

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING)
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION)
DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF)
CONSIDERING:) CASE NO. 11,215
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HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL)
CONSERVATION DIVISION ON ITS)
OWN MOTION)
_____)

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REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

EXAMINER HEARING

BEFORE: DAVID R. CATANACH, Hearing Examiner

March 2nd, 1995

Santa Fe, New Mexico

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This matter came on for hearing before the Oil Conservation Division on Thursday, March 2nd, 1995, at the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Porter Hall, 2040 South Pacheco, Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Steven T. Brenner, Certified Court Reporter No. 7 for the State of New Mexico.

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MARK ASHLEY

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A P P E A R A N C E S

FOR THE DIVISION:

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1 WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were had at
2 3:56 p.m.:

3 EXAMINER CATANACH: At this time we'll call Case
4 11,215, in the matter of the hearing called by the Oil
5 Conservation Division upon its own motion for an order
6 creating and extending certain pools in Eddy County, New
7 Mexico.

8 Are there appearances in this case?

9 MR. CARROLL: Yes, Mr. Examiner, my name is Rand
10 Carroll, and I'm here representing the Division. I have
11 one witness to be sworn.

12 EXAMINER CATANACH: Okay, and no additional
13 appearances.

14 Will the witness please stand to be sworn in?
15 (Thereupon, the witness was sworn.)

16 EXAMINER CATANACH: You may take the witness
17 stand over here, Mr. Ashley.

18 MARK ASHLEY,
19 the witness herein, after having been first duly sworn upon
20 his oath, was examined and testified as follows:

21 DIRECT EXAMINATION

22 BY MR. CARROLL:

23 Q. Mr. Ashley, would you please state your name,
24 your place of employment and your position for the record?

25 A. My name is Mark Ashley, and I work for the New

1 Mexico Oil Conservation Division. I'm an environmental
2 geologist with the Environmental Bureau.

3 Q. Mr. Ashley, have you testified before the Division
4 before?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Would you please briefly list your educational
7 and work experience background?

8 A. Okay, I received my bachelor of science in
9 geology from Sul Ross State University, and eight years
10 after that I spent working as a petroleum geologist in west
11 Texas. The last three years I've spent with the New Mexico
12 Oil Conservation Division in southeast New Mexico and now
13 in Santa Fe.

14 Q. While you were employed with the OCD Artesia
15 office, did your duties include making recommendations
16 concerning certain nomenclature --

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. -- regarding pools ion Eddy County?

19 A. Eddy -- All of District 2, Eddy, Chaves and the
20 remainder of the counties in District 2.

21 Q. And today are you prepared to make
22 recommendations concerning the nomenclature concerning
23 certain pools in Eddy County, New Mexico?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And how are those recommendations set forth? Are

1 they set forth on a sheet that we will mark as OCD Exhibit
2 Number 1 that is before you?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And have you compared the recommendations set
5 forth on that sheet with the docket that's been prepared
6 for today's hearing?

7 A. Yes, I have.

8 Q. And are there any discrepancies between the two?

9 A. Just one change.

10 Q. And what is that change?

11 A. At paragraph (j), the extension of the East
12 Herradura Bend-Delaware Pool, the extension is for the
13 southwest quarter of Section 1 in Township 23, Range 28.
14 We also need to extend the southeast quarter of Section 1.

15 Q. So paragraph (j), Section 1 should be the
16 southwest quarter and the southeast quarter?

17 A. Yes, or the south half, essentially.

18 Q. South half. And what we are going to mark as
19 Exhibit Number 1, was that prepared in the ordinary course
20 of the OCD's business?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And did you actually do any work in preparing --

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. -- Exhibit Number 1 while you were in the Artesia
25 office?

1 A. Yes.

2 MR. CARROLL: Mr. Examiner, I have nothing
3 further at this time, and I offer what we'll mark as OCD
4 Exhibit Number 1 as evidence.

5 EXAMINER CATANACH: OCD Exhibit Number 1 will be
6 admitted as evidence.

7 Mr. Carroll, is it your opinion that without
8 advertising we can add that southeast quarter? I don't
9 believe that that was contained in the advertisement.

10 THE WITNESS: No.

11 EXAMINER CATANACH: I don't know exactly what
12 went out in the newspaper advertisement.

13 THE WITNESS: It was -- To my knowledge, it was
14 just the southwest quarter of Section 1.

15 EXAMINER CATANACH: Would you recommend, Mr.
16 Carroll, that we hold off on that and extend that at a
17 subsequent time?

18 MR. CARROLL: Yes, I would, Mr. Examiner.

19 EXAMINER CATANACH: Okay.

20 EXAMINATION

21 BY EXAMINER CATANACH:

22 Q. Mr. Ashley, the university that you got your
23 degree from, the name of it was what again?

24 A. Sul Ross, S-u-l R-o-s-s.

25 Q. Where is that located?

1 A. Alpine, Texas.

2 Q. Is that an accredited university, Mr. Ashley?

3 A. Of course.

4 Q. Mr. Ashley, your eight years' employment
5 experience was spent with who in Texas?

6 A. With Barbara Fasken, with and independent
7 geologist by the name of Larry Gnagy, and Halliburton.

8 Q. And you currently work for whom?

9 A. The Environmental Bureau.

10 Q. Mr. Roger Anderson?

11 A. Yes, that's correct.

12 EXAMINER CATANACH: Okay, the witness is
13 considered qualified, and I don't have any further
14 questions of the witness.

15 Do you have anything further in this case?

16 MR. CARROLL: No, Mr. Examiner.

17 EXAMINER CATANACH: All right. There being
18 nothing further, Case Number 11,215 will be taken under
19 advisement, and this hearing is adjourned.

20 (Thereupon, these proceedings were concluded at
21 4:02 p.m.)

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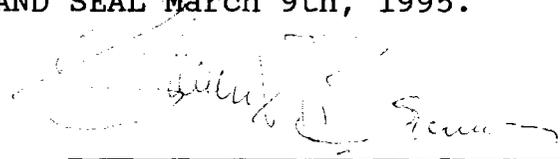
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
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COUNTY OF SANTA FE)

I, Steven T. Brenner, Certified Court Reporter and Notary Public, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing transcript of proceedings before the Oil Conservation Division 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 March 9th, 1995.



STEVEN T. BRENNER
CCR No. 7

My commission expires: October 14, 1998

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a complete record of the proceedings in the Examiner hearing of Case No. 11215, heard by me on March 9 1995.

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