CASE 5545: CONTINENTAL OIL CO. FOR DOWNHOLE COMMINGLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION Santa Fe, New Mexico August 27, 1975

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IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of Continental Oil Company ) for downhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 5545

BEFORE: Richard L. Stamets, Examiner.

TRANSCRIP' OF HEARING

#### APPEARANCES

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Santa Fe, New Mexico

For the Applicant:

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MR. STAMETS: We will call the next case, 5545.

MR. CARR: Case 5545, application of Continental
Oil Company for downhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico.

MR. KELLAHIN: If the Examiner please, may the record show the same appearance and that the witness has been sworn.

MR. STAMETS: The record will so show.

#### VICTOR T. LYON

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

#### DIRECT EXAMINATION

#### BY MR. KELLAHÎN:

- Q Would you state your name, please?
- A Victor T. Lyon, L-y-o-n.
- Q Are you the same Mr. Lyon who testified in Case 5544 and had your qualifications accepted?
  - A Yes. I am.
- Q Are you familiar with the application of Continental
  Oil Company in Case 5545?
  - A Yes, sir.
  - Q What is proposed by the applicant in this Case?
- A. Case 5545 is the application of Continental Oil
  Company for authority to commingle in the well bore,
  production from the Drinkard and the Penrose Skelly Oil Pool

in its Lockhart A-17 Well Number 3, located in Unit H of Section 17, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

- Referring to what has been marked as Exhibit Number One, identify that exhibit?
- Exhibit One is a location plat showing the well, the lease on which it is located, the locations and ownerships of surrounding properties and wells to the best of our knowledge and belief.

It shows the lease outlined in red, consisting of the east half, northeast quarter and northeast quarter, southeast quarter and the west half of southwest quarter, Section 17, Township 21 South, Range 37 East.

- Referring to what has been marked as Exhibit Number Two, would you discuss that exhibit?
- Let me mention the well. The well is shown circled in red at a location nineteen hundred and eighty feet from the north line, six sixty from the east line of Section 17.
- Now, referring to Exhibit Number Two, will you 20 identify that exhibit?
  - Exhibit Number Two is a schematic diagram showing the manner in which the well was completed and equipped. It shows the depth, the size of the casing, the amount of cement that was used and the top of the cement for the surface, the intermediate and production string. It shows

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the Drinkard perforations, sixty-four eighty-one to sixty-six oh two; Penrose Skelly perforations thirty-seven twenty-seven to seventy-three. These are overall intervals. The Blinebry perforations which have been squeezed, and it also shows at the base of the well the initial producing interval in the well which was open hole plus perforations in the shoe-joint of the casing, which those intervals have been cemented off.

- Q As I understand you then, the only zone open to the well bore is the Blinebry at the present time?
- A. The Blinebry is not open. The Penrose Skelly is open, and the Drinkard is isolated by a bridge plug set at forty-five thirty, which was placed when the well was recompleted in the Penrose Skelly.

The well was initially completed in the lower Drinkard. It was plugged back in about 1955 and completed in the Blinebry. Those perforations were squeezed and the upper Drinkard was completed and in June of '72 the Drinkard was abandoned, a bridge plug was placed at forty-five thirty and the well was recompleted in the Penrose Skelly.

- Q. And now you propose to drill out the bridge plug and commingle the production from the Penrose Skelly and the Drinkard?
  - A. That is correct.
- Q Now, referring to Exhibit Number Three, will you identify that exhibit?

A. Exhibit Three is a copy of pertinent sections of the log which was run on this well, it shows the tops of the Grayburg and the San Andres, and the top of the Drinkard, it shows the perforations in the Grayburg and the Drinkard.

- Q Referring to Exhibit Number Four, can you identify that exhibit?
- A. Exhibit Number Four is a copy of the C-116 showing the latest tests that have been taken on the well. The Drinkard completion was tested in May, on May 2nd of 1972, just prior to its abandonment for recompletion of the Penrose Skelly.

MR. STAMETS: Is that a pumping gauge or a flowing gauge?

A I'm not certain of that, but I think it was flowing.

