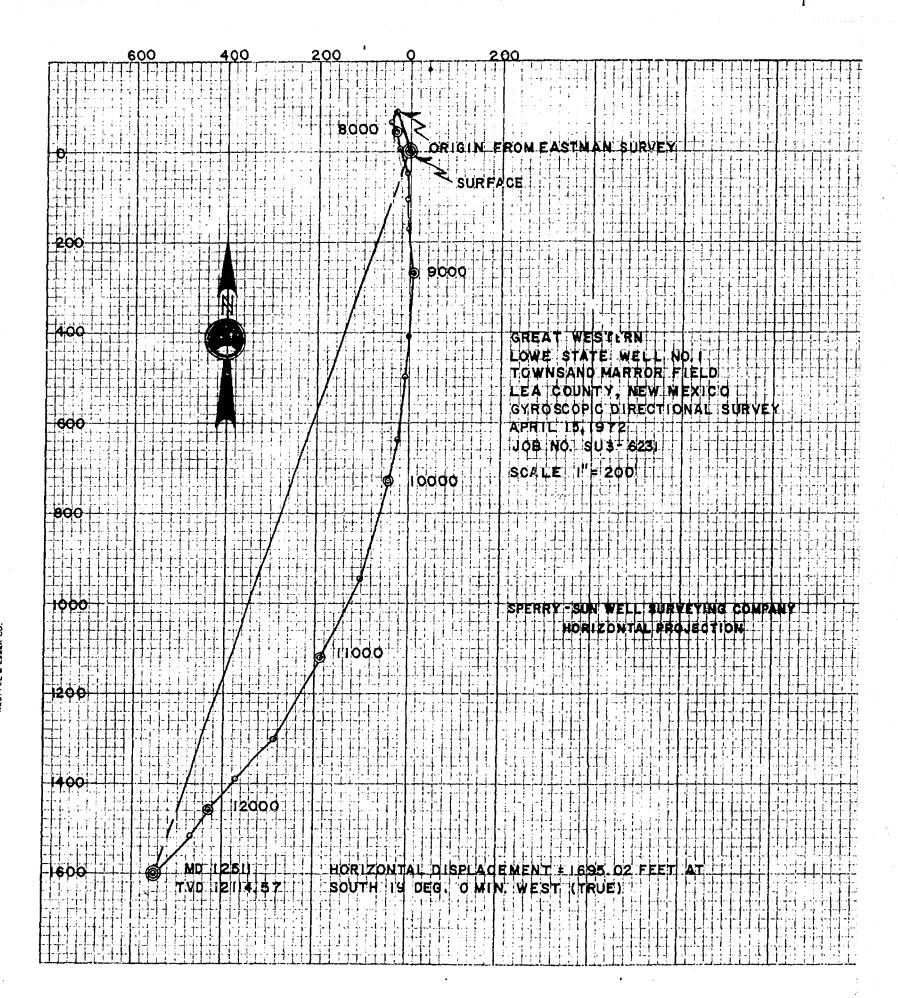
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### **OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO P. O. BOX 2088 - SANTA FE 87501

January 12, 1972

GOVERNOR
BRUCE KING
CHAIRMAN

LAND COMMISSIONER ALEX J. ARMIJO MEMBER

STATE GEOLOGIST
A. L. PORTER, JR.
SECRETARY - DIRECTOR

	Re:	Case No	4639	· ·
Mr. James T. Jennings Jennings, Christy & Copple		Order No.	R-4238	
Attorneys at Law		Applicant:		
Post Office Box 1180				
Roswell, New Mexico 88201		Great West	ern Drilling	Co

Dear Sir:

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

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. 4639 Order No. R-4238

APPLICATION OF GREAT WESTERM DRILLING COMPANY TO DIRECTIONALLY DRILL, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

### ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

### BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on January 5, 1972, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Mutter.

NOW, on this 12th day of January, 1972, 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,

### PINDS:

- (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 applicant, Great Western Drilling Company, has acquired and is the owner and operator of the Pure State No. 1, a plugged and abandoned well located 330 feet from the North line and 330 feet from the East line of Section 17, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the subject well was originally drilled to a total depth of 10,566 feet into the Eidson-Pennsylvanian Pool.
- (4) That the applicant now seeks authority to re-enter and clean-out the subject well to the 5½-inch casing stub at approximately 8,200 feet and to set a whipstock at said depth and directionally drill to a depth of approximately 11,900 feet to bottom said well in the Townsend-Morrow Gas Pool at a

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standard gas well location in Unit H of said Section 17, with the E/2 of the Section to be dedicated to the well.

