

CASE 4017: Application of CORINNE  
GRACE FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,  
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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BEFORE THE  
NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Santa Fe, New Mexico  
July 16, 1960

REGULAR HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

(De Novo) Application of Corinne  
Grase for compulsory pooling,  
Eddy County, New Mexico.

CASE NO. 4017

IN THE MATTER OF:

(De Novo) Application of David  
Faskin for compulsory pooling,  
Eddy County, New Mexico.

CASE NO. 4043

BEFORE: A. L. Porter, Jr., Secretary-Director

EXHIBIT OF RECORD

MR. PORTER: Case 4017.

MR. HATCH: De Novo application of Corinne Grace for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.

And I would like for you to call Case No. 4043 at the same time, if you would, please, sir.

MR. PORTER: Case 4043.

MR. HATCH: De Novo application of David Fasken, for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.

The Commission has received a request from the applicant for the De Novo hearing, David Fasken, that these two cases; the applicant for the De Novo hearing, be dismissed. We would like to request the Commission -- the order dismissing the cases, to allow any nonconsuming working interest owner in the pool unit twenty days from the date of the order in which to pay his share of the estimated well costs.

MR. PORTER: Twenty days?

MR. HATCH: Twenty days from the date --

MR. PORTER: The order was issued?

MR. HATCH: Yes, sir.

MR. PORTER: Any objection to the counsel's motion?

The Commission will dismiss the cases -- in



which cases? Will they be combined?

MR. HATCH: There was one order issued in that case.

MR. PORTER: In the two cases?

MR. HATCH: In the two cases, there was one order.

MR. PORTER: There will be an order of dismissal issued containing the clause as recommended by the counsel for the Commission.

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BEFORE THE  
NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Santa Fe, New Mexico  
June 13, 1969

REGULAR HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

(De Novo) (Continued from the  
May 14, 1969 Regular Hearing)  
Application of Corinne Grace for  
compulsory pooling, Eddy County,  
New Mexico.

Case No. 4017

BEFORE: DAVID F. CARGO, Governor  
A. L. "PETE" PORTER, Secretary-Director

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

MR. PORTER: The hearing will now come to order; the record will show there is a quorum present in the persons of the Chairman, David F. Cargo, Governor, and the Secretary-Director.

Before we take up the allowables, the allowable cases, I want to announce Cases 4017 and 4043 have been continued to the Regular Hearing, July 16, 1969, and all of the interested parties have been notified of this action.

I would also like to announce that Cases Nos. 4088 and 4089 have been continued to a Special Hearing date, which will be June 26th, and all of the parties in those cases have been notified by letter; each individual interested party. Now, Cases 4088 and 4089 will be heard at 8:00 o'clock A.M. here in Morgan Hall, June 26th, which is a Special hearing date.

We will take up now the consideration for oil allowable for the month of July; and I will ask Mr. Don Ryan and Mr. James E. Kaptaina to stand and be sworn.

(Witnesses sworn)

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BEFORE THE  
NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Santa Fe, New Mexico

May 14, 1969

REGULAR HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

(De Novo) Application  
of Corinne Grace for  
compulsory pooling,  
Eddy county, New Mexico.

Case 4017

(De Novo) Application  
of David Fasken for  
compulsory pooling,  
Eddy County, New Mexico.

Case 4043

BEFORE: DAVID A. CARGO, Chairman

A. L. PORTER, Jr. Director-Secretary

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

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MR. PORTER: Case 4017 and Case 4043.

MR. HATCH: Case 4017; (De Novo) application of Corinne Grace for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Case 4043, (De Novo) application of David Fasken for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.

MR. PORTER: In regard to these two cases, the attorneys for both of the Applicants have been in contact with me and have requested that the cases be continued to the regular June hearing. Both of the Applicants are holding meetings, so there is a good possibility that the cases would be dismissed. So, we will continue Cases 4017 and 4043 to the Regular Hearing in June. Incidentally, I would like to remind you at this time that the June hearing will be on Friday. We will change to Friday, so as not to conflict with the Interstate Oil Contractors Commission meeting in Casper, which will be that same week.

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BEFORE THE  
NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Santa Fe, New Mexico

February 5, 1969

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Consolidated Cases:  
Application of Corinne  
Grace for compulsory pool-  
ing, Eddy County, New  
Mexico;  
Application of David  
Fasken, for compulsory  
pooling, Eddy County,  
New Mexico.

Case No. 4017

Case No. 4043

BEFORE: Daniel S. Nutter,  
Examiner

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

MR. NUTTER: We will call Case 4017.

MR. HATCH: Case 4017, continued from January 8, 1969 Examiner Hearing. Application of Corinne Grace for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.

MR. NUTTER: We will also call at this time Case 4043.

MR. HATCH: Case 4043, Application of David Fasken for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.

MR. NUTTER: It might make the hearing somewhat shorter if we consolidate these cases for the purposes of the hearing.

MR. KELLAHIN: Jason Kellahin, Kellahin & Fox, Santa Fe, appearing on behalf of the applicant in Case 4017, Corinne Grace.

MR. NUTTER: We will call for appearances in Case 4043, also, at this time.

MR. MORRIS: Mr. Examiner, I am Dick Morris of Montgomery, Federici, Andrews, Hannahs & Morris, Santa Fe, appearing on behalf of David Fasken in both Cases 4017 and 4043.

MR. NUTTER: And you are making an appearance on behalf of Corinne Grace in Case 4043, also, I presume, Mr. Kellahin?

MR. KELLAHIN: That's correct.

MR. NUTTER: Any other appearances in these cases?  
Please proceed Mr. Kellahin.

MR. KELLAHIN: I have three witnesses that I would like to have sworn at this time.

MR. NUTTER: Mr. Morris, are you going to have any witnesses?

MR. MORRIS: I have two.

MR. NUTTER: Have them stand at this time.

(Witnesses sworn.)

(Whereupon, Applicant Corinne Grace's Exhibit Number 1, was marked for identification.)

MR. KELLAHIN: I would like to call as my first witness, Mrs. Grace.

CORINNE GRACE

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

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. KELLAHIN:

Q State your name, please?

A Corinne Grace.

Q Are you the applicant in Case 4017, Mrs. Grace?

A Yes.

Q Are you familiar with the application that was filed in this case?

A Yes.

Q Briefly, what do you propose in this application, Mrs. Grace?

A For pooling the Morrow Pool, this acreage.

Q Mrs. Grace, are you operating in the State of New Mexico at the present time?

A Yes, sir.

Q Where are you operating?

A In Lea County.

Q How many wells are you presently operating in Lea County?

A Two, and we are in the process of completing a third one.

Q Is it your desire that you be designated as operator of the Morrow Pool Unit underlying Section 8, in Township 21 South, Range 24 East?

A Yes, sir.

Q You desire to be the operator of this pool?

A Yes, sir.

Q Do you own other properties in New Mexico which have not yet been developed?

A Yes, I do.

Q Will you briefly state the extent that you own New Mexico oil and gas properties? You do own other properties in New Mexico?

A Besides, oh, yes, we own approximately 39,000 acres of New Mexico State land for oil and gas, and approximately 56,000 acres of Federal oil and gas leases in New Mexico.

Q Did you acquire these leases with the intent of selling them or developing them, or what was your purpose?

A The purpose was developing.

Q How long have you been acquiring properties in New Mexico?

A Since about 1962 on--1961.

Q Referring to what has been marked as Exhibit Number 1, would you identify that exhibit, please?

A Well, it is a certificate of the abstractor, and Mrs. Lyle Johnson has signed it, and it is the property that my husband and I own.

Q Does she handle the properties for you?

A Yes, sir.

Q And is she familiar then with the records on all the properties owned by you?

A Yes, sir.



Q Did she handle the purchases of some of them?

A Yes.

Q So she is familiar with what the cost of those properties were?

A Yes, sir. She has done abstracts on all of our state leases.

Q Now, in Section 8, what portion of that do you own?

A 160 acres.

Q That would be the southeast quarter of the section?

A Yes, sir.

Q Do you propose to drill a well on this acreage?

A Yes, I do.

Q Have you filed a notice of intention to drill?

A Yes, sir.

Q Do you know when this was filed?

A December 11th.

Q Now, you understand, of course, that the present rules and regulations of the Oil Conservation Commission require a proration unit of 640 acres to be dedicated to a well drilled in the North Indian Hills-Morrow Gas Pool?

A Yes.

Q Was that the situation when you acquired this acreage?

A No, sir.

Q That order was entered subsequent to the date you acquired this lease, is that right?

A Yes, sir.

Q Do you know when you acquired the lease?

A May, 1963.

MR. KELLAHIN: I believe the Commission's records will reflect that the proration unit of 640 acres was created by order of the Commission entered on May 25, 1966.

MR. NUTTER: What was that date again?

MR. KELLAHIN: May 25, 1966.

Q (By Mr. Kellahin) Now, Mrs. Grace, have you made any effort to either communitize this acreage, or taken a farmout on the acreage in Section 8?

A Yes, sir. I started in 1963. I called Mr. O. V. Lawrence in Roswell. He was then the land man for Shell in that area, and I asked him to farm this acreage out to me, his acreage, or Shell's acreage. And he said that they planned to drill it, but if they didn't, I would be the first person they would notify, and they would farm it out to me.

I also called Marathon, and they said that they would do whatever Shell did.

Q Shell at that time was the owner of the north half of the section?

A Yes, sir.

Q Was this your information?

A Yes, sir.

Q Did Marathon, according to your information, own the southwest quarter of the section?

A Yes, sir.

Q And that is the reason you contacted those two?

A Yes, sir.

Q Did you contact Shell subsequent to 1963?

A No, they were busy contacting me to get me to farm out to them. But I didn't approach them until 1963.

Q 1965, you mean?

A Excuse me, I mean 1955.

Q You acquired the lease in 1963, didn't you?

A Yes. The summer of 1965 is when I contacted them.

Q Now, did you contact them subsequent to the summer of 1965?

A No, I also--no, Mr. Lawrence contacted me in the fall of 1965.

Q Were you able to reach any agreement with them at that time?

A Well, the same thing. He contacted me in 1965, and he wanted me to farm out to him, or sell to him--I mean he wanted

me to sell, giving me an overright. And I told him my whole reason for being out there was that we wanted production, and we were ready to drill it then even though we were shut in.

The first time I contacted him, he didn't want any shut-in gas well, but we didn't care, we would rather drill it ~~than~~ and pay it to the Government.

Q You say you contacted him in 1965. Of course, at that time, the Commission had not yet entered an order putting this on 640 acre spacing?

A Well, we anticipated that they would. And also, we felt that we would like as much acreage as we could get. It was a very good area, we thought.

Q You were familiar with the fact that the Commission had placed other Morrow Gas Pools on 640 acre spacing?

A Yes, sir.

Q In 1968, did you make any effort to reach an agreement with Shell and Marathon?

A Yes, sir.

Q What did you do then?

A Well, Mr. McIntyre, the geologist, contacted them, it was really in my behalf, and I think they told him what to offer. And then about two weeks later I called Mr. Clark, and I called Mr. Lindsey and Mr. Pierson.

Q Who are Mr. Clark, Mr. Pierson, and Mr. Lindsey?

A Mr. Clark is a land man in Midland, and Mr. Lindsey is in the land office.

Q Are they both with Shell?

A Yes, sir. And Mr. Pierson is the General Manager. And I contacted Mr. Addison of Marathon, and they were all agreeable the first time around, as I recall, especially Mr. Pierson said he would do everything he could because he thought that it was logical that I should have this farmout. But then he consulted with Mr. Clark, and I don't know what happened. But, anyway, then I called Mr. Brooks, and we got nowhere, so then I contacted an attorney I knew was closely associated with Mr. Brooks to see what he could do, and he never reported back to me. I guess he got nowhere. And I asked a banker to try to negotiate with them in Midland, hoping that he would be--

Q When did all that take place?

A In November of 1968.

Q Did you contact them again in December of 1968?

A Yes, sir. It was constant, sometimes two or three times a day we telephoned. My husband did, also.

I asked another attorney in Midland to contact them. I exhausted every channel that I could think of.

Q Now, you said you didn't know Mr. Fasken until November, 1968, is that right?

A Yes, sir.

Q When did you first learn that Mr. Fasken wanted to drill for oil on this acreage?

A Early November.

Q Now, at that time were you advised that he had a permit or the property?

A No, they said that he had a verbal agreement.

Q But it was your understanding that he did not have an agreement with Marathon?

A Nothing in writing. The last time I spoke to anyone with Shell, I believe it was December 11, 1968, and I was informed, it was Mr. Clark, and he told me they still had nothing in writing, and I felt that as long as there was nothing in writing that I had a chance to obtain this permit, my husband and I both. Also, these individuals that I mentioned to Midland, I felt maybe they would <sup>listen</sup> ~~listen~~ to them.

Q Now, did Mr. Fasken at any time ever contact you with the proposal to drill, to communitize?

A No, sir, never.

Q Did he ever make an offer to you?

A No, sir.

Q Subsequent to your--

A He threatened me that I was going to be with him.

Q Mr. Fasken did?

A I mean Mr. Brooks, when I telephoned him.

Q Well, you were talking to Mr. Brooks as a representative of Mr. Fasken?

A Yes, sir. He didn't contact me, I called him on the telephone, and he was very rude, and I figured I could never call him again.

Q Were you able to make any arrangement with Mr. Brooks?

A No, sir.

Q Now, in the event the Commission sees fit to pool this acreage and designate you as the operator, will you drill a well?

A Yes, sir.

Q To the North Indian Hills-Morrow Gas Pool?

A Yes.

Q And you have staked the location, you stated?

A Yes, sir.

Q Have you contacted any drilling companies in connection with this proposal?

A Yes, sir.

Q And you have two other witnesses who will testify further on that?

A Yes, sir. I personally, and plus they have contacted drilling companies.

Q What companies have you contacted?

A I contacted Carrol. They used to be McFarland. They did my other drilling for me.

Q In your application, you asked the Commission to grant you a risk factor for drilling this well, and do you want a risk factor to be assigned?

A Yes, sir.

Q Will other witnesses present testify to that?

A Yes.

Q Do you also ask that you be allowed a provision for recovery of the cost of the operation and supervision of the well?

A Yes, sir.

MR. KELLAHIN: At this time I will offer in evidence Exhibit Number 1.

MR. NUTTER: Mrs. Grace's Exhibit Number 1 in this case will be admitted in evidence.

(Whereupon, Applicant Corinne Grace's Exhibit Number 1, was admitted in evidence.)

MR. KELLAHIN: That completes the direct examination of this witness.

MR. NUTTER: Are there any questions of the witness?



MR. MORRIS: Yes, sir.

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. MORRIS:

Q Mrs. Grace, do you maintain an office in New Mexico or in the Midland area of Texas?

A Yes, I maintain offices in both places.

Q Where are your offices?

A We have offices on Turner Street in Hobbs, New Mexico.

Q Let's take that one first. How long have you had that office?

A I have had that office a little over two years.

Q How is that office staffed?

A Just myself and my husband. We do a great deal of our own work.

Q Are you there in Hobbs a good deal of the time?

A When our business requires it, we are.

Q Do you maintain a residence in Hobbs?

A Yes, sir, I do.

Q Do you have a telephone at that office on Turner Street?

A I'm on the switchboard of my landlord.

Q Do you have anyone there who answers the phone and can take messages, and get them to you?

A Yes, sir, the landlord's office, and I also use Oil

and Gas Reports in Hobbs, which I feel does a very capable job for me.

Q Well, if someone wanted to get a message to you about normal operating problems, and wanted to call you in Hobbs, what number would they call?

A I have my home number, which is a business number.

Q Is that a listed telephone number?

A Yes, it is.

Q And is someone there--

A No, I am sorry, it isn't a listed number.

Q It is not?

A No, it isn't. But I do have a listed number in Midland. My husband and I are both listed in the phone book in Midland, Texas, and we have an answering service in Midland and one in Odessa that is open 24 hours a day.

Q Let's talk about the Midland office. Do you maintain an office there?

A I have an office in Midland.

Q Where is that office?

A In the Wilkison Foster Building.

Q How is that office staffed?

A With a stenographer, public stenographer, who does work for us when it is needed, and answers the telephone very

promptly.

Q Is she a full time employee who maintains regular office hours?

A Not full time for us, but she works for us when we need her to.

Q Is this number listed under your name?

A Mine and my husband's.

Q If someone wants to reach you by telephone concerning ordinary business matters, can you be reached through that number?

A Yes, I can. They can look it up in the phone book there in Midland.

Q Now, where in either Hobbs or Midland do you receive your mail in the ordinary course of your business?

A In Midland, I have two places to receive mail. One is Box 1416 in Midland, and the other is the Wilkison Foster Building.

Q And mail addressed to either one of those addresses will reach you, and be considered by you as being mailed to you in the ordinary course of business, is that right?

A Yes, sir.

Q What type of technical staff do you maintain?

A We have a field manager.

Q And who is that?

A Mr. Hubert Merritt in Tatum, New Mexico.

Q Is he a full time employee of yours?

A Yes, sir.

Q How long has he been with you?

A Since we began this present well, this oilcat we are completing now.

Q The one you are completing now?

A Yes. I had pumpers who, you know, as they were needed for my other wells. And I had a field manager before that who worked when he was needed, a Mr. Robert Wilheit from Odessa. You mean as far as geologists and engineers?

Q Yes. Now, by way of geologists and engineers, who do you have on a regular consulting basis, if anyone?

A When they are needed, you mean?

Q Well, do you have any full time employees, technical employees?

A You mean geologists and engineers?

Q Geologists and engineers.

A No, sir, we feel when the time comes that we have developed, which we intend to start, are starting a great deal of acreage in New Mexico, well, we are presently interviewing people who want to come with us steadily. And also, Mr. McIntyre has, I think except for about three weeks of well sitting in the last three months, has spent most of his time working for us.

Mr. Doyle Butler has been with us on this well as engineer, and plans to continue working with us when he is needed, and is available.

Q Do you have any engineering consulting firm with which you do business in this area?

A Mr. Doyle Butler.

Q And how long has Mr. Butler been on a consulting basis with you?

A Since we began this well and started staking this one in Eddy County, because we feel he is a specialist, particularly in that area.

Q Do you have any production in Eddy County?

A Yes, sir.

Q Do you operate any wells in Eddy County?

A Yes, sir.

Q Where are those wells?

A They are in Lea County--oh, in Eddy County, I'm sorry. I was thinking about the ones in Lea County. No, I don't. I have staked this well in Eddy County, and I intend to have wells in Eddy County.

We also have a great deal of acreage in Eddy County. We are planning to stake two other wells in Eddy County also very shortly.

Q Now, Mrs. Grace, you have stated that you had been in touch at various times with representatives of both Shell and Marathon?

A Yes, sir.

Q The last time you were in touch with anyone from Shell, when was that and who did you speak with?

A Mr. Lindsey, Mr. Clark, and Mr. Pierson, their counsel, Mr. Tom Sealy, and Mr. Goolsby of Mr. Sealy's firm. I spoke to the Midland bank there, I spoke to the First National Bank of Midland, some of the officers there, because I understand they are some how related with Mr. Brooks. I spoke with Mr. Hardie, an attorney in Midland. I spoke even to other Shell offices in the United States, and my husband has also, and is continuing to negotiate with the New York Shell office.

And you say how long did I negotiate with them, talk to them?

Q No, I am speaking of the last time you talked to any of the Shell employees.

A I believe the last time was December 12, was with Mr. Clark. I think my husband has talked with them since, and possibly some individuals in Midland have.

Q Now, did Shell inform you or inform your husband the last time that he talked that Shell had verbally agreed to farm

out its acreage in the north half of this section to Mr. Fasken?

A They said they had agreed verbally, yes.

Q Now, when was the last time that you talked with any representative of Marathon?

A It was around the middle of December. I think someone, a representative of mine spoke with Marathon the week before last.

Q And at that time, you were informed by the representative of Marathon that, likewise, they had verbally agreed to farm out their acreage in the southwest quarter of this section to Mr. Fasken?

A Yes, and I feel that it wasn't right. I was in there and I have been in there for many years. I turned down some wonderful offers from Shell, and many other people, and I feel that at least they could have kept their promise to me, and that they could have out of nothing more than courtesy informed me that they were going to farm it out, such as Mr. David Brooks.

Q You mean Mr. Fasken?

A Well, Mr. Fasken's representative.

Q After you learned that both Shell and Marathon had verbally agreed to farm their acreage out to Mr. Fasken, did you make any attempt to voluntarily negotiate a communitization of all the acreage in Section 8 with Mr. Fasken?

A I called Mr. Brooks the one time, and he screamed at

me. I couldn't call him again, but I sent people to see him and call him.

Q Now, wait just a minute. During the time that you talked with Mr. Brooks, did you ever offer with him to communitize your acreage with the acreage that Mr. Fasken would receive from Shell and Marathon to farm out?

A I had no reason to offer to communitize with Mr. Fasken. He had nothing in writing.

Q So your answer is no, is that correct?

A The people that I talked to with Shell and Marathon, they owned the leases. And I still haven't seen anything in writing. I have sent people to Carlsbad. Your witness told me that they had been, they had filed something in Carlsbad. I haven't seen it, nor has the man that I sent to Carlsbad. I was promised that I would get this agreement, and I haven't seen it, so I still don't know that Mr. Fasken has any right in this hearing today. I know I do, because I own the lease, and I paid rent for it since 1963, and I have planned to drill it since 1963. I would have drilled it in 1963 if my geologist would have let me. I would have.

MR. MORRIS: That is all.



CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. NUTTER:

Q Mrs. Grace, I am getting a little confused on some of these dates. You acquired this lease, this 160-acre lease in May of 1963?

A Yes, sir.

Q And then in 1966, I believe you stated, Mr. Kellahin, the pool rules were adopted for this North Indian Hills?

MR. KELLAHIN: May 25, 1966, I believe was the date.

Q And then you sought a farmout from Shell in the summer of 1965?

A Yes. The geologists, evidently they anticipated this would be 640 acres, you know, for each well. And Mr. Lowe, I know around about the time that I acquired this lease, Mr. Lowe had drilled a wildcat, and evidently my geologist at that time was quite close to Mr. Lowe, and he evidently felt that this is what would be asked for.

Q I think 640-acre spacing may have already been adopted down in the Indian Hills and Indian Basin south of here?

A Right.

Q And in 1965 when you contacted Mr. Lawrence with Shell, that is the time when they told you that they intended to drill the acreage themselves?

A Yes, sir.

Q But that if they ever did plan to farm it out, or ever would farm it out, they would keep you in mind?

A Yes.

Q And then later they came to you and wanted to buy the acreage from you?

A They wanted to buy that acreage from five minutes after I got that lease, they were on the telephone with me. And they were after me even at night, they called me at home, I had to hide from them. They went to see my bookkeeper, they followed us over the country. They did everything they could to get it.

Q That is immediately after the time you acquired it?

A Yes, sir, within five minutes.

Q In the summer of 1965 when you asked for a farmout of their acreage and they told you they planned to drill it themselves, did they make a counter offer to you at that time and say, "We would like to buy your acreage"? Were they interested in a bigger acreage then?

A I think they realized by then they weren't going to get it, but they did make one other attempt to buy it from me in the fall of 1965. Mr. Lawrence took my husband and myself, and Mr. Donegan to lunch here after the state sale, and once more he

asked me, and laughingly, because he knew he wasn't going to get it, but he tell everybody in the dining room that day that we would be drilling together, and that he wanted to be the operator.

Q And then as late as sometime in December, you were still contacting Shell trying to get the farmout from them?

A December, 1968, yes.

Q And you also talked to Marathon in December of 1968?

A Yes, sir.

Q And as far as you know, you have never seen any evidence of any written farmout, as far as the Shell and Marathon acreage to Mr. Fasken?

A Right, and we are still willing to negotiate with Shell and Marathon.

Q Now, I didn't understand one thing here with regard to the time you contacted Mr. Brooks, what were you attempting to do as far as Mr. Fasken was concerned at that time?

A I wanted him to understand that I had acreage in there, and if he thought he had to drill a well, he had to deal with me. I was the land owner in there, and I wanted him to know that I wanted to be the operator, and I would like to have his acreage.

Q But as far as you are concerned, he doesn't have any

acreage yet?

A That's right. But I heard he had been promised, and I wanted to tell him before he put anything in writing, if he didn't know it, that I was a part of the 640 acres.

Q Were you willing to offer him a voluntary communitization agreement if he had acquired the acreage?

A If I could be the operator.

Q You would be willing to voluntarily communitize this acreage, but with the understanding that you would operate and drill the well?

A I would prefer to drill with Snell and Marathon, because they haven't screamed at me.

Q Well, Mr. Fasken has never screamed at you, either, has he?

A I understand Mr. Brooks is the one that people have to deal with.

Q But you have had no further contact with Shell, and you haven't been able to make any sort of arrangement with Mr. Fasken or Mr. Brooks as yet?

A No, sir.

MR. NUTTER: I believe that is all. Any further questions?

REDIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. KELLAHIN:

Q Mrs. Grace, in the event you are designated as the operator of this unit, what technical help would you have in the drilling of this well?

A Mr. McIntyre, who has just brought in this wildcat, which we hope will mean about eight offsets, and Mr. McIntyre has been working with us over the past, it's about over a year now, you know, as he is needed on a consulting basis; and Mr. Doyle Butler, an engineer from Midland.

Q Have you made arrangements with both of them to represent you in connection with the drilling of this well?

A Yes, sir.

Q And in the event an interest owner needed to get in touch with you, could they get in touch with you through either one of these two gentlemen?

A Yes, sir.

Q Would they be authorized to represent you as far as the drilling of this well is concerned?

A Yes, sir.

Q Now, I believe you stated the last time you contacted Shell was about December 12th, is that correct?

A Yes, but my husband has contacted them since.