The Penrose Skelly completion was tested on July 13th,
and it tested at thirteen barrels of oil, nine barrels of
water, fifteen MCF of gas.

The Drinkard test back in '72 was nine barrels of oil, no water, fifty-one MCF of gas.

- Q Now, referring to what has been marked as Exhibit
  Number Five, will you discuss that exhibit?
- A. Exhibit Number Five is a decline curve showing the production from the well, beginning in January of 1970 and continuing through the present. The portion of the curve through May of 1972 is the Drinkard production and from June

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of '72 to the present it shows the Penrose Skelly production.

You will note that it could very easily be the same formation,
because the well is producing approximately equivalent
volumes?

The Drinkard oil and gas production shows a very low decline rate. The Penrose Skelly is somewhat steeper.

A projection of both of these curves would indicate that initially the Penrose Skelly would probably produce more than half of the combined production. But in a very short time the Drinkard will overtake it and ultimately will be producing more than the Penrose Skelly based on the trend established by this curve. And because of this, I would recommend that the production be allocated fifty percent to the Drinkard and fifty percent to the Penrose Skelly.

- Q Has production from the two zones been commingled at the surface?
- A. Yes, they have for a number of years and there has been no indication of incompatibility.
- Q Is there any difference in the ownership in the two zones?
  - A. No, it is identical.
- Q. Do you have any information on the bottomhole pressures of the two zones?
- A. We have estimated the Drinkard bottomhole pressure at seven hundred pounds, based on the average reservoir pressure,

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and also pressures from the nearest wells. The current pressure in this well is not available because it is isolated below the bridge plug. The Penrose Skelly pressure was measured from the fluid-level survey at four hundred and fifty pounds.

- Q Now, in your opinion will the granting of this application result in the prevention of waste?
  - A. Yes, it will.
- Q Will it increase the producing rate and extend the producing life of the well?
  - A. Yes, very definitely.
- Q Will that result in the recovery of oil that would not otherwise be recovered?
  - A In my opinion it would.
- Q Would the correlative rights of any party be impaired by the approval of this application?
  - A I don't see how they could be.
- 1s there any possibility of damage to either one
   of the reservoirs as a result of the commingling?
- A. I don't believe so. There is no gas problem and there is no water problem, and I think there would be no danger of damage or waste.
- Q Were Exhibits One through Five prepared by you or under your supervision?
  - A. Yes, they were.

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MR. STAMETS: They will be admitted.

into evidence Exhibits One through Five.

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MR. KELLAHIN: That's all we have, Mr. Stamets.

MR. KELLAHIN: At this time I would like to offer

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#### CROSS EXAMINATION

#### BY MR. STAMETS:

Q Turning back to Exhibit Number Two, I presume you will run tubing and the well will be put on a pump?

- A. Yes.
- Q The tubing will be set, what, within a hundred feet of the Drinkard perfs?
  - A. Right.
- Q As to the allocation, what life expectancy would you predict on this well?

A. Well, now let's see. I predicted a remaining life of approximately ten years. And I further estimated that the additional recovery as a result of this downhole commingling opposed to producing the reservoir's separately, assuming that we could economically do that, would be approximately six thousand barrels.

Q I gather from your testimony that the only way to get a really accurate allocation formula would be to have some sort of a sliding-scale formula over this ten years which would result in some slight percentage variation from

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month to month, but this is not a practical method?

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A. Right. Also very frequently the depletion type reservoir that declines will show a flattening at a stage in the producing life and it appears that the Penrose Skelly is in such a stage right now and I don't think the steep decline rate that it has shown this time is going to continue, so when it is in that transition period it is very difficult to have any accuracy on a projection of decline.

- Q Are these liquids compatible?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q What about the gas? I see the gas-oil ratio is quite a bit higher on the Drinkard, have you made a projection on total gas production as on oil?
- Well, I looked at it, and it appears that they are very -- the decline rate is following the oil just almost exactly. It's true that, I think the Drinkard showed a gas-oil ratio of some five thousand cubic feet per barrel and the Penrose Skelly had about twelve hundred, if I remember that.
- Q Looking at Exhibit Number Four, it would appear that the Skelly gas production is about a third of the Drinkard production?
  - A. That sounds reasonable.
- Q Do you still think the gas ought to be allocated on a fifty-fifty basis or some other percentage?

