

BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
STATE OF NEW MEXICO



CASE 533: Application of Commission on its own motion for an order revising Rule 302 of the Rules and Regulations, and providing for the adoption of Form C-124 and Rule 1123 pertaining to the filing of results of bottom-hole pressure tests.

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

May 19, 1953

Date

BEFORE: Honorable Ed. L. Mechem, Governor
Honorable E. S. Walker, Land Commissioner
Honorable R. R. Spurrier, Director, OCC

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)

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COUNTY OF BERNALILLO)

I HEREBY CERTIFY That the within transcript of proceedings before the Oil Conservation Commission is a true record of the same to the best of my knowledge, skill, and ability.

DONE at Albuquerque, N. M., this 2nd day of
June 1953.

E. E. Greason

My Comm. Ex.:
August 4, 1956

E. E. Greason
Notary - Reporter

COMMISSIONER SPURRIER: The next case on the docket is No. 533.

(Mr. Graham reads the call of the case.)

MR. MACEY: Mr. Spurrier, I think all the people present have a copy of the proposed revision.

Basically, all the rule does is provide for a form that the operator should use in submitting bottom-hole pressure surveys. We don't have a suitable form at the present time. The one we are using, the Form C-103, is totally inadequate. It also provides, the rule provides, the Commission at the beginning of December should designate those fields during the next calendar year that bottomhole pressure tests shall be taken. In that way any marginal fields or sands in which pressure tests are not necessary can be deleted from that list from year to year, as the Commission sees fit.

Incidentally, this form was drawn up on the recommendation of some of the engineers working for the companies in Hobbs. They worked quite a while on it, and I think they have an excellent form. The only possible change in the proposed rule, in the fifth line where it says "Sub-surface pressure tests are to be taken in designated pools," I think should be changed to read "The months in which sub-surface pressure tests shall be taken in designated pools." That is upon advice of counsel here. It makes it more com-

pulsory.

MR. GRAHAM: You think "shall be" instead of "are" will make it more compulsory?

MR. MACEY: That's right.

COMMISSIONER SPURRIER: Anyone else have a comment on that form? Did I understand each one has a copy and is satisfied with the form the way it is proposed?

MR. SHAVER: Charles Shaver, representing Humble Oil & Refining Company.

We will respectfully urge adoption of this proposed revision in the form.

COMMISSIONER SPURRIER: Anyone else? If not, --

MR. SPELLMAN: D. K. Spellman, of the Ohio Oil Company.

Mr. Spurrier, if this case is not going to be continued to next month, perhaps maybe I could throw in a comment.

I count up here five lines from the bottom, where it starts out, after a comma in the middle of the line, "the observed pressure in pounds per square inch guage at the test depth" -- continuing, then, the proposal states "the corrected pressure computed from applying to the observed pressure the appropriate corrections for calibration, temperature and differences in depth."

I believe for the sake of making the form more use-

ful, this observed pressure should already have in it the corrections for temperature. Anyone then referring to the form could observe the gradient used by the operator in correcting his observed pressure to data pressure; otherwise, we think it is a fine rule.

COMMISSIONER SPURRIER: Anyone else? If not, the case will be taken under advisement and we will move on to Case No. 534.

MR. WALKER: One word, sir.

COMMISSIONER SPURRIER: You have something in Case 533?

MR. WALKER: Yes, sir. We just like the general idea for this form and would like to urge its adoption.

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MR. MACEY: I would like to introduce these two exhibits in Case No. 533.

COMMISSIONER SPURRIER: Without objection, they will be received.

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