- (5) That the applicant proposes to determine the subsurface location of the 5½-inch casing stub by means of a continuous multi-shot directional survey conducted prior to said directional drilling.
- (6) That approval of the subject application will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, avoid the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, and otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Great Western Drilling Company, is hereby authorized to re-enter and clean-out to approximately 8,200 feet its Pure State No. 1, located 330 feet from the North line and 330 feet from the East line of Section 17, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Los County, New Mexico, set a whipstock at said depth and to directionally drill in a south-southwesterly direction to bottom said well in the Townsend-Morrow Gas Pool at a depth of approximately 11,900 feet at a standard gas well location in Unit H of said Section 17.

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that prior to commencing the aforegaid directional drilling, a continuous multi-shot directional survey shall be made of the well bore with shot points not more than 100 feet apart in order to determine the sub-surface location of the whipstock point; that the operator shall cause the surveying company to forward a copy of the survey report directly to the Santa Fe office of the Commission, Box 2088, Santa Fe, New Mexico; and that the operator shall notify the Commission's Hobbs District Office of the date and time survey is to be commenced.

(2) That subsequent to the above-described directional drilling, a continuous multi-shot directional survey shall be made of the well bore from total depth to the whipstock point with shot points not more than 100 feet apart; that the operator shall cause the surveying company to forward a copy of the survey report directly to the Santa Fe Office of the Commission, Box 2088, Santa Fe, New Mexico, and that the operator shall notify the Commission's Hobbs District Office of the date and time said survey is to be commenced.

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- (3) That Form C-105 shall be filed in accordance with Commission Rule 1108 and the operator shall indicate thereon true vertical depths in addition to measured depths.
- (4) That the E/2 of said Section 17 shall be dedicated to the subject well.
- (5) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

BRUCE KING, Chairman

ALEX/J. ARMIJO, Member

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

SEAL

Docket No. 1-72

## DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 5, 1972

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 4621:

  (Continued from the November 10, 1971 Examiner Hearing)

  Application of Jack L. McClellan for a dual completion,
  Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the abovestyled cause, seeks approval for the dual completion
  (conventional) of his Bar-J Federal Well No. 1 located
  in Unit E of Section 15, Township 6 South, Range 27 East,
  Chaves County, New Mexico, in such a manner as to produce
  oil from an undesignated Siluro-Devonian pool through
  tubing and gas from the Haystack-Cisco Gas Pool through
  the casing-tubing annulus.
- CASE 4609: (Continued from the November 17, 1971 Examiner Hearing)
  Application of Jack L. McClellan for a unit agreement,
  Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the abovestyled cause, seeks approval of the Sulimar-Queen Unit
  Area comprising 1520 acres, more or less, of Federal lands
  in Sections 13, 23, 24, 25, and 26 of Township 15 South,
  Range 29 East, and Sections 18 and 19 of Township 15 South,
  Range 30 East, Chaves County, New Mexico.

## CASE 4482: (Reopened):

In the matter of Case 4482 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-4093, which order established 160-acre spacing units and established a maximum gas-oil ratio limitation of 3,000 cubic feet of gas for each barrel of oil produced for the Parkway-Strawn Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico. All interested parties may appear and show cause why said pool should not be developed on 40-acre or 80-acre spacing units and why the limiting gas-oil ratio should not revert to the statewide limit of 2,000 to one.

## CASE 3709 (Reopened):

In the matter of Case 3709 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-3366-B, which order continued 80-acre spacing for the Akah Nez-Devonian Oil Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico, for an additional one-year period. All interested persons may appear and show cause why said pool should not be developed on 40-acre spacing units.

CASE 4638: Application of Holder Petroleum Corporation for downhole

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and surface commingling, Roosevelt County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to commingle production from the Todd Lower-San Andres Pool and the Todd Upper-San Andres Gas Pool in the well-bores of its BA Wells Nos. 1 and 2, located respectively, in Units A and H of Section 34, Township 7 South, Range 35 East, Roosevelt County, New Mexico. Applicant further seeks authority to commingle, on the surface, production from said wells prior to measurement.

CASE 4639:

Application of Great Western Drilling Company to directionally drill, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to drill out its State Well No. 1, having a surface location 330 feet from the North and East lines of Section 17, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, Townsend-Morrow Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to a depth of approximately 8,000 feet and whipstock the well in a southwesterly direction to a bottom-hole location within the NE/4 of said Section 17 at a depth of approximately 11,800 feet.

CASE 4640: Application of Amoco Production Company for special pool rules,
Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause,
seeks the promulgation of special rules for the East Gem-Yates
Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, including a provision for 80acre spacing and proration units.