Q Since that time?

A Yes, sir.

Q Do you know the date that your application for pooling this acreage was filed with the Commission?

A We staked the well December 11th, and it was the end of December.

MR. KELLAHIN: If the Examiner please, I believe the Commission's records will show--at least my letter of transmittal shows the application was filed December 12th. It should have been stamped in.

MR. NUTTER: The written application was received in this office on December 16th. However, I think the original application was telephoned in prior to that time.

MR. KELLAHIN: That's correct.

THE WITNESS: December 12th.

MR. KELLAHIN: That is all I have.

MR. NUTTER: Are there any other questions of Mrs. Grace? She may be excused.

Call your next witness, Mr. Kellahin.

MR. KELLAHIN: I will call Mr. McIntyre.

NORBERT MCINTYRE

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

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. KELLAHIN:

(Whereupon, Applicant Corinne Grace's Exhibit Numbers 2 and 3, inclusive, were marked for identification.)

Q Would you state your name, please?

A Norbert McIntyre.

Q What business are you engaged in?

A I am a consulting geologist out of Midland, Texas.

Q Where are you located?

A Midland, Texas, 1220 Vaughn Building.

Q How long have you been working as a consulting geologist?

A Since May 1, 1967.

Q Prior to that, were you employed in the oil and gas business?

A Prior to that, I was District Geologist for Midwest Oil Corporation, Midland.

Q Have you testified before the Oil Conservation Commission, and made your qualifications as a geologist a matter of record?

A Yes, sir.

MR. KELLAHIN: Are they acceptable?

MR. NUTTER: Yes.

MR. KELLAHIN: Do you have any questions on his qualifications, Mr. Morris?

MR. MORRIS: No.

Q (By Mr. Kellahin) Mr. McIntyre, have you done any work for Corinne Grace, the applicant in the case before the Commission at this time?

A Yes, I have. I have prepared geological structural maps on this particular area.

Q By the particular area, you mean the area which is the subject matter of this case?

A This is correct, yes. I have also been to the Corinne Grace Indian Hills No. 1 location in person. I have, since we got an elevation on this well, I have taken it upon myself to call the Commission, or call the Oil Reports and Gas Services, and amend the depth of this well from 9,600 to 10,000.

Q Now, this acreage is Federal acreage, is it not?

A That's correct.

Q Was this amended information filed with the United States Geological Survey?

A It was.

Q As I understand it, the filing was handled by --

A Oil Reports and Gas Services.



Q That is the same company to which Mrs. Grace referred as handling her reports, is that correct?

A Yes. Any administrative work or anything having to do with the Commission is handled by these people, and anything we need done, such as amendments or anything, staking locations, and filing the proper reports to the Commission, I ordinarily call up and have them do it.

Q Now, Mr. McIntyre, how long have you done work for Mrs. Grace?

A I would say probably just about a year. I think in January of 1967.

Q Do you work for her in connection with the drilling and completion of wells?

A Yes, sir.

Q Are your services available to her in connection with the operation of these wells?

A Yes, they are.

Q Have you rendered that type of service to her?

A Yes, sir.

Q Has Mrs. Grace entered into an agreement with you in connection with the drilling and completion and operation of a well to be drilled on the unit involved in this application?

A Yes, sir.

Q Are you willing to work for her in this connection?

A I am.

Q You do maintain an office in Midland, do you?

A Yes, sir.

Q Do you have a staff there?

A Consisting of myself.

Q Yourself?

A I have a secretarial service and answering service.

Q But you can be contacted through your Midland office?

A That's correct.

Q Have you made an examination of the area involved in this application?

A Yes, I have.

Q Referring to what has been marked as Exhibit Number 2, would you identify that exhibit?

A Exhibit 2 is a Xerox copy of the plat filed by John West, surveyor out of Hobbs, New Mexico, on this location, showing it to be 1,650 feet from the south line, and 1,750 feet from the east line, Section 8, Township 21 South, Range 24 East.

Q Have you been to this well site?

A Yes, I have been.

Q What is the nature of the topography of this area?

A This area is in an extremely hilly, rough terrain.

Indian Hills, I believe, is the local name for this area, where you have in excess of 600 or 700 feet of relief over three or four miles in places.

This particular location, we had hoped to stake the well in the center of the southeast quarter, which would be 1,980 from the south and east lines. However, an inspection of the terrain there indicated that this would result in an extremely expensive location, because of the terrain, so we moved it to this location which is about 50 feet from the Caliche road. In fact, we drove up to it in a Buick Wildcat.

Q Is there a road already in there?

A There is a road within 50 feet of the stake.

Q Is there a road into the north half, or the northwest quarter of this section?

A There wasn't at the time I was there.

Q When was that?

A It was about four weeks ago.

Q Do you know whether any other location has been staked in this <sup>Section</sup> location?

A I understand that Mr. Fasken has staked a location at -- the exact location, I don't know, but I do know that it is in the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 8.

Q You haven't been to that stake?

A I haven't. I was there, I think, before the stake.

Q Referring to what has been marked as Exhibit Number 3, would you identify that exhibit?

A This is a subsurface geological plat and interpretation of the structure. On the datum marked on the type log, you will see on the right hand side of the map proper in red, this datum point over the area was present in all the wells shown here, and is approximately 175 feet above the top of the Morrow Sand pay interval. It showed that there appears to be a low relief anticlinal feature centered in approximately the common lines of Sections 21 and 20, 16 and 17, and 8 and 9, over which Morrow Sand has been drained and is productive in the wells shown in yellow, all of which are Morrow Sand producing. That is about it.

What I am trying to do is show a relationship between the proposed location and the adjacent wells which were drilled by Mr. Fasken, and which I understand are good Morrow gas wells.

Q Would you anticipate that you would get a good Morrow gas well at the proposed location?

A Yes, sir, I would. I think that we are probably about as near the inside location as you can be near an inside location. We are near the better wells of Mr. Fasken. According to production figures that I have seen, porous wells Mr. Fasken has as far as what it has delivered, that is the Shell

Federal Well in Section 5, which is up to the northwest.

Q Would there be any particular advantage, Mr. McIntyre, to drilling a well located in the southeast quarter of the section as opposed to elsewhere in the section, in your opinion?

A Proximitywise, I would say the southeast quarter would be the most logical place to drill a well, although I would have to say that I would locate it in the southeast quarter in such a fashion as not to be wagonwheeling or hubbing up against Mr. Fasken's Skelly Federal in the southeast section.

Q Is the location designated as an orthodox location?

A Yes, sir.

Q It is far enough away from the lease line?

A I am going into an area which I am not completely familiar with. I know the location is a legal one. I think the only reason for moving it a little bit west would be to keep from having interference between it and the Fasken Skelly Federal Well.

Q You say you have worked for Mrs. Grace for the past year, approximately?

A Yes.

Q Are you familiar with her operations in southeastern New Mexico?

A Yes, I am.

Q Does Mrs. Grace maintain an adequate staff to handle her work in southeast New Mexico?

A Yes, I think so.

Q What staff does she have at the present time, for example, in the well you say you just completed?

A I did the geology, and I watched the well to logging point, recorded the well. At that point, we -- at the time we decided to run pipe, why, she obtained the services of Mr. Hubert Merritt, who was a field supervisor for Midwest at the time I worked there. She also has Mr. Doyle Butler, who is a consulting petroleum engineer, who is handling the engineering phase of the operation.

Q Does she have someone in the field who handles the wells, the actual day-to-day operation of the wells?

A Yes, she retains a pumper, and I would expect that Mr. Merritt would probably supervise production activity.

Q What is his name?

A Hubert Merritt.

Q Where is he located?

A He is in Tatum, New Mexico.

Q And he does operate all of her properties at the present time.

A Yes, sir, at this point he does.

Q She is only operating one producing well at the moment?

A Two producing wells, and this would be the third.

Q And where is this discovery well that you were talking about?

A It is in the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 16, Township 10 South, Range 33 East. It is Number 1 Texas Pacific State, and is a farmout from Texas Pacific Coal and Oil. It is being contributed to by Midwest Oil Corporation, T.P., Allied Chemical, and ~~Ron~~ <sup>Ronneberg</sup> ~~Leberg~~ <sup>Ronneberg</sup>. Scoggins and ~~Ron Leberg~~ out of Corpus Christi are independent.

Q And Mrs. Grace is the operator?

A That's correct. And under the terms of this farmout, I might say this, insofar as prudent operation, we have given a daily report, drilling report on this well to all four of those operators each morning before ten o'clock.

Q Was this on Mrs. Grace's instructions?

A That's correct.

Q Exhibit Number 2 is a copy of the well dedication plot, is that correct?

A That's correct.

Q Has that been filed with the Commission?

A It has.

Q And Exhibit 3, was that prepared by you or under your supervision?

A It was.

MR. KELLAHIN: I would like to offer in evidence Exhibits 2 and 3.

MR. NUTTER: Grace's Exhibits 2 and 3 will be admitted in evidence.

(Whereupon, Applicant Corinne Grace's Exhibits Numbers 2 and 3, inclusive, were admitted in evidence.)

MR. KELLAHIN: That is all I have on direct.

MR. NUTTER: Any questions of Mr. McIntyre?

MR. MORRIS: No, sir.

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. NUTTER:

Q Mr. McIntyre, do you know what the completion dates for these various wells as shown on your Exhibit Number 3 would be?

A I can tell you generally. I can tell you that those



four wells there were completed in the fall of 1968. I don't have the dates with me. I have them in Midland.

I beg your pardon, I brought that.

Q Give the completion dates, and also the initial potential on those?

A In Section 16, 21-24, 2,310 from the north and 2,121 from the west. The well was completed on 9-18-68, for 3.350 million cubic feet a day. On perfs, between 9,539 and 9,758.

Q Who operates that well?

A That is a David Fasken, David Fasken's 6 Indian Hills Gas Unit COM. I don't know what that is. It is an old well drilled deeper. It is located in Section 17, 21-24, 1,440 feet from the south and east lines of the section, was deepened. The old total depth was 8,070 feet, drilled by Marathon. It was deepened to 10,180 feet, and calculated at 34 million cubic feet a day. Morrow perforations between 9,839 and 9,972.

Q When was it recompleted?

A It was also completed on 9-18-68.

Q 34 million, you say?

A 34 million. Now, in Section 4, 21-24, 1,980 from the south and west, the David Fasken No. 1 Ross Federal, completed for 19 million; Morrow perforations, 9,481 to 9,635; total depth, 9,815; completion was 5-25-65.

Then the 1 Skelly Federal, David Fasken Skelly Federal No. 1, 840 from the south, 935 from the west line of Section 19 -- correct that, Section 9, 21 South, 24 East; total depth, 10,356; completed 18 million cubic feet per day from Morrow formations 9,784 to 9,804; completed on 11-15-67. Now, these wells will be down to the south part of your map there.

Q We need one more, that Shell Federal in Section 5.

A All right. In Section 5, 21-24, 1,980 from the south and west, David Fasken No. 1 Shell Federal, completed for 3.150 million cubic feet, Morrow formations between 9,570 and 9,592, and completed 12-22-66.

Then to the south, and these wells will be Cisco wells except for one dual completion, that being Penrock Oil Corporation No. 1 Indian Federal. It is in Section 19, 21-24, 1,980 from the north and east. It was completed from the Morrow pay for 10 million cubic feet per day calculated between 9,226 and 9,470, completed on 2-1-64. It was also completed from the Cisco.

Q Actually, I think that well is carried by the Commission in --

A It is outside of this.

Q In the other pool?

A Right. All of these along the south end are. I think

only the wells shown in yellow, the Morrow wells to the north, are carried under this particular thing. These down here are, with that one exception, are all Cisco wells around 7,300, 7,500 feet.

MR. NUTTER: I believe that is all I have.

MR. KELLAHIN: I overlooked a couple of points I intended to bring out by this witness, if I may have your indulgence?

MR. NUTTER: Go ahead.

REDIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. KELLAHIN:

Q Mr. McIntyre, on behalf of Mrs. Grace, did you make any effort to obtain any farmout on this acreage?

A Yes, I did.

Q From Shell or from Marathon?

A Both Shell and Marathon.

Q When?

A I made a telephone call on October 25, 1968 to Mr. Ross at Shell, and asked him or presented him an idea that I would drill, or cause to be drilled a well at or near this location, and I would like to request a farmout. At that time, he said that there were verbal negotiations in process with Fasken on this, but that he could see no reason why someone else

shouldn't drill the well, and it would seem logical since Mrs. Grace did have acreage in that proration unit that she would be a logical operator. He then said, "I doubt that you can get a farmout from Mrs. Grace" which this was not the problem, and I didn't make any comment on that either way. So I followed that with a letter.

The same is true for Marathon. I called, and then on the basis of what I found out, I wrote the two letters which are not in evidence, but which are present for examination, offering what they said would be a similar offer made by Fasken. At that time, there was nothing on paper, and at this time there still may not be. I don't know. I haven't seen it.

Q One other point, Mr. McIntyre. You are familiar with the geology in this area?

A Yes, sir.

Q Are there any zones above the Morrow that could be seepage zones or lost circulation?

A Yes, there are numerous zones. Actually, zones down to the intermediate at 3,200, which Mr. Butler will talk about later, are lost circulation zones that cause quite a bit of trouble in the cementing. But once casing is set at that depth, any zone with excellent permeability and porosity below intermediate is capable of being a thief zone.

Most of these will occur in the Bone Springs-Wolfcamp section, or possibly a Pennsylvanian section above that. This did occur in one other well which is not completed, the Hanaoan Well, which is some approximately three miles from this location, which caught fire and burned as a result of losing circulation in one of these thief zones above the pay. So they will have to be considered as potentially present there.

MR. KELLAHIN: That is all I have.

MR. NUTTER: Any other questions of Mr. McIntyre? You may be excused.

MR. KELLAHIN: I would like to call Mr. Butler, please.

O. DOYLE BUTLER

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

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. KELLAHIN:

(Whereupon, Applicant Corinne Grace's Exhibits Numbers 4 through 7, inclusive, were marked for identification.)

- Q State your name, please.
- A O. Doyle Butler.
- Q What business are you engaged in?
- A I am a consulting petroleum engineer.
- Q Where are you located?

A Midland, Texas.

Q Do you maintain offices in Midland, Texas?

A Yes.

Q Where are they located?

A 406 North Marienfeld.

Q How long have you operated as a consulting petroleum engineer in Midland?

A I would have to put it this way. I worked for a consulting company for one year. I was in a partnership in a consulting firm for one year, and then I have been in business for myself for a year and a half.

Q And this has all been at Midland?

A Yes.

Q And have you ever testified before the Oil Conservation Commission?

A No.

Q For the benefit of the Examiner, will you briefly outline your education and experience as an engineer?

A I have a B.S. Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Oklahoma State University in 1957. I worked for Texaco, Incorporated in engineering capacities for eight and a half years, both domestic and foreign. I worked approximately one year for Adobe Oil Company in Midland doing field completion work and

evaluation work, which Adobe is a consulting and management company. I worked approximately one year as a partner in a consulting engineering firm in Midland, and on June 1, 1967, I went into consulting business for myself.

Q Will you please refer to Exhibit Number 4. Does that consist of a resume of your educational experience?

A Yes, it does.

Q What is Blackrock Oil Company?

A This is a property management company that I own. It is a Texas corporation, and it is also registered as New Mexico corporation, also.

Q Is it qualified to operate in the State of New Mexico?

A Yes, it is currently operating in New Mexico.

Q What type of services do you render as a consulting engineer?

A I do consulting work under practically the scope of operations. I do appraisal, and evaluation work, I do field drilling and remedial completions, and then the management company does this, all of this in conjunction with accounting commission reports, and anything in regard to the paper work or administration.

Q Have you had any experience, Mr. Butler, in connection with the drilling and the completion of gas wells in southeast

New Mexico?

A Yes, I have. First, although it wasn't very detailed, I was with Texaco in 1961 when they were operating deep gas wells between Hobbs and Carlsbad. Later, after I went into the consulting business, I did work in the Carlsbad area. It's been two years ago, Stoltz and Company had a blowout that burned east of Carlsbad, and I was the consultant hired by Stoltz to go in with Mr. Adair, and after he put out the fire, I did all the finishing work and resumed the drilling operation. Following this, I supervised part of the drilling and completion on another well for Stoltz; and then, closer to Carlsbad, I have done high-pressure gas work.

Q Are these Morrow gas wells you are referring to?

A These are <sup>Straun</sup> Straun, those two were <sup>Strauns</sup> Strauns. The Texaco wells were Morrow wells.

Q What was the Stoltz well that had the blowout?

A It was a <sup>Straun</sup> Straun.

Q Do you encounter similar problems in dealing with Morrow and Indian Hills Basin?

A Very similar.

Q In other words, Indian Hills --

A I would imagine it would be very similar, from what I have obtained from other people. Relative to making myself



more familiar with the Indian Hills area, it is very similar to the Morrow and other areas.

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

MR. NUTTER: Yes, they are.

MR. MORRIS: Yes.

Q Mr. Butler, have you been contacted by Corinne Grace in connection with the drilling and operation of this well in Section 8, 21 South, 24 East?

A Yes, I have.

Q Have you agreed to work with her in connection with the completion and operation of that well to be located there?

A Yes, I have.

Q And in the event this application is approved and she is designated the operator, what will your role be in connection with the drilling of that well?

A Basically, in connection with the drilling, it will be the consolidation with and the advisement, and the coordination of the drilling contractor, the mud program, casing program, and whatever is required to drill a well to that depth. At that time, I will be in charge of the completion work and subsequent operations.

Q Have you made a study of the costs of drilling in this

area?

A Yes, I have.

Q Referring to what has been marked as Exhibit Number 5, would you identify that exhibit?

A This is an exhibit of some cost figures. I did not prepare these. These were furnished to me, and they are, I believe it was a matter of previous record before the Commission.

Q I believe these were submitted and handled in the case.

A And that has been broken down into a cost-per-foot average for wells in the immediate area.

Q On the basis of your experience, do you believe those figures to be correct?

A I am sure they are correct in that that money was spent. They appear to be a little bit high of what wells could be drilled for.

Q On the basis of your experience, you think a well could be drilled somewhat cheaper than is shown on Exhibit Number 5?

A I do. And I think possibly, maybe since this exhibit was prepared, some of the operators have drilled wells cheaper than this.

Q Referring to what has been marked as Exhibit Number 6, would you identify that exhibit?

A This is an appropriation for expenditures form that I use, and I prepared myself, that I prepared on an estimated cost to drill and place on production a well, 10,000-foot well in the Morrow unit.

Q It is your understanding it would be a 10,000-foot well at that site?

A All of the costs relative to this is based on 10,000 feet.

Q Is there anything in particular involved in these cost figures that you would like to discuss?

A I would like to say one thing. These figures are basically minimum. In other words, this is if everything went the way you planned it, and everything went right down perfect, this is what you could expect plus or minus a certain contingency to drill a well. This does not take into account any unforeseen risks or high operation.

Q Does this take into consideration the cost of operating the well?

A Just for drilling and producing, and supervision while drilling and completing.

Q That is all?

A Yes, that is all. It does not take into consideration operation.

Q And you arrive at a total cost of \$186,450, in drilling

the well.

A Drilling the well, this is drilling and completing the well. This is running production casing, doing the perforating, treating, testing, and installing a system, tank battery for distillate.

Q This includes the tank battery?

A Yes, it does.

Q Are the drillers -- have you contacted any drilling companies?

A I have talked to Jess Wharton with Wharton Drilling Company, and also with Walter Crockett with Cactus Drilling Company.

Q Are the figures on your Exhibit 6 based on the information you obtained from these gentlemen?

A The figures on Exhibit Number 6 are from Jess Wharton. The footage at \$9.10 per foot was something we arrived at by him going back to his previous commitments. I think he had drilled the last well for \$8.85 a foot, and since the first of the year most drilling contractors have given some rather substantial raises to their drilling personnel, they have also started paying mileage, and he estimated it would run about 25 cents more a foot than previous, and that is how the \$9.10 was arrived at.

Q Do you have any problems in cementing the surface string in this area?

A Yes. And I might point out that the amount of money on this AFE is an ideal figure, it does not take into account any problems you may have.

In this area, the intermediate is set through the bottom of the Artesian water sands, and it is necessary, the Commission requires that these wells be cemented to the surface.

Q Normally, this operation is observed by one of the representatives of the Commission?

A Yes. It normally is. And also, these will react several different ways, that's what it amounts to, is, most wells or some of the wells have been required to run one-inch tubing on the outside of the casing, and cement from the top. And one of the wells that I did check out was Penrock's Indian Federal No. 2. They used 1,300 sacks of cement, and they had to run one-inch to 620 feet, and it took seven stages following that to get the well cemented.

Q That adds to the cost?

A This adds to the cost considerably, and also to the rig time cost.

Q And that is a risk that you would be facing in drilling a well in this area?

A This is a very definite factor that the operator must take into account.

Q Are the drilling contractors willing to enter into turnkey contracts?

A I discussed this with both Mr. Wharton and Mr. Crockett. Mr. Wharton said he would rather not comment on it. Now, Mr. Crockett did not give me a figure for a turnkey, other than he said, "Figure out what you think it will cost and add 25 per cent, and that is for the drilling end of it."

Q Have you prepared an exhibit showing those figures?

A Yes, I have. This is noted on my AFE-119, and I might point out --

Q Is that Exhibit Number 7?

A Exhibit 7. This is not very definite. In other words, Mr. Crockett would not pin himself down definitely at the time.

Q In other words, you don't know at this point whether you would get a contractor to enter into a turnkey contract?

A The risk involved, both with the high pressure gas and the problem of cementing, and the other things in the area, I doubt it -- I am sure you could, but it would be quite prohibitive, as far as costwise.

Q Have you made any study of the costs of operating wells in this area?

A The operation of wells will depend on two things. One is a normal operation charge, which most operators charge.

The second would be a pumping or a foreman charge in the area.

The third would be any unforeseen maintenance costs that may come, as well as under the operation. I believe the high pressure gas wells in this area do not require as much maintenance, we might say, as another pumping well somewhere else, so this would be -- I have used or put down as a figure somewhere around \$200 a month for operation. That would be \$100 a month administrative, and the other would be related to pumpers, or whatever miscellaneous work that might be required. Again, this is something that is hard to foretell what might be involved on down the road, as far as maintenance.

Q Mr. Butler, in drilling a well in the North Indian Hills Morrow Pool, would you anticipate a high degree of risk or a medium degree, or a low degree?

A The risk is high, basically because any time you are drilling high pressured gas, you have a risk factor, and also any time you have a gas zone at a lower level in a well than you do with weaker zones -- or the term has been used, chief zones above -- you are standing the risk of blowout. This is caused by the zone taking your drilling fluid, lowering your

hydrostatic head that you are holding on to the formation you are drilling, and then your formation blowing out. I think this is a well-known risk in this area, not only here, but anywhere you are drilling into a high pressure gas, and the Morrow is a very high pressure gas, normally.

Q Have there been blowouts in the vicinity of this location?

A Yes. I am not really familiar, but I do know there has been one within the area, which would be the Hanagan Well. There have been several in southeastern New Mexico, or in the area around Carlsbad, or farther south and east of Carlsbad.

Q Would you describe, for example, what happens to the drilling mud when you encounter one of these thief zones?

A You lose it. The mud, the pressure or breakdown pressure of the zone is at a point that is less than the hydrostatic pressure of the mud, and the mud that goes into this zone. This can be remedied either by lost circulation material, in building up and plugging this with lost circulation material. This is something that is about the only way that it can be handled, or with running pipe across these zones.

Q Would you consider the risk in this area as high as elsewhere in southeastern New Mexico?

A I think the risk is as -- I would put it this way: it



may not be as high as elsewhere in Bell Lake, or somewhere like that. But say of the last thousand wells drilled in New Mexico, this would be in the top five per cent, as far as risk would go. It is not the most highest risk in the state, but it is awfully close.

Q If the laws of the State of New Mexico permit the operator to recover from a non-consenting owner out of his share of production, 50 per cent of his share as a risk factor, a maximum of 50 per cent, what risk factor would you recommend?

A I would recommend 50 per cent for this risk factor. I feel, this would just personally be a personal opinion, that I feel it is low, the maximum of 50 is low for a risk factor, especially in this area.

Q Mr. Butler, were Exhibits 4, 6, and 7 prepared by you or under your supervision?

A Yes.

Q And Exhibit Number 6, do you consider those to accurately depict well costs at the time these wells were drilled?

A Exhibit which?

Q Exhibit 5.

A I would. I believe they probably do at the time, because I did go to Penrock and went over their accounts, and I

believe Penrock is on there, and this was their actual cost.

MR. KELLAHIN: At this time, I offer in evidence Exhibits 4, 5, 6, and 7.

MR. MORRIS: No objection.

MR. NUTTER: Corinne Grace's Exhibits 4 through 7 will be admitted in evidence.

(Whereupon, Corinne Grace's Exhibits Numbers 4 through 7, inclusive, were admitted in evidence.)

MR. KELLAHIN: That is all I have on direct.

MR. NUTTER: Any questions of Mr. Butler?

MR. MORRIS: No, sir.

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. NUTTER:

Q Mr. Butler, I notice here, referring to your Exhibit Number 6, your estimate of well costs for a completed well, and also for a well down through to the casing point, you estimate \$9,000 for mud and chemicals. Yet, if we turn to Exhibit Number 5, which is the tabulation of actual costs on several wells, the second column from the right is the mud bill, and \$10,000 is the lowest figure on there.

A Right. We do have mud bills running up as high as \$47,000.

Q Did any of these wells have lost circulation problems?

A I am not familiar with whether they had or not. I would imagine when a bill goes that high, that they would have.

Q It appears that there are quite a number of them in the \$20,000 to \$25,000 bracket. Do you know if they had lost circulation?

A No, I do not. This figure here was furnished me by a mud company.

