CASE 5686: ANADARKO PROD. CO.
FOR A WATERFLOOD PROJECT, EDDY
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

# CASE NO.

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CASE NO. 5686 Order No. R-5224 Premier L & M Waterflood Project

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This letter is written in response to a provision of Order No. R-5224 which states "the operator should conduct tests to determine the pressure at which injection into said well may be maintained without causing fracturing of the cement or formation around the well and resultant migration of injected fluid out of the injection zone".

Current Rate and Pressure - 103 BWPD @ 1400#.

Cement - During October, 1967 a  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " liner was set through the Grayburg pay zones and cemented with 100 sacks of Class C w/2% CaCL. Halliburton cementing tables show this cement to possess 3935 psi compressive strength at 80° F (bottom hole temperature) after 72 hours setting time.

Dowell Chemical Company's frac guide formulas are used in the calculations shown below to determine the maximum wellhead pressure attained at the time fracturing occurrs around the immediate well bore. This fracture pressure is generally agreed to be the instant shut down pressure after a frac job. The Federal L #2 was fraced during September, 1972 w/35,000 gals gelled water and 35,000# sand. The instant shut down pressure was 1600#. (see attached Dowell treating perent. Exhibit #1) This was presented. treating report - Exhibit #1) This was recorded after the flush and while the hole was loaded with fresh water.

 $P_{F}$  (Fracture Pressure) =  $P_{FGD}$ 

where: P<sub>FG</sub> = fracturing gradient

D = depth = 3002' (top perforation)

Fracturing gradient =  $\frac{P_h + P_W - P_f - P_{Df}}{D}$ 

where:

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Ph = hydrostatic pressure, psi = specific gravity x wt/ft of fresh water x D = 1.06 (see Exhibit #2) x .1+33 x 3002 = 1378#

Pw = wellhead pressure, psi = I.S.D.P. = 1600#

Pf = pipe friction pressure, psi = at the rate of 103 BWPD
I assume this figure to be equal to or only slightly greater than zero, therefore = 0#

 $P_{pf}$  = perforation friction pressure, psi = same as  $P_f$  = O#

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Therefore: Fracturing can occur when a wellhead pressure of 1600# together with a hydrostatic of 1378# applies a total force of 2978 psi on the perforations at a depth of 3002.

It should be noted that this fracturing can occur in a horizontal plane and still be contained within the pay zone. Dowell's frac guide says that a fracture gradient of  $\langle .7 \rangle$  consists of vertical fractures;  $\langle .7 \rangle$  but  $\langle 1 \rangle$  = vertical or horizontal and  $\langle 1 \rangle$  = horizontal fractures. The fracture gradient here calculates:

$$P_{FG} = P_h + P_w - P_f - P_{pf} = \frac{1378 + 1600 - 0 - 0}{3002} = .992$$

This .992 strongly suggests horizontal fractures. Due to this slow rate it would seem that the depth of penetration of a fracture would be quite limited.

Also fracturing can occur between sand stringers within the Grayburg Section without harmful effects since the Grayburg section frequently contains multiple thin sands and our intention is to ultimately flood all sand stringers in this zone.

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# BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION Santa Fe, New Mexico May 26, 1976

## **EXAMINER HEARING**

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of Anadarko Production
CASE
Company for a waterflood project,
Eddy County, New Mexico.

BEFORE: Richard L. Stamets, Examiner

# TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

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MR. STAMETS: The hearing will please come to order. We will call next Case 5686.

MR. CARR: Case 5686, application of Anadarko Production Company for a waterflood project, Eddy County, New Mexico.

MR. KELLAHIN: If the Examiner please, Jason Kellahin of Kellahin and Fox, Santa Fe, appearing for the applicant and we have one witness to be sworn.

(THEREUPON, the witness was duly sworn.)

# DAN KERNAGHAN

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

# DIRECT EXAMINATION

## BY MR. KELLAHIN:

- Would you state your name, please? Ç
- My name is Dan Kernaghan. A.
- How do you spell that, Mr. Kernaghan? Q.
- K-e-r-n-a-g-h-a-n.
- By whom are you employed and in what position?
- I'm employed by Anadarko Production Company as Division Evaluation Engineer.
- Have you testified before the Oil Conservation Commission or one of its examiners and made your qualifications

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as an engineer a matter of record?

A. Yes, I have.

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

> MR. STAMETS: They are.