CASE 4641: Application of Reserve Oil and Gas Company for a waterflood expansion, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to expand its South Langlie Jal Unit Jalmat Waterflood Project, Jalmat Oil Pool, by the conversion of water injection of its Unit Well No. 23, located 2310 feet from the South and West lines of Section 17, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 4642: Application of Fluid Fower Pump Company for special pool rules and a pressure maintenance project, Sandoval County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the promulgation of special rules for the Media-Entrada Pool, including a provision for 160-acre spacing and proration units. Applicant further seeks authority to institute a pressure maintenance project in said pool by the injection of water into the Entrada formation through various wells located in Sections 10, 11, 22, and 23 of Township 19 North, Range 3 West, Sandoval County, New Mexico, and promulgation of rules for said project including a procedure wherey additional injection or production wells at orthodox or unorthodox locations may be approved administratively.

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- CASE 4643: Application of Cities Service Oil Company for compulsory pooling and unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Morrow formation underlying the N/2 of Section 19, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, South Carlsbad-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, to form a standard 320-acre proration unit for the production of gas from the Morrow formation with said unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox location 2173 feet from the North line and 1200 feet from the East line of said Section 19.
- CASE 4644: Application of Continental Oil Company for four non-standard gas proration units and rededication of acreage, Lea County New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the rededication of acreage and the establishment of the following-described non-standard gas proration units for wells on its Meyer A-29 Lease in Section 29, Township 22 South, Range 36 East, Jalmat Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.
  - A 240-acre unit comprising the SE/4 and E/2 SW/4 to be dedicated to Well No. 3 in Unit N;
  - 2. An 80-acre unit comprising the W/2 SW/4 to be dedicated to Well No. 4 in Unit L;
  - 3. An 80-acre unit comprising the E/2 NE/4 to be dedicated to Well No. 5 in Unit A;
  - 4. A 240-acre unit comprising the NW/4 and W/2 NE/4 to be dedicated to Well No. 9 in Unit E.
- CASE 4563: (Continued from the December 1, 1971, Examiner Hearing)
  Application of Corrinne Grace for special gas-oil ratio limitation and pressure maintenance project, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to produce her State Well No. 1 located in Unit A of Section 1, Township 15 South, Range 29 East, Double L-Queen Pool, Chaves County, New Mexico, with no gas-oil ratio limitation, strip the liquids, and institute a pressure maintenance project by the injection of all said gas back into the producing formation through her State Well No. 2 located in Unit B of said Section 1, Applicant further seeks to transfer an oil allowable from said Well No. 2 to said Well No. 1.

- CASE 4619: (Continued from the December 1, 1971, Examiner Hearing) Application of Corinne Grace for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the abovestyled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface of the ground down to and including the Morrow formation underlying the N/2 of Section 25, Township 22 South, Range 26 East, which acreage is within one mile of the South Carlsbad-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico. Said acreage to be dedicated to a well to be drilled to the Morrow formation at a location 1980 feet from the North and East lines of said Section 25. Also to be considered will be the costs of drilling said well, a charge for the risk involved, a provision for the allocation of actual operating costs, and the establishment of charges of supervision of said well.
- CASE 4620: (Continued from the December 1, 1971, Examiner Hearing) Application of Corinne Grace for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the abovestyled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface of the ground down to and including the Morrow formation underlying the N/2 of Section 24, Township 22 South, Range 26 East, which acreage is in the vicinity of the South Carlsbad-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico. Said acreage to be dedicated to a well to be drilled to the Morrow formation at a location 1980 feet from the North and East lines of said Section 24. Also to be considered will be the costs of drilling said well, a charge for the risk involved, a provision for the allocation of actual operating costs, and the establishment of charges for supervision of said well.

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DEFORE EXAMINER NUTTER
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
EXHIBIT NO.

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## GREAT WESTERN DRILLING COMPANY

Well History Lea C State No. 1

Previous Operator:

Pure Oil Company Lea C State No. 1

Well Name:

330' FN&EL, Sec. 17, T-16-S, R-35-E

Location:

Lea County

Field:

Eidson Penn

Elevation:

4033 DF

Completion Date:

7-23-55

Total Depth:

10,5661

Perforations:

10,508' to 10,544

Casing & Cementing Record:

Hole Size	Casing	Depth	Cement	Comments
17-1/4"	11-3/4" 42# New	367'		Circulated
11"	8-5/8" 32# & 24# New	4,649'		Circulated to cellar
7-7/8"	5-1/2" 20# & 17# New	10,565'		T/Cmt. @ 8195'

## Plugging Record:

Plugged and abandoned 10-20-70

5-1/2" casing shot and pulled at 8200'

Cement Plugs: 25 sx at 10,552

25 sx at 8,200' (5-1/2" casing stub)

25 sx at 6,200' (Glorieta) 25 sx at 4,649' (8-5/8" casing shoe)

10 sx at surface

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# GREAT WESTERN DRILLING COMPANY State Lease E/2 Sec. 17, T-16-S, R-35-E Lea County, New Mexico

Comparative Cost Estimate to Casing Point New Well Vs. Re-entry 11,900' Morrow Test

	New Well	Re-entry
Stake Location	\$ 125	\$ 0
Road, pad & damages	1,200	450
Move rig in & out	0	11,000
Drilling bits		4,000
Day Work	5,300	39,000
Mud & water	7,000	5,000
Surface casing & cementing	3,690	0
Intermediate casing & cementing	26,508	0
Directional whipstocks & surveys	0	5,000
Footage drilling contract	95,200	0
	\$139,023	\$64,450
Estimated Savings		\$74,573

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ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO 88201

November 24, 1971

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

Attention: Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr.