Q This \$9,000?

A Right. And all the figures on this AFE are if everything went exactly the way it was planned. This is without trouble.

Q This is without any contingencies, then?

A Right.

Q Except that you have added five per cent?

A That is a normal, what I normally add on in figuring costs.

Q When the mud company gave you this estimate, were they thinking of the situation out here in Indian Hills where you can have lost circulation problems?

A Yes, they were. I would like to check through here.

Q What is the normal mud <sup>bill</sup> fill in a normal area for a 10,000-foot well?

A I believe I have their second well that Penrock drilled,

it was a dry hole, and their mud bill was \$8,160. They had no trouble. And this is basically where this figure came from. It is located down to the south there. I have the location here.

Q But this mud company --

A The second Penrock dry hole is located in Section 19, northwest of the southeast quarter.

Q Northwest of the southeast. But this mud bill of \$9,000, that was given to you by a mud company. Was it a company that has been doing mud business --

A They did the work on the Penrock wells.

Q Now, have any of the Penrock wells had any blowouts or lost circulation problems?

A I am not familiar with their other problems, other than the Penrock No. 2, which is what I went over their costs with, and they did not have any problems with that except on cementing. I might point out here that like for cement and cementing is \$3,200. Well, actually moving over to the second column of the AFE, it shows to casing point, \$2,800.

Q I was wondering if you would be able to cement that long string for \$400?

A They had \$5,300 on their cement bill for a dry hole. But that \$400, I think the long string will cost \$1,550 to cement.

Plugging costs is included in it.

Q So you wouldn't have a plugging cost?

A The plugging cost is included in the casing point cost. That is the normal way I make these up, is that a dry hole cost shows to casing point.

Q The \$2,800 includes plugging?

A Right. I think the \$400 difference comes out in floating equipment.

Q Now, when we are talking about a 50 per cent risk factor when we drill a well, we have got two kinds of risks. We have the risk of getting a dry hole, and we have the risk of losing the well in the course of drilling the same?

A Right.

Q According to Mr. McIntyre's exhibit, the risk of hitting a dry hole here is negligible. He said this is about as inside a location as you can get. So the dry hole can be excluded here from consideration?

A I don't think 100 per cent, but generally.

Q It looks like a good risk, as far as getting production?

A Right.

Q So then the risk that remains is the risk of losing the well?

A Of losing the well.

Q Because of the lost circulation, and you are dealing with high pressure gas?

A Right, this is true.

Q Do you think if we exclude the risk of getting a well, and then hang our risk factor solely on a blowout and losing the hole, that that is worth 50 per cent here?

A I think it is. I made the comment a while ago that I felt it was low. Lots of times, a normal operating agreement for people who do not consent, lots of times goes as high as a hundred per cent -- I mean as high as 200 per cent in the normal operations in the oil field, and this is strictly for people who do not, just choose not to consent in the drilling of another well. I am not saying in this area, but this is between operators. This is kind of a standard.

Q Well, if we go by our statute, though, which limits it to 50 per cent, then 50 per cent is the equivalent to 200 per cent in a voluntary deal among operators, because it is the maximum.

A Right. Well, I think it should be the maximum in that area.

Q If you were negotiating a voluntary agreement, you would insist on 200 per cent, which would be the maximum?

A That's right.

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

MR. KELLAHIN: That completes our direct presentation,  
Mr. Nutter.

MR. NUTTER: Mr. Morris, do you want to call your  
witnesses, or take a recess?

MR. MORRIS: Whatever you would prefer, Mr. Examiner.

MR. NUTTER: Let's take a five minute recess.

(Thereupon, a recess was taken.)

MR. NUTTER: The hearing will come to order.  
Mr. Morris.

RICHARD S. BROOKS

called as a witness on behalf of Applicant David Fasken, having  
been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. MORRIS:

Q Mr. Brooks, will you please state your name and where  
you reside?

A Richard S. Brooks, Midland, Texas.

Q What is your profession?

A I am a lawyer.

Q What is your relationship to Mr. Fasken and his  
operations?

A I represented Mr. Fasken as a lawyer since 1941, and I have represented him as a general business agent in the oil business for, oh, since about 1947.

Q Would you be the general manager of his operations?

A Yes, I think you would say that.

Q What area does this operation cover, geographically?

A Mr. Fasken has interests in active producing oil properties in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Arkansas.

Q Approximately how many wells does Mr. Fasken have an interest in, and how many does he operate?

A He has interests of various kinds in approximately 700 wells, and he directly operates about 100.

Q How many wells does Mr. Fasken operate in New Mexico?

A There are seven producing wells, and one presently shut in, which has not been abandoned.

Q And how many of these wells are in the Indian Basin area?

A There are five gas wells in the North Indian Basin Gas Pool.

Q In connection with your duties as general manager for Mr. Fasken, how broad an authority do you have, just in a



general way.

A In consultation with our geologists, I select acreage for purchase, select locations and objectives for drilling, and negotiate drilling contracts, clear charges for payment, attend to any legal matters that may arise, including titles, negotiate unitization, pooling, operating agreements, generally carry on the business for Mr. Fasken's account, and endeavor to keep him rather fully advised of what is going on.

Q What type of staff does Mr. Fasken maintain in connection with his oil operations?

A Mr. Fasken operates through consulting personnel. I represent him in the capacity suggested on a retainer, furnish a staff from my office which consists of myself and two secretaries. We have an engineering firm known as Henry Engineering, headed by Mr. James B. Henry, which is on a retainer, and under contract to furnish 100 per cent of their time to Mr. Fasken. That firm consists of Mr. Henry, and his assistant, Mr. Angovine, who are both graduate engineers; Mr. Parks, who is our material man, production clerk, purchasing agent, and two secretaries.

We have a geological firm on retainer, who are not committed to spend a hundred per cent of their time to Mr. Fasken, but who actually spend at least 75 or 80 per cent of their time

to Mr. Fasken. The firm is headed by Mr. R.C. Leonard, and he has two assistants, Mr. Louis Peak and Mr. Gus Waterman.

We have an accounting firm, Mr. Louis Bartha, who is on retainer from Mr. Fasken, and devotes in excess of 50 per cent of his time and that of his staff to Mr. Fasken's business. Mr. Bartha is alone in the practice as a CPA, and has either four or five women assistants. Those firms represent our regular staff.

We employ seismologists from time to time on a spot basis. We employ civil engineers from time to time on a spot basis, and whatever other technical personnel we may need from time to time. Being in charge of that personnel is part of my responsibility.

Q Mr. Brooks, turning to the case before the Commission, has Shell verbally agreed to farmout its acreage in the north half of Section 8 to Mr. Fasken for the drilling of a well?

A Verbally, and also informally in writing, in that I submitted to Mr. R.A. Clark, Western Division Land Manager at Midland, on November 11, 1968, a rather detailed letter stating the terms that we proposed, and Mr. Clark has responded to that letter by a letter submitting a formal agreement on Shell's own form embodying the terms of my letter of November 11th. Mr. Fasken has signed that formal agreement, and returned it to

Shell, having signed it on January 13th, and I have been assured by Shell that it is going through the routine procedure for Shell's signature.

Q Have you been designated as operator of the Shell acreage by Shell on the U.S.G.S. regular form?

A Yes, we have received from Shell a designation of operator separately for the northeast quarter, and another for the northwest quarter of the section in question, and these forms have been filed with the United States Geological Survey at Roswell.

Q What is the status of your negotiations with Marathon Oil Company, in connection with the southwest quarter of this section?

A Marathon Oil Company has been furnished a copy of my letter of November 11th to Mr. Clark of Shell. I have been advised by Mr. Charles L. Scott, Eastern District Land Manager at Midland, that Marathon will farmout the southwest quarter of the section to Mr. Fasken on the same terms as outlined in my letter to Shell.

Mr. McSorn has also been furnished a copy of the draft agreement prepared by Shell, and which I mentioned a moment ago had actually been signed by Mr. Fasken.

And I have a letter from Mr. McSorn confirming that he

had been authorized by his management to state that the proposed farmout is acceptable and will be forthcoming.

Q Mr. Brooks, after being informed that you would receive farmouts from Shell and Marathon, did you have any conversation with Mrs. Grace or any member of her -- anyone affiliated with her in connection with the southeast quarter of this section?

A I have known all along, of course, that the southeast quarter was shown on published maps as belonging to Mrs. Grace. Some time between November 11th and December 12th, and I would place the date tentatively at approximately December 1st -- now, I can't recall it offhand.

MR. NUTTER: Between what?

THE WITNESS: Between November 11th and December 12th. I think it was about December 1st, I received a telephone call from a lady who identified herself as Mrs. Grace. That is the only contact I have had with anyone, with either Mrs. Grace or anyone representing her.

Q Would you state the substance of that telephone call?

A Well, the substance of her presentation to me seemed to be that she wanted me and Mr. Fasken to go away and get out of her way. And I declined to do so, but offered our willingness to enter into a communitized unit under a normal form operating agreement and accounting procedure.

Q Has that offer been made to Mrs. Grace since that time?

A With my authority, you extended the same offer through Mr. Kelly.

Q Is that offer still open?

A Yes, sir.

Q Am I correct, Mr. Brooks, that that offer would call for a normal form communitization with David Fasken to be the operator of this well to be drilled in the northeast quarter of Section 8?

A Yes, sir.

Q Has Mrs. Grace or anyone affiliated with her accepted your offer, or made any offer for communitization to you?

A Well, on the occasion of the telephone conversation, Mrs. Grace rejected my proposal. So far as I know, there has been no response of the offer made through Mr. Kelly.

MR. MORRIS: I will state for the record that Mr. Kelly did state verbally to me that our offer was not acceptable.

Q Was any offer made to you, Mr. Brooks, whereby Mrs. Grace proposed a communitization with her to be the operator?

A No, Mrs. Grace said she felt that she was entitled to receive farmouts from Shell and Marathon, and she thought I ought to go away and leave the situation alone.

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Q Does Mr. Fasken propose to drill a well in Section 8?

A Yes, sir.

Q And at what location?

A 1,980 from the north and 2,105 from the east.

Q Has the location been staked at that point and appropriate forms filed with the United States Geological Survey?

A Yes, sir, the location was staked by Sherman and Jones, of Lovington, and under Mr. Henry's personal supervision, and the forms have been filed.

MR. MORRIS: That is all I have of this witness.

MR. NUTTER: Are there any questions of Mr. Brooks?

MR. KELLAHIN: Yes, sir.

MR. NUTTER: Mr. Kellahin.

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. KELLAHIN:

Q Mr. Brooks, as I understand it, you are a lawyer in Midland?

A Yes, sir.

Q Do you have any other clients, other than Mr. Fasken?

A Very few, sir. He has first call on my time.

Q Do you devote all of your time to him?

A 85 to 90 per cent.

Q As I understand it, you negotiated a farmout agreement with Shell on behalf of Mr. Fasken?

A Yes, sir.

Q Was that a farmout which requires you to drill a well by a certain date, or you would lose it?

A Well, yes, it does, though we have been assured that the date is subject to extension if circumstances seem to require it.

Q What is the date?

A The date is 60 days after date of agreement.

Q You haven't got the agreement?

A No, sir.

Q You don't have an agreement with Marathon as yet, is that correct?

A Yes, I would say I have an agreement with Marathon. I do not have a formal contract, but I have an exchange of letters.

Q Do you have a designation as operator from Marathon?

A We have here in the record a telegram sent in from Marathon's legal department in Houston, stating that they were forwarding a designation of operator to the U.S.G.S.

Q At the time you were negotiating with Shell, as I understand this, it was back in November of 1968, is that correct?



A My negotiations with Shell started in August of 1968; the exchange of letters upon which we predicate the proposition that we actually have a farmout was in November.

Q Now, at that time, you did know, as I understand the testimony, that Mrs. Grace was the owner of the southeast quarter?

A Yes, sir.

Q And you were aware that under the rules of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission, 640 acres was required to be dedicated to a well drilled in the Morrow?

A Yes, sir.

Q Did you ever make any effort to contact Mrs. Grace and obtain a farmout or other type of agreement from her?

A I was unable to locate Mrs. Grace by inquiries of both Shell and Marathon. One address of a consulting geologist in Albuquerque that Shell believed to represent her, I wrote a letter to that address in August, 1968, which was returned unknown.

Q Did you look in the phone book in Midland?

A No, sir, I had no reason to think she was in Midland.

Q Now, the only contact you have had with Mrs. Grace was the result of her phone call to you about December 1st?

A That's right.

Q And other than that, you never made any effort to contact her?

A No.

Q Other than your contact through Shell?

Mr. Brooks, you say Mr. Fasken is operating seven wells in New Mexico, and has an eighth well which is temporarily disconnected, or plugged, or whatever?

A Yes, sir.

Q Not operating. Does Mr. Fasken maintain any offices in the State of New Mexico?

A No, sir.

Q Does he maintain an office in Midland?

A Yes, sir.

Q Is it under his name?

A No, sir, it is under my name.

Q It is under your name and not Mr. Fasken's name?

A It is under both of our names in the directory in the building where it is situated. It is listed under his name in the Permian Basin Oil Directory, which has general circulation in the Permian Basin area. This gives my address, Mr. Henry's address, and Mr. Leonard's address.

Q Mr. Henry is a consulting engineer?

A That's right.

Q And Mr. Leonard is a consulting geologist?

A That's right.

Q And they are both employed by Mr. Fasken on a contract basis?

A Mr. Henry is on a full time retainer, and Mr. Leonard is on a retainer giving first call on his time. Most of his time is occupied.

Q Have you been located in Midland very long?

A I have been in Midland since 1941.

Q You are familiar with the oil business, are you not?

A I would think measurably so.

Q As a normal thing, an independent operator does make use of consultants in handling their completion and drilling of wells, do they not, just as Mr. Fasken does?

A I have been managing Mr. Fasken's business, his oil business, since 1947, and representing him as an attorney longer than that. We have used consulting personnel all times.

Q Now, the proposal that was submitted by your authority, you are familiar with the letter that was written to me by Mr. Morris, is that right?

A Yes, I have a copy of it.

Q Now, this was proposed to be a farmout based on the Ross-Martin form?

A Not a farmout, sir, but a joint operator.

Q Joint operating agreement?

A Yes.

Q But that is the form you propose to use?

A Yes.

Q That is a rather lengthy form, is it not?

A Yes.

Q It contains a great many blank spaces, does it not?

A Not very much for a form 13 pages in length.

Q It doesn't contain the details of participation in the operating unit?

A No, it requires filling in. It is not complete in and of itself.

Q In other words, then a communitization agreement based on the Ross-Martin form would not be a concrete proposal that it could be said, "I will accept your proposal and you know what the details are," is that correct?

A That is quite right. But it is a long way further than just a verbal proposal to enter into an operating agreement.

MR. KELLAHIN: That is all I have.

MR. NUTTER: Are there any other questions?

MR. MORRIS: No, sir.

MR. NUTTER: The witness may be excused.

MR. MORRIS: I will call Mr. Henry.

JAMES B. HENRY

called as a witness on behalf of Applicant David Fasken, having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. MORRIS:

(Whereupon, Applicant Fasken's Exhibits Numbers 1 through 5, inclusive, were marked for identification.)

Q Mr. Henry, please state your name, and where you reside.

A James B. Henry, Midland, Texas.

Q What is your profession, Mr. Henry?

A Consulting Petroleum Engineer.

Q Please state briefly your education and your experience in the petroleum industry.

A I have a B.S. Degree in Petroleum Engineering from Texas Technological College, obtained in 1950, employed for five years by Stanland Oil and Gas Company, six years by Anderson Pritchard Oil Corporation, two years by the Union Texas Petroleum Corporation, and approximately five years as a consultant.

Q In what area have you had your experience?

A West Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado,

South Texas.

Q Approximately how much of your professional life have you spent in the Permian Basin?

A Twelve years, and the rest of the time I was responsible for operations in the Permian Basin when I did not live here.

Q Do you have a consulting firm?

A Yes, I do.

Q What is the name of it?

A Henry Engineering.

Q Now, as Mr. Brooks testified, are you on a full time retainer to Mr. Fasken?

A Yes, I am.

Q How long have you done consultant work for Mr. Fasken?

A Almost five years. It will be five years the first day of March.

Q How many wells, and approximately how much production is under your supervision?

A We actually manage and operate 100 producing wells, producing 100,000 barrels of oil per month. We do the engineering work on some 600 additional wells as required on non-operated properties and royalty interests.

Q What is your staff?

A It consists of myself and two engineers. We normally have two engineers. At the present time we have one, and we are interviewing for a replacement. We have a materials supervisor; production supervisor; office manager-purchasing agent combination, this is one gentleman; and we have two field foremen, and about ten contract pumpers, two sections.

Q Have you prepared as Exhibit Number 1 in Case 4043, a structure map on top of the Morrow Formation in the area under consideration in this hearing?

A Yes, I have. It's been identified as Exhibit 1.

Q Point out what is shown on that exhibit.

A These contours are on top of the Morrow pay zone. The Morrow pay zone in the North Indian Hills area consists of a gross interval of 300 feet, plus or minus a few feet of intermediate shales, sand, and a minor amount of limestone. This is the top of that sequence of beds, and these beds continue from this marker down to the top of the Barnett Shale. These beds lie unconformably on top of the shale.

The structure map is contoured on the uppermost sand in this sequence. The datum shown in black are the subsurface elevations of the top of this pay zone; and the hexagonal markings colored in pink represent those wells actually producing from the Morrow horizons.

The Cisco wells in here, we made no effort to identify. One of these is dually completed in Section 19, on this plat, is dually completed with the Cisco, and the wells in 20 and 21 are Cisco producers, one of them drilled to the Morrow. There is a well in 22, a dry hole in a Morrow. There is also one in Section 10 that encountered water in some of the Morrow beds, and was not commercial in others.

I have also shown as the small red circle in the northwest quarter of Section 8, the location we propose to drill for Mr. Fasken. The triangular marking in the southeast quarter of Section 8 depicts the location approved by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission and the U.S.G.S. for Mrs. Grace's location.

Q Now, the five wells shown on the acreage colored in yellow are each operated, owned and operated by Mr. Fasken, and you operate those for him, is that correct?

A Yes, we drilled and completed them and operate them. The acreage shown in yellow on the plat is that which Mr. Fasken has by various arrangements, including the leasing and farmouts, and purchases.

Q Now, did you participate in the drilling of each of those five wells?

A I personally supervised the drilling and completion of



these wells, I would say 75 per cent of them. The other 25 per cent was done directly under my supervision.

Q Earlier Mr. McIntyre gave the potentials on each of these wells. Was the information that he gave with respect to Mr. Fasken's wells accurate?

A The data with respect to the absolute open flow potentials were correct. The dates were not exactly correct. They are within a week or ten days. We consider a completion date the date we took the four point back pressure test as being our completion date.

Q Mr. Henry, in your opinion, and based upon the geology shown on Exhibit Number 1, is Mrs. Grace's proposed location in Section 8 any better than the location proposed by Mr. Fasken, or would you compare the two, please?

A Geologically, the pay zones as projected at either location should be comparable. I would like to point out that any further movement toward the well in Section 9, being the Skelly Federal, or the well in Section 16, being the Indian Hills Unit No. 7, no movement in that direction should be made. Those two wells had nice potential tests, but they did require hydraulic fracture.

The two wells in Sections 4 and 5 were natural completions. The well in Section 17 has one zone of Morrow

that was a natural completion, and one zone that was fractured.

The thicker pay sections in the Shell Federal Well in Section 5 was the thickest pay section we have, and we should move in that direction. I believe Mr. McIntyre neglected to give the potential of that well, which was 4,250,000 Mcf. Now, this is one of the lower potentials, but I would like to point out that the well has an average amount of skin damage as determined from pressure buildup data in the perforations. However, the well is capable of delivering five times the pipeline take at this point, so we made no effort to do anything more to that well than reperforate it. On reperforating it, we did increase the flow rate, and its adjusted potential on some engineering work we did recently was some five million. It has a deliverability of five million feet a day. We actually flowed at rates of four million a day after the reperforating.

MR. NUTTER: Is that the Shell Federal No. 5?

THE WITNESS: Yes.

MR. NUTTER: He gave us a perforated interval on that well of 9,570 to 9,592. Are those the original perforations or the new perforations?

THE WITNESS: I did not follow his testimony in that regard. If you like those, I will be glad to give them to you.

MR. NUTTER: We ought to correct them, if the perforated interval has been changed. He also gave us a potential on a well of 3.150.

THE WITNESS: On the Shell Federal?

MR. NUTTER: Yes.

THE WITNESS: Well, I missed that in his testimony. The potential was 4.25 million. It is available in the back pressure test on file with the Commission. Based on electric log measurement, the interval perforated was 9,570 to 9,592.

MR. NUTTER: That is the new perforations?

THE WITNESS: That is the original perforations. The new ones, we reperforated the exact same interval.

MR. NUTTER: Go ahead.

Q (By Mr. Morris) Mr. Henry, will you now please refer to Fasken's Exhibit Number 2, and state what that is and what it shows?

A Exhibit Number 2 is a portion of the United States Geological Map entitled Bandanna Point Quadrangle, Bandanna Point, New Mexico. This is the northeast portion of a topographic map that depicts 50-foot contour intervals of the surface topography in the North Indian Hills Field area.

Q What does this show, as far as the two locations are concerned?

A In red ink and by arrows I have indicated the surface topographic location of these two proposed location; the one proposed by Mr. Fasken being 1,980 from the north line and 2,105 feet from the east line; and the Grace location, which is 1,750 from the east line, and 1,650 from the south line.

I would like to point out that between these two wells, the elevations for each are given below the location. The elevation of the Fasken well is 3,888 on the surface. This was obtained by Sherman and Jones out of Lovington, surveyors that surveyed this location.

The Grace elevation, 4,101, was filed with the U.S.G.S., and the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission has the elevation of their well, and this fits the topographic map, indicating a 213-foot difference in elevation.

You will notice on the map between these two locations, the close spacing of the contour lines reflecting a surface escarpment of some 213 feet between these two wells, the steep feature being the west face of what is known as the Seven Rivers-Hills.

Q Have you personally been on the ground at both of these proposed locations?

A Yes, I have.

Q Will you refer next to Exhibit Number 3, and state what

that is?

A Exhibit Number 3 is an authority for expenditure, or an AFE, which I submitted to Mr. Brooks for his approval, of the procedure, cost estimates, and casing tubular goods program that would be used in drilling and completing the well designated as the David Fasken Shell A Federal No. 1, 1,980 feet from the north line, 2,105 feet from the east line of Section 8, Township 21 South, Range 24 East.

Q And what is your total estimate for this AFE?

A The coverlet on the front of this exhibit, which consists of pages 1 through 4, shows the total tangible and intangible costs, costs of drilling to the casing point, and the costs of completing the well as a producing gas well connected to the natural gas pipeline facility located at Mr. Fasken's common gas gathering facility designated North Indian Hills Gas Facility, located approximately 200 feet from the Shell Federal Well in Section 5.

This shows a total cost of the completed well with gas line, dehydrater, surface separation facilities, to be \$208,310.

I call your attention to this second page of that exhibit. We have a detailed cost estimate broken down by drilling costs and completion costs. The footage cost of \$8.75

per foot is based on our last experience in the area, which was for a multi-well contract, and was a favorable drilling contract price.

We have down there day work cost of, for four days at \$1,150. This is based on our latest experience in drilling contracts in the area. The four days are necessary to cover three drill stem tests that are required to test the Morrow intervals. We find there are basically three sand zones within the Morrow section that we are finding necessary to test individually.

The drilling mud costs of \$8,000 is based on our experience in the area.

The water cost of \$4,000 is again based on our experience in the area. Water is very scarce in the area. It has to be piped to the location or trucked. Trucking is regulated to 18 cents a barrel or a minimum haul. If it is hauled from the Shaeffer Water Well in Rocky Arroyo, it could be obtained. We have obtained water from the Howell Ranch for a flat fee of \$1,000 per drilling well, plus the cost of laying and picking up the lines, and pumping the water to the location. The cementing service and supplies here represent the cost of a long string of eight and five eighths surface casing. At the location proposed to be drilled here, at the

elevation that we propose, it will not require thirteen and three eighths surface pipe. It will require a thirteen and three eighths ~~contour~~ pipe in order to prevent erosion.

We have a drilling rate of \$500 in addition to the mud.

Then we have wellhead equipment, and the conductor pipe which could be junk casing. The rat hole drilling cost for the conductor pipe of \$500. The intermediate casing, 3,200 feet of eight and five eighths-inch casing.

The road and location and pad to put the drilling rig on, we estimate at \$3,000. We estimate damages to be paid to rancher and maintenance of the road at an additional \$1,000 for a total of that item of \$4,000.

Trucking, welding, and rental, based on our experience, is around \$500. Surveying location, \$200. Logging, \$4,400. The Morrow pay zone is a very difficult one to interpret. It requires a shallow investigation tool of a resistivity type that requires a sonic log, and it requires a dual induction lateral log combination in order to evaluate the pay zones. The minimum cost for these at this depth is \$4,400.

We anticipate three drill stem tests. The services for this are \$650 each, or \$1,950.

The miscellaneous services and supplies run around

\$500. These are sample sacks, well signs, et cetera.

The geological and supervisory expenses, based on our experience, indicate \$3,500 for these services, for a total drilling cost to casing point of \$135,770.

The completion cost, I might add, is based on completion of one well, one zone natural, and the other section within the Morrow being fractured, which again is a hypothetical case here for demonstration purposes.

Four and a half-inch oil string casing with cementing services and supplies, \$2,500. This \$2,500 covers cementing four and a half-inch oil string with 450 sacks of Incor cement or class API class C cement, with 7.6 pounds of salt, and an accellerator and flood loss additive. This puts us into an anticipated casing fill of 2,025 feet <sup>above</sup> ~~below~~ the bottom of the hole. This has been our experience from temperature surveys in the area.