- (Mr. Kellahin continuing.) Mr. Kernaghan, are you familiar with the application of Anadarko Production Company in Case 5686?
  - Yes, I am. A.
  - What does the Applicant propose in this case?
- We propose to enter our well, our Federal "L" No. 2 Well and convert it for water injection for the purposes of waterflooding these leases.
- Would you give a history of this area; has there Q. not already been a waterflood in this area?
  - A. Yes, sir.
  - Would you outline what has occurred here?
- Yes, these two, Anadarko's Federal "L" and "M" leases were part of a waterflood cooperative project made up of all of Section 31. This project was a waterflood of the Loco Hills sand only. It was authorized on July 13, 1961 by Order Number R-2032. It gave permission for numerous injection wells in that section and provided for the injection of water into the Loco Hills sand which occurs at a depth of approximately twenty-eight hundred feet below the surface.

Now, the sand you propose to flood is also in the
Loco Hills Pool?

A. That's right, it is within the vertical limits of the Loco Hills Pool but it is the Premier sand which occurs some two hundred feet down the hole from the Loco Hills sand.

Q Since the other order only authorized injection in the Loco Hills sand a hearing was necessary for this one?

A. We felt this was true, yes. This project, the Loco Hills flood was developed soon after the initial order in 1961. It was a successful flood but over the past several years it has declined to the point where it is no longer economic and we are recompleting wells into the Primier sand. The wells in the area were originally completed for primary purposes in both the Loco Hills and the Premier. The Loco Hills was separated for operational purposes for the initial project.

Q Now, referring to what has been marked as Applicant'
Exhibit Number One, would you identify that exhibit?

A. Exhibit One shows the area surrounding the water-flood project. The "L" and "M" leases are outlined in yellow and the well which we are asking permission to inject into is shown with the red circle.

Q. Referring to what has been marked Exhibit Number Two would you identify that exhibit?

A. Exhibit Number Two is another plat showing this

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project in somewhat more detail. The red circles are wells which have been recompleted in the Premier sand. The red arrow indicates the well which we propose to convert for injection purposes into the Premier.

Q Now, under the old project is the water still being injected into the Loco Hills sand?

A. It is, into Well No. 6, which is location "J" of Section 31. There are also active injection wells on Newmont' Brigham "A" lease, the east half of the southeast quarter of 31.

Q As to the other injection wells shown on the exhibit?

- A. They have been abandoned.
- Q They have been abandoned?
- A. Yes, sir.

Q. Now, referring to what has been marked as Exhibit
Number Three, would you discuss that exhibit, please?

A. Exhibit Number Three gives the production history of the first three pages of the production history of our Loco Hills waterflood. It shows that it starts at or near the peak producing rate of that flood in 1964 and it shows the history from then until the present time, indicating that it has gone from seventeen, eighteen thousand barrels a month in January of '64 down to approximately fifty barrels a month in April of this year.

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The last page of that exhibit shows the production from the Premier sand completions only on our Federal "L" and Federal "M" leases. The initial recompletion into the Premier after the waterflood was in 1972. That was the Federal "L" No. 2 Well. It produced for about two years and we completed the Federal "L" 4 and the Federal "M" No. 5.

Q Now, has the production steadily declined in the Premier sands?

A. Yes. Any individual well, yes, it has. The increase is due to new recompletions.

Q So, you have more wells producing in 1976 than you had initially, is that correct?

A. That's correct.

Q In your opinion is it reaching an advanced stage of depletion?

A. Yes, it is. The sand was depleted for primary production before the Loco Hills waterflood was initiated and, you know, it is still in the same stage of depletion as it was back in '61 when we moved out of it and completed in the Loco Hills zone. Yes, it has had many, many years of primary production prior to the first waterflood.

Q In effect, this is actually just another step in the same waterflood, isn't it?

A. That's correct.

Q. Now, referring to what has been marked as Exhibit

Number Four, would you identify that, please?

A Yes, Exhibit Four graphically represents the data shown tabulated in Exhibit Three. It is the production curve of the Loco Hills sand waterflood and the Premier sand completion.

- Q Now, again on the Premier sand completions, marked increase in 1974, is that due to additional wells?
  - A. That is correct.
  - Q Not to any increase from the individual wells?
- A. That is correct, it is due to the recompletion of the Federal "L" 4 and the "M" No. 5.
- Q Now, referring to what has been marked as Exhibit
  Number Five, would you identify that exhibit?
- A Exhibit Five is a schematic diagram of our proposed completion for injection purposes for our Federal "L" No. 2 Well.

It shows that we intend to inject down plasticlined tubing set on a packer just above the producing horizon
of the Premier zone. It shows that the Loco Hills perforations
above that have been squeezed and that the packer will be
set below that. It shows that we are estimating a surface
injection pressure of about fifteen hundred pounds which is
half a pound per foot.

