

CASE 5969: GETTY OIL CO. FOR AN  
EXCEPTION TO RULE 104(C), LEA  
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Case Number

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BEFORE THE  
NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Santa Fe, New Mexico  
June 22, 1977

EXAMINER HEARING

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IN THE MATTER OF: )  
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Application of Getty Oil Company for an ) CASE  
exception to Rule 104(C), Lea County, ) 5969  
New Mexico. )  
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BEFORE: Richard L. Stamets, Examiner

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

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1 MR. STAMETS: We will hear the next Case 5969 and then  
2 we will break for lunch and depending on how long the next  
3 case is, it could be one o'clock or one-fifteen, so be  
4 prepared.

5 MR. BATEMAN: Mr. Examiner, I'm Ken Bateman of White,  
6 Koch, Kelly and McCarthy representing the applicant and I  
7 have one witness to be sworn.

8 MR. STAMETS: I believe we need to call the case  
9 first.

10 MS. TESCHENDORF: Case 5969, application of Getty Oil  
11 Company for an exception to Rule 104(C), Lea County,  
12 New Mexico.

13 MR. STAMETS: Mr. Bateman has put his appearance in  
14 and we would like to have the witness stand and be sworn,  
15 please?

16 (THEREUPON, the witness was duly sworn.)

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18 O. V. STUCKEY

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

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22 DIRECT EXAMINATION

23 BY MR. BATEMAN:

24 Q Would you please state your full name, address and  
25 place of employment for the record?

1 A. O. V. Stuckey, Midland, Texas, employed by Getty  
2 Oil Company as Staff Petroleum Engineer.

3 Q. Have you previously testified before the Commission  
4 and made your qualifications a matter of record?

5 A. I have.

6 MR. BATEMAN: Are the witness' qualifications  
7 acceptable?

8 MR. STAMETS: Yes.

9 Q. (Mr. Bateman continuing.) Mr. Stuckey, would you  
10 state briefly for the record what the application requests of  
11 the Commission?

12 A. The application requests an exception to Rule 104(C)  
13 for its Mexico "L" Wells 3 and 24 to permit production of two  
14 wells closer than three hundred and thirty feet to each other  
15 in the same zone.

16 Q. What is Rule 104(C), please? That has to do with  
17 the spacing of oil wells, does it not?

18 A. It does.

19 Q. Now, would you refer to Exhibit Number one and  
20 identify the wells in question?

21 A. The Mexico "L" No. 3 is located six hundred and  
22 sixty-six feet from the north line and nineteen hundred and  
23 eighty feet from the east line of Section 5, Township 25 South,  
24 Range 38 East and Well No. 24 located seventeen hundred and  
25 eighty feet from the east line and eight hundred and sixteen

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1 feet from the north line of Section 5, same Township and Range.

2 Q Are both of those wells currently productive?

3 A Yes, the "L" 24 is in the Fusselman zone, the "L" 3  
4 is productive in the Ellenburger zone which is now virtually  
5 depleted.

6 Q You have reached the economic limit then in Well  
7 No. "L" 3 in that zone?

8 A Yes, it's latest test in April was five barrels of  
9 oil and two hundred and seventy barrels of water per day which  
10 is uneconomical at this depth.

11 Q Now, would you identify the other wells on Exhibit  
12 One and identify the zones in which they are productive?

13 A The other wells on the exhibit are productive or  
14 have been productive in the past in the Fusselman zone in this  
15 field.

16 Q Have you previously completed two wells in the  
17 Fusselman zone on the same proration unit in this area?

18 A Yes, sir.

19 Q Are those identified on this exhibit?

20 A They are identified on this exhibit.

21 Q Which are they?

22 A It's the Mexico "L" 1, 23 and the Mexico "J" 2 and  
23 23 and the Mexico "J" 4 and 7.

24 Q What do you expect to be the result then from the  
25 recompletion of Well No. "L" 24? Excuse me, the recompletion

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1 of Well No. "L" 3?

2 A. We expect a well comparable in production to the  
3 Mexico "J" No. 2 Well which is located on the forty to the  
4 north, which would be producing approximately fifty barrels  
5 per day of oil and some two to four hundred barrels of water  
6 per day.

7 Q. Do you expect that you will have increased revenue  
8 by recompleting Well No. "L" 3?

9 A. Yes, that has been our experience in the prior  
10 recompletions there?

11 Q. What effect will it have on the economic limit of  
12 that proration unit?

13 A. It will extend the economic limit by increasing the  
14 revenue per barrel of oil from these wells.

15 Q. All right, Mr. Stuckey, would you proceed then with  
16 the exhibit that has been marked Number Two and identify it?

