

Case No.

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Application, Transcript,
Small Exhibits, Etc.

March 2, 1951

Mr. John Carothers
Byrd-Frost, Inc.
Durango, Colorado

Dear Mr. Carothers:

We are enclosing copy of Order R-57, Case 256, in the matter of the application for unorthodox location of Morris No. 2, section 15, T. 27 N, R. 10 W, San Juan County, New Mexico

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Very truly yours,

Secretary and Director

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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

CASE No. 256
ORDER NO. R-57

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION AT THE REQUEST
OF BYRD-FROST, INC. FOR AN UNORTHODOX LOCA-
TION FOR ITS MORRIS NO. 2 WELL, 990' FROM THE
NORTH LINE AND 790' FROM THE WEST LINE OF
SECTION 15, T. 27 N, R. 10 W, N.M.P.M., SAN JUAN
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

By the Commission

This matter came on for hearing at 10:00 a.m. on February 20, 1951
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission, herein-
after referred to as the Commission.

NOW, on this 26th day of February 1951, the Commission having
before it the testimony adduced at the hearing 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 case.
2. That the evidence shows conclusively that topographical conditions
are such that a regular location would be difficult and expensive.
3. That the Morris No. 2 well location is upon Federal land and
Federal officials present at the hearing interposed no objections to the pro-
posed location.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That the application of the Oil Conservation Commission, by request of
Byrd-Frost, Inc., for an unorthodox well location for Byrd-Frost, Inc.,
Morris No. 2 well be and the same hereby is approved for:

Township 27 North, Range 10 West, N.M.P.M.
990 feet from the north line and 790 feet from the
west line of section 15.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Edwin L. Mechem
EDWIN L. MECHEM, Chairman

Guy Shepard
GUY SHEPARD, Member

R. R. Spurrer
R. R. SPURRER, Secretary

January 30, 1951

Mr. John Carothers
Byrd-Frost, Inc.
P. O. Box 911
Durango, Colorado

RE: O. M. Morris No. 2; 990' from
North, 790' from West line of
Sec. 15, T 27 N, R 10 W.

Dear Mr. Carothers:

In answer to your letter of January 25 regarding the above well: we appreciate the photographs that were submitted, and it is fairly obvious from these photographs that it would be impossible to put this well the full 990' from the west line of the section. In addition, Mr. Barnes, our geologist, has been in the area of the location, and we realize the difficulty that would be encountered in complying to the letter of the regulation.

However, this well is within the boundaries of an established gas pool - namely, the Fulcher-Kutz Pictured Cliffs pool, and for this reason it will be necessary for you to present your case at a regular hearing for approval of this unorthodox location. As Byrd-Frost owns all the offset leases adjacent to this well, I don't believe there will be any difficulty whatsoever, and this is purely a matter of legal formality.

Since we already have the photographs, plat and Notice of Intention to Drill (Form G-101), it will only be necessary for you to make a formal application in triplicate requesting that this matter be placed before the Commission at the earliest possible date. Any member of your company can represent you at our hearings, and they entail no great expense, since the proceedings are quite informal. If you will return the formal application as soon as possible, we will place this case on the agenda for the first hearing scheduled after we receive said application.

The preceding will apply also to your L. B. Lodewick No. 2, located in Sec. 18, T 27 N, 9 W.

We trust that our revision of Rule 104 will allow more flexibility and remove the necessity for formal hearing in the future, but until revisions of this rule have been formally adopted by the Commission, it will be necessary to abide by the present ruling in this matter.

Very truly yours,

R. R. Spurrier

RRS:nf

BYRD-FROST, INC.
P. O. BOX 911
DURANGO, COLORADO
January 25, 1951

Mr. R. R. Spurrier
Secretary-Director
Oil Conservation Commission
P.O. Box 871
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Byrd-Frost, Inc. #2 C.M. Morris
Santa Fe # 077329
990' from North
790' from West
Sec. 15, T-27N, R-10W

Dear Sir:

Please accept this letter for approval of an unorthodox Picture Cliffs location on the above subject well located 990 feet from the North and 790 feet from the West of Sec. 15, T-27N, R-10W.

