CASE 3970: Application of SUPERIOR OIL COMPANY FOR A DUAL COMPLETION, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Santa Fe, New Mexico

December 2, 1968

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of Superior Oil Company for a dual completion, Lea County, New Mexico.

Case No. 3970

BEFORE: Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING



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MR. NUTTER: Case No. 3970.

MR. HATCH: Case 3970, application of Superior Oil Company for a dual completion, Lea County, New Mexico.

MR. KELLY: Booker Kelly, of White, Gilbert, Koch and Kelly, on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Elmer Patton is associated with me, and he will put on the testimony.

(Whereupon, Applicant's Exhibits Numbers 1 through 10, inclusive, were marked for identification.)

TERRY CLAY

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

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. PATTON:

- Q Will you state your name, sir?
- A My name is Terry Clay.
- Q Have you been sworn, Mr. Clay?
- A Yes, I have.
- Q By whom are you employed?
- A I am employed by Superior Oil Company as petroleum engineer in Midland, Texas.
- Q Have you testified for the New Mexico Oil Conservation
 Commission to the end that your qualifications as a petroleum
 engineer are of record?

A Yes, I have.

MR. PATTON: Will his qualifications be accepted, if the Examiner please?

MR. NUTTER: They are.

- Q What is Superior Oil seeking pursuant to Case No. 3970, Mr. Clay?
- A Superior is seeking approval to do a complete State
 "K" No. 1 Well, with the dual completion to be in the Upper
 Penn Zone and the Lower Wolfcamp Zone.
 - Q Mr. Clay, this is the State "K" No. 1 Well?
 - A That is correct.
- Q What is the location on the ground with reference to the well about which you've testified and upon which the Commission granted a new fill designation in June of this year?
- A The location of the State "K" Well is 2,130 feet from the south line, and 1,980 feet from the east line of Section 4, Township 14 South, Range 34 East, of Lea County, New Mexico.
- Q Now, have you prepared a series of exhibits which have been identified here as Applicant's Exhibits 1 through 10, in connection with this application?
 - A That is correct.
 - Q In your opinion, Mr. Clay, are the two zones that you

seek to dually complete and produce here, are they separate sources of supply?

- A In my opinion, the Lower Wolfcamp and the Upper Penn Zone constitute separate sources of supply.
 - What evidence do you have of that?
- A It will be noted on Exhibits 8 and 9, which are both open-hole pressures taken in the Lower Wolfcamp and the Upper Penn Zone, the Lower Wolfcamp has a bottom-hole pressure of 3,326 pounds at a depth of 10,338 feet, whereas the Upper Penn Zone has a bottom-hole pressure of 1,985 pounds recorded at a depth of 10,426 feet. There is approximately 150 pounds difference in the bottom-hole pressure between the two zones.
- O In your opinion, if they were in communication, would there be 1,400 pounds pressure differential across the two zones?
- A In my opinion, there would not be any pressure differential across the zones.
- Now, do you have any evidence from a paleontology standpoint that would indicate that these are separate geological structures?
- A Yes, we do. In the StateD well, which is the north offset to the State "K", paleontology was run indicating that the Wolfcamp Zone and the State "K" Well extends from a depth of

9,637 to 10,342 feet, whereas the paleontology indicates that the Penn Zone top is at a depth of 10,414 feet, and extending below the total depth of the State "K" Well.

- Q According to your testimony, as I understand it, you have approximately 90 feet barrier from the base of the Wolfcamp to the top of the Upper Pennsylvanian, is that correct?
 - A That is correct.
 - O Is that an impervious barrier, in your opinion?
 - A Yes, it is.
- Q Mr. Clay, have you executed the New Mexico Oil Conservation Form No. C-107, to direct notice to other interested operators in the area?

A Yes, sir, we have. Form C-107, Application for Mutiple Completion. along with the transmittal letter, was submitted to all offset operators on November 4, 1968.

- O Now, I understand from information on this Form C-107, that that well has actually and physically been dually completed?
 - A That is correct.
- Q Are mechanical devices available, in your opinion, that would permit a seal between the two zones if properly used, to permit the mingling of the fluid from the two?
 - A Yes, sir, there are mechanical devices available.

- O Have you employed those mechanical devices?
- A Yes, we have.
- Q Is the upper zone of the Lower Wolfcamp, is it flowing or being produced by artificial means?
 - A The Lower Wolfcamp Zone at present is shut in.
 - Ω In your opinion, will it flow?
 - A Yes, it will.
- Q And you are not producing it, and have not produced it?
- A We have only produced it during completion tests, and during packer leakage tests, and since that time the zone has been shut in.
 - O It is closed off?
 - A That is correct.
- Q Have you had a packer leakage test made to test the mechanical devices that are in the well that are calculated to form a seal between the two zones?
- A Yes, sir, we have. On November 5, 1968, a packer leakage test was conducted at the State "K" Well with flow test number one, consisting of the Upper Penn Zone flowing while the Lower Wolfcamp Zone was shut in, and flow test number two consisted of the Lower Wolfcamp Zone flowing while the Upper Penn Zone was shut in. Based on these tests, the Model D packer

between the Upper Penn and the Lower Wolfcamp has effectively separated the zones.

- O The well is producing at the moment from the Upper Pennsylvanian?
 - A That's correct.
- Q Which is the lower of the two horizons that you seek to produce here as a dual well.
 - A That's correct.
- Q Have you prepared a diagrammatic sketch showing the physical mechanics of the equipment that has been placed in the well that would perform a seal as between the two zones?
 - A Yes, we have.
 - Q That is Number 3?
- A Exhibit Number 3. Briefly, seventeen and a halfinch hole was drilled, and thirteen and three-eighths-inch
 surface pipe was set at 404 feet, circulated cement amounting
 to 450 sacks. Cement was circulated to the surface. Twelve
 and a quarter-inch hole was drilled at 4,500 feet, and nine and
 five-eighths-inch casing was run to a total depth of 4,500 feet,
 and cemented with 665 sacks of cement.

Top of the cement by temperature survey outside of the nine and five-eighths-inch casing was at 1,700 feet. An eight and three-quarter-inch hole was drilled to a total depth

of 10,550 feet, and seven-inch casing was run to this depth, and cemented with 330 sacks of cement, with the top of the cement outside of the seven-inch casing, by temperature survey, is at 9,200 feet.

- Q Does that bring the cement back up above the Lower Wolfcamp?
 - A Yes, it does.
 - O Go ahead.

A After running seven-inch casing, the Upper Penn Zone was perforated at 10,421 to 10,430, with four jet shots per foot.

The Lower Wolfcamp was then perforated from 10,335 to 10,340, with four jet shots per foot.

Seven-inch Model D packer was run on wire line and set at a depth of 10,416 feet, which is immediately above the Upper Penn Zone and below the Lower Wolfcamp Zone.

