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BLOOMFIELD OIL & GAS COMPANY AND *ny*  
OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

CASE NO.

6236

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APPLICATION,  
TRANSCRIPTS,  
SMALL EXHIBITS,

ETC.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
State Land Office Building  
Santa Fe, New Mexico  
7 June, 1978

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

A hearing called by the Oil Conservation  
Division on its own motion to permit  
Bloomfield Oil & Gas Company and all  
other interested parties to appear and  
show cause why the C. Hare Well No. 3  
located in Unit N of Section 15 and the  
H. D. Abrams Well No. 5 located in Unit  
E of Section 23, both in Township 29  
North, Range 11 West, San Juan County,  
New Mexico, should not be plugged and  
abandoned in accordance with a Divi-  
sion-approved plugging program.

CASE  
6236

BEFORE: Daniel S. Nutter

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

A P P E A R A N C E S

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Division:

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1 MR. NUTTER: Call Case 6236, which is in the  
2 matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Divi-  
3 sion on its own motion to permit Bloomfield Oil and Gas  
4 Company and all other interested parties to appear and  
5 show cause why the C. Hare Well No. 3, located in Unit N  
6 of Section 15, and the H. D. Abrams Well No. 5, located  
7 in Unit E of Section 23, both in Township 29 North, Range  
8 11 West, San Juan County, New Mexico, should not be plugged  
9 and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved  
10 plugging program.

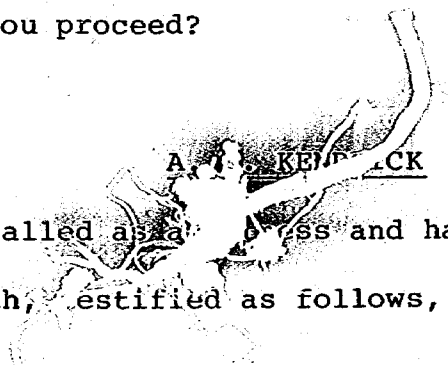
11 I'll call for appearances in this case.

12 MS. TESCHENDORF: Lynn Teschendorf, appearing  
13 on behalf of the Division, and I have one witness.

14 MR. NUTTER: Who is your witness, please?

15 MS. TESCHENDORF: Mr. A. R. Kendrick.

16 MR. NUTTER: Mr. Kendrick is still under oath.  
17 Would you proceed?

18  
19  A. R. KENDRICK  
20 being called as a witness and having been duly sworn upon  
21 his oath, testified as follows, to-wit:

22  
23 DIRECT EXAMINATION

24 BY MS. TESCHENDORF:

25 Q Are you familiar with the subject matter of

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1 Case 6236, Mr. Kendrick?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q Do you have the records on the Hare Well No.  
4 3 along with you at this time?

5 A. Yes, I do.

6 Q Would you please refer to those records and  
7 summarize this well's history?

8 A. Our records of this well is a similar type  
9 scout ticket card. We have no well file, no official re-  
10 cords of the well, and our field inspection indicates that  
11 there is a casing clamp for a small sized casing, or  
12 suspending a small sized casing inside a larger casing,  
13 which would indicate that there is a possibility of a long  
14 string in this well.

15 Our scout ticket card indicates 10-inch casing  
16 ran at 100 feet and 6-5/8ths inch casing set at 650 feet.  
17 It indicates no cement. The well indicates -- or the card  
18 indicates an initial potential of 4 barrels of oil per  
19 day.

20 Q Would you please refer to what's been marked  
21 as Exhibit One and explain what that is?

22 A. Exhibit One is a copy of the card and a copy  
23 of the photograph taken by Charles Golson of our office,  
24 who is our Field Man.

25 Mr. Golson advised me that the landowner told

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1 him that each year they need to bail three or four barrels  
2 of oil out of this well so that it will not overflow and  
3 damage his hay crop. This well is located in an alfalfa  
4 field.

5 Q Is this well also on fee acreage?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Is there a bond covering this well?

8 A No. The well was spud in 1925 and the only  
9 rumor I have of Bloomfield Oil and Gas Company is a stock  
10 certificate that was issued in 1919 to a friend who lived  
11 in the area and received his stock certificate for hauling  
12 water to the drilling company.

13 Q In your opinion could the failure to plug  
14 this well cause waste of hydrocarbons or threat of con-  
15 tamination of fresh water?

16 A Yes.

17 Q And how could that be caused?

18 A By casing failure in this well either water  
19 or the oil zone could be damaged by interchange of products.

20 Q What recommendations do you have for this  
21 well?

22 A I would recommend that this well be plugged  
23 and abandoned or completed as a producible well.

24 Q Are you prepared to recommend a plugging  
25 program at this time or would you prefer to describe the

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1 program at the actual time of plugging?