Due to the terrain it is almost prohibitive to make a 990 location, therefore we submit that the unorthodox location is qualified for your approval under rule 104, Paragraph A, and Paragraph F, Section 1, and also Paragraph C, Section 2, of order No. 748.

Byrd-Frost is owner of all offset leases adjacent to this well, therefore consent of offset operators is not required.

We are enclosing Plats in triplicate, U.S.G.S. Form #9-331A Notice of Intention to Drill in Triplicate, and Pictures showing the terrain of the proposed locations.

We respectfully request your approval of this location.

Very truly yours,

Byrd-Frost, Inc.

John Carothers
John Carothers

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BYRD-FROST, INC.
P. O. BOX 911
DURANGO, COLORADO
January 25, 1951

Mr. R. R. Spurrier
Secretary-Director
Oil Conservation Commission
P.O. Box 871
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 22, 1951, regarding L.B. Lodewick No. 2 Pictured Cliffs location 895 feet from the south and west lines of Section 18, T-27N, R-9W.

After examining the matter with Mr. Al Greer and Mr. Ray Barnes, we submit that the unorthodox location is qualified for your approval under rule 104, Paragraph A, and Paragraph F, Section 1, and also Paragraph C, Section 2 of Order No. 748.

Section 2 of Order No. 748 reads in part: "Any provisions herein to the contrary notwithstanding, the Commission may, and in proper cases will, on petition, or on its own motion, by order entered after notice and hearing to the extent required by law, grant exceptions and permit drilling locations to become effective." etc.

"The extent required by law" having been fulfilled by previous presentation of proper evidence of topographical conditions and agreement of adjacent lease owners, as required by Paragraph F of Rule 104, we respectfully request your approval of this location.

Very truly yours,

Byrd-Frost, Inc.

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DURANGO, CO.

(SUBMIT IN TRIPLICATE)
UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Land Office Santa Fe
Lease No. 077329
Unit C.M. Morris #2

SUNDRY NOTICES AND REPORTS ON WELLS

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DRILL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SUBSEQUENT REPORT OF WATER SHUT-OFF	
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CHANGE PLANS		SUBSEQUENT REPORT OF SHOOTING OR ACIDIZING	
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO TEST WATER SHUT-OFF		SUBSEQUENT REPORT OF ALTERING CASING	
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO RE-DRILL OR REPAIR WELL		SUBSEQUENT REPORT OF REDRILLING OR REPAIR	
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SHOOT OR ACIDIZE		SUBSEQUENT REPORT OF ABANDONMENT	
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO PULL OR ALTER CASING		SUPPLEMENTARY WELL HISTORY	
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ABANDON WELL			

(INDICATE ABOVE BY CHECK MARK NATURE OF REPORT, NOTICE, OR OTHER DATA)

Well No. 2 is located 990 ft. from N line and 790 ft. from E line of sec. 15
NW/4 NW/4 Sec. 15 27N 10W H.M.P.M.
(1/4 Sec. and Sec. No.) (Twp.) (Range) (Meridian)
Kuts-Fulcher San Juan New Mexico
(Field) (County or Subdivision) (State or Territory)

The elevation of the derrick floor above sea level is 6121 ft. Ground

DETAILS OF WORK

(State names of and expected depths to objective sands; show sizes, weights, and lengths of proposed casings; indicate mudding jobs, cementing points, and all other important proposed work)

Drill with Rotary Tools to top of Picture Cliffs Sand
Set 105' 9 5/8" O.D. 40# 8 rd. thd. sals. casing. Cemented to surface.
Set 5 1/2" O.D. 15# 8 rd. thd. sals. casing on Picture Cliffs sand.
Cemented with 150 sacks.
Complete with Cable Tools.

NW/4 Section 15 — Designated Drilling Unit

I understand that this plan of work must receive approval in writing by the Geological Survey before operations may be commenced.

Company Byrd-Frost, Inc.
Address P.O. Box 911
Durango, Colorado

By John Carothers
John Carothers
Title Dist. Office Mgr.