- Q And then what volume of water will you inject?
- A. We anticipate ultimately three hundred barrels

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a day of a fresh, produced water mixture. Initially we do not intend to inject to make up any fresh water. We will inject the produced water from the two leases until we have a chance to recomplete some additional wells into the Premier sand and further develop these leases. As we recomplete these wells we will have more produced water to dispose of.

- Q Then you propose to re-inject that water, is that correct?
  - A. Yes, that is correct.
- Q And in the event that you continue to flood, will you use fresh water?
  - A. Yes, we will.
  - Q What is the source of that water?
- A. Well, it will be from one of the commercial sources in the area. The Loco Hills sand flood had a contract with Double Eagle, I believe it was, to secure water, but the status of that contract is unknown really right now.
- Now, you are utilizing a plastic-coated tubing,
   are you not?
  - A. Yes, we will.
  - Q And you will have a pressure gauge at the surface?
- A. We'll have a pressure gauge or a flow monitor of some sort. We would prefer to leave the annulus open so that we can detect a water flow.
  - And that is what you propose to do in this case?

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A Yes.

Q Will you fill the casing-tubing annulus with an inert fluid?

- A. Yes, we will.
- Q. Now, referring to what has been marked as Exhibit Number Six, will you identify that exhibit, please?
- A. This is a Dresser-Atlas sonic log of the proposed injection well, showing the formations of interest and the perforations in this well from three thousand and two to three thousand and twelve feet.
- Mr. Kernaghan, in your opinion will approval of this application result in the recovery of oil that would not otherwise be recovered?
  - A. Yes, in my opinion it will.
- Q. Do you have any estimate of what the recovery might be as a result of this waterflood?
- A. We don't at this time, since the two leases are not fully developed, we are still in the process of recompleting these wells. The next well we intend to work on is the "M" 6 which is our current injection well that we are using to dispose of the produced water into the Loco Hills sand, so we feel that it is a little early to give an estimate of what the potential might be.
- Q But you do feel that there is unrecovered oil remaining in the Premier sand?

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- Q That can be recovered as a result of the waterflood?
- A. Yes, I think so.
- Q Will the proposed waterflood fully protect correlative rights of the interest owners in the area?
  - A. Yes, I believe it will.
  - Q In your opinion will it prevent waste?
  - A Yes.
- Q. Were Exhibits One through Six prepared by you or under your supervision?
  - A. Yes, they were.

MR. KELLAHIN: Mr. Examiner, I would like to offer into evidence Exhibits One through Six.

MR. STAMETS: These exhibits will be admitted.

(THEREUPON, Applicant's Exhibits One through
Six were admitted into evidence.)

MR. KELLAHIN: That completes our examination of the witness, Mr. Stamets.

# CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. STAMETS:

- Mr. Kernaghan, are there any other Premier floods in the area shown on your Exhibit Number Two at the present time?
  - A. To my knowledge, no. The Newmont West Loco Hills

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Unit which encompasses the west half of Section 1 and the acreage around there shown in the cross-hatched outline is an active unit but it is flooding the Loco Hills sand.

Q And I believe in your application you requested administrative procedure for the expansion of the flood on these two leases?

A. That is correct. As we recomplete additional wells and proceed with this project we anticipate adding injection wells

Q. This would be the typical type of expansion procedure that the Commission puts in its orders?

A. Yes.

Q How fast do you plan to recomplete these wells into the Premier?

A. Well, we have plans for recompleting the "M" 6 just as soon as we can convert the "L" 2 to injection.

Q What about General American, do you know if they have any plans to recomplete any closer wells in the Premier, assuming that they are the owner of the southwest quarter of 31?

A. They are the owner. I know of no definite plans though they have, as you can see, recompleted their "F" 15, the Beeson "F" No. 2 in the far southwest corner of Section 31 which produced only water on recompletion, so that delayed some of their activity in that southwest quarter but this project is known to them also and I see no reason why they wouldn't

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proceed with it if, you know, based on favorable results on our property.

- Q At what depth will the packer be set in this well?
- A. We would like to set it at approximately a hundred feet above the perforation or at twenty-nine hundred feet to allow an interval in there in which to get a zero temperature line on our temperature log. Recently we have presented this as a request in other applications and we feel that it gives more flexibility at a later date when we go to survey the well.
- Do you have a water analysis on the produced water
   yet?
  - A. No, I don't.
- Q. Would you submit one at the time water injection commences?
  - A. Okay, we certainly will.
- Q. Now, Mr. Kernaghan, on the recent orders the

  Commission has tended to limit the pressure on injection wells

  so that the bottom-hole pressure does not exceed seventy

  percent of the depth of the well to the perforations. Just

  some rough calculations on this it appears to me that would be
  a surface pressure of something on the order of six hundred

  pounds. Would that be sufficient pressure on this well to

  allow you to inject?
  - A. I don't think it would be sufficient to allow us to

inject three hundred barrels a day. I think it would severely hamper our operation here. A pressure of four-tenths to five-tenths pounds per foot at the surface is, generally speaking, what it would take in this area, I believe, to inject sufficient quantities of water.