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A I wouldn't argue with a one-third and two-thirds allocation with two-thirds of it going to the Drinkard. It probably would be in order.

MR. STAMETS: Any other questions of the witness?
He may be excused.

Anything further in this Case?

MR. KELLAHIN: That's all, Mr. Stamets.

MR. STAMETS: We will take the case under advise-

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I, SIDNEY F. MORRISH, a court reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached Transcript of Hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission was reported by me, and 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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### 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. 5545 Order No. R-5088

APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL OIL COMPANY FOR DOWNHOLE COMMINGLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

#### ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

#### BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on August 27, 1975, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 9th day of September, 1975, 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, Continental Oil Company, is the owner and operator of the Lockhart A-17 Well No. 3, located in Unit H of Section 17, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the applicant seeks authority to commingle Drinkard and Penrose Skelly production within the wellbore of the above-described well.
- (4) That from the Drinkard zone, the subject well is capable of low marginal production only.
- (5) That from the Penrose Skelly zone, the subject well is capable of marginal production only.
- (6) That the proposed commingling may result in the recovery of additional hydrocarbons from each of the subject pools, thereby preventing waste, and will not violate correlative rights.
- (7) That the reservoir characteristics of each of the subject zones are such that underground waste would not be caused by the proposed commingling provided that the well is not shutin for an extended period.

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- (8) That to afford the Commission the opportunity to assess the potential for waste and to expeditiously order appropriate remedial action, the operator should notify the Hobbs district office of the Commission any time the subject well is shut-in for 7 consecutive days.
- (9) That in order to allocate the commingled production to each of the commingled zones in the subject well, 50 percent and 70 percent of the commingled oil and gas production, respectively, should be allocated to the Drinkard zone, and 50 percent and 30 percent of the commingled oil and gas production, respectively, to the Penrose Skelly zone.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That the applicant, Continental Oil Company, is hereby authorized to commingle Drinkard and Penrose Skelly production within the wellbore of the Lockhart A-17 Well No. 3, located in Unit H of Section 17, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (2) That 50 percent and 70 percent of the commingled oil and gas production, respectively, shall be allocated to the Drinkard zone and 50 percent and 30 percent of the commingled oil and gas production, respectively, shall be allocated to the Penrose Skelly zone.
- (3) That the operator of the subject well shall immediately notify the Commission's Hobbs district office any time the well has been shut-in for 7 consecutive days and shall concurrently present, to the Commission, a plan for remedial action.
- (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.

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PHIL R. LUCERO, Chairman

EMERY KNOLD, Member

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Secretary

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#### **OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO P. O. BOX 2088 - SANTA FE 87501 September 9, 1975

CASE NO. Re: ORDER NO. R-5088 Jason Kellahin Kellahin & Fox Attorneys at Law Post Office Box 1769 Applicant: Santa Fe, New Mexico Continental Oil Company Dear Sir: Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced Commission order recently entered in the subject case. Yours very truly JOE D. RAMEY Secretary-Director JDR/fd Copy of order also sent to: Hobbs OCC Artesia OCC Aztec OCC Other

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August 5, 1975

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission P. O. Box 2088
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Attention Mr. J. D. Ramey - Secretary-Director

Gentlemen:

Application for Downhole Commingling - Lockhart A-17 No. 3

Attached in triplicate is our application for downhole commingling of Drinkard and Penrose Skelly oil in our Lockhart A-17 No. 3 - H-17-21-37. Please set this matter for hearing on your September 10, 1975 Examiner Docket.

