

CASE NO. 50

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

In the matter of the application of Al Greer, Aztec, New Mexico, for an order determining as abandoned the following wells: H. L. Williams, Santa Fe Pacific Railroad Company Well No. 3, SWSW 29-18N-8W, and H. L. Williams, Santa Fe Pacific Railroad Company Well No. 4, N3SW 19-18N-8W, McKinley County, New Mexico; and further for an order permitting said applicant to pull the casing from said wells and to plug said wells in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations of the Oil Conservation Commission of the State of New Mexico. The attorney for said applicant is George Bruington, Esquire, Aztec, New Mexico. This case is set for 10 A.M., March 24, 1944.

Pursuant to notice by the Commission, duly made and published, setting March 24, 1944, at ten o'clock, a.m., for hearing in the above entitled matter, said hearing was convened on said day, at said hour, in the office of the Governor, Santa Fe, New Mexico, the Commission sitting as follows:

HON. JOHN J. DEMPSEY, GOVERNOR- Chairman
HON. JOHN M. KELLY, State Geologist, Secretary
HON. CARL B. LIVINGSTON, Chief Clerk and Legal Adviser.

APPEARANCES:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Mr. L. E. Teague		
Mr. Al Greer	Self	Aztec, New Mexico
Mr. LeRoy Manual	United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co.	Santa Fe, N. M.
Mr. A. K. Montgomery (Attorney)	United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co.	Santa Fe, N. M.
Mr. Leo R. Manning	State Land Office	Santa Fe, New Mexico

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, and upon request of the Secretary, the Chief Clerk read the call of the meeting, as follows:

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Oil Conservation Commission, by law invested with jurisdiction as the oil and gas regulatory body of the State of New Mexico, hereby gives notice of the following hearing to be held at Santa Fe, New Mexico:

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Any person having any interest in the subject of said hearing shall be entitled to be heard.

The foregoing notice of Publication was made pursuant to the direction of the Commission at its Executive Meeting February 22, 1944.

Given under the seal of said Commission at Santa Fe, New Mexico on February 29, 1944.

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

(Sgd) JOHN M. KELLY

BY: JOHN M. KELLY
SECRETARY

S E A L "

MR. JOHN M. KELLY: Who is the head Applicant?

MR. A. H. MONTGOMERY: I am the Attorney for the Bonding Company of the Williams original drilling Company.

BY GOVERNOR DEMPSEY: Agreeable to you?

MR. MONTGOMERY: No objection on the part of the Bonding Company.

MR. HERBY MANUEL

BEING FIRST DULY SWORN TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, WAS ASKED TO TESTIFY.

MR. KELLY: Mr. Manuel you wrote the bond for Mr. Williams?

MR. MANUEL: I wrote the bond for Mr. Williams, August 1, 1930, and he paid the premium on October 30, has paid no premium since that time.

GOVERNOR DEMPSEY: Since 1930?

MR. MANUEL: Yes sir.

MR. KELLY: It was the kind of bond that calls for an annual premium?

MR. MANUEL: Yes sir.

MR. KELLY: Has been in default subsequent to that year?

MR. MANUEL: Yes sir.

BY MR. CARL LIVINGSTON: Mr. O. L. Hemminger of the Santa Fe Pacific Railroad Company was unable to be here to testify as to the status of the H. L. Williams lease, has submitted an affidavit regarding the status. The leases are now ineffective, and I would like to introduce this affidavit as Exhibit No. 1.

MR. AL GRIER

being first duly sworn to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth was asked to testify:

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Mr. Kelly: Please state your name and address.

Mr. Al Greer: Al Greer
Oil Well Drilling business
Aztec, New Mexico

Mr. Kelly: You were employed by this Commission years ago as oil and gas inspector?

Mr. Greer: Quite a number of years.

Mr. Kelly: You are quite familiar with the wells?

Mr. Greer: Yes sir.

Mr. Kelly: Especially familiar with the Williams wells?

Mr. Greer: Yes sir.

Mr. Kelly: When did you last visit the Williams wells?

Mr. Greer: Yesterday.

Mr. Kelly: What is the condition of the wells?

Mr. Greer: One of them, section 19, there was joint of pipe 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ', setting on the well - no buildings, nothing there other than the pipe.

Mr. Kelly: You would say that well had been abandoned for quite some time?

Mr. Greer: Yes.

Mr. Kelly: The other well?

Mr. Greer: The other well was in the same condition, 6' of pipe sticking off the ground.

Mr. Kelly: No work done for some time?

Mr. Greer: For several years.

Mr. Kelly: You are also the petitioner in this case - what interest do you have in the land where the wells are located?

Mr. Greer: A lease from the Santa Fe Railroad Company, south $\frac{1}{2}$ of section 25, 40 acres in section 19.

Mr. Kelly: Leaving the wells in the shape they are in right now, what will it do to your leases?

Mr. Greer: I think if water comes in on the sand, it would damage my leases.

Mr. Kelly: You believe the wells in the present condition are now, or will damage your leases?

Mr. Greer: Yes, will or maybe have already done it.

Governor Dempsey: Under existing conditions, with the bond being in default, who is going to do that?

Mr. Greer: The bonding Company.

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Governor Dempsey: So far as I am concerned, this closes the hearing, allow for plugging of the wells, and it should have been done sometime ago.

Mr. Kelly: Should have been, but has not been petitioned.

The hearing is adjourned - The Commission will issue an order directing the wells to be plugged - the Insurance Company will have to make arrangements for the well to be plugged.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I hereby certify that the foregoing and attached three and a fraction pages of typewritten matter constitute a true, correct and complete transcript of the shorthand notes taken by me in Case No. 50, on the 24th day of March, and by me attested into typewriting.

WITNESS my hand this 25th day of March 1944.

Vastie Fowler

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