

October 27, 1950

ESPANOLA VALLEY NEWS
Española, New Mexico

Re: Notice of Publication
Cases 237 and 238

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

R. R. Spurrier
Secretary-Director

RRS:bw
encl.

January 23, 1951

Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr.
Oil Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 1545
Hobbs, New Mexico

Dear Pete:

We enclose herewith, signed copy of Order No. R-46, issued in connection with Case No. 237, heard in Santa Fe, on November 21, 1950.

Very truly yours,

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Mr. Al Greer
P. O. Box 337
Astec, New Mexico

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO,
County of Rio Arriba

ss.

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Hathey C. Killum

Manager

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4

day of January, A.D. 1951

Margaret L. M. Clure

Notary Public

My Commission expires

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MEMORANDUM

9-20
In the matter of Case 237, statements made by Mr. Barnes were merely intended to open the discussion in regard to establishing uniform spacing for the presently designated pools in the San Juan Basin. These remarks were not in the form of a motion or a recommendation to the Oil Commission and were made for the express purpose of obtaining the opinion of the operators represented at the hearing. Some of the operators in the area have indicated privately that a spacing program by formations rather than pools would solve many of the spacing problems that now exist in the San Juan Basin and would be in the interest of good conservation practice. Any action in this regard would have to be taken up by the Commission in an open hearing at some later date. And, while we welcome the opinion of operators in any area, this matter is merely one of conversation and is not now officially under consideration by the Oil Commission.

It might be mentioned here that during the hearing for Case 237 there was very little information or discussion presented by any of the operators on which to base any spacing decision for the San Juan Basin. At this time the entire matter is still under study and has been referred to the engineering sub-committee of the San Juan Basin Operators Committee for additional consideration and recommendation.

Wherever exceptions to established rules are required, the operator always has recourse to petition for hearing before the Oil Commission, and it might also be well to ~~point out~~ point out that any spacing regulation would be a minimum spacing regulation, and if the operator desired to use a larger pattern than that required for a given formation, there would be nothing in the rules and regulations to prevent it.

F.C.B.

FCB:nr
December 22, 1950

Dick:

These are my thoughts
on Stanoliud's letter. Perhaps this
will help pen a reply. They have
put the cart before the horse.
FCB

TO Frank

FROM _____

- () For Approval
() For Signature
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() For Your Files
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Remarks:

FORM 10-5

TANOLIND OIL AND GAS COMPANY

FAIR BUILDING

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

INTENDENT

December 5, 1950

File: BRL-8251-174

Subject: Spacing Rules for
Designated Gas Pools,
San Juan and Rio Arriba
Counties

Case _____

Mr. R. R. Spurrier, Secretary
State of New Mexico
Oil Conservation Commission
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the hearing held November 21, 1950, on
Case 237.

From the notice which was issued on the referenced case, we inferred that the hearing was to consider spacing in the Pictured Cliff, Mesa Verde, and Pennsylvanian formations as an individual matter in each designated gas pool.

Statements made by Mr. Barnes, however, indicated that the Commission was considering the establishment of spacing rules by formations, to apply regardless of the field in which the formation was encountered.

It is the opinion of this company that spacing is an individual field problem, and should be considered at separate field hearings.

For example, we are currently developing properties in the Ignacio Area of Colorado in which we anticipate Pictured Cliff production will be much more prolific than any we have yet encountered in New Mexico. From the mud weight necessary to control Pictured Cliff gas in a well at Ignacio, it is estimated that a pressure of approximately 1400 psi was present in the formation. Since this pressure is approximately twice that ordinarily encountered in the Pictured Cliff formation, it is obvious that there can be a considerable difference in reservoir conditions within the same formation in different Pools. Since the deliverability of these high pressure wells would be expected to be greater, it is apparent that less of them would be necessary to fill a given demand, and that spacing units greatly in excess of 160 acres per well might be desirable.

It is this divergence of producing ability, together with probable variations in structural and stratigraphic conditions which cause us to urge that each field be considered on its own merits.

