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CASE 1101: Franklin, Aston & Fair, Inc.
Application for an unorthodox location for a well on its Federal Brigham Lease

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BEFORE THE

#### Bil Conservation Commission

Santa FE. NEW MEXICO
July 25, 1956

IN THE MATTER OF:

CASE NO. 1101

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

DEARNLEY-MEIER AND ASSOCIATES

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HEW MEXICO OIL CONSTRUCTION COMMESSION HOBBS, NEW MEXICO JULY 25, 1956

IN THE MATTER OF:

CASE NO. 1101:

(Readvertisement) Application of Frank:
lin, Aston & Fair, Inc., for an order
granting an exception to Rule 104 (c)
of the Statewide Rules and Regulations
of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission for the establishment of an unorthodox location. Applicant, in the
above-styled cause, soeks an order
granting an unorthodox location for a
well on its Federal Brigham Lease to be
drilled in the Loco Hills Pool at a location 250 feet from the South and East
lines of Section 31, Township 17 South,
Range 30 Fast, Eddy County, New Mexico;
said request for unorthodox location is
necessitated by the lensing of sands in
this area.

BEFORE: Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner.

### TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

MR. NUTTER: The hearing will come to order, please. First case on the docket this morning will be Case 1101.

MR. GURLEY: Application of Franklin, Aston & Fair, Inc., for an order granting an exception to Rule 104 (c) of the Statewide Rules and Regulations of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission for the establishment of an unorthodox location.

How many witnesses do you have?

MR. NUVMAN: I think we have just the one witness.

I am Kirt Newman, of Atwood & Malone, Roswell, appearing for Applicant.

(Witness sworn.)

#### ROGER ASTON

called as a witness on behalf of the applicant, having been first duly

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#### sworn, testified as follows:

#### DIESCY WXAMINATION

#### BY MR. NEWMAN:

Q State your name, please.

A Roger Aston.

Q Your residence?

A Hoswell, New Mexico.

- Q By whom are you employed?
- A Franklin, Aston & Fair, Inc.
- Q What is your position with that firm?
- A Vice president and general manager.
- Q Are you the applicant in Case 1101? A We are.
- Q And what is the nature of this application?
- A It is an application for an unorthodox location being 250 feet from the south and east lines of Section 31, 17 South, 30 Fast, Eddy County.
  - Q 250 feet from the east and south lines?
  - A That is correct.
  - Q And what is the purpose and reason for this application?
- A It is our feeling, based on geology and geophysics and off set production data, that there is a lenticular sand body there with favorable porosity and permeability that would not be tapped by an orthodox location.
- Q Is that the location as determined by you from the geophysical and geological reports and from the sub-surface data from the wells drilled in the area shown on this plat?
- A Yes, Exhibit 1 indicates the outline of the isolated sand lens as determined by geophysics and geology, and also as verified by the production figures and experience of our State 5BX located in the southeast corner of the southwest quarter. Section 32.

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MR. NEWMAN: I would like to submit this as Applicant's Exhibit 1. We are submitting it in quintuplicate and -- do you have supporting geological reports to substantiate the location of this lens and of the relative value of the proposed location as opposed to the orthodox location?

A Yes, I do. I have a geological report here from Chuck Aston, consulting petroleum geologist, Beverly Hills, California.

MR. NEWMAN: I would like to submit that as our "xhibit 2.

Q You stated that your information relative to the existence of the sand lens which you propose to tap through the drilling of a well at the unorthodox location was also based on information gained and production data from adjoining wells and wells in the immediate vicinity. Is this the record, your record prepared concerning the completion, location and production record of those wells?

A Exhibit 3 covers this information.

MR. NEWMAN: We would like to present this Exhibit 3.

Q Explain it to the Commission in what way the production records of the wells in the area indicate the existence of the sand lens and why you presume that the orthodox location would not tap this sand lens.