2 A. I'd rather prepare the plugging program at  
3 the time of plugging.

4 Q Do you have anything further?

5 A. Not for this well.

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7 CROSS EXAMINATION

8 BY MR. NUTTER:

9 Q Mr. Kendrick, do you know whether some indi-  
10 vidual or company or anyone has a lease on this particular  
11 fee land?

12 A Yes. The land is leased and gas wells have  
13 this acreage dedicated to them, so the minerals are under  
14 lease.

15 Q Has any contact been made with the minerals  
16 lessees to see if they would be interested in completing  
17 this well as an oil well?

18 A I'm sure that the field minerals owner has  
19 contacted people and they simply have no interest in this  
20 well.

21 Q So in all probability the final outcome of  
22 this case would be that the well will be plugged and aban-  
23 doned?

24 A Yes, sir.

25 Q And the total depth as reported on the scout

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1 card is 760 feet, is that correct?

2 A. I think so. Yes, sir.

3 Q. Mr. Kendrick, I can't tell by looking at this  
4 photograph, but this casing open at the surface there?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. And so it fills up with an accumulation of  
7 oil and runs over into the field unless the landowner goes  
8 in and bails it down periodically, is that it?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. The way you understand it?

11 A. Yes, it flows at the rate of about three  
12 barrels a year.

13 Q. I see. Are there any further questions of  
14 Mr. Kendrick? On this well? Will you proceed.

16 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

17 BY MS. TESCHENDORF:

18 Q. Mr. Kendrick, do you have all the reports con-  
19 cerning the H. D. Abrams Well No. 5 with you?

20 A. I have.

21 Q. Would you please summarize those reports?

22 A. Our total records on this well constitute a  
23 scout ticket card obtained -- the information of which  
24 was obtained from the Bureau of Mines, and a photograph  
25 that Charles Golson of our office, who is our Field Man,

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1 took of the wellhead.

2 The scout ticket information does not show the  
3 historic completion dates. It indicates 10-inch casing  
4 set at 55 feet; 6-5/8ths inch casing set at 647 feet; the  
5 well was drilled to a total depth of 740 feet, and had  
6 an initial potential of 2-million feet of gas.

7 The photograph indicates the well to have a  
8 swage and a valve at the surface, implying that casing  
9 is -- or the well is not tubed but the casing is hung on  
10 a casing clamp.

11 Mr. Golson advises me that there is water  
12 flowing outside the casing string, which would indicate  
13 that this long string of casing set on a casing clamp, is  
14 not cemented to a sufficient height of cement to prevent  
15 a waterflow.

16 Q Is that exhibit with the photograph and the  
17 scout ticket marked Exhibit Two?

18 A It is Exhibit Two in this case.

19 Q What type of acreage is this well on?

20 A This well is on fee acreage.

21 Q And is there a bond covering the well?

22 A There is no bond.

23 Q In your opinion could the failure to plug this  
24 well cause waste of hydrocarbons or contamination of fresh  
25 water supplies?

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1 A. Yes, Casing failure could cause an interchange  
2 of products, to cause water or petroleum products to be  
3 contaminated by the other.

4 Q. What are your recommendations for this well?

5 A. That this well be plugged and abandoned or  
6 completed as a producable well.

7 Q. Are you prepared to recommend a plugging pro-  
8 gram at this time or would you prefer to wait for that  
9 until the time of plugging?

10 A. I'd prefer to wait.

11 MS. TESCHENDORF: At this time I'll offer  
12 Exhibits One and Two.

13 MR. NUTTER: Exhibits One and Two will be  
14 admitted in this case.

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16 RECROSS EXAMINATION

17 BY MR. NUTTER:

18 Q. Mr. Kendrick, has any attempt been made to  
19 open the valve that's on this well?

20 A. No, sir.

21 Q. So you don't know if there's any gas pressure  
22 in that casing or not, but there is water flowing up  
23 around the casing?

24 A. That's correct.

25 Q. Do you have any idea of when the well was

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1 drilled?

2 A. No, sir.

3 Q. Is there a mineral lease on this land?

4 A. Yes, sir, the oil and gas lease has gas well  
5 drilled where this acreage is dedicated.

6 Q. Do you know if the lessee there is interested  
7 in acquiring this well or utilizing this well as a gas  
8 well?

9 A. They have made no approach to us for the use  
10 of this well. I think they probably assume that if they  
11 assume anything with this well, it would be assuming the  
12 plugging it.

13 Q. I see.

14 A. I don't think they want the responsibility  
15 for the old pipe.

16 Q. It's a 2-million cubic foot well.

17 A. It was.

18 MR. NUTTER: Are there any further questions  
19 of Mr. Kendrick?

20 He may be excused. Does anyone have anything  
21 they wish to offer in Case Number 6236?

22 We'll take the case under advisement.

23 (Hearing concluded.)  
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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

I, SALLY WALTON BOYD, a Court Reporter, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached transcript of hearing before the Oil Conservation Division was reported by me; that said transcript is a full, true, and correct record of the hearing, prepared by me to the best of my ability, knowledge, and skill from my notes taken at the time of the hearing.