Two and three-eighths-inch tubing was run and landed in the Model D packer with a production tube extending below the Model D packer at a depth of 10,444 feet. In conjunction with the two and three-eighths-inch tubing, a dual Model K packer was run and set at a depth of 10,316 feet.

Q That is a hundred feet above your packer, that is just above the Upper Pennsylvanian?

- A That is correct.
- Q All right.
- A And later two and three-eighths inch tubing was run and landed in the Model K packer at a depth of 10,316 feet, and the latter of this tubing will be used to produce the Lower Wolfcamp Zone through, whereas the lower tubing string set at 10,444 will be used to produce the Upper Penn Zone through.
- Q Now, in the method pursuant to which you have actually and physically completed the well, and in accordance with the diagrammatic sketch, is there any doubt in your mind as to whether you have performed an effective separation as between these two separate sources of supply?
- A No, sir, there isn't. Based on the packer leakage test, the two zones are effectively separated.
- Q Now, did you prepare this diagrammatic sketch, or was it prepared under your supervision?
 - A Yes, sir, this sketch was prepared by myself.
- Q Now, the next exhibit in your series is a map, and it shows the location of the subject well in relation to the

State "D" No. 1?

- A That's correct.
- Ω And immediately to the north of it?
- A That is correct.
- Q Where is the State "D" No. 1 producing from?
- A The State "D" Well, which is immediately north of the State "K" Well, is producing from the Upper Penn Zone only, completed as a single completed well.
- Q Now, what is the subject well potential with reference to the Lower Pennsylvanian and also the Wolfcamp?
- A In Exhibit 6, pertinent data sheet, the Lower Wolfcamp was completed on October 26, 1968, through perforations at 10,335 and 10,340.
 - Q Which is five feet?

A Which is five feet. And after a stimulation treatment of 500 gallons of acid, this zone flowed 464 barrels of oil per day through 21/64's-inch choke; flowing, tube, and pressure of 400 pounds; the gas-oil ratio of 1114; gravity of oil corrected is 44.5 degrees.

The Upper Penn Zone was completed October 25, 1968, through perforations from 10,421 to 10,430; and after 500 gallons of acid stimulation, this zone flowed 424 barrels of oil per day through a three-quarter-inch choke; with flowing, tube,

and pressure of 75 pounds; gas-oil ratio of 943; corrected gravity of oil is 43.2 degrees, API.

Now, your Exhibit 5 in this series of exhibits is a letter notice to Shell, Tenneco, Atlantic Richfield, Union Oil, Sinclair, and Southern Minerals. Was that mailed to them giving them that information? Is it shown on there?

A That is correct. This was mailed along with the copy of the Cl07 Form, Application for Multiple Completion.

Q You had no adverse reply to any of those letters, did you?

A No, we have not.

Now, going back to Exhibit Number 6, in the completion data, the pertinent data with reference to the two completions, you have a gravity difference of something over one degree, and you have a different gas-oil ratio, and you have 1,400 pounds pressure differential between the two zones?

A That is correct. The Lower Wolfcamp Zone, the GOR is indicated to be higher than the Upper Penn Zone. And on the completion test, GOR was approximately 150 higher in the Lower Wolfcamp than in the Upper Penn. The subsea pressure in the Lower Wolfcamp is considerably higher than the subsea pressure in the Upper Penn Zone, as measured from bottom-hole pressure.

Q Let's go to Number 7 now. What is the utility and

function of paleontology in relation to determining the material and quality of rocks in the bowels of the earth? Why do you use paleontology, how does it help you?

A Paleontology is, of course, derived from the fauna that is in the drill cutting samples; and through analysis of the fauna and the age of the fauna, it can be determined what age of zone has been penetrated.

In Exhibit 7, in the State "D" well, which is the offset well to the "K," this paleontology was run, and it was found that the Wolfcamp Zone in the State "D" well is located at 9,620 to 10,320, from the fauna data, and this correlates into the State "K" well by log correlation to be the equivalent of 9,673 to 10,342 in the State "K" well.

MR. NUTTER: Give me those numbers again?

THE WITNESS: 9,620 to 10,320 in the State "D"

well is equal to 9,637 to 10,342 in the State "K" well.

The Cisco fauna in the State "D" Well is at 10,390 to 10,990, which is equal to 10,414 to question mark, which is below the total depth of the State "K" Well, the bottom of the Cisco is below the State "K" Well.

- Q In other words, the total depth of this hole has not gone through the entire geological section of the --
 - A The Cisco, which is a part of the Pennsylvanian.

- This is the rocks of the Pennsylvanian Age?
- A That is correct.
- Now, this paleontological report that you have, was that run by Superior or by an independent laboratory?
- A This was run by the Paleontological Laboratory, Inc., located in Midland. The brief summary of the paleontological report is as described here in Exhibit 7.
 - Who is Mr. Stewart Martin with Superior?
- A Mr. Stewart Martin is a geologist with Superior Oil Company.
 - Q And that was furnished to you?
 - A That is correct.
- Q Now, you talked about the pressure differential between these two separate sources of supply that you have indicated exists, and now we go to Exhibit Number 8, and tell us what that shows and what it means to you.
- A Exhibit Number 8 is a chart of the static bottomhole pressure taken in the Lower Wolfcamp Zone after this zone
 was shut in for twenty-one hours. And as shown on the graph,
 the bottom-hole pressure at a depth of 10,338 feet is 3,326 PSIG,
 in the Lower Wolfcamp Zone, or which represents the perforated
 interval from 10,335 to 10,340.
 - Let's go back to the one behind that for just a moment.

This laboratory that did the paleontological work on these, are they in your opinion a competent laboratory?

- A Yes, they are.
- Now, the next is Number 9. Tell us what that is and what it means to you in relation to Number 8.
- A Exhibit Number 9 is a shut-in bottom-hole pressure after the Upper Penn was shut in for twenty-eight hours, which indicates that the bottom-hole pressure at a depth of 10,426 feet is 1,985 PSIG. In comparing the bottom-hole pressure in the Upper Penn of 1,985 with that in the Lower Wolfcamp of 3,326 PSIG, there is a difference of some 1,350 PSIG of pressure between the Lower Wolfcamp and the Upper Penn Zone, which indicates that these two zones constitute separate sources of supply.
- Q These pressure charts, pressure records, graphs, appear to have been made by Mr. Allen Dorsey. Is he an independent consultant?
- A Yes, he is. He is an independent petroleum service, provides petroleum service, which is primarily dealings in running bottom-hole pressures.
 - O Is he competent, in your opinion?
 - A Yes, he is.
 - Now, the last exhibit that you have, Mr. Clay, is the

log of the well, Schlumberger of the well. Do you have that marked with reference to the two separate sources of supply about which you have testified?