A Well, as shown on the plat, "xhibit 1, our Brigham 1-A, which is in the SW/4 or the SE/4 of the SE/4 of Section 31, was treated with sand oil on June of '55; at the present time, that well is making eight barrels of oil per day, the State 5BX has not been treated, and at the present time is still making 38 barrels per day. The State 5BX was completed in April of 1945. The State 5BX has produced a large quantity of oil and is far and away the best producing

well in that whole area, which tends to verify that the porosity and permeability and sand body encountered are far superior to the other wells in that vicinity. Based on the geophysics and geology, we feel that we know the location that should tap the sand lens and thereby save any waste through failure to produce a maximum amount of oil available in that area.

Q Is the location of the sand lens also confirmed by any other geophysical means, do you have physical information on that?

A Well, our geophysical information, the dotted and dashed out line on No. 1 was based on a geophysical map prepared by G. E. Burton, from Evanston, Illinois.

Q Do you know who are the owners of the leasehold interests within 660 feet, or even farther, of this proposed location?

A Franklin, Aston & Fair are the leasehold interest holders for a radius of 660 feet around the proposed location, and the ownership in the acreage adjoining that is as indicated on the plat, by color, in Exhibit 1.

Q In other words, the tracts to the south, southwest and southeast and east are all Franklin, Aston & Fair leases?

- A Yes, they are.
- Q Is the royalty ownership common?

A No, the location on the Brigham lease, which is a Federal, the location of the State 5BX, which we consider as being the only well tapping this isolated lens, is a State lease.

Q Well, are the rights of the different royalty owners protected? In other words, would the production drain from other royalty owners? A No, we don't feel that this unorthodox location would work a hardship on any other interest holders in the area.

Q In other words, in your opinion, could any orthodox location on this tract or other tracts tap this same sand lens?

- A We don't feel that it could.
- Q Would the unorthodox location prevent underground waste?
- A We definitely feel that it would.
- Q You feel that this location would permit the production of oil that would not otherwise be produced?
  - A We do. That is the purpose of the unorthodox location.
- Q Do you have any other purpose in the drilling of this well than to have an additional well drilled at this time?

A Yes, we do, it is our intention, at such time as we have reached productive horizon in the Loco Hills to cut a diamond core throughout the section and have the core so obtained analyzed by suitable Core Lab facilities for information concerning the potential water flood possibilities of the Loco Hills.

Q If the unorthodox location were not to be granted, would a well be drilled at the orthodox location?

A Possibly some future date might indicate such but it would not be in our program at any foreseeable date, because we feel an orthodox location would be so close or off the edge of this sand lens which might very well fail to penetrate this lensing body that we feel is located there.

MR. NEWMAN: I believe that is all.

MR. GURLEY: I have a question.

BY MR. GURLEY:

- Q Did you prepare each of these Exhibits, sir?
- A Yes. I actually drafted the map; the data shown on the map was taken from a larger map done by E. F. Burton, the geophysicist who did the work.
  - Q How about No. 2?

MR. NOWMAN: You didn't prepare it?

- A No, I made copies of it. You will have among the exhibits there, you have the original of Mr. Chuck Aston's geological report
  - Q Was Exhibit No. 3 prepared by you?
  - A Yes, by our office.
  - Q Was it prepared by you or under your direction?
  - A Yes.

MR. GURLEY: You wish to submit these at this time?

MR. NEWMAN: Yes.

MR. NUTTER: Is there any objection to the introduction of Exhibits 1, 2 and 3 in this case? If there is no objection to the introduction of these exhibits, they will be admitted. Does anyone have a question of the witness?

#### BY MR. NUTTER:

Q Mr. Aston, what is the thickness of your sand lens in the 5BX Well?

A If I might, Mr. Newman, I would like to point out that Mr. Otis Rogers, who is my field superintendent and production manager down there is also here and is more conversed with the actual production figures on these wells than I am, but the sand lens in that area is approximately 30 feet thick.

Q I understood you, I believe, to say, that you owned what is

marked on Exhibit 1 as Number 021059 lease?

- A That is right, that is called the Yates "A."
- Q You also own the other Federal and State leases?
- A That's right.

MR. NUTTER: That is all I want. Does anyone have any further questions? If not, the witness may be excused.

(Witness excused.)

MR. NUTTER: Do you have anything further?