17 A. This exhibit is a correlation of the individual logs  
18 of the two wells in question, the Mexico "L" 3 and "L" 24. You  
19 will note that on the Mexico "L" 24 the perforations are in  
20 the main portion of the Fusselman zone which has the top at  
21 approximately eighty-four hundred feet, while the proposed  
22 perforations to the Mexico "L" No. 3 you are in the Silurian  
23 section which is located at approximately eighty-three hundred  
24 feet and would be within the same Siluro-Fusselman zone as  
25 defined by the Commission as the same zone for proration

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1 purposes in there but they essentially would be producing from  
 2 different intervals.

3 Q Do you expect that you will have any interference of  
 4 production by one well against the other?

5 A We do not expect that, our experience has indicated  
 6 otherwise.

7 Q Mr. Stuckey, do you expect then that the granting of  
 8 your application will then prevent waste and protect  
 9 correlative rights?

10 A Yes, I do.

11 Q In that regard who are the offset owners in this  
 12 case?

13 A The offset owners are the same, Mexico "L" and  
 14 Mexico "J" leases.

15 Q And that is Getty?

16 A Getty is the operator.

17 Q Were Exhibits One and Two prepared by you or  
 18 under your direction?

19 A They were.

20 MR. BATEMAN: I offer Exhibits One and Two.

21 MR. STAMETS: These exhibits will be admitted.

22 (THEREUPON, Getty Exhibits One and Two  
 23 were admitted into evidence.)

24 CROSS EXAMINATION

25 BY MR. STAMETS:

1 Q Mr. Stuckey, if I understand your testimony, what  
2 you are doing in this case is not drilling a new well but  
3 simply recompleting a well which was completed in a different  
4 zone?

5 A That is correct.

6 Q And you will be completing in perforations or in a  
7 zone that is not being directly drained by the other well on  
8 this forty?

9 A That is correct.

10 MR. STAMETS: Any other questions of the witness?

11 He may be excused.

12 (THEREUPON, the witness was excused.)

13 MR. STAMETS: Anything further in this case. We will  
14 take the case under advisement and recess until one-fifteen.

15 (THEREUPON, the hearing was in recess.)  
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of Hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission  
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of the said proceedings to the best of my knowledge, skill and  
ability.

*Sidney F. Morrish*  
Sidney F. Morrish, C.S.R.

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I do hereby certify that the foregoing is  
a complete record of the proceedings in  
the Examiner hearing of Case No. 5969.  
heard by me on 6-23-77 1977  
*Richard R. Dunn* Examiner  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission



BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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

CASE NO. 5969  
Order No. R-5484

APPLICATION OF GETTY OIL COMPANY  
FOR AN EXCEPTION TO RULE 104(C),  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on June 22, 1977, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 5th day of July, 1977, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

(1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That the applicant, Getty Oil Company, is the owner and operator of the Mexico "L" Well No. 24 located 816 feet from the North line and 1780 feet from the East line of Section 5, Township 25 South, Range 38 East, Dollarhide-Fusselman Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That the applicant proposes to recomplete its Mexico "L" Well No. 3 located 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line of said Section 5 in said Dollarhide-Fusselman Pool closer than 330 feet to said Mexico "L" Well No. 24 as an exception to Rule 104(C) of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

(4) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the hydrocarbons in the Dollarhide-Fusselman Pool, will prevent waste, and will not harm correlative rights.

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(5) The application should be approved.

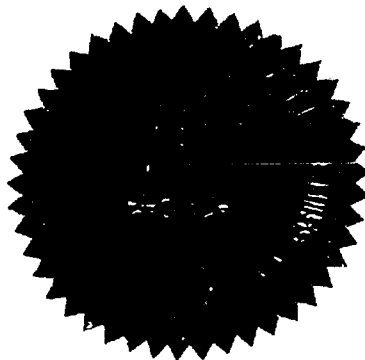
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Getty Oil Company, is hereby authorized to recompleate its Mexico "L" Well No. 3 closer than 330 feet to its Mexico "L" Well No. 24, both in Unit B of Section 5, Township 25 South, Range 38 East, Dollarhide-Fusselman Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(2) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION



PHIL R. LUCERO, Chairman

*Emery C. Arnold*  
EMERY C. ARNOLD, Member

*Joe D. Ramey*  
JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Secretary

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- CASE 5967: Application of Belco Petroleum Corporation for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Morrow formation underlying all of Section 8 and in the other Pennsylvanian formations underlying the E/2 of said Section 8, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, Cinta Roja-Morrow Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered will be the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- CASE 5968: Application of Sun Oil Company for downhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of Drinkard and Tubb production in the wellbore of its Elliott A Well No. 2 located in Unit H of Section 21, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico.
- CASE 5969: Application of Getty Oil Company for an exception to Rule 104(C), Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an exception to Rule 104(C) to permit its Mexico "L" Wells Nos. 3 and 24, located in Unit B of Section 5, Township 25 South, Range 38 East, Dollarhide-Fusselman Field, Lea County, New Mexico, to be located closer than 330 feet to each other.
- CASE 5953: (Continued from June 8, 1977, Examiner Hearing)  
Application of Rice Engineering & Operating, Inc., for amendment of Order No. R-5384, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the amendment of Order No. R-5384 to extend the injection interval in its Hobbs Salt Water Disposal Well No. 16 located in Unit P of Section 16, Township 19 South, Range 38 East, Lea County, New Mexico, to include the total open-hole section from 4176 feet to 10,008 feet.
- CASE 5954: (Continued from June 8, 1977, Examiner Hearing)  
Application of Caulkins Oil Company for downhole commingling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of Pictured Cliffs and Chacra production in the wellbore of its Breech Well No. 368 located in Unit I of Section 23, Township 26 North, Range 7 West, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.
- CASE 5956: (Continued from June 8, 1977, Examiner Hearing)  
Application of Continental Oil Company for a non-standard proration unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for a 160-acre non-standard gas proration unit comprising the E/2 NE/4, NW/4 NE/4, and NE/4 SE/4 of Section 27, Township 20 South, Range 38 East, Warren-Tubb Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to its Warren Unit Well No. 42 located in Unit I of said Section 27.
- CASE 5970: Application of Texaco Inc., for statutory unitization, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order unitizing, for the purpose of pressure maintenance, all mineral interests in the Grayburg-San Andres formation underlying the following-described lands, Vacuum-Grayburg-San Andres Pool, Lea County, New Mexico:

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST  
Section 25: SE/4 NE/4 and S/2  
Section 36: All

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST  
Section 30: All  
Section 31: N/2, SW/4, and SW/4 SE/4

TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST  
Section 12: N/2 NE/4

TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST  
Section 6: All  
Section 7: NW/4 and NW/4 NE/4

Among the matters to be considered at the hearing will be the necessity of unit operations; the designation of a unit operator; the determination of the horizontal and vertical limits of the unit area; the determination of a fair, reasonable, and equitable allocation of production and costs of production, including capital investment, to each of the various tracts in the unit area; the determination of credits and charges to be made among the various owners in the unit area for their investment in wells and equipment; and such other matters as may be necessary and appropriate for carrying on efficient unit operations, including, but not-necessarily limited to, unit voting procedures, selection, removal, or substitution of unit operator, and time of commencement and termination of unit operations.

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
GETTY OIL COMPANY FOR AN EXCEPTION )  
TO STATEWIDE RULE 104, SO AS TO )  
ENABLE PRODUCTION OF THE MEXICO "L" )  
WELL NO. 3 AND WELL NO. 24 FROM THE )  
SAME 40-ACRE TRACT, IN THE DOLLARHIDE- )  
FUSSELMAN FIELD, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO. )

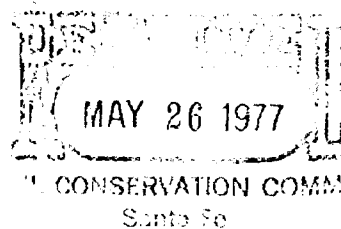
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ENTRY OF FORMAL APPEARANCE

Comes now L. C. WHITE of White, Koch, Kelly & McCarthy,  
and enters his formal appearance as resident counsel in the  
above-entitled matter. It is my understanding that CHESTER E.  
BLODGET will present the testimony in support of the application  
at the examiner's hearing on June 22, 1977.