Yours very truly,

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#### APPLICATION

Applicant, Continental Oil Company, respectfully requests authority to commingle in the wellbore oil produced from the Drinkard and Penrose Skelly oil pools in its Lockhart A-17 Well No. 3 located in Unit H of Section 17, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico and in support thereof would show:

- Applicant is operator and co-owner of the Lockhart A-17 Lease consisting of, in addition to other lands, E/2 NE/4 and NE/4 SE/4 Section 17, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico.
- 2. Applicant has drilled on said lease its Lockhart A-17 Well No. 3 located 1980' FNL and 660' FEL of said Section.
- 3. Said Lockhart A-17 No. 3 was originally completed in the Drinkard Pool and subsequently was recompleted in the Blinebry Oil Pool and then the Penrose Skelly Pool. The Blinebry perforations were squeezed when that interval was abandoned.
- 4. The Penrose Skelly completion has declined to marginal oil producing rates and applicant desires to commingle in the wellbore production from that pool with the Drinkard pool.
- 5. Combined production from the two pools is estimated to be less than 30 barrels of oil per day with low water production and moderate gas oil ratio.
- 6. The granting of this application will extend the producing life of the well and will result in the production of oil that otherwise would not be recovered and therefore, is in the interest of prevention of waste

and will not impair correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, applicant respectfully requests that this matter be set for hearing before the commission's duly appointed examiner and that upon hearing an order be entered authorizing the commingling in the wellbore of the production as described above.

Respectfully Submitted,

CONTINENTAL OIL COMPANY

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#### APPLICATION

Applicant, Continental Oil Company, respectfully requests authority to commingle in the wellbore oil produced from the Drinkard and Penrose Skelly oil pools in its Lockhart A-17 Well No. 3 located in Unit H of Section 17, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico and in support thereof would show:

- Applicant is operator and co-owner of the Lockhart A-17 Lease consisting of, in addition to other lands, E/2 NE/4 and NE/4 SE/4 Section 17, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico.
- Applicant has drilled on said lease its Lockhart A-17 Well No. 3located 1980' FNL and 660' FEL of said Section.
- 3. Said Lockhart A-17 No. 3 was originally completed in the Drinkard Pool and subsequently was recompleted in the Blinebry Oil Pool and then the Penrose Skelly Pool. The Blinebry perforations were squeezed when that interval was abandoned.
- 4. The Penrose Skelly completion has declined to marginal oil producing rates and applicant desires to commingle in the wellbore production from that pool with the Drinkard pool.
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- Applicant is operator and co-owner of the Lockhart A-17 Lease consisting of, in addition to other lands, E/2 NE/4 and NE/4 SE/4 Section 17, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico.
- 2. Applicant has drilled on said lease its Lockhart A-17 Well No. 3
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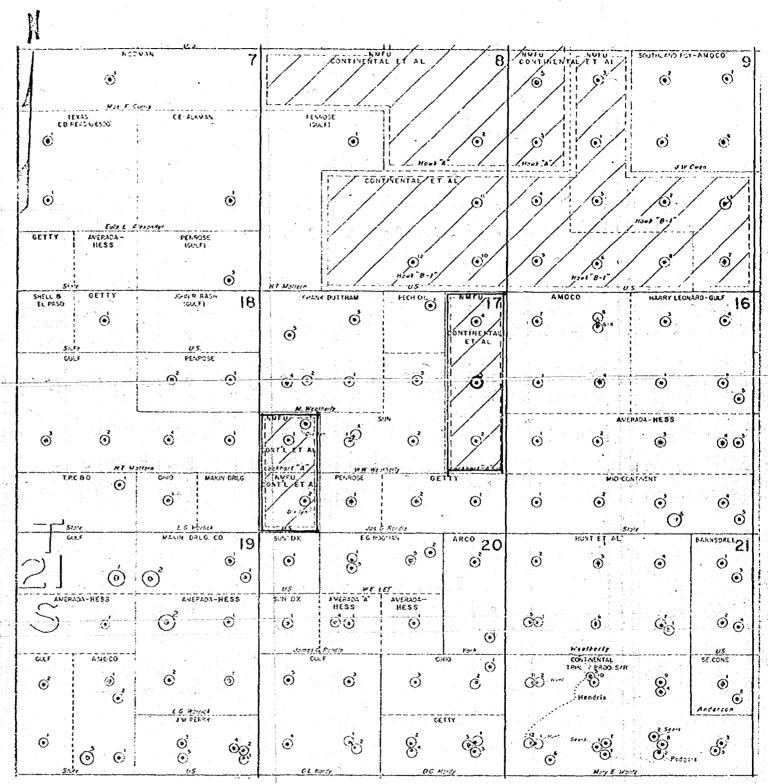
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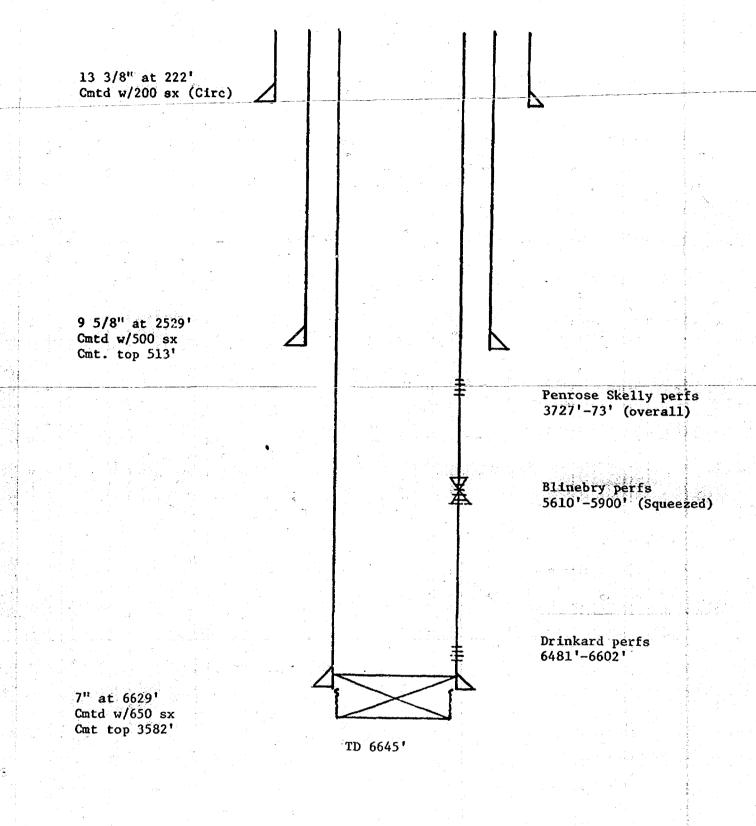
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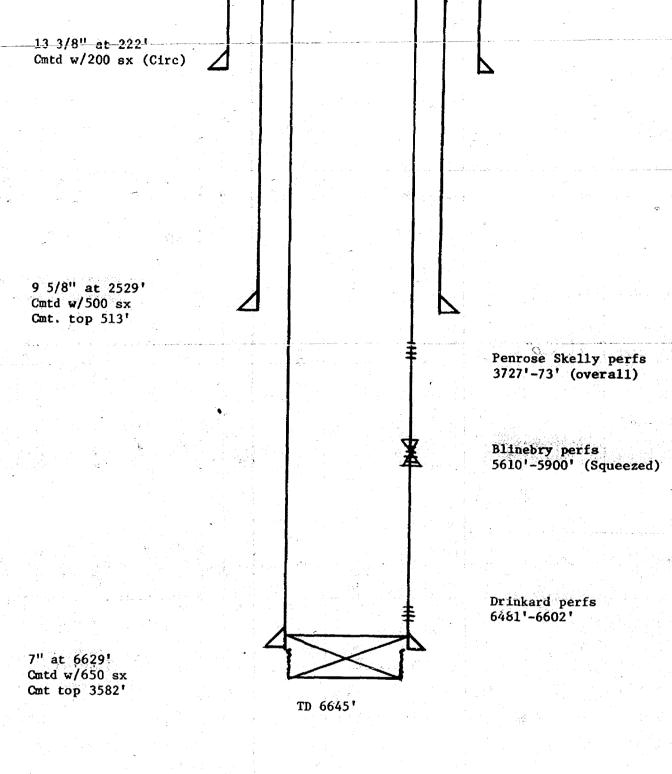
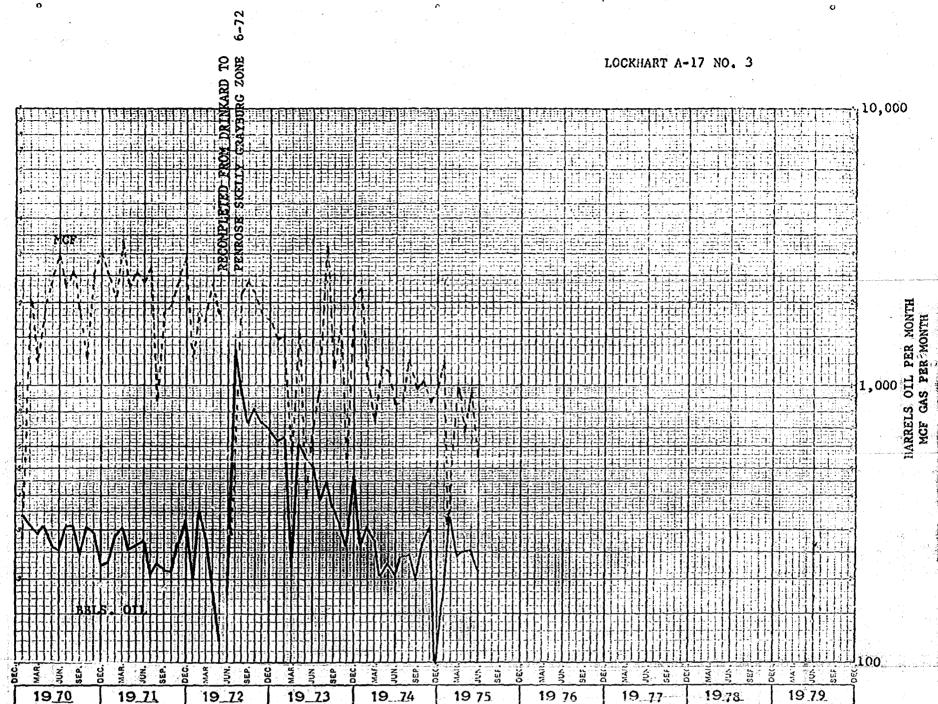
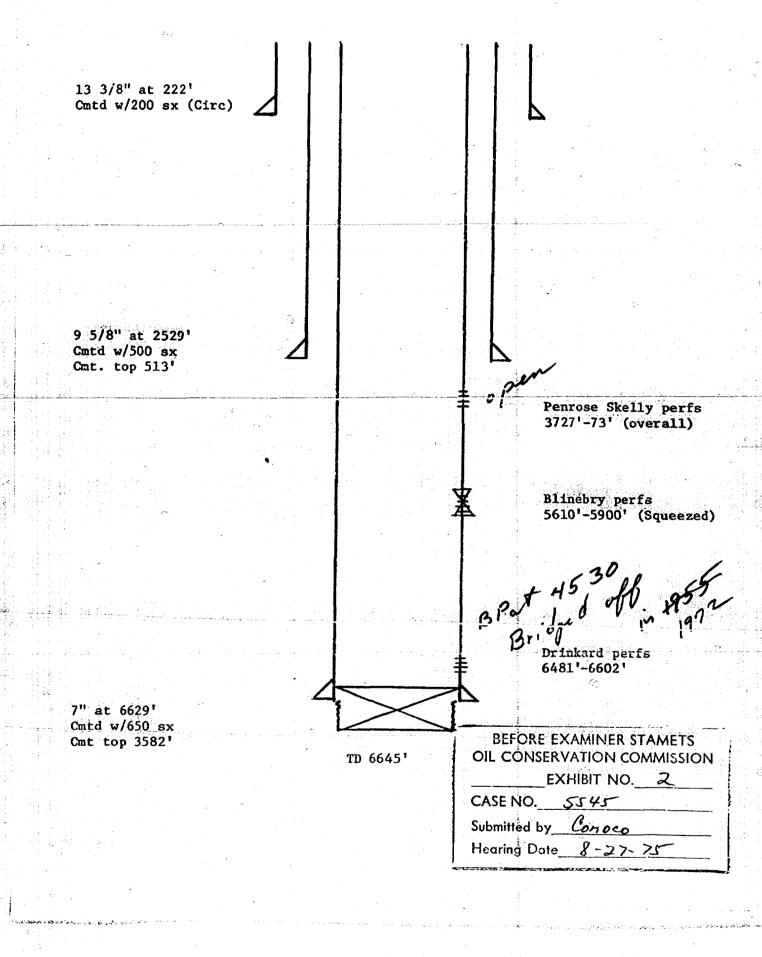


