CASE 4686: Application of JACK L. McCLELLAN FOR A WATERFLOOD EXPANSION, CHAVES COUNTY, N. MEX.

Case Number 1686

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Q. Have you testified before the Oil Conservation

Commission and made your qualifications a matter of record?

A. Yes, I have.

MR. KELLAHIN: Are the witness's qualifications acceptable?

MR. NUTTER: Yes, they are.

Q Mr. LeMay, what is proposed by the applicant in case 4686?

A. Jack McClellan proposes in case 4686 to gain approval for three water injection wells in his waterflood of the Sulimar-Queen field in Chaves County. Also, he requests that future injection wells be approved administratively by the Commission.

Q And that would be whether there has been a response to the waterflood project or not, is that correct?

A. That's correct. He is injecting water at the present time and depending upon the production, oil production of current wells, and the need for additional injection wells, he will expand the flood as needed.

Q Now, would you describe the wells which are proposed to be included as injection wells?

A. Yes, sir. As advertised on the docket, the three wells which are proposed for approval by the Commission are the Smernoff Federal number one, located in unit B of Section 24, 15 South, Range 29 East. That well is colored

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Q. Do you know whether the use for these wells of water injection has been approved by the U.S.G.S.

A. Yes, sir, I understand that the U.S.G.S. has approved the wells for injection.

Q And as far as you know they are presently being used for injection?

A. That's correct. They have -- there has been water injected in those wells.

Q And that necessitated this hearing?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. These wells were not included in order number R-4214 which approved the Sulimar-Queen waterflood project, were they?

A. No, they were not, and in talking to the engineer with Mr. McClellan, he indicated some change was necessary in the injection pattern, because of the production on the Lisa C. federal lease, which includes the east half of Section 24 with the exception of the two forks as shown on the exhibit.

This lease, four wells are currently producing sixty-three barrels of oil per day, and as it is a little too

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good to inject water in, is what it amounts to right now, so this necessitated in plans in the injection pattern that was initially approved by the Commission.

Now, water is being injected in this project, is it not?

That's correct. My understanding is as of the first of April, 1972, a total of a hundred and twenty-two thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight barrels of oil had been injected into the formation.

MR. NUTTER:

Of water?

Water, I'm sorry; barrels of water. A.

Hasn't the project received a response as yet? Q.

No, it hasn't. A.

Q. Would you anticipate a response with that volume of water?

No, I would not. They anticipate a response in three to four months, and possibly longer, unless the volume of water injected in the formation is increased.

Q. Was exhibit number one prepared by you or under your supervision?

Yes, sir, it was.

I would like to offer in evidence MR. KELLAHIN: exhibit number one.

MR. NUTTER:

McClellan Exhibit Number One will

be admitted in evidence.

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witness.

MR. KELLAHIN:

That's all I have of this

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. NUTTER:

Q Mr. LeMay, the construction of these wells for water injection purposes hasn't been mentioned. We did approve certain wells for water injection purposes after the hearing in Hobbs for this -- or in Roswell --

A. Roswell.

Q -- Roswell, for this project, a typical well construction program was submitted at that time and approved.

A. That's correct.

Q Are these wells completed in a similar plan?

A. Yes, sir, they are all completed as indicated by the order, the packers placed approximately fifty above the pay zone, or the injection zone, and corrosion is controlled by treatment, United Chemical is treating the water prior to injection, because there is no plastic linking on the tubing.

Q. And in each of these it is going down tubing under a packer's arm?

A. That's correct, and the anulus is monitored at the surface with other fluids.

MR. NUTTER:

Are there any other questions of

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PAGE 8 Mr. LeMay? He may be excused. 2 (THEREUPON, the witness was excused.) MR. NUTTER: Do you have anything further, Mr. Kellahin? MR. KELLAHIN: That's all, Mr. Nutter. MR. NUTTER: You did wish that this order that authorized the water flood be amended to also include administrative procedure in the future? MR. KELLAHIN: That's correct. MR. NUTTER: For additional wells with that

response?

MR. KELLAHIN:

under advisement.

