

Case 294

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

In the Matter of the Application  
of Roland Rich Woolley for Approval  
for an Oil Well to be Drilled in an  
Unorthodox Location

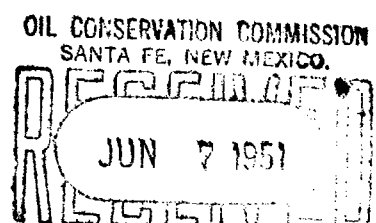
TO THE HONORABLE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
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The petitioner, herein appearing by his representative, J. L. Briscoe of Artesia, New Mexico, hereby makes application for an order approving the drilling of an unorthodox location some 990' North of the South line and 25' West of the East line of Section 22, being in the SE/4 SE/4 of Section 22, Township 17 South, Range 30 East, N. M. P. M., Eddy County, New Mexico; said location being closer to the boundary lines of the unit involved than is permitted by general rules and regulations, and in support thereof, petitioner states as follows:

1. That there is a dry hole owned by the petitioner, drilled to the top of the San Andres, located 990' North of the South line and 990' West of the East line of Section 22, in SE/4 SE/4 of said Section, which petitioner thinks is too far West. Petitioner desires to obtain permission to drill this well on unorthodox location for the reason that said well will more efficiently drain the area, promote the interest of conservation by adding to the ultimate oil recovery from the lease, and recover oil which will not be recovered by wells now drilled.

2. That said unorthodox location will be known as the Roland Rich Woolley, Woolley-Arnold No. 16-A, the royalty under such lease being held by the United State of America.

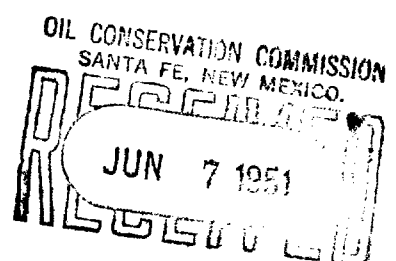
3. That the royalty interests under the unorthodox location is identical to that of the 40 acre tract to which the said location is closer than an orthodox location. That the lease in question as well as all surrounding leases are on lands belonging to the United States.

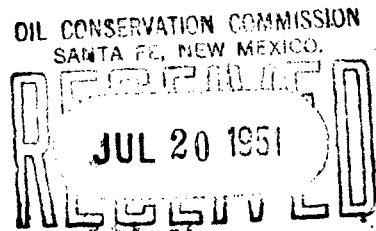


In consideration of the foregoing statements, your petitioner respectfully requests that the Commission give notice as required by the rules and regulations of the Commission; that a hearing on this matter be held; that the petitioner be permitted to offer proof of the facts herein stated, and that the Commission make the following finding and order, to-wit:

A. That the Commission execute an order authorizing your Petitioner to drill the unorthodox location as herein stated.

*J. F. Briscoe*  
J. L. BRISCOE





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4. The well will be drilled to the Grayburg Sand pro-  
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VILAS P. SHELDON, Agent

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