CASE 6053: PLUGGING CASE - OCC NOEL REYNOLDS

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CASE 6053

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION Santa Fe, New Mexico 12 October, 1977

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

The hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Noel Reynolds and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Torreon Water Well No. 1, located in Unit J of Section 21, Township 13 North, Range 3 West, Sandoval County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.

BEFORE: Richard L. Stamets.

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

APPEARANCES

For the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission:

Lynn Teschendorf, Esq.
Legal Counsel for the Commission
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MR. STAMETS: Call next Case 6053.

MS. TESCHENDORF: Case 6053. In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Noel Reynolds and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Torreon Water Well No. 1, located in Unit J of Section 21, Township 18 North, Range 3 West, Sandoval County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission—approved plugging program.

This case was continued and re-advertised from the last Examiner Hearing for an ad in the -- an error in the ad.

MR. STAMETS: As I understand it, the testimony was taken on this case at the September 28th Examiner Hearing and re-advertisement was for correction only.

Is there any additional testimony in this case at this time?

There being none, the record will stand. The case will be taken under advisement.

(Hearing concluded.)

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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

I, SIDNEY F. MORRISH, a Certified Shorthand Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached Transcript of Hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission was reported by me, and the same is a true and correct record of the said proceedings to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

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BEFORE: Daniel S. Nutter

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The Witness, A. R. Kendrick

Direct Examination by Ms. Teschendorf

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Inasmuch as the legal notice of this case described the location as being in Section 28, rather than 21, we will continue this case and re-advertise it for hearing on October the 12th.

Well, we'll go ahead and hear it and it will have to be re-advertised. No order to be entered until after the re-advertisement.

MS. TESCHENDORF: Lynn Teschendorf, appearing on behalf of the Commission. May the record show that my witness, Mr. A. R. Kendrick, has been previously sworn.

MR. NUTTER: Are there other appearances in Case 6053?

MR. REYNOLDS: Yes, sir, I'm Noel Reynolds. I've been sworn.

MR. NUTTER: Thank you. Would you proceed?

A. R. KENDRICK

being called as a witness and being duly sworn upon his oath, testified as follows, to-wit:

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BY MS. TESCHENDORF:

Mr. Kendrick, are you familiar with the subject matter or Case 6053?

DIRECT EXAMINATION

A. Yes.

And what is the purpose of this case?

To allow the operator and other interested parties A. to cause this well to be a useful well or to plug and abandon the well, and to cause this well to be operated in accordance with the Oil Conservation Commission Rules and Regulations.

Q. Have you reviewed all the reports filed with the Commission concerning this well?

A. Yes, I have.

And do you have these records with you?

I do.

Please refer to the records pertaining to this well and summarize its history.

This well was drilled by Petroleum Development Corporation as the San Luis Federal Number 1. They elected to abandon the well and Mr. Reynolds filed a miscellaneous notice wherein he assumed the full responsibility of the well

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and asked a continuance to April the 15th, 1975, to case the well on a request to the USGS Office in Durango, Colorado, wherein he named the well the Torreon Water Number 1.

The Geological Survey allowed him some time and detailed a plugging program that should be followed.

I requested a case be called to cause this well to be plugged and abandoned, which was Case Number 5781, wherein due to an error in my office, we had failed to make the change of operator and change of well number, so we had called upon the Petroleum Development Corporation to plug and abandon the well, and because of our erroneous call to hearing, the case was dismissed.

Mr. Reynolds was present at the hearing and testified that he would take care of the well, I believe; to clarify what his testimony was, I would request that the Commission take administrative notice of the transcript of Case 5781.

I visited the well again in August the 11th, 1977, and I believe from looking at my photograph taken that day compared with the photograph taken on October the 12th, 1976, that someone has been to the well location, because a metal can has been placed in what I believe to be the rat hole, which had been merely covered with a rock. This is the only change I could find on the location.

I visited the location yesterday and there has been

apparently no change since I was there on August the 11th.

This well has never been produced; it has never been cased; and it is on a Federal lease. We have no bond wherein we are the beneficiary. I have two photographs that I would submit, one taken on August the -- excuse me, on October the 12th, 1976; one taken on August the 11th, 1977.

Q In your opinion would the failure to plug this well cause waste?

A. It could. It is very near to a well which does produce oil, being in the same 40-acre tract with two or three other wells which do produce oil. It is drilled sufficiently deep to encounter that pay zone, I believe. It is at a total depth of 4,661 feet, so it penetrated zones even deeper than the oil-producing formation in the San Luis-Mesaverde oil pool. So that the wellbore is available to water sands and oil sands, alike, within this uncased wellbore.