MR. NEWMAN: No, sir.

MR. NUTTER: Is there anything further in this case? If there is nothing further in this case, we will take it under advisement.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO )
: ss
COUNTY OF BERNALILLO )

I, THURMAN J. MOODY, Notary Public in and for the County of Bernalillo, State of New Mexico, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached Transcript of Proceedings before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission was reported by me in Stenotype and reduced to typewritten transcript by me and/or under my personal supervision, and that the same is a true and correct record to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

WITNESS my hand and seal, this, the 30th day of July, 1956, in the City of Albuquerque, County of Bernalillo, State of New Mexico.

My Commission Expires: April 3, 1960.

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Notary Public

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Santa Fe, New Mexico

June 19, 1956

Oil Conservation Commission State Land Office

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Re:

Las Cruces 028936 G (Brigham) E2SE4 Sec. 31, Twp. 17S, Rge. 30E, Loco Hills Pool, Eddy

County, New Mexico

Dear Sirs:

Franklin, Aston and Fair, Inc. wishes to make application for Examinor Hearing at Hobbs, New Mexico, as soon as possible regarding an unorthodox location as exception to Rule 104C, Statewide Rules and Regulations of the New Mexico Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. The location requested is as follows:

250 north of the south line and 250 west of the east line in Section 31, Twp. 17S. Rge. 30E, Loco Hills Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

The circumstance requiring this unorthodox location is the lenticular sand body involved. Franklin, Aston and Fair, Inc. State 5 BX Well located in the  $SE_2^1$  of the  $SW_2^1$  of Section 32, Twp. 17S, Rge, 30E is producing from this sand lens and continues to produce at close to top allowable after several years of production. The other wells in the same area have an average production of from 8 to 10 barrels of oil per day. The existence of this sand lens is based not only on this production history, but also on a geophysical survey recently completed in this area. This unorthodox location is based on the recommendation of our geologist, as well as the geophysicist making the survey.

The applicant is the operator and lessee on the leases surrounding this proposed location.

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Sincerely yours,

FRANKLIN, ASTON AND FAIR, INC.

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R. R. Aston
Vice President
P. O. Box 768

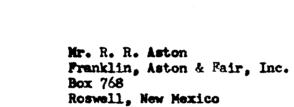
Roswell, New Mexico

#### OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 871

#### SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

September 6, 1956



Dear Sir:

We enclose a copy of Order R-860 issued August 30, 1956, by the Oil Conservation Commission in Case 1101, which was heard on July 25th at Hobbs, New Mexico.

Very truly yours,

A. L. Porter, Jr. Secretary - Director

brp Encl.



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

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE CIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

> CASE NO. 1101 Order No. R-860

APPLICATION OF FRANKLIN, ASTON AND FAIR, INC. FOR AN ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF AN UNORTHODOX GIL WELL LOCATION IN THE LOCO HILLS POOL, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO IN EXCEPTION TO RULE 104 (c) OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION RULES AND REGULATIONS.

#### ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

#### BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. on July 25, 1956 at Hobbs, New Mexico, before Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner duly appointed by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission," in accordance with Rule 1214 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

MOW, on this Sott day of August, 1956, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the application, the evidence adduced, the recommendations of the Examiner Daniel S. Nutter, 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 is the owner of a federal oil and gas lease which includes in part the SE/4 of the SW/4 of Section 32, Township 17 South, Range 30 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico and all other surrounding leases which would be affected by an oil well located on the above described property.
- 3. That an unorthodox well location on the above-described lease will probably result in the increased recovery of oil therefrom due to the existence of a lenticular sand body underlying said lease.
- 4. That the granting of the subject application will not cause but will prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the application of Franklin, Aston and Fair, Inc., for an order granting authorization to drill a well 250

-2-Order No. R-860

feet from the South and East lines of Section 31, Township 17 South, Range 30 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico be and the same is hereby granted.

