BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION STATE OF NEW MEXICO Santa Fe, New Mexico

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

CASE NO. 529

Regular Hearing

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION Santa Fe, New Mexico April 15, 1954

IN THE MATTER OF:

(Readvertised) Application of the Oil Conservation Commission upon its own motion for an order revising, amending or deleting certain portions of Order R-333 pertaining to gas-well testing procedure applicable to gas wells completed in San Juan, Rio Arriba and McKinley Counties, New Mexico.

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BEFORE:

Honorable Edwin L. Mechem, Chairman, Mr. E. S. (Johnny) Walker, Member. Mr. R. R. Spurrier, Secretary & Director.

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ELVIS A. UTZ,

called as a witness, having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

By MR. KITTS:

- Q State your name and position, please.
- A Elvis A. Utz, Engineer for the Oil Conservation Commission.
- Q Mr. Utz, are you familiar with the Commission's Order No.
- R-333, which concerns special rules of governing gas well testing in the San Juan Basin?

A Yes, I am.

- Q Have you made any investigation or study as to the actual effect of this order in its operation in the past year or nine months?
 - A Yes, I have.
 - Q Who did you contact in this investigation?
- A I met with the operators in San Juan Basin and after a year of testing some 630 wells in an effort to determine whether this order, as written, was satisfactory or not.
- Q On the basis of this study and investigation, do you have any changes or revisions to Order No. R-333 which you would like to recommend?

 A Yes, I do.

(Marked Commission's Exhibit No. 1, for identification.)

- Q I hand you what has been marked Commission's Exhibit No. 1, and ask you what that is. Is that your recommendation?
- A Yes, this is a detailed recommendation as to the changes that I recommend that the Commission make in Order R-333, written April 16, 1953.
- Q Do you know if that was on the regular distribution list of the Commission?
 - A Yes. it was.
- Q Would you care to state briefly, or most specifically if others wish it, what is embodied in your recommendation?
- A All recommendations, all deletions and additions are listed in detail on this Exhibit. However, I will be glad to briefly state the changes, if it is so desired.
 - MR. KITTS: We offer Commission's Exhibit No. 1 in evidence.

MR. SPURRIER: Without objection it will be admitted.

A Would you care for me to briefly relate the changes, or let the exhibit stand on its own?

Q Inasmuch as all interested parties, I presume, have copies of it, I believe that is as far as we need question, unless there is some cross examination.

MR. SPURRIER: Is there objection to the proposal as made by Mr. Utz? Are there any questions of the witness? If not the witness may be excused. We will take the case under advisement.

(Witness excused.)

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)

: SS.
COUNTY OF BERNALILLO)

I, ADA DEARNLEY, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached transcript of hearing before the Oil Conservation Commission of the State of New Mexico, held on April 15, 1954 in Mabry Hall, Santa Fe, New Mexico, is a true and correct record to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

DATED this 21st day of April, 1954, in the City of Albuquerque, County of Bernalillo, State of New Mexico.

Notary Public & Court Reporter

My Commission Expires:
June 19, 1955