I might point out in the cementing <sup>Service</sup> ~~surface~~ and supplies for the drilling cost of \$5,000, this is a required cementing program by the U.S.G.S., under the direction of the Artesian Water District, that that has to be circulated to the surface, and that often takes a large volume of cement.

The logging, perforating after completion or after setting the oil string pipe is estimated at \$3,000.



Packer, \$750. Tubing head with valves, \$1,300. Christmas Tree, \$1,500. Brine and packer fluid, \$2,000. Services for back pressure test, \$600. Roustabout labor, \$500. Surface connections and lines, \$500. Tubing string, \$9,500. Hydraulic testing of the tubing, \$500. Kill truck service, \$200. Fracturing service, \$5,000. Anchors, \$190. Welding, \$200. Trucking and water hauling, \$600. The gas sales line and surface equipment, dehydrator tankage at \$20,000. And dirt work of \$500 to clean up the location. And engineering and supervisory expense of \$2,000, for a completion of \$72,540, or a total well cost complete into the gas sales line of \$208,310.

Q Now, Mr. Henry, please go to your recommended drilling and completion procedures, pointing out the items here that are of particular significance in connection with the drilling of wells in this area.

A All right. At the location we propose, which is off and out of the Seven Rivers Hills, thirteen and three-eighths casing is not required. We propose to drill twelve and a quarter-inch hole for the first bit. This is to allow the insertion of one-inch tubing to stage cement, besides the eight and five eighths-inch casing, in the event it does not circulate. This twelve and a quarter hole is necessary. The

eleven-inch hole from there down will provide for the lower volume of cement, and give adequate bonding for the pipe. We follow this program, and it has been approved by the U.S.G.S. engineers supervising this operation. The casing program is standard for eight and five eighths, 3,200 feet is the standard procedure we have followed.

I might point out that we install a dual blowout preventer. This is a preventer with blind pipe rams that will close on the drill pipe. We also require the contractor to install a hydrill preventer that will close on the Kelly and drill collars, so in the event the well should develop gas kick that it can be controlled.

The item number six, we believe to be very important, which is the test commonly known as Yellow Jacket test, after the service company that originally offered the service, which is a hydraulic pressure test of all valves, all blowout preventer equipment, the well head and all choke manifolds and valves, to insure that these are in perfect operating order before we drill deeper, and in the event there should be a gas kick.

We propose to drill stem test the upper, middle, and lower sections of the Morrow, and run the electric logs, and cement the pipe.

The other items are self-explanatory, I think. We

propose to run the packer and tubing, swab the well down, and control pressure perforated. These Morrow Sands do not respond to acid. They, in fact, the swelling clays in them will hydrate in the presence of acid, and we have had some bitter experience of trying this on one well in which the acid actually reduced the flow rate by about 50 per cent. The controlled pressure perforating is necessary to get the best natural perforating job and best natural completion possible.

We have found the wells will respond to a breakdown with <sup>pink</sup> paint brine. This is a brine made from the potash salt, residue from the potash mines available at Carlsbad, and we propose here to perforate any tight zones and fracture them, then lubricate the gun in the hole, and perforate those zones that indicate from drill stem tests they will support natural flow from a natural completion. This is a procedure we followed and we found it to be very satisfactory.

The <sup>pink</sup> paint brine is used to prepare a fracturing fluid called mud brine, which is a fluid with peculiar viscosity properties, viscosity properties that has a very low viscosity at very high pumping rates. This fractured fluid is very satisfactory for stimulating these wells.

I might point out that the David Fasken Skelly Federal No. 1 was the first successful fracturing job or

stimulation job ever done on a Morrow well in Eddy County, to the knowledge of ourselves. Since that time, we have treated a number of wells, and other operators have treated a number of wells with this procedure.

Q Mr. Henry, I think it is obvious, but let me ask the question anyway. Is your estimate of well costs here on this exhibit based upon your actual experience in the drilling of the five other wells in the North Indian Hills Morrow Gas Pool?

A Yes, it is.

Q Have you used as a source of your estimate, your actual invoiced costs on these other wells?

A Yes, I have.

Q Do you have your costs on these other wells prepared in the form of an exhibit?

A Yes, I have.

Q Please refer to Exhibit Number 4, and will you explain that?

A Exhibit Number 4 is a recap of the well costs summary from these wells. The items listed under roman numeral one are three wells that have been completed, completed with surface separation and sales facilities. On the line on production, you will note that the Ross Federal and the Shell Federal Wells are somewhat lower in cost than the Skelly Federal

No. 1. Now, the Ross Federal and the Shell Federal No. 1 are located in the valley out of the Seven Rivers Hills feature, and are at a location approximately comparable to the location we here propose to drill.

The average well cost here would be \$202,000 or \$203,000, approximately. The increase we are seeing on the well I am proposing here is due to inflation in prices since some of these wells were drilled as far back as 1965. The Skelly Federal No. 1 is shown to cost some \$30,000 more than the other two wells. This well was drilled in the Seven Rivers Hills at a location with an elevation comparable to that proposed by Mrs. Grace, and very near the location. Now, this location experienced severe lost circulation in the hole before the intermediate pipe was set. This well was not able to circulate cement on the eight and five eighths-inch casing, or on the primary cement job. It required several attempts to cement it with one-inch pipe. This was to no avail in filling it up. We finally backed into it with a ready-mix concrete with one-inch aggregate, and pumped it down the outside of the casing, and this completed the fill up the casing, and the casing passed the examination of the U.S.G.S. We also put gunny sacks, and a few other things down this thing.

MR. NUTTER: You are talking about the Skelly Federal?

THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

MR. NUTTER: Would you attribute this to the similarity or to the fact that it is not down in the plains?

THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

MR. NUTTER: This is the trouble up in the aggregate that is in the hills.

THE WITNESS: The hills have an extra geological section of layers of limestone that are weathered, they are highly eroded, they are cavernous. And part of the time in drilling this hole, we attempted to drill it with air, and we did not have circulation with air.

MR. NUTTER: And this would all be in this difference in elevation in the 300 or 400 feet?

THE WITNESS: Yes, there are these dry rocks exposed in the face of the cliff on the west escarpment of the Seven Rivers Hills, and this is the cause. On both of the wells we drilled down in the valley fill, we have circulated cement on the primary cement job.

MR. NUTTER: How about these other three wells that you have drilled here in Section 9 and Sections 16 and 17? Are they on the flats or in the hills?

THE WITNESS: The well in Section 16, which is the Indian Hills Unit No. 7, is in a small valley up to the south.

the Seven Rivers Hills. It is not clear as to the elevation

MR. NUTTER: In your Exhibit 2 that would be close  
to Deadman Creek, probably.

THE WITNESS: Yes, sir. It is in the very center of  
Deadman Creek. And the well experienced severe lost circulation  
in the shale beds. There were no instances that we experienced  
lost circulation after the 3,000 feet, approximately 3,000 feet  
of eight and five eighths casing had been cemented.

Now, the well in Section 6, which is listed on the  
exhibit we are discussing here, I believe Exhibit 2, is listed  
under Roman numeral three, that was a re-entry and the  
intermediate casing was still in it and cemented.

MR. NUTTER: You don't mean Section 6, you mean it is  
No. 6 but it is in Section 1?

THE WITNESS: Section 1.

MR. NUTTER: That is in the Indian Hills?

THE WITNESS: Yes, it is. And Marathon in that case  
set thirteen and three-eighths casing to 600 feet, which caused  
these thief beds that outcrop in the Seven Rivers Hills.

Now, the well in Section 7, the cost of it without any  
surface separation or sales facilities.

MR. MORRIS: Excuse me, that is in Section 16?

THE WITNESS: Section 16, Well No. 1, cost \$207,464.

without any surface separation or sales facilities

MR. NUTTER: But with all the loss circulation problems?

THE WITNESS: Right. And this would make it some \$15,000 to \$20,000 more expensive than the wells drilled in the valley fill.

MR. NUTTER: So, in other words, your total cost on No. 7 with your surface equipment would probably run you above \$225,000 or \$226,000, complete?

THE WITNESS: Yes, sir, that is correct. Those expenditures have not been made. We are negotiating for gas contracts at this time.

MR. NUTTER: Here on your Exhibit 4, this \$108,000 for the No. 6, this is the cost of re-entry and completion only?

THE WITNESS: That is the cost of re-entry and completion.

MR. NUTTER: The well had already been drilled?

THE WITNESS: It is higher than our completion costs, because it was necessary to move this and rig up. We had to pay the trucking and rigup costs of the rig, and the cost of drilling out some plugs.

MR. NUTTER: How much pipe did Marathon have in the well?



THE WITNESS: 2,700 feet of eight and five eighths.

MR. NUTTER: You had to run your own production string?

THE WITNESS: Our own production string.

Q (By Mr. Morris) Mr. Henry, based upon these comparisons of actual costs on the plains and up in the hills, how much extra would you estimate that a well would cost at the Grace location as compared to the location proposed by Mr. Fasken?

A I have made an estimate of that and shown it on Exhibit 5, which the total amount is \$14,410 of additional costs. Now, the extra location leveling, the first item we have here of \$6,000, this is the extra cost.

The cost of leveling the Grace location would be approximately \$9,000.

The cost of leveling and building a road to the Fasken location would be \$3,000, because it would require a half a mile of road building from the blacktop county road, and some very nominal leveling, because we did select a site that would require minimum dirt work in staking the location.

The Grace location was visited by myself and Mr. Jones of Sherman and Jones, surveyors out of Lovington. We did run a profile across the location of the Grace well. With a minimum amount of leveling, minimum area to be leveled, it

would require a cut and fill of 14.7 feet in a north-south direction. Now, this 14.7 feet is solid limestone, and would require blasting, leveling, and filling on top of these boulders with loose material that would need to be trucked from a gravel pit and caliche pit approximately a mile and a half to two miles away.

I might point out that in an east-west direction, there is a three-foot cut and fill of, again, solid rock. Approximately 50 feet southwest of the Grace location, there is a head of a small canyon that would require that it be filled to an additional length of about 75 feet, that would take an enormous amount of rock and dirt material to fill this in to gain access to the location for normal rig equipment, pipe racks, pumps, water storage tanks, and cementing trucks accessways. The extremely high cost, of course, is the blasting necessary to level this solid limestone. We have had experience with this at two of the locations where we have to do it, and it is very, very expensive.

Q Mr. Henry, making your estimate, were you aware of the roadway that was shown on Mr. McIntyre's map of this area?

A Yes, I built that roadway. It does not traverse the pencil line, but I did personally build the roadway.

Q And you took that into consideration in making the

costs?

A Yes, I did.

Now, the next item we have would be the additional drilled footage of 213 feet at \$8.75, and is another \$1,864. The access road on which we get into the Seven Hills area to gain access into the Indian Hills Unit 7 and the Skelly Federal Well, isn't exactly an Interstate 20 highway.

MR. NUTTER: Mr. McIntyre said he went up there in a Buick, he said.

THE WITNESS: Yes, but it takes a tandem axle water truck to get water to the location, and I have some bulldozer bills for that and other equipment that has gone up some rather steep grades. And I might also add that a flash flood of five inches of rain washed away part of the pits and all of the road. That is very acceptable if you can't do anything else.

The extra cost of moving a rig in requires extra tandem trucks to pull the load in of \$1,000 estimated cost there. The extra water hauling cost, whether we haul the water or piped it up the face of the escarpment, would be \$2,000.

The drilling near it, as we are within 50 feet of the exposed face of these beds, for the first 213 feet will

require a string of casing of thirteen and three eighths, in order to go any deeper, because you simply cannot circulate here without it running out the face of the cliff. If you in addition put another 200 feet of hydrostatic head on some beds down in the 2,500, 3,000-foot range, and particularly at the 1,600-foot level, the extra hydrostatic column, these will take fluid and will not circulate.

Of course, the extra rig time to run the casing, and the additional time to run the extra string of casing would be \$1,050. We tried it twice without the casing in order to try to air drill this zone, and it just wouldn't work. We would strongly recommend against trying.

Q Mr. Henry, if the Commission sees fit to grant Mr. Fasken's application, and designates him as the operator of the well in the northeast quarter of this section in accordance with his application, does Mr. Fasken stand ready to drill a well at that location as soon as approval of the Commission is received?

A Yes, sir. Mr. Brooks' approved signature is on the AFE, and that is my authority to proceed as soon as this matter is settled.

Q With respect to cost of supervision for the operation of the well after it is completed, the Commission is required by

law to fix a sum in a forced pooling order. Do you have a sum to recommend that would be satisfactory to Mr. Fasken if his application is approved?

A Are we speaking here of just overhead, or are we speaking of lease labor?

Q We are speaking of, I think, of just the overhead in the non-billable items.

A \$100 per month.

Q Do you have any recommendations with respect to a risk factor that should be assigned?

A We drilled five wells in the area. We think we have the risk down to a fairly nominal amount. Here the dry hole risk is very prevalent in the Morrow sands. Geologically, there is this risk factor. We don't see too much risk factor in actual completion of the thing. We have not experienced lost circulation between the intermediate casing point, as some operators have. Those things only occurred where the Cisco was productive in the Indian Basin Cisco Field, and we seem to be substantially out of the Cisco productive area, and I don't see that part of it. I think the dry hole risk would afford a factor of 40 per cent.

Q Were the Fasken Exhibits 1, 3, 4, and 5, and the data shown on Exhibit Number 2, prepared by you or under your

direction?

A Yes, they were.

MR. MORRIS: At this time, Mr. Examiner, we will offer Fasken's Exhibits 1 through 5 into evidence.

MR. NUTTER: Fasken's Exhibits 1 through 5 will be admitted into evidence.

(Whereupon, Applicant Fasken's Exhibits Numbers 1 through 5, inclusive, were admitted in evidence.)

MR. MORRIS: That is all I have of Mr. Henry on direct.

MR. NUTTER: Any questions of Mr. Henry?

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. KELLAHIN:

Q Mr. Henry, I believe you testified in connection with your Exhibit Number 1 -- is that the Exhibit Number 1?

A Yes.

Q In connection with Exhibit Number 1, you testified as to the well in Section 5, and I believe you stated that had the biggest pay section?

A Yes.

Q What was the pay section on that well?

A Eight feet in the upper part of the Morrow zone, and

15 feet in the base of the Morrow.

Q Eight feet and 15 feet. That is what, 23 feet?

A Yes, the lower zone is not perforated.

Q Well, you only perforated in the upper zone?

A Yes.

Q And you only perforated less than 20 feet, is that correct?

A We perforated 22 feet.

Q Now, what was the next thickest pay section you encountered in your wells?

A Net pay in thickness was the Skelly Federal No. 1 in Section 9.

Q And that is a direct offset to the proposed Grace location?

A Yes.

Q What was the thickness in that?

A Fourteen feet in the upper Morrow, and eight feet in the middle Morrow, and zero feet in the lower Morrow.

Q What do you have perforated in that well?

A Only the upper Morrow, and it did require hydraulic fracturing. The permeability was low.

Q Did you use hydraulic fracturing in your well in Section 5?

A No.

Q You just perforated?

A Right.

Q Is the deliverability on your Skelly Federal No. 1 higher than the well in Section 5?

A Yes.

Q Would the manner of completion account for that difference?

A Yes, sir. The natural permeability by a factor of the Millidarcy feet factor, or total flow capacity of the rocks in the upper zone in the Skelly Federal No. 1 was 43 Millidarcy feet as compared to 99 Millidarcy feet in the Skelly Federal for natural productivity of the rock.

Q In your AFE, you did include an item for hydraulic fracturing?

A Yes, sir.

Q You feel that is a better completion method, I take it?

A Only if it is required. And there, since completing these wells, we have opened up the Midland lower sections of this Morrow sand reservoir, and some of those sands do require hydraulic fracturing. We determined this from buildup data obtained from the drill stem test of the individual stringers.

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Q Which of the wells operated by Fasken has the highest

deliverability?

A The Indian Hills Unit 6 in Section 17.

Q And that would be directly south of the area under consideration here?

A Yes, sir.

Q And the Grace location would be closer to that well than the Fasken location, is that correct?

A It would be closer to that well; it would also be closer to the tight well in Section 9.

Q The tight well in Section 9 is the Skelly Federal?

A Yes, sir.

Q To the east?

A Right. That location is nearest to one of the poorer and one of the best wells.

Q Now, Mr. Henry, we have been talking about well locations. What well location were you talking about when you discussed the location of the Grace well?

A 1,750 feet from the east line, and 1,650 feet from the south line of Section 8, Township 21 South, Range 24 East of the New Mexico Principal Meridian.

Q I'm sorry, but I didn't get the footage location on your well.

A 1,980 feet from the north line, 2,105 feet from the

east line of Section 8 of the same township and range.

Q As I understand it, you say you visited this well site of the Grace location?

A Yes, sir.

Q When was that?

A January 2nd.

Q Did you find the stake clear?

A Yes, sir.

Q Could you give us any information on gas sales from this area?

A At the present time, we have a contractual agreement with the Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America from the three wells presently connected. They are committed to take 3.25 million per day.

Q There is no proration in this area, is that correct?

A That is correct.

MR. NUTTER: Is that 3.25 million from each well, or from all three wells?

THE WITNESS: From all three wells. That is a combined figure.

Q What kind of a payout does that take?

A Six years.

Q Have you used mud logging units in this area?

A We have used mud logging units on three of the wells.

Q Do you find that helpful?

A No.

Q Did you use them on your last well?

A No.

Q Now, you say water is scarce in this area. Where is your source of drilling water?

A The source of drilling water is a well at the Powell Ranch located in the township to the north. And that -- I don't have a map that depicts that location. It is in the section immediately north of Section 5. However, the township up there is skewed a little.

Q Is there a road to that?

A Yes, there is a paved county road.

Q Is that the road that appears on your Exhibit Number 2?

A That road on Exhibit Number 2 was a graded county road. That road has since been straightened and improved, and blacktopped, and it follows that approximate location, but is not the exact same road.

Q How far from that paved road is the location of the proposed location?

A One-half mile.

Q How far from that dirt road is the Grace proposed location?

A The road has two hairpin turns in it going back in there. It is about two and a half miles.

Q How do you arrive at two and a half miles from the road, and the map on Exhibit 2 indicates it is about the same distance as your location?

A Well, Exhibit Number 2, you will notice a feature called Deadman Draw, and there is a notation on here of this topographic feature called Seven Rivers Hills. Now, at the approximate location of the "R" is a saddle which drainage goes to the west, and from that point also to the east.

Now, there is a road that comes off this county road at the approximate location of the road here, comes up through this saddle and down the draw on the east side to the feature called Deadman Draw. Then the road makes a hairpin turn, goes back up the south flank of Deadman Draw almost to the head of that escarpment, and makes another hairpin turn back to the David Fasken Federal Well. The point of that last hairpin turn is the location of the Grace well. The switchbacks required is where the extra distance comes in.

Q Is that the road that is shown on the exhibit that was presented by Mr. McIntyre?

A That is the road I believe Mr. McIntyre intended to show, but it does not follow.

Q It does not follow the lines?

A It is not the correct lines.

Q Now, you testified that a considerable part of the problem in drilling wells in this area consists of having to drill through the aggregate at these higher elevations.

A That's correct, although it is not an aggregate. It is weathered, fractured cavernous limestone.

Q Now, the Skelly Federal Well No. 1 is located immediately to the east of the proposed Grace location?

A Yes, sir.

Q It is actually within 200, or 300, or 400 feet higher?

A Yes, it is.

Q And there is only about 200 or 300 feet difference between the Grace location and your proposed location, isn't that correct, referring again to your Exhibit Number 2?

A I would have to check the exact -- the ground elevation at the Skelly Federal is 4,139, and her elevation is 4,101, as reported to the U.S.G.S. on her application to drill, which makes a difference of 38 feet.

MR. KELLAHIN: That is all I have.

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. NUTTER:

Q Mr. Henry, I don't want to get into the details of why we have a difference in estimated costs on a number of these items, but I wonder if you could explain to me what you mean by \$20,000 for sales line and surface equipment, when Mr. Butler, on his estimate, had \$8,200 for a total tank battery? What is this \$20,000, first of all?

A The \$20,000 includes an indirect heater complete with choke for heating the gas as it comes through the choke at the well head. We had to lay a line to the gas sales point in Section 5. The best contract we could negotiate was for a delivery point at or very near the Fasken Shell Federal Well.

Q As I recall some months ago, this Commission approved an installation for David Fasken which would have been located down there at your sales point.

A That's correct. This is the cost of the pipeline, the heaters, the separators, the storage facilities at that point.

Q I don't recall the details of that commingling, but did we require an individual heater treatment for each of the wells?

A Well, you didn't require it, but it is physically

required because the gas freezes as it passes through the choke. The heaters are at the well head.

Q You have heated steam flowing down to the gas point?

A That steam pipe is insulated and buried, and where it goes over the face of the cliff on the escarpment, down to there it is rapid and insulated.

Q Now, I presume that that location in Section 8 that you have in mind, it is closer to the Shell Federal than the Skelly Federal is, so you probably take production from it down to that sales point, too, wouldn't you?

A That remains to be negotiated. I am not familiar with any gas contracts that Mrs. Grace may have entered into, if any.

Q I am talking about your proposed location, if you drill the well here.

A Oh, yes.

Q You would take your production down there?

A We anticipate that it would be down there. Now, we obtained some economics overall by doing these three wells on a turnkey bid from a pipeline contractor, and at this point we would have only the one well bid, and would have the move-in move-out cost attributed here, which would make it slightly higher than the actual cost on the other three wells.

Q What do you have down there, as far as the condensate



is concerned, when you have brought these three wet streams down to the sales point in Section 5, then what do you have?

A Each stream goes through an individual separator. The gas, the dry gas off these separators is run through a gas meter, individually metering these streams. The gas passes on to a dehydrator, and to our master meter. That meters all commingled streams.

Q Each one of these streams has a dehydrator on it?

A No, each of these streams after it is metered, goes into the common stream that passes through the dehydrator.

Q So what you have done for each well, you have a heater at the well, you have a line coming from the well, you have a separator and a meter?

A Yes, sir.

Q And then your separator meters the fluid, and it is commingled in a common tank, isn't it?

A Yes, that's right.

Q And the cost here of \$11,000 would be for the heater, the line, the separator, and the meter?

A And its portion of a dehydrator, because the dehydrator would require -- we are at the capacity of the dehydrator there now.

Q You would have to replace it with a bigger dehydrator?

A Yes, or an individual dehydrator.

Q Does that come to \$20,000?

A Yes, I took the actual invoices for this equipment on the other three wells, and this is one third of that amount.

Q Now, Mr. Henry, your estimated cost of \$8,200 for a tank battery, you had in mind a single installation for one well, I presume?

A Yes, and no sales line. We are not into any contract, so it was strictly for the heater, separator, and tank battery, and no money was put in there to build a line to the sales point.

Q You are assuming that the sales line would come to you?

A Yes. This was a point that would have to be negotiated. That is our basic difference in the AFE, and the total cost.

Q Then I don't want to get into some of these other differences. I think some of them have been explained. What are you proposing for a water source, Mr. Henry?

A I would propose that the water be furnished by the drilling contractor.

Q And under your \$9.10 a foot contract, would he assume water in that?

A I would assume he would, but that is something that

would have to be negotiated.

MR. NUTTER: Are there any other questions of Mr. Henry? You may be excused.

Mr. Brooks, I would like to ask you one more question. As far as the contracts that you are anticipating that you will receive from Marathon and Shell, will it make any difference as far as Fasken receiving these contracts or operating under these contracts, whether he is the operator of the well on the farmout or not?

MR. BROOKS: That matter hasn't been discussed with either Marathon or Shell, but I would assume not from the general tenor of our conversations. Insofar as they have been prepared, they assume Fasken would be.

MR. NUTTER: If the Commission designates Mrs. Grace as the operator, you think Fasken's contracts would still be good?

MR. BROOKS: I would think so.

MR. NUTTER: Do you gentlemen want to make closing statements?

MR. KELLAHIN: I wanted to recall Mr. McIntyre for one more statement.

MR. NUTTER: All right.

NORBERT MCINTYRE

recalled as a witness by the Applicant Corinne Grace, having been previously sworn upon his oath, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. KELLAHIN:

Q Mr. McIntyre, you testified as to the well location that has been proposed by Mrs. Grace, and have you actually visited this site?

A I have.

Q Now, you heard the description given of this site by Mr. Henry?

A Yes, sir.

Q And you heard his testimony to the effect that it would require removal of 14.7 feet from the surface, and a fill of some 75 feet in an arroyo to give access to it.

A My visit to that location was, as I previously stated, in a 1967 Buick Wildcat automobile and, of course, we did not run a cross-section across the location. We had no equipment to do so with us. But my experience in staking locations, which is not the greatest in the world, but in estimating what the cost would be for that location, I would say that probably \$6,000 is excessive.

Q Now, you heard Mr. Henry testify as to the road which gives access to this well location. Are you in agreement with what he stated about that road?

A Well, not to the extent that we have hairpin turns, and we would not be faced with two hairpin turns, because the location is rather north at the point that the road turns to go up on the hill.

Q Is the roadway a rough road?

A Well, not as rough as going into Cato, or Chaveroo, or some of the other fields. It is a good caliche road. I think they did a very good job on it.

Q Would you feel that the condition of that road and the matter of access to the well site would cause any increase in cost of the Grace move-in and move-out costs, or water hauling?

A Not excessively. That would depend -- if you had a rig within a mile of the location, I would say your costs would probably be not excessive, the difference in cost. They would have to go a little bit further from the blacktop to get to the Grace location, but overall, I wouldn't think this would be a point to be worried about.

MR. KELLAHIN: That is all I have.

MR. NUTTER: Any other questions of Mr. McIntyre?