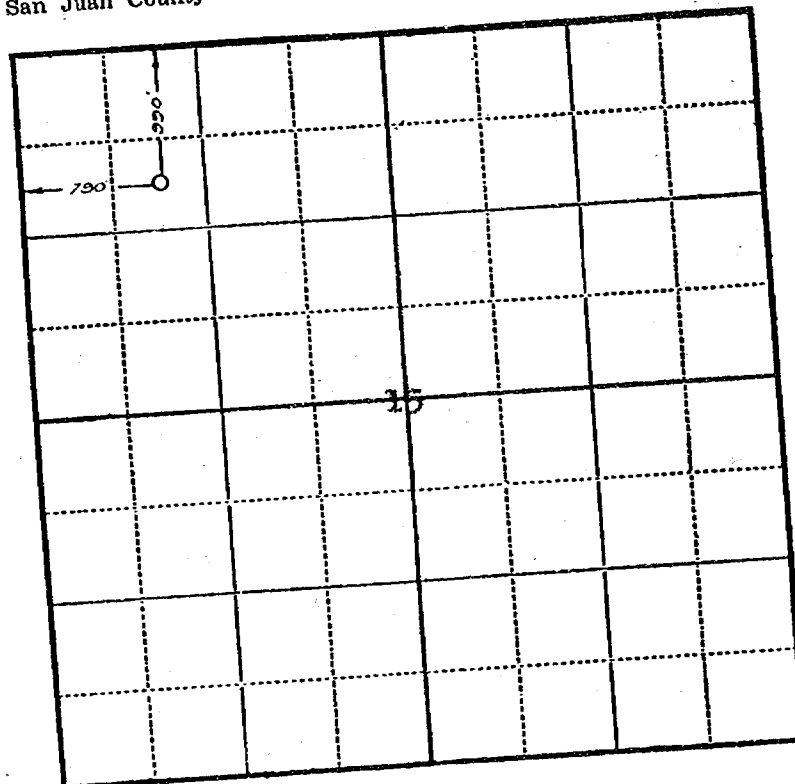
Company BYRD - FROST, Inc., Dallas, Texas.

Lease Charles Morrin Well No. 2

Sec. 15 T. 27 N. R. 10 W., N.M.P.M.

Location 990 ft. from the N. Section Line and
790 ft. from the W. Section Line.

San Juan County New Mexico



Scale—4 inches equals 1 mile.

This is to certify that the above plat was prepared from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision and that the same are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

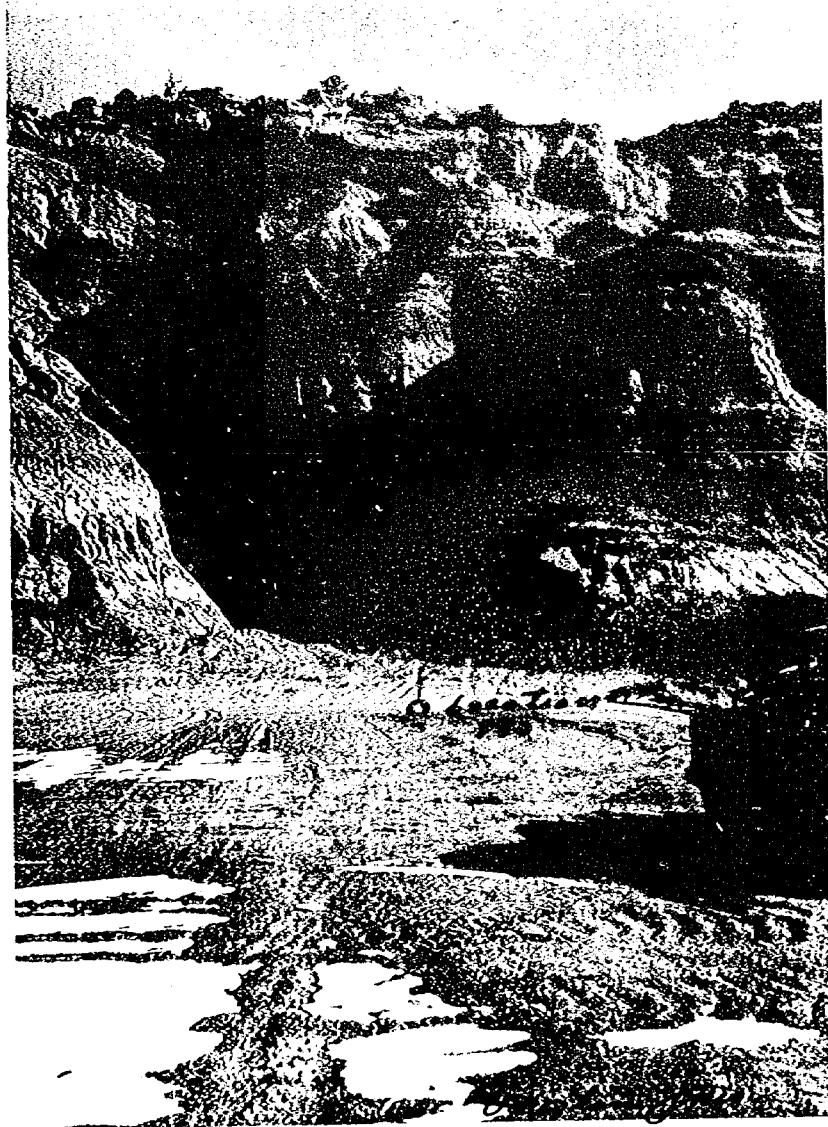
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Farmington, New Mexico