WHITE, KOCH, KELLY & MCCARTHY

BY: *L. C. White*  
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Getty Oil Company

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May 19, 1977

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5969

Re: In the Matter of the Application of  
Getty Oil Company for an Exception  
to Statewide Rule 104, so as to Enable  
Production of the Mexico "L" Well No. 3  
and Well No. 24 from the Same 40-Acre  
Tract, in the Dollarhide-Fusselman Field,  
Lea County, New Mexico

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

Gentlemen:

We are enclosing herewith the original and two copies of the  
above referenced application for an exception to Statewide  
Rule 104, Paragraph C., Subparagraph 1, with a resultant  
allowable not greater than one 40-acre allowable.

Getty Oil Company owns and operates all offsetting wells to  
the subject wells.

We would appreciate your setting this matter down for hearing  
on the June 22, 1977 Examiner Docket.

Yours very truly,

  
Chester E. Blodget

CEB:sw  
Encl.

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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FUSSELMAN FIELD, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO. )

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A P P L I C A T I O N

Comes now Getty Oil Company and alleges and states:

1. That it is the operator of the Mexico "L" lease, described as the North Half (N/2) of Section 5, Township 25 South, Range 38 East, Lea County, New Mexico.
2. That it has completed its Mexico "L" Well No. 24 in the Fusselman zone, and said well being located 1780' from the east line and 816' from the north line of Section 5, Township 25 South, Range 38 East, Lea County, New Mexico.
3. That it proposes to plug back its Mexico "L" Well No. 3 and recomplete same in the Fusselman zone, and that the location of said Well No. 3 is 1980' from the east line and 666' from the north line of said Section 5.
4. That it has depleted the economically produceable reserves of the Ellenburger zone in its Mexico "L" Well No. 3.
5. That Statewide Rule 104, Paragraph C., Subparagraph 1, requires that a well be 330' from another well in the same pool or zone. That applicants Mexico "L" Well No. 3 and Well No. 24 will be approximately 250' from each other; therefore, an exception to the aforementioned rule is necessary to produce both wells on this 40-acre tract in said pool.
6. That the Applicant was authorized, as an exception to Rule 104 of the Commission Rules and Regulations under Order No. R-4602 dated July 23, 1973, to complete its Mexico "J" Wells No. 4 and 17, its Mexico "J" Wells No. 2 and 23, and its Mexico "L" Wells No. 1 and 23 to produce from the West Dollarhide-Fusselman Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.
7. That Applicant proposes that its Mexico "L" Well No. 3 and Well No. 24 be allowed to produce a maximum of one 40-acre unit allowable.
8. That the granting of this application will avoid waste, allow the recovery of oil which would not otherwise be recovered, and would not violate correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Applicant prays that this Commission set this matter down for hearing, that notice thereof be given as required by law, and that at the conclusion of said hearing based on the evidence adduced enter its order allowing Getty Oil Company to produce its Mexico "L" Well No. 3 and Well No. 24 on one 40-acre tract, all producing from the Fusselman formation as an exception to the applicable Statewide Rule, that the combined production be a maximum of a single 40-acre unit allowable for the two wells in this 40-acre unit, and for such other orders, rules and regulations as may be necessary in the premises.

Respectfully submitted,

GETTY OIL COMPANY

By Chester E. Blodget  
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Application of Getty Oil Company for an exception to Rule 104(c) and simultaneous dedication, Lea County, N.M.

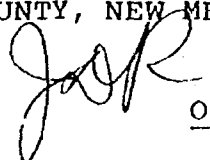

Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an exception to Rule 104(c) to ~~allow~~<sup>permit</sup> its Mexico "L" Wells Nos. 3 and 24, located in Unit B ~~and~~ of Section 5, T 25S, R 38E, Dollarhide-Treadman Field, Lea Cty, NM, to be located closer than 330 feet to each other, <sup>Applicant further seeks</sup> ~~and~~ the simultaneous dedication of said wells to a 40-acre proration unit comprising the NW 1/4 NE 1/4 of said Section 5.

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OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING  
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(3) That the applicant proposes to recomplete its Mexico "L"  
Well No. 3 located 660 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from  
the East line of said Section 5 in said Dollarhide-Fusselman Pool  
closer than 330 feet to said Mexico "L" Well No. 24 as an exception  
to Rule 104(C) of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

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(4) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the hydrocarbons in the Dollarhide-Fusselman Pool, will prevent waste, and will not harm correlative rights.

(5) The application should be approved.

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(1) That the applicant, Getty Oil Company, is hereby authorized to recomplete its Mexico L Well No. 3 closer than 330 feet to its Mexico L Well No. 24, both in Unit B of Section 5, Township 25 South, Range 38 East, Dollarhide-Fusselman Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(2) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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