A Yes. Exhibit 10, which is the primary log, openhole log that was run in the State "K" Well, a copy of the borehole sonic log, it will be noted at the bottom of the log a depth of 10,332 feet. The top of the Wolfcamp Zone is indicated. The base of the Lower Wolfcamp Zone is indicated at 10,342, with perforated interval shown on the log. The top of the Upper Penn Zone is indicated at 10,418, with the base of the Upper Penn at 10,444, and the perforated interval shown on the log along with the completion data in this well. There is other pertinent data provided on the log, DST data in the Lower Wolfcamp Zone, and also the paleontological data.

O Mr. Clay, in the event that the Commission sees fit to permit you to produce this well as a dually completed well in the manner about which you have testified, in your opinion, can the hydrocarbons from the two separate sources of supply be produced under the method you have described without producing waste?

A Yes, sir, in my opinion, the hydrocarbons from the Lower Wolfcamp and the Upper Penn Zone can be produced without causing waste.

- Q Would it destroy the correlative rights of any offset operators?
 - A Not to my knowledge.
- Q Both of these wells, and particularly the subject well, is in a unit in which other companies have an interest?
- A It is in a drilling unit which Superior and Tenneco are apparent interested parties.
- Q In the event that you are not permitted to produce this well as a dually completed well, and in order to recover the hydrocarbons, what would you have to do in order to get the hydrocarbons that are known to exist in the Upper Wolfcamp or in the Wolfcamp? Would you have to drill another hole?
- A In order to get the hydrocarbons from the Lower Wolfcamp, if a single completion was the procedure, then additional holes would have to be drilled, or the Lower Wolfcamp production would have to be deferred until a later date.
- Q Would this be prudent and reasonable, in your opinion?
- A It would not, in my opinion. It is felt like with the lower reserves we have in the field, that in order to justify additional drilling, the Lower Wolfcamp Zone will provide this incentive from an economic standpoint.
 - Q Then the twin well would be an unnecessary well?

- A That is correct.
- O To produce the well as you have described here as it is completed, would it be efficient and prudent to the end that greater ultimate recovery would not be adversely affected to dual completion as opposed to comingling?

A In my opinion, in view of the difference in pressure, greater pressure will result from the dual completion as compared with comingling.

O Do you have anything else that we might have over-looked?

A No, sir.

MR. PATTON: I offer this set of ten exhibits, if the Examiner please.

MR. NUTTER: Applicant's Exhibits 1 through 10 will be admitted in evidence.

(Whereupon, Applicant's Exhibits Numbers 1 through 10, inclusive, were admitted in evidence.)

MR. PATTON: I believe that is all I have on direct examination.

MR. NUTTER: Does anyone have any questions of the witness?

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. NUTTER:

O Mr. Clay, we apparently have a separation here, but to what do you attribute that separation, referring to your log, Exhibit Number 10?

A It is my feeling that the separation is a result of the shale barrier, impermeable barrier. It will be noted on the log that immediately below the Lower Wolfcamp, here is a small four-foot barrier at 10,350 to 10,354. There is another barrier at 10,362 to 10,372. There is another barrier at 10,391 to 10,401. And one other barrier immediately above the Upper Penn Zone at 10,414 to 10,418.

O So, although you only have -- let's see, what is the actual distance there? You have only got eighty feet separating them, you do have four separate and distinct shale barriers existing there to separate the two zones?

A That's right.

Q And you do have a substantial pressure differential?

A Yes, the pressure differential is substantial for this eighty to ninety feet of separation.

MR. NUTTER: Any further questions of Mr. Clay? You may be excused.

Do you have anything further, Mr. Patton?

MR. PATTON: I think that is all.

MR. NUTTER: Does anyone have anything they wish to

offer in Case No. 3970? We will take the case under advisement.

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I, SAM MORTELETTE, Court Reporter in and for the County of Bernalillo, State of New Mexico, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached Transcript of Hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission was reported by me, and that 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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Application of Superior Oil Company for a dual completion, Lea County, New Mexico.

Case No. 3970

BEFORE: Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING



MR. NUTTER: We wish to reopen Case No. 3970, which is the application of Superior Oil Company for a dual completion.

MR. PATMAN: Mr. Examiner, there were two exhibits that were not marked or entered in the case. These would be --well, I mean one is a copy. I would mark this as an Exhibit Number 11, which is the packer leaker test.

MR. NUTTER: Rather than mark it as an exhibit, why don't you just introduce it as an addenda to the record.

MR. PATMAN: I ask that it be included in the record.

MR. NUTTER: Because everybody that would challenge this is gone. This will be admitted as an exhibit in Case 3970.

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I, SAMUEL MORTELETTE, Court Reporter in and for the County of Bernalillo, State of New Mexico, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached Transcript of Hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission was reported by me, and that 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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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced Commission order recently entered in the subject case.

Very truly yours,

A. L. PORTER, Jr. Secretary-Director

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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. 3970 Order No. R-3614

APPLICATION OF SUPERIOR OIL COMPANY FOR A DUAL COMPLETION, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on December 2, 1968, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Mutter.

NOW, on this 9th day of December, 1968, 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, Superior Oil Company, seeks authority to complete its State "K" Well No. 1, located in Unit J of Section 4, Township 14 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, as a dual completion (conventional) to produce oil from an undesignated Lower Wolfcamp pool and from the Cerca-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool through parallel strings of 2 3/8-inch tubing, with separation of the zones by a packer set at approximately 10,416 feet.
- (3) That the mechanics of the proposed dual completion are feasible and in accord with good conservation practices.
- (4) That approval of the subject application will prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Superior Oil Company, is hereby authorized to complete its State "K" Well No. 1, located in Unit

-2-CASE No. 3970 Order No. R-3614

J of Section 4, Township 14 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, as a dual completion (conventional) to produce oil from an undesignated Lower Wolfcamp pool and from the Cerca-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool through parallel strings of 2 3/8-inch tubing, with separation of the zones by a packer set at approximately 10,416 feet;

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the applicant shall complete, operate, and produce said well in accordance with the provisions of Rule 112-A of the Commission Rules and Regulations insofar as said rule is not inconsistent with this order;

PROVIDED FURTHER, that the applicant shall take packer-leakage tests upon completion and annually thereafter during the Annual Gas-Oil Ratio Test Period for the Cerca-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool.