MR. MORRIS: No, sir.

MR. NUTTER: You may be excused.

MR. KELLAHIN: If the Examiner please, I feel that since Mrs. Grace filed the first application and proceeded with the presentation of her testimony first, we are more or less in the position of being the applicant faced by an opponent on the other side, rather than having two distinct applications, although on the face of it we do. For that reason, I feel we should have the right to close.

MR. NUTTER: What we can do if we can't settle it any other way, we can call for opening and closing statements in each case.

MR. MORRIS: I have no objection to going first and being brief, Mr. Examiner.

May I ask that the telegram be read into evidence?

MR. NUTTER: We will read the telegram. This is a telegram addressed to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission from Houston, Texas, reading: "New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission Cases 4017 and 4043, compulsory pooling, Section 8, Township 21 South, Range 24 East, Eddy County, New Mexico. Marathon Oil Company has committed itself to farmout to David Fasken, the Morrow Formation in and under the southwest quarter

of Section 8, Township 21 South, Range 24 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, for the drilling of a Morrow test well in said Section 8. Pursuant to said commitment, Marathon has caused to be forwarded to the U.S.G.S., a designation of operator, designating David Fasken as operator of Marathon's U.S. Lease NM-022534-A, insofar as same covers the Morrow Formation in and under the southwest quarter of Section 8. Upon communitization of such section, Marathon strongly recommends that the Commission designate David Fasken as operator."

"Marathon Oil Company, by Warren B. Leach, Division Attorney."

MR. MORRIS: Mr. Examiner, the point that speaks loudest in these cases for designation of Mr. Fasken as operator is the fact that he has the commitment of both Marathon and Shell to farm out their acreage, and thereby will be the operator of three-fourths of the acreage in this unit. As operator of three-fourths of the acreage in this unit, Mr. Fasken will also be bearing three-fourths of the costs incurred in the drilling of a well, no matter where it is located. Certainly it requires very little argument, that whoever is bearing three-fourths of the cost of the well and is in a position to be the operator of the well, and wants to be operator of the well, should be designated as the operator of

the well.

I don't think it requires any argument to show that Mr. Fasken through Mr. Brooks and Mr. Henry, and their organizations, not only is able to be the operator of this well, but has a very distinct advantage in being an operator of this well since they drilled and completed the five other wells in this area, and are thoroughly familiar with the drilling and completion problems in the Morrow Formation in this very area.

As Mr. Henry testified, geologically there is not much difference in the two locations. However, there is a difference in them insofar as some of the risks involved in drilling the well are concerned, and insofar as the cost of drilling the well is concerned. Both as a matter of cost and of risk, and as being the operator of the well, if Mr. Fasken is designated the operator of the well, he should have the right to drill the well in the northeast quarter of the section at the proposed point. I don't believe that there is much dispute over the cost of supervision, although I would note that Mrs. Grace proposes \$200 and we propose \$100. The risk, as testified to by Mr. Henry, should be at least 40 per cent.

We respectfully submit that Mr. Fasken's application should be approved both as to designating him as the operator, and as to giving him the right to drill the well in the northeast



operator of this section as his proposed location.

MR. CANNON: Of the examiner's ideas, I think we really are to the point of the two applications, which is simply one is going to be designated as the operator of the well. I think both parties agree that there should be a well and the well should be drilled. There is a difference as to the location, and there is a difference, a very distinct difference in feeling as to who should be the operator.

Now, we were talking, for example, about equities arising out for one person to be designated. If we are getting into that field, I think the equities would lie in Mrs. Grace's favor. She has had a lease on this tract in her own name, which she purchased from the United States Government in 1903. Since that time, as she has testified, she has made consistent efforts to get a fair and agreement from both Shell and Natanson who were the record owners of the lease. Being unable to do so, she continued from 1903 until 1909. She continued with these efforts. And then when it finally arrived to the point where a well should be drilled, she again contacted Shell and Natanson in December, in November and December of 1909, in an effort to get something done, and being unable to do so, she filed an application for compulsory arbitration.

It was only in the early part of December, 1909, that

she learned that Mr. Fasken was attempting to get a farmout from Shell and Marathon. He had no farmout at that date, although Mrs. Grace, as I understand it, was told that Shell was working with him and would probably grant a farmout, at which time she called Mr. Fasken's representative in Midland, and had some discussion with him. He made no proposal to her, as to pooling the acreage or farming out, or taking any other action, either because they didn't own it at that time or because they didn't want to make a proposal to Mrs. Grace. No proposal was made to Mrs. Grace by Mr. Fasken's interest until after the hearing set for January 8th. Following that hearing, by several days, Fasken proposed to enter into a pooling agreement on a printed form which contains many blanks, and there was no proposal made as to what information or figures would be filled in these particular blanks.

Now, Mrs. Grace has committed herself to drill the well. I don't think there is any question as to her ability to drill the well. She drilled other wells in New Mexico, and while she is not an operator of numerous wells, she certainly hopes to be, and the only way she can be is to drill the acreage which she now holds, which she stated she wants to do. She has a competent staff to handle this drilling operation. She is in no different position on that score than Mr. Fasken, who also makes use of



in there to get a well drilled, and it was not until that had occurred that anybody showed the slightest interest in drilling the well.

As to the operating costs, I think Mr. Morris stated that Mrs. Grace showed a cost of \$200 for operation and supervision, and Mr. Fasken \$100. I would like to point out it is my understanding of the \$100 stated by Mr. Fasken's witness was for overhead, whereas that for Mrs. Grace included overhead and a charge for the pumper, and the entire operation of the unit.

As to the well costs, I think on the basis of the questions you asked Mr. Butler, we are in substantial agreement as to the possibility of well costs here, and there is not any great difference in our estimates, and certainly they are about as close on both sides as either side can make them.

On this basis, we submit that Mrs. Grace having taken the initiative here, and being fully qualified and perfectly willing to drill and operate this well, she should be designated as the operator on the basis of the testimony that has been offered. We also feel that while Mr. Henry discounts the risk in this area, certainly on the basis of experience, which is well-known to this Commission, there are risks in drilling Morrow gas wells, risks which are quite serious, and justify a

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EXAMINER HEARING

Application of Corinne  
Grace for compulsory  
pooling, Eddy County,  
New Mexico.

Case No. 4017

BEFORE: Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

MR. NUTTER: The first case this afternoon will be Case 4017.

MR. HATCH: Case 4017, Application of Corinne Grace for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.

MR. KELLAHIN: If the Examiner please, Jason Kellahin of Kellahin & Fox, appearing for the applicant.

MR. NUTTER: I would like to call for other appearances at this time.

MR. MORRIS: Mr. Examiner, I am Richard Morris, of Montgomery, Federici, Andrews, Hannahs & Morris, Santa Fe, New Mexico, appearing on behalf of David Faskin.

MR. KELLAHIN: If the Examiner please, as you recall this morning, I asked that this case be put over to the end of the docket for the reason that Mr. and Mrs. Grace and their geologist, Mr. McIntyre, had not arrived in Santa Fe. They arrived just shortly before noon, and I find that Mr. McIntyre has been ill for the past week or so, and has not been able to give any time to the preparation of this case. I also understand that Mrs. Grace has been ill, and for that reason I would like to ask that this case be continued to the first Examiner Hearing in February.

MR. NUTTER: Mr. Morris?

MR. MORRIS: Mr. Examiner, ordinarily, of course, I

realize the Commission would look with favor on most applications for a continuance, and ordinarily I would not be in a position to oppose such a motion. However, in this case, I would like to ask the Examiner to note that the application of Mrs. Grace has been on file here since the 16th of December, and this has been adequate time, I would assume, to prepare whatever would need to be prepared to present at this hearing today.

Mr. Faskin's firm of engineering consultants is represented here today by Mr. James Henry. We are prepared to go ahead and present the evidence that we have prepared with respect to this case, and we would be greatly inconvenienced if the case does not go on as advertised.

In this regard, I would like at this time to bring to the Commission's attention that prior to the hearing it had been understood between myself and Mr. Kellahin, and I would ask that he so stipulate at this time, that the scope of this hearing is sufficient to place before the Commission for determination the question of who should be the operation of this section, whether it be Mrs. Grace or Mr. Faskin, and whether the unit well should be drilled in the southeast quarter or the northeast quarter of the section.

Just by further statement at this time, I would like to say that our evidence that we will present in this case will show

that there is really not much difference geologically whether the well be drilled in the southeast quarter or the northeast quarter. The thing that we are most concerned with on behalf of Mr. Faskin is for various reasons that we would show to the Examiner that Mr. Faskin be designated as the operator, and I have mentioned that at this time just to apprise the Examiner that we are not here to make a fight today on the geology of the location with respect to this well, and, therefore, I do not see where it would be of particular importance whether there is a whole lot of geologic testimony pertinent to this application.

MR. NUTTER: Mr. Morris, I would like to find out the position of Corinne Grace, and also Mr. Faskin on several points. I want to know where we are in agreement and where we are in disagreement.

Mr. Kellahin, Corinne Grace wants to see a well drilled?

MR. KELLAHIN: That is correct.

MR. NUTTER: Mr. Morris, Mr. Faskin is interested in the same thing?

MR. MORRIS: That is correct.

MR. NUTTER: Are you both interested in seeing the entire Section 8 pooled, or unitized, or communitized, or consolidated?

MR. KELLAHIN: That is what we are asking for, of course.

MR. NUTTER: And you have made the application for that. And Mr. Faskin, likewise, would like to see the acreage consolidated?

MR. MORRIS: Correct.

MR. NUTTER: Mr. Kellahin, is your client adamant upon this location for the well?

MR. KELLAHIN: Yes. We would prefer to drill in the southeast quarter.

MR. NUTTER: And, Mr. Morris, your client's position in this matter?

MR. MORRIS: My client's position in this matter is that we would prefer that the well be drilled in the northeast quarter. It would be satisfactory with us if it is drilled in the southeast quarter, too, but the point that we are most adamant on is that Mr. Faskin be designated the operator, in view of the fact that he owns the operating rights on 480 acres out of the 640 acre section.

MR. NUTTER: All by the southeast quarter?

MR. MORRIS: That is correct.

MR. NUTTER: So we get to this point as to who is going to drill the well, and who is going to be the operator?

MR. KELLAHIN: That is the main point. Mr. Morris asked for a stipulation, but I think it is quite unnecessary because the statute says that the Commission will designate an operator, and I don't think it has any--on the basis of what has been said about well location, I don't believe the stipulation is necessary there, either. I think it is within the jurisdiction of the Commission to consider these things without any stipulation.

MR. NUTTER: How much opportunity has there been for the parties here to discuss this matter between themselves? Have they had much chance to do that?

MR. KELLAHIN: No, they haven't. It is my understanding they were able to pick up Mr. McIntyre this morning, although they talked to him, I believe, by phone, yesterday. Mr. McIntyre does consulting work for them, but he is not always available for their work, he does other work, too, so it is not as though he was their exclusive employee.

MR. MORRIS: What was your question, Mr. Nutter?

MR. NUTTER: I wondered if Corinne Grace et al and David Faskin and his interests have discussed the matter between themselves?

MR. KELLAHIN: No.

MR. MORRIS: Yes, we have.

MR. KELLAHIN: You have discussed it with his attorney? I didn't know that.

MR. MORRIS: I would like to make a statement in this regard, that Mr. Richard Brooks is an attorney in Midland, Texas. He is Mr. Faskin's general attorney and general manager of his affairs in the Permian Basin area. It is my understanding that Mr. Brooks and Mrs. Grace previously have discussed the question of communitizing or acquiring interests in this area, and that there is a state of disagreement between them.

MR. NUTTER: I see. That is what I wanted, if there was any opportunity here to get together on that point, if an effort has been made, and if there is a general state of disagreement.

MR. KELLAHIN: I think the effort was made. Could I have a ruling on my motion for a continuance?

MR. NUTTER: What was your point, Mr. Morris, that you wanted a stipulation on? You would agree to stipulate to what?

MR. MORRIS: Mr. Nutter, a stipulation may be unnecessary. However, I have discussed this previously with the Commission, and with Mr. Kellahin, that I wanted it understood that the scope of the hearing was broad enough to consider, number 1, the designation of Mr. Faskin as an operator, if that determination should be made by the Commission. And, number 2,

that the well, that a location for the unit well could be in the northeast quarter of the section. In other words, that the matter is before the Commission to determine the question of who will be the operator and where the well will be.

MR. NUTTER: And that is the point that you are offering to stipulate to at this time?

MR. MORRIS: Yes. Now, as I understand what Mr. Kellahin has said, he thinks that the statute is sufficiently broad that no stipulation is necessary, and in any event he offers no objection with respect to these matters.

MR. NUTTER: So you wouldn't stipulate to that? You think it is unnecessary?

MR. KELLAHIN: I think it is unnecessary.

MR. NUTTER: So the only thing standing before us now is your matter of a continuance?

MR. KELLAHIN: Yes.

MR. NUTTER: And you are objecting to that?

MR. MORRIS: Yes.

MR. NUTTER: We will take a ten minute recess.

(Thereupon, a short recess was taken.)

MR. NUTTER: The hearing will come to order, please.

Mr. Kellahin, your motion was for a continuance to what date?



MR. KELLAHIN: The first hearing in February.

MR. NUTTER: Case No. 4017 will be continued to the first hearing in February, which will be at nine o'clock A.M. at this same place, on February 5th. In the meantime, the Commission earnestly solicits that the principals involved in this case make every effort to get together on this matter. The principal points, we think, are solved, that is that both parties want the well drilled, both parties seek the acreage pooled, the location is not of serious consequence, and we feel that the operators should be able to decide between themselves who should operate the well.

But the case will be continued to February 5. The hearing is adjourned.

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Order No. R-3713-A  
Applicant:  
David Fasken

Dear Sir:

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

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THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CONSOLIDATED CASES:

APPLICATION OF DAVID FASSEN FOR  
COMPULSORY FOLIOING, EDDY COUNTY,  
NEW MEXICO.

BY THE COMMISSION:

NOW, on this 25th day of March, 1949, 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,

(1) That one month prior to the date of the foregoing, the Commission had advised the public that the following related targets:

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(4) That David Fasken filed an application with the Commission January 10, 1969, seeking an order pooling all mineral interests in the Morrow formation underlying said Section 8.

(5) That Corinne Grace has the right to drill and proposes to drill a well 1650 feet from the South line and 1750 feet from the East line of said Section 8.

(6) That David Fasken has the right to drill and proposes to drill a well 1980 feet from the North line and 2105 feet from the East line of said Section 8.

(7) That both applicants seek to be designated as the operator of the unit to be pooled.

(8) That the aforesaid applicants have not agreed to pool their interests.

(9) That to avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, to protect correlative rights, to prevent waste, and to afford to the owner of each interest in said unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense his just and fair share of the gas in said pool, all mineral interests, whatever they may be, in the Morrow formation underlying said Section 8 should be pooled to form a 640-acre unit, that the well for said unit should be drilled at the proposed location 1650 feet from the South line and 1750 feet from the East line of said Section 8, and that Corinne Grace should be designated the operator of the subject well and unit.

(10) That any non-consenting working interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production.

(11) That any non-consenting working interest owner that does not pay his share of estimated well costs should have withheld from production his share of the reasonable well costs plus an additional 30% thereof as a reasonable charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well.

(12) That any non-consenting interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to object to the actual well costs but that said actual well costs should be adopted as the reasonable well costs in the absence of such objection.

(13) That following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner that has paid his share of estimated costs should pay to the operator any amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and should receive from the operator any amount that paid estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.

(14) That \$100.00 per month should be fixed as a reasonable charge for supervision for the subject well; that the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charge attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating the subject well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.

(15) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason should be placed in escrow to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That all mineral interests, whatever they may be, in the Morrow formation underlying Section 8, Township 21 South, Range 24 East, NMPM, North Indian Hills-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, are hereby pooled to form a 640-acre gas proration unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled 1650 feet from the South line and 1750 feet from the East line of said Section 8.

(2) That Corinne Grace is hereby designated the operator of the subject well and unit.

(3) That the operator shall furnish the Commission and each known working interest owner in the subject unit an itemized schedule of estimated well costs within 30 days following the date of this order.

(4) That within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him, any non-consenting working interest owner shall have the right to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production, and that any

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such owner who pays his share of estimated well costs as provided above shall remain liable for operating costs but shall not be liable for risk charges.

(5) That the operator shall furnish the Commission and each known working interest owner in the subject unit an itemized schedule of actual well costs within 30 days following completion of the well; that if no objection to the actual well costs is received by the Commission, and the Commission has not objected within 60 days following completion of the well, the actual well costs shall be the reasonable well costs; provided however, that if there is an objection to actual well costs within said 60-day period, the Commission will determine reasonable well costs after public notice and hearing.

(6) That within 30 days following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner that has paid his share of estimated costs in advance as provided above shall pay to the operator his pro rata share of the amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and shall receive from the operator his pro rata share of the amount that estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.

(7) That the operator is hereby authorized to withhold the following costs and charges from production:

(A) The pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.

(B) As a charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well, 30% of the pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.

(8) That the operator shall distribute said costs and charges withheld from production to the parties who advanced the well costs.



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(9) That \$100.00 per month is hereby fixed as a reasonable charge for supervision for the subject well; that the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charge attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating the subject well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.

(10) That any unsevered mineral interest shall be considered a seven-eighths (7/8) working interest and a one eighth (1/8) royalty interest for the purpose of allocating costs and charges under the terms of this order.

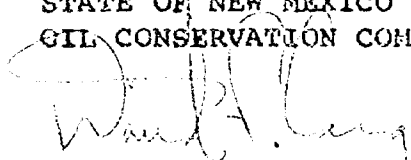
(11) That any well costs or charges which are to be paid out of production shall be withheld only from the working interests' share of production, and no costs or charges shall be withheld from production attributable to royalty interests.

(12) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason shall be placed in escrow in Eddy County, New Mexico, to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership; that the operator shall notify the Commission of the name and address of said escrow agent within 90 days from the date of this order.


(13) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

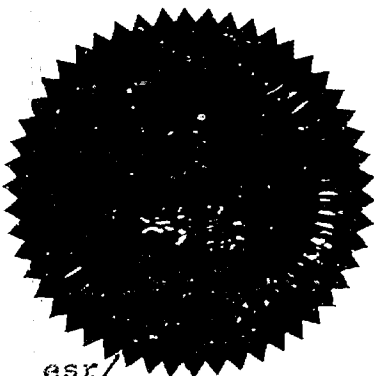
DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
GIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

  
DAVID F. CARGO, Chairman

  
ALEX J. ARMIÑO, Member

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



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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:

CASES NOS. 4017 AND 4043  
Order No. R-3713-A

CONSOLIDATED CASES:

APPLICATION OF CORINNE GRACE FOR  
COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY,  
NEW MEXICO;

APPLICATION OF DAVID FASKEN FOR  
COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY,  
NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing de novo at 9 a.m. on July 16, 1969, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 17th day of July, 1969, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony presented and the exhibits received at said 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 cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That the applicant for the hearings de novo in Cases Nos. 4017 and 4043, David Fasken, has requested that said applications be dismissed.

(3) That the applicant's request to dismiss the applications for hearings de novo should be granted.

(4) That within 20 days from the date of this order, any non-consenting working interest owner in the pooled unit comprising all of Section 8, Township 21 South, Range 24 East, NMPM, North Indian Hills-Morrow Gas Pool, now the Indian Basin-Morrow

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Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, should have the right to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator of said unit in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production, and that any such owner who pays his share of estimated well costs as provided above shall remain liable for operating costs but shall not be liable for risk charges.

(5) That in all other respects Order No. R-3713, issued by the Commission on March 25, 1969, should be fully approved, ratified, and confirmed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

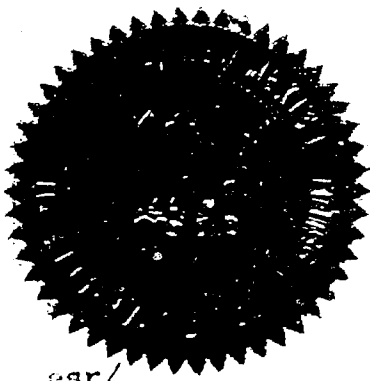
(1) That the applications of David Fasken for hearings de novo in Cases Nos. 4017 and 4043 are hereby dismissed.

(2) That within 20 days from the date of this order, any non-consenting working interest owner in the pooled unit comprising all of Section 8, Township 21 South, Range 24 East, NMPM, North Indian Hills-Morrow Gas Pool, now the Indian Basin-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, shall have the right to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator of said unit in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production, and that any such owner who pays his share of estimated well costs as provided above shall remain liable for operating costs but shall not be liable for risk charges.

(3) That subject to Order (2) above, Order No. R-3713, issued by the Commission on March 25, 1969, is hereby fully approved, ratified, and confirmed.

(4) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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



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STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

DAVID P. CARCO, Chairman

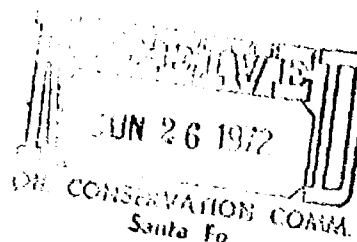
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A. L. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary

WILLIAM F. KEMP  
GILBERT PRUD'HOMME

KEMP & PRUD'HOMME  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW  
P.O. BOX 632  
422 PERRY-BROOKS BLDG.  
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78767  
GREENWOOD 6.6116

June 22, 1972



*file - Cor 4017*

The Natural Gas Pipeline Company  
of America  
Amarillo, Texas

RE: Section 8, T-21 South,  
R-24 East Eddy County,  
New Mexico  
Indian Hills #1  
Corinne and Michael Grace

Gentlemen:

I represent Mr. Harold Scherz who owns an overriding royalty interest in a well on captioned property in Eddy County, New Mexico. We understand that you are taking from this well or from a gas unit formed involving this well. We have attempted to obtain some information from the operators, Corinne and Michael Grace, beginning in December of 1971 and continuing to date.

At this time, we put you on notice of a claim and interest of Harold Scherz in and to production taken and derived from the subject well. We are unable to obtain any completion or production information relating to this well and any assistance you may supply us in this respect would be appreciated.

In the event we cannot obtain information regarding this well through voluntary channels it will, of course, be necessary for us to seek redress at law.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

KEMP & PRUD'HOMME

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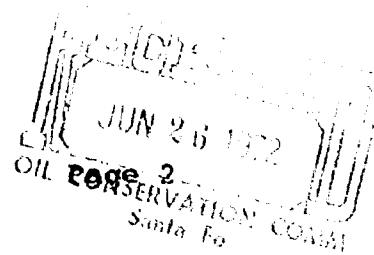
*Gilbert Prud'homme*  
Gilbert Prud'homme

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June 22, 1972

The Natural Gas Pipeline  
Company of America



cc: ✓ New Mexico Oil Conservation  
Commission  
Legal Division  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Corrine Grace and  
Michael P. Grace II  
Post Office Box 1418  
Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220

Mr. Harold Scherz  
Bank of Austin  
2501 South Congress  
Austin, Texas

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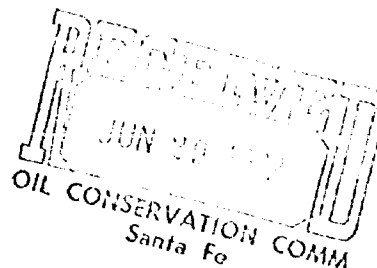
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NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 8. MARATHON SUPPORTS  
DAVID FASKEN'S POSITION IN THE ABOVE CAPTIONED CAUSE  
AND HIGHLY RECOMMENDS THAT DAVID FASKEN BE APPOINTED  
OPERATOR OF THE UNIT  
MARATHON OIL CO BY JACK MCADAMS

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Michael P. Graco II  
Corinne Grace  
P. O. BOX 1418  
CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO 88220

June 27, 1972



The Natural Gas Pipeline Company  
of America  
P. O. Box 236  
Midland, Texas 79701

RE: Section 8, T21S, R24E  
Eddy County, New Mexico  
Indian Hills # 1 well  
Corinne and Michael Grace

Gentlemen:

We are in receipt of a copy of a letter which was written to your Amarillo office by Mr. Gilbert Prud'homme of the firm of Kemp & Prud'homme, attorneys at law, who are representing Mr. Harold Scherz.

Mr. Scherz holds a 5% overriding royalty interest in the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$  of the above mentioned section on which Shell Oil Company has a 25% working interest and percentage.

In order to drill this well we had to force pool this entire section, which consists of 640 acres. I am enclosing a copy of the force pooling order which we obtained from the Oil Conservation Commission of the State of New Mexico.

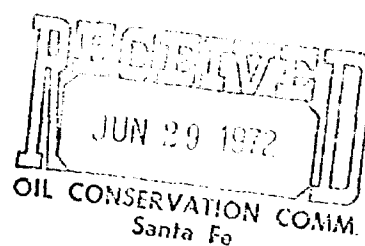
We pooled all of the mineral interests in the Morrow formation underlying Section 8 and according to the pooling order Shell Oil Company, who has 2 -  $\frac{1}{4}$  sections, which are the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$  and the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$  and Marathon Oil Company, who has the S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ , will not receive anything from this well until we have recovered 130% of our well costs. We had a very good attorney working on this for us at that time and I am sure that if he thought we should be paying the O.R.R.I. and Percentage owners he would have advised us of this.

If we have been working under the wrong assumption on this matter, and you deem it necessary, we will be more than happy to get another legal opinion.

All of the completion and production information relating to this well is on file at the New Mexico Oil & Gas Conservation Commission and the Communitization Agreement has been sent in to the Roswell, New Mexico office of the United States Geological Survey.



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If I can be of further assistance to you in this matter please  
feel free to call on me.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Juanita L. Jones".