That's right.

MR. NUTTER: Does anyone have anything further to offer in case number 4686? We'll take the case

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION POST OFFICE BOX 2008
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 88201

RE: SULIMAR QUEEN UNIT
WATERFLOOD OPERATIONS
CHAVES COUNTY, N. M.

ATTENTION: Mr. A. L. PORTER, JR.

GENTLEMEN:

Pursuant to your letter of June 2, 1972 with reference to Commission Order No. R-4290, entered in Case No. 4686 this letter is to advise that we are now receiving increased production from the waterflood due to water injection. We have not had a complete response in all the wells, and the primary response has been on Tracts 1, 11 and 111.

WE HAVE COMBINED PRODUCTIONS FROM TRACTS 1, 11 AND 111 INTO A COMMON TANK BATTERY ON TRACT 1. THE PRODUCED WATER IS NOW BEING RECYCLED AND INJECTED INTO THE QUEEN FORMATION, AND WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF CONSOLIDATING AND RECYCLING WATER OFF TRACTS IV AND V.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

JACK . McClellan Unit Operator

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

June 2, 1972

GOVERNOR BRUCE KING CHAIRMAN

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A. L. PORTER, JR.
SECRETARY - DIRECTOR

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

Dear Mr. Kellahin:

Reference is made to Commission Order No. R-4290, recently entered in Case No. 4686, approving the expansion of the Sulimar-Queen Unit Waterflood Project.

Injection into the three newly authorized water injection wells shall be through tubing and packer, the packers being set approximately 50 feet above the injection zone.

As to allowable, our calculations indicate that when all of the authorized injection wells have been placed on active injection, the maximum allowable which this project will be eligible to receive under the provisions of Rule 701-E-3 is 882 barrels per day when the Southeast New Mexico normal unit allowable is 42 barrels per day or less.

Please report any error in this calculated maximum allowable immediately, both to the Santa Fe office of the Commission and the appropriate district proration office.

In order that the allowable assigned to the project may be kept current, and in order that the operator may fully benefit from the allowable provisions of Rule 701, it behooves him to pumptly notify both of the aforementioned Commission offices by letter of any change in the status of wells in the project area, i.e., when active injection commences, when additional injection or producing wells are drilled, when additional wells are acquired through purchase or unitization, when wells have received a response to water injection, etc.

Page -2-Mr. Jason Kellahin Kellahin & Fox Attorneys at Law Post Office Box 1769 Santa Fe, New Mexico

June 2, 1972

Your cooperation in keeping the Commission so informed as to the status of the project and the wells therein will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A. L. PORTER, Jr. Secretary-Director

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cc: OCC-Hobbs and Artesia, New Mexico
Mr. D. E. Gray, State Engineer Office, Santa Fe, New Mexico

ROUGH DRAFT FOR WATERFLOOD LETTERS

Mr. Jason Kellahin Kellahin & Fox Attorneys at Law Post Office Box 1769 Santa Fe, New Mexico Dear Sir:

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Maximus State Engineer Office, Santa Fe, New Mexico

Mr. D. E. Gray



OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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April 21, 1972

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Attorneys at Law

Post Office Box 1769

Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Case No. 4686
Order No. R-4290
Applicant:
Jack L. McClellan

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the above-referenced Commission order recently entered in the subject case. Letter pertaining to conditions of approval and maximum allowable to follow.

Very truly yours,

A. L. PORTER, Jr.

Secretary-Director

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Copy of order also sent to:

Hobbs OCC x

Artesia OCC x

Aztec OCC State Engineer x

Other

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. 4686 Order No. R-4290

APPLICATION OF JACK L. McCLELLAN FOR A WATERFLOOD EXPANSION, CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

NOW, on this 21st day of April, 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.
- (2) That the applicant, Jack L. McClellan, seeks permission to expand his waterflood project in his Sulimar-Queen Unit Area, Sulimar-Queen Pool, by the injection of water into the Queen formation through three additional injection wells located in Township 15 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Chaves County, New Mexico, as follows:

Smernoff Federal No. 1 - Unit B - Section 24 Carthel Federal No. 2 - Unit P - Section 23 La Rue Federal No. 1 - Unit D - Section 25

- (3) That the applicant further seeks an administrative procedure whereby said project could be expanded to include additional lands and injection wells in the area of the said project as may be necessary in order to complete an efficient injection pattern; that said administrative procedure should provide for administrative approval for conversion to water injection in exception to the well response requirements of Rule 701 E-5 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.
- (4) That the wells in the project area are in an advanced state of depletion and should properly be classified as "stripper wells.