If spacing by formations is ruled, however, our recommendations are as follows:

Pictured Cliffs - 320 acres per well
Mesa Verde - 640 acres per well
Pennsylvanian - 640 acres per well

It is our belief that a general rule on formation spacing, if adopted, should be such that drilling under its provisions would be economically feasible in a maximum number of cases. If sufficient reason were shown at a hearing for an exception to permit closer spacing, no difficulty would then be encountered.

Especially with blanket formations such as those considered here, there is no question but that the spacings recommended above would be adequate to efficiently drain the formations; in our opinion they are also necessary in order to prevent unnecessary drilling and encourage operators to develop their properties.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. J. Bedford".

LHB:ba

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December 15, 1950

Mr. E. E. Gresson
P. O. Box 1302
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Gene:

We need the transcript for the November 21st hearing, and would very much appreciate your sending it to us as soon as you possibly can.

Very truly yours,

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

R. R. Spurrier
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RANDOLPH 6844

November 21, 1950

New Mexico State Conservation Commission
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

On behalf of James D. Hancock & Company, Limited and British-American Oil Producing Company, we respectfully request that no order of spacing be adopted by the Commission at this hearing with reference to Santa Fe Permit Nos. 078089, 078092, and 078094. The Douthit No. 1 Federal Well was only completed during September, 1950, and has been shut in since completion with no opportunity to determine the pertinent factors with respect to proper drainage. The nearest producing ^{area} to this well is some five miles distant, and the geological information and other factors may be entirely different as applied to this area from that in the other producing wells in the Kutz Canyon. *The Bolack-Woodward well in NW 1/4 Sec 28 is nearest producing well and is approximately 2 miles distant.*

It is requested that the adoption of an order of spacing on the three Federal leases named above be postponed until a later hearing, thus giving our clients the opportunity of securing, and presenting to the Commission geological information on which to base a valid spacing order.

Respectfully submitted,

Storey, Sanders, Sherrill & Armstrong

By *E. Taylor Armstrong*
E. Taylor Armstrong

ETA:R

November 6, 1950

Mr. Murray Goodin
Petroleum Information, Inc.
Continental Oil Building
DENVER 2 - COLORADO

Dear Mr. Goodin:

Enclosed is a copy of the agenda for the next hearing of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission, which is to be held November 21. You will notice that the case regarding the naming of new pools in the San Juan Basin, which I referred to in a previous letter, has been omitted. This particular case will not come up until our hearing in December. However, we have an interesting case regarding that area, which is in the notice as Case 237.

As of the end of last week, there were 48 wells drilling in the New Mexico portion of the San Juan Basin. Three wells were completed last week.

Very truly yours,

Frank C. Barnes
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

FCB:mr

Encl.

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Extend the boundaries of the Turkey Track-Seven Rivers pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, so as to include the SE/4 Sec. 9, S/2 Sec. 10, N/2 Sec. 15, NE/4 Sec. 16, all in Twp. 19S, R. 29E, N.M.P.M.

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(SEAL) **Legal No. 201** — Published in the Farmington Daily Times, Farmington, N. M., Friday, November 3, 1950.

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO }
COUNTY OF SAN JUAN } ss.

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Robert S. Magee
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7 day of Nov., 1950.

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Editor-Manager

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____

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Notary Public

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Re: Case #237, Well Spacing
Pattern, San Juan County Fields.

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Mr. R. R. Spurrier
November 22, 1950

for me to file an application for a hearing for the institution of gas proration on a field-wide basis. Because of the many other individuals who would be affected by that step, I have hesitated to do it.

The solution lies with the Southern Union Gas Company, as they can voluntarily restrict the withdrawals from these two wells, or they can communitize an adjoining 80 acres of our lease with this 80 acres and in that way we would share in the production. There need be no question raised of the initial drilling cost of these two wells as they have recovered more than the cost of these wells out of gas drained from our lease during the past few years.

Very truly yours,


DUDLEY CORNELL.

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Encl.