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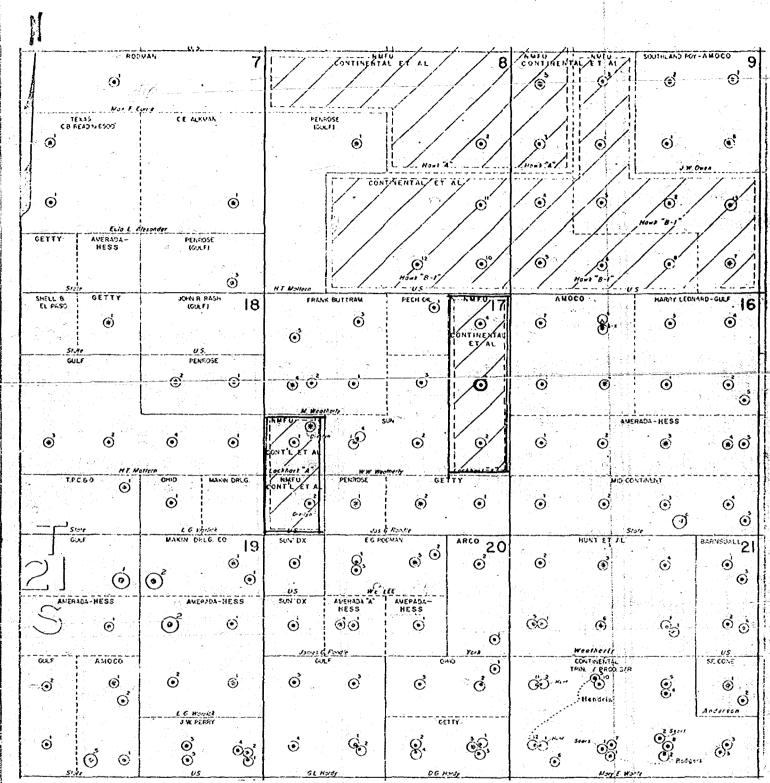
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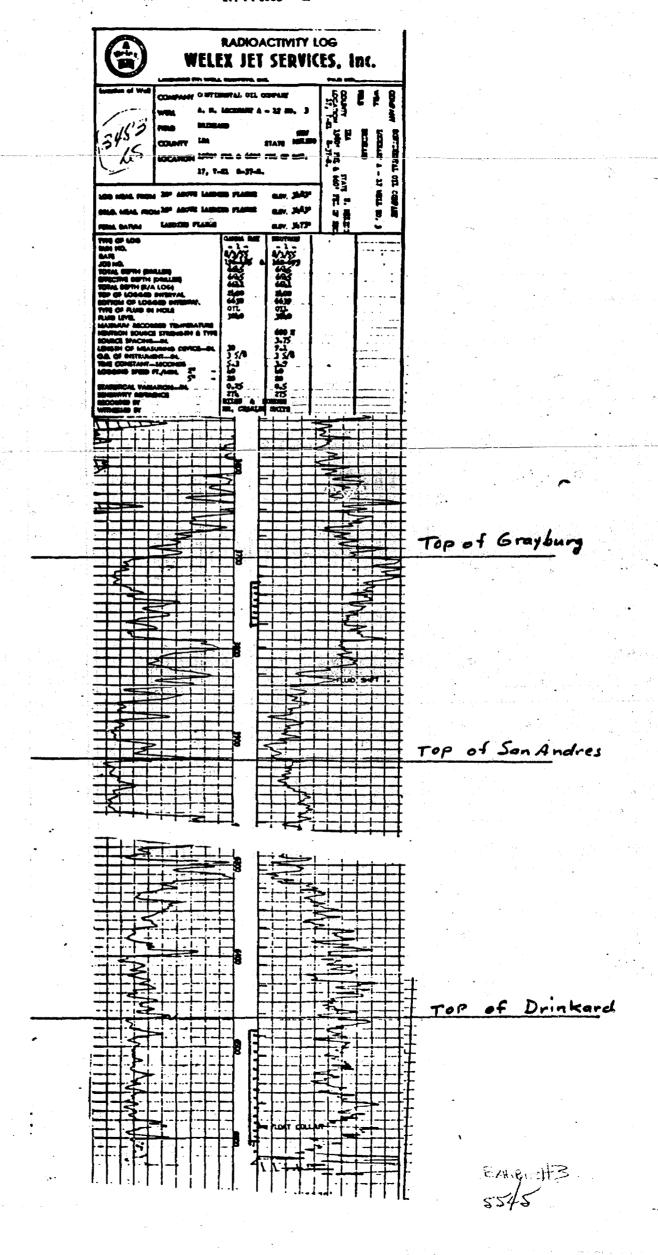
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#### CASE 5496: (Continued & Readvertised)

