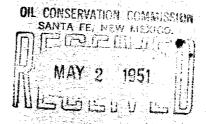
## QIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION STATE of NEW MEXICO

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

CASE NO. 267



April 24, 1951

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## BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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MR. GRAHAM: Case No. 267. This case has been called upon the Commissions motion to show cause why wells located in the NW SW 23-25S-8E, drilled by Frank and Elmer Bechtel, should not be declared abandoned and ordered plugged.

MR. PAGE: I have an interest in this case. My name is Holland Page, Junior from Austin, Texas. This well is in the land that was condemned by the Federal Government in Civil Action 1506.

I assumed operation of the well shortly before condemnation proceedings began. I have here a bond of the Maryland Casualty Company on the form which I think is acceptable which I would like to offer in lieu of and in place of the present bond in that it is in my name.

We would like to have permission to forego further operations until the Federal Government has returned the leases to the Status they were at the time of condemnation.

(Off the record.)

(Holland Page, Jr., sworn as a witness.)

MR. PAGE: It is my plan that next week I shall meet with Mr. Newman at his convenience and bring any and all forms up-to-date that are required by the Commission.

It is unknown what rights we had and did not have until some official action was taken by the Government. It has been officially condemned for a period of one year with the right of renewal for four additional years or a total of five years. At the end of that time it is my understanding that the government is to release the land within six months after the expiration of that time at which time I would like to return to the location and complete the well.

Of course, the bond is evidence that the well will be plugged in accordance with rules and regulations.

CHAIRMAN SHEPARD: This case will be held in abeyance pending the outcome of the suit now pending in the Federal Court.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO )

SS.
COUNTY OF BERNALILLO )

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached transcript of hearing in Case 267 before the Oil Conservation Commission on April 24, 1951, at Santa Fe, is a true and correct record of the same to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

DATED at Albuquerque, this 25th day of April, 1951.

ADA DEARNLEY