Juanita L. Jones  
Secretary

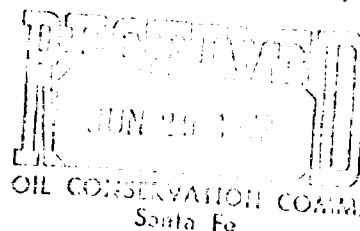
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cc: New Mexico Oil & Gas Conservation  
Commission  
P. O. Box 2088  
Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87501

Mr. Harold Scherz  
Bank of Austin  
2501 South Congress  
Austin, Texas 78767

Mr. Gilbert Prud'homme  
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NEW MEXICO;

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COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY,  
NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on February 5, 1969,  
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 25th day of March, 1969, 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 Corinne Grace filed an application with the Commis-  
sion December 16, 1968, seeking an order pooling all mineral  
interests in the Morrow formation underlying Section 8, Township  
21 South, Range 24 East, NMPM, North Indian Hills-Morrow Gas  
Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(3) That the aforesaid matter came on for hearing on  
January 8, 1969, and was continued, at the request of the afore-  
said applicant, to February 5, 1969.

(4) That David Fashen filed an application with the Commission January 10, 1969, seeking an order pooling all mineral interests in the Morrow formation underlying said Section 8.

(5) That Corinne Grace has the right to drill and proposes to drill a well 1650 feet from the South line and 1750 feet from the East line of said Section 8.

(6) That David Fashen has the right to drill and proposes to drill a well 1980 feet from the North line and 2105 feet from the East line of said Section 8.

(7) That both applicants seek to be designated as the operator of the unit to be pooled.

(8) That the aforesaid applicants have not agreed to pool their interests.

(9) That to avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, to protect correlative rights, to prevent waste, and to afford to the owner of each interest in said unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense his just and fair share of the gas in said pool, all mineral interests, whatever they may be, in the Morrow formation underlying said Section 8 should be pooled to form a 640-acre unit, that the well for said unit should be drilled at the proposed location 1650 feet from the South line and 1750 feet from the East line of said Section 8, and that Corinne Grace should be designated the operator of the subject well and unit.

(10) That any non-consenting working interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production.

(11) That any non-consenting working interest owner that does not pay his share of estimated well costs should have withheld from production his share of the reasonable well costs plus an additional 30% thereof as a reasonable charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well.

(12) That any non-consenting interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to object to the actual well costs but that said actual well costs should be adopted as the reasonable well costs in the absence of such objection.

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(13) That following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner that has paid his share of estimated costs should pay to the operator any amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and should receive from the operator any amount that paid estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.

(14) That \$100.00 per month should be fixed as a reasonable charge for supervision for the subject well; that the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charge attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating the subject well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.

(15) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason should be placed in escrow to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That all mineral interests, whatever they may be, in the Morrow formation underlying Section 8, Township 21 South, Range 24 East, NMPM, North Indian Hills-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, are hereby pooled to form a 640-acre gas proration unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled 1650 feet from the South line and 1750 feet from the East line of said Section 8.

(2) That Corinne Grace is hereby designated the operator of the subject well and unit.

(3) That the operator shall furnish the Commission and each known working interest owner in the subject unit an itemized schedule of estimated well costs within 30 days following the date of this order.

(4) That within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him, any non-consenting working interest owner shall have the right to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production, and that any

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such owner who pays his share of estimated well costs as provided above shall remain liable for operating costs but shall not be liable for risk charges.

(5) That the operator shall furnish the Commission and each known working interest owner in the subject unit an itemized schedule of actual well costs within 30 days following completion of the well; that if no objection to the actual well costs is received by the Commission, and the Commission has not objected within 60 days following completion of the well, the actual well costs shall be the reasonable well costs; provided however, that if there is an objection to actual well costs within said 60-day period, the Commission will determine reasonable well costs after public notice and hearing.

(6) That within 30 days following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner that has paid his share of estimated costs in advance as provided above shall pay to the operator his pro rata share of the amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and shall receive from the operator his pro rata share of the amount that estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.

(7) That the operator is hereby authorized to withhold the following costs and charges from production:

- (A) The pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.
- (B) As a charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well, 30% of the pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.

(8) That the operator shall distribute said costs and charges withheld from production to the parties who advanced the well costs.

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(9) That \$100.00 per month is hereby fixed as a reasonable charge for supervision for the subject well; that the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charge attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating the subject well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.

(10) That any unsevered mineral interest shall be considered a seven-eighths (7/8) working interest and a one eighth (1/8) royalty interest for the purpose of allocating costs and charges under the terms of this order.

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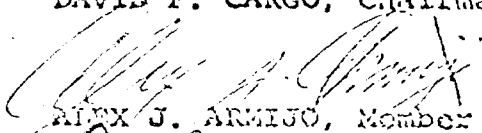
(12) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason shall be placed in escrow in Eddy County, New Mexico, to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership; that the operator shall notify the Commission of the name and address of said escrow agent within 90 days from the date of this order.

(13) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

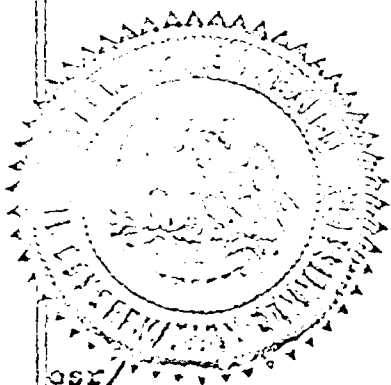
DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

  
DAVID F. CARGO, Chairman

  
ALEX J. ARMILLO, Member

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



PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF WELL COSTS \*

CORINNE GRACE NO. 1 INDIAN HILLS NW/SE Section 8, T21S, R22E, Eddy Co., N.M.

Location:		\$ 5,880.26	
Drilling - Completing:	Footage	\$ 97,344.83	
	Daywork	7,477.27	
	Special Rig	<u>4,907.16</u>	109,729.26
Casing - Cementing:			8,547.96
Special Services:			574.40
(Professional) Services:			8,674.87
Overhead - Supervision:			6,507.00
Special Equipment:			2,066.87
Mud, Chemicals, Water:			11,948.19
Trucking:			7,253.43
Logging:			4,157.88
Perforating:			2,993.13
Tangibles:	Conductor	340.18	
	Casing	34,116.57	
	Tubing	10,608.39	
	Packer	1,008.28	
	Wellhead	1,300.00	
	Flowline	<u>156.86</u>	
			<u>\$ 47,530.45</u>

\$215,973.56

\*Gas contract under negotiation, therefore production equipment not yet purchased or set and dirt work not yet completed, thus unable to report hereupon.

C D.

I hereby certify under oath that this is a  
Preliminary Statement of Well Costs as are now  
known, subject to later revision.

Corinne Grace  
Corinne Grace

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
16th day of October, 1970

Dorothy C. Harvey  
Notary Public

My commission expires:

December 8, 1972



J. O. SETH (1883-1963)

A. K. MONTGOMERY  
WM FEDERICI  
FRANK ANDREWS  
FRED C. HANNAHS  
RICHARD S. MORRIS  
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ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW

350 EAST PALACE AVENUE  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

June 27, 1969

POST OFFICE BOX 2307  
AREA CODE 505  
TELEPHONE 982-3876

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission  
State Land Office Building  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re: New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission  
Order No. R-3713; Applications of Corine  
Grace and David Fasken for Compulsory  
Pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Please be advised that Mr. David Fasken wishes to  
dismiss the application for de novo hearing pre-  
viously filed with respect to the subject order.

Very truly yours,

*Richard S. Morris*

RSM:F

cc: Mr. Jason Kellahin

*DMF*  
*file in*  
*cases 4017 and*  
*4043*

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New York  
Wm. O'Connell, Esq.,  
New York

Dear Sir,  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours truly,  
J. M. Smith

Mr. Rogers has also Dr. Ryals

See Nov. 68 she showed all names trying to  
obtain a farm out from Govt. She heard Haskins was staying  
to obtain the farm. Lawrence told her they had a disagreement with  
Haskins, could get no more of Mr. Brooks.

Coram: has a 2nd count for the 2 counts for  
Tucker and one for the 2 counts for  
State & Downing.

Dear Mr. Joseph, I am glad  
to hear from you. I am well.

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to spend on help.



DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 5 1969

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 4036: Application of Mobil Oil Corporation for a dual completion, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the dual completion (conventional) of its C. L. O'Brien Well No. 1 located in Unit A of Section 7 Township 8 South, Range 30 East, Chaves County, New Mexico, to produce oil from an undesignated Pennsylvanian oil pool and the Lightcap (Devonian) Pool through parallel strings of tubing.

CASE 3975 (Reopened):

In the matter of Case No. 3975 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-3618, which order established 80-acre spacing units for the East Bluitt-San Andres Pool, Roosevelt County, New Mexico, for a period of approximately two months. All interested parties may appear and present evidence as to whether the subject area is indeed a separate common source of supply or an extension of the Bluitt-San Andres Gas Pool.

CASE 4010: (Continued from December 27, 1968 and January 8, 1969 Examiner Hearings)

Application of John H. Trigg for a waterflood project, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project by the injection of water into the Grayburg-San Andres formations through his Empire "J" Federal Well No. 1 located in Unit P of Section 1, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, Red Lake Grayburg-San Andres Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

CASE 4037: Application of Anadarko Production Company for several waterflood projects and waterflood buffer zones, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute several waterflood projects by the injection of water into the Grayburg and San Andres formations of the Square Lake Pool by the conversion to water injection of its Etz Federal Well No. 3 and its Water Well No. 14 located, respectively, in Sections 19 and 20 of Township 16 South, Range 31 East, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant further seeks the designation of the S/2 SW/4 of said Section 19, the N/2 SE/4 of said Section 19, and the N/2 SE/4 of said Section 20 as waterflood buffer zones with capacity allowables.

CASE 4038: Application of Kennedy Oil Company for a waterflood project and waterflood buffer zone, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project by the injection of water into the Grayburg and San Andres formations of the Square Lake Pool by the conversion to water injection of its Carper Federal Well No. 2 located in Unit K of Section 19, Township 16 South, Range 31 East, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant further seeks the designation of the N/2 SW/4 of said Section 19 as a waterflood buffer zone with capacity allowable.

CASE 4039: The application of the Oil Conservation Commission upon its own motion for an order granting an exception to the ninth paragraph of Chapter II, Section 2 of Order No. R-333-F to permit shutting in gas wells for the required shut-in test at some period during the 1969 test season other than immediately following the 7-day deliverability flow test; further to permit measuring the shut-in test pressure during the 8th to 15th day of shut-in of the well rather than on the 8th day as presently required. The above exceptions would be for the 1969 annual deliverability test season only and would be applicable to all wells in San Juan, Rio Arriba, McKinley and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico, subject to the testing requirements of Chapter II of Order No. R-333-F.

CASE 4023: (Continued and readvertised from the January 15, 1969 Regular Hearing)

Application of Ernest A. Hanson for salt water disposal, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Queen formation in the perforated interval from approximately 1724 feet to 1736 feet in his Welch Federal Well No. 2 located 1650 feet from the North line and 2310 feet from the West line of Section 22, Township 19 South, Range 28 East, East Millman Queen-Grayburg Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

CASE 4040: Application of Cities Service Oil Company for the institution of gas prorationing in the Buffalo Valley-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the limitation of gas production from the Buffalo Valley-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, to reasonable market demand and to the capacity of gas transportation facilities, and that the subject pool be governed by the general rules and regulations for the prorated gas pools of Southeastern New Mexico insofar as said general rules and regulations are not inconsistent with the special rules and regulations governing the subject pool. Further, the applicant proposes that the allowable production from the pool be allocated among the wells in the pool on a 100% surface acreage basis.

CASE 4041: Application of Tamarack Petroleum Company, Inc. for salt water injection, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to inject produced salt water into the Queen formation in the perforated interval from 4953 feet to 5030 feet in its Texaco Moran Well No. 2, located in Unit H of Section 22, Township 19 South, Range 35 East, Pearl Queen Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 4042: Application of El Paso Natural Gas Company for an amendment to Order No. R-2948, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the amendment of Order No. R-2948, which order established a number of non-standard gas proration units in the Basin-Dakota Gas Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant proposes to change the acreage dedication comprising units 12 and 13 of Township 28 North, Range 6 West and Units 16 and 17 of Township 28 North, Range 7 West to comprise the following:

<u>TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST</u>		
Unit	Acres	Description
12	320	Section 33: N/2
13	330.71	Section 33: S/2

<u>TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST</u>		
Unit	Acres	Description
16	320	Section 35: N/2
17	322.40	Section 35: S/2

CASE 4017: [Continued from the January 8, 1969 Examiner Hearing]

Application of [redacted] for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Morrow formation underlying Section 8, Township 21 South, Range 24 East, North Indian Hills-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico. Said acreage to be dedicated to a well to be drilled in the SE/4 of said Section 8. Also to be considered will be the costs of drilling said well, a charge for the risk involved, a provision for the allocation of actual operating costs, and the establishment of charges for supervision of said well.

CASE 4043: Application of David Fasken for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Morrow formation underlying Section 8, Township 21 South, Range 24 East, North Indian Hills-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico. Said acreage to be dedicated to a well to be drilled 1980 feet from the North line and 2105 feet from the East line of said Section 8. Also to be considered will be the costs of drilling said well, a charge for the risk involved, a provision for the allocation of actual operating costs, and the establishment of charges for supervision of said well. Case No. 4043 will be consolidated for purposes of hearing with Case No. 4017 which is the application of Corinne Grace for compulsory pooling of the same section.

CASE 4044: Application of Continental Oil Company for a non-standard gas proration unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the consolidation of two existing non-standard gas proration units into one 481-acre unit comprising the E/2 and E/2 W/2 of Section 3, Township 20 South, Range 36 East, Eumont Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to its Reed A-3 Wells Nos. 2 and 3 located in Units H and I, respectively of said Section 3, to be effective as of January 1, 1967. Applicant further seeks authority to produce the allowable assigned to said unit from either of the aforesaid wells in any proportion.

CASE 4045: Application of H & S Oil Company for an amendment to Order No. R-3357, as amended by Order No. R-3357-A, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the amendment of Order No. R-3357, as amended by Order No. R-3357-A, which order authorized the H & S West Artesia Unit Waterflood Project. Applicant proposes to substitute the Roach Drilling Company-Leonard Well No. 18 located in Unit D of Section 17 as a water injection well in said project in lieu of the Cities Service-Mell Well No. 17 located in Unit M of Section 8, both in Township 18 South, Range 28 East, Artesia Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

CASE 4030: (Continued from the January 22, 1969 Examiner Hearing)

Application of Argus Production Company for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Seven Rivers formation in the perforated and open-hole interval from approximately 3554 feet to 3775 feet in its J. T. Lynn A-28 Well No. 3 located 2310 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the East line of Section 28, Township 23 South, Range 36 East, Jalmat Yates-Seven Rivers Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

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WILLIAM F. KEMP  
GILBERT PRUD'HOMME

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GREENWOOD 6-6116

July 28, 1972

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Case 4017*

Corinne and Michael P. Grace II  
P. O. Box 1418  
Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220

Attention: Juanita L. Jones

RE: Section 8, T-21 South,  
R-24 East, S&dy County,  
New Mexico, Indian Hills  
#1, Corinne and Michael Grace

Dear Mrs. Jones:

Regarding captioned matter, on July 3rd we wrote you requesting opinion of your counsel in support of your position that Royalty Owners should bear a prorata part of the risk factor in connection with the gas well involved in this matter. I have studied the Order of the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico and have consulted counsel. As a result of this investigation we are of the opinion that your employer, Corinne Grace and Michael P. Grace II have no lawful authority or right to withhold royalty payments from my client and use those funds to defer the cost which they have incurred in drilling the subject well. It is quite evident that the risk factor recovery is from the working interest owners prorata part of production and not from that of the royalty owners. In light of the above it is necessary that we proceed with legal action to protect the interest of Mr. Harold P. Scherz. You will be contacted by

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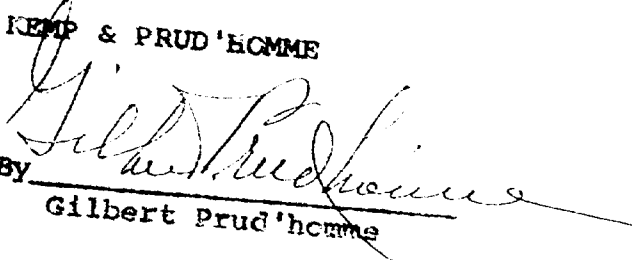
July 28, 1972

a New Mexico counsel and appropriate lien instruments will be prepared and filed.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

KEMP & PRUD'HOMME

  
By Gilbert Prud'homme

GP:mb

cc:

Mr. R. L. Medley  
Natural Gas Pipeline Co.  
of America  
Post Office Box 236  
Midland, Texas

Mr. Harold P. Scherz  
Bank of Austin  
2501 South Congress  
Austin, Texas

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission  
Legal Division  
Santa Fe  
New Mexico

Docket No. 20-69

DOCKET: REGULAR HEARING - WEDNESDAY - JULY 16, 1969

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

- ALLOWABLE: (1) Consideration of the oil allowable for August, 1969;
- (2) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for August, 1969, from fourteen prorated pools in Lea, Eddy, Chaves and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico. Consideration of the allowable production of gas from nine prorated pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico, for August, 1969.

CASE 3859: (Rehearing) Continued to the October 15, 1969, Regular Hearing

Application of Wilson Oil Company for an exception to Order No. R-3221, as amended, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an exception to Commission Order No. R-3221, as amended, which order prohibits the disposal of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil on the surface of the ground in Lea, Eddy, Chaves and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico, after January 1, 1969. Said exception would be for applicant's leases in Sections 13, 23, and 24 of Township 21 South, Range 34 East, and Sections 7 and 18 of Township 21 South, Range 35 East, Wilson Yates-Seven Rivers Pool, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks authority to continue to dispose of produced water in seven unlined surface pits located in the center of the W/2 of said Section 13, center of the W/2 SE/4 of said Section 13, SW/4 NE/4 of said Section 23, center of SW/4 of said Section 24, center of NE/4 of said Section 7, NE/4 SW/4 of said Section 7, NW/4 NW/4 of said Section 18. In the alternative, applicant seeks an extension of time in which to comply with the provisions of said order.

CASE 4017: (De Novo) Continued from the June 13, 1969, Regular Hearing

Application of Corinne Grace for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Morrow formation underlying Section 8, Township 21 South, Range 24 East, North Indian Hills-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico. Said acreage to be dedicated to a well to be drilled in the SE/4 of said Section 8. Also to be considered will be the costs of drilling said well, a charge for the risk involved, a provision for the allocation of actual operating costs, and the establishment of charges for supervision of said well. Upon application of David Fasken, this case will be heard De Novo under the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 4043: (De Novo) Continued from the June 13, 1969, Regular Hearing

Application of David Fasken for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Morrow formation underlying Section 8, Township 21 South, Range 24 East, North Indian Hills-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico. Said acreage to be dedicated to a well to be drilled 1980 feet from the North line and 2105 feet from the East line of said Section 8. Also to be considered will be the costs of drilling said well, a charge for the risk involved, a provision for the allocation of actual operating costs, and the establishment of charges for supervision of said well. Upon application of David Fasken, this case will be heard De Novo under the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 4171: Southeast nomenclature case calling for an order for the creation, extension, and contraction of certain pools in Lea, Eddy, Roosevelt and Chaves Counties, New Mexico; and for the assignment of certain discovery allowable.

(a) Create a new pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for Queen production and designated as the Double L-Queen Pool. The discovery well is Dalport Oil Corp., Spurck State No. 2 located in Unit H of Section 36, Township 14 South, Range 29 East, NMPM. Said pool described as:

TOWNSHIP 14 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 36: SE/4 NE/4

(b) Create a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for Wolfcamp production and designated as the East Morton-Wolfcamp Pool. The discovery well is Union Oil Co. of California, Owens No. 1 located in Unit G of Section 34, Township 14 South, Range 35 East, NMPM. Said pool described as:

TOWNSHIP 14 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 34: NE/4

(c) Extend the Arkansas Junction-San Andres Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 12: NE/4

(d) Extend the East Bagley-Pennsylvanian Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 31: SE/4

TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 5: NW/4  
SECTION 6: NE/4

(e) Extend the North Bagley-Lower Pennsylvanian Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 8: NW/4

(f) Extend the Bar U-Pennsylvanian Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 12: NW/4

(g) Extend the East Bluitt-San Andres Pool, Roosevelt County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 38 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 19: NW/4

(h) Extend the Cerca-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 14 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 9: NW/4

(i) Extend the Eagle Creek-San Andres Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 23: NW/4 SE/4

(j) Extend the West Henshaw-Grayburg Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 18: SE/4 SW/4

(k) Extend the Inbe Permo-Pennsylvanian Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 28: NE/4

(l) Extend the East Lovington-Pennsylvanian Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 16: SW/4  
SECTION 21: NW/4

(m) Extend the North Mescalero-Cisco Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 10: SE/4

(n) Extend the Shugart Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 25: W/2 NE/4

(o) Extend the Springs-Upper Pennsylvanian Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 2: LOTS 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13 and 14

(p) Extend the Sulimar-Queen Pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 24: W/2 & SE/4

(q) Contract the horizontal limits of the Monument Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, by the deletion of the following described area:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 19: N/2 NW/4  
SECTION 20: N/2 N/2  
SECTION 21: N/2 NW/4

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(r) Extend the Eunice Pool in Lea County, New Mexico,  
to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM

SECTION 19: N/2 NW/4

SECTION 20: N/2 N/2

SECTION 21: N/2 NW/4

(s) Consider the assignment of approximately 23,560  
barrels of oil discovery allowable to the discovery  
well for the previously designated Lusk Delaware Pool  
in Lea County, the Pan American Petroleum Corporation  
Plains Unit Federal Well No. 7, located in Unit D of  
Section 33, Township 19 South, Range 32 East.

(t) The proposed consolidation of the Wantz-Abo Pool  
and the Drinkard Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, continued  
to the July 16, 1969, hearing from May will be dismissed.

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 2088  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

June 11, 1969

Mr. Richard S. Morris  
Attorney at Law  
P. O. Box 2307  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

DOCKET MAILED

Date 7-3-69

Mr. Jason W. Kellahin  
Attorney at Law  
P. O. Box 1769  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Cases Nos. 4017 and 4043 - Applications  
of Corinne Grace and David Fasken for  
compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New  
Mexico

Gentlemen:

The Commission at its Regular Hearing June 13, 1969,  
will continue the above-described cases to the Regular  
Hearing to be held July 16, 1969, in Morgan Hall, State  
Land Office Building, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Very truly yours,

A. L. PORTER, Jr.  
Secretary-Director

ALP/GMB/esr

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 2088

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

October 7, 1970

Mr. Charles P. Miller  
Miller Engineering and Geological Co.  
P. O. Box 417  
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

Dear Mr. Miller:

Reference is made to your letter of October 6, 1970, advising as to sequence of events during the completion of the Corinne Grace Indian Hills Well No. 1 located in Section 8, Township 21 South, Range 24 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Inasmuch as Order No. R-3713, pursuant to which the subject well was drilled, provides that the operator shall furnish the Commission and each known working interest owner in the unit an itemized schedule of actual well costs within 30 days following completion of the well, you wish a determination by the Commission as to "date of completion" for the subject well.

The Commission hereby determines that September 17, 1970, date of the four-point flow test of the well, to be date of completion for purposes of Order No. R-3713.

Very truly yours,

A. L. PORTER, Jr.  
Secretary-Director

ALP/DSN/esr

cc: Corinne Grace  
P. O. Box 2062  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

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OFFICE PHONE EX 3-2961  
RES. PHONE EX 3-2062

905 NORTH DALMONT

MILLER ENGINEERING & GEOLOGICAL CO.

POST OFFICE BOX 417  
ZIP CODE 88240  
HOBBS, NEW MEXICO

October 6, 1970.

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission  
Post Office Box 871  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re: Completion Date  
#1 Indian Hills  
Corinne Grace  
Sec. 8-21S-24E

Dear Sir:


Attn: Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr.

This letter confirms our telephone conversation of October 5, 1970 relative the above captioned subject matter.

Pay string in this test was perforated September 5, 1970 but, because the flow which resulted did not clear up readily, the Swab unit was retained at the well site to be available in case the hole should load up and cause the flow to die.

Inasmuch as analysis of a sample did not indicate formation water, it was decided to flow-test for a period of time to determine if the percentage of water would decrease. Results of this test proved negative so on September 17th and 18th we ran four-point tests to determine the Absolute calculated open flow capacity. Upon completion of these tests the well was shut in to await a pipeline connection. In lieu of these facts you have stated that September 17, 1970 is to be considered as completion date.  
cpm.

Yours very truly,

  
Charles P. Miller

cc:

Mrs. Corinne Grace  
P. O. Box 2062  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

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Case 4017*

P.O. Box 1416  
Midland, Texas  
April 14, 1969

In Re: NMOCC Order No. R-3713  
Indian Hills Morrow Gas Pool  
- Section 8, T21S, R24E  
Eddy County, New Mexico

Mr. David Fasken  
608 First National Bank Building  
Midland, Texas 79701

Attn: Mr. Richard S. Brooks, Manager.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions set forth in the above captioned directive please find enclosed an itemized cost estimate on the Corinne Grace No. 1 Indian Hills well which will be drilled at the previously announced location in NW/SE Section 8, T21S, R24E.

As you are probably aware, there are several items in the estimate which can increase substantially with bad hole conditions from one location to another. These conditions have been taken into consideration, however, and the costs shown are neither optimistic nor are they pessimistic.

Should you have any questions or desire additional information regarding the enclosed, you may direct inquiries to the above address or to Mr. N. D. McIntyre, 1220 Vaughn Building, Midland, Texas.