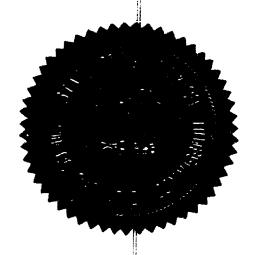
DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

JOHN F. SIMMS, Chairman

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



# FRANKLIN, ASTON & FAIR OIL PRODUCERS

916 J. P. WHITE BLDG. P. O. BOX 769 ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO

July 25, 1956

Oil Conservation Commission 1200 West Broadway Hobbs, New Mexico

Re: Examiner Hearing - Case 1101 - Unorthodox Location Application

Gentlemen:

Enclosed are the following exhibits in support of our request for an order granting an exception to Rule 104 (c) of the Statewide Rules and Regulations of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission for the establishment of an unorthodox location:

Exhibit 1 - Map of parts of Sections 31 and 32, Township 17 South, Range 30 East, and parts of Sections 5 and 6, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, Loco Hills Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico. This map shows the proposed location in relation to existing wells. The leases operated by Franklin, Aston & Fair, Inc. are indicated in color. The outline of the Isolated Sand Lense as detailed by geophysics (magnetics) done by Mr. E. E. Bergman on May 25, 1956, is indicated by a dash and dot line.

Exhibit 2 - A geological report by Mr. Chuck Aston, Consulting Petroleum Geologist, in support of this location. The State 5-BX Well, located in SE\(\frac{1}{4}\)SW\(\frac{1}{4

Exhibit 3 - Offset well data covering completion date, present production as per July, 1956 Proration Schedule Nominations, Frac treatment dates if well has been fractured, abandonment data if well is abandoned and total depth of wells.

The purpose of drilling this well 250' North of the South line and 250' West of the East line of Section 31 is to assure its location in the center of the isolated sand lense we feel is located as shown on <u>Exhibit 1</u> map. In addition to tapping the isolated lense,

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it is our intention to diamond core through the complete Loco Hills pay zone for detailed core analysis. The information obtained is to be used in an engineering study of the possibility of a water flood project in the Loco Hills Pool. In this manner we feel the location we have requested will serve a dual purpose in allowing Franklin, Aston & Fair, Inc. to test further for the existence of the sand lense, and in obtaining valuable data on possible water flood. The latter would, of course, be of great economic value to the State of New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN, ASTON & FAIR, INC.

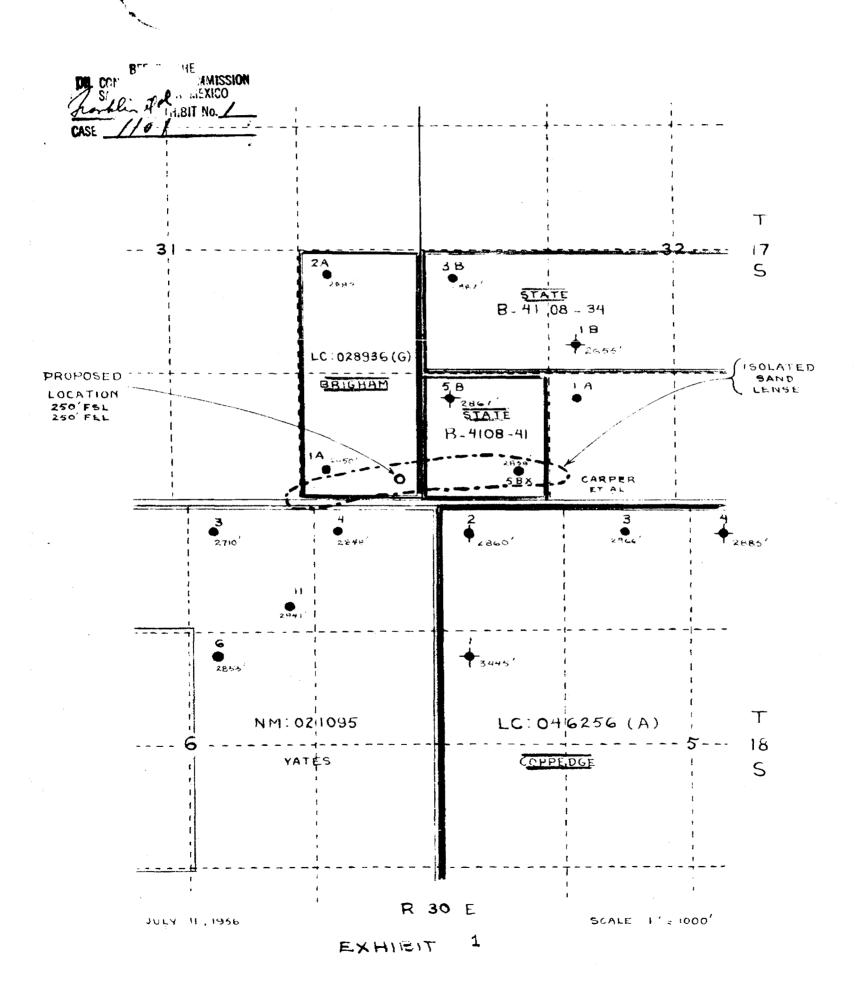
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R. R. Aston, Vice President