- Q Do you have any evidence to indicate that this pressure would not lead to fracturing of the formations in this area, fracturing to the point where water could escape?
  - A. No.
  - Q. Is there any fresh water in the vicinity?
  - A. Not to my knowledge.
- Q That would be all of the area shown on your Exhibit
  Number Two, to your knowledge there is no fresh water in the
  vicinity?
- A. Not to my knowledge there is no fresh water. It is off the caprock several miles and I know of no fresh water wells in the area.
- Q The community of Loco Hills up there, have they been getting their water piped in off the caprock for a number of years?
- A. I cannot say. I'm not personally familiar with that.
- MR. STAMETS: Are there any other questions of the witness?

# CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. RAMEY:

Q Mr. Kernaghan, what has been the injection pressure of the Loco Hills sand flood? Has it been comparable to the half a pound per square foot?

A. I think it has been less but it has been so many years since we have had full injection on that project, it was prior to the time that I came with Anadarko that we had full injection. Why don't I research that and write a letter, just drop a note saying what it was because I cannot.

- Q You have no indication of fracturing or channeling of waters out of your injection interval?
  - A. No, none that I know of.
- Q I do want to complement you on your taste in neckties.

MR. STAMETS: Mr. Kernaghan, along that same line, not about neckties, but Loco Hills, is the Loco Hills zone a more uniform zone, a little easier to flood than the Premier?

THE WITNESS: Yes, it is. It is a much more blanket deposit across the area. The Premier is a more erratic deposit.

MR. STAMETS: What about the cementing on this well, was this carried out late enough that you are confident that you have got a good cement job on the injection well?

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THE WITNESS: This well was drilled in 1941. The liner was set at a later date when we initiated the Loco Hills flood. We are pretty confident about the cementing job on the liner. The original well was not drilled by us and like I say, it was back in 1941. I think it would be pushing us to say that we are that confident of it.

MR. STAMETS: But you are confident the liner for the injection will be?

THE WITNESS: Yes, that was worked out by Ambassador and we feel that it will sufficiently protect it.

MR. STAMETS: Are there any other questions of the witness? He may be excused.

(THEREUPON, the witness was excused.)

MR. STAMETS: Anything further in this case. We will take the case under advisement.

MR. STAMETS: Just for the record in this case, we would note that the Loco Hills was squeezed, the squeezed pressure was three thousand pounds.

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I, SIDNEY F. MORRISH, a Certified Shorthand 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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# **OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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

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DIRECTOR JÕE D. RAMEY

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PHIL R. LUCERO June 2, 1976

Re:	CASE NO. 5686
Mr. Jason Kellahin Kellahin & Fox	ORDER NO. R-5224
Actorneys at Law Post Office Box 1769 Santa Fe, New Mexico	Applicant:
	Anadarko Production Company
Dear Sir:	
Enclosed herewith are two co Commission order recently en	opies of the above-referenced ntered in the subject case.
Yours very truly,  JOE D. RAMEY  Director	
JDR/fd	
Copy of order also sent to:	
Hobbs OCC X Artesia OCC X Aztec OCC	

# 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. 5686 Order No. R-5224

APPLICATION OF ANADARKO PRODUCTION COMPANY FOR A WATERFLOOD PROJECT, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

# ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

### BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on May 26, 1976, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this <u>lst</u> day of June, 1976, 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, Anadarko Production Company, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project on its Federal "L" and Federal "M" Leases, Loco Hills Pool, by the injection of water into the Premier Sand of the Grayburg formation through its Federal "L" Well No. 2 located in Unit E of Section 31, Township 17 South, Range 30 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (3) That applicant further seeks an administrative procedure for expansion of the project by approval of additional injection and production wells at standard and non-standard locations.
- (4) That the wells in the project area are in an advanced state of depletion and should properly be classified as "stripper" wells.
- (5) That the proposed waterflood project should result in the recovery of otherwise unrecoverable oil, thereby preventing waste.
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(7) 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.

### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

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PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the operator should conduct tests to determine the pressure at which injection into said well may be maintained without causing fracturing of the cement or formation around the well and resultant migration of injected fluid out of the injection zone.

PROVIDED FURTHER, that the operator shall file both the test data and the results with the Commission upon the conclusion of such tests.