*Sally Walton Boyd CSR*  
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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. *6236* heard by me on *4/2*, 19*78*.  
*[Signature]*, Examiner  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION ON ITS OWN MOTION TO PERMIT BLOOMFIELD OIL & GAS COMPANY AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE C. HARE WELL NO. 3 LOCATED IN UNIT N OF SECTION 15 AND THE H. D. ABRAMS WELL NO. 5 LOCATED IN UNIT E OF SECTION 23, BOTH IN TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, SHOULD NOT BE PLUGGED AND ABANDONED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A DIVISION-APPROVED PLUGGING PROGRAM.

CASE NO. 6236  
Order No. R-5742

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on June 7, 1978, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 15th day of June, 1978, the Division Director, 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 Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That Bloomfield Oil & Gas Company is the owner and operator of the C. Hare Well No. 3 located in Unit N of Section 15 and the H. D. Abrams Well No. 5 located in Unit E of Section 23, both in Township 29 North, Range 11 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

(3) That in order to prevent waste and protect correlative rights said C. Hare Well No. 3 and H. D. Abrams Well No. 5 should be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a program approved by the Aztec District Office of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division on or before July 15, 1978, or the wells should be returned to active drilling status or placed on production.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Bloomfield Oil & Gas Company is hereby ordered to plug and abandon the C. Hare Well No. 3 located in Unit N of Section 15 and the H. D. Abrams Well No. 5 located in Unit E of

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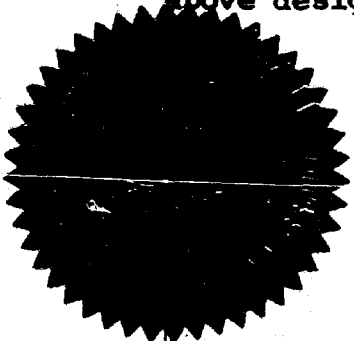
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Section 23, both in Township 29 North, Range 11 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico, or in the alternative, to return the wells to active drilling status or place the wells on production on or before July 15, 1978.

(2) That Bloomfield Oil & Gas Company, prior to plugging and abandoning the above-described wells, shall obtain from the Aztec office of the Division, a Division-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 Division may, at its option, witness such work.

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

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



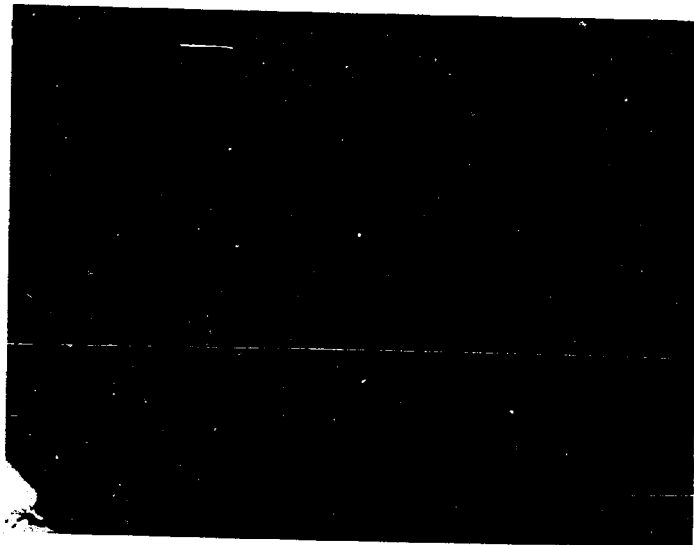
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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

*Joe D. Ramey*  
JOE D. RAMEY  
Director

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COUNTY San Juan STATE NEW MEXICO  
SEC. 15 T. 29N R. 11W  
FIELD OR AREA Bloomfield (Kutz-Fulcher) LOCATION 230' / S, 1530' / W  
LEASE Hair, C. WELL NO. 3  
COMPANY Bloomfield O&G Co. SPD. 1-3-25 COMPLETED 2-5-25  
ELEV. 5485' T.D. 706' P.B. \_\_\_\_\_  
CASING 10" @ 100' 6-5/8" @ 650'  
SHOT OR ACID \_\_\_\_\_  
PERF. \_\_\_\_\_  
I.P. 4 bbls oil  
PRODUCING FORM \_\_\_\_\_  
PRODUCTIVE DEPTH OR INTERVAL \_\_\_\_\_



BEFORE EXAMINER NUTTER  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OCD EXHIBIT NO. 1  
CASE NO. 6236





Dockets Nos. 21-78 and 22-78 are tentatively set for hearing on June 21 and July 6, 1978. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - JUNE 7, 1978