Thanking you in advance for your expeditious handling of this matter, I am,

Yours very truly,

*Corinne Grace*

(Mrs.) Corinne Grace

Copies: NMOCC  
Shell Oil Company  
Marathon Oil Company  
Jason Kelliher  
File

COST ESTIMATE  
Corinne Grace  
No. 1 Indian Hills  
NW/SE Section 8, T21S, R24E  
Eddy County, New Mexico

DRILLING

	<u>COMPLETED</u>	<u>DRY HOLE</u>
Footage 10,400 ft. @ \$9.00/ft.	\$93,600.00	\$93,600.00
Day Work:		
6 days circulating & drillstem testing	7,500.00	7,500.00
1½ days circulating & logging	1,875.00	1,875.00
2 days circulating, running pipe & cement.	2,500.00	-----
1 day plugging	-----	1,250.00
Location & Surface Damages		
Pits & Pad	1,250.00	1,000.00
Prepare Location & Roads		
Location & Pits	3,000.00	3,000.00
Tank Battery Pad	750.00	-----
Clean location & pits	750.00	750.00
Trucking	1,000.00	1,000.00
Mud, Chemicals & water	9,500.00	9,500.00
Special Services:		
Drillstem tests, (4 @ \$650.00)	2,600.00	2,600.00
Electric logs	3,500.00	3,500.00
Mud logging unit (20 days @ \$140.00)	2,800.00	2,800.00
Pulling unit (36 hrs @ \$30.00)	1,080.00	-----
Roustabout crews (3 days @ \$300.00)	900.00	-----
Cement & Cement Services		
Intermediate	2,500.00	2,500.00
Oil String	1,850.00	-----
Float Equipment	500.00	250.00
Perforate & Treat		
Correlation logs & perforating	1,000.00	-----
Treating (40,000 gal brine/40,000# sand)	7,000.00	-----
Supervision & Overhead		
Geological	2,000.00	2,000.00
Engineering	2,000.00	1,500.00
Miscellaneous Expense	750.00	750.00
	<u>750.00</u>	<u>750.00</u>
TOTAL DRILLING EXPENSE.....	\$150,205.00	\$133,375.00

EQUIPMENT

Casing:		
3200 ft. 8 5/8" 32# @ \$3.34/ft.	\$10,688.00	10,688.00
9400 ft. 4 1/2" 10.5# @ \$1.26/ft.	11,844.00	-----
1000 ft. 4 1/2 " 11.6# @ \$1.46/ft.	1,460.00	-----
Tubing:		
10,000 ft. 2 3/8" 4.7# @ \$.66/ft.	6,600.00	-----
Wellhead Xmas Tree Equipment	5,000.00	-----
Production Packer & downhole equipt.	500.00	-----
Tank Battery & Surface Equipment	2,750.00	-----
	<u>338,842.00</u>	<u>310,688.00</u>
TOTAL WELL COST.....	\$189,047.00	\$144,063.00

PREPARED BY:

A. M. McIntyre

ACCEPTED BY:

Corinne Grace

ON THIS 21 DAY OF  
April, 1969.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE LAND OFFICE  
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION  
FILED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR  
THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASES NOS. 4017 AND 4043  
Order No. R-3713

CONSOLIDATED CASES:

APPLICATION OF CORINNA GRACE FOR  
COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY,  
NEW MEXICO;

APPLICATION OF DAVID PASION FOR  
COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY,  
NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on February 5, 1960,  
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 25th day of March, 1960, 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 Corinna Grace filed an application with the Commis-  
sion December 12, 1959, asking an order pooling all mineral  
interests in the Morrow Ranch, underlying Section 8, Township  
14 North, Range 12 East, North Fork Indian Hills-Morrow Gun  
Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(3) That the application was called on for hearing on  
February 5, 1960, and was heard by the Commission on the request of the  
said applicant, on February 5, 1960.

(4) That David Fasken filed an application with the Commission January 10, 1969, seeking an order pooling all mineral interests in the Morrow formation underlying said Section 8.

(5) That Corinne Grace has the right to drill and proposes to drill a well 1650 feet from the South line and 1750 feet from the East line of said Section 8.

(6) That David Fasken has the right to drill and proposes to drill a well 1980 feet from the North line and 2105 feet from the East line of said Section 8.

(7) That both applicants seek to be designated as the operator of the unit to be pooled.

(8) That the aforesaid applicants have not agreed to pool their interests.

(9) That to avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, to protect correlative rights, to prevent waste, and to afford to the owner of each interest in said unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense his just and fair share of the gas in said pool, all mineral interests, whatever they may be, in the Morrow formation underlying said Section 8 should be pooled to form a 640-acre unit, that the well for said unit should be drilled at the proposed location 1650 feet from the South line and 1750 feet from the East line of said Section 8, and that Corinne Grace should be designated the operator of the subject well and unit.

(10) That any non-consenting working interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production.

(11) That any non-consenting working interest owner that does not pay his share of estimated well costs should have withheld from production his share of the reasonable well costs plus an additional 30% thereof as a reasonable charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well.

(12) That any non-consenting interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to object to the actual well costs but that said actual well costs should be adopted as the reasonable well costs in the absence of such objection.

(13) That following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner that has paid his share of estimated costs should pay to the operator any amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and should receive from the operator any amount that paid estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.

(14) That \$100.00 per month should be fixed as a reasonable charge for supervision for the subject well; that the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charge attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating the subject well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.

(15) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason should be placed in escrow to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That all mineral interests, whatever they may be, in the Morrow formation underlying Section 8, Township 21 South, Range 24 East, NMPM, North Indian Hills-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, are hereby pooled to form a 640-acre gas proration unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled 1650 feet from the South line and 1750 feet from the East line of said Section 8.

(2) That Corinne Grace is hereby designated the operator of the subject well and unit.

(3) That the operator shall furnish the Commission and each known working interest owner in the subject unit an itemized schedule of estimated well costs within 30 days following the date of this order.

(4) That within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him, any non-consenting working interest owner shall have the right to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production, and that any

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such owner who pays his share of estimated well costs as provided above shall remain liable for operating costs but shall not be liable for risk charges.

(5) That the operator shall furnish the Commission and each known working interest owner in the subject unit an itemized schedule of actual well costs within 30 days following completion of the well; that if no objection to the actual well costs is received by the Commission, and the Commission has not objected within 60 days following completion of the well, the actual well costs shall be the reasonable well costs; provided however, that if there is an objection to actual well costs within said 60-day period, the Commission will determine reasonable well costs after public notice and hearing.

(6) That within 30 days following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner that has paid his share of estimated costs in advance as provided above shall pay to the operator his pro rata share of the amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and shall receive from the operator his pro rata share of the amount that estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.

(7) That the operator is hereby authorized to withhold the following costs and charges from production:

- (A) The pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.
- (B) As a charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well, 30% of the pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.

(8) That the operator shall distribute said costs and charges withheld from production to the parties who advanced the well costs.

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(9) That \$100.00 per month is hereby fixed as a reasonable charge for supervision for the subject well; that the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charge attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating the subject well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.

(10) That any unsevered mineral interest shall be considered a seven-eighths (7/8) working interest and a one eighth (1/8) royalty interest for the purpose of allocating costs and charges under the terms of this order.

(11) That any well costs or charges which are to be paid out of production shall be withheld only from the working interests' share of production, and no costs or charges shall be withheld from production attributable to royalty interests.

(12) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason shall be placed in escrow in Eddy County, New Mexico, to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership; that the operator shall notify the Commission of the name and address of said escrow agent within 90 days from the date of this order.

(13) 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

DAVID F. CARGO, Chairman

ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member

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Feb. 18, 1969

Mr. A. L. Porter, Director  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission  
P. O. Box 2088  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: OCC Case No. 4017  
Corrine Grace

Dear Mr. Porter:

During the presentation of the above case some question arose as to the topography of the proposed well location. Enclosed is a certified plat prepared by John W. West Engineering Company giving elevations at intervals throughout this proposed location.

With a copy of this letter, I am forwarding a copy of the plat to Mr. Richard S. Morris as attorney for David Fasken.

Yours very truly,

*Jason W. Kellahin*

Jason W. Kellahin

JWK:ss

cc: Mr. Richard S. Morris  
with enclosure







DOCKET: REGULAR HEARING - WEDNESDAY - MAY 14, 1969

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

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- ALLOWABLE: (1) Consideration of the oil allowable for June, 1969;
- (2) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for June, 1969, from fourteen prorated pools in Lea, Eddy, Roosevelt and Chaves Counties, New Mexico; also presentation of purchaser's nominations for said pools for the six-month period beginning July 1, 1969; consideration of the allowable production of gas from nine prorated pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico, for June, 1969.

CASE 4057: (De Novo)

Application of Charles B. Read for special pool rules, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the promulgation of special rules for the Quail-Queen Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, including a provision for 80-acre spacing and proration units. Upon application of said Charles B. Read, this case will be heard De Novo under the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 4017: (De Novo)

Application of Corinne Grace for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Morrow formation underlying Section 8, Township 21 South, Range 24 East, North Indian Hills-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico. Said acreage to be dedicated to a well to be drilled in the SE/4 of said Section 8. Also to be considered will be the costs of drilling said well, a charge for the risk involved, a provision for the allocation of actual operating costs, and the establishment of charges for supervision of said well. Upon application of David Fasken, this case will be heard De Novo under the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 4043: (De Novo)

Application of David Fasken for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Morrow formation underlying Section 8, Township 21 South, Range 24 East, North Indian Hills-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County,

(Case 4043 continued)

New Mexico. Said acreage to be dedicated to a well to be drilled 1980 feet from the North line and 2105 feet from the East line of said Section 8. Also to be considered will be the costs of drilling said well, a charge for the risk involved, a provision for the allocation of actual operating costs, and the establishment of charges for supervision of said well. Upon application of David Fasken, this case will be heard De Novo under the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 4130:

Southeastern nomenclature case calling for an order for the creation, extension and abolishment of certain pools in Lea, Eddy, Chaves and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico.

(a) Create a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Morrow production and designated as the Logan Draw-Morrow Gas Pool. The discovery well is Pan American Petroleum Corporation's Trigg Federal Gas Com No. 1 located in Unit F of Section 34, Township 17 South, Range 27 East, NMPM. Said pool described as:

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 34: W/2

(b) Abolish the North Indian Hills-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, described as:

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 4: All  
SECTION 5: All  
SECTION 8: All  
SECTION 9: All  
SECTION 16: All  
SECTION 17: All

(c) Extend the Indian Basin-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 4: All  
SECTION 5: All  
SECTION 8: All  
SECTION 9: All  
SECTION 16: All  
SECTION 17: All  
SECTION 20: All

(d) Abolish the Wantz-Abo Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, described as:

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 2: Lots 11, 12, 13, 14 and S/2  
SECTION 3: S/2  
SECTION 4: Lots 15 and 16 and S/2  
SECTIONS 10 and 11: All  
SECTION 12: W/2  
SECTION 13: NE/4 and W/2  
SECTIONS 14 and 15: All  
SECTION 16: SE/4  
SECTION 21: NE/4 and S/2  
SECTIONS 22, 23, and 24: All  
SECTION 25: NW/4  
SECTIONS 26, 27 and 28: All  
SECTION 29: E/2 NE/4  
SECTION 33: All  
SECTION 35: W/2 and NE/4  
SECTION 36: NW/4

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 38 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 19: N/2

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 2: All  
SECTION 4: E/2 and NW/4

(e) Extend the vertical limits of the Drinkard Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include the Abo formation and redesignate said pool as Drinkard Drinkard-Abo Pool. Also extend the horizontal limits of said Drinkard Drinkard-Abo Pool to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 1: S/2  
SECTION 4: Lots 13, 15 and 16  
SECTION 12: SW/4  
SECTION 24: E/2  
SECTION 25: E/2

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 38 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 6: SW/4  
SECTION 18: NW/4  
SECTION 19: N/2

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 38 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 6: SE/4

(f) Extend the Middle Allison-Pennsylvanian Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 1: NW/4

(g) Extend the North Bagley-Lower Pennsylvanian Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 19: NE/4  
SECTION 31: N/2

(h) Extend the North Bagley-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 19: SE/4  
SECTION 20: S/2  
SECTION 21: S/2

(i) Extend the Mid Bell Lake-Devonian Gas Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 19: SW/4

(j) Extend the Cerca-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 14 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 5: SE/4

(k) Extend the South Eunice Seven Rivers-Queen Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 11: N/2

(l) Extend the Inbe Permo-Pennsylvanian Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 8: NE/4



(m) Extend the South McCormack-Silurian Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 16: SE/4

(n) Extend the Osudo-Atoka Gas Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 25: NW/4

(o) Extend the West Sawyer-San Andres Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 33: NW/4 and NW/4 SW/4

(p) Extend the Siete-San Andres Pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 20: SE/4  
SECTION 29: NE/4

(q) Extend the Todd-Lower San Andres Pool in Roosevelt County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 32: NE/4

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

CONSOLIDATED CASES: APPLICATION )  
OF CORINNE GRACE FOR COMPULSORY ) Cases Nos. 4017 and  
POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO; ) 4043  
APPLICATION OF DAVID FASKEN FOR )  
COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, )  
NEW MEXICO. )

APPLICATION OF DAVID FASKEN FOR HEARING DE NOVO

Comes now David Fasken, by his attorneys, and states:

1. By Application filed in Case No. 4043, David Fasken seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Morrow formation underlying Section 8, Township 21 South, Range 24 East, NMPM, North Indian Hills-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico. Mr. Fasken's original Application in Case No. 4043 is incorporated into this Application by reference.

2. By his Application in Cause No. 4043, David Fasken seeks to be designated the operator of the pooled unit for the purpose of drilling, completing and operating a well in the Morrow formation at a location 1980 feet from the North line and 2105 feet from the East line of said Section 8.

3. On February 5, 1969, the Application of David Fasken in Case No. 4043 was consolidated with the Application of Corinne Grace in Case No. 4017 and the consolidated cases were heard before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

4. On March 25, 1969, the Commission rendered its decision in Consolidated Cases Nos. 4017 and 4043 and entered its Order No. R-3713, which approved the Application of Corinne Grace in Case No. 4017 and denied the Application of David Fasken in Case No. 4043.

5. David Fasken is a party adversely affected by the Commission's decision in Cases Nos. 4017 and 4043, Order No.

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R-3713, and hereby applies to the Commission to have the Applications in Cases Nos. 4017 and 4043 heard de novo before the Commission pursuant to Section 65-3-11.1 NMSA.

6. David Fasken is the operator of the N/2 and the SW/4 of said Section 8 and therefore controls 480 of the 640 acres within the unit to be pooled. Accordingly, David Fasken will be required to pay either directly or out of production attributable to his interest 3/4 of the cost of any well drilled on the pooled unit.

7. David Fasken is the operator of 5 wells producing from the Morrow formation in Sections that directly or diagonally offset the said Section 8 and is completely familiar with the special problems of drilling, completing and operating wells in this pool. On the other hand, Corinne Grace, the applicant in Case No. 4017, has no interest in any well in this pool and is not familiar with the problems of drilling, completing and operating wells in this pool. Accordingly, applicant should be designated by the Commission as the operator of the pooled unit.

WHEREFORE, David Fasken requests that the Commission vacate its Order No. R-3713 and set the Applications in Cases Nos. 4017 and 4043 for hearing de novo before the Commission.

MONTGOMERY, FEDERICI, ANDREWS,  
HANNAHS & MORRIS

By: Richard S. Morris  
P. O. Box 2307  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501  
Attorneys for David Fasken,  
Applicant for Compulsory Pooling  
in Case No. 4043 and Applicant  
for Hearing De Novo in Cases Nos.  
4017 and 4043

I hereby certify that I caused to be mailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing Application of David Fasken for Hearing De Novo to Jason W. Kellahin, Kellahin & Fox, attorneys for Corinne Grace, Applicant in Case No. 4017, P. O. Box 1769, Santa Fe, New Mexico, on this 23rd day of April, 1969.

Richard S. Morris

DOCKET: REGULAR HEARING - FRIDAY - JUNE 13, 1969

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

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- ALLOWABLE: (1) Consideration of the oil allowable for July, 1969;
- (2) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for July, 1969, from fourteen prorated pools in Lea, Eddy, Roosevelt and Chaves Counties, New Mexico. Consideration of the allowable production of gas from nine prorated pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico, for July, 1969; also presentation of purchaser's nominations for the six-month period beginning August 1, 1969, for that area.

CASE 4017:

(De Novo) (Continued from the May 14, 1969 Regular Hearing)  
Application of Corinne Grace for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Morrow formation underlying Section 8, Township 21 South, Range 24 East, North Indian Hills-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico. Said acreage to be dedicated to a well to be drilled in the SE/4 of said Section 8. Also to be considered will be the costs of drilling said well, a charge for the risk involved, a provision for the allocation of actual operating costs, and the establishment of charges for supervision of said well. Upon application of David Fasken, this case will be heard De Novo under the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 4043:

(De Novo) (Continued from the May 14, 1969, Regular Hearing)  
Application of David Fasken for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Morrow formation underlying Section 8, Township 21 South, Range 24 East, North Indian Hills-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico. Said acreage to be dedicated to a well to be drilled 1980 feet from the North line and 2105 feet from the East line of said Section 8. Also to be considered will be the costs of drilling said well, a charge for the risk involved, a provision for the allocation of actual operating costs, and the establishment of charges for supervision of said well. Upon application of David Fasken, this case will be heard De Novo under the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 4088: (De Novo)

Application of Paul M. Mershon, Jr., for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the upper Pennsylvanian formation underlying Section 21, Township 22 South, Range 23 East, Eddy County, New Mexico. Said acreage well location 990 feet from the North and East lines of said Section 21, and within one mile of the Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Gas Pool. Also to be considered will be the costs of drilling said well, a charge for the risk involved, a provision for the allocation of actual operating costs, and the establishment of charges for supervision of said well. Upon application of Marathon Oil Company, this case will be heard De Novo under the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 4089: (De Novo)

Application of Paul M. Mershon, Jr. for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an exception to the special rules and regulations governing the Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Gas Pool to permit the drilling of a well at an unorthodox gas well location 990 feet from the North and East lines of Section 21, Township 22 South, Range 23 East, Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico. Upon the applications of Hanagan Petroleum Corporation, Robert N. Enfield, and Marathon Oil Company, this case will be heard De Novo under the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 4150:

Southeastern nomenclature case calling for an order for the creation and extension of certain pools in Lea and Chaves Counties, New Mexico.

(a) Create a new pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for Mississippi production and designated as the Lone-Mississippi Pool. The discovery well is B.W.P., Inc., General American Federal No. 1 located in Unit E of Section 7, Township 7 South, Range 31 East, NMPM. Said pool described as:

TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 7: NW/4

(b) Extend the vertical limits of the North Baum-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include all of the "Bough" zones (entire Cisco formation of the Pennsylvanian) in the interval from 9590 feet to 9979 feet on the log of the Pan American Petroleum Corporation State DL Well No. 1 located in Unit L of Section 13, Township 13 South, Range 32 East, NMPM.

CASE 4088: (De Novo)

Application of Paul M. Mershon, Jr., for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Upper Pennsylvanian formation underlying Section 21, Township 22 South, Range 23 East, Eddy County, New Mexico. Said acreage to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at an unorthodox gas well location 990 feet from the North and East lines of said Section 21, and within one mile of the Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Gas Pool. Also to be considered will be the costs of drilling said well, a charge for the risk involved, a provision for the allocation of actual operating costs, and the establishment of charges for supervision of said well. Upon application of Marathon Oil Company, this case will be heard De Novo under the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 4089: (De Novo)

Application of Paul M. Mershon, Jr. for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an exception to the special rules and regulations governing the Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Gas Pool to permit the drilling of a well at an unorthodox gas well location 990 feet from the North and East lines of Section 21, Township 22 South, Range 23 East, Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico. Upon the applications of Hanagan Petroleum Corporation, Robert N. Enfield, and Marathon Oil Company, this case will be heard De Novo under the provisions of Rule 1220.

CASE 4150: Southeastern nomenclature case calling for an order for the creation and extension of certain pools in Lea and Chaves Counties, New Mexico.

(a) Create a new pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for Mississippian production and designated as the Lone-Mississippian Pool. The discovery well is B.W.P., Inc., General American Federal No. 1 located in Unit E of Section 7, Township 7 South, Range 31 East, NMPM. Said pool described as:

TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 7: NW/4

(b) Extend the vertical limits of the North Baum-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include all of the "Bough" zones (entire Cisco formation of the Pennsylvanian) in the interval from 9590 feet to 9979 feet on the log of the Pan American Petroleum Corporation State DL Well No. 1 located in Unit L of Section 13, Township 13 South, Range 32 East, NMPM.

(Case 4150 continued)

(c) Extend the Baum-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 32: SE/4

TOWNSHIP 14 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 4: NW/4

(d) Extend the North Baum-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 24: E/2  
SECTION 25: N/2  
SECTION 26: NE/4

(e) Extend the Fowler-Devonian Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 10: E/2 SW/4

(f) Extend the Hobbs-Blaine Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 38 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 32: NE/4

(g) Extend the Justis-Blaine Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 25 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 23: SW/4

(h) Extend the North Paduca-Delaware Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 33: SE/4

TOWNSHIP 25 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 4: NE/4

(i) Extend the West RangerLake-Devonian Gas Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 34: S/2

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(j) Extend the Scharb-Bone Springs Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 7: SE/4

(k) Extend the Vada-Pennsylvanian Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 25: SW/4

TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 15: SE/4

TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, NMPM  
SECTION 8: SW/4

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THE FOLLOWING CASE WILL BE HEARD BEFORE THE COMMISSION OR  
DANIEL S. NUTTER, EXAMINER

CASE 4136: (Continued and Readvertised)

Application of Mallard Petroleum, 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 Lower Seven Rivers formation below the estimated oil-water contact at 20 feet subsea in its Milner Federal Well No. 4, located in Unit C of Section 35, Township 20 South, Range 34 East, Lynch Pool, Lea County, New Mexico. Said well would be deepened to approximately 3850 feet, and disposal made into selected porous intervals below said oil-water contact through perforations in the liner.



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*File  
Case 4017*

P.O. Box 1416  
Midland, Texas  
April 14, 1969

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In Re: NMOCC Order No. R-3713  
Indian Hills Morrow Gas Pool  
Section 8, T21S, R24E  
Eddy County, New Mexico

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. David Fasken  
608 First National Bank Building  
Midland, Texas 79701  
Attn: Mr. Richard S. Brooks, Manager.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions set forth in the above captioned directive please find enclosed an itemized cost estimate on the Corinne Grace No. 1 Indian Hills well which will be drilled at the previously announced location in NW/SE Section 8, T21S, R24E.

As you are probably aware, there are several items in the estimate which can increase substantially with bad hole conditions from one location to another. These conditions have been taken into consideration, however, and the costs shown are neither optimistic nor are they pessimistic.

Should you have any questions or desire additional information regarding the enclosed, you may direct inquiries to the above address or to Mr. N. D. McIntyre, 1220 Vaughn Building, Midland, Texas.

Thanking you in advance for your expeditious handling of this matter, I am,

Yours very truly,

*Corinne Grace*

(Mrs.) Corinne Grace

Copies: NMOCC  
Shell Oil Company  
Marathon Oil Company  
Jason Kelliher  
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COST ESTIMATE  
Corinne Grace  
No. 1 Indian Hills  
NW/SE Section 8, T21S, R24E  
Eddy County, New Mexico

DRILLING

	COMPLETED	DRY HOLE
Footage 10,400 ft. @ \$9.00/ft.	\$93,600.00	\$93,600.00
Day Work:		
6 days circulating & drillstem testing	7,500.00	7,500.00
1½ days circulating & logging	1,875.00	1,875.00
2 days circulating, running pipe & cement.	2,500.00	-----
1 day plugging	-----	1,250.00
Location & Surface Damages		
Pits & Pad	1,250.00	1,000.00
Prepare Location & Roads		
Location & Pits	3,000.00	3,000.00
Tank Battery Pad	750.00	-----
Clean location & pits	750.00	750.00
Trucking	1,000.00	1,000.00
Mud, Chemicals & water	9,500.00	9,500.00
Special Services:		
Drillstem tests, (4 @ \$650.00)	2,600.00	2,600.00
Electric logs	3,500.00	3,500.00
Mud logging unit (20 days @ \$140.00)	2,800.00	2,800.00
Pulling unit (36 hrs @ \$30.00)	1,080.00	-----
Roustabout crews (3 days @ \$300.00)	900.00	-----
Cement & Cement Services		
Intermediate	2,500.00	2,500.00
Oil String	1,850.00	-----
Float Equipment	500.00	250.00
Perforate & Treat		
Correlation logs & perforating	1,000.00	-----
Treating (40,000 gal brine/40,000# sand)	7,000.00	-----
Supervision & Overhead		
Geological	2,000.00	2,000.00
Engineering	2,000.00	1,500.00
Miscellaneous Expense	750.00	750.00
TOTAL DRILLING EXPENSE.....	\$150,205.00	\$133,375.00

EQUIPMENT

Casing:		
3200 ft. 8 5/8" 32# @ \$3.34/ft.	\$10,688.00	10,688.00
9400 ft. 4 1/2" 10.5# @ \$1.26/ft.	11,844.00	-----
1000 ft. 4 1/2 " 11.6# @ \$1.43/ft.	1,460.00	-----
Tubing:		
10,000 ft. 2 3/8" 4.7# @ \$.66/ft.	6,600.00	-----
Wellhead Xmas Tree Equipment	5,000.00	-----
Production Packer & downhole equipt.	500.00	-----
Tank Battery & Surface Equipment	2,750.00	-----
	<u>\$38,842.00</u>	<u>\$10,688.00</u>
TOTAL WELL COST.....	\$199,047.00	\$144,063.00

PREPARED BY: J. M. Minter

ACCEPTED BY: Corinne Grace  
ON THIS 21 DAY OF  
April, 1969.