- (2) That injection into said well shall be through internally coated tubing, set in a packer which shall be located approximately 100 feet above the uppermost perforation; that the casing-tubing annulus of the injection well shall be loaded with an inert fluid and equipped with an approved pressure gauge or attention-attracting leak detection device.
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- (4) That the subject waterflood project is hereby designated the Anadarko Premier L and M Waterflood Project and shall be governed by the provisions of Rules 701, 702, and 703 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.
- (5) The Secretary-Director of the Commission is hereby authorized to approve additional producing wells and injection wells at orthodox and unorthodox locations within the boundaries of the Anadarko Premier L and M Waterflood Project Area as may be necessary to complete an efficient production and injection pattern, provided said wells are drilled no closer than 330 feet to any lease line nor closer than 10 feet to any quarter-quarter section or subdivision inner boundary. To obtain such approval, the project operator shall file proper application with the

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Commission, which application, if it seeks authorization to convert additional wells to injection or to drill additional production or injection wells shall include the following:

- (A) A plat showing the location of proposed well, all wells within the project area, and offset operators, locating wells which offset the project area.
- (B) A schematic drawing of the proposed well which fully describes the casing, tubing, perforated interval, and depth.
- (C) A letter stating that all offset operators to the proposed well have been furnished a complete copy of the application and the date of notification.

The Secretary-Director may approve the proposed well if, within 20 days after receiving the application, no objection to the proposal is received. The Secretary-Director may grant immediate approval, provided waivers of objection are received from all offset operators.

- (6) 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.
- (7) 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.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PHIL R. LUCERO, Chairman

EMERY C ARNOLD, Member

JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Secretary

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# **ANADARKO PRODUCTION COMPANY**

A Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company Subsidiary

Two Greenway Plaza East, Suite 410 Houston, Texas 77046 (713) 626-7610

May 27, 1976



Mr. Joe D. Ramey, Secretary-Director New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Mr. Ramey:

In response to your question raised in Case 5686 regarding the injection pressure encountered in Anadarko's Loco Hills Flood, Eddy County, New Mexico, we submit the following data:

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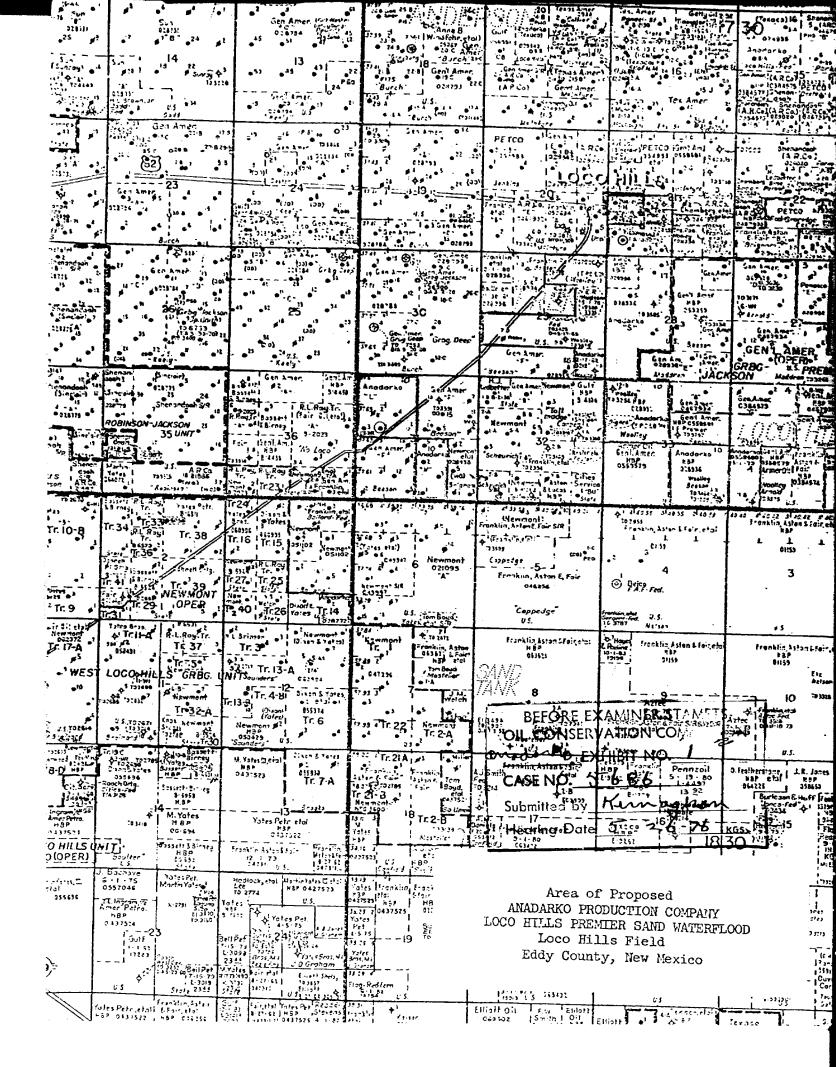
Maximum wellhead pressure after fillup was 1660 psi at a typical injection rate of 650 BWPD. The pressure varied with rate and was as low as 1200 psi in some wells.