MR. NUTTER: Mr. Kendrick, when you say "uncased" does that mean no casing whatsoever?

A. There is no evidence of casing at the surface of the ground. There is no record of pipe being run.

MS. TESCHENDORF: I'll offer Exhibits 1 and 2.

MR. NUTTER: Are there any questions of Mr. Kendrick

MR. KENDRICK: Excuse me, Mr. Examiner, there is a report says that seven joints of 10-3/4 inch -- 311 feet of casing was set at 324 feet with 220 sacks of regular cement

circulated approximately 50 sacks, and that casing is not evident at the top of the ground.

MR. NUTTER: No evidence of any cement having been circulated around the top of the wellbore there?

A No, sir. The wellbore is under the shipping pallet in the picture. The, I believe the rat hole is under the dope bucket with a rock in it.

MR. NUTTER: Exhibits 1 and 2 in this case will be admitted in evidence.

Does anyone have any questions of Mr. Kendrick?

He may be excused. Do you have any comments, Mr. --

MR. REYNOLDS: Other than the 10-3/4 casing is in the hole. It's down -- they had a blow-out preventer on it and it's down under the surface there a little ways and would be difficult to see, but I'm sure they did not pull the 10-3/4; I'm almost positive it's in there. I haven't actually dug it out but I am sure it's in there.

MR. NUTTER: Do you have any further comments on the case?

Q (Ms. Teschendorf continuing.) Mr. Kendrick, would you care to recommend a plugging program at this time or would you prefer to wait until the well is being plugged?

A. I'd prefer to work out a plugging program with Mr.
Reynolds in my office, and it will have to be suitable to
satisfy the Geological Survey, since this is on Federal lease.

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MS. TESCHENDORF: I would like to incorporate the record from Case 5781 in this case.

MR. NUTTER: The record in Case Number 5781 will be incorporated in the record of Case Number 6053.

MS. TESCHENDORF: I have nothing further.

MR. NUTTER: If no one has anything further, we will continue this case to the hearing scheduled for October the 12th, and it will be re-advertised so that proper notice on the case will be given. No order will be entered until after the case has been reopened on October the 12th.

(Hearing concluded.)

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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

I, SALLY WALTON BOYD, a Certified Shorthand Reporter,

DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached Transcript

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Sally Walton Boyd, C. S. R.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO P. O. BOX 2088 - SANTA FE

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LAND COMMISSIONER

PHILR. LUCERO November 7, 1977



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Re: CASE NO. ORDER NO. R-5566 Noel Reynolds - Box 356 Flora Vista, New Mexico 87415 Applicant: OCC (Noel Reynolds) Dear Sir: Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced Commission order recently entered in the subject case. Yours very truly OE D. RAMEY Director JDR/fd Copy of order also sent to: Hobbs OCC Artesia OCC Aztec OCC_



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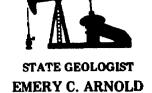
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO 1000 RIO BRAZOS RD. - AZTEC

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LAND COMMISSIONER

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January 30, Si 1978



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

Re: Saguaro Oil Company Tenneco Santa Fe #1 990/N: 330/W D-31-18N-8W

Dear Ms. Teschendorf:

Please file suit against the operator of the subject well for having drilled the well without having obtained a plugging bond as required by Rule 101. Also, sue for whatever amount you can for failing to file the required reports.

We have not received any report showing: the spud date, any casing run, total depth or tests.

We did receive one copy of the Induction-Electric Log on July 21, 1975, proving that the well was drilled.

The enclosures represent all reports we have received for this well: forms C-101, C-102, cover letter from Robert E. Lauth and Electric Log.

If there are questions, please call.

Yours very truly,

A. R. Kendkick

Supervisor, District #3

Enclosures

xc: Saguaro Oil Company

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NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

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All distances must be from the outer boundaries of the Section Saguaro Oil Company <u> Tenneco-Santa Fe</u> D 31 18 North 8 West McKinley Actual Footage Location of Wells teet from the West 990 feet from the North Cround Level Elev. Producing Formation Dedicated Acre inc. UPPER HOSPAH SAND HOSPAH 40 acres 2094 1. Outline the acreage dedicated to the subject well by colored pencil or hachure 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? If answer is "yes;" type of consolidation . Yes No 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 Commis-CERTIFICATION 9901 I hereby certify that the information con Prorpsed inowledge and belief. Location aut Robert E. Lauth Geological Consultant Saguaro Oil Company April 16, 1975. I hereby certify that the well location shown on this platwas platted 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. April 4, 1975 Frederick H. Reed Regulatore i Professional Licitieer and or Load Curveyor Frederick H Reed