(2) 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
OLL COMMESSION

DAVID P. CARGO, Chairman

GUYTON B. HAYS. Member

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

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DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - MONDAY - DECEMBER 2, 1968

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

The following cases will be heard before Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner, or Elvis A. Utz, Alternate Examiner:

CASE 3968: Application of Texaco, Inc. for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Devonian formation in the open-hole interval from approximately 12,400 feet to 12,550 feet in its U. D. Sawyer Well No. 4 located in Unit O of Section 34, Township 9 South, Range 36 East, Crossroads-Devonian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 3969: Application of Sinclair Oil Corporation for a dual completion, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the dual completion (conventional) of its Lea 878 State Well No. 1 located in Unit K of Section 4, Township J.4 South, Range 34 East, Lea County, New Mexico, in such a manner as to permit the production of oil from an undesignated Wolfcamp pool and oil from the Cerca-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool through parallel strings of tubing.

Application of Superior Oil Company for a dual completion, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the dual completion (conventional) of its State "K" Well No. 1 located in Unit J of Section 4, Township 14 South, Range 34 East, Lea County, New Mexico, in such a manner as to permit the production of oil from an undesignated Wolfcamp pool and oil from the Cerca-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool through parallelstrings of tubing.

CASE 3971: Application of Southern Minerals Corporation for salt water disposal, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the abovestyled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt waterinto the San Andres formation in the perforated interval from approximately 4239 feet to 4416 feet in its State "C" Well No. 5 located in the NE/4 NW/4 of Section 1, Township 8 South, Range 33 East, Chaveroo-San Andres Pool, Chaves County, New Mexico.

CASE 3972: Application of Sunset International Petroleum Corporation for salt water disposal, Roosevelt County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Bough "C" zone of the Pennsylvanian formation in the perforated interval from approximately 9679 feet to 9685 feet in its O'Neill State Well No. 1 located in Unit L of Section 16, Township 8 South, Range 36 East, South Prairie-Cisco Pool, Roosevelt County, New Mexico.

CASE 3970:

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION	DATE Nov. 13, 1968	
BOX 871 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO	Re: Proposed NSP	
Gentlemen:		
I have examined the application dated	11/5/68	
for the The Superior Oil Co. State "K" #1-0 Operator Lease and We	J 4-14-34 ell No. S-T-R	
ond my recommendations are as follows: O.K. Need hearing for first wellJ Geologically O.KJ.W.R.		
Yours very	r truly,	

THE SUPERIOR OIL COMPANY

P. O. BOX 1900

MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701

November 1, 1968

Mr. Dan Nutter, Examiner
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
State Land Office Building
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

BEFORE EXAMINED NO.

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CASE NO. 3920

Re: Dual Completion
Lower Wolfcamp and
Upper Pennsylvanian Zones
Superior State "K" No. 1
2130' FSL & 1980' FEL
Section 4, T-14-S, R-34-E

Cerca (Upper Penn) Field Lea County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Attached are three copies of an Application For Multiple Completion (Form C-107) along with appropriate exhibits required under Rule Nos. 1107 and 112-A. Since this is the first multiple completion in the Cerca (Upper Penn) Field, we respectfully request that a hearing date be set to approve the above captioned dual completion.

Attached are three copies of each exhibit as follows:

- 1. Diagrammatic sketch of Multiple Completion.
- Ownership map with scale 1" = 2000' showing location of all wells in the near vicinity of Superior State "K" No. 1 Well.
- 3. A copy of letter attached to Form C-107 which was mailed individually to each offset operator.
- 4. Schlumberger Gamma Ray-Sonic log of State "K" No. 1 Well with accompanying formation tops, drill stem test data, and completion data plotted on log.
- 5. Pertinent data including pressure information and completion data from the Lower Wolfcamp and Upper Pennsylvanian Zones, and a copy of the Paleontology Report from the nearby Superior State "D" COM No. 1 Well.

The Superior State "K" No. 1 Well was completed in the Upper Pennsylvanian Zone on October 25, 1968, and the Lower Wolfcamp on October 26, 1968. These zones were completed through separate tubing strings with isolating packers as shown on the well bore sketch. Based on initial potentials, reservoir pressure, and Paleontological data, the completions described in this application constitute separate sources of supply; and, we respectfully submit Form C-107 with accompanying exhibits and data to support our request for a dual completion in the State "K" No. 1 Well.

Yours very traly,

THE SUPERIOR OIL COMPANY

T. D. Clay

Petroleum Engineer

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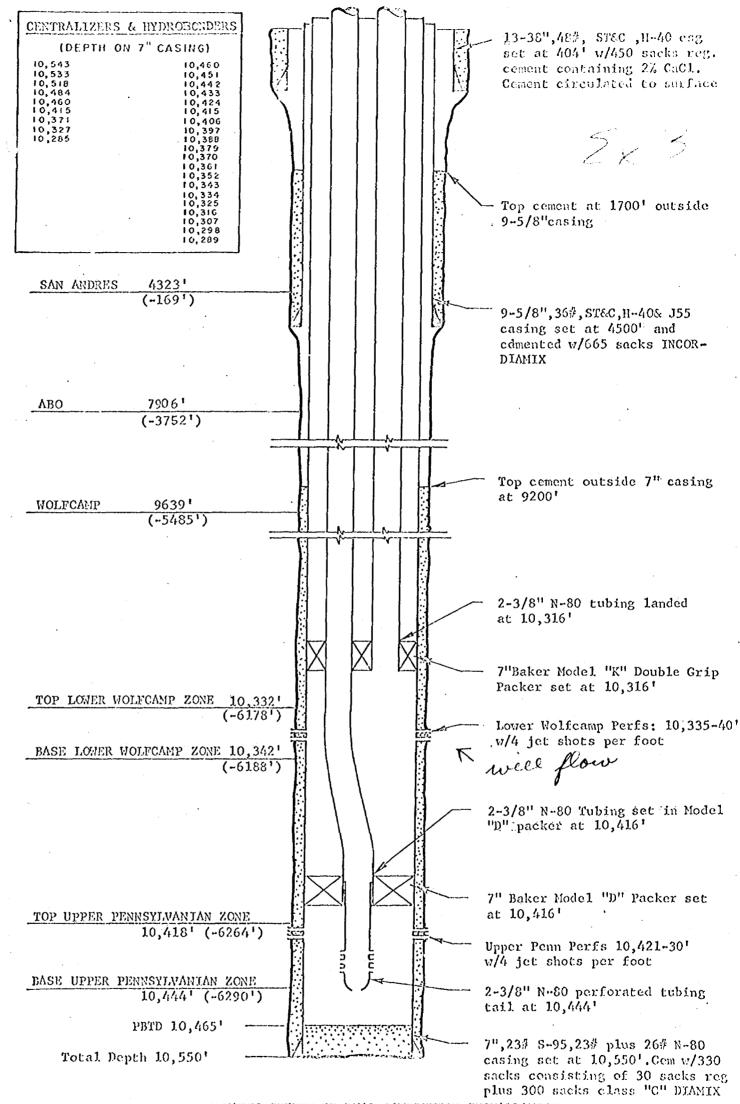
cc: Mr. Joe Ramey (2)

NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO APPLICATION FOR MULTIPLE COMPLETION

Operator		County		Date
The Superior Oil Company		Lea		October 30, 1968
Address		Lease		Well No.
P. O. Box 1900, Midland,	Texas 79701	State "K"		1
	Section	Township	F	Range
of Well J	4	14-S	Ì	34-E
			completion of a	well in these same pools or in the same
zones within one mile of the subje				
2. If answer is yes, identify one such	h instance: Order No	; Oper	ator Lease, and V	Vell No.:
3. The following facts are submitted:	Upper Zone	In	termediate Zone	Lower Zone
a. Name of Pool and Formation	Lower Wolfcam	n	Zone	Upper Pennsylvanian
b. Top and Bottom of	Hower Worream	<u> </u>		opper remisyivanian
Pay Section				
(Perforations)	10,335-10,340			10,421-10,430
c. Type of production (Oil or Gas)				011
d. Method of Production				
(Flowing or Artificial Lift)	Flowing			Flowing
4. The following are attached. (Pleas	se check YES or NO)			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
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		Box 1031, Midland)1
Tenneco Oil Company		ion: Mr. J. J. L		4
Sinclair Oil Company	Attent	Box 1470, Midland ion: Mr. D. E. D.	augherty	
Hondo Oil & Gas (Atlant	P. ic Richfield) A	0. Box 1978, Rost	well, New Me L. Smith	exico 88201
Southern Minerals Corpo	P. O.	Box 1816, Midland	, Texas 7970	1
6. Were all operators listed in Item 5 date of such notification Novem	above notified and furni	ion: Mr. Jack San shed a copy of this application.		NO
CERTIFICATE: I, the undersigned Comparity under my supervision and direction and	(company), and that I an	n authorized by said compa	ny to make this re	eport; and that this report was prepared
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*Should waivers from all offset operators not accompany an application for administrative approval the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission will hold the application for a period of twenty (20) days from date of receipt by the Commission's Santa Fe office. If, after said twenty-day period, no protest nor request for hearing is received by the Santa Fe office, the application will then be processed.

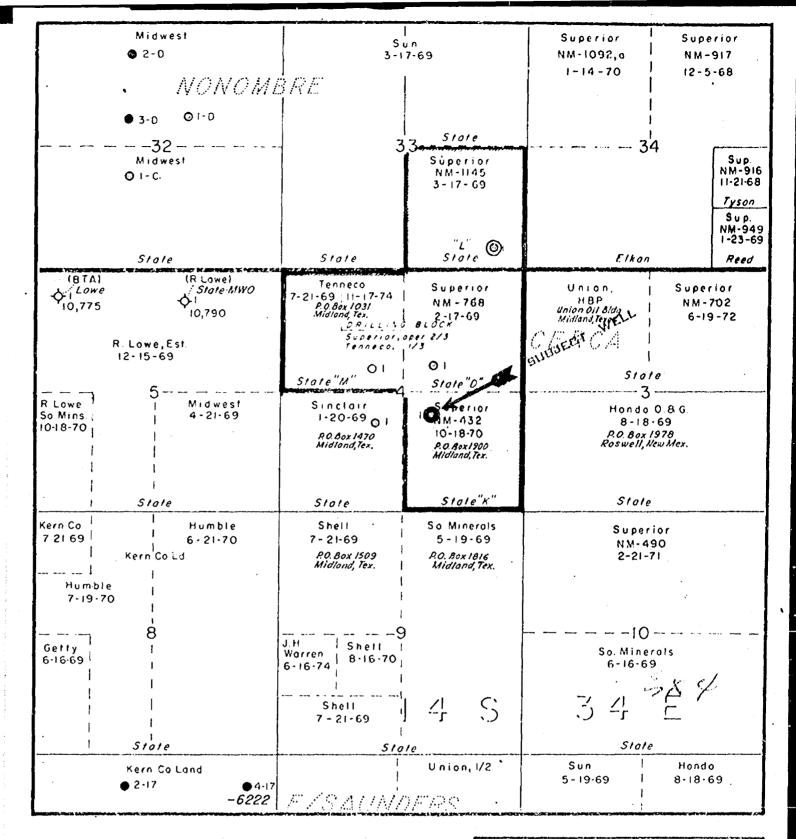
NOTE: If the proposed multiple completion will result in an unorthodox well location and/or a non-standard proration unit in one or more of the producing zones, then separate application for approval of the same should be filed simultaneously with this application.



DIAGRAMMATIC SKETCH OF DUAL COMPLETION INSTALLATION

The Superior Oil Company
State "K" No.1

2130 FSL & 1980 FEL Section 4, 148 - 34E
Cerca Field Area
Lea County, New Mexico



- Lower Wolfcamp
- Permo Penn
- O Upper Penn
- Middle Penn
- Lower Penn

THE SUPERIOR OIL COMPANY

ENGINEERING

MIDLAND

CERCA FIELD AREA

Lea County, New Mexico

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THE SUPERIOR OF COMPANY

MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701
November 1, 168

Shell Oil Company
P. O. Box 1509
Midland, Texas 79701
Attention: Mr. R. C. Knecht

Tenneco Oil Company
P. O. Box 1031
Midland, Texas 79701
Attention: Nr. J. Lacey

Atlantic Richfield Company P. O. Box 1978 Roswell, New Mexico 88201 Union Oil Company Union Oil Building Midland, Texas 79701 Attention: Mr. C. H. Glidden

Sinclair Oil Company P. O. Box 1470 Midland, Texas 79701 Attention: Mr. D. E. Daugherty

Southern Minerals Corporation P. O. Box 1816 Midland, Texas 79701

Re: Dual Completion
Lower Wolfcamp and
Upper Pennsylvanian Zones
Superior State "K" No. 1
2130' FSL & 1980' FEL
Section 4, T-14-S, R-34-E
Cerca (Upper Penn) Field
Lea County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Attached is a copy of Form C-107, Application For Multiple Completion, for your review. We have made application to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission for a dual completion in the above captioned well. The Upper Pennsylvanian Zone was completed October 25, 1968, through perforations 10,421-30 feet, and on initial potential, this well flowed 424 BOPD through 3/4" choke, FTP = 75 psig, GOR = 943, 43.2° API. The Lower Wolfcamp Zone was completed October 26, 1968, through perforations 10,335-40 feet. On initial potential, the Lower Wolfcamp flowed 464 BOPD through 21/64" choke, FTP = 400 psig, GOR = 1114, 44.5° API.

Based on completion potentials, reservoir pressure, and Paleontological data, the completions as described in this application constitute separate sources of supply. Form C-107 with required exhibits have been forwarded to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission for approval to dual complete the State $^{\rm HK}{}^{\rm H}$ No. 1 Well.

