

BEFORE THE  
**Oil Conservation Commission**  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF:

CASE NO. 797

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

**ADA DEARNLEY AND ASSOCIATES**  
COURT REPORTERS  
ROOMS 105, 106, 107 EL CORTEZ BUILDING  
TELEPHONE 7-9546  
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

BEFORE THE  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Santa Fe, New Mexico  
December 16, 1954

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of Amerada Petroleum Corporation : No. 797  
for approval of a 240-acre non-standard gas proration :  
unit in the Eumont Gas Pool: E/2 NE/4 of Section 11 :  
and W/2 W/2 of Section 12, in Township 20 South, :  
Range 36 East. :

BEFORE:

Mr. E. S. (Johnny) Walker  
Mr. William B. Macey

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING  
(See case No. 796)

R. S. CHRISTIE,

called as a witness, having been previously duly sworn in Case No. 796, and having testified in said case, further testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

By: MR. WOODWARD:

Q Mr. Christie, will you describe the non-standard proration unit proposed by Amerada in Case 797.

A A non-standard proration unit in 797 includes the west half of the west half of Section 12, Township 20 South, Range 36 East and the east half of the northeast quarter of Section 11, in Township 20 South, Range 36 East.

Q Is all the acreage in this proposed unit contiguous?

A Yes, it is.

Q Is it under the same leasehold and ownership?

A Yes, it is.

Q Where is the unit well located?

A The unit well is a gas well located in the northwest

quarter of Section 12, Township 20 South, Range 36 East.

Q Was this well completed before the effective date of order 420?

A Yes, I believe it was.

Q What acreage is presently attributed to that well for allowable purposes?

A At the present time the west half of the west half of Section 12 is contributed to the unit.

Q You are then asking that the east half of the northeast quarter in Section 11 be added to this unit, that is an 80 acre tract across the section line, be added to the acreage presently attributed to this well?

A That is correct, yes, sir.

Q In your opinion will this affect the formation of other proration units in Section 11?

A No, I don't believe it will.

Q In your opinion is this 80 acre tract productive?

A Yes, it is.

Q Will the formation of this unit protect the correlative rights and prevent waste?

A In my opinion it will, yes, sir.

Q All offset operators in Sections 11 and 12 have been notified of this proposed unit?

A Yes, they have.

Q That is the extent of our direct examination.

MR. MACEY: You have an exhibit?

MR. WOODWARD: Yes, Amerada's Exhibit A in case 797.

MR. MACEY: Any objection to the introduction of Exhibit A

in Case 797? If not, the exhibit will be received. Any questions of the witness?

MR. RHODES: I have one.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

By: MR. RHODES:

Q Mr. Christie, I note on the ownership map that the acreage immediately to the east, that would be the east half of the north-west quarter of Section 12 and also the west half of the east half of Section 12 is also owned by Amerada as your Bird lease, is it not?

A That is correct, yes.

Q Is that acreage already dedicated to a gas well in the area?

A No, it is not.

Q It is not?

A No, we are planning at the present time to drill a well for that particular 320 acres.

MR. WOODWARD: Mr. Christie, what is the difference in the ownership in the proposed unit and the Bird lease?

A The west half is -- the east half of the southwest quarter is different royalty interest than the remainder of that Bird lease, it requires some unitization.

Q I see. You say the same unit all under the mineral ownership?

A The proposed unit is all government land, federal lease.

Q Federal unit?

A Yes.

Q Federal lease?

A Yes.

MR. RHODES: And the royalty ownership is identical?

A Yes.

MR. MACEY: Are you through, Mr. Rhodes?

MR. RHODES: Yes, sir.

MR. MACEY: Any other questions of the witness? If not,  
the witness may be excused.

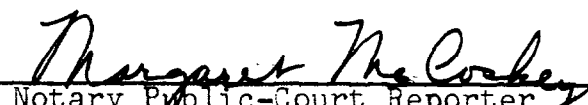
(Witness excused.)

MR. MACEY: Take the case under advisement. Proceed to the  
next case, No. 804.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO    }  
COUNTY OF BERNALILLO } ss.

I, MARGARET McCOSKEY, do hereby certify that the foregoing  
and attached transcript of proceedings before the New Mexico Oil  
Conservation Commission at Santa Fe, New Mexico, is a true and  
correct record to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have affixed my hand and notarial seal  
this 23rd day of December, 1954.

  
Notary Public-Court Reporter

My commission expires  
August 15, 1956.