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ROBERT E. LAUTH

GEOLOGICAL CONSULTANT

060 East Second Ave. - P.O. Box 776 - Durango, Colorado 81301 AC 303-247-0025

April 16, 1975

Mr. Emery C. Arnold, Supervisor New Mexico Dil Conservation Commission 1000 Rio Brazos Road Aztec , New Mexico 87401

Re: Well Location

Saguaro Oil Company No. 1 Tenneco-Santa Fe NWNW Sec. 31 T18N R8W NMPM McKinley County, New Mexico

Dear Emery:

Enclosed are six (6) copies of the Application to Drill plus surveyor's plat for the above captioned well.

A State plugging Bond has been obtained by the operator. If another is needed let me know and I'll make sure you have it shortly.

Upon approval would you kindly send an approved copy to the Operator in Farmington, New Mexico and a copy to me at the above Letterhead address.

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DIST. 3

Thank you

Very truly yours,

Robert E. Lauth CPG

Encl. copy .Tenneco & Saguaro



OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO 1000 RIO BRAZOS RD. - AZTEC

> LAND COMMISSIONER PHIL R. LUCERO

> > October 21, 1977



EMERY C. ARNOLD

DIRECTOR JOE D. RAMEY

> Saguaro Oil Co. Box 51 Farmington, New Mexico

Re: Operator-

Saguaro 011 Co.

*Tenneco-Santa Fe #1 Well-

Location-

p-31-18N-8W

Gentlemen:

Our records for the subject well indicate the well to have been drilled.

file reports as indicated:

C-103 or 9-331, casing C-103 or 9-331, intent to Plug and abandon C-105 or 9-330, well record report

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C-103 or 9-331, subsequent report of abandonment

One copy of each wire line log run

Rule 202 allows drilling wells to be shut down up to 60 days without temporary abandonment.

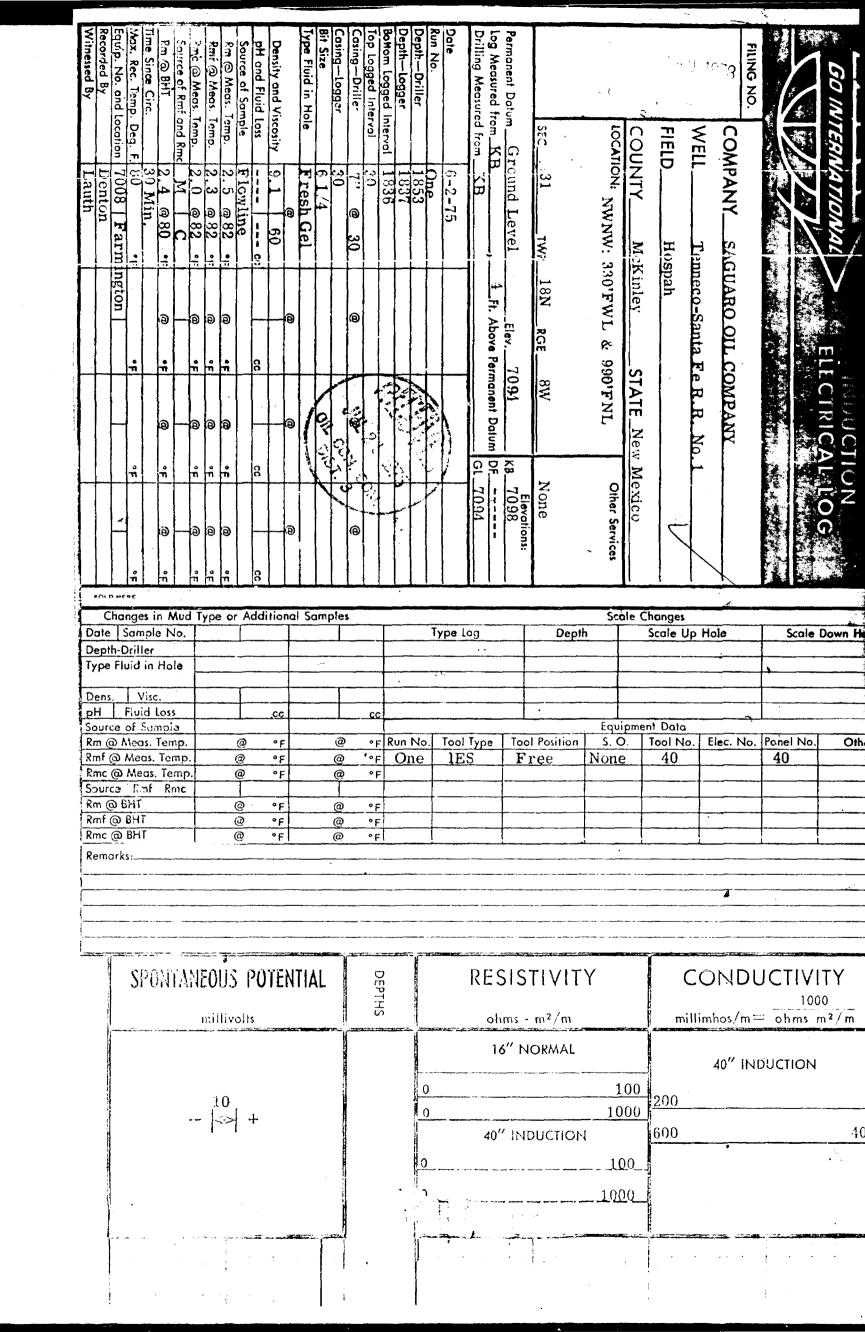
Please cause this well be be a useful well or plug and abandon it.