Yours very truly,

THE SUPERIOR OIL COMPANY

T. D. Clay

Petroleum Engineer(

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THE SUPERIOR OIL COMPANY STATE "K" NO. 1 2130' FSL & 1980' FEL SECTION 4, T-14-S, R-34-E CERCA (UPPER PENE) FIELD LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

PERTINENT DATA - LOWER WOLFCAMP ZONE

Wolfcamp Fusulines in Superior State "D" COM No. 1 at 9620-10,320 = 9637-10,342 in Superior State "K" No. 1

Completion Date:

October 26, 1968

Top of Zone:

10,332 (-6178) 10,342 (-6188)

Bottom Zone:

Stimulation Treatment: Initial Potential:

Perforations & Interval: 10,335-40 w/4 jet shots per foot 500 gals. Halliburton MCA acid Flow 464 BOPD, 21/64" choke,

FTP = 400 psig, GOR = 1114,

44.5° API

Measured Bottom Hole

Pressure & Subsea Depth: 3326 psig at 10,338' (-6184) after 21 hr shut in period

PERTINENT DATA - UPPER PENNSYLVANIAN ZONE

Cisco Fusulines in Superior State "D" COM No. 1 at 10,390-990 = 10,414 - ? in Superior State "K" No. 1

Completion Date:

October 25, 1968

Top of Zone:

10,418 (-6264)

Bottom of Zone:

10,444 (-6290)

Perforations & Interval: 10,421-30 w/4 jet shots per foot 500 gals. Halliburton MCA acid

Stimulation Treatment: Initial Potential:

Flow 424 BOPD, 3/4" choke,

FTP = 75 psig, GOR = 943,

43.2° API

Measured Bottom Hole

Pressure & Subsea Depth: 1985 psig at 10,426' (-6272) after 28 hr shut in period

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EX. O

PALEONTOLOGICAL LABORATORY

INCORPORATED

P. D. BOX 51 915 MU 2-4521

MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701

October 15, 1968

Mr. J. Stewart Martin The Superior Oil Company P. O. Box 1900 Midland, Texas 79701

Dear Sir:

We report as follows on the samples which you kindly permitted us to use:

PALEONTOLOGICAL REPORT

LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Superior Oil Company
State Commission No. 1-D Elev: 4154 DF
Sec. 4, T 14 S, R 34 E
1980 FNEE lines of sec.
(15 miles NV of Lovington)

Comp: 5-27-68 TD: 11,031 PB: 10,943 Oil discovery

Summary and Suggested "Markers"

9610: Top Wolfcamp <u>limestone</u>, by lithology
9620-10,320: Wolfcamp fusulines
9620-10,100: Rueco types
9620-9990: Nondescript Rueco types
9990-10,100: Lower Rueco types
10,220-10,320: Bursum types
10,350: Top Cisco series, by lithology
10,390-10,990: Cisco fusulines
11,029 LSA: In Cisco sandstone, by lithology

Samples examined from 9500 to 11,029 feet, TD: 11,031 feet.

Respectfully submitted,

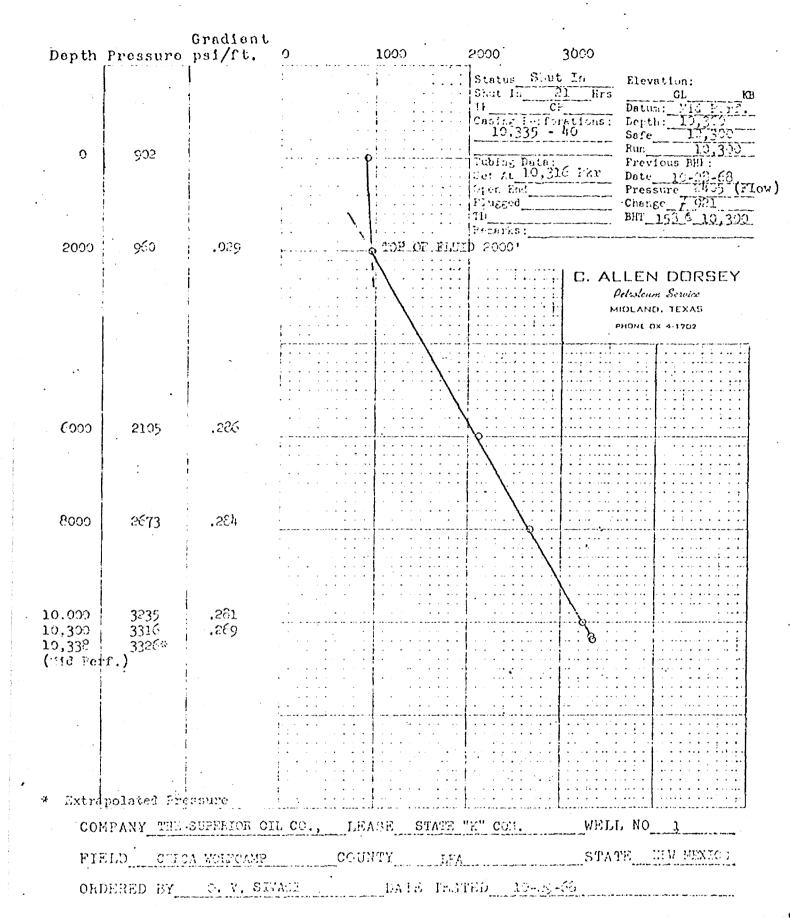
R. V. Hollingsworth

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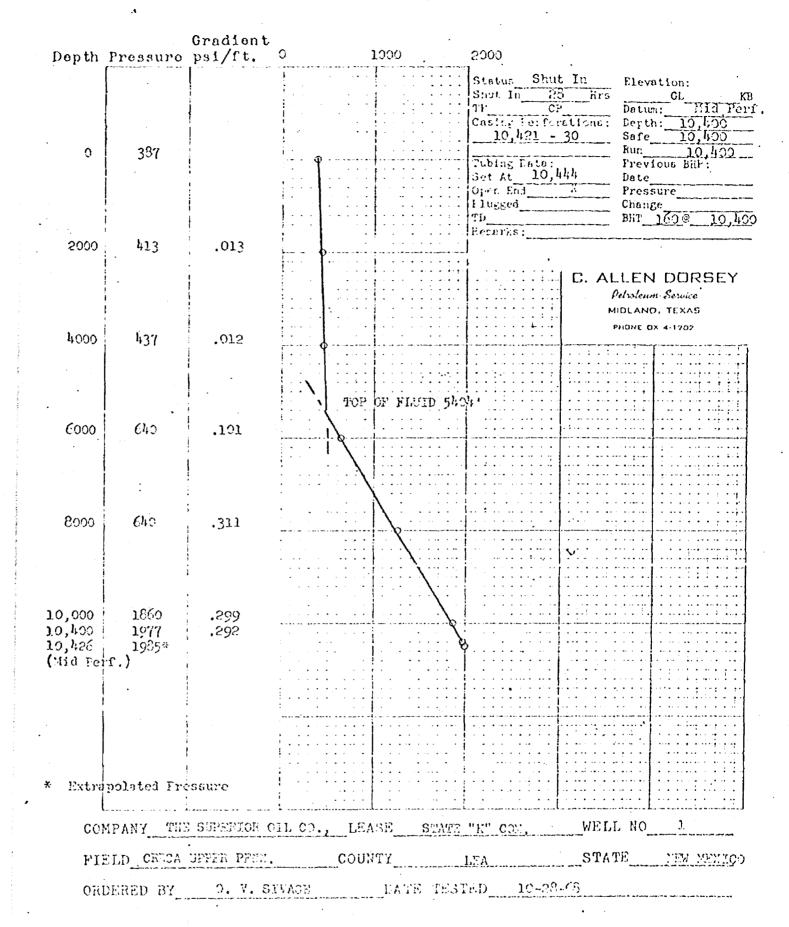
BOTTOM HOLE PRESSURE RECORD