Our office in Loco Hills reports that the community of Loco Hills is supplied fresh water by Caprock Water Company.

D. G. Kernaghan

Division Evaluation Engineer

DGK/mm

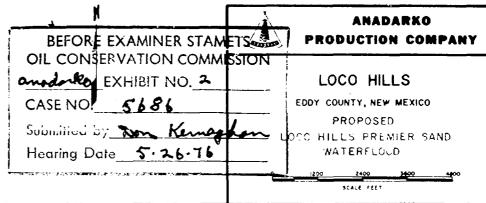


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# PRODUCTION HISTORY ANADARKO LOCO HILLS WATERFLOOD Eddy County, New Mexico

YEAR	MONTH	OIL PRODUCTION		YEAR	MONTH	OIL PRODUCTION
1964 TOTAL Y	Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	17,883 14,604 14,229 12,625 11,833 9,536 8,664 7,747 6,897 6,375 5,166 5,475 121,034		1967 <b>TOTAL YE</b>	Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	1,793 1,468 1,498 1,339 604 1,300 1,300 1,894 3,558 2,831 2,583 2,730 22,898
CUMULAT	TVE	1,303,661	ı	CUMULATI	VE	1,422,387
1965 TOTAL 1	Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	6,696 5,766 5,985 6,269 5,999 5,329 6,278 6,277 5,187 4,977 4,432 4,105 67,800		1968 TOTAL YE	Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	2,744 2,417 2,533 2,281 2,361 2,182 2,059 2,041 1,894 1,809 1,630 1,582
CUMULAT	TIVE	1,370,853	· 0 1	CUMILATI	VE	1,447,948
1966 TOTAL :	Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	3,652 3,033 3,216 2,847 2,743 2,393 2,129 1,844 1,596 1,692 1,724 1,775	ORE EX NSET  10. 5686  10. 5686  10. 5686  10. 5686	1969 Total ye	Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Yov Dec AR	1,618 1,373 1,485 1,324 1,251 3,698 2,910 2,489 2,268 2,250 2,318 2,265
CUMULA	TIVE	1,399,497		CUMULATI	VΕ	1,473,197

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YEAR	MONTH	OIL PRODUCTION		YEAR	HTMOM	OIL PRODUCTION
1970 TOTAL Y	Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	2,216 2,069 1,934 1,609 1,669 1,354 1,314 1,151 1,117 1,059 1,030 1,039		1973	Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	555 430 488 471 502 459 452 398 420 432 422 430
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1971 TOTAL Y	Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	916 867 853 968 868 795 884 871 766 897 792 724		1974	Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	423 392 230 214 242 247 270 300 323 318 335 291
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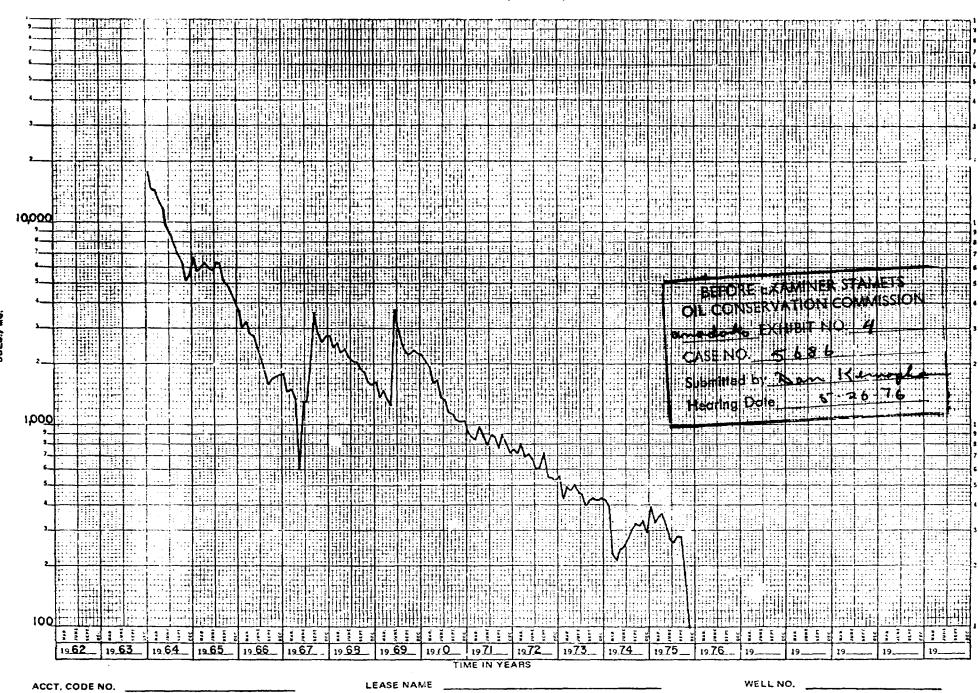
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YEAR	MONTH	OIL PRODUCTION	YEAR	MONTH	OIL PRODUCTION
1976	Jan Feb Mar Apr	115 31 63 48			