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- (5) That the proposed expansion of the waterflood project should result in the recovery of otherwise unrecoverable oil, thereby preventing waste.
- (6) That the subject application should be approved and the project should be governed by the provisions of Rules 701, 702, and 703 of the Commission Rules and Regulations; provided however, that the showing of well response as required by Rule 701 E-5 shall not be necessary before obtaining administrative approval for the conversion of additional wells to water injection.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Jack L. McClellan, is hereby authorized to expand his waterflood project in his Sulimar-Queen Unit Area, Sulimar-Queen Pool, by the injection of water into the Queen formation through the following-described wells in Township 15 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Chaves County, New Mexico:

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(2) That the expanded waterflood project shall be governed by the provisions of Rules 701, 702, and 703 of the Commission Rules and Regulations;

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the Secretary-Director of the Commission may approve expansion of the Sulimar-Queen Unit Water-flood Project to include such additional lands and injection wells in the area of the project as may be necessary to complete an efficient water injection pattern; that the showing of well response as required by Rule 701 E-5 shall not be necessary before obtaining administrative approval for the conversion of additional wells to water injection.

- (3) That monthly progress reports of the expanded water-flood project herein authorized shall be submitted to the Commission in accordance with Rules 704 and 1120 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.
- (4) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

BRUCE KING, Chairman

ALEX J. ARMAJO, Member

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

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CASE 4686:

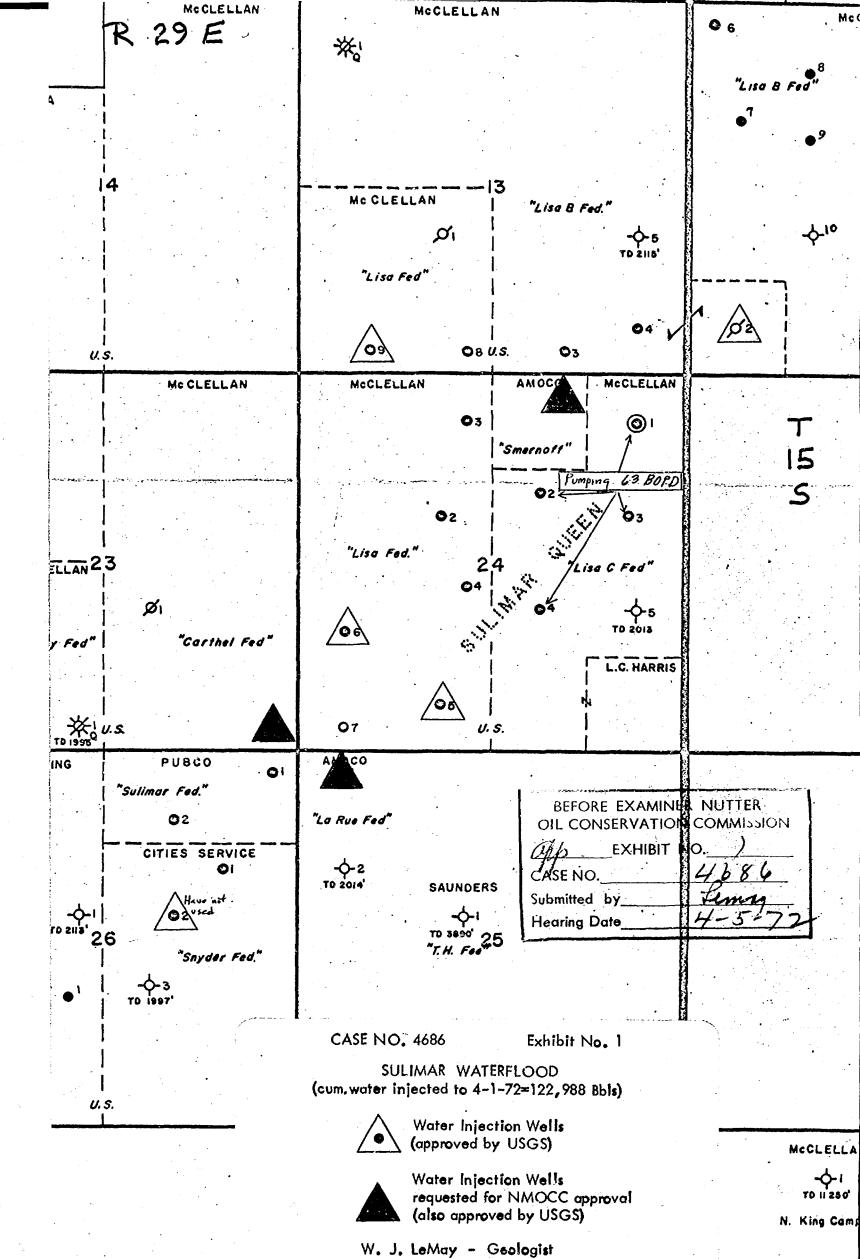
Application of Jack L. McClellan for a waterflood expansion, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks to expand the water-flood projects in the Sulimar-Queen Pool, Chaves County, New Mexico, authorized by Order No. R-4214, by the injection of water into said pool through three additional injection wells located in Township 15 South, Range 29 East, as follows:

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Applicant further seeks amendment of the rules governing said projects to permit expansion administratively without a showing of well response.

CASE 4687:

Application of Riggs Oil & Gas Corporation for downhole commingling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to commingle production from an undesignated Fruitland gas pool and the Fulcher Kutz-Pictured Cliffs Gas Pool in the wellbore of its Federal Well No. 1 located in Unit F of Section 4, Township 29 North, Range 12 West, San Juan County, New Mexico.



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Mr. Jason W. Kellahin KELLAHIN AND FOX Post Office Box 1769 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

> Re: SULIMAR QUEEN UNIT OCC HEARING :-WATERFLOOD OPERATIONS

DEAR JASON:

PLEASE ARRANGE FOR A COMMISSION HEARING TO INCLUDE THE SMERNOFF, CARTHEL No. 2 AND LARUE FEDERAL WELLS AS INJECTION WELLS FOR THE CAPTIONED UNIT. ALSO, PLEASE REQUEST ADMINI-STRATIVE APPROVAL FOR THE ADDITION OF OTHER WELLS IN ORDER THAT WE MIGHT NOT HAVE TO HAVE ANOTHER HEARING. THE APRIL 5,1972 DATE WILL BE FINE.

For your information, the unit for the Ann Fee has arrived AND BEEN SET UP AND THE TANK BATTERY HAS BEEN COMPLETED. WE ARE WAITING ON ELECTRICITY, WHICH WE HAVE BEEN PROMISED THE FIRST OF NEXT WEEK. TRUST WE WILL HAVE THIS WELL ON PRODUC-TION THE LATTER PART OF NEXT WEEK.

SMERNOFF BED / VERY TRULY YOURS, CARTHEL FED Z LARUE FED 1

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PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the Secretary-Director of the Commission may approve expansion of the Sulling Succession.

Unit Waterflood Project to include such additional lands and injection wells in the area of the project as may be necessary to complete an efficient water injection pattern; that the showing of well response as required by Rule 701 E-5 shall not be necessary before obtaining administrative approval for the conversion of additional wells to water injection.

- (3) That monthly progress reports of the waterflood project herein authorized shall be submitted to the Commission in accordance with Rules 704 and 1120 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.
- (4) 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.

CASE 4687: Application of RIGGS OIL & GAS CORP. FOR DOWNHOLE COMMINGLING, SAN JUAN COUNTY.