A. R. Kendrick Supervisor, District #3

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Santa Fe, New Mexico





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STATE GEOLOGIST
EMERY C. ARNOLD

December 21, 1977

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Mr. Noel Reynolds 107 Northwest Energy Building Farmington, New Mexico 87401

Re: Order R-5566

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

Your request for additional time to comply with the captioned order has been considered.

It is my opinion that ample time was granted in the order considering that the case was first heard October 13, 1976, and heard again September 28, 1977.

Because of the lack of rig availability, I will grant an extension to January 31, 1978, at which time I expect compliance with the subject order.

Yours very truly,

()() exusticit A. R. Kendrick Supervisor, District #3

xc w/copy of letter: 0.C.C., Santa Fe U.S.G.S., Durango

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RESIDENCE PHONE: 334-2867

Oil - Gas - Mining 107 NORTHWEST ENERGY BLDG. FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO 87401

OFFICE PHONE: 325-4180

December 15, 1977

Mr. Al Kendrick N. M. Oil Conservation Commission 1000 Rio Brazos Road Aztec, New Mexico 87410

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Dear Al:

In reference to case No. 6053 in the matter regarding plugging and/or casing Torreon Water Well #1 Sandoval County, New Mexico Located in Unit J of section 21, Township 18 North Range 3 West N.M.P.M.

I have just completed negotiations to instigate a water flood on this property and am preparing the necessary paper work to do same.

And hereby request an extension of time of 90 days from December 31, 1977 to April 1, 1978 if the paper work and availability of a rig can be obtained, we can do this work sooner.

Yours truly,
Mosel Reynolds

Noel Reynolds



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. 6053 Order No. R-5566

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION ON ITS OWN MOTION TO PERMIT NOEL REYNOLDS AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE TORREON WATER WELL NO. 1, SANDOVAL COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, SHOULD NOT BE PLUGGED AND ABANDONED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMMISSION-APPROVED PLUGGING PROGRAM.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on October 12, 1977, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this <u>lst</u> day of November, 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 Noel Reynolds is the owner and operator of the Torreon Water Well No. 1, located in Unit J of Section 21, Township 18 North, Range 3 West, NMPM, Sandoval County, New Mexico.
- (3) That in order to prevent waste and protect correlative rights said Torreon Water Well No. 1 should be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a program approved by the Aztec District Office of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission on or before December 31, 1977, or the well should be returned to active drilling status or placed on production.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Hoel Reynolds is hereby ordered to plug and abandon the Torreon Water Well No. 1, located in Unit J of

-2-Case No. 6053 Order No. R-5566

Saction 21, Township 18 North. Range 3 West, NMPM, Sandoval County, New Mexico, on or before December 31, 1977, or return the well to approved active drilling status or place the well on production.

