

BEFORE THE
Oil Conservation Commission
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

August 15, 1956

IN THE MATTER OF:

CASE NO. 1129

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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IN THE MATTER OF:

Northwestern New Mexico nomenclature case calling for the extension of existing pools in San Juan and Rio Arriba Counties, New Mexico:

- (a) Extension of the Aztec-Pictured Cliffs pool to include:

TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, NMPM

Section 21: W/2

Section 28: W/2

- (b) Extension of the Ballard-Pictured Cliffs pool to include:

TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST, NMPM

Section 6: All

TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST, NMPM

Section 1: All

Section 14: SW/4

TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST, NMPM

Section 31: All

TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST, NMPM

Section 25: All

Section 36: All

TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, NMPM

Section 25: E/2

TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST, NMPM

Section 31: S/2

TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, NMPM

Section 36: SE/4

- (c) Extension of the Fulcher Kutz-Pictured Cliffs pool to include:

TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 10 WEST, NMPM

Section 23: N/2

Section 24: SE/4

- (d) Extension of the South Blanco-Pictured

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Cliffs Pool to include:

TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, NMPM

Section 19: All

Section 20: All

Section 21: W/2

Section 28: W/2

Section 29: N/2

Section 20: N/2

TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST, NMPM

Section 24: E/2

Section 25: NE/4

TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, NMPM

Section 2: N/2

Section 3: NW/4

Section 4: N/2 and SW/4

Section 15: S/2

- (e) Extension of the Otero-Pictured Cliffs pool to include:

TOWNSHIP 24 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST, NMPM

Section 19: SW/4

Section 29: SW/4

Section 30: S/2 & NW/4

BEFORE: Honorable John F. Simms, Jr.
Mr. E. S. (Johnny) Walker
Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr.

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

MR. PORTER: The Commission will consider next Case 1129, the Northwestern New Mexico nomenclature case calling for the extension of existing pools in San Juan and Rio Arriba Counties, New Mexico.

(Witnesses sworn by Mr. Walker)

E L V I S A . U T Z

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

DIRECT EXAMINATION

By MR. CURLEY

Q Would you state your name and position, please, sir?

A Elvis A. Utz, engineer with the Oil Conservation Commission.

Q Mr. Utz, you have previously testified before the Commission before?

A Yes, sir.

Q Are the witness' qualifications acceptable to the Commission?

MR. PORTER: They are.

Q In your official capacity as engineer for the Oil Conservation Commission of the State of New Mexico, have you had an opportunity to study the proposed extension of the Aztec-Pictured Cliff pool in the northwestern New Mexico area?

A Yes, I have.

Q What are your recommendations or conclusions and recommendation thereon?

A I recommend that the Aztec-Pictured Cliff pool be extended as advertised under Section (a), that it be extended as advertised on the basis of two wells capable of producing from the Pictured Cliff pool.

Q Have you had an opportunity to study the proposed extension of the Ballard-Pictured Cliffs pool?

A Yes, I have.

Q What is your conclusion and recommendation?

A I recommend that Section (b), the extension of the Ballard-Pictured Cliffs pool, be extended as advertised on the basis of nine wells capable of producing from the Pictured Cliffs formation.

Q Have you had an opportunity to study the proposed extension of the Fulcher Kutz-Pictured Cliffs pool?

A Yes, I have.

Q What is your recommendation thereon?

A I likewise recommend the Fulcher Kutz gas pool be extended as advertised in Section (c) on the basis of three wells capable of producing from the Pictured Cliffs formation.

Q Have you had an opportunity to study the proposed extension of the South Blanco-Pictured Cliffs Pool?

A Yes, I have.

Q Will you state your recommendation, please, sir?

A I recommend that the South Blanco-Pictured Cliffs pool be extended as advertised in Section (d) on the basis of 9 wells capable of producing in the Pictured Cliff formation.

Q Have you made a study of the proposed extension of the Otero-Pictured Cliffs pool?

A Yes, I have.

Q What is your recommendation?

A My recommendation is that Section (e) as advertised, of the Otero-Pictured Cliffs gas pool, be extended on the basis of two wells capable of producing from the Pictured Cliffs formation.

Q Have you any exhibits you wish to enter at this time?

A I do. I have Exhibit 1, which states my recommended extensions, together with the wells on which the extensions are based.

Q Was this exhibit prepared by you, sir?

A Yes, it was.

MR. GURLEY: I would like to move the Commission that Exhibit 1 be admitted into evidence.

MR. PORTER: Without exception, it will be admitted.

MR. GURLEY: That is all the questions I have.

MR. PORTER: Does anyone else have any questions? Does anyone have a statement to make?

MR. WOODWARD: I would like to make a statement, John Woodward appearing for El Paso Natural Gas Company. We don't believe that any interested person in this acreage to be added to the Ballard-Pictured Cliffs pool can be injured by the inclusion of the southeast quarter of Section 36, Township 27 North, Range 9 West, or the south half of Section 31, Township 27 North, Range 8 West, but we would like to again point out that the Bullock Well in the southeast quarter of Section 31, as well as the Star #1 Well in the northeast quarter of Section 6, Township 26 North, Range 8 West and the Star #2 in the northwest quarter of Section 5, Township 26 North, Range 8 West, show a pressure differential which is substantially higher than the other Ballard wells, or the average Ballard pressures, and that they may be part of a separate trend to the northwest which may be at some future date established by additional development.

MR. PORTER: Any further statements in this case?

MR. UTZ: The pressure information on the wells in Section 36, I would like to call the Commission's attention to the fact that they are in the Commission's Record. As a matter of fact, those records, the way I have them recorded, reflect the well in the southeast quarter of Section 36 is a little lower than the well in the southwest quarter of Section 36.

MR. PORTER: Is one well in the pool and one well outside the pool?

MR. UTZ: One is in the pool and one is outside.

MR. GURLEY: Would you like to introduce the record as a

part of the recommendation in this case?

MR. UTZ: I believe the Commission will stand on its own.

MR. WOODWARD: In the event of a misunderstanding, I would like to qualify our statement applying to only the well in Section 31 and recognize the Commission's Records showing the new well to be included in the Ballard pool in the southeast quarter does correspond in pressure to the other Ballard well, that is, the Southeast quarter of 36.

MR. PORTER: Does anyone else have a statement in this case? If not, we will take the case under advisement.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
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COUNTY OF SANTA FE)

I, Dorothy B. Myers, Court Reporter, do hereby certify the foregoing and attached transcript of proceedings before the Oil Conservation Commission for the State of New Mexico was reported by me in shorthand and reduced to typewritten transcript by me and/or under my personal supervision, and that same is a true and correct record to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 12 day of Sept, 1956.

Dorothy B. Myers
Court Reporter