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Encl:





CRESTVIEW 6-5110 1666 SUMMIT RIDGE DRIVE BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA

July 3, 1956

Franklin, Aston & Fair P.O. Box 769 Roswell, New Mexico

Att: R.R. Aston

#### Gentlemen:

At your request, and as your former Chief Geologist, Icame to New Mexico in the latter part of May and early June, 1956 to make a study of various areas including your Loco Hills Field properties.

From these studies of the sub-surface geology and the geophysics as shown on the accompanying map it is my considered opinion that the unorthodox location 250' out of the South and East of Sec. 31 - 17S - 30E on your Brigham Lease is definitely warranted from both standpoints and will give you a much better opportunity for a commercial producing well than would an orthodox location for the same well.

In other words, an orthodox location would be highly questionable but in the writers opinion the aforesaid unorthodox location should make this an economic venture.

Respectfully submitted this 3rd day of July, 1956.

Chuck Aston

Consulting Petroleum

Geologist

EXHIBIT 3:

OFFSET INFORMATION FOR EXAMINER HEARING AT HOBBS JULY 25, 1956 CONCERNING APPLICATION FOR AN UNORTHODOX LOCATION 250° NORTH OF SOUTH LINE AND 250° WEST OF EAST LINE IN SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, LOCO HILLS PRESSURE MAINTENANCE POOL, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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## SANTA FE. NEW MEXICO

July 5, 1956

And copy of 100 master to master to

Franklin, Aston & Fair, Inc. P.O. Bex 768
Roswell, New Mexico

Attention: R. R. Aston

Gentlemen:

We regret to advise that due to an error in the advertisement of Case 1101 in the Artesia paper it has been necessary for us to readvertise the case and establish the hearing date as July 25th in Hebbs.

Yours very truly,

A. L. Porter, Jr. Secretary - Director

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AIRMAIL

BEFORE THE

# **Bil Conservation Commission**

July 11, 1956

IN THE MATTER OF:

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ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

# BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION HOBBS, NEW MEXICO JULY 11, 1956

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BEFORE:

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Mr. Warren W. Mankin, Examiner.

#### PROCEEDINGS

MR. MANKIN: The hearing will come to order. The first case on the docket is Case No. 1101, which was the application of Franklin, Aston & Fiar, Inc., for an order granting exception to Rule 104 (c). That particular case was an error in the advertisement and will be continued until 9:00 a.m., on July 25th, 1956, at Hobbs, to be held before Daniel S. Nutter, as Examiner.

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#### <u>C E R T I F I C A T E</u>

STATE OF NEW MEXICO ) : S: COUNTY OF BERNALILLO )

I, THURMAN J. MOODY, Notary Public in and for the County of Bernalillo, State of New Mexico, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached Transcript of Proceedings before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission was reported by me in Stenotype and reduced to typewritten transcript by me and/or under my personal supervision, and that the same is a true and correct record to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

WITNESS my Hand and Seal, this, the 13th day of July, 1956, in the City of Albuquerque, County of Bernalillo, State of New Mexico.

Reuma Imale Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

April 3, 1960.