PH. EXPRESS 3-8711

DEWIE B. LEACH  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
205 NORTH LINAM STREET  
HOBBS, NEW MEXICO 88240

P. O. Box 156

September 23, 1970

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission  
P. O. 2088  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

ATTENTION: O. L. Porter

RE: Corine Grace  
Indian Hill  
Unit #1  
Eddy County,  
New Mexico

*file*  
*Case*  
*4017*

Dear Mr. Porter:

My client, B & E, a common carrier within New Mexico, performed services by the hauling of water to the above captioned well, which is located 1650 feet from South line 1750 feet from East line of section 8 Township 21S, Range 24 East of Eddy County, New Mexico.

The total charges for the services was \$15,142.84. This service was rendered between July 7 and September 16, 1970. One payment was received on August 24 in the sum of \$2,818.64, leaving a balance of \$12,324.20. Within this total sum, \$728.00 was rendered to the City of Carlsbad Well #1 in section 25, Township 22S, Range 26E, being 660 feet from South and 980 feet East in Section 25.

I understand there was a forced pooling with Shell and Marathon on this Indian Hill Unit. Demands have been made for payment but has not been received. I felt that the Commission should be aware of this matter because I understand this is on state land and the forced pooling was granted to the Graces.

Yours very truly,

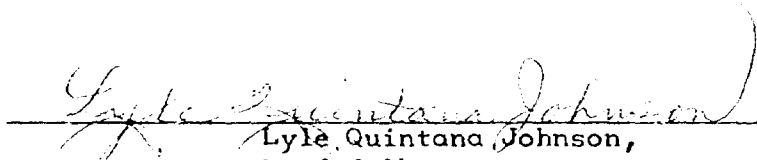
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DEWIE B. LEACH

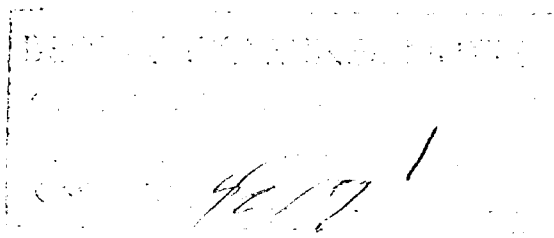
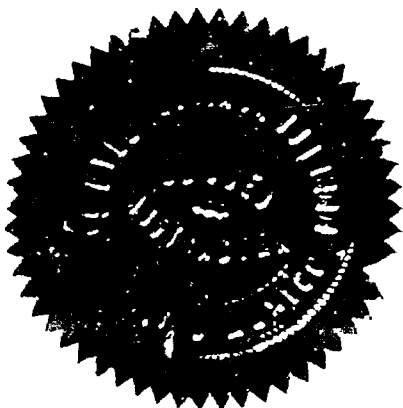
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cc. N. M. Oil Con. Comm.  
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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Lyle Quintana Johnson, Abstracter, bonded and insured as required by laws of the State of New Mexico, and with my office located in Room 137 of the State Land Office Building, do hereby certify that I handle and keep records of the various leaseholds belonging to Michael P. Grace and Corinne Grace, his wife; and state that they hold some ninety oil and gas leases, more or less, issued by the State of New Mexico, covering approximately 39,000.00 acres of land, nineteen of which were purchased last year in the southeastern part of New Mexico, at a cost of approximately \$202,000.00; and three of which were purchased at this year's January sale, at a cost of approximately \$24,000.00; and that in addition to these they hold some sixty Federal oil and gas leases, covering approximately 56,000.00 acres of land, situated in New Mexico; as well as about nine Indian leases issued for oil and gas mining purposes, covering some 5,738 acres of land, more or less, all located within the State of New Mexico.

DATED at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 4th day of February, 1969, at 5:00 o'clock p.m.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Lyle Quintana Johnson,  
Bonded Abstracter



NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

Form C-102  
Supersedes C-128  
Effective 1-1-65

All distances must be from the outer boundaries of the Section

Operator <b>Corinne</b> <del>XXXXXXXX GRACE</del>		Lease <b>Indian Hills</b> <del>XXXXXXXX</del>		Well No. <b>1</b>
Unit Letter <b>J</b>	Section <b>8</b>	Township <b>21 SOUTH</b>	Range <b>24 EAST</b>	County <b>EDDY</b>
Actual Footage Location of Well:				
<b>1650'</b> feet from the <b>SOUTH</b> line and		<b>1750'</b> feet from the <b>EAST</b> line		
Ground Level Elev. <b>4100.8</b>	Producing Formation <b>Morrow</b>	Pool <b>Undes. North Indian Hills</b>	Dedicated Acreage: <b>160</b> Acres	

1. Outline the acreage dedicated to the subject well by colored pencil or hatchure marks on the plat below.

2. If more than one lease is dedicated to the well, outline each and identify the ownership thereof (both as to working interest and royalty).

3. If more than one lease of different ownership is dedicated to the well, have the interests of all owners been consolidated by communitization, unitization, force-pooling, etc?

☐ Yes ☐ No If answer is "yes," type of consolidation \_\_\_\_\_

If answer is "no," list the owners and tract descriptions which have actually been consolidated. (Use reverse side of this form if necessary.) \_\_\_\_\_

No allowable will be assigned to the well until all interests have been consolidated (by communitization, unitization, forced-pooling, or otherwise) or until a non-standard unit, eliminating such interests, has been approved by the Commission.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name  
*Wilma Heller*

Position  
**Agent**

Company  
**Corinne Grace**

Date  
**December 16, 1968**

I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date Surveyed  
**DECEMBER 11, 1968**

Registered Professional Engineer and/or Land Surveyor  
*John W. West*

Certificate No. **676**

BEFORE EXAMINATION

401.7

421.2

**O. DOYLE BUTLER**

*Consulting Petroleum Engineer*  
408 N. MARIENFELD, RM. 103  
MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701

**BLACKROCK OIL COMPANY**

*Property Management*  
AREA CODE 915  
PHONE MU 4-7792

RESUME

As of January 1, 1969

**SCOPE OF OPERATION:**

Petroleum Appraisals, Property Management, Drilling and Remedial Well Completions.

**EXPERIENCE:**

O. Doyle Butler, B.S. Degree, Mechanical Engineering (Petroleum Option) from Oklahoma State University in January, 1957. Mr. Butler has a total of 12 years engineering experience. The first 5 years he worked for Texaco, Inc. in Andrews and Sundown, Texas and Hobbs, New Mexico. This time was general field work concerned with drilling, producing, automation and the installation of a pilot waterflood. The following year he worked as Assistant Operations Engineer in Texaco's Hobbs District Office. From February, 1963 through March, 1965, Mr. Butler worked overseas with Texaco affiliated companies; 4 months in Libya directing desert drilling operations and 21 months in Indonesia as Senior Production Engineer.

Upon his return from overseas, Mr. Butler worked 14 months as a completion and evaluation engineer for Adobe Oil Company, Midland, Texas. During this time he supervised the field completion work on approximately 32 wells in the Permian Basin. Adobe is a Petroleum Consulting and Property Management Company operating primarily within the Permian Basin. Their operation is quite varied and afforded an excellent introduction and background for the consulting business.

On July 23, 1966, Mr. Butler joined W. B. Nichols and formed the consulting firm of Nichols, Butler & Associates, Midland, Texas. While a partner in this firm he acquired considerable experience supervising high pressure gas drilling and completion operations in Eddy County, New Mexico. Also gas and oil well completion operations in Schleicher and Menard Counties, Texas. While with this firm he attributed a large amount of time to mineral evaluations and property management.

On June 1, 1967, Mr. Butler formed Blackrock Oil Company to operate and manage oil and gas properties in conjunction with appraisal and well completion work on a consulting basis. Currently, in addition to Blackrock's operations, Mr. Butler is the Consulting Manager for Chase Petroleum Company, Kimberly and Associates, and The Fundamental Oil Corporations' drilling and producing operations in West Texas and New Mexico.

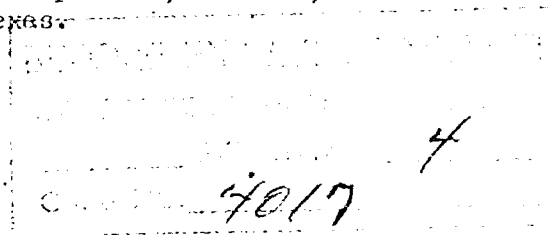
Registered Professional Engineer, State of Texas Registration No. 25243.

**INSURANCE:**

\$25,000. Workmen's Compensation, States of Texas and New Mexico.  
\$100,000. / \$300,000. / \$100,000. Public Liability.  
\$100,000. / \$300,000. / \$10,000. Automobile Public Liability.

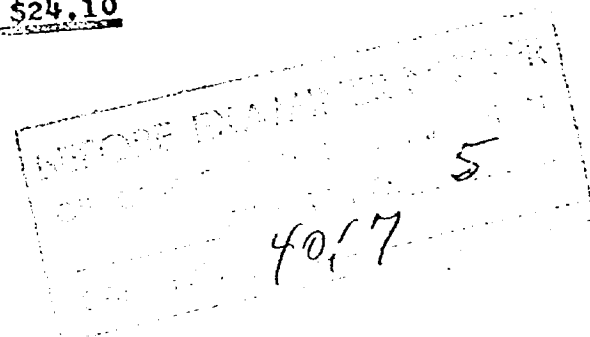
**REFERENCES:**

Floyd Meade, J. M. Huber Corporation, Midland, Texas.  
Shackelford Reeder, Realtor and Independent Oil & Gas Operator, Midland, Texas.  
I. W. (Ike) Lovelady, Adobe Oil Company, Midland, Texas.  
Midland National Bank, Midland, Texas. (Financial).



COST FIGURES FOR INDIAN BASIN-INDIAN HILLS FIELDS						
OPERATOR	Total Depth	Total Cost	How Completed	Contractor's Footage Bid	Mud Bill	Average Cost Per Foot
				\$9.55 to 7800'	N.A.	N.A.
Carper Atlantic	7690	N.A.				
* Union Oil Co.	9755	\$223,957.00	Dry Hole	\$9.40	N.A.	\$22.96
* Sun Oil Co.	9300	\$208,800.00	Dual	\$9.00	N.A.	\$22.45
* Redfern Dev. Corp.	9500	\$195,150.00	Dual	\$9.50	\$10,000 Est.	\$20.54
( Marathon N. Indian Basin #1	10,100	\$380,553.00	Dual	N.A.	\$47,420.00	\$37.68
* N. Indian Basin #2	9500	\$255,298.00	Dual	\$10.35	\$25,000 Est.	\$27.09
Penroc Oil Corp.	9560	\$210,897.25	Dual	N.A.	N.A.	\$22.06
John H. Trigg "IB"	9476	\$225,000.00	Single	N.A.	\$25,000.00	\$23.74
John H. Trigg "CJ"	7850	N.A.	Single	\$9.00	\$15,000.00	N.A.
R. Lowe #1 Indian Hills	10,212	\$343,983.70	Single	N.A.	N.A.	\$33.68
Indian Basin #1-C	9405	\$209,184.98	Single	N.A.	N.A.	\$22.24
R. N. Enfield	8945	\$165,000.00	Single	N.A.	\$25,000.00	\$19.33
( G. Hanagan 1-D	7366	\$158,627.46	Single	N.A.	\$14,000 Est.	\$21.53
* AFE (All others actual operator's costs.)						

Average Cost/ ft. (5 wells) Single Completion - \$24.10



BLACKROCK OIL COMPANY  
406 N. Marienfeld, Rm. 103  
Midland, Texas 79701

APPROPRIATION FOR EXPENDITURES (Footage Contract)

AFE No. 118

Operator: Corine Grace Date: January 30, 1969  
Lease: Federal Well No.: 1 Field: North Indian  
Location: Section 8, T-21-S, R-24-E County: Lea, N. Mex.

	Completed Well	To Casing Point	Actual
Location and Roads	\$ 1200	\$ 1200	\$
Damages	250	250	
Footage Contract: 10,000 ft. @ 9.10/foot	91,000	91,000	
Day Work: 2 days @ 1350 /day	2700	2700	
Cement and Cementing	3200	2800	
Float Equipment, Etc.	500	300	
Mud and Chemicals	9000	9000	
Testing	700	700	
Logging	1500	1500	
Water	500	250	
Trucking	800	400	
Perforating	1100	---	
Treating	7000	---	
Completion Unit	2400	---	
Labor (Includes labor to install battery)	1500	200	
Overhead and Supervision	2500	1600	
Contingencies, 5%, 2%	6300	2200	
TOTAL INTANGIBLES	\$ 132,150	\$ 114,100	\$
Surface Casing: 300 ft. @ 5.50	1650	1650	
Intermediate String: (1) ft. @ 3.22/4.02	10,650	10,650	
Well Head 11 3/4 x 8 5/8" x 4 1/2 x 2 3/8, 1500	6000	500	
Oil String: (2) ft. @ 1.66/1.97	18,000		
Tubing: 10,000 ft. @ 93¢ (All N-80)	9300		
Rods and Pump	---		
Pumping Unit	---		
Prime Mover	---		
Misc. Connections	500	150	
TOTAL WELL TANGIBLES	\$ 46,100	\$ 12,950	\$
Tanks	3000		
Treater Separator	3500		
Connections, Line Pipe, etc.	1700		
TOTAL TANK BATTERY	\$ 8200	\$ ---	\$
TOTAL COST	\$ 186,450	\$ 127,050	\$

In account with N/A, your --- % working interest share of the above estimate is \$ ---.

(1) 2550', 24# J-55 and 650', 32# J-55, 8 5/8"

(2) 5500', 11.6# J-55 and 4500', 11.6# N-80, 4 1/2"

\* Includes recent wage increase to drilling crews.

CHL CONTRACT NO. ---  
EXHIBIT NO. ---  
CASE NO. 4017

*[Signature]*  
O. DOYLE BUTLER



BLACKROCK OIL COMPANY  
406 N. Marienfeld, Rm. 103  
Midland, Texas 79701

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APPROPRIATION FOR EXPENDITURES (Turnkey Contract)

AFE No. 119

Operator: Corine Grace Date: January 30, 1969  
Lease: Federal Well No.: 1 Field: North Indian County: Lea, N. Mex.  
Location: Section 8, T-21-S, R-24-E

	Completed Well	To Casing Point	Actual
Location and Roads	\$ 1200	\$ 1200	\$
Damages	250	250	
Footage Contract: 10,000 ft. @ Turnkey/foot	131,500	131,500	
Day Work: --- days @ --- /day	TK		
Cement and Cementing	TK		
Float Equipment, Etc.	TK		
Mud and Chemicals	TK		
Testing	TK		
Logging	TK		
Water	TK		
Trucking	TK		
Perforating	1100		
Treating	7000		
Completion Unit	2400		
Labor (Includes labor to install battery)	1500	200	
Overhead and Supervision	2500	1600	
Contingencies, 2%	2950	2700	
TOTAL INTANGIBLES	\$ 150,400	\$ 137,450	\$
Surface Casing: 300 ft. @ 5.50	1650	1650	
Intermediate String: (1) ft. @ 3.22/4.02	10,650	10,650	
Well Head 11 3/4 x 8 5/8" x 4 1/2 x 2 3/8, 1500	6000	500	
Oil String: (2) ft. @ 1.66/1.97	18,000		
Tubing: 10,000 ft. @ .93¢ (All N-80)	9300		
Rods and Pump			
Pumping Unit			
Prime Mover			
Misc. Connections	500	150	
TOTAL WELL TANGIBLES	\$ 46,100	\$ 12,950	\$
Tanks	3000		
Treater Separator	3500		
Connections, Line Pipe, etc.	1700		
TOTAL TANK BATTERY	\$ 8200	\$	\$
TOTAL COST	\$ 204,700	\$ 150,400	\$

In account with N/A, your --- % working interest  
share of the above estimate is \$ ---.

- (1) 2550', 25# J-55 and 650', 32# J-55, 8 5/8"  
(2) 5500', 11.6# J-55 and 4500', 11.6# N-80, 4 1/2"  
\* Includes recent wage increase to drilling crews.

O. Doyle Butler  
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JASON W. KELLAHIN  
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Dec. 12, 1968

Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico  
P. O. Box 2088  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is the application of Corinne Grace for  
an order force pooling a standard drilling and  
proration unit in the Indian Hills-Morrow Gas Pool,  
Eddy County, New Mexico.

It is requested that this application be set for hearing  
before the Commission's examiner on the next avail-  
able hearing.

Yours very truly,

*Jason W. Kellahin*

JASON W. KELLAHIN

JWK:ss

DOCKET MAILED

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Date 1-23-69

Date 12/30/68

BEFORE THE  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO

APPLICATION OF CORINNE GRACE  
FOR AN ORDER FORCE POOLING  
SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH,  
RANGE 24 EAST, EDDY COUNTY, NEW  
MEXICO

*Doc 4011*

A P P L I C A T I O N

Comes now Corinne Grace and applies to the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico for an order force pooling all interests in and under Section 8, Township 21 South, Range 24 East, N. M. P. M., Eddy County, New Mexico, insofar as the Indian Hills-Morrow Gas Pool is concerned, and in support thereof would show the Commission:

1. Applicant is the owner of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Section 8, and has the right to drill on said tract, and proposes to drill a well for production from the Morrow formation.
2. Under the provisions of Rule 2 of Commission Order No. R-3081, special rules and regulations for the North Indian Hills-Morrow Gas Pool, a standard drilling and proration unit consists of 640 acres, comprising a governmental section.
3. Applicant is informed and believes, and therefore states the fact to be that Shell Oil Company is the owner of the mineral interest in the N $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 8, and Marathon Oil Company is the owner of the mineral interest in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of said section 8, insofar as the Morrow formation is concerned.
4. The owners of the mineral interest under the standard drilling and proration unit, consisting of Section 8, have been unable to agree to pool their interests.
5. Applicant proposes to drill a well on said unit, and in order to recover her just and equitable share of the oil and/or gas underlying her acreage, it is necessary that said Section 8 be

pooled, insofar as production from the Morrow formation, and from the North Indian Hills-Morrow Gas Pool, is concerned, and said section being located within one mile of the outer boundaries of the North Indian Hills-Morrow Gas Pool, as defined by the Commission, a standard 640-acre standard unit should be formed for such well.

WHEREFORE applicant prays that the commission set this application for hearing before the Commission or before the Commission's duly appointed examiner, and that after notice and hearing as required by law, the Commission enter its order force pooling all of the oil and gas mineral interests in and under Section 8, Township 21 South, Range 24 East, insofar as production from the Morrow formation, and from the North Indian Hills-Morrow Gas Pool, is concerned.

Applicant further prays that the Commission designate her as operator of said unit, and make suitable provision for recovery of her costs incurred in the drilling, completion, supervision and operation of said well, from any <sup>non</sup> non-consenting owners, and including a suitable risk factor for the risk involved in the drilling of a well or wells on said tract, to be recovered from any non-consenting owner's prorata share of production, together with provision for the recovery of the costs of operation of said well and supervision thereof, and such other provisions as may be proper in the premises.

Respectfully submitted,

CORINNE GRACE

By Jason W. Kellahin  
KELLAHIN & FOX  
P. O. Box 1769  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Attorneys for Applicant

DRAFT

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:

CASES NOS. 4017 AND 4043

~~CASE NO. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Order No. R- 3713

CONSOLIDATED CASES:  
APPLICATION OF CORINNE GRACE FOR  
COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY,  
NEW MEXICO;  
APPLICATION OF DAVID FASKEN FOR  
COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY,  
NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on February 5, 1969,  
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 1969, 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 Corinne Grace filed an application with the Commis-  
sion December 16, 1968, seeking an order pooling all mineral  
interests in the Morrow formation underlying Section 8, Township  
21 South, Range 24 East, NMPM, North Indian Hills-Morrow Gas  
Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(3) That the aforesaid matter came on for hearing on  
January 8, 1969, and was continued, at the request of the <sup>aforesaid</sup> appli-  
cant, to February 5, 1969.

(4) That David Fasken filed an application with the Commis-  
sion January 10, 1969, seeking an order pooling all mineral  
interests in the Morrow formation underlying said Section 8.

(5) That Corinne Grace has the right to drill and proposes to drill a well 1650 feet from the South line and 1750 feet from the East line of said Section 8.

(6) That David Fasken has the right to drill and proposes to drill a well 1980 feet from the North line and 2105 feet from the East line of said Section 8.

(7) That both applicants seek to be designated as the operator of the unit to be pooled.

(8) That the aforesaid applicants have not agreed to pool their interests.

(9) That to avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, to protect correlative rights, to prevent waste, and to afford to the owner of each interest in said unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense his just and fair share of the gas in said pool, all mineral interests, whatever they may be, in the Morrow formation underlying said Section 8 should be pooled to form a 640-acre unit, that the well for said unit should be drilled at the proposed location 1650 feet from the South line and 1750 feet from the East line of said Section 8, and that Corinne Grace should be designated the operator of the subject well and unit.

(10) That any non-consenting working interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production.

(11) That any non-consenting working interest owner that does not pay his share of estimated well costs should have withheld from production his share of the reasonable well costs plus an additional 30% thereof as a reasonable charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well.

(12) That any non-consenting interest owner should be

afforded the opportunity to object to the actual well costs but that said actual well costs should be adopted as the reasonable well costs in the absence of such objection.

(13) That following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner that has paid his share of estimated costs should pay to the operator any amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and should receive from the operator any amount that paid estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.

(14) That \$100.00 per month should be fixed as a reasonable charge for supervision for the subject well; that the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charge attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating the subject well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.

(15) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason should be placed in escrow to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That all mineral interests, whatever they may be, in the Morrow formation underlying Section 8, Township 21 South, Range 24 East, NMPM, North Indian Hills-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, are hereby pooled to form a 640-acre gas proration unit to be dedicated to a well to be drilled 1650 feet from the South line and 1750 feet from the East line of said Section 8.

(2) That Corinne Grace is hereby designated the operator of the subject well and unit.

(3) That the operator shall furnish the Commission and each known working interest owner in the subject unit an itemized

schedule of estimated well costs within 30 days following the date of this order.

(4) That within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him, any non-consenting working interest owner shall have the right to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production, and that any such owner who pays his share of estimated well costs as provided above shall remain liable for operating costs but shall not be liable for risk charges.

(5) That the operator shall furnish the Commission and each known working interest owner in the subject unit an itemized schedule of actual well costs within 30 days following completion of the well; that if no objection to the actual well costs is received by the Commission, and the Commission has not objected within 60 days following completion of the well, the actual well costs shall be the reasonable well costs; provided however, that if there is an objection to actual well costs within said 60-day period, the Commission will determine reasonable well costs after public notice and hearing.

(6) That within 30 days following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner that has paid his share of estimated costs in advance as provided above shall pay to the operator his pro rata share of the amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and shall receive from the operator his pro rata share of the amount that estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.

(7) That the operator is hereby authorized to withhold the following costs and charges from production:

(A) The pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working



interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.

- (B) As a charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well, 30 % of the pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.

(8) That the operator shall distribute said costs and charges withheld from production to the parties who advanced the well costs.

(9) That \$ 100<sup>00</sup> per month is hereby fixed as a reasonable charge for supervision for the subject well; that the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charge attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating the subject well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.

(10) That any unsevered mineral interest shall be considered a seven-eighths (7/8) working interest and a one eighth (1/8) royalty interest for the purpose of allocating costs and charges under the terms of this order.

(11) That any well costs or charges which are to be paid out of production shall be withheld only from the working interests' share of production, and no costs or charges shall be withheld from production attributable to royalty interests.

(12) That all proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason shall be placed in escrow in Eddy County, New Mexico, to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership; that the operator shall notify the Commission of the name and address of said escrow agent within 90 days from the date of this order.

(13) 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.

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GMH/esr  
July 16, 1969

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:

CASES NOS. 4017 AND 4043  
Order No. R-3713-A

CONSOLIDATED CASES:

APPLICATION OF CORINNE GRACE FOR  
COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY,  
NEW MEXICO;

APPLICATION OF DAVID FASKEN FOR  
COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY,  
NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing de novo at 9 a.m. on July 16, 1969, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of July, 1969, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony presented and the exhibits received at said 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 cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That the applicant for the hearings de novo David Fasken, has requested that ~~the~~ applications for hearings de novo in Cases Nos. 4017 and 4043 be dismissed.

(3) That the applicant's request to dismiss the applications for hearings de novo should be granted.

(4) That within <sup>15</sup> days from the date of this order, any non-consenting working interest owner in the pooled unit comprising all of Section 8, Township 21 South, Range 24 East, NMPM,

North Indian Hills-Morrow Gas Pool, now the Indian Basin-Morrow <sup>Pool</sup>, <sup>shall have the right to file his application with</sup>

his share of reasonable well costs out of production, and that any such owner who pays his share of estimated well costs as provided above shall remain liable for operating costs but shall not be liable for risk charges.

(5) That in all other respects Order No. R-3713, issued by the Commission on March 25, 1969, should be fully approved, ratified, and confirmed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applications of David Fasken for hearings de novo in Cases Nos. 4017 and 4043 are hereby dismissed.

(2) That within **20** days from the date of this order, any non-consenting working interest owner in the pooled unit comprising all of Section 8, Township 21 South, Range 24 East, NMPM, North Indian Hills-Morrow Gas Pool, now the Indian Basin-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, shall have the right to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator of said unit in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production, and that any such owner who pays his share of estimated well costs as provided above shall remain liable for operating costs but shall not be liable for risk charges.

(3) That subject to Order (2) above, Order No. R-3713, issued by the Commission on March 25, 1969, is hereby fully approved, ratified, and confirmed.

(4) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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