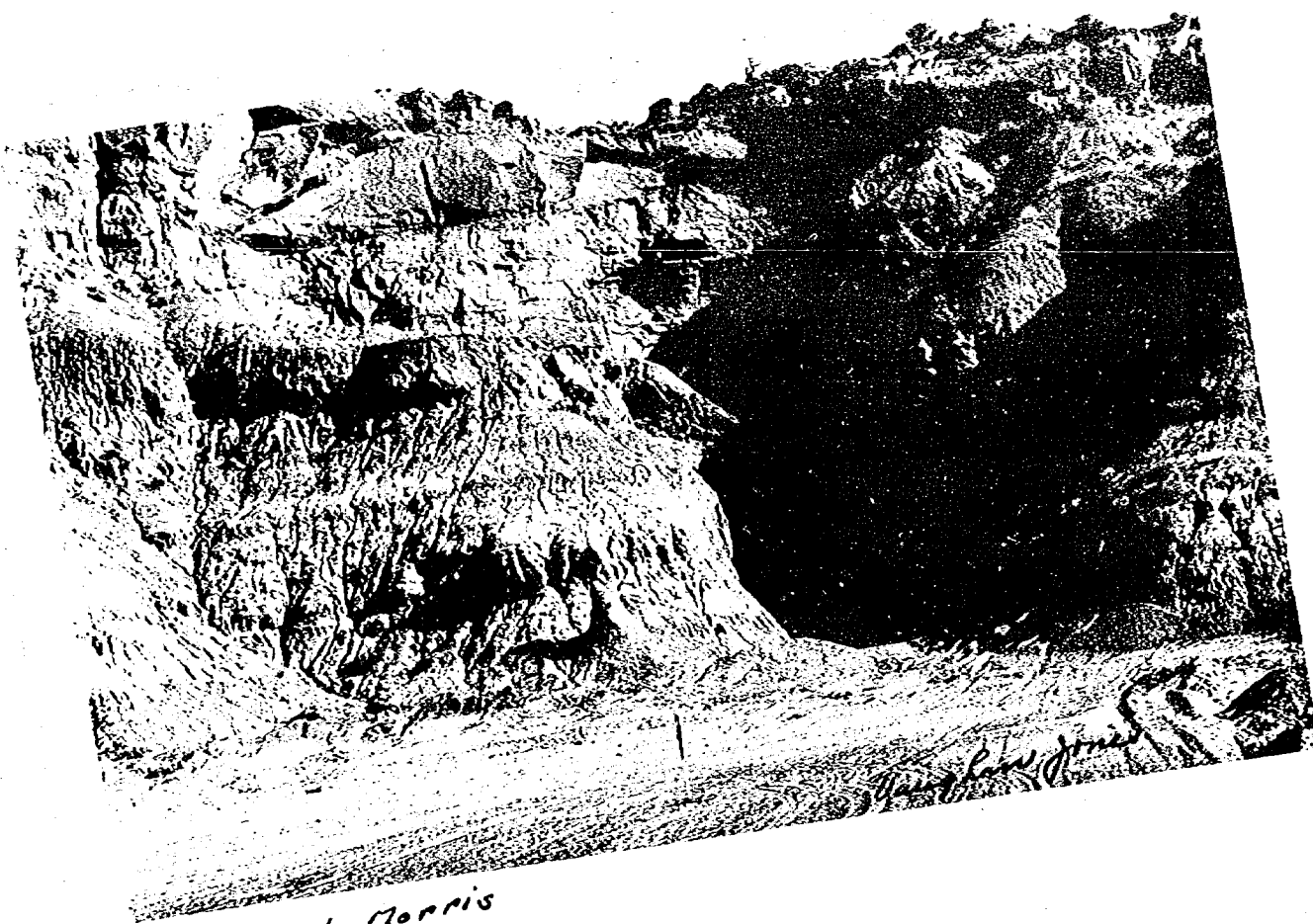
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John H. Veale
Registered Professional
Engineer and Land Surveyor. N.M. Reg. #598