PRESSURE FOUNDS PER SQUARE INCH GUAGE



OFFICM HOLE PRESSURE RECORD

PRESSURE POUNDS PER SQUARE INCH GUAGE



NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

SOUTHEAST NEW MEXICO PACKER LEAKAGE TEST

Operat		or Oil Company	Leas	e State "K"		Well No. 1
Locati	ion Unit	Sec 4	Twp 14-S	Rge 34-E	County	Lea
of Wel			Type of Prod	Method of Prod	Prod. Medium	Choke Size
	Undesignated Lower Wolfcame	ervoir or Pool	(Oil or Gas) Oil	Flow, Art Lift Flowing	(Tbg or Csg) Tbg - 2-3/8"	22/64"
Lower	Cerca Upper Penn.	2_60000	011	Flowing	Tbg - 2-3/8"	3/4"
<u>pompa t</u>	opper rem.	•	FLOW TEST		1.08 370	1 3/4
Roth a	ones shut~in a	t (hour date).	Lower Wolfcamp	shut in at 6:40 nut in at 4:45 PM	PM on October 28	8, 1968 1968
				, 1968	Upper	Lower
						x
Pressu	re at beginning	g of test			900 psig	60 psig
Stabil	Stabilized? (Yes or No)					
Maximu	m pressure dur	ing test			900 psig	65 psig
Minimw	m pressure dur	ing test	• • • • • • • • • • • • •		890 psig	60 psig
Pressu	re at conclusion	on of test	• • • • • • • • • • • • • •		890 psig	60 psig
Pressu	re change durin	ng test (Maximum	minus Ninimum).	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	10 psig	5 psig
Was pro	essure change a	an increase or a	decrease?	Total Tin		decrease
	losed at (hour,	, date): 4:45 PM	on November 6,	1968 Production		
During	Test: 354	bbls; Grav. 45.	4 ; During T	est 223	MCF; GOR 63	0
Remarks	Upper Penn (Lower Compl.) wa	s not shut in f	or an extended pe	riod prior to f1	ow test
	No. 1, since	it is necessary	to swab this z	one to kick off f	lowing.	
	•	·	FLOW TEST N	0. 2	Upper	Lovion
Well op	pened at (hour,	date): 4:15 PM	on November 7,	1968	Completion	Lower Completion
Indicat	e by (X) t	he zone producin	g		X	·
						360 psig
Stabili	zed? (Yes or N	o). Stabilized a	pproximately 16	hrs. after opened	Yes	Yes
Maximum	ı pressure durii	ng test	• • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	465 psig	364 psig
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Pressur	e change during	g test (Maximum)	minus Minimum).		80 psig	4 psig
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				.968 Production_ etion st 577		
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FLOW TEST No. 1

PACKER LEAKAGE TEST

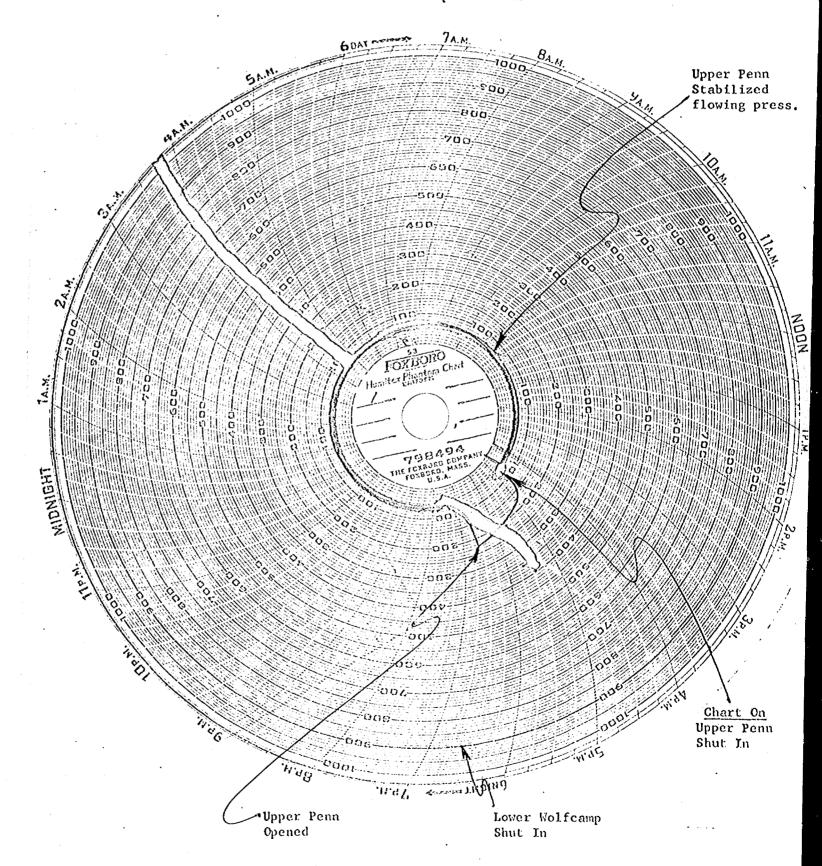
Superior -State "K" No.1 CERCA (UPPER PENN)FIELD Lea County, New Mexico

RED: Upper penn (Lower Compl)

BLUE: Lower Wolfcamp (Upper Compl)