- (2) That Noel Reynolds, prior to plugging and abandoning the above-described well, shall obtain from the Aztec office of the Commission, a Commission-approved program for said plugging and abandoning, and shall notify said Aztec office of the date and hour said work is to be commenced whereupon the Commission may, at its option, witness such work.
- (3) 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 herein-above designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PHIL R. LUCERO, Chairman

EMERY Z. ARNOLD, Member

JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Secretary

SEAL



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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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September 30, 1977

Mr. Dan Nutter Oil Conservation Commission P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Plugging cases heard on September 28, 1977

Dear Dan:

Proposed time schedules for completion or plugging of the wells is listed below:

Case No. 6048: Noel Reynolds should own well in his name within 30 days if he intends to test it for a sustained period. If he does initiate a test he should be required to test continuously until he determines the well to be either an oil producer or a water well. No piddling around. Six months should be the limit.

Case No. 6049: Since the bond has been cancelled and we are going to do the plugging, 30 days should suffice.

Case No. 6050. Since J. Felix Hickman plans to plug, 60 or 90 days should be ample time. If he runs into trouble we can stall a bit.

Case No. 6051, No. 6053 No. 6054, and No. 6056: All these wells are on Federal leases. We only have a bond for No. 6056. We will probably have to let these for bid and collect the hard way. Sixty days should be sufficient time to contract for plugging at an early date.

We will need the plugging rigs next summer for other holes; so, let's get these done this fall.

If there are other remarks, I will call.

Yours very truly,

A. R. Kondrick Supervisor, District #3

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Dockets Nos. 33-77 and 34-77 are tentatively set for hearing on October 26 and November 9, 1977. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 12, 1977

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

The following cases will be heard before Richard L. Stamets, Examiner, or Daniel S. Nutter, Alternate Examiner:

- ALLOWABLE: (1) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for November, 1977, from fifteen prorated pools in Lea, Eddy, Chaves, and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico.
 - (2) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for November, 1977, from four prorated pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico.

CASE 6053: (Continued & Readvertised)

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CASE 6025: (Continued & Readvertised)

Application of Roger C. Hanks for a special gas-oil ratio limitation, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the establishment of a special gas-oil ratio limitation of 10,000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil for the North Dagger Draw-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, retroactive to August 22, 1977.

CASE 6052: (Continued from September 28, 1977, Examiner Hearing)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Western Energy Corporation and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Ute Well No. 2 located in Unit O of Section 23, Township 31 North, Range 16 West, San Juan County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.

CASE 6055: (Continued from September 28, 1977, Examiner Hearing)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Ran-San, Inc., and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Grevey Well No. 4 located in Unit E of Section 26, Township 26 North, Range 1 East, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.

CASE 6057: Application of Aminoil USA Inc., for an unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its Willow Lake Well No. 3 to be located 1980 feet from the South line and 1940 feet from the West line of Section 15, Township 24 South, Range 28 East, Willow Lake Field, Eddy County, New Mexico, the S/2 of said Section 15 to be dedicated to the well.

CASE 6058: Application of Atlantic Richfield Company for the amendment of Order No. R-5430, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the amendment of Order No. R-5430, which order approved an unorthodox Justis-Fusselman location for its Wimberly WN Well No. II in Section 24, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant now requests that the unorthodox location for said well be extended to include the Montoya formation.

Application of Dome Petroleum Corporation for pool creation, an oil discovery allowable, and a special depth bracket allowable, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the creation of the Leggs-Entrada Oil Pool in Section 11, Township 21 North, Range 10 West, San Juan County, New Mexico, the assignment of approximately 27,020 barrels of oil discovery allowable to its Santa Fe-Leggs Well No. 1 located in Unit O of said Section 11, and the establishment of a special depth bracket allowable of 750 barrels of oil per day for said pool.

CASE 6060: Application of J. Cecil Rhodes for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the Blinebry formation into the perforated interval from 5252 feet to 5448 feet in his Corrigan Well No. 1 located in Unit M of Section 11, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, Justis-Blinebry Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION P. O. BOX 2088 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

September 19, 1977

CERTIFIED - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Noel Reynolds Box 356 Flora Vista, New Mexico 87415

> Re: Torreon Water Well No. 1, located in Unit J of Section 21, Township 18 North, Range 3 West, Sandoval County

Plugging Bond

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of the docket of the Examiner Hearing to be held on Wednesday, September 28, 1977, at 9 o'clock a.m. in the Oil Conservation Commission Conference Room, State Land Office Building, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Case 6053 concerns the above captioned subject matter.

Very truly yours,

LYNN TESCHENDORF General Counsel

LT/fd enc.

