

Case 1513

POTASH COMPANY OF AMERICA

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VICE PRESIDENT
IN CHARGE OF PRODUCTION
AND RESIDENT MANAGER

REPLY TO: EXECUTIVE OFFICES
MINES AND REFINERY
CARLSBAD NEW MEXICO
October 1, 1958

Oil Conservation Commission
State of New Mexico
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Attention: Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr., Secretary

Re: Case No. 1513, Drilling and Exploration Company, Inc.

Dear Sirs:

Further to my letter of September 24th, relative to an application by Drilling and Exploration Company, Inc., referred to as Case No. 1513, to be heard before Mr. Elvis A. Utz, Examiner, at Santa Fe, on October 2, 1958, I wish to add the following comments.

Potash Company of America, under normal circumstances, would object to any deviation from OCC Order R-111A. However, since the subject well is but a short distance inside our potash lease area, and located where exploratory drilling has indicated the absence of potash mineralization in sufficient concentration to be of economic value, we do not feel that objection to the casing program outlined in the application defined under Case No. 1513 is justified.

We wish to stress that our decision not to offer protest in this case, is not to be construed as indicating that the casing program outlined by Drilling and Exploration Company, Inc., is acceptable in known or potential potash areas.

Very truly yours,

R. Hawthorth

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cc:JBC:RHB:RRK:ECJ

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 871

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

October 7, 1958

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Mr. W. D. Girand
Attorney-at-Law
P.O. Box 1445
Hobbs, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Girand:

On behalf of your client, Drilling & Exploration Company, Inc., we enclose two copies of Order R-1258 issued October 6, 1958, by the Oil Conservation Commission in Case 1513, which was heard on October 2nd at Santa Fe before an examiner.

Very truly yours,

A. L. Porter, Jr.
Secretary - Director

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Encls.

DRILLING AND EXPLORATION COMPANY, INC.

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HOBBS, NEW MEXICO

August 27, 1958

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Oil Conservation Commission
Box 871
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Drilling & Exploration Company, Inc. herewith makes application for an exception to the shallow zone casing requirements in the Potash-Oil area as established by Order R-111-A, for a well to be located 1980 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the West line of Section 27, Township 20 South, Range 34 East, Lea County, New Mexico to be known as Drilling & Exploration Company, Inc. Ballard No. 1. Said well to be drilled with cable tools to an approximate depth of 3700 feet as a North extension to the Lynch field.

It is proposed to use the following casing program in lieu of the program prescribed for cable tool holes by Order R-111-A:

1. 13 3/8 inch casing to be cemented at approximately 70 feet.
2. ✓ 10 3/4 inch casing to be landed at approximately 700 feet.
3. ✓ 8 5/8 inch casing to be landed at approximately 1250 feet.
4. 5 1/2 inch casing to be cemented at the top of the producing formation with 50 sacks cement for testing purposes.
5. 10 3/4 inch casing and 8 5/8 inch casing to be pulled.
6. In the event commercial production is obtained, 5 1/2 inch casing to be perforated and cement circulated to surface.

In support of the above described casing program we wish to point out:

1. That the above location is 660 feet North of the defined limits of the Lynch field in which numerous wells have been drilled and completed with casing programs similar to that proposed above.
2. That the Oil Conservation Commission has indicated in their Orders No. R-968 and R-999 that such a casing program affords adequate protection for all potash deposits.

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A copy of this application has been furnished the Potash Company of America, Box 31, Carlsbad, New Mexico, as the only potash operator holding a lease within a radius of one mile of the proposed location.

Therefore, Drilling & Exploration Company, Inc. respectfully requests that this application be set for an Examiner hearing at Hobbs, New Mexico as prescribed by law.

Yours very truly,

DRILLING & EXPLORATION COMPANY, INC.



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