Chart on: 4:45 pm 11/5/68 Off: 4:45 pm 11/6/68

Upper Penn-- Producing Lower Wolfcamp-- Shut In



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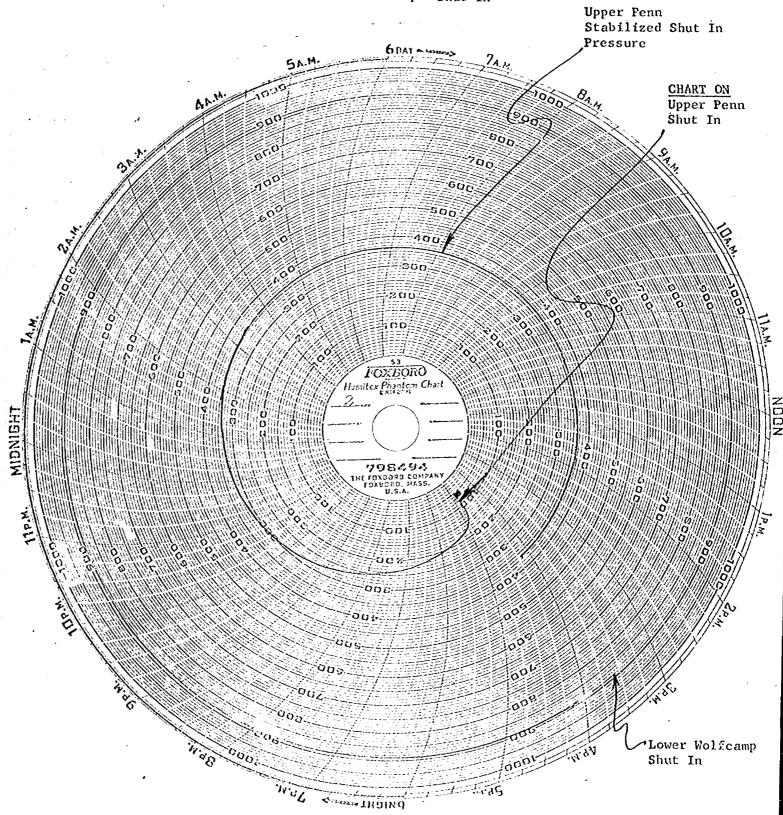
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Upper Penn-- Shut In Lower Wolfcamp-- Shut In



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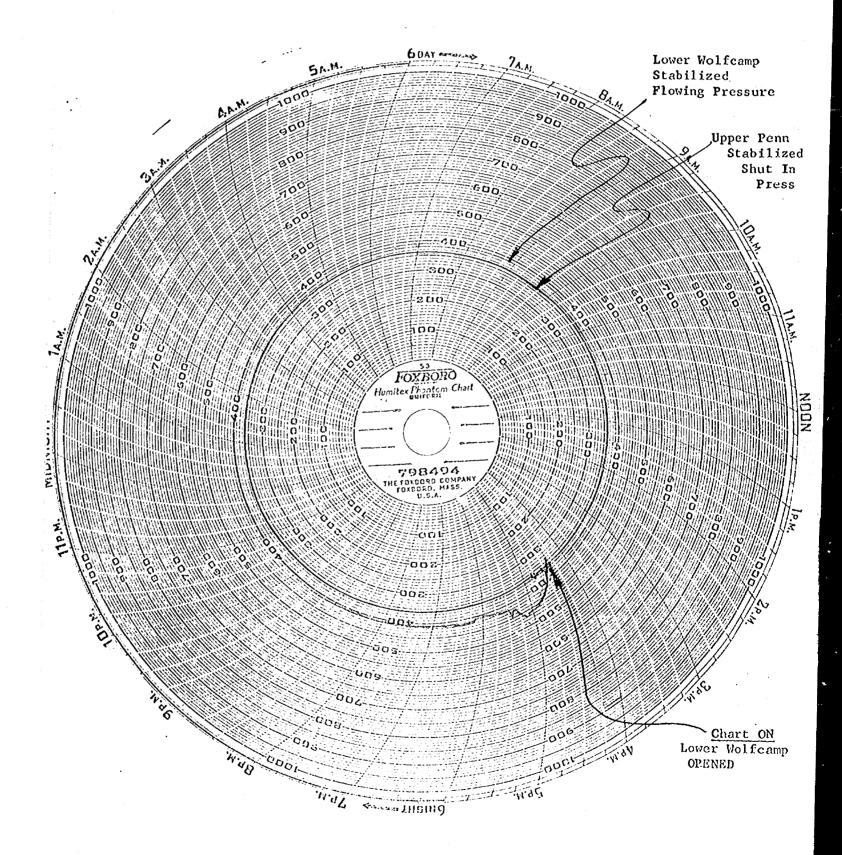
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RED: Upper penn(Lower Compl)
BLUE: Lower Wolfcamp (Upper Compl)

Chart on: 4:15 pm 11/7/68 Off: 4:00 pm 11/8/68

Upper Penn-- Shut In Lower Wolfcamp-- Producing



GMH/esr

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:	
su Di.	CASE No. 3970
	Order No. R-3614
APPLICATION OF SUPERIOR OIL COMPANY	T. 70.
APPLICATION OF SUPERIOR OIL COMPANY FOR A DUAL COMPLETION, LEA COUNTY NEW MEXICO.	NTY,
ORDER OF THE COMMISSION	\overline{a}
BY THE COMMISSION:	
This cause came on for hearing at 9 of December 2 , 1968 , at Santa Fe, New Mexico Daniel S. Nutter .	
NOW, on thisday ofDecember_, a quorum being present, having considered the and the recommendations of the Examiner, and in the premises,	e testimony, the record,
FINDS:	
(1) That due public notice having bee law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this matter thereof.	-
(2) That the applicant, Superior Oi	1 Company
seeks authority to complete itsState "K"	
Well No. 1 , located in Unit J of Sec	tion <u>4</u> , Township
14 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea	
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from an undesignated Wolfcamp pool and from the	ne Cerca-Upper
Pennsylvanian Pool through parallel strings of	238 -inch
tubing, with separation of the zones by a pack	ter set at approxi-
mately 10 416 feet.	

- (3) That the mechanics of the proposed <u>dual</u> completion are feasible and in accord with good conservation practices.
- (4) That approval of the subject application will prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Superior Oil Company						
is hereby authorized to complete itsState "K"						
Well No. 1 , located in Unit J of Section 4 , Township						
14 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New						
Mexico, as a dual completion (conventional) oil (conventional) to produce gas (tubingless)==						
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Pennsylvanian Pool through parallel strings of 2 36 -inch						
tubing, with separation of the zones by a packer set at approxi-						
mately 10,416 feet;						

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the applicant shall complete, operate, and produce said well in accordance with the provisions of Rule 112-A of the Commission Rules and Regulations insofar as said rule is not inconsistent with this order;

PROVIDED FURTHER, that the applicant shall take packer-leakage tests upon completion and annually thereafter during the Annual Gas-Oil Ratio Test Period for the Cerca-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool. Deliverability

(2) 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.