9 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION 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 6235: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to permit Black Diamond Oil Company and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Well No. 1 located in Unit C of Section 27, Township 29 North, Range 11 West, San Juan County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program.
- CASE 6236: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to permit Bloomfield Oil & Gas Company and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the C. Hare Well No. 3 located in Unit N of Section 15 and the H. D. Abrams Well No. 5 located in Unit E of Section 23, both in Township 29 North, Range 11 West, San Juan County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program.
- CASE 6237: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to permit Finley & Johansen and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Hare Well No. 1 located in Unit C of Section 22, Township 29 North, Range 11 West, San Juan County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program.
- CASE 6238: Application of Barber Oil, Inc., for a unit agreement, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for its Saladar Unit Area comprising 240 acres, more or less, of Federal and fee lands in Township 20 South, Range 28 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- CASE 6226: (Continued from May 17, 1978 Examiner Hearing)  
Application of Barber Oil, Inc. for a waterflood project, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a waterflood project on its Saladar Unit, by the injection of water into the Yates formation through five wells located in Units K, L, N and O of Section 33, Township 20 South, Range 28 East, Saladar-Yates Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- CASE 6239: Application of Robert N. Enfield for a unit agreement, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for his North Lake McMillan Unit Area comprising 3194 acres, more or less, of Federal and fee lands in Township 19 South, Ranges 26 and 27 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- CASE 6240: Application of Bass Enterprises Production Company for an unorthodox oil well location, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its Navajo 20 Well No. 1, a Barker Creek oil test to be drilled 1190 feet from the South line and 2510 feet from the East line of Section 20, Township 27 North, Range 19 West, San Juan County, New Mexico, the SW/4 SE/4 of said Section 20 to be dedicated to the well.
- CASE 6241: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for downhole commingling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to commingle Eagle Creek Permo-Penn and West Atoka-Morrow gas production in the wellbore of its Powell DG Well No. 1 located in Unit O of Section 35, Township 17 South, Range 25 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- CASE 6242: Application of C & E Operators, Inc., for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Pictured Cliffs formation underlying the SE/4 of Section 32, Township 32 North, Range 10 West, San Juan 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 6243: Application of Caulkins Oil Company for four unorthodox gas well locations, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its Breech "E" Wells Nos. 104 and 587, located in Unit P of Section 5 and Unit J of Section 4, respectively; and its Breech "A" Wells Nos. 207 and 679, located in Unit J of Sections 10 and 9, respectively, all in Township 26 North, Range 6 West, Blanco Mesaverde Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.



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April 26, 1978

Ms. Lynn Teschendorf  
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Re: Bloomfield Oil & Gas Company

H. D. Abrams #5

Unit E, Section 23, Township 29 North,

Range 11 West, N.M.P.M.

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,

*Frank S. Chang*

District #3

xc: Operator : Bloomfield Oil & Gas Company

No bond.

*no well file  
seal ticket only  
no op date  
10" 55"  
65" 647  
68" 740  
TD 740  
IP 2 MMCF  
well flowing  
outside csg  
has sewage &  
valve on csg.  
fee land*





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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
SANTA FE, N.M.

Re: Bloomfield Oil & Gas Company

C. Hare #3

Unit N. Section 15. Township 29 North.

Range 11 West, N.M.P.M.

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,

Frank E. Carg

District #3

xc: Operator : Bloomfield Oil & Gas Company

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no bond  
scant tickets  
only - no  
well fill  
10" @ 400  
6" @ 650  
TD 706

No bond. IP 4 BOPD  
prod in 25  
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IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING  
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION  
DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
CONSIDERING:

Order No. R- 5742

## ORDER OF THE DIVISION

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19 78, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

**FINDS:**

(2) That Bloomfield Oil & Gas Company is the owner and  
and the H. D. Abrams Well No. 5 ~~located in Unit E~~  
operator of the C. Hare Well No. 3 located in Unit N of Section 18/  
both in  
located in Unit E of Section 23/, Township 29 North,  
Range 11 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

~~(4) That the purpose of said bond is to assure the state that the subject well(s) will be properly plugged and abandoned when not capable of commercial production.~~

(3) That in order to prevent waste and protect correlative rights said C. Hare Well No. 3 and H. D. Abrams Well No. 5 should be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a program approved by

the Aztec District Office of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division on or before July 15, 1978, or the wells should be returned to active drilling status or placed on production.

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is hereby ordered to plug and abandon  
H. D. Abrams Well No. 5 located  
the C. Hare Well No. 3 located in Unit N of Section 15 and the /  
both in  
~~located~~ in Unit E of Section 23, Township 29 North  
Range 11 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico,  
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date and hour said work is to be commenced whereupon the Division  
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designated.