Byrd-Frost Morris (1)
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790' - W line



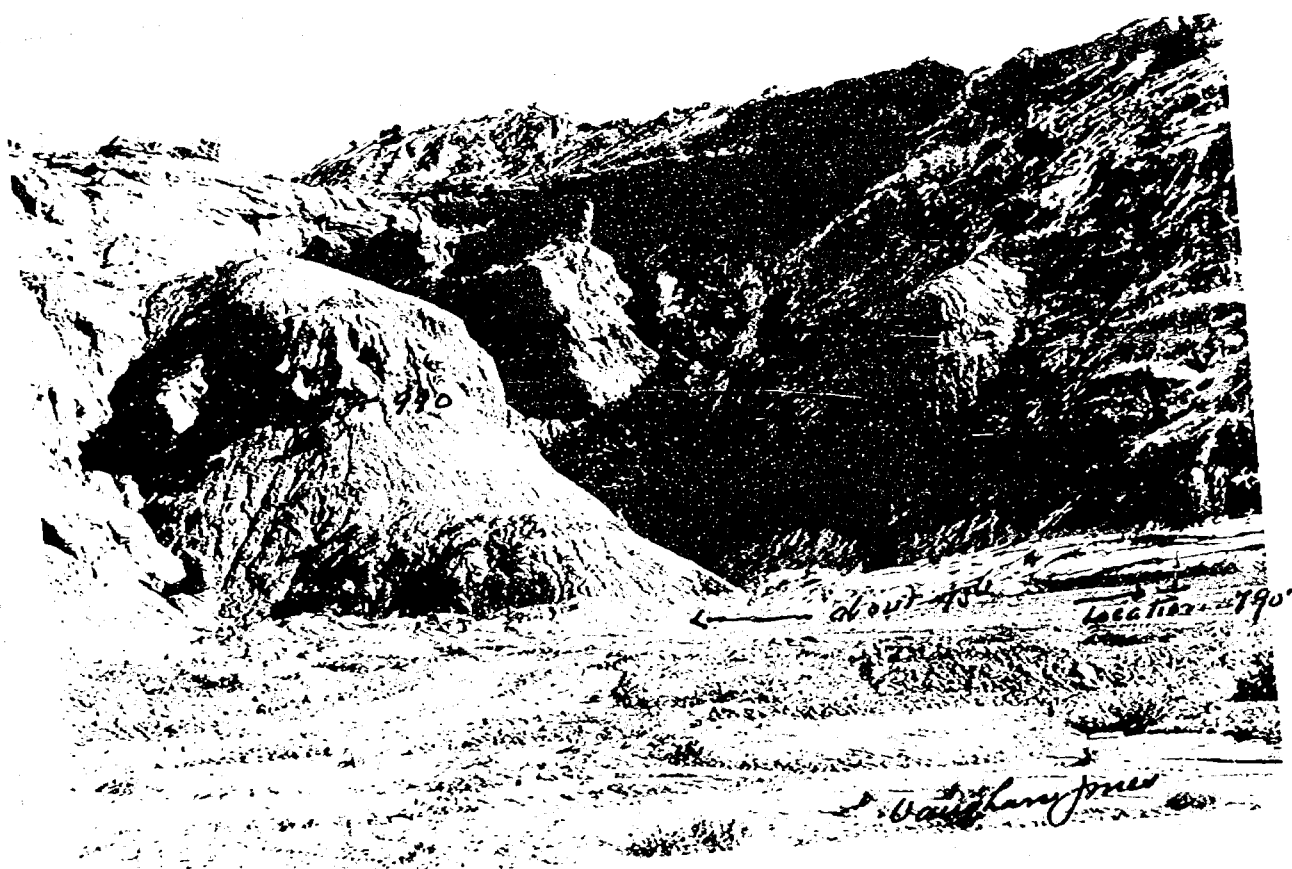
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Byrd Frost Morris