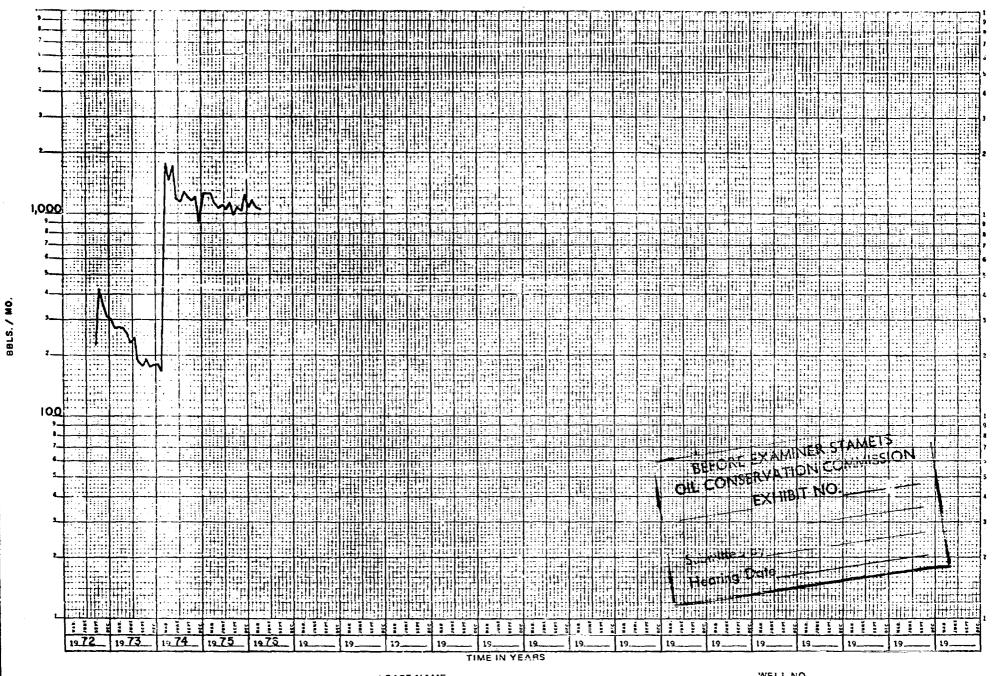
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YEAR	MONTH	OIL PRODUCTION	YEAR MON	TH OIL PRODUCTION
1972	Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	225 424 349 313 1,311	1975 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	1,256 1,258 1,264 1,129 1,072 1,099 1,051 1,120 988 1,070 1,025 1,224 13,556
CUMULA	LIAR	1,311	CUMULATIVE	31,053
1973	Jan Feb May Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	303 272 274 272 257 231 243 188 177 191 176 180 2,764	1976 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov	1,084 1,170 1,074 1,057
CUMULA	TIVE	4,075		
1974 Total 1	Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	181 168 1,755 1,485 1,710 1,178 1,149 1,281 1,202 1,170 1,212 921 13,412	BEFORE EXAMINER STORM OIL CONSERVATION CO EXHIBIT NO. CASE NO. Submitted by Hearing Date	MMI SION
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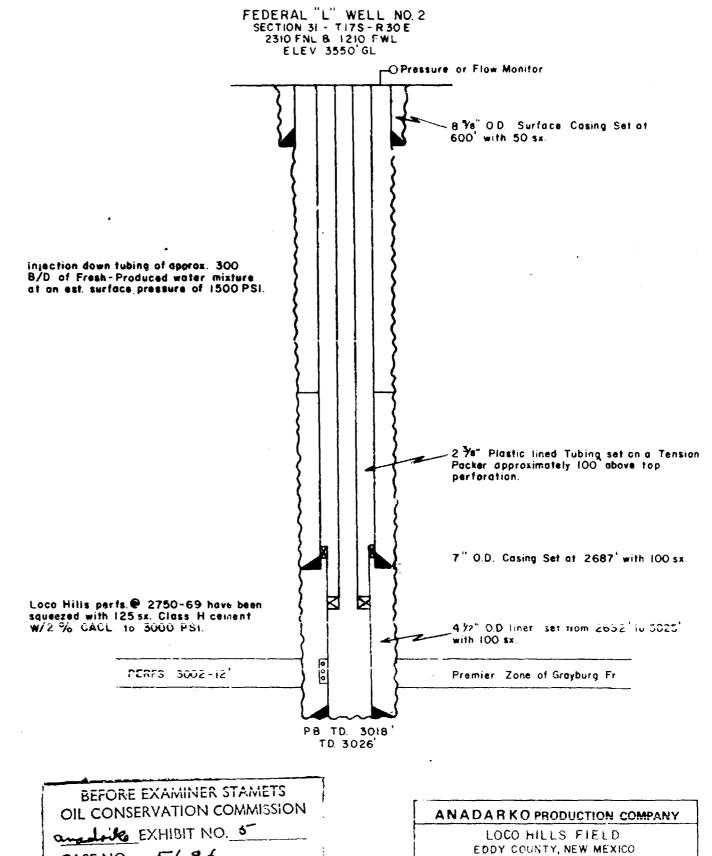
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SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM OF PROPOSED INJECTION WELL COMPLETION

