

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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CASE NOS. 12,148-50, 12,008 (Continued)

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TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

BEFORE: LORI WROTENBERY, CHAIRMAN
JAMI BAILEY, COMMISSIONER
ROBERT LEE, COMMISSIONER

January 21st, 2000
Santa Fe, New Mexico

OIL CONSERVATION DIV.
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These matters came on for hearing before the Oil Conservation Commission, LORI WROTENBERY, Chairman, on Friday, January 21st, 2000, at the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Conference Room of the Office of the Secretary, 2040 South Pacheco, Santa Fe, New Mexico, Steven T. Brenner, Certified Court Reporter No. 7 for the State of New Mexico.

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1 WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were had at
2 9:00 a.m.:

3 CHAIRMAN WROTENBERY: Okay, I don't think I'll
4 use the gavel on this glass, so we'll just go ahead and get
5 started here.

6 It's January 21st, year 2000; our first meeting
7 of the new century, and we're in the conference room of the
8 Office of the Secretary this time, because the Construction
9 Industries Division was meeting in the Oil Conservation
10 Division conference room today. We'll be moving back into
11 our own conference room for future meetings this year.

12 My name is Lori Wrotenbery. We've got one new
13 person here, so I'll introduce everybody. I'm the Director
14 of the Oil Conservation Division and Chairman of the Oil
15 Conservation Commission.

16 To my right is Commissioner Jami Bailey.
17 Commissioner Bailey represents the Land Commissioner, Ray
18 Powell, on the Oil Conservation Commission.

19 And to my left is Commissioner Robert Lee.
20 Robert Lee heads up the Petroleum Recovery Research Center
21 at New Mexico Tech, and he is Secretary Salisbury's
22 appointee to the Oil Conservation Commission.

23 We also have Lyn Hebert, the Commission's legal
24 counsel; Florene Davidson, the Commission's secretary; and
25 Steve Brenner, who records the proceedings of Commission

1 meetings as well as Division hearings.

2 Also, I might introduce everybody to Cheryl
3 Baca --

4 MS. BADA: Bada.

5 CHAIRMAN WROTENBERY: Bada --

6 MS. BADA: Bada.

7 CHAIRMAN WROTENBERY: Bada. -- who is the
8 Department's newest attorney, just started this week or
9 last week? This week? We're very glad to have her here.
10 I hope she'll be doing some work for the Oil Conservation
11 Division at some point. We look forward to working with
12 you.

13 We've got, I think, a fairly brief agenda today.
14 I don't know of any preliminary matters that we need to
15 attend to, so we might just go ahead and run through some
16 of these business items.

17 First of all, we've got the minutes of two prior
18 Commission meetings, the meeting held on November 17th,
19 1999, and the meeting held on December 17th, 1999.

20 Commissioners, have you had a chance to review --

21 COMMISSIONER BAILEY: Yes.

22 CHAIRMAN WROTENBERY: -- the draft of these
23 minutes?

24 COMMISSIONER LEE: (Nods)

25 CHAIRMAN WROTENBERY: I'll entertain a motion to

1 adopt both sets of minutes.

2 COMMISSIONER BAILEY: I move that we adopt both
3 sets.

4 COMMISSIONER LEE: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN WROTENBERY: All in favor say "aye".

6 COMMISSIONER BAILEY: Aye.

7 COMMISSIONER LEE: Aye.

8 CHAIRMAN WROTENBERY: Aye. Okay, I've got these
9 here to sign on behalf of the Commission. Thank you,
10 Florene.

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13 CHAIRMAN WROTENBERY: And next item is our annual
14 Open Meetings Act resolution. Lyn, would you like to lay
15 that one out for us?

16 MS. HEBERT: Every year in January the Commission
17 adopts a resolution that describes the notice that will be
18 given for the Commission meetings, and the Commission does
19 this pursuant to the Open Meetings Act that requires you to
20 adopt such a resolution every year.

21 This is the same resolution that was adopted last
22 year, with one exception, the number of days of notice:
23 The regular meetings have ten days' notice, the special
24 meetings three days' notice, and emergency meetings can be
25 held on 24 hours' notice.

1 The only change we made to this resolution was,
2 it no longer recites that a regular monthly meeting will be
3 held on Thursday, because the meetings have been moving
4 around some in the last year, so we just indicated that a
5 regular monthly meeting will be held and gave the address
6 and the fact that it will be noticed, when that meeting
7 will be. And that's the only change.

8 CHAIRMAN WROTENBERY: Any questions for Lyn?
9 Okay, I'll entertain a motion, that we adopt --

10 COMMISSIONER BAILEY: I so move.

11 CHAIRMAN WROTENBERY: -- the resolution.

12 COMMISSIONER LEE: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN WROTENBERY: All in favor say "aye".

14 COMMISSIONER BAILEY: Aye.

15 COMMISSIONER LEE: Aye.

16 CHAIRMAN WROTENBERY: Aye. And again, I'll sign
17 on behalf of the Commission.

18 Lyn, have we gotten any feedback from anybody on
19 the change in dates for the Commission hearings? Has that
20 caused anybody any difficulty?

21 MS. HEBERT: I haven't heard of any problem.

22 CHAIRMAN WROTENBERY: Okay. Fridays work well
23 for us. So we'll see how that works this year.

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1 CHAIRMAN WROTENBERY: Okay, we did have, once
2 again on the agenda, three Applications for *de novo* hearing
3 from the Wiser Oil Company concerning the qualification of
4 waterflood projects for the recovered oil tax rate, and we
5 have received a request from Wiser Oil Company that these
6 cases be continued to the Commission's meeting on February
7 25th, 2000, so they have been continued.

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10 CHAIRMAN WROTENBERY: And we also had another
11 carryover from prior Commission hearings, the Application
12 of Robert E. Landreth for a determination of reasonable
13 well costs for a well in Lea County, New Mexico. This is
14 Case 12,008. And here too we had a request from the
15 Applicant, Robert E. Landreth, that we continue the
16 hearing. In this instance, the Applicant is requesting
17 that this Application be rescheduled for the Commission's
18 meeting on March 24th, 2000, so we'll see that case again
19 in a couple of months.

20 (Thereupon, these proceedings were concluded at
21 9:22 a.m.)

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CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
) ss.
COUNTY OF SANTA FE)

I, Steven T. Brenner, Certified Court Reporter and Notary Public, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing transcript of proceedings before the Oil Conservation Commission was reported by me; that I transcribed my notes; and that the foregoing is a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am not a relative or employee of any of the parties or attorneys involved in this matter and that I have no personal interest in the final disposition of this matter.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL February 4th, 2000.



STEVEN T. BRENNER
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My commission expires: October 14, 2002