Application of Mesa Petroleum Co. for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for an unorthodox location to test the Pennsylvanian formation for its Nash Unit Well No. 2, to be located 1350 feet from the North line and 1300 feet from the West line, or in the alternative, 1350 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line of Section 18, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.

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CASE 5545:

Application of Mesa Petroleum Co. for creation of two gas pools and special rules, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the creation of a new Strawn gas pool and a new Morrow gas pool for its Nash Unit Well No. 1, located in Unit H of Section 13, Township 23 South, Range 29 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, and the promulgation of special pool rules therefor, including a provision for 640-acre spacing units.

ASE 5544: Application of Continental Oil Company for an unorthodox oil well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its Southeast Monument Unit Well No. 96 to be located 1650 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the East line of Section 23, Township 20 South, Range 37 East, Cass-Pennsylvanian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

Application of Continental Oil Company for downhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to commingle Drinkard and Penrose Skelly production in the wellbore of its Lockhart A-17 Well No. 3, located in Unit H of Section 17, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

Application of Navajo Refining Company for compulsory pooling and an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Pennsylvanian formation underlying the S/2 of Section 30, Township 17 South, Range 26 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox gas well location either 660 feet from the South and West lines, or 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of said Section 30. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered will be the designation of the applicant as the operator of the well and a charge for the risk involved in drilling said well.

# 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. Order No. R- 5088 APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL OIL COMPANY FOR DOWNHOLE COMMINGLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO. ORDER OF THE COMMISSION BY THE COMMISSION: This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on August 27 19 75, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamet NOW, on this day of September, 19 75, 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, Continental Oil Company owner and operator of the Lockhart A-17 Well No. 3 in Unit H of Section 17, Township 21 South \_\_\_ County, New Mexico. , NMPM, Lea (3) That the applicant seeks authority to commingle and Penrose Skelly Drinkard production within the wellbore of the above-described well. (4) That from the Drinkard zone, the subject well is capable of low marginal production only. (5) That from the Penrose Skelly zone, the subject well is capable of marginal production only. (6) That the proposed commingling may result in the recovery of additional hydrocarbons from each of the subject pools, thereby preventing waste, and will not violate correlative rights.

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(7) That the reservoir characteristics of each of the
subject zones are such that underground waste would not be caused
by the proposed commingling provided that the well is not shut-in
for an extended period.
(8) That to afford the Commission the opportunity to assess
the potential for waste and to expeditiously order appropriate
remedial action, the operator should notify the Hobbs district
office of the Commission any time the subject well is shut-in for
7 consecutive days.
(9) That in order to allocate the commingled production
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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:
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- (3) That the operator of the subject well shall immediately notify the Commission's <u>Hobbs</u> district office any time the well has been shut-in for 7 consecutive days and shall concurrently present, to the Commission, a plan for remedial action.
- (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.