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

Dear Bill:

Please find enclosed on behalf of Anadarko Production Company, our application for waterflood project in Eddy County, New Mexico which we would appreciate being set for hearing on May 26, 1976.

Very truly yours,

W. Thomas Kellahin

CC: Mr. Dan Kernaghan

WTK:kjf

Enclosure

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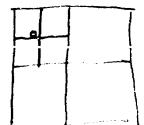
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Respectfully submitted,

ANADARKO PRODUCTION COMPANY

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Dockets Nos. 16-76 and 17-76 are tentatively set for hearing on June 9 and June 23, 1976. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER BEARING - PUDNESDAY - MAY 26, 1976

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

The following cases will be heard before Richard L. Stamets, Examiner, or Daniel S. Nutter, Alternate Framiner:

CASE 5473: (Reopened) (Continued from May 12, 1976 Examiner Hearing)

CASE 5686:

In the matter of Case 5473 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-5029, which order established special rules and regulations for the West Knowles-Drinkard Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, including a provision for 80-acre spacing and provation units. All interested parties may appear and show cause why said pool should not be developed on 40-acre spacing units.

CASE 5684: Application of Morris R. Antweil for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp and Pennsylvanian formations underlying the W/2 of Section 11, Township 22 South, Range 26 East, South Carlsbad Field, Eddy County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to applicant's Mess Grande Well No. 1 to be drilled 1980 feet from the North and West lines of said Section 11. 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 applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 5685: Application of C & K Petroleum, Inc. for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Pennsylvanian formation underlying all of Section 15, Township 24 South, Range 26 East, White City-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an orthodox location in Unit K of said Section 15. 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 applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

Application of Anadarko Production Company for a waterflood project, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project in the Loco Hills Pool by the injection of water into the Premier Sand formation through its Federal "L" Well No. 2, located in Unit E of Section 31, Township 17 South, Range 30 East, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant further seeks an administrative procedure for expansion of the project by approval of additional injection and production wells at standard and non-standard locations.

CASE 5687: Application of Atlantic Richfield Company for an unorthodox gas well location and simultaneous dedication, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to simultaneously dedicate a previously approved 160-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising the SW/4 of Section 25, Township 2¹ South, Range 36 East, Eumont Cas Fool, Lea County, New Mexico, to its J. M. Brownlee Well No. 4, located in Unit N of said Section 25 and to its Prownlee Well No. 1, at an unorthodox gas well location 2310 feet from the South and West lines of said Section 25.

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

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- entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

  DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.
- authorized to approve with additional producing wells and injection wells at erthodox and unorthodox locations within the boundaries of the Anadarko Premite Land Militerflood Project area as may be necessary to complete an efficient production and injection pattern, provided said wells are drilled no closer than 330 feet to any lease line nor closer than 10 feet to any quarter-quarter section or subdivision inner boundary. To obtain such approval, the project operator shall file proper application with the Commission, which application, if it seeks authorization to convert additional wells to injection or to drill additional production or injection wells shall include the following:
  - (a) A plat showing the location of proposed well, all wells within the project area, and offset operators, locating wells which office the project area.
  - (b) A schematic drawing of the proposed well which fully describes to casing, tubing, perforated interval, and depth.
  - (c) A letter stating that all offset operators to the proposed well have been furnished a complete copy of the application and the date of notification.

The Secretary-Director may approve the proposed well if, within 20 days after receiving the application, no objection to the proposal is received. The Secretary-Director may grant immediate approval, provided waivers of objection are received from all offset operators.