Wain Law Jones

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Byrd Frost Morris

W. H. Jones

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OFFICE OF STATE GEOLOGIST
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

February 1, 1951

Editor,
Farmington Daily Times,
FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO

RE: Notices of Publication
Cases 255, 256, 258 and
259

Dear Sir:

Please publish the enclosed notices one time immediately on receipt of this request. Please proofread the notices carefully and send a copy of the paper carrying such notices to this office.

UPON COMPLETION OF THE PUBLICATION SEND PUBLISHER'S AFFIDAVIT IN DUPLICATE.

For payment, please submit the statement in duplicate, and sign and return the enclosed voucher.

PLEASE PUBLISH NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY 7, 1951.

Very truly yours,

R. R. Spurrier
Secretary - Director

RRS:nr
Encl.

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The State of New Mexico by its Oil Conservation Commission hereby gives notice pursuant to law and the Rules and Regulations of said Commission promulgated thereunder, of the following public hearing to be held February 20, 1951, beginning at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on that day in the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO:

All named parties in the following cases and notice to the public:

Case 253

In the matter of hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission, upon its own motion, for extension of the boundaries of the Teague-Ellenburger pool, the North Maljamar pool, and the Drinkard pool of Lea County, N. M.

Case 254

In the matter of the application by Stanolind Oil & Gas Company for approval of the Guadalupe Foothills Unit Area, covering 11,040.04 acres, more or less, located in Twps. 22 and 23 S, R.25 E, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico.

Case 255

In the matter of a hearing to be held by the Oil Conservation Commission, upon its own motion, for approval of an unorthodox location to be located 895 feet from the south and west lines section 18, T.27 N, R.9 W, N.M.P.M., Kutz Canyon-Fulcher Basin pool, San Juan County, New Mexico.

Case 256

In the matter of a hearing to be held by the Oil Conservation Commission, upon its own motion, for approval of an unorthodox location to be located 990 feet from the north line and 790 feet from the west line section 15, T.27 N, R.10 W, N.M.P.M., Kutz Canyon-Fulcher Basin pool, San Juan County, New Mexico.

Case 257

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission, upon its own motion, to amend Order No. 748, Section 1, paragraphs (b) and (c).

Case 258

In the matter of the application of Byrd-Frost, Inc. for permission to communitize the short sections on a north-south basis, being located on the west side of T.29 N, R.8 W, such units to approximate the regular 320-acre units for the Mesa Verde pools underlying the above described area in San Juan County, New Mexico.

Case 259

In the matter of the application of Paul B. Palmer, Associates, for approval of an unorthodox location known as Hutton No. 1, described as 1188 feet from the south line and 1980 feet from the east line section 17, T.29 N, R.13 W, N.M.P.M., San Juan County, New Mexico.