

NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF W. P. CARR FOR APPROVAL OF
TWO UNORTHODOX DRILLING UNITS
FOR PICTURED CLIFFS GAS WELLS
IN SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Case 542

PETITION

Comes now W. P. Carr by his attorney, Jason W. Kellahin, P. O. Box 361, Santa Fe, New Mexico, and petitions this honorable Commission for an order approving, as an exception to Commission Rule No. 104 (d), drilling units of less than 160 surface acres, in the $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 10, T.30N., R.11W., N.M.P.M. and the $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 9, T.30N., R.11W., N.M.P.M. and in support thereof, would show the Commission as follows:

1. That Petitioner is the holder of oil and gas leases on a total of 116 acres within the boundaries of the $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 10, and 96 acres in the $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 9, both in T.30N., R.11W., N.M.P.M.

2. That diligent effort has been made to obtain leases on the balance of lands within these two quarter sections, without success.

3. That much of the lands upon which Petitioner has been unable to obtain leases are within the townsite of Aztec, New Mexico, and the owner's thereof are numerous and diverse, making it impractical to obtain leases thereon.

4. That Petitioner is the lessee of the quarter sections adjoining the quarter sections that are the subject matter of this petition, and there are no lessees of lands within the townsite of Aztec, to the best of Petitioner's knowledge and belief.

5. That Petitioner is desirous of drilling wells to the Pictured Cliffs common source of supply upon the lands held by

him, and is unable to commit the entire 160 acres of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 10, and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 9, as required by Commission Rule No. 104 (d).

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays this Commission issue its order granting him an exception to the provisions of Rule 104 (d), as to the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 10, and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 9, in T. 30 N., R. 11W., N.M.P.M.

Together with suitable provision for the protection of correlative rights, as the Commission may determine.

Respectfully submitted,

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