Dear Sir:

We enclose herewith in triplicate Application of Great Western Drilling Company for consent to directionally drill per Rule 111(b).

We would appreciate it if this matter could be put on the January 5, 1972 examiner docket.

Respectfully,

JENNINGS, CHRISTY & COPPLE

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cc: Great Western Drilling Co. (Mr. Hampton)

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# BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF GREAT WESTERN DRILLING COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO DIRECTIONALLY DRILL ITS STATE NO. 1 WELL LOCATED IN THE TOWN-SEND-MORROW GAS POOL, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

## APPLICATION

COMES NOW Great Western Drilling Company (Operator) and states:

- 1. Operator is the working interest owner and operator of oil and gas lease(s) covering the NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Section 17, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico.
- 2. On the above lands there is situated an abandoned well known as the Pure No. 1-C State Lease located 330 feet from the North line and 330 feet from the East line of said Section 17, which well is owned by Operator.
- 3. Operator wishes to re-enter said well, to be known as its State No. 1 Well and drill out the well to approximately 8,000 feet and then directionally drill the well to approximately 11,800 feet to test the Morrow formation. Directional drilling will be in a southwesterly direction and will at all times stay upon the oil and gas lease(s) owned by Operator.

- 4. Consent to the foregoing directional drilling, after notice and hearing, is requested by Operator pursuant to Rule 111(b) of the New Mexico Oil Conservation rules.
- 5. All offsetting operators are hereby notified of this Application by certified mail.

Respectfully,

GREAT WESTERN DRILLING COMPANY

S. B. Christy IV as a

Member of the Firm of Jennings, Christy & Copple

P. O. Box 1180

Roswell, New Mexico 88201 Attorneys for Operator

cc per Certified Mail:
 All Offset Operators
cc: Great Western Drilling Company

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

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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. 4639

Order No. R-4238

APPLICATION OF GREAT WESTERN DRILLING COMPANY TO DIRECTIONALLY DRILL, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

## BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on January 5, 19 72, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter

NOW, on this day of January, 1972, 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.  $^{//}$ 

from the North line and 330 feet from the East line of Section 17,

Township 16 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

- (2) That the applicant, Greet Western Drilling Company, has acquired and is the owner and operator of the Pive Stace 70. 1 a plugged and abandoned wree located 330 feet

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- (3) That the subject well was originally drilled to a total depth of 10,566 feet into the line level. Reference where, due to mechanical difficulties, the well has produced an excessive amount of water.
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- (5) That the applicant proposes to determine the present bettom hole location of the subject well by means of a continuous multi-shot directional survey conducted piror to said directional drilling.
- (6) That approval of the subject application will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, avoid the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, and otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Great Western Drilling Company, is hereby authorized to place here its State Well No. 1, located

330 feet from the North line and 330 feet from the East line of Section 17, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, to approximately feet, set a whipstock

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at said depth and to directionally drill in a southwesterly direction to bottom said well in the formation at a depth of approximately feet at a point within a madius of 50 feet as point

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that prior to commencing the aforesaid operations, a continuous multi-shot directional survey shall be made of the well bore with shot points not more than 100 feet apart in order to determine the prospet bettem hole locations that the operator shall cause the surveying company to forward a copy of the survey report directly to the Santa Fe office of the Commission, Box 2088, Santa Fe, New Mexico; and that the operator shall notify the Commission's Hobbs District Office of the date and time said survey is to be commenced.

- drilling, a continuous multi-shot directional survey shall be made of the well bore from total depth to the whipstock point with shot points not more than 100 feet apart; that the operator shall cause the surveying company to forward a copy of the survey report directly to the Santa Fe office of the Commission, Box 2088, Santa Fe, New Mexico, and that the operator shall notify the Commission's Hobbs District Office of the date and time said survey is to be commenced.
- (3) That Form C-105 shall be filed in accordance with Commission Rule 1108 and the operator shall indicate thereon true vertical dpeths in addition to measured depths.

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- (4) That of said Section 17 shall be dedicated to the subject well if the well bottoms in Unit
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- (5) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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