Dockets Nos. 31-77 and 32-77 are tentatively set for hearing on October 12 and 26, 1977. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

MOCKET: EXAMINER HUARING - WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 28, 1977

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 Richard L. Stamets, Alternate Examiner:

- CASE 6048: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Saguaro Oil Commany and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Moran State Well No. 1 located in Unit A of Section 36, Township 18 North, Range 9 West, McKinley County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.
- CASE 6049: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Douglas Kenaston, Mints-Kenaston Drilling Co., and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Masden-Selby Well No. 1 located in Unit I of Section 21, Township 29 North, Range 11 West, San Juan County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.
- CASE 6050: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit

 J. Felix Hickman and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Malco State Com

 Well No. 1 located in Unit C of Section 16, Township 26 North, Range 8 West, San Juan County, New

 Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.
- CASE 6051: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit

 B. C. West and N. W. McIntosh and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the

 Rollins and Dodgen Well No. 2 located in Unit D of Section 28, Township 18 North, Range 3 West,

 Sandoval County, New Nexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commissionapproved plugging program.
- CASE 6052: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Western Energy Corporation and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Ute Well No. 2 located in Unit O of Section 23, Township 31 North, Range 16 West, San Juan County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.
- CASE 6053: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Noel Reynolds and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Torreon Water Well No. 1 located in Unit J of Section 28, Township 18 North, Range 3 West, Sandoval County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.
- CASE 6054: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit John F. Staver and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Paperthin Well Ro. 1 located in Unit F of Section 26, Township 19 North, Range 5 West, McKinley County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.
- CASE 6055: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Man-San, Inc., and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Grevey Well No.
 4 located in Unit E of Section 26, Township 26 North, Range 1 East, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.
- CASE 6056: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Julius Chodorow, American Employers' Insurance Company, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Ute Well No. 1 located in Unit F of Section 20, Township 31 North, Range 15 West, San Juan County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.
- CASE 6021: (Readvertised)

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for salt water disposal, Chaves County, New Mexico.

Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the San Andres formation in the interval from 963 feet to 1560 feet in its Federal BJ Well No. 1 located in Unit A of Section 31, Township 6 South, Range 26 East, Linda-San Andres Pool, Chaves County, New Mexico.

CASE 5983: (Continued from September 14, 1977, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for the amendment of Order No. R-5445, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the amendment of Order No. R-5445 to provide for a 200 percent risk factor for drilling the unit well rather than 20 percent. Said order pooled the N/2 of Section 19, Township 20 South, Range 25 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.

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LAND COMMISSIONER
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August 22, 1977



STATE GEOLOGIST EMERY C. ARNOLD

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

Re:	Noel Reynolds	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
•	Terreon Water #1	
	J-28-18N-3W	····
	Sandoval County	

Dear Ms. Teschendorf:

Please docket a case to allow the operator of the subject well and other interested parties to appear and show why the well should not be properly plugged and abandoned.

If there are questions please contact us.

Yours very truly,

A. R. Kendrick

Supervisor, District #3

xc: Operator:

Lee Case 5781, R- 5335

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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. 6053



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

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Order No. R- 5566 IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION ON ITS OWN MOTION TO PERMIT NOEL REYNOLDS AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE TORREON WATER WELL NO. 1, SANDOVAL COUNTY, NEY: MEXICO, SHOULD NOT BE PLUGGED AND ABANDONED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMMISSION-APPROVED PLUGGING PROGRAM.
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ORDER OF THE COMMISSION
BY THE COMMISSION:
This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on October 12
This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on October 12 77, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stames
NOW, on this day of October , 19 77 , the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimon 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 Noel Reynolds is the owner and
operator of the
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Deperator of the Torreon Water Well No. 1 Located in Unit J of Section 21 , Township 18 North Range 3 West , NMPM, Sandoval County, New Mexico. (3) That is the surety of the Cil Conservation Commission plugging bond on which
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IT IS	THEREFORE ORDERED:
(1) 1	hat Noel Reynolds is
	are hereby ordered to plug and abandon the
Torrec	on Water Well No. 1
located in U	nit J of Section 21 , Township 18 North
Range 3	West , NMPM, Sandoval County, New Mexico, on or
before	December 31, 1977 or return
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(2)	That Noel Reynolds
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	, prior to plugging and abandoning the above-
described w	vell, shall obtain from the <u>Aztec</u> office of the
Commission,	a Commission-approved program for said plugging and
abandoning,	and shall notify said <u>Aztec</u> office of the date
and hour sa	aid work is to be commenced whereupon the Commission may,
at its opti	on, witness such work.
(3)	That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the
entry of su	